

BARTON Cougars



COUGAR NATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Home Event Schedule

October 24

- Volleyball
6:30pm vs Colby

October 25

- Men's Soccer
1st Rd Region
4:00pm vs TBA

October 26

- Volleyball
6:30pm vs Seward

November 1

- Volleyball
1st Rd Region
6:30pm vs TBA
- Basketball vs Bethany
3:00pm Women
8:00pm Men

November 5

- TBA Men's Soccer
District Playoffs

November 8

- W-Basketball
6:00pm vs Tabor

November 15

- Basketball vs SWU JV
6:00pm Women
8:00pm Men

November 18-19

- Booster Club Classic
M & W Basketball
Dance Team performs

November 20

- M-Basketball
3:00pm vs
Frank Phillips

November 22

- M-Basketball
7:00pm vs
McPherson JV

From the Athletic Director

Greetings Everyone! Is it basketball season already? I know it is hard to believe.... but regular season basketball games are right around the corner. Men's & women's coaching staffs have been working hard in preparation for what looks to be a very exciting season of Cougar Basketball. Pre-season scrimmages have gone very well and conclude soon. Cougar Basketball is here! The first home game is slated for November 1. Get your reserved seats now by calling the Athletic Office at 620-792-9377.

As our fall sports begin to wind down, it is with great pride to update you on the status of each team. Volleyball is ranked #19 in the latest NJCAA poll and continues its dominance in the Jayhawk Conference. The ladies are currently undefeated in conference play with a record of 10-0. In fact, they have only dropped four games the entire conference season. Head Coach Patrick Hall has pressed all the right buttons so far in his inaugural season as Barton looks to repeat as Region VI Volleyball Champions next month.

Men's & Women's Soccer have enjoyed a tremendous amount of success respectively this fall. The men's team, previously ranked #1 in the nation, continue to play well. Tied for fourth in the Jayhawk Conference, men's soccer will host a Region VI playoff game on Tuesday, October 25. The women's team, guided by first year coach Shawn Uhlenhake, continue to be the surprise team in the Jayhawk. Predicted sixth, Barton comes in at fifth place but will travel for their first round Region VI playoff game. Stay tuned.....

Men & women golf teams have completed the first half of their conference season. The women have battled hard and currently sit in second place but look for the women's golf team to vie for a conference championship this spring as they play out the second half of their season. While the men's team averages twenty-eight strokes better than they were at this stage of the season a year ago, they are currently ninth in the conference race. Head Coach Doug Kaiser predicts the men to make a strong push up the standings in the spring semester.

Barton Cross Country is building a program steady & sure. The goal is to eventually compete with a full squad of runners. Currently with just four runners on the women's side, personal best times continue to drop as the Region VI meet runs October 31. Coach Dave Schenek & Nigel Bigbee fully understand the rich tradition in Track & Field here at BCC. All forty one track & field athletes continue to prepare this fall for the indoor season starting in January. Track & Field roll out of one season and into another with the outdoor season slated for late March.

Baseball, Softball, and Tennis concluded their pre-season schedule. All three of these teams will be working hard over the winter months in preparation for the start of their regular season this spring. The coaches of each respective sport have reported their team has improved with each week. We expect all of our spring sports to carry the Barton torch that has shined brightly this fall.

To conclude this month's letter, I want to encourage all of you to "get involved" with Cougar Athletics. The Cougar Booster Club is currently taking membership applications. For more information on how to become a Booster Club member, please call Stefanie at 620-792-9377.

Speaking of getting involved..... Check out page 4 of this newsletter and enjoy all of the wonderful community service projects being carried out by your Barton Community College student athletes. As previously mentioned in the September newsletter, I have challenged each and every one of our coaches to get their respective teams involved in the communities we serve. Making a difference in the lives of our student athletes as well as those we serve is part of our mission. Continue to watch for examples of our department's involvement in your community.

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

Respectfully Yours,

Trevor Rolfs



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Compliance Corner “Tip of the Month”



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

Section 2. RECRUITMENT

C. On Campus Recruiting and Official Visits:

An institution may pay for one visit to its campus by direct route of a prospective student-athlete for a stay not to exceed two (2) days and two (2) nights. The paid visit must be limited to the campus and local community where the college is located. A student-athlete must have completed his/her junior year in high school in order to receive an official recruiting visit by a member NJCAA college.

1. Transportation:

- An institution may not provide transportation to a prospect other than on the official paid visit.
- An institution may pay the prospect's actual round-trip transportation costs for his/her official visit to its campus, provided a direct route between the prospect's home and institution's campus is used.
- When a prospect travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel.
- The air fare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach class. Private air charters and/or transport may not be utilized.
- During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics staff may provide transportation for the prospect between the campus and the bus or train station or major airport nearest the campus.
- Any member of an institution's athletics department may provide automobile transportation for the prospect between the prospect's home or educational institution and the member institution.

