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Beck takes over as coach

CSI assistant excited to be a head coach

WNCC's new men's basketball coach has a reputation of being a top recruiter after successful stops as an assistant coach at Southern Utah University, Salt Lake Community College and the College of Southern Idaho. Now, people in the Wyo-Braska region will see his recruiting talents in person after he was named the men's coach late July.

Beck has had plenty of success on the coaching circuit. Beck was an assistant last season at CSI, helping the Golden Eagles to a 22-9 record and a third-place finish in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

Before coming to CSI, Beck was an assistant at SLCC, helping the Bruins to a second-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. He also recruited NJCAA Tournament MVP, DJ Wright to Salt Lake last season.

Beck also spent a year as an assistant coach at Southern Utah University under head coach Bill Evans, and also coached under former Region 18 coaches Jeff Kidder and Jon Judkins at Dixie State College. While at DSC, he helped the Rebels to a No. 1 national ranking.

Beck is married to Charity and they have three children, Leilani, 6, Brianna, 3, and Ryker (8 months).

On July 31, Beck met the media through a press release. Here are outtakes from what Beck envisions for the future of Cougar

basketball. The questions were asked from the local radio and newspapers.

Why did you decide to join us in Scottsbluff, Nebraska?

"The reason I wanted to join is because it is a great tradition and I think we are heading in the right direction in terms of getting back in the national picture. I have been associated with programs that are well in the national picture and associated with a lot of winning. So, I want to bring championship-caliber teams back to Western Nebraska and the same caliber of kids that we recruit."

How excited are you to go from an assistant to an head coach?

"Everything rests upon your shoulders at this point with decisions to be made when things don't get done. I am very excited about the opportunity. It was my goal to be a head coach at a very good school. That portion of the dream has been realized. Now, it is time to wake up and actually see this thing through. I am excited about the opportunity. I am told by a number of guys that 12 inches of a move over is a big difference, a lot more than what is actually represented on the bench. I am really excited about it. There are great things in store. Brian Joyce left a very good situation behind him. He did a phenomenal job in the time he was

here recruiting quality kids to the program. I am very thankful. For many people, taking a job this late in the summer would be a scary thing. Due to Coach Joyce's hard work, I can rest assured that we will have a successful season and I think by adding these last few guys it will take us from just a successful season to a championship season."

Who are one of the best recruiters of what we have seen, what is you count there?

"With any sport in the college game, especially the junior college level, I think it is important that you have relationships. That is important in life, too. If you treat people well and spend a lot of time networking and you are sincere in your desire to know people, there will be some benefit to them, as well as to a Division I school is that we have the players. We want to have the players that they want to recruit. There is two sides to that coin. We want them to put with us the players that they want back or they want to recruit. A portion of my success is building great relationships with so many programs. It always doesn't mean the biggest program or the best ones for you because sometimes they are so big that they don't spend a lot of time looking at the kid that are border-line academically or non-qualifer. So, you have

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to spend the time to know programs at different levels and you rely on them heavily. You also have to get out there and know what you are seeing. At these AAU tournaments, there are literally 100s and 100s of players trying to make a name for themselves.”

What kind of style of the game do you prefer?

“Defensively, we are going to really get down and guard. I have always hung my hat to getting stops on a team that is running and running through a lot of passes. I think it demoralizes the opponent when you continue to get stop after stop, and I believe you do that by putting a lot of pressure on the ball with high hands. Offensively, I think we have some guys that can play fast. I think we have some guys that can shoot. We will get out and run and try to score in transition when we can. If not, our offense will be very guard-oriented. I just want to put our guys in position to make plays and score. I think if I do the job I need to do recruiting, there will be guys capable of scoring. I think everyone will enjoy our style of play, and the way we play will be fun and exciting. I think they will like the outcome, which is winning.”

This does have a tradition here and you are the sixth head coach in 10 years. Does that make you nervous?

“I want to be here a long time. I think the root of the problem is that people come in here with agendas and plans of where their next stop is. I really don't have any thought of where my next position will be. All I am concerned with right now is putting us on the map and establishing a program where, year-in and year-out, they will be making national tournament appearances at Hutch, graduating our student athletes, and making them good citizens in our community, and associating with a winning attitude in way shape and form. I know there has been a lot of turnover. We would like to lay our roots and foundation here and become a part of this community for a very long time.”

Is this where you envisioned where you want to be?

“This is where I want to be right now. I am just glad I have the support of my wife. The opportunity was presented and the job was offered. I think I have the vigor and energy of my youth to put my heart and soul into this program to get people excited about it and to recruit the athletes that will help us do it.”



Men's basketball coach Russ Beck talks to members of the radio media, Matt Williams of Hometown Family Radio and Rob Barney of KNEB, during a press conference on July 31.

From the Cougar Vault



Despite not seeing a lot of action during the volleyball season, Shannon Shoemaker shows enthusiasm in other ways.

Shoemaker's personality adds spirit to team

From the Oct. 9, 1995, Spectator

High spirits and an upbeat personality will make a winner out of anybody. And the WNCC volleyball team has one such individual — Shannon Shoemaker.

Shannon doesn't see much playing time, but contributes in many other ways. It's her smile, her eyes and her upbeat personality that contributes to the team.

Volleyball coach Michelle Gomez said Shannon is a good communicator, and has improved a great deal in knowledge of the game.

“She is basically always in a good mind and in good spirits,” Gomez said. “She tries to keep the girls up and in a positive frame of mind.”

It is hard for any athlete sitting on the bench and Shannon said, “It is hard for us to be as intense on the bench as the players on the court to cheer them on.”

Besides trying to lift the other players' spirits, Shannon contributes to the team by calling out statistics to team manager Heath Widdowson. “It is hard for me to call out stats to him and cheer too,” she said.

Shannon's situation was compounded because of the Cougar's depth of setters — a position she played in high school. But Gomez said Shannon will start to get more playing time defensively.

Nonetheless, Shannon said this year's volleyball team has a lot of potential, but it's just a matter of finding the right chemistry.

