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## Cedar Rapids Seven Day Forecast

FRI SEP 7

Cloudy 72°/54°

SAT SEP 8

Partly Cloudy 71°/52°

SUN SEP 9

Sunny 73°/49°

MON SEP 10

Sunny 75°/53°

TUE SEP 11

Mostly Sunny 78°/56°

WED SEP 12

Sunny 79°/58°

THU SEP 13

Sunny 79°/60°

FRI SEP 14

Sunny 80°/63°

\*Stats Provided by The National Weather  
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## International Club Welcomes New Students



Ayam  
Shrestha  
Staff Writer

The International Club - more commonly known as the I-Club welcomed the new international students to Coe on Friday amidst a welcome reception. The reception, held at the Clark Alumni House, was a great opportunity for international students and many 'international minded Kohawks' from within the nation - freshman to seniors - to meet and interact.

"The welcome

reception is an event that the I-club hosts every year as the fall semester kicks off and this year we had participation from new and old international and native students beyond expectation," stated Abhinav Shrestha, 19' - president of the International Club.

Most international freshmen stated that the event allowed them to learn more about life at Coe interacting with their upperclassmen. Vinh Dang Xuan 22' - who hails from Vietnam commented - "The event made me feel welcome to Coe as

I could meet and chat with older international students and faculty members some of whom were, also, from my home country. This made me feel more at home."

Another international freshman, Nia Ishio-ka from Japan expressed similar opinions: "The welcome reception was a good event as we had an opportunity to meet new people from different parts of the world. Also since dinner was also available, it was a relief from the caf'-food that we all so regularly have."

Upperclassmen who



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have been a part of welcome receptions in previous years second to the argument made by I-Club president Shrestha and suggests that while this year's

ous years. Moreover I feel that this year, there seems to be a more diverse representation of new students from different parts of the globe than what used to

IA and a Chicago trip later this year. The canoe trip is in fact scheduled for this weekend (September 8-9) had to be unfortunately re-scheduled to a later date



*Old and new international students at the annual Welcome Reception organized by I-club.*

*Photo by Antonio Perez*

welcome reception was attended by a larger number of Kohawks. Speaking with Cosmos, Valerie James, 19' stated, "The number of attendees of this event has risen significantly as compared to previ-

be before."

The International Club hosts a plethora of events throughout the school year which not only includes events on-campus but also tours including a canoeing trip at Monticello,

(September 22-23) due to adverse weather conditions causing the river to swell.



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## Coe Students Share their Talents During First Blindspot of the Year



Enzo  
Nagao  
Staff Writer

With bass-heavy music and a light show, Blindspot's first show of the school year got off to a good start according to students who attended last week's show.

Hosted by the Offstage Players organization in the Dows Theatre, Blindspot is a free form talent show, in which students can perform whatever they want in front of a crowd. The first show,

which took place on August 31st, was a cavalcade of talent, humor, and music.

From Seussian poems and an impression of Jonah Hill's 22 Jump Street "Slam Poem" to jazz singing and dance routines, Blindspot proved to be an entertaining showcase of the incredible amount of talent Coe students have to offer.



