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## COE COMMEMORATES WWI

**Lisa McDonald**  
Editor-in-chief

On April 2, 1917, the United States of America formally joined World War I by declaring war on Germany. Now, a hundred years later, Coe remembers the students who served.

"It's been a whirlwind [planning the event]," said Assistant Professor of Art History Ranelle Knight-Lueth.

Knight-Lueth said she came up with the idea to hold a commemoration event at Coe during spring break when she attended a World War I and American art exhibition at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

At the exhibition, a speaker mentioned the work of artist Jeremy Deller, who organized a World War I human memorial reenactment

that consisted of 1,500 people dressing as World War I soldiers and gathering in London train stations. Knight-Lueth said this story inspired her to do something at Coe, and she worked with Bethany Keenan and Jen Rogers to plan an event.

On April 6, students and faculty passed out bookmarks around campus containing facts about the war and information on the nine Coe students who died in combat. At noon Major Chris Guderski and Coe's ROTC students conducted a flag-raising ceremony. The flag was flown at half-mast in honor of John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth.

The event lasted six hours, during which time over 400 fact cards were distributed by 15 volunteers.

"For time purposes,



we could only do a limited amount of things," Knight-Lueth said, but she added there could potentially be a larger event planned for 2018 in honor of the ending of World War I.

*Right: Articles published in the Coe Cosmos' April 17, 1917 issue. Photos courtesy of Digital Archives of Coe College.*

*Left: Major Chris Guderski and Coe's ROTC students conduct a flag-raising ceremony April 6. Photo by Lisa McDonald.*

### MILITARY DRILL BECOMES STERN REALITY AT COE

Three Companies, Including All the Men of the College Now Drilling Under Direction of Lieut. Penningroth.

### DRILL THREE TIMES A WEEK

Faculty Set Aside Chapel Hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Practice.

(Compulsory military training descended upon Coe college last Wednesday afternoon as a stern reality when the men were called together in Simons chapel at four in the afternoon for the purpose of setting the details of the plan of drill. Lieut. Chas. Penningroth, of D company of the First Iowa Infantry, was in charge of the meeting, while he will also be in charge of the drills to be held three times per week at the chapel hour. After a short address by Lieut. Penningroth the assembly adjourned to the athletic field where the juniors and seniors were given some fundamental instruction in minor tactics.

### "WAR IS ONE OF IDEALS" SAYS PRESIDENT MARQUIS

Discusses America and the War at Opening Chapel After Easter Recess.

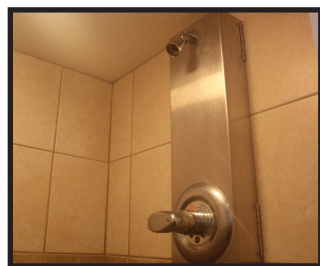
After an absence of over two months, President John A. Marquis returned from his active duties as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and made the welcoming speech at the first chapel exercises after the Easter vacation Tuesday morning. Dr. Marquis, in speaking of the present national situation, said in part:

"No moment since this government was founded is fraught with so many issues as the present moment. It is a profound moment. I am impressed with the notion that the legislation has led us wisely.

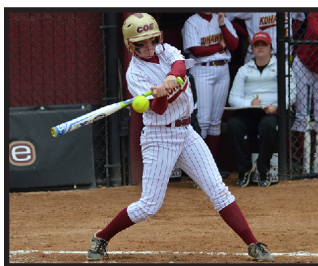
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## Student Symposium Schedule

### Oral Presentations

1:15 - 2:20 p.m.

#### Session 1: Peterson Hall 119

1:15-1:30 *Is Gay Okay?: Evaluating the challenges in the U.S. Asylum Process for Queer Asylum-Seekers*  
Allison Bailey

1:35-1:50 *Researching Ractors that Lead to Homelessness in Cedar Rapids*  
Alysia Cleppe, Anna Dentslinger, Mari Hunt, Tristan menachof

1:55-2:10 *Socialization of the Rainbow*  
Sarafina Feldman

2:15-2:30 *Utilitarian Arguments for Prison Abolition in Orange is teh New Black*  
Thomas Petrino

#### Session 2: Marquis Hall 201

1:15-1:30 *The Development and Simulation of Borosilicate Glass Similar in Properties to Water for the Advancement of Radiation Therapy*  
MarryJane Been

1:35-1:50 *Minimal Packings of Double Hexagon Tiles on Pseudo-Rectangular*  
Bethany Baker

1:55-2:10 *Minimal Clues for Unique End View Puzzle Solutions*  
Anna Marek, Devin Lawson