“Within the team, something is not right, or something is not flowing, and that is what is holding us back,” she said. “Whatever it is, we just haven't found the right chemistry and when we find it, we can do whatever we want because we have the potential.”

While the volleyball team will be searching for the right chemistry, Shannon's chemistry will be getting harder with two practices a day. She has decided to play basketball along with her volleyball teammate Jeanette Bejarano. Shannon decided

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Back on the Court

Volleyball team excited for upcoming season

One week into preseason practices and the WNCC volleyball team is not missing a beat after losing three quality players from last year's 59-4 team.

WNCC head coach Giovana Melo definitely can see the potential of success in this year's squad.

"I do see a lot of talent," the second-year coach said. "I see a lot of kids that have a lot of potential that we can work with and I think it will be a good team."

What is making this year's team something to watch for is the way the team is quickly coming together as one. WNCC also has seven players that are 5-foot-10 or taller. WNCC also returns six players, four of which were starters a year ago.

Kaleinani Kabalis, who was an NJCAA all-American last season, is one of those returners. Kabalis, the hard-hitting outside hitter, is definitely excited for the coming season.

"I think we have a lot of talent and we have a lot of height that we didn't have last year," she said. "I think we are a good team. We have good chemistry. We get along great. It is like we knew each other our whole lives."

There are 13 players that are listed on the Cougar roster. Besides Kabalas, five others return from last year's team in Cami Weimer, 5-8 from Ft. Morgan, Colo., Whitney Roth, 6-1 from Gering, Brook Blumenkamp, 5-9 from Gering, and Sabina and Paulina Piegza, 6-foot twins from Poland.

The incoming freshmen include Kabalis' younger sister Kuulei, a 5-6 setter from Hilo, Hawaii. The other freshmen include Mckenzie Westphal, 5-10 from Scottsbluff, Sierra Schmidt, 5-6 from Gering, Emily Hoehn, 5-6 from Kearney, Tania Torres, 6-1 from Camuy, Puerto Rico, Kathryn Stock, 6-0 from Thibodaux, La., and Ariel Austin, 6-0 from Woodland Park, Colo.

Melo sees plenty of plusses from this year's team.

"They seem to get a long so far, but it is just the beginning," she said. "I think there are expectations just from us being good for awhile for the past couple of years, so there



Freshman Emily Hoehn digs up the ball during a recent practice while Gering's Sierra Schmidt looks on. The Cougar players have been undergoing two-a-days in preparation for the upcoming season, which begins for real on Aug. 28-29 at the Iowa Western Invite.

is some high expectations. We just have to take one game at a time and see where we are at, still get better."

The Cougars will go through 2-a-days through this week. They will then have three home scrimmages beginning Aug. 14 against Regis University and Colby Community College Aug. 15 before having their alumni scrimmage Aug. 22. WNCC will open the season for real on Aug. 27-28 when they compete in the Iowa Western Invite.

Kabalis is itching to start playing for real to see just how good this team really is.

"I am excited for the season and to see how we do," she said. "I want to see how well we will play together. I think we have a lot of talent. We have more height on this team. We have more hitters and we have a lot of defensive players, too."



Kuulei Kabalis participates in a drill during the first week of practice recently. Kuulei and Kaleinani are one of two sets of sisters on the volleyball team. Sabina and Paulina Piegza are the other sisters.

Women's soccer team hoping to soar to the top of the region once again



The Western Nebraska Community College women's soccer team will be aiming to repeat as regional champions and from the look of the make-up of the first week of practice, things are looking bright for the last year's Region IX championship team.

Brooke Dudley of Ft. Collins, who is one of eight returners from last year's team, is impressed with the talent on this year's team after just one day of practice.

"I was actually excited to get out here and practice," Dudley said. "It was like I get to play soccer again. All the new girls were kind of nervous and you could kind of see it, but everyone is happy to be here. There is a lot of optimism for the team."

The women's team had one of its best seasons since the team's inaugural season in 2003. Last season, the Cougar women finished with an 11-7-1 record and captured its second Region IX title in six years. The team upended Laramie County Community College, the No. 3 team in the country for the title.

Dudley said the women's team is quickly

starting to take shape.

"Right now the talent is looking good and right now it is doing pretty well," she said. "Honestly, the chemistry as a team is really strong. We are molding together just like last year and getting along without the drama. We are having beautiful flow on the field, and having that on and off the field is what is going to get us there."

Besides Dudley, the other returning players include Jessica Arreguin of Greeley, Colo.; Jaime Gastelle of Ft. Collins, Colo.; Shawna Michaelis of West Jordan, Utah; Keah Brost and Taylor Johns of Gering; Ana Jacobo of Aurora, Colo.; and Laura Abbott of Scottsbluff.

The biggest shore for the Cougar women is trying to find a replacement for Terri Huntington, who was a 2-year starter and Region IX all-American last season. Rasnic said there are two candidates that will fill in nicely. They include Tiffany Snetten of Rapid City, S.D., who played for the Rushmore Soccer Club, and Jessica Taylor of Skyline High in Longmont, Colo.

Other freshmen on the women's team include Ashley Heimboach and Jacee Roseberry of Gering; Jordan Lutkin of Greeley, Colo.; Brittany McNeil of Milliken, Colo.; Lyanne Hernandez of Lafayette, Colo.; Miriam Alfaro of Denver; Cristina Soto of Longmont, Colo.; and Jimena Jimenez of Denver.

The Cougar women held an inter-squad scrimmage on Saturday and the two teams racked up 10 a combined 10 goals, which shows the scoring potential of the team. The WNCC women will scrimmage CSU-Pueblo on Friday, Aug. 14 in Denver. They will then open the season for real on Aug. 23 when they host Dodge City Community College at Landers Soccer Complex.

WNCC freshman goalkeeper Jessica Taylor of Longmont, Colo., skies to save a ball on a corner kick while Ana Jacobo (blue) fails in her attempt to knock the ball in the net. Shawna Michaelis (yellow) is defending on the play.

