

# BARTON Cougars



COUGAR NATION NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas from Cougar Athletics!

DECEMBER 2011

## Upcoming Home Event Schedule

### January 4

- M & W Basketball  
vs Seward County CC

### January 7-29

- Baseball Camp

### January 11

- M & W Basketball  
vs Garden City CC

### January 18

- M & W Basketball  
vs Hutchinson CC  
"Pink-Out Night"  
Dance Team performs

### January 28

- M & W Basketball  
vs Pratt CC  
Hall of Fame Night  
Cheer Clinic  
Cheer and Dance Team  
performances

### January 30 - March 1

- Volleyball Camp

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## From the Athletic Director

The Holiday Season is in full swing as Christmas approaches. 'Tis' the season to be jolly and we have plenty to be jolly about out here on the hill. Fresh off of our volleyball team's second consecutive Region VI title and NJCAA National Tournament appearance, the men's & women's basketball teams have picked up where volleyball left off. With a perfect 14-0 record the Cougar Men are currently ranked #8 nationally in the latest NJCAA National Poll. This team seems poised for a conference championship run and Region VI title. Our women are currently unranked, however their 10-4 start has them in the conversation for a conference championship as well. Three of our women's team losses in the pre-conference schedule are by a combined 17 points. Both teams are filled with some great kids and play an exciting brand of basketball. I invite all of you out to the hill for our KJCCC conference opener on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> versus Seward CC.

As we continue to stress involvement within the community internally, I invite all of you to get involved with our athletic programs. There are many ways for supporters of Barton Athletics to get involved. Be a part of the Cougar Nation! There are still reserved seats available to purchase for the conference season (contact Stefanie Herter in the BCC Athletic Office for details). Booster Club memberships are also still available (see ad on pg. 2). Don't forget about the Cougar Den which opens for every home conference game. What is the Cougar Den? See details on page 2. There are many other ways to support cougar athletes. For example, the men's & women's basketball teams will have to feed their teams for thirteen consecutive days during the holiday break as campus food service will be closed. These athletes are always looking for a home cooked meal. It sets up a golden opportunity for people to deliver on this wish as well as help out our coaches during a time of need. If you are interested in furnishing a home cooked meal for one of the basketball teams during the break, please contact Craig Fletchall or Darin Spence (contact information available in their profiles on pg. 3).

Progress continues on the facelift of the main gymnasium area. If you have not been out to the gym for a while, you should check it out. Finishing touches will be put on the facility over the Christmas break and we plan to showcase pictures of improvements in the January Cougar Nation Newsletter. This is just one small step we plan to take to insure we have the finest facilities for our student athletes and their families.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the Cougar Faithful a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year! I hope to see more and more of you at our home events as we move into conference play starting January 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's pack this place with Cougar Fans and show this conference that we are indeed "Takin' it Back"!

Until next time, be proud! The Cougar Nation is "Takin it Back"!

Respectfully Yours,

Trevor Rolfs



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# Be a part of the team!



Reserved seating  
available!

Contact the Athletic  
Department for  
ticket information

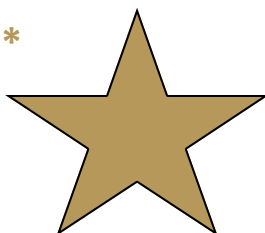


**\$25 Individual / \$40 Family Memberships**

## What is the Cougar Den?

The Cougar Den is a facility resource for Cougar Athletics and the Booster Club. Membership to the Den is an additional option for those having a current paid Booster Club membership. During the home basketball conference portion of the season, the Den provides a place for Booster members to enjoy socializing with other members. As an added benefit, thru the graciousness of many sponsors, members also have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and/or light meals while watching the game from the Den.

**\*\* MORE \*\***  
**Award**  
**winning**  
**Cougars!**



### Devan Boeger - Women's Basketball

One of two students chosen to represent  
Barton for the All-USA Academic Team



### Paula da Silva - Volleyball

NJCAA Division I - Honorable Mention

American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) - 2nd Team

### Dionne Harris - Women's Basketball

NJCAA Division I Player of the Week (Dec 7)

KJCCC Player of the Week (Dec 5)



## Compliance Corner "Tip of the Month"



### Article VIII: Grants-In-Aid, Recruitment, and Booster Clubs

#### Section 2. RECRUITMENT

- A. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's relatives (or legal guardians) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.
- B. No institution shall permit a prospective student-athlete to be solicited to attend such institutions by the promise of gift or any aid or inducement other than that of a Grant-in-Aid permitted by these rules.

#### ARTICLE VIII, Section 2.A. CASE 1: Recruiting Athletes - Loaning Money

##### SITUATION:

While recruiting Prospective Student-Athlete R, the coach at Community College A loans him/her a small sum of money for personal needs. Can this be construed as an inducement for Prospective Student-Athlete R to attend Community College A?

##### ANSWER:

Yes. Any aid other than that of a grant-in-aid which is permitted by Section 1.A is a violation.



## DARIN SPENCE: Women's Basketball Head Coach



Darin Spence is in his first season as the Head Coach of the women's basketball program, leading the Lady Cougars to a 10-4 record to start the season. Most notably and more recently, in Barton's last game before the holiday break, the Lady Cougars upset then-ranked #3 Independence 63-61.

