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Congratulations to Nehemiah Niles, jr., for being the first to find the Falcon in the February issue!

Cover photo:

Elmira's girls' wrestling team wins first Oregon Girls State Wrestling Championship.

Top row, from left to right: Justin Peeler, coach, Vicky Dutton, soph., Audrey Costello, jr., Joey Bechtol, assistant coach, Maddie Loveland, sr., Grieta King, sr., Allia Petersen, soph., Danielle McClennen, jr., and Scott Shannon, coach.

Bottom row, from left to right: Ariel Davenport, soph., Esther Anstine, soph., Morgan Craig, jr., and Katlyn Metton, sr.

Photo courtesy of Derek French

ASK THE STAFF

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTOR, AND WHY?

*Cheyenne Cox**
 Editor-in-Chief--Alyson Hannigan; she's basically the bee's knees

*Grieta King**
 Editor-in-Chief--Emma Watson because she is glamorous and confident

*Tyler Miller**
 Photo Editor--Emma Watson; she is my #wcw

Troy Dardis
 Managing Editor--Taylor Swift. She's amazing!

*Tucker Barnes**
 Ad Manager--Dee Bradley Baker, who performs the voice of Perry the Platypus and his alter ego Agent P

*Jeremy Cooper**
 Web Manager--Nobody. I am incapable of caring about people I have never met.

Elmira Louie
 Reporter/Photographer--Matt Smith because he's cool. #DoctorWho

Fiona Carlin
 Reporter/Photographer--Johnny Depp. What's not to like?

Katriel Connors
 Reporter/Photographer--Meryl Streep. She's regal and confident. She's good no matter what role she plays.

Jessica Coone
 Reporter/Photographer--Sandra Bullock. She is such an amazing actress. I love all of her movies.

Joy Foster
 Reporter/Photographer--Emma Watson because of how she gets so in the character she's playing.

Steven Parker
 Reporter/Photographer--Bryan Cranston because Walter White.

Jesse Sagen
 Reporter/Photographer--Heath Ledger because he's da bomb diggity.

Amelia Warren
 Reporter/Photographer--Hugh Jackman, he's... Yea.

Kaylee Wolgamott
 Reporter/Photographer--Gerard Way, because he's my idol and an amazing singer.

Jeanie May
 Adviser--Meryl Streep - versatile actress

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FIND THE FALCON!



If you are the first to show Jeanie May the Falcon (not in Falcon Attacks), you get your picture with the Falcon featured in the next issue!

Editorial Policy

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Cheyenne Cox *Grieta King*

Eugene celebrates Holi festival

Holi, otherwise known as the Festival of Colors, is a national holiday in India signifying the triumph of good over evil, the arrival of spring, and the end of winter. The date of this annual Hindu holiday varies each year, but it is typically around late February – March. The year, Holi is on March 17. Hindus start their celebration the night of with bonfires, singing, and dancing. Then, the next day, they visit family and friends, dance, and throw colorful powder at each other.

Originating in India, Holi has become the biggest Hindu celebration celebrated by non-Hindus around the world. South Africa, Germany, Malaysia, Netherlands, Brazil, and England are a few countries that take part in this holiday.

“I think it sounds like a cool

holiday,” said Jana Heitzman, jr. “Wish we had a holiday like that.”

Indian Subcontinent (SIS) at the University of Oregon (UO), Holi has come to Eugene. They

Rad, but instead of running there is partying. “Oh my gosh, that sounds awesome! I would totally go!” said Staats.

“Holi? Oh, that’s what it’s called! Yeah, I’ve heard of it. I would definitely go if I had the time [because] I’ve always heard about it in movies and television and it’s my culture. And I’ve never done it before so it’d be cool to try it” said Shami Zellers, jr.

Unlike most Holi celebrations in USA, the festival in Eugene is free for everyone to attend at the EMU Lawn on the UO campus. People can also bring water guns to fill up there and have a colorful day of refreshments, music, and water fights.

-By Elmira Louie



The United States has celebrated Holi for several years. Many cities nationwide, such as Las Angeles, Salt Lake City, and Las Vegas, hold huge celebrations enjoyed by Hindus and non-Hindus alike.

Thanks to the Students of the

provide over 200 pounds of colored powder straight from India, as well as refreshments and Bollywood music.

“Isn’t it like that 5k running thing?” said Crystal Staats, sr. Indeed, Holi is similar to the Run or Dye 5k or Color Me

NEWS FLASHES

- Key Club will be collecting items for our Easter Baskets for the Relief Nursery -Marquess
- Good luck to the Miss Falcon contestats and all of the students working to make this a successful event -Carpenter

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Morgan Worley, Trey Hackett, Tristen Cregan, Harley Gilpin and Kristain Ledger for being great English 3 students! Keep up the good work! -Hart
- The freshmen for completing this Literary Terms Booklet and the juniors for surviving the Oregon State Writing test. Grieta King and Cheyenne Cox for working so hard to improve the news magazine. -May
- The Wrestling team who is working hard every day and having a successful season. -Carpenter
- The Guitar Class for their performance last night! -Kappeler
- Daisy Marshall for becoming Lieutenant governor of District 74 for Key Club International. She is the first Elmira student to do so. -Marquess
- Congrats to our Winter Formal Court: Princes- Kawai Strickland, fr., Noel Schuppenat, soph., Trey Richard Allen Hackett, III, jr., Peter Cesany, jr., Garrett Bryant, sr., Hernan Torres, sr., and King Hunter Weast, sr. And also a BIG “woohoo!” shout out to Miss Valentine participants (a Miss Falcon fundraiser), who raised just under \$250.00 in 30 minutes: Troy Dardis, sr., Chandler Sawyer, sr., Mark Seidel, sr., Devin Curtis, sr., and winner Hunter Weast, sr. You “girls” are awesome! -Cornelius



Winter Formal king Hunter Weast, sr. (center), F. Carlin/The Falconer parties with Kendra Daniels, sr., and Jasper Kameron, jr.