Season ticket prices announced

Season tickets for the 2009-10 WNCC athletic season have been set with different prices for different sports.

The home season will kick off Sunday, Aug. 23 when the WNCC men's and women's soccer team will host Dodge City Community College in a doubleheader at the Landers Soccer Complex.

Season ticket and all-sport passes range from \$35 up to \$400. Individual admission charges for home contests are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Season tickets for volleyball are \$30 for adults and \$18 for students, while basketball season tickets are \$75 for adults and \$40 for students. Senior citizens can get a volleyball/basketball pass for \$35.

A family pass for basketball and volleyball, which includes two adult and two student tickets, is \$300. The prices include seven home volleyball dates and 18 home basketball dates. The Wyo-Braska Shootout is not included in the home volleyball dates.

All-sport passes, which cover baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball and basketball home games is also available. Prices start at \$175 for adults, \$110 for students and \$50 for senior citizens. A family all-sport pass, which includes two adult and two student passes, is just \$400. The all-sport pass includes 5 soccer dates, six softball dates and 8 baseball dates.

To purchase your season tickets, contact the Cougar athletic office at the college, or contact athletic director Jennifer Pedersen at pedersen@wncc.net or 308-635-6798.



WNCC freshman Casey Zigray brings the ball up the field during the mn's inter-squad scrimmage on Aug. 8. The Cougars open the season Aug. 23.

WNCC Athletic Calendar Aug. 9-Sept. 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14 Soccer— AWAY at Metro/CSU-Pueblo Scrimmage VB — HOME against Regis scrimmage, 4 pm	15 VB — HOME against Colby Scrimmage, 6 pm
16	17 Soccer — HOME Men scrimmage against Midland College	18	19 Classes Begin	20	21	22 VB — HOME against Alumni Scrimmage Soccer — LCCC vs. Dodge City C.C.
23 Soccer — HOME Men/Women vs. Dodge City	24	25	26	27	28 VB -- AWAY at Iowa Western Invite	29 VB -- AWAY at Iowa Western Invite Soccer — AWAY women vs. Butler/men vs. Garden City
30 Soccer — AWAY women/men vs. Barton C.C.	31	1	2	3	4 VB — AWAY at Salt Lake Invite.	5 Soccer — AWAY men vs. Wyoming/ Women vs. Salt Lake @ Laramie, Wyo. VB — AWAY at Salt Lake Invite.

Early season offensive explosion

Cougar men bring talent to the field

Last season when the men's soccer team lost in the first-round of the Region IX playoffs to Western Wyoming Community College, the freshmen players vowed not to have that happen again.

Well, after the first week of practices, there is a new outlook on the men's soccer team, a outlook that includes increased scoring and a possibility of a regional title brought back to the the college.

WNCC coach Todd Rasnic can't believe the talent that is on the the men's team.

"I think with the level of players that we have on both teams, [being competitive] is certainly a goal we can set our sights on," Rasnic said. "The rest will have to wait and see. We will see how our bodies hold up type of injuries we will come up with before we get into the season and that will tell where we are headed."

WNCC sophomore Tony Rocha, who was one of the team's top scorers a year ago, is excited for the season.

"We have a group of pretty talented guys," the sophomore said. "We have some international guys that are pretty good and we have some local guys that are just really good. Hopefully, this year we are going to be in the newspaper a lot with good comments."

The men also have a good mix of returning and incoming newcomers.

Returning for the men's squad include David Castillo of Aurora, Colo.; Ryan Dawson of Front Royal, Virg.; Matt Hoffman of Severance, Colo.; Josh Ivey of York; Gustavo Rincon of Caracas, Venezuela; Tony Rocha of Chihuahua, Mexico; Luis Anaya of Aurora, Colo.; Raul Sanchez of Alliance; and Nathaniel Southard of North Platte.

The newcomers to the program include Chris Guadarama of Gering; Pedro DeLeon of Las Vegas, Nev.; Jose Macias of Aurora, Colo.; Casey Zigray of Ft. Collins, Colo.; Kareem Hernandez of Lafayette, Colo.; Miguel Leon of Caracas, Venezuela; Kevin Lopez of Denver, Colo.; Marcel Sales of Brazil; and Luis Orta of Goeyana, Venezuela.

Rocha, however, is excited for the men's season as they hope to bring home a regional title. Last season, the Cougar men finished with a 7-8-1 record and lost in the first round



WNCC freshmen Pedro DeLeon and Marcel Sales fight for possession during their inter-squad contest on Aug. 8. The Cougar men are ready to fight hard to bring back a regional title this season.

of the regional playoffs to Western Wyoming Community College.

Rocha said offense is really standing out.

"It is hard to tell right now because this is only the first day of practice, but our offense is looking really good; better than last year," he said. "We have a lot more speed than last year. The defense also looks pretty strong and we are going to have a pretty good team this year."

Rasnic, however, doesn't like to make predictions of the season, but is hopeful of seeing two strong teams that will compete for regional and national attention.

"As far as any thoughts of how the team will be, we will have to wait and see as the pre-season develops," he said. "With us just bringing in players that have that high work rate [as we saw in the first day of practice] is

very helpful and creating something special. That is what we are trying to create this year. We are trying to get a group of men and women together that can compete well and have a chance of winning the regional tournament."

The Cougar men will face Metro State in a scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 14 and then host Midland College in a scrimmage on Aug. 17. The Cougar men will open the season for real when they host Dodge City Community College on Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Landers Soccer Complex.

Rocha is excited for the coming season. "We are going through three-a-days, which is pretty tough. But this is soccer and we are all about playing soccer," he said. "We like to be here, so we will get used to that. There are very high expectations and we are committed to win this year."

Beck signs Robinson, Barrett for next season

Russ Beck is not wasting any time in landing talent after being named the new men's basketball coach. Beck has already signed two players for next year's squad.

Shortly after taking the job, Beck announced that Jamelle Barrett will be joining Beck at WNCC. Barrett was the starting point guard under Beck at the College of Southern Idaho last season.

