Kohawk Volleyball Advances to A-R-C Semi-Finals

Last Tuesday, October 30, the Kohawk Volleyball team welcomed the Buena Vista Beavers to Kohawk Arena for the A-R-C quarter finals match. The third-seeded Kohawks emerged victorious over the sixth-seeded Beavers, advancing the team forward to the semifinals match on Thursday.

Going into each set, the Kohawks had impressive offensive performances as well as strong defensive efforts at the net. The Beavers matched the Kohawks' intensity, but were not able to surpass the clinch to the win.

Leading the Kohawks was senior Lindsey Koch, with another notable performance at the net. Koch totaled 16 kills on the night, followed by Adysen Wintermote ('21), Morgan Kluesner ('21), and Darby Hawtrey ('22)

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Corrections from the previous week
On the front page of last week's issue, we mistakenly wrote that SAC organized LoCoE, while it was in fact Student Senate. The mistake was purely editorial and the Cosmos would like to apologize for it.

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Cosmos 2018 Midterm Elections preview on pages 3-5 of this week's issue!
Voting ends November 6!
who each had 12 kills on the night. Koch also earned her 16th double-double of the season with 16 digs, Wintermote earned her 13th double-double with 13 digs, and Teeple earned her ninth double-double with 14 digs.

The four sets were monumental for the Kohawk freshman setter, Elli Teeple. She surpassed her 1,000th career assist against the Beavers; ending the math with an impressive 52 assists. With her 1,044 assist on this season, Teeple ranks first in the league. With her performance on Tuesday, Teeple now also ranks 14th in school history for most assists in a single season.

Madi Miller ('19) led Coe's defense with 22 digs, while Koch earned two solo blocks at the net. The Kohawks finished with eight team block assists, led by Hawtrey who had three of her own.

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Demystifying Iowa’s New Voter ID Laws

Nicholas Hodges  
Guest Writer

If you’ve already registered to vote in Iowa, or plan to register on Election Day, chances are you’ve come across the term “Voter ID law.” The law, titled the Election Modernization & Integrity Act, may make it more difficult for constituents to vote this election cycle, despite the state’s claims to the contrary.

When asked about the sudden interest in revamping registration laws, Linn County auditor Joel Miller said, like everything in politics, there are two schools of thought.

“If you’re Republican, you refer to it as the Election Modernization & Integrity Act,” said Miller. “If you’re Democrat, you call it the Voter Suppression Bill.”

Miller is vying for a county supervisor seat as an Independent this year. “I’m neither [Democrat or Republican] at this point,” Miller said.

For Election Day registration this year, voters must provide proof of identification with a photo ID that has an expiration date, as was the case last year, but you must also provide proof of residency.

For this year only, you may sign an oath of identification and cast a provisional ballot, but you must provide the required documentation to the auditor’s office within a few days for the vote to count.

Coe student IDs will work for identification purposes since they have a photo and expiration date, but providing proof of residence may be a bit trickier if you are an out-of-state transplant. Consider bringing a local paycheck or bank statement.

Opposition to the new laws argue they suppress the rights of elder and minority voters. The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Iowa filed a lawsuit claiming the new provisions are unconstitutional by placing unnecessary restrictions on voters.

Polk County District Judge Karen Romano agreed with some of the issues the lawsuit raised, striking down a provision that would allow county auditors to reject an absentee ballot if they thought the voter’s signature doesn’t match the signature on record.

Another change brought on by the legislation reduces the period of time absentee ballots have to be mailed to voters from 40 to 29 days prior to election day.

Miller said whatever challenges the new legislation presents, it’s still important to vote.

“The one thing I’d like to emphasize is the importance of participating in the election,” Miller said, “the greater the percentage of people participating the more ‘buy-in’ there is to the end result.”

- Straight Party voting is no longer an option
- Polling place selfies are allowed, so long as they don’t interfere with other voters.
- If you choose to register on election day, you must provide a current photo ID with an expiration date & provide proof of residency.
- Requests for absentee ballots cannot be sent in earlier than 120 days prior to the election.
- Absentee ballots sent out between 29 and 10 days prior to election day (previously 40 days).
- Voters will need to show approved photo ID— Iowa driver’s license or non-driver ID, U.S. passport, current military ID, U.S. veteran’s ID, or a copy of new voter ID mailed by Secretary of State’s office.
- If you don’t have ID to present, another registered voter may attest to your identity.
- 17 year old citizens may register and vote in partisan and Primary Elections if they will be 18 on General Election Day.
One of the biggest races in this Midterm elections is Iowa's 1st Congressional House Race. In this election, Rod Blum, the incumbent, is running against Abby Finkenauer, the current representative for Dubuque in Iowa's State House.