*Part of the Light Show from Blindspot.*

*Photo by Enzo Nagao*

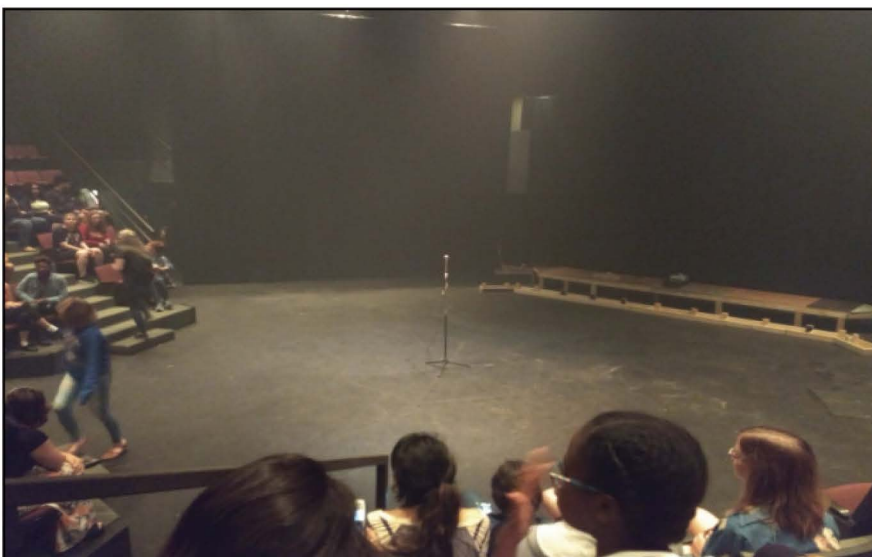
"Blindspot was an incredible experience from watching in the audience to being on stage in front of everyone," said Sophomore Ja'Markeo Jolley, who performed a poem in the show. "The energy in the room was electric to me."

Acts are intercut with interactions between the host and the audience, and unique

questions such as "Is cheesecake a cake or a pie?" are joked about and discussed.

"I haven't laughed that hard in a while," commented Junior Hannah Wendt.

With the stress of class steadily mounting for many, Blindspot offers an open-mic talent show that can both evoke profound thought or side splitting laughter, both of which are becoming readily necessary in our day-to-day lives.



*The Blindspot stage, Dows Theater.*

*Photo by Enzo Nagao*

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## Faculty Profile: Professor of Education Christopher Johnson



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Fleck  
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into an apartment where he shared a bedroom with his older brother and where his two younger siblings shared a room as well.

When Johnson graduated high school, he took a gap year. Following the gap year, he attended a community college for one semester.

He took a break after the semester and eventually attended the University of Dubuque. He was there for two years and then transferred to Benedictine University.

Christopher Johnson is a Professor of Education here at Coe College and this is his second year here. The first year was a little rough according to Johnson.

Johnson was busy putting together his classes as well as becoming acclimated to the new city where he now works. Currently, Johnson teaches educational psychology and development, human relations, and a first year seminar called Know Yourself, Know Your Worth, which is based off the teachings of Drake, the rapper.

Johnson was born in Detroit, Michigan. He lived there until sixth grade, when his family moved to Winter Springs, Florida. Moving from inner city Detroit to Winter Springs was quite the change according to Johnson.

His family moved



*Professor Christopher Johnson.  
Photo by Heather Fleck*

After he completed four years of college, he returned home without a degree. After some time he went back to school to get a degree at a university in Florida where he attained one in Elementary Education. Following that, Johnson went on to complete his masters and PhD at the University of Georgia, both in Educational Psychology.

Johnson's first teaching job was in Gainesville, Georgia, not counting when he student taught in Tallahassee, Florida. He originally went to Gainesville to teach third grade, but ended up being an ESL teacher after a couple of months. Before coming to Coe last year, Johnson went back to Florida and taught second grade for a year after receiving his PhD.

Johnson said that he



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came here because it is a small liberal arts college, and it means he is able to get to know students on a more personal level.

"I can learn from them just as much as they can learn from me," said Johnson.

Johnson said that he truly cares about his students and wants each and every one of them to succeed.

One of the classroom activities Johnson does is "Selfie Day," which happens during the first two weeks of school. On this day, he passes his phone around to students as he does roll call and each student needs to take a selfie to help him remember their names.

He said that this year it will be much easier than usual because some

of his students were in his classes last semester, thus making learning names just a little bit easier.

Johnson's piece of advice for students is that if you want to be successful then you should always go to class and be on time. He also recommended not to wait until the last minute to get help if you don't under-

stand something.

Johnson advises the Black Self Educated Organization and is on the Diversity Committee here at Coe College.