The 5-foot-9 Barrett averaged 10.5 points, six assists, 4.2 rebounds, and 1.5 steals per game. He will be a sophomore at WNCC. Barrett is from Rancho Cordova, Calif.

"He's a very quick and a very high-level point guard," Beck said. "People are going to love Jamelle because he has an amazing personality. He's a very savvy point guard; he can really get into the lane and score. He's extremely fast and knows how to find guys on the wing and is very, very competitive. I expect that if Jamelle stays on track academically, he's the kind of guy that will go to a very high-level Division I school."

Beck also inked Geddes Robinson 6-5, 235-pound forward from Bronx, N.Y. Robinson will be a sophomore for us this season. He



Robinson



Barrett

was a red-shirt freshman last year at NCAA Division I Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

Robinson averaged 8.2 points a game, 4.9 rebounds a game and shot 51 percent from the field.

Beck said Robinson will be a huge asset to the Cougar program.

"I am very excited about adding Geddes to our team; I love coaching big strong physical kids," he said. "He will provide us with an extremely physical presence at the power forward position, he is the kind of guy that really knows how to use his body."
























Beck said Robinson played in 27 games last season and started 17 for the Division I team.

"He decided to transfer to find a better situation and position himself to play at a higher level of Division I basketball," Beck said. "As you can see his production per minute is very impressive and I think he is a potential double double guy for us here at WNCC."

"He is a proven guy having already played at the NCAA Division I level, I am counting on him to provide us with some toughness and leadership this season."

Check out all the incoming freshman in this issue and online at sports.wncc.edu

RANDOM COUGAR THOUGHTS

	Michael Vick will sign with	Taylor Swift is	Worst summer job would be	Favorite Disney Character	Happy
 Jessica Taylor Women's Soccer	Cleveland Browns 	Annoying 	Picking up cow manure 	Huey, Dewey, and Louie 	Smile 
 David Castillo Men's Soccer	Hopefully, the Raiders 	I don't know 	Not playing soccer 	Goofy 	Birthday to me 
 Jordan Lutkin Women's Soccer	Who could care less 	Blonde 	Taking out trash in the heat 	Mowgli from the Jungle Book 	Go Lucky 
 Kevin Lopez Men's Soccer	Cowboys 	Football player? 	McDonald's 	Goofy 	Life 

2009-10 Incoming Cougar Players

Freshman coming to WNCC next year

Volleyball

Emily Hoehn Kearney, Neb.
 Kuulei Kabalis Hilo, Hawaii
 Tania Torres-Delgado Camuy, Puerto Rico
 Sierra Schmidt Gering, Neb.
 Kathryn Stock Thibodaux, La.
 Ariel Austin Woodland Park, Colo.
 McKenzie Westphal Scottsbluff, Neb.

Baseball

Camilo Baldelomar Miami, Fla.
 Joel Perez Miami, Fla.
 Jacob Stutzman Wood River, Neb.
 Tim Beard Holt, Australia
 Sidney Jones Le Ceiba, Atlantida
 Luis Martinez San Pedro Sula, Cortes
 Joel Perez Miami, Fla.
 Vincent Milano Louisville, Colo.
 Carlos Palomo Gering, Neb.
 Kevin Sanford Bismarck, N.D.

Softball

Alexandra Alverson Tooele, Utah
 Brittany Ashley Akron, Colo.
 Katie Hill Broomfield, Colo.
 Ashton Hughes Regina, Saskatchewan
 Amanda Saldivar El Paso, Texas
 Jordan Schoepflin Arvada, Colo.
 Afton Bartz Ft. Collins, Colo.
 Megan Bourdon Duck Lake, Saskatchewan
 Michelle Glaze Brighton, Colo.
 Charlotte Horsley Loveland, Colo.
 Brittaney Enterline Tracy, Calif.

Women's Basketball

Kelli Culver Arvada, Colo.
 Khayla Gladney Westchester, Calif.
 Madison Keller Scottsbluff, Neb.
 Tynetta Turner San Diego, Calif.
 Shelby Campbell Hemingford, Neb.
 Abigail Banta Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Tiffany Moorer Harbor City, Calif.
 Soulijah Evans Spring Valley, Calif.
 Ariane Brown Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Taylor Puttergill Mullen, Neb.
 Michelle Glaze Brighton, Colo.
 Carolina Alves Belo Horizonte, Brazil
 Thais Pinto Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Men's Soccer

Pedro DeLeon Las Vegas, Nev.
 Marcel Fernando Silva Sales Americana, Brazil
 Kareem Hernandez Lafayette, Colo.

Miguel Leon Caracas, Miranda
 Kevin Lopez Denver, Colo.
 Jose Macias Aurora, Colo.
 Casey Zigray Ft. Collins, Colo.

Women's Soccer

Jordan Lutkin Greeley, Colo.
 Lyanne Hernandez Layfayette, Colo.
 Miriam Alfaro Denver, Colo.
 Brittany McNiel Milliken, Colo.
 Cristina Soto Longmont, Colo.
 Jessica Taylor Longmont, Colo.
 Tiffany Snethen Rapid City, S.D.

Men's Basketball

O'Rion Hughes Aurora, Colo.
 Dustin Murray Wilson, N.C.
 Joe Stock Thibodaux, La.
 Mateus Chaves Brazil
 Kevin Avent Trenton, N.J.
 Janelle Barrett Rancho Cordova, Calif.
 Geddes Robinson Bronx, N.Y.
 Al-Akeem Watson Newark, N.J.
 Corey Whitehurst Pooler, Ga.