“The 1st district of Iowa is one of the few districts that is truly available to both parties,” says Professor Bruce Nesmith, Joan and Abbott Lipsky Professor of Political Science here at Coe, “So it has particular importance as the Democrats seek to win enough seats away from the Republicans in order to win majority control.”

Iowa has commonly been known as a swing state in the Presidential elections and this is also true in the 1st District. This is why it is especially important for Coe students to vote in this election to choose how they are represented in the national government.

Rod Blum is the Republican candidate as well as the incumbent in this election. Blum was first elected into the Congressional House in the 2014 elections and is currently seeking re-election. Some of the issues listed on Blum’s website include supporting Social Security, agriculture, and improving the economy. Abby Finkenauer is the Democratic candidate in this election. Finkenauer is currently the representative for Dubuque in the Iowa House, where she was first elected in 2014, the same year Rod Blum was elected into the Congressional House. Some of the issues listed on Finkenauer’s website include women’s health, affordable college, and affordable healthcare.

In addition to big races on the ballot like those for governor and congress, Coe students registered to vote for Linn County District 1 Supervisor. The candidates for District 1 Supervisor are Stacey Walker (D) and James M. Houser (I). Walker won a June primary, but Houser is running this November as an Independent.

In 2016, there was a county vote which dropped the number of supervisors from five to three, resulting in the special election that put Walker in office alongside Houser.

“Local government is everything - we sit at the intersection of policy and people’s lives,” said Walker. “My campaign centers around working diligently on raising and protecting the minimum wage, social justice and equity, and eliminating systematic poverty and gun violence.”

Despite multiple attempts to contact Houser, he did not respond. His profile on the Linn County website notes that he is working to solve the opioid crisis and rebuilding after the 2008 flood. He has been in office since 1990.

“In local elections, there’s actually the possibility that votes will matter, and they directly affect your life,” Coe politics professor Phil Husom said “It’s hard to hold the president accountable. You can go over to the district supervisor’s office. These people are the ones that actually have an affect on your day to day lives. Also, there’s no electoral college in local elections.”

Historically, 20% of college students vote. NextGen is organization that appeals specifically to young people and encourage them to vote, and they are active on Coe’s campus.

“If you don’t vote, issues such as college funding and healthcare can adversely affect you because your voice isn’t being heard,” said Ashley Robins, an employee of NextGen.

Election Day 2018 is on Tuesday, November 6th. Coe students have the opportunity to vote at First Lutheran Church, located at 1000 3rd Avenue SE on Election Day.
Iowa’s Mental Health Crisis is a Big Topic in the Race For Governor

Lakyn Boltz
Guest Writer

As Republican Governor Kim Reynolds and Democratic businessman Fred Hubbell are battling it out in the Governor’s race, the mental health crisis happening in Iowa is at the forefront of their concerns.

On October 14th in Des Moines, Iowa, Reynolds, Hubbell, and Libertarian candidate Jake Porter gathered at a forum to discuss how Iowa can improve its capacity to care for people with mental health issues. Governor Reynolds spoke first by saying the state is headed in the right direction in terms of gaining more access to mental health care. She signed a bill into law this spring to expand services.

“As every single legislator, Republican and Democrat, voted comprehensive mental health care reform,” said Reynolds during the forum. “So I can tell you that the commitment is there to make sure we can now implement the legislation that passed.”

She then continued her stand by arguing that substance abuse treatment should get as much attention as mental health.

“This year I will be celebrating 18 years of sobriety, and I can tell you that I would not have been able to do it on my own,” she said.

Next to speak was Democratic candidate, Fred Hubbell. Although Hubbell hasn’t held public office before, he and his wife Charlotte helped Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines expand their facilities to provide a 50 percent increase in mental health beds and add two new psychiatrists to provide patients with the mental health care they need. Hubbell also believes that part of the state’s solution should be diverting people with mental illness from costly county jails and emergency rooms.

“If we start focusing our attention on early identification and prevention, we can save a lot of money,” said Hubbell.

St. Luke’s Behavioral and Mental Health Services in Cedar Rapids, is one of the largest mental health providers in Iowa. They provide solutions in all areas of health, including mental and emotional health while showing care to children and adults on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Casey Stone, an employee with the St. Luke’s Behavioral and Mental Health Services, believes that this issue is not being given the amount of attention that it needs.