2:15-2:30 *Impact on Vibrio Parahaemolyticus Biofilm Formation and Architecture When grown in Co-Culture with Various Shewanella Species*  
Kathryn E. Appler

#### Session 3: Kesler Lecture Hall

1:15-1:30 *The Ties that Bind: The Restitution of Art after World War II*  
Sydney Buckles

1:35-1:50 *The Religious Journalist: Orestes Brownson and teh Power of Periodical in the Nineteenth-Century United States*  
Gibson Dodd Odderstol

1:55-2:10 *A Cultural Difference: Business in Japan*  
Julia Stadeker

2:15-2:30 *"Surrender Language" "Ritual, Religion and Transformation"*  
Nina Wilson

## Oral Presentations

2:40 - 4:15 p.m.

### Session 1: Marquis Hall 201

- 2:40-2:55 *The Ties That Bind: Intersectionality, the double bind, and the construction of African American women's identity prior to the reproductive control movement*  
Lisa McDonald
- 3:00-3:15 *Maternal Memoir: A Women-Centered Family History and Creative Non-Fiction Project*  
Margaret Parkhurst
- 3:20-3:35 *Perceptions of Women's Rights While Studying Abroad*  
Ella Remund Wiger
- 3:40-3:55 *Queer Weather, or the Ambivalence of Safe Spaces in Daphne Du Maurier's Jamaica Inn*  
Marissa Bouska

### Session 2: Stuart Hall 405

- 2:40-2:55 *An Examination of NBA Player Contracts*  
Alec Strauss
- 3:00-3:15 *A Mathematical Model of Coral Reef Response to Destructive Fishing Practices with Predator-Prey Interactions*  
Myles Bradley
- 3:20-3:35 *A Study in Food Waste: Dumpster Diving and Cuisine*  
Andy Cheng
- 3:40-3:55 *Effects of Video News Media on College Students' Perceptions of Transgender Individuals*  
Alexandria Muldrew

### Session 3: Kesler Lecture Hall

- 2:40-2:55 *Like a Girl, a Play by Caitlan Rose*  
Caitlin Staff
- 3:00-3:15 *Scales of Justice*  
Caitlin McKendry
- 3:20-3:35 *Bruxist Unhinged*  
Katie Rejsek
- 3:40-3:55 *Creative Writing Senior Thesis Panel*  
Anton Jones
- 4:00-4:15 *Wingless: The Angel's Shadow*  
Aimee Hyndman

## Addressing microaggressions

**Bridget Moore**  
Staff writer

“For people who still don’t think microaggressions are a problem, just imagine, instead of being a stupid comment, a microaggression is a mosquito bite,” said Fusion Comedy in their YouTube video ‘How microaggressions are like mosquito bites.’

The video was played

during a microaggression workshop held at Coe College on March 29.

According to Dictionary.com, a microaggression is defined as “a subtle but offensive comment or action directed at a minority or other non dominant group that is often unintentional or unconsciously reinforces a stereotype.”

Malika Wilson (‘17)

lead the presentation by showing various videos and then giving discussion questions for the faculty and students to discuss among groups to talk about the influence of microaggressions on the campus.

“Separations from age, generation and lack of understanding can lead to [microaggressions],” Wilson said.

### Upcoming student performance

The Music Business Class is hosting a viewing party for Coe's student band Duchess on Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Pub, where they will premiere their new single "Donuts." There will be donuts available for attendees!

## New major coming fall 2017

**Claudia Chiappa**  
Staff writer

Starting fall 2017, Coe College will be offering a new major: Social & Criminal Justice.

The idea for the new major started in the spring of 2015, when Coe College President David McInally issued a call for the proposal of a new Criminal Justice major. Thinking that it would attract new students, over the summer of 2015 a strategy planning committee met to sort through the proposals and, at the end, the Social & Criminal Justice proposal was the top choice.

“A pure Criminal Justice major does not fit with a liberal arts system,” explained Associate Professor of Sociology Lisa A. Barnett. Barnett is the director of the new Social & Criminal Justice program, and she said the social component was added in order to better fit the goals of Coe College.

Coe is currently accepting applications from professors interested in teaching the courses that will be offered next fall: Introduction to Social & Criminal Justice and Topics in Social & Criminal Justice. This interdisciplinary major offers a

huge variety of disciplines that go from psychology to history to sociology.

The particular way it is structured makes it easy for students to double major and it prepares them for a variety of possible future choices, without binding them to a specific path. The major also offers students the possibility to choose different electives to “refine” the major.