Sophs that have committed for next year

Volleyball

Fatima Balza Penn State
 Nayka Benitez Creighton University
 Paloma Alvarez Western Carolina

Softball

Kelsey Garner University of Troy
 Alec Voci Adams State

Men's Soccer

Cesar Bazano Baker University
 Carlos Miranda Baker University
 Nikko Ouzounis Taylor University

Women's Basketball

Tawny Drexler U. of San Francisco
 JuJu Bassetto York College
 Lorena Medeiros York College
 Shaquillah Davis Arkansas Tech
 Michelle Lighthall U. of Colorado-Colorado Springs

Men's Basketball

Chris Hamblin Mississippi Valley State
 Daniel Smith Morgan State

Women's Soccer

LeeAnna Paxton Weber State

As WNCC coaches sign new players for next year, this list will keep getting bigger. For pictures of the players and more information, check out the Incoming Cougar Players page on the Internet at

Hometown Family Radio announces broadcast schedule for fall sports

Hometown Family Radio, the voice of the Cougars, has announced its broadcast schedule for Cougar volleyball and soccer this fall.

Matt Williams, who calls all the action, said they will cover Cougar volleyball pretty well. The Cougars will be broadcast on KOZY-101.3.

The first match that will be broadcast will be the Sept. 8 contest with Eastern Wyoming College at Torrington, Wyo., After that, KOZY will also broadcast all of the Cougar's matches at the Pizza Hut Invite in Sterling, Colo., Sept. 18-19. Other matches will include the Sept. 22 contest with Casper on the road; the 4 p.m. Sept. 24 Wyo-Braska Shootout contest with Sheridan College, the 10 a.m. Sept. 26 Wyo-Braska Shootout contest with Western Wyoming; the Sept. 29 home match against Eastern Wyoming; the Tuesday, Oct. 6 home match with McCook Community College; the Oct.

13 home match with Northeastern Junior College; the Oct. 15 home contest against Otero Junior College; the Oct. 17 home match against Trinidad State Junior College; the Oct. 22 home match against Casper; the Oct. 28 away match with Northeastern Junior College; the Oct. 30 away match with McCook; plus the Region IX tournament in Sterling, Colo., and the national tournament if the Cougars qualify.

KOZY will also do live highlights of the WNCC and Laramie County Community College home soccer match on Sept. 23. The regional tournament in Cheyenne, Wyo., is also a possibility but not a firmed up deal as of yet.

Williams said he wanted to do more soccer matches, but had scheduling conflicts with other sports broadcasts that the station will cover this year.

The games will also be on the Internet at www.kozy1013.com.



KOZY's Matt Williams interviews Cougar freshman Ariel Austin during a live remote at Sports Racquet on Saturday, Aug. 8. The Cougar volleyball spent two hours at Sports Racquet during a Meet and Greet signing autographs for anyone that stopped in.

Cougar Athletic Booster of the Issue



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Meet a Cougar

Matt Hoffman
Sophomore
Windsor, Colo.



High School: Windsor

High School Sports: Soccer, track

College Major: Undecided

Siblings: Christine

Honors in high school: Matt was a co-captain his senior in soccer. He also was a state champion in track and field. As a freshman, Matt was offensive player of the year.

Reason attending WNCC: Matt came to WNCC last year. After healing from an injury, Matt scored a goal in his first game back.

More about Matt

- ◆ Matt's best qualities are that he has speed and he is easy to get along with.
- ◆ If he could change places with any non-family member, he would stay the same because he said his life is good.
- ◆ The person Matt would thank most about his athletic talents would be his dad because he was an athlete in high school, as well as God.

Favorites

Drink: Sprite

Ice Cream Flavor: Strawberry

TV Show: Family Guy

Clothing Store: Aero

Sports Team: Chelsea

Cell Phone Carrier: Sprint

Vacation Spot: Bahamas

Alumni Corner

Alumni information newly received

David Cashman (1970-72) — David played basketball for the Cougars from 1970-72 on the Cougar Palace court that was only a few years old. David now works for John Deere IS Project Management in Illinois.

Rashaun Broadus (2002-05) — Rashaun played for the Cougars under Rob Brillhart in the mid 2000s, where he averaged 14.8 points per game in leading the team to a No. 1 national ranking. He went on to play at BYU and is now playing professionally in Europe. Last year he played in Romania and this year he hopes to be playing in the first division in Greece.

Alumni information received previously

Amy (Mitchell) Teets (1997-99) — Amy played volleyball for the Cougars on the 1997 and 1998 teams under head coach Michelle Gomez. She is now a freelance graphic designer in St. Louis.

Tom Georke (1990-92) — Tom played for the Cougar men's basketball team from 1980-81. He was also on the tennis team at the college as well. Tom is now teaching 7th and 8th grade math at St. Thomas More School in Centennial, Colo.

Dodi (Heim) McCloud (1980-82) — Dodi played on the women's basketball team in 1981 and 1982. She moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 2003 and is working for Nashville YMCA and also the Nashville Wraps. She also worked for Bass Pro Shops and while there, she met someone that she played against in college. She relates the story, "There was this real nice lady that introduced herself to me and we became great friends but the cool thing about it is that she played for McCook Community College but she is originally from Minnesota. I am originally from Nebraska. She also played in the years of 1981 and 1982. We both were point guards, therefore we would have had to have been up against one another so the point is...one...it's a small world...and two...there's a God given reason for certain paths to cross!!! True story and she is an awesome person and friend!"

Brooks (Ehler) Talkington (1991-92) — Brooke played volleyball for the Cougars under Coach Michelle Gomez. She is now a physical education teacher in Scottsbluff and is married to Shane. They have two kids, Brayden (13) and Tate (5).

Peggy Johannsen (1980-82) — Peggy graduated from Bayard high school and played for women's basketball for Harvey Schmidt. She also wrote for the college newspaper the Spectator and went on to have a broadcasting job. She is now a civil rights investigator for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Development in Miami.

Christy (Johnson) Torrens (1995-97) — Christy Johnson played volleyball for WNCC from 1995 - 1997, graduating in May of 1997. From WNCC she was offered a full-ride scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University. ECU is a DI program within the Ohio Valley Conference. Unfortunately, all of my credits transferred as electives so I lost 55 of my 62 credit hours by transferring to ECU. Although they were willing to keep me on the roster and continue to pay for 3 more years of my schooling, I decided it was time to go back home. So, Christy went back to Denver and started working in the professional world while taking some time off from school. Eventually, I put myself through college and graduated in March of 2007 with a BA of Science in Interior Design. I am currently attending Indiana University - Purdue University in Indianapolis and working on a Master's in Technology with an emphasis on Facilities Management. Christy is recently divorced and living in Highlands Ranch, Colo., where she is a facilities manager for Comcast Cable. She said she thoroughly loves her career! Christy is now playing the sport again that she enjoyed when she dedicated her life to.