When he is not teaching, you can find him in meetings, working out, helping students, or even reading a book.

## Cedar Rapids Prepares for Flood



Claudia  
Chiappa  
Editor-in-  
chief

Cedar Rapids is currently under a flood watch, following several days of precipitation in the area. While the city has yet to declare it a critical situation, it remains alert and ready to face flooding over the weekend. The rain is forecasted to keep coming and the crest of Cedar River is estimated to rise up to 17.5 feet by Sunday evening, according to the Cedar Rapids website.

On Tuesday, the City began implementing protection measures-such as above ground barriers

and underground measures-against a crest of 18 feet.

As of the September 5, several parks and roads in the area were

closed because of flooding or precaution, but the city has not opened sandbagging stations yet and is not looking for assistance.

Coe invites students to

prepare for any emergency situation and to stay safe by avoiding any dangerous area and staying inside.



*Cedar Rapids faced a flood in 2016.*

*Photo courtesy of Bridget Moore*

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## Campus Announcements, Activities, and Opportunities

Join the Navigators at Nav Night!

Every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Faith Bible Church (1800 46th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402)

If you are going through Soroity Recruitment do not forget to pay the \$20 registration fee in order to pick up your t-shirt.

CoeAlliance will be meeting at 8 PM every Thursday in the Intercultural Center (behind the bookstore).

Community Engagement will be hosting three Train the Trainer sessions next week for any faculty, staff, and students who want to assist others in voting this fall. Student organizations who plan to host voter registration events are strongly encouraged to attend.

All Train the Trainer sessions will be held in Stuart Hall 203:

- Tuesday, September 11 – 11am-12pm
- Wednesday, September 12 – 12-1pm
- Wednesday, September 12 – 4-5pm



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## Market Talk

### Financial Advisors



Michael  
Lachocki  
Columnist

There are a lot of people out there who have very complex financial needs, but have no interest in managing their own investments.

Those people often use a financial advisor to do it for them, because they know how lucrative investing can be if guided by the right hands. But, financial advisors do a lot more than just direct and manage your investments.

A financial advisor takes into account your entire financial situation, including income, savings, investments, debts, spending, and taxes, among other things. From there, they help you set the goals you want to achieve with your wealth

management and they'll put a plan in place to best achieve it. For them to better do their job they need full transparency, as hiding other income or debts won't help them do their job.

Different wealth management firms have different minimum investments to be able to get a financial advisor with them, but often advisors, both established and not, have their own minimums to be able to keep up with the usual asset hurdles financial advisors face.

Financial advisors add value to the lives of their clients in many ways. Depending on the

firm the advisor works for they may have access to a wide range of financial securities not accessible to the everyday personal investor. They, also, likely have endless amounts of research they can reference. Interacting with your advisor teaches you about your own personal finances so that you can better understand personal finance in

general.

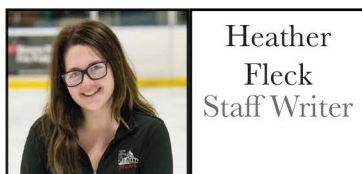
The amount you pay in commissions to your advisor is likely more than you'd be spending on trading commissions with a "do it yourself" firm like E-Trade, but the value a financial advisor adds to your life, beyond just investment returns, is usually far beyond the cost.



*Photo Courtesy of HomeCareNation LLC*

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## Kohawks Take On Mount Mercy Mustangs



Heather  
Fleck  
Staff Writer

Our Kohawks on our Women's Soccer Team played their third game of the season on home field this past Wednesday night. They played against the Mount Mercy Mustangs from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In the first half, both teams made attempts to score, but were unable to leaving the first half score at 0-0. The second half was quite similar to