“We don’t want to limit students,” said Barnett. “We want to open doors to people. A lot of students change careers after their undergraduate experience, so we want their major to be valuable.”

When asked about the

possibility of introducing a minor for the program, Barnett said that it may happen but not anytime soon. Everything depends on how popular the major will be among students, Barnett added.

“It’s exciting and a little scary,” said Barnett, “but we believe in it.”

So far, the numbers are positive, as the introductory class offered next fall filled quickly and many students were unable to register despite their desire to do so.

“It was popular, maybe because it is new and different,” Barnett said. “People are curious about it.”

## An alarmingly timely piece

**Melissa Maylum**  
Staff writer

Prepare for shocking comparisons in contemporary American politics as Coe’s Theatre Arts Department puts on *A Bright Room Called Day*.

Set in Germany before Hitler’s rise to power, Tony Kushner’s *A Bright Room Called Day* focuses on Berlin-based writer Agnes and her friends and their personal political struggles. Agnes joins the Communist Party in

the hopes that communism will take over before the Nazi Party. Agnes is also worried about keeping her rent-controlled apartment. Meanwhile, the events that are taking place in Germany are being paralleled by events from America in the 1980s by Zillah, a modern day activist who insists on taking action to fight repression and authoritarianism.

“Zillah is probably the most difficult part of

this show, said director Dennis Barnett. “It’s two different styles having to work together. The underlying message of the play is tied to the relationship of the two worlds, and that balance is vitally important.” Barnett goes on to say that presenting Zillah in the correct manner will make all the difference in this play.

Under the stage management of Lauren Miller, the cast is as follows: Sarah Schmitt

(Agnes Egging), Emily LeFrancois (Annabella Gotchling), Cooper Dodd (Vealtnic Husz), Kierra Young-Bey (Paulinka Erdnus), Andrew Gunsch (Baz), Izzie Sorenson (Zillah Katz), Melissa Maylum (Rosa Malek), Sam Riley (Emil Traum), Leah Brownlee (Die Alte) and Kristjan Nixon (Herr Gottfried Swetts).

You can see *A Bright Room Called Day* on April 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., or April 9 at 2 p.m.

# Why Coe needs better showers

**Mary Emma Guier**  
Guest Writer

Hopefully everyone here has showered over the past two semesters.

If you have showered, I am sure you have noticed that the water pressure at Coe College sucks. I hope that this problem can be fixed.

Iowa state law requires water pressure to be at or below 2.5 gallons per minute. A way to measure water pressure is to take a gallon jug, or some variant of, and time how long it takes to fill up. Multiply the time by two and a half and you will

know what your water pressure is.

I and a few friends measured the water pressure from a few showers in every dorm on Coe's campus and found pressure is different on every floor in every dorm.

Some floors, like second-floor Douglas, first-floor Armstrong and a few floors of Voorhees, have awesome water pressure, but everywhere else the water pressure was way below average.

On the first floor of Greene, the water pressure in all the showers was roughly 1.3 gallons per minute. In almost all of the showers in Murray, the water

pressure was roughly 1.5 gallons per minute. I understand that it might take more energy to get the water all the way up to the ninth floor, but we all deserve good showers.

There are already low water pressure/high pressure shower heads in all the dorms and this should have solved this problem. However, the water pressure has still gone down.

I propose to have maintenance turn up the water pressure. By doing this, we would be able to shorten shower times at Coe College. By shortening shower times, we can cut down water usage at Coe.

An average shower time of 10 minutes with a shower pressure of 2.5 gallons per minute times 1400 students leads to an approximate 35,000 gallons of water used on showers. Compared this to a water pressure of 1.4 gallons per minute with roughly 25 min showers, which uses approximately 49,000 gallons of water. We could definitely save water.

If Coe students are forced to pay more than \$4,000 to live on campus, we should have better water pressure in our showers.

## Coe-mmunity Camera



*Left to right: Admitted Students Weekend, March 31 & April 1. Duchess, a student band, opened for Icona Pop on March 31. Students participated in window painting over the weekend for A Day of Giving.*

*Photos by Katie Guinane.*

# Improve the composting program at Coe

**Cole Hunzeker**

Guest writer

What would you think if I told you that garbage is good for the environment? You'd probably think I was crazy, right? I'm not saying all garbage is good for the environment, but some of our garbage can help the environment grow, thrive and survive. We can do this through composting.

A study from Sodexo found that Americans trash 25 percent of all the food they prepare each year, leading to 31 million tons of "wasted food piling up in landfills annually." Additionally, food waste produces methane gas, which has disastrous effects on the ozone layer. As such, composting is a necessary measure in protecting the deteriorating environment.