“We believe this is not taken as a serious topic and people don’t understand how much this mental health crisis affects the community as a whole,” said Stone in a phone interview.

“The mental health crisis in Iowa directly affects their department.

“This issue as a whole makes our job a lot more stressful because there is a decrease in bed availability,” said Stone. “Because we are an acute care system, the shortage of beds makes it very difficult to send our patients to their next care location. They stay in our department longer than they should have to.”

Photos courtesy of candidates campaigns.
What's Happening
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Annual Playground of Science Attracts Over 1,3000 attendees.

Ariel Crego
Columnist

The social and natural science departments on Coe’s campus came together once again for the 16th iteration of the Playground of Science on October 25. Attendees came from all over Cedar Rapids and beyond, with attendance well above last years numbers, in the house of 1,300-1,400 attendees.

Newcomers this year was the Coe College Women in STEM group, who hosted a Creation Station on first floor Peterson. Participants were able to play with snap circuit kits and brick circuit kits to make arcade games and model wiring in houses. There were also models of animal and plant cells, eyeballs, and hearts for attendees to pull apart and put back together.

Events like the Playground of Science are critical in allowing elementary school-kids to see science and mathematics in positive light. Kids are able to interact with simple demos through programs like this and see how positive science interactions can affect their opinion of the scientific fields.

For many people, their opinion of the sciences was formed early on, and that single experience dictated their attitude towards science/math for the rest of their education. Forming these positive early experiences is key to appreciation later in education. This is especially important for kids in smaller schools or schools that do not receive plenty of funding to support their science and math classes.

The loss of female representation in higher education sciences and the fields is also addressed through events like these, where girls are exposed to the same ideas as their male counterparts and are able to see female scientists doing the experiments alongside their male counterparts. This plants the idea that ‘they can do it too’, and they’ll be more likely to pursue science or math as they get older.

Participants play with NASA legos at WinSTEM’s Creation Station.
Photo provided by Annie Ruckman.
Music Faculty Performs at Jazz Concert

On Saturday, October 27, Friends of Music at Coe hosted Jazz Combo concert in the Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium and more than 40 people came to watch the performance.

The Jazz combo started at 2 pm and consisted of the performance of guest Anthony Williams at the trombone, Dave Bohl Alto at the saxophone, Coe professor Steve Shanley at the piano, Blake Shaw at the bass, and Dave Tiede at the drum set. As vocals, Shaw also sang a song.

During the half hour, audiences applauded several times. The concert featured five programs, Moanin’, Night and Day, Like Someone In Love, Theme from “Sesame Street,” and Doxy.

Steve gave speech about every programme they played and said, “parents should take their babies and join without worries.”

Upcoming Music Events

November 10
Coe College Symphony Orchestra Concert at 7 pm

November 11
Vocal Jazz Ensemble--Cabaret at 7pm

December 1
Coe College Concert Band, Jazz Band Concert at 4 pm
Coe College Concert Choir Concert at 7:30 pm

December 4
Christmas Convocation, Coe Chorale & Handbell Ensemble at 11am
Christmas Vespers - Coe Chorale & Handbell Ensemble at 7:30 pm
Spoken Words Artist Shares Her Stories

Student Activities Committee (SAC) invited Natasha T. Miller to share her stories with Coe students on Wednesday, October 22 from 9pm to 10pm in the Dows Mills.

“Coe audiences were so lovely,” said Miller. “The purpose of the presentation was to leave the audience with a performance that would open their hearts and inspire them to be their true selves moving forward. I would like to say don’t get discouraged and vote our hate on November 6.”

Last Wednesday, she talked about various topics such as vegetarians, gender and the US-Mexico border. She wrote her stories into poetry, and performed it to audiences through spoken word. She emphasized through her speech that the only person who can make your life is yourself, even if others can influence.

“The poetry based on her real life was impressive,” said Yuulin An, a freshman who listened her stories said. “Also, the way of addressing her poetry was interesting for me. Just reading poetry can be boring to audience, but she didn’t. She explained her works like spoken word style and it conveyed her stories more strongly.”

Natasha T. Miller is a performance poet, author, activist, and film producer, in addition to being a three-time top five finalist in the Women of the World Poetry Slam.

She has published two books including Coming out of Nowhere, a social networking memoir about homosexuality and cyber bullying that is now subject of study in different universities.

Currently, Natasha tours nationally and internationally, wanting to be an agent for change to spread the message of acceptance through her art.

Professor Caruso Speaks On Public Health

Professor Greg Caruso came to Coe to present on the topic of “Free Will and Punishment: A Public Health Quarantine” on October 29, 2018 in Kessler auditorium.