Spence is no stranger to the Jayhawk Conference, as well as, Division I level basketball, with over 435 career coaching wins. Spence racked up over 300 wins in women's basketball at Cowley and Butler. Ten times in his eleven years at the respective schools his teams ranked in the nation's top 10 in scoring defense. He has coached 10 NJCAA All-America, 25 All-Region, 5 All-District, and 25 NJCAA Academic All-America selections.

Spence comes to Barton from New Mexico State University where he guided the Aggies for eight seasons. His 109 wins at NMSU places him second on the career win list in the history of the Aggie program. While at NMSU, Spence led the Aggies to the conference tournament championship game for the first time in the program's history and did

so in three consecutive years (2006-08). He also guided them to only their second and third victories over ranked opponents, is one of only five coaches in Aggie history to achieve a 20-win season, and is one of only three coaches in WAC Tournament history to guide his team to three consecutive championship games. Spence also led the NMSU program to a post season appearance for only the fourth time in program history and only the third coach in the program's history to do so.



Originally from Escondido, California, Spence received his undergraduate degree in 1985 from Marymount College in Salina, Kansas, and his master's degree from Emporia State in 1993.

Coach Spence and his wife Andre' have four children, Sierra, Madison, Sacia, and Drake.

Contact Coach Spence at (620) 792-9265 or visit [www.BartonSports.com](http://www.BartonSports.com) for complete bio information.

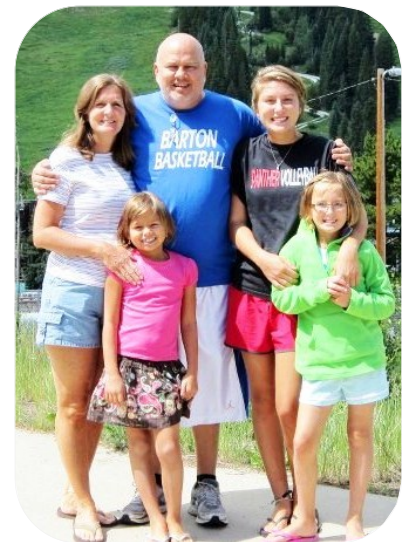
## CRAIG FLETCHALL: Men's Basketball Head Coach



Craig Fletchall ("Fletch") is in his 7th season and is Barton's 2nd all-time winning coach trailing only Dan McGovern. Entering the 2011-12 campaign with an overall record of 131-59, an average of nearly 22 wins a season, Fletch trails McGovern's 188 wins accumulated in 8 seasons for the top spot. Overall Fletch's career collegiate coaching record is 233-116.

After starting the season unranked and picked to finish seventh in the Conference race, Fletch's Cougars have started the season 14-0 and have climbed to #8 in the nation. Being in the NJCAA Division I poll is not unusual for Fletch's Cougars as they have spent a lot of time ranked in the Top 25 with the highest ranking coming in 2009 when Barton climbed all the way to 7th in the polls. The 2009 team went on to win the Jayhawk West title but lost in the Region VI semifinals. Fletch also has won Jayhawk Conference Coach of the Year awards in 2007 and 2009.

Coach Fletchall has spent most of his career in the Jayhawk Conference and its surrounding communities. He grew up in Hutchinson and went to college at Wichita State University and Fort Hays State University. He spent 11 seasons in the high school ranks, winning a state title at Hutch Trinity in 1987, and earning league Coach of the Year honors at Trinity (1987) and Shawnee Mission East (1993). Fletch spent 8 years prior to Barton in the conference at Cowley College and Neosho County. In his final season at Neosho, Fletch guided Neosho to the Region VI finals for the 1st time in school history and were ranked as high as 12<sup>th</sup> which was also the highest Neosho's history.



Coach Fletchall and his wife Patty have three children Morgan, who currently attends Barton, Mara, and Melyne.

Contact Coach Fletchall at (620) 792-9279 or visit [www.BartonSports.com](http://www.BartonSports.com) for complete bio information.



# Barton in the Community



## Spreading Christmas Cheer!

Member of the Student-Athletic Training staff helped with Santa's Workshop, sponsored by the Great Bend Recreation Commission.



## Giving Thanks

Six members of Cougar Athletics, who are also Student Ambassadors for the College, spent their evening making calls as part of the organization's annual Thank-a-Thon, where donors are simply thanked for their generosity to, and support for, Barton Community College and its students.



**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!**

## Getting Involved

Men's Basketball Head Coach Craig Fletchall and his family pictured in costume for their church's Christmas celebration.



Be the best.....train with the best! Cougar Athletic Camps coming soon!

**BARTON**  
*Baseball*

**2012 Winter Baseball Camp**

Weekends  
Jan 7-29  
Ages 7-18

## 2012 Winter Volleyball Camp

Jan 30 - March 1  
Monday and Thursdays  
7th-12th Grades



## Winter Indoor Soccer Tournament

Feb 11 - Women; Feb 12 - Men  
Feb 18 - Women's Soccer Clinic

**BARTON**  
*Volleyball*

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