On behalf of the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) Steering Committee, welcome to the 2010-2011 academic year. As this year’s OCW president, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on women’s issues on campus and activities you’re interested in.

I’m very excited for the possibilities and opportunities that this organization can provide to the campus community. We are busy planning several events for the academic year including a quilt raffle scholarship fundraiser, food drive, book club discussion group, annual symposium, holiday social and mitten/coat drive.

One of the main goals I have for OCW is rooted in the basic foundation of why this organization was founded in 1971—to unite women on campus. OCW’s objectives include promoting equal opportunity for all women; serving as a vehicle for communication among women at UW-L; collaborating with other local, state and national organizations concerned with improving the status of women; conducting annual service projects to enhance the status of women; encouraging women to seek positions on governance committees; and providing representation on campus wide committees.

I encourage you to get involved in OCW. Your involvement can make a difference for women on campus, in the community and around the world.

Want to make a difference for women on campus and in the community? Join OCW! Membership is only $10 for faculty/staff; $8 for LTE’s, and $5 for graduate students. The membership year runs October 1 through September 30. Make checks payable to OCW and send to Krista Shulka, 154 Center for the Arts. For more information or to download a membership application form, please go to www.uwlax.edu/ocw and click on the Join Now button.

There are also many opportunities to become involved in a variety of OCW subcommittees including

**YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women, newsletter, webpage, program/social, and scholarship/fundraising. If you would like more information, feel free to contact any OCW Steering Committee member.**
OCW Steppin’ Out in Pink

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the Organization of Campus Women joined with thousands of area men and women to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research.

This year’s OCW team consisted of Becky Yoshizumi (team captain), Krista Shulka, Sue Grebel, Nancy Jones, Maureen Wilson, Sharie Brunk, Maggie McHugh, Melissa Bingham, Jenalee Emmert, Jennifer Kosiak, Kathy Emmert, Karla Stanek and Sue Lee.

Steppin’ Out in Pink is a non-competitive fundraising 5-mile walk for all ages and abilities. It raises money to support breast cancer research at the Gundersen Lutheran Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care. In 2009, a record 4,000 walkers stepped out with family and friends to support women and men everywhere whose lives have been changed by breast cancer. With the volunteers and vendors, a total of 5,000 people participated, and $300,000 was raised.

New this year! A portion of the proceeds will be dedicated to provide free mammograms to the uninsured or underinsured. Early detection saves lives. Please consider joining the OCW Steppin’ Out in Pink team next year and make a difference for women and men who have been touched by breast cancer.

Congratulations!

YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women Nominees

Amanda Goodenough
Amy Sullivan
Yang Cha Thao

Jean Foss and Norene Smith OCW Scholarship Winners

Tara Dummer
Susan Fabian
Bethany Kies
Tamara North
Danielle VandeBerg
Adeili Potts

The first OCW Book Club Discussion will be Tuesday, October 12 at 12:00-1:00 pm in Murphy’s Mug. The first book discussion of the year will be Double Take by Kevin Connolly. This book is also part of the UW-L Common Reading program.

Photographer, champion skier and skateboarder Connolly has been stared at his entire 23-year life. Not because he’s handsome, talented and athletic (all true), but because he has no legs. He was born without them, but born into a family that he describes as loving, loyal and matter-of-fact. Connolly writes that his father and grandfather—inspired by several seasons of MacGyver—engineered numerous devices to help the growing boy manage everyday tasks, from using light switches to pitching in on chores, and he was well prepared for his first day of school because his mother led countless “What would you do if...?” conversations.

Connolly also shares his memories of an important, defining moment: when he decided to use photography to gaze back at the people who stared at him. Each photo was a miniature catharsis in which he states he was able to find his own use for the stares. His photos became part of The Rolling Exhibition, which will be on display in Murphy Library October 4-29, 2010.

Kevin Connolly will also be speaking on campus October 13 in Valhalla, Cartwright Center as part of the Campus Activities Board season. Tickets are free for UW-L students, $3 for faculty/staff/seniors and $6 for the general public and can be purchased at the Cartwright Ticket Office.

For more information about Kevin Connolly, please check out his website at www.kevinmichaelconnolly.com.
Get ready for Halloween!

UW-L Department of Theatre Arts

Costume Sale
October 28-29, 2010
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Center for the Arts
Proceeds benefit Theatre student scholarships!

Quilt Raffle Scholarship Fundraiser

The Organization for Campus Women will once again be selling raffle tickets for a quilt to raise money for student scholarships. The beautiful quilt was homemade by Kathy Ring (Human Resources).

Raffle tickets are $5 each and may be purchased from any member of the OCW Steering Committee (see committee list on page 1). Tickets may be purchased beginning October 12 through December 1. The winner will be drawn during the OCW Holiday Social.

Last year’s raffle raised $945.00 for the Jean Foss & Norene Smith OCW Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1985 to assist non-traditional female students.

Above is a photo of the quilt being raffled this year, made by Kathy Ring.

OCW Holiday Social

Join us for the annual OCW Holiday Social on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Port O'Call, Cartwright Center. The Holiday Social is a great way to wind down from a busy semester with friends, refreshments, and fun. There will be several door prizes available, and we’ll be drawing the winner of the Quilt Raffle.

The OCW Holiday Social is also an opportunity to give back to UW-L and the La Crosse community. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to the UW-L Helping Our Own food pantry or mittens/hats/scarves to be donated to the Salvation Army Giving Tree. You can make a difference this holiday season while having a festive time with friends and co-workers.

Upcoming Events

Project Girl Art Gallery Display
Through October 8 (Ctr. for Arts)

Faculty Seminar on Teaching for Diversity
September 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Promoting Inclusive Excellence (PIE)
September 23 (all day events)

Classified Staff Excellence Breakfast
September 23 at 7:00 a.m. (Valhalla)

Hispanic Heritage Month Film Series; “Café Chavalos: Overcoming the Streets”
September 28 at 6:30 p.m. (337 CC)

Comedian Mike Winfield
October 6 at 7:00 p.m. (Cellar, CC)

Human Rights Conference—Staged Reading of “Seven Jewish Children” by Caryl Churchill
October 8 at 10:00 a.m. (Frederick Theatre, Morris Hall)

Midwest Autism Conference
October 10-12 (all day events)

OCW Book Club Discussion “Double Take”
October 12 at noon (Murphy’s Mug)

Speaker: Kevin Connolly
October 13 at 7:00 p.m. (Valhalla)

Nature of Identity (Art Colloquium Series)
October 14 at 5:30 p.m. (Ctr. for Arts)

Musician: Liza Day
October 14 at 7:00 p.m. (Cellar, CC)

Theatre: The Last Days of Judas Iscariot
October 15-17 & 21-24 (Ctr. for Arts)

Technology in Teaching Series
October 20 at 10:00 a.m. (130 Wing)

OCW Steering Committee Meeting
October 20 at noon (263 CC)

Wing Ensemble Concert
October 24

Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert
October 26 at 7:30 p.m. (Valhalla, CC)

Theatre: Kick—The Mascot Controversy
October 27 at 3:00 p.m. (Valhalla, CC)