Caruso has been all around the globe presenting on this topic. He has written a book called “Free Will and Consciousness” and has had many articles published on his work that he does in relation to these topics.

During his presentation, he talked about his views on the criminal justice system and how he rejects the idea of retributivism and how his alternative, the public health quarantine model, is better.

To read about Greg Caruso and some of the work he does, check out his website gregcaruso.com.

This talk was sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Department and the Social and Criminal Justice program.
Profile: Professor Samantha Brown

Professor Samantha Brown is one of Coe’s newest assistant professors in the psychology department. Brown started in this position this past August, making this her first year at Coe.

Brown is currently teaching Abnormal Psychology along with Intro to Psychology, while next semester she will be teaching Counseling Psychology.

Brown got interested in psychology because she was really interested in human behavior.

“Taking my first intro psych class when I was a sophomore in undergrad, I found the material really interesting and easy to relate to and fascinating,” said Brown. “I specifically became interested in counseling psychology…[because] I wanted to help people so that’s why I started off in that field. When I got to grad school I really liked doing clinical work but I found that I also really liked doing more of the mentoring and teaching aspects of the field.”

Coe is the first official professor position for Brown, but prior to coming to teach at Coe she taught as an adjunct professor at Augustana in Rock Island. Brown ended up choosing Coe College as her place of work because she said it is a friendly place.

“From the first moment I walked onto campus, I felt like everyone was really caring and caring both about students and each other,” Brown said. “I liked hearing that people from different departments actually talked to each other…and that students are engaged [at Coe].”

In her free time she likes to work out and enjoys being in nature. Also, she is interested in playing the piano again like when she did when she was younger. Growing up she had a mentor that was an advisor in graduate school.

“I was able to develop a good relationship with her both professionally and somewhat personally and she was really helpful and [she] is still helpful even now,” Brown said.

One piece of advice that Brown would give to students is that, “Life is not linear. Things will sometimes go up and down, things will go in circles. What you thought should happen, won’t, and that’s okay. The fact that it’s not linear is the beauty of it and it’s okay when it doesn’t happen that way.”
Michael Lachocki
Columnist

When a large number of investors sell their shares you can expect share prices to fall. Likewise when a large number of short sellers buy back the shares they have sold short you can expect stock price to rise. This is what is known as a short squeeze.

Tesla (TSLA) one of the most heavily shorted stocks in the US recently has seen a short squeeze after a famous Tesla short seller decided not only to exit his position but also to reverse it entirely before Tesla reported earnings the following day. It resulted in Tesla shares rising that day during trading.

If stock price is dependent upon earnings, among other things, these stock price movements are not based on fundamentals. Just because someone changes their mind about how they want to invest in a company doesn’t mean the company will earn any more or less during the course of a quarter.

Short squeezes are often quick to correct as the increased stock price convinces people to sell and take their profits which will bring the price back down.

In Tesla’s case, when they reported earnings the following day they beat earnings by a big enough margin that they actually made a profit for the first time in years. As of close on Tuesday the 30th, Tesla shares are up 9.82% in the past week.

Many avoid shorting stocks because they’re optimists, while it can be profitable like in the case of Valeant or Lehman Brothers, it’s essentially betting against a firm’s best efforts.

These firms could potentially be the workplace for people like you or me. They are also filled with others who rely on the company for their well being. While shorting a company doesn’t necessarily hurt it, many view it to be acting on pessimism.
Judge Richard Concepción in Peru has ordered that opposition leader Keiko Fujimori spend three years in jail while she awaits trial for corruption, as there is a high risk of her fleeing Peru. Ms Fujimori has been accused of taking $1.2m (£940,000) in bribes from the Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht in 2011 and her lawyer is now expected to appeal against the verdict.

Paul Makonda, a Tanzanian governor, has announced the creation of a surveillance squad dedicated to hunting down gay people. In Tanzania, where homosexual acts are illegal, many gay, lesbian and transgender people are already forced to hide their sexuality. But now, this special team will scrutinise social media in order to track down and arrest people in same sex couples.

At least 11 people have died in Italy this week due to heavy rains, high winds, and historic flooding throughout the country. In Venice, more than 70 percent of the city was inundated as water levels rose over five feet above normal.

India has unveiled the world’s tallest statue, a 182m (600ft) bronze-clad representation of independence leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The statue, which cost 29.9bn rupees (£330m; $430m) to build, was defined by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a major tourist attraction, while many locals say this was a waste of public money.
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