Roxanne (Rohn) Chintale (WNCC 1989-1990) — Roxanne played for volleyball for Michelle Overby-Gomez and is excited

to see the volleyball program excelling. Roxanne was a setter when she played. She is now coaching at Meeker High School in Meeker, Colo.

Alejandro Barrientos (WNCC 2005-06) — Alejandro played for the Cougars in the 2005 and 2006 seasons, graduating with an associates degree. He is now attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie, pursuing a bachelor's degree in structural engineering, as well as working as a resident assistant.

Jackie Jensen (WNCC 1997-1999) — Jackie played for Harnish from 1997-99 helping the team to the national tournament. Jackie was a lively player, who ran the guard position. She later went up to Chadron State. Jackie is now living in Douglas, Wyo., and working as a food service manager for the Converse County School District.

Doug Chappell (SJC 1953-55) — Doug played basketball for the Scottsbluff Junior College teams from 1953-55. He played for Bob Conner his freshman year, helping the team to a 12-6 record, and then Roy Kisling his sophomore year as the team went 14-7. After college, Doug worked at Scottsbluff High School from 1957-1995 as a math instructor and later as a guidance counselor. He also was a part-time math instructor at WNCC for four years.

Julie (Cook) Kuhlman (WNCC 1982-84) — Julie competed for the women's basketball team during the 1982-84. After WNCC, Julie transferred to the University of Wyoming and then started her teaching and coaching career at Albin, Wyo. After two years at Albin, Julie moved to Glenrock where she was an assistant volleyball and track coach, and the head girls basketball coach. Julie is still at Glenrock, serving as the activities director as well as teaching PE. She is married to Mark, who is a math instructor at Casper College, and has two sons ages 13 and 8.

Travis Ottey (WNCC 2001-2003) — Travis played baseball for the Cougars from 2001-03. Travis came to WNCC from Australia. He is currently married and living in Perth, Australia, managing a picture framing company.

Roy Pedersen (SJC 1958) — Roy played football for the Cougars back in 1958, helping the team to a 3-6-1 record. He later went to Southern Nazarene University and prepared for his Pastoral Ministry, graduating in 1963. He has been the pastor of seven churches. He currently lives in Visalia, Calif. He has written a book, "The Gift of the Journey."

Nikki Marotta (WNCC 2003-2004) — Nikki played soccer on the school's first two teams, helping them to a 19-1 record in 2003. She is now coaching Neosha County Community College in Kansas.

Adam Freeburg (WNCC 2000-2003) — Adam red-shirted for the Cougars 2000-2001 and then played in the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 seasons under Trace Bevell. He came to WNCC after a successful year at Southeast High School in Wyoming. He is currently in his second year teaching physical education at Gering High School as well as the assistant high school football coach, the head freshman boys basketball coach, and the sprint coach for the high school track team. Adam lives in Gering.

Rick Kinner (WNCC 1994-1996) — Rick came to WNCC after a heroic career at Scottsbluff High School. He graduated from WNCC in 1996 after two years of playing basketball and then accepted an athletic scholarship to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and played for two years in the Big West Conference. Rick set the Cal Poly record with eight 3-pointers in a game against University of Pacific. He graduated from Cal Poly with degrees in MIS and Criminal Justice. Rick has lived in San Francisco for five years, working for software companies Peoplesoft and Oracle. He now lives in Paris, France, since 2005, working for Business

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Alumni Corner

Objects and SAP. Rick currently enjoys the arts, improving his French and visiting regions in Europe. He said he enjoys spending time with parents, who still resides in Scottsbluff and brothers living in Vermont.

Christina (Petty) Westyn (WNCC 1997-99) — Christina played for WNCC from 1997-1999. After WNCC, she went to Chadron State and played for two years. Christina is now a teacher and she is said she is almost done with her master's degree. She currently lives in Denver and is a single mom with two kids.

Krystal (Williams) Pryor (WNCC 2003) — Krystal or Ritter of what many people called her, played for Rick Carpenter on WNCC's first womens soccer team that went 19-1. After leaving WNCC, Krystal continued playing soccer at the College of Saint Marys in Omaha, where she also ran cross country, winning the conference meet, regional meet and placing 13th at nationals. She graduated from CSM in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-law. She is currently the lead litigation paralegal for a large law firm here in Omaha.

Jennifer Kaan (WNCC 2001-2003) — Jennifer played volleyball for Chris Green for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons after being an standout athlete at Crawford High School. She then went on to Colorado State University where she got her degree in Apparel Merchandising. Jennifer then moved to Las Vegas in 2005 and works at MaxMara at the Palazzo.

Georgann (O'Neill) Martinez (WNCC 1992-93) — Georgann played high school sports at Wheatland, Wyo., and then played volleyball for Michelle Gomez from 1992-1994. Georgann is now a Mortgage Loan Officer and Assistant Vice President at First State Bank in Wheatland.

Simon Kerle (WNCC 1988-89) — Simon played for Soupy Campbell back in the late 1980s. Simon is now living back in his home country of Australia.

Brian Trivette (WNCC 2001-2002) — Brian played baseball for the Cougars on their inaugural team. He is now married, living in Leesburg, Ga., where he is teaching 8th grade and coaching baseball at Lee County High School.

Riley Parkinson (WNCC 2006) — Riley, who played for the Alumni Corner Cougars in 2006, is now on a mission for the The Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, serving in the Florida Tallahassee Mission. He will be released from the mission in May 2009, and plans on playing college baseball again. He graduated from Mountain Crest High School in Utah in 2005.