UW-Madison professor Leslie Cooperband defines composting as "the controlled decomposition and the natural breakdown process of organic residues." I feel that composting is necessary to eliminate the food waste problem. Here at Coe, we can do this by improving our composting program.

Before interviewing



*The process of composting food and its benefits. Photo from University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.*

our Resident Dining Manager, Nick Bata, I did not think we had a composting program, but we do. The kitchen takes food waste and brings it to a special bin behind the school that is picked up weekly. However, this program can be improved.

Claire Siegrist, a contributing writer for the compost and renewable energy magazine *Biocycle*, mentioned the use of composting bins in residence halls.

The idea that I am proposing is to add composting bins to the PUB and residence halls here at Coe. This would provide an accessible opportunity to all students to help the environment.

The way I see it, if you can recycle, you can compost. We could continue having the food waste

picked up each week by a solid waste agency, which is what happens now, but with the added compost collected from the PUB and residence halls. Another option would be to start a compost garden at Coe.

Depending on the measures we take, classes could be created out of the project. One class that could be created is some sort of bio lab or practicum that experiments with different ratios of compost to soil. Another possible course would be horticulture classes to learn more about garden management.

The most important

part of this whole process is to do your part. That category includes me, you, and the entire Coe faculty and student body.

There is a petition online that I would like anyone who agrees with me to sign. When enough people have signed the petition, I will turn it into the college. This hopefully will motivate the school to take initiative and implement these changes.

We aren't gonna change the entire world. We aren't gonna save the environment alone here at Coe. But, I guarantee we do have the power to contribute to a solution, a solution that is simple and can help preserve a deteriorating environment.

## Petition can be found on [care2.com](http://care2.com).

### The steps are:

1.  
Search "Composting at Coe"
2.  
There should be only one link titled "Place Composting Trash Bins in the PUB and in Residence Halls at Coe"
3.  
Click on the petition
4.  
Find the "Sign now" button and enter your information

# Baseball brings upset to Loras College

**Delena Humble**

Sports editor

On April 4, the Kohawk baseball team traveled to Petrakis Park for a doubleheader with Loras College. The Kohawks opened the game with no hits in the first inning, but came back with a vengeance during the remainder of the game.

Nolan Arp ('19) gave Coe its first opportunity to score in the second inning when he doubled to right center to plate both Kevin Delaney ('19) and Jordan Kaplan ('20).

In the third inning, Arp again gave Coe the

upper hand when he allowed Kyle Alvarado ('20) to score with a single.

A third inning hit by Tyler Dralle ('20) sent Arp and Kaplan to home, giving Coe a 5-0 lead going into the fourth.

Kaplan opened the fourth inning with a strong two-out double that allowed Jacob Burns ('19) to score, increasing Coe's lead to 7-0.

The final run of the game came in the sixth inning when Kaplan singled to left center, allowing DeLaney to score the final run of the game.

Arp led the team with

four hits, while Kaplan brought in three followed by Burns with two. Kaplan scored three times while DeLaney followed behind him with two.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Jack Greene ('20) took the mound for the first time in a Kohawks uniform and only giving up three hits and two walks, with four strikeouts.

Andrew Brierton ('17) led the Kohawks with four hits, while DeLaney, Burns and Arp each hit two. The two hits from DeLaney extended his hitting streak to 15 games.

Brierton drove in four runs, while Burns was able to plate three. DeLaney and Jacobson each brought in a pair of runs for the evening. Brierton scored three times, while Ben Jacobson ('17), Nolan Weber ('19), Arp and DeLaney each scored twice for the Kohawks.

Overall, the Kohawks scored 22 of 29 hits and closed the night with two strong victories. The boys are on the road as they travel to Central College on April 7. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

## Political Speak

Mariah Porter

### Changes in Minimum Wage

On Thursday, March 30 Governor Branstad signed a bill barring all counties and cities in Iowa from raising the minimum wage over \$7.25 an hour. Linn county originally was planning on raising minimum wage to \$10.25 over the next three years, but plans will most likely change now this bill has been signed in. Cosmo's will keep you updated as changes occur.

### Update on ACA

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is here to stay (for now). President Trump pushed for House Republicans and Democrats to vote on Friday, March 24. Unable to get the votes to pass the repeal of the ACA, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) withdrew the bill rather than watch its defeat on the floor. This was the biggest failure yet of Trump's young presidency next to the travel ban being blocked twice in court. For now, any student who already has health care will continue to have it through their parents until they are 26 years old.