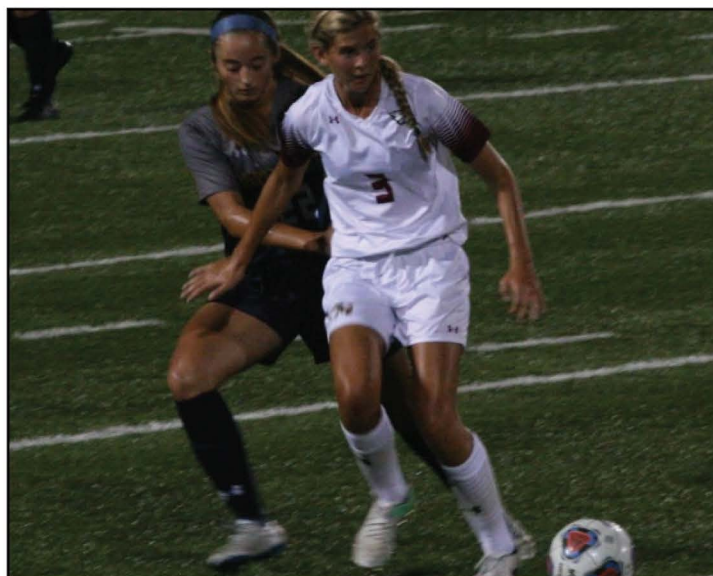
the first as both teams did not score points. This led the game into overtime.

In overtime, neither team scored a goal. The game went into a second overtime and ultimately the game ended in a tie. #9 Brynne Sandfort ('22) said that "this obviously wasn't the result we wanted, but we will come back and work harder and be ready for when conference games come around."

#0 Alex Montalbano ('22), a goalie for the team, says "we are implementing lots of key aspects from practice

into our gameplay, we just need to fine tune a couple aspects that can get us to the end result we want."

The next home game for our Kohawk's Women's Soccer Team is Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM.



*Shalyn Kinney ('19) running defense.  
Photo by Scott Franklin.*

### HOME SCHEDULE

Sun 9	1:00 pm	Women's Soccer	vs. Saint Mary's Un. of Minnesota
Tue 11	4:00 pm	Women's Tennis	vs. Wartburg College
Wed 12	7:00 pm	Men's Soccer	vs. Cornell College



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## Kohawks Lose to Agustana College During First Game of the Season



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Fleck  
Staff Writer

The Coe Community hoped for a great season opener game, but unfortunately this year that was not the case. The Kohawks lost to Augustana College 26-7. Our Kohawks tried, turning the ball over six times, throwing three

interceptions, but getting more passing yards than Augustana by 51.

The Kohawks had possession of the ball for 25 minutes and 35 seconds of the game, while Augustana had possession for 34 minutes and 25 seconds. The Kohawks had 18 rushing yards, while Augustana had eight times more at 144 rushing yards.

Kohawks scored

in the second quarter thanks to Quentin White ('20) and Matt Kopp ('20) for the touchdown. The PAT was kicked by Tristan Connell ('21) and was good for the point to make the score 1-7.

At the conclusion of first half the score was 13-7, Augustana leading.

During the second half Augustana scored

13 more points while our Kohawks didn't score any more points, bringing their total to 26 points and our Kohawks score remaining at 7.

Kohawks will be playing against Cornell College on September 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Their next home game is September 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm against University of Dubuque.



*Coe's football team played and lost against Augustana College last Saturday, September 1. Photo by Heather Fleck.*

# World Map

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On Friday, September 7, Starbucks will open its first store in Italy, where the chain had been hesitant to get locations so far due to how seriously Italians take coffee culture. The store will open in Milan, thirty-five years after a trip to the country inspired American entrepreneur Howard Schultz to transform Starbucks.

India's Supreme Court delivered a landmark verdict last Thursday, September 6, ruling that gay sex is not a criminal offence in the country anymore. India re-examined a 2013 judgement that upheld a colonial-era law known as section 377, under which gay sex was categorised as an "unnatural offence". The Court's decision represents a victory for millions who have faced harassment in the last 150 years.