Josh Kupfner (WNCC 2004-06) — Josh played baseball from 2004-06 and is in the process of finishing up his degree. he is working for Level (3) Communications.

Brenda (Schwarzkopf) Pszanka (WNCC 1990-92) — Brenda played volleyball for the Cougars from 1990-92 as a middle hitter. Brenda still stays involved in Cougar and area sports. She is currently a third grade teacher at Northfield Elementary in Gering. Shelly (Donahue) Yank (WNCC 1977-79) — Shelly was the Cougar mascot Cougars during the late 1970s.

An alumni page is getting started on the Cougar Athletic web-page and a complete listing of what the former athletes are doing will be on that page. So, if you are you a former Cougar player, please let me know what you are doing now and anyother other information. You can email me at mrein@wncc.net or even connect with me through Facebook. I will be posting past photos through there in the near future.

Shoemaker's personality adds spirit to team

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to play basketball "because it is my favorite sport, and I've always wanted to play basketball."

Her bubbly personality will be put to the test early, especially when practicing both sports. "Playing both will be tiring, but than again, it will make me work harder," she said.

Shannon averaged around 15 points a game in high school, but it was her 3-point shooting that will sparkle for the women's team. While playing intramural basketball last year, she had six treys in only seven games.

She does have the talent to play both sports. Shannon graduated from Potter/Dix High School where she said "I did everything." She participated in music, speech and drama, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society, band, chorus, Odyssey of the Mind, swing choir, and anything else the school had. Shannon was a member of the 1993 state champion speech team and almost went to state in volleyball.

"In my freshman year, we were really good, but unfortunately we got beat out at districts. My sophomore year was a rebuilding year because we lost a lot of seniors," she said. In her junior and senior years, they almost made state both years, and that success landed Shannon a spot on the West Nebraska all-star volleyball team the summer of 1993.

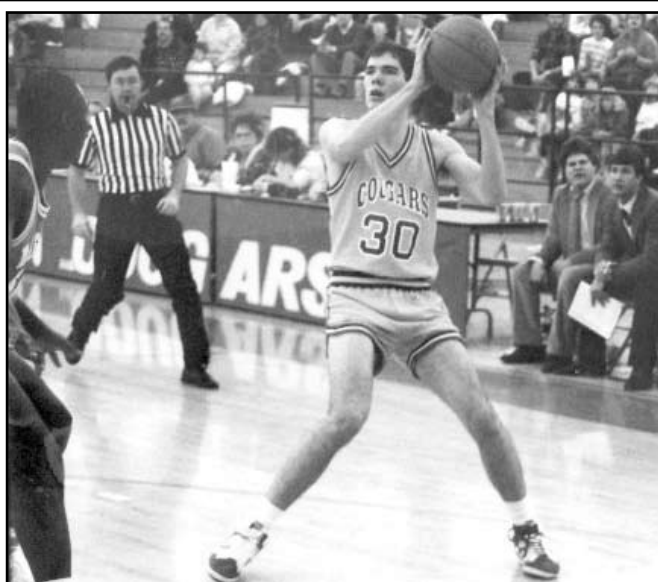
It was that experience which convinced her to attend WNCC.

"I had offers to play at other places, but I decided to come up here because of the all-star game," she said. "When I came up to play in the all-star game, I really liked the school and that made me want to come here."

Shannon has adapted well to college and volleyball, and is prepared for whatever happens to venture her way. But one thing she doesn't want to change is moving to a metropolitan area. She enjoys the closeness of a small town like Potter.

"I love Potter because it is like living in a huge family," she said. "It is like a big family. Everybody knows everybody and you feel safe and secure. There are downfalls like everybody getting into everybody else's business, but people like to talk, and they will do that anyway.

"I went to New York for a week this summer and I couldn't live there. It is too big. Lincoln wouldn't be bad, but I like the open space where you can do whatever you want."



Scottsbluff graduate grant Hinze looks for someone to pass the ball to in this photo taken back in the mid 1980s. Hinze played two years for WNCC. Just look how much the gym has changed in 25 years.

Alumni Special



Yes, the track was used

Here, the three former Cougar track and field coaches stand by the track (which is located north of the Williams Building) in a photo from the 1990s. Track and field was once a very popular sport at the college until it was disbanded in the mid 1970s. Anyone that has any track and field memories from the Cougar team, please email them to mrein@wncc.net and they will be published in the next Cougar newsletter.

Students, coaches remember tennis team

As published in the September 24, 1990, college newspaper, The Spectator.

Alumni Special

During the 12-year existence the Cougar tennis teams were serving up winners at Nebraska Western College (now WNCC).

Tennis teams at the college won three regional championships — in 1977, 1981 and 1982. The 1982 championship was the last year a tennis team competed.

The major reason for the cancellation of the tennis program was financial. Gordon Harrach, chemistry instructor and tennis coach, said, "I remembered keeping it when I quit (as coach in 1982), but no one ever said anything else about it. I think finances was the determining factor of what to keep and what to drop. I know at one time there was talk of even dropping the golf program."

In fact Harrach believes tennis is gone from Region IX entirely.

Tennis History

Harrach became coach of the tennis team in January 1975 when Shelby Edwards, athletic director and tennis coach, passed away unexpectedly. "I had several of the tennis players in class," Harrach said, "and they asked me if I would take over the tennis program."

Before Harrach took over the program, the team was successful. In its first year of existence in 1971, the team placed third in the Empire Conference.

Harrach then left during the 1976-77 season on a sabbatical and Harvey Schmidt, math instructor, took over the coaching duties for a year. After Harrach returned, Schmidt remained coach of the women's tennis teams for a few years before Harrach coached both teams.

Under the guidance of Schmidt, the tennis team won their first regional championship in 1977. Tom Downey, photographer at Downey's Photography and Kendall Vogel, accounted for Heilbrunn, both were members of the team.

Downey said the tennis team was O.K. for around this area, but the competition at nationals was fierce. "We competed against players at nationals that played tennis yeararound and we got blown out the first day," he said.