# Record-setting doubleheader for softball

**Delena Humble**  
Sports editor

As Coe softball welcomed Buena Vista to their home field April 4, they had no idea that they were about to have one of the most incredible games in school and NCAA Division III history.

In the first game against the Beavers, the Kohawks opened the second inning with 11 runs on only seven hits. Hayley Jones ('19) hit a home run to plate Kasiah Ehresman ('20), fol-

lowed by Paige Weiland ('17) who hit her first career home run in the second inning. This hit drove in Marisa Repp ('18) to give Coe a 4-0 lead over the Beavers. Allie O'Brien ('19) then hit a home run, sending home both Mallory McArtor ('17) and Brianna Gardner ('17).

Maliah Fligg ('17) hit a two-out home run to center field for her second hit of the inning.

Following this hit, Jones then hit her second home run of

the inning, tying the NCAA Division III record for home runs in a single inning. This was only the 12th time in NCAA Division III history that a player has hit home runs in the same inning.

The home run was also the fifth of the inning for the Kohawks, which broke the NCAA Division III record of four home runs in an inning. Yet the Kohawks still weren't done yet as Wieland and Jess Brooks ('18) scored to

close the inning.

The Kohawks ended the first game in only five innings, with an impressive score of 14-2.

In the second game against the Beavers, the Kohawks fell short of a win as they gave up six runs, losing the game 6-3.

The nationally ranked Coe softball will welcome Luther College on April 8. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

## Sports Reports

**Delena Humble**

### Women's Tennis

- On Sunday 04/02, the Kohawks defeated Grinnell College 6-3.
- Next match: Wednesday 04/12, Quincy University (4 p.m.)

### Women's Track and Field

- On Saturday 04/01, the Kohawks competed in the Central Invite and placed 5th of 7.
- Next meet: Saturday 04/08, at Cornell Open (10 a.m.)

### Women's Softball

- On Tuesday 04/04, the Kohawks defeated Buena Vista University 14-2 and lost 6-3 against Buena Vista University.
- Next game: Saturday 04/08, Luther College (1 p.m.)

### Men's Baseball

- On Tuesday 04/04, the Kohawks defeated Loras 8-0 and 14-3.
- Next game: Friday 04/07, at Central College (3 p.m.)

### Men's Tennis

- On Sunday 04/02, the Kohawks defeated Grinnell College 9-0 and Wartburg College 8-1.
- Next match: Saturday 04/08, at Wabash College (8 a.m.)

### Men's Track and Field

- On Saturday 04/01, the Kohawks competed in the Central Invite and placed 7th of 9.
- Next meet: Saturday 04/08, at Cornell Open (10 a.m.)



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3. GPA
4. Major(s)
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7. Other campus involvement, activities
8. Accomplishments and awards

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2. Why would you be a good choice?
3. Working for the Cosmos does carry a time commitment (i.e. a weekly staff meeting, layout, distribution, finding/communicating with others, etc.). How much time per week would you realistically be able to commit?

**Deadline to apply is 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 9.**

**Finalists will be contacted to set up an interview**

## Market Talk

### Question of the Week

Michael Lachocki

#### Gold!

Some say investing in gold mining companies is a foolproof investment because as there becomes less gold in our world the gold miners' revenues go up. This is partially true. As a resource becomes scarce, the demand and the price increase, which helps the mining companies make more money. But there are

some significant flaws in investing in that theory.

Gold miners' stock prices change based on more variables than just the price of gold. Gold miners make more money when the price of gold goes up. However, gold miners face significant amounts of debt from purchasing the very large equipment they need in order to find and

mine the gold. So even though gold prices may be increasing and as a result increasing their revenue, often times a majority of the revenue goes to paying off their debts, which in certain circumstances could outweigh their revenue.

Gold miners also face substantial operating costs. They need to power the mining equipment for long periods of time and power the transportation of the mined gold. So gold miners' share prices can also vary on perceived energy costs.

Unless you are aware of current energy costs and how much debt

a specific gold mining company might have, investing in gold miners can be a risky road to go down. A common way investors reduce the risk they get exposed to when investing in gold miners is by investing in an exchange traded fund (ETF) that only has holdings in gold miners, like VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF (GDX).

This can be a safer route because the creators know the financial position of each company they include in the ETF and GDX has an average volume in the sixty millions.

## WEEKLY SUDOKU

Submit your completed sudoku to the *Cosmos* email to be entered into our monthly drawing to have your photo published.

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Sudoku courtesy of www.websudoku.com

*Only three more weeks  
until finals*

*Good luck preparing,  
Kohawks!*