In an attempt to bolster its struggling economy and fight hyperinflation, Venezuela issued a new currency Monday, as banks remained closed as the new currency took effect. The new "Bolivar Soberano" currency is worth 100,000 "old" Bolivares.

Priceless artifacts spanning 11,000 years went lost in a fire that consumed Brazil's National Museum on Sunday. More than 20 million pieces of history may have been destroyed by a fire that seems to not have caused any human casualty.

A magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck around 3 a.m. on Hokkaido last September 6. As of late afternoon, seven people had been confirmed dead, while the search for the missing continues. This was just the last of a series of natural disasters-including floods, typhoons, earthquakes, and heat waves-that devastated Japan over the summer of 2018, which is considered one of the most destructive and deadly in Japan.



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## what's **H** **T** and what's **n** **T** **BlackkKlansman**



Peyton  
McGuire  
Columnist

It's clear to see that we're living in a racially tense climate. The outlook on the future seems bleak and there's no telling if America will truly recover from it. But if you were to think that this is all a new development, you'd be wrong. Racism in America is older than the country's birth, and 40 years ago it was just as bad as it is today. This is where Spike Lee's *BlackkKlansman* comes in to educate; to show the younger generations just how long this fight has been going on, and how there may be some bit of hope that we can end it.

In the 1970s, Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) became the first black police officer at the Colorado Springs PD. Tired of being delegated to the records room, where he is harassed by racist coworkers, Stallworth convinces the chief to reassign him to the intelligence division of the department.

On a whim, Ron picks up a phone and dials in to the local branch of the KKK-and, amazingly, he convinces the man on the other end that he is white. Realizing that he could infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan, he recruits his fellow officer Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver) to act as his "off-the-phone" body double.

Over several months, the duo discover that the Colorado Springs branch is tired of local civil rights activists "causing problems" and are planning an attack that would "put them in their place". As Ron's initiation into the Klan is approaching, and while other Klan members suspicions over him are mounting, he has to work against the clock to ensure the activists are kept safe-and that he and Flip aren't found out too soon.

This movie stings. It hurts. And that's a good thing. It made me sick to think that anyone could be so racist and so hurtful towards another human being, but I'm glad that at least a film isn't holding anything back. It's a painful part of history that Ameri-

cans will have to deal with forever, and I think Lee captured the essence of the Klan and the prevalent racism of the time perfectly.

Washington and Driver were outstanding; both played their roles to the T, and you can really feel Stallworth's struggles over the duality of his life in this film, and his decision to keep his job as a "pig" from his activist girlfriend Patrice, played by Laura Harrier.

Topher Grace, who plays Grand Wizard David Duke, also steals the show-he looks like a regular middle-aged guy (basically Eric Forman with a mustache) but the minute he begins talking you can see just how monstrous these Klan members are underneath. There were several points in the film where I just simply couldn't process what I was seeing. But this was something I had to see. This is something everyone needs to see.

The cinematography is also wonderful. It truly feels as if *Klansman* was filmed in the 1970s at parts, and the lighting and mood of the film clearly channels All

The President's Men and The French Connection.

This movie is a must-watch. At this point in our history, it'll be clear to identify the parallels in what was happening then and what is happening now. *BlackkKlansman* can be used to educate people on what racism really is and what it has done to poison our nation. Don't let this film slip you by.