AP tests loom

AP test dates and deadlines are quickly approaching! The chemistry test is Mon., May 5, at 8 am; the calculus test is Wed., May 7, at 8 am; the Eng. Lit. test is Thurs., May 8, at 8 am; the Eng. Lang. test is Fri., May 9, at 8 am; the government test is Tues., May 13, at 8 am; and the history test is Wed., May 14, at 8 am. The cost of each exam is \$89, and students who receive free or reduced lunches may qualify for a fee waiver.

NEWS Books light up silver screen

Recently there has been an influx of books being converted to the big screen. The final installment of the *Twilight* franchise was released at the end of 2012. Since then many books have been turned into movies, such as *The Hunger Games* trilogy, *Percy Jackson* series, *The Hobbit*, *Warm Bodies*, *The Host*, and *City of Bones*.

Many students prefer to read the books before seeing the movie. "I usually watch movies after I read books to see how badly they messed up," said Celeste Dax, soph.

Though it seems like young adult books are more likely to be shown on the silver screen there are also many books in the adult genre be-

ing converted to movies. The New York Times best-seller *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn was recently featured on the cover of an Entertainment Weekly magazine. Unfortunately, more often than not, the book and its author are not given the recognition they deserve. The widely talked about *12 Years a Slave* is a true story, based off a memoir by Solomon Northup, the main character.

The story of Noah from the Bible is being made into a movie starring Russell Crowe as Noah. Coming out in December 2014 is *Exodus*, a movie based on the story of Moses, with Christian Bale cast as Moses.

Sometimes the movie may be vastly different from the book, which greatly disappoints fans.

"A movie can be good or bad depending on what they do with the plot," said Cheyenne Vosburg, soph.

Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia and Margret Stohl was a best-seller as a book but the movie disappointed many fans. Some people don't like it when their favorite books are made into movies because they are afraid the movie won't live up to their expectations and

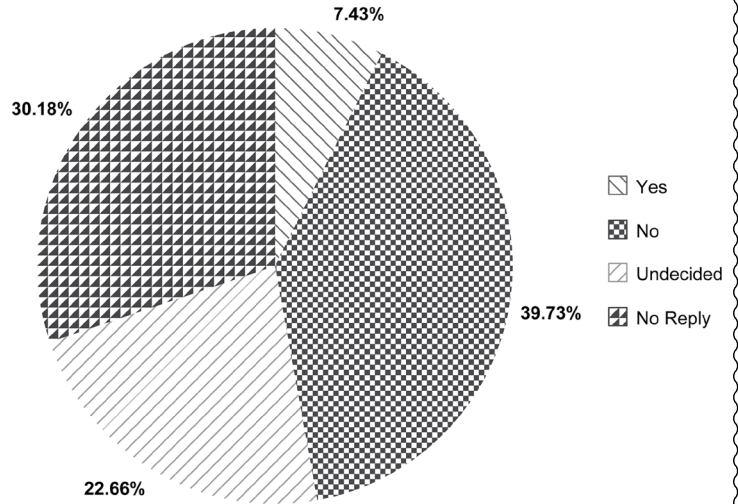
they will be disappointed. Of course that's not the case for everyone.

"It's interesting to see how the book is different from the movie," said Eva Lobrovich, soph.

Despite the many flops, fans are excited about seeing books like *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Divergent*, *The Maze Runner*, *If I Stay*, *Fallen*, and *Mockingjay Part I*.

-By Katriel Connors

DO YOU SUPPORT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ACTIONS? (OVERALL PERFORMANCE)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE POLL:

- "Who's Obama?"
- "Nobody at our age knows this stuff."
- "No, but he is better than Romney."
- "Vote for Pedro."
- "He is doing the best he can."

FALCON ATTACKS



"Hi. My name is Whitney Fox, and I'm 16 years old. I like spending time with my family and with my best friend, Jasmine. I like working out and doing track. I love playing my clarinet and guitar. My favorite classes are chemistry and U.S. history. My favorite color is purple and my favorite food is peanut butter."

Elmira Louie joins Falconer staff

Hi everyone! My name is Elmira Louie and I'm a junior. I love to read and watch movies (who doesn't?!). My favorite color is purple and chocolate oranges are the best thing ever. I'm in Key Club, Honor Society, and the City of Veneta Park Board and enjoy doing volunteer work around the community. I joined journalism because I wanted to try something new, so hopefully you'll start seeing more of my stories and cartoons in *The Falconer* – starting with this issue!