2. Meals:

While recruiting a potential student-athlete (prospect), a college representative may purchase meals for the potential student-athlete (prospect). The value of such meals may not exceed the amount provided a college employee while traveling on college business.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 2.C CASE 9: Official On-Campus Recruiting Visit with Parents

SITUATION:

Community College A is recruiting Student-Athlete R for softball and intends to transport her to campus for an official visit. What expenses my Community College A incur if Student-Athlete R's parents accompany her on the trip?

ANSWER:

None. Community College A *may not* incur and additional expenses relative to Student-Athlete R's parents' travel (transportation, lodging, food, etc.). In other words, if the hotel costs more due to the fact that three individuals are staying in the room as opposed to one, the parents would have to incur the additional cost.

3. Entertainment:

- It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospect's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g. meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit.
- An institution may entertain a prospect at a scale comparable to that of normal student life, only on campus or the local community.
- A member institution may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment of a prospect on the campus or elsewhere.
- An institution may only provide the prospect with admission to the institution's games, during the official visit.
- Admission to professional sports contests may not be provided to prospects.

4. Use of an Automobile by a Prospective Student-Athlete:

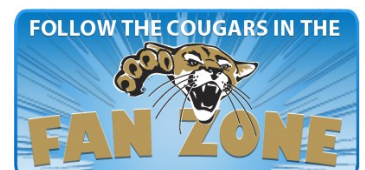
The institution or representative of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospect or the student host.

Source: 2011-12 NJCAA Handbook

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COUGAR SPOTLIGHT: Brooke Thompson - Fitness Facilities & Athletic Recruiting Coordinator

Starting in August, Thompson was hired to assist in Barton's commitment to overseeing student employment and compliance within that area, as well as, assist the Athletic Department with various needs including student-athlete recruitment. His responsibilities include the planning, directing, and coordination of the athletic department weight room facility, the Harms Wellness Center, and supervision all athletic department student employees.

"Brooke has exceeded my expectations as Fitness Facilities & Athletic Recruiting Coordinator," said Barton Athletic Director Trevor Rolfs. "With the creation of this position, the athletic department was in need of a strong presence within our strength and fitness facilities. Brooke has really done an amazing job of sprucing up our facilities and working to ensure a safe & healthy environment. He also has done an outstanding job of organizing the student employment sector of our department by holding everyone under his leadership accountable for the mission I expect. That is, simply by serving the Barton Athletic Department with integrity and by making our athletic facilities FIRST CLASS! In time, we expect Brooke to be involved in the recruiting efforts across the board within the department."



Thompson's specific duties include but aren't limited to: Manage fitness facilities which includes hiring and supervision of all Athletics student employees; Train, develop, supervise, and evaluate those student employees; Keep facilities clean, safe, and secured; Assist users with proper usage of machinery; Coordinate schedule for both facilities with open hours, when athletic teams would be using weight room facility, and when facilities are open to the public.

A 1998 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a B.S. degree in Physical Education, Thompson brings strong leadership, education and coaching experience, along with health and wellness skills to the position. A Great Bend resident, Brooke and his wife Lisa, who teaches Spanish at Great Bend High School and owns Thompson Gymnastics, have three boys ages 10, 7, and 4.

Meet Coach Nigel Bigbee—Track & Field

Nigel Bigbee enters his 3rd season with Barton Track & Field, arriving at Barton in the Fall of 2009. Coach Bigbee's primary duties include the sprints, hurdles, and relays but also coaches the distance runners including cross country.

While at Barton, Bigbee helped lead the Cougars to the 2010 Men's NJCAA Division I National Indoor Track and Field Championships, has coached three individual national champions, two national championship relay teams, and over twenty-five All-American performers.

Prior to Barton, Bigbee was a member of the University of Nebraska Track & Field coaching staff from 2007 to 2009 with primary duties being those of recruitment.



Bigbee graduated from Indiana State University, where he earned his degree in Business Management in 2007. While at ISU he was team captain on the Sycamore Track Team earning All-Missouri Valley Conference honors in the 60-meter hurdles, 110-meter hurdles, and the 4X100 meter relay team.

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, and graduate of Cathedral High School, Bigbee is one of two brothers and a sister. In his spare time he enjoys playing chess and helping out with the soccer and tennis teams.

Coach Bigbee pictured with Barton Head Track & Field Coach David Schenek



Barton in the Community



Men's Basketball

Volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels

Women's Soccer

Volunteered to work with Great Bend youth soccer kids



Track Team

Members of the track team sorted over forty bags of clothing and miscellaneous items which saved the staff at The Life Giving Center approximately two weeks of time and effort.



Trevor Rolfs

Volunteered with Central Plains 3rd grade field trip to Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge

Athletic Training

Five student athletic trainers spent most of a day helping a retired couple load a U-Haul truck in preparation of their move.



Picture from Cheer Clinic conducted on October 8

Cheerleading

Casey Amos and Te'Shawn Cromwell
Volunteered to help at Ellinwood Middle School Football game

Men's Soccer

Volunteers at Riley Elementary for lunch-n-learn activities

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