### My Rating:



**Rotten Tomatoes: 95%**



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## COE CROSSWORD

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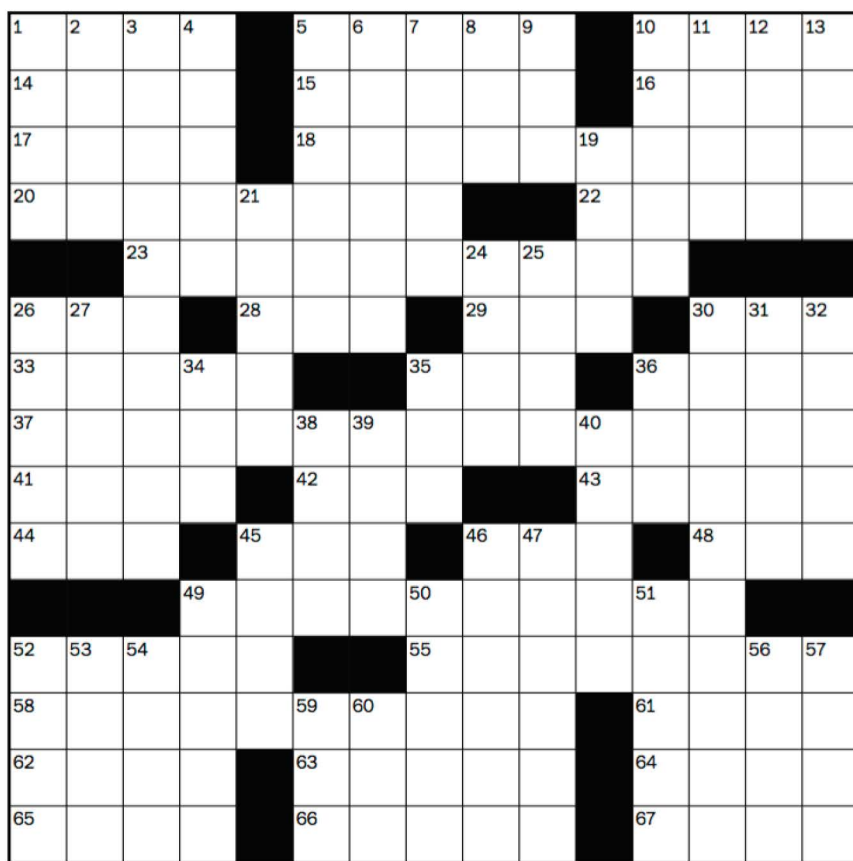
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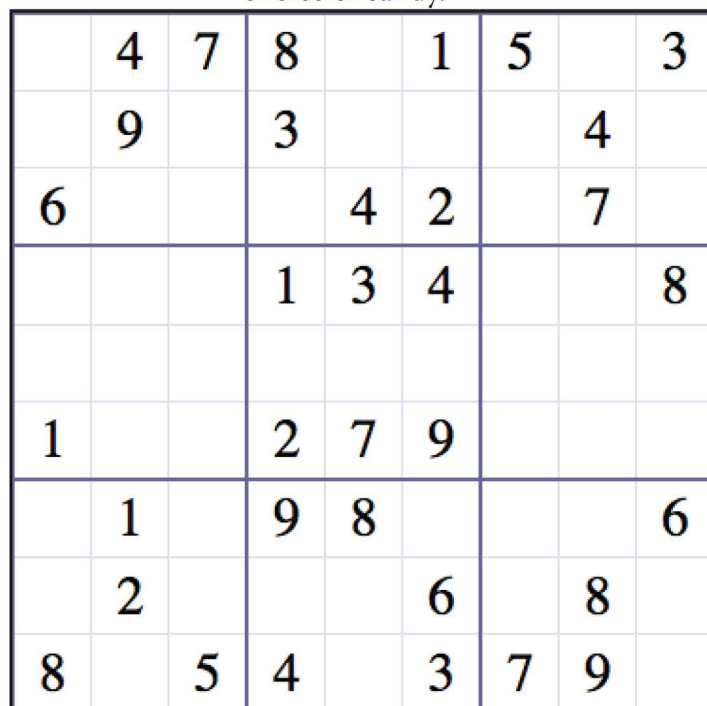
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Crossword courtesy of The Washington Post

## WEEKLY SUDOKU

Submit your completed sudoku to the *Cosmos* email to be entered into our monthly drawing to have your photo published and win your choice of candy.



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