"You know tennis is not that big of a sport in this area, and if you play tennis for a college in California, back east, or down south, the

competition is a little better because there is more emphasis put on the sport," Downey said. "We did the best we could and had fun."

The team did win a couple of matches, but Vogel will not forget his time at the national tournament. "I had the unfortunate luck (of drawing the number two seed out of 276 players in the first round," Vogel said. "He was a Japanese guy out of New Mexico Military and he made it to the semis before hurting his ankle and had to withdraw. Otherwise I think he would have won the tournament."

That wasn't the last time college won regionals. In 1981 and 1982, the last two years for the tennis program, they won the regional tournament and headed to Ocala, Fla., for the nationals. Harrach said those two years the tennis team was pretty good. Jerry Clemans, Mike Schumacher and Alan Nash, were part of Scottsbluff's 1980 state championship tennis team, led the team to the regional titles.

Women competitive

Besides the men's tennis program, they also sported a women's tennis team which was competitive despite never winning a regional title. They did, though, come in second several times.

Roxy (Hyland) Holloway, a member of the tennis team from 1976-78, said they were fair to good. "We did pretty well against other teams," she said. Holloway, a Scottsbluff High graduate, walked on the tennis team. At Scottsbluff she never played tennis because there wasn't a high school girl's team.

The last "official" women's tennis team was in 1980. Harrach said that women's team "was pretty good, but ran up against a really strong Casper team." They did, however, finish second at the regional tournament.

After a two-year hiatus, Wayne Schumacher, English instructor, started a women's tennis club in 1982 so several women could play tennis and compete in the regional tournament. The "tennis club" was comprised of Ingrid Schumacher, Sheli Edwards, Susan Cooper and Kathy Nichols. The tennis club did compete in the regional tournament and Schumacher and Edwards qualified for the national tournament by winning the No. 1 singles and doubles titles. The club competed amidst controversy surrounding the publicity of the tennis club.

What are your memories of the tennis program? Email them to mrein@wncc.net and will include them in the next Cougar newsletter.

Meet a Cougar

Jessica Arreguin
Sophomore
Greeley, Colo.



High School: Northridge

High School Sports: Basketball, soccer, swimming

College Major: General studies

Parents: Leonard & Joyce

Honors in high school: Jessica earned all-conference her junior and senior year in soccer, and had a 3.97 gpa her freshman year.

Reason attending WNCC: Jessica was looking at Midland Lutheran College and Colorado State, but decided on WNCC because of the soccer program, as well as the teachers and classes.

More about Jessica

◆ Jessica's best qualities are that she is kind and loyal.

◆ If she could change places with any non-family member, she would change with Mia Hamm because of all her successes in soccer.

◆ Musical selection and artist that best describes you and life accomplishments would be country.

Favorites

Food: Pizza

Ice Cream Flavor: Cake batter

TV Show: Real World

Cartoon Character: Bart Simpson

Sports Team: Denver Broncos

Movie: I Love You, Man

Athletic yearbook DVDs, Facebook now available

There is another DVD out there for individuals to view and cherish. This time it is a 45-minute athletic yearbook, detailing accomplishments of all seven sports over the past year.

The DVD is in sections with a section of just the players, athletic staff, and then the seven sports. After that, there is the the athletic banquet pictures as well as graduation pictures.

The DVD is put to music or sound bits from the voice of the Cougar Matt Williams.

To get you DVD, just email me at mrein@wncc.net and one will be sent to you. Also, you may stop in at the college either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to get you DVD.

If you want to preview sections of the DVD, in a lower quality and not

with the same background music, visit youtube.com and do a search for Western Nebraska Community College. The videos are also linked off the individual sports webpages located at sports.wncc.net.

Athletic banquet DVDs still available

Missed the WNCC athletic banquet and a chance to listen to Tricia Downing inspirational talk? You still can listen to the speech as well as what all the coaches had to say about their season as they gave out their MVP awards.

There are a handful of DVDs still available from the athletic banquet. To request your DVD, just e-mail me at mrein@wncc.net and a DVD will be delivered or mailed to you.

The DVD is about 2 hours in length and features all seven sports' awards plus the all-campus awards and Downing's speech.

WNCC, Region IX now on Facebook

You want to track WNCC and Region IX athletic events? Now you can as WNCC and Region IX now have Facebook pages.



The WNCC Facebook site is more than just athletics, it is all college news, events and photos. There is plenty of information at that site. To become a fan of WNCC, just goto the main WNCC sports webpage and click on the Facebook logo.

The Region IX Facebook page is just getting started as it went live on Tuesday. To become a fan of this Facebook page, just go to the Region IX Athletic page (link is on teh top of the WNCC athletic page) or go to regionix.wncc.net, and become a fan.

The purpose of this site is a way for colleges to get scores and highlights of games out to the public whenever they can. All someone needs to do is write on the wall of the Region IX Facebook page the information.

Schedules, rosters, photos and upcoming games and tournaments will will also be posted on the website. Region IX colleges can also post events or games so people will know around the country what is going on at the school.

If anyone has any suggestions for the Region IX Athletic website, please forward them to mrein@wncc.net.

Soccer, softball dorm parent get-togethers

The WNCC soccer and softball teams will host dorm parent get-togethers this month for the players to meet their dorm parents.

The soccer dorm parent picnic will be held Monday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Landers Soccer Complex. Nancy Rasnic, organizer, said the picnic is for WNCC soccer boosters and players and asks for the boosters/families to bring a salad or dessert to share.

The softball dorm parent get-together will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall activities center. Maria Winn-Ratliff said this will be a dessert get-together where the players will meet their dorm families.

Cougars in the Community

Volleyball team
cleans pens at
Buckboard, soccer
ladies help out
with National
Night Out



Clockwise from top: Ana Jacobo takes a hard kick from a young boy during National Night Out on Broadway Aug. 4. Whitney Roth and Mackenzie Westphal help a young rider at the Buckboard Riding Academy. Tiffany snethen plays soccer with a little girl at National Night Out. These five volleyball players were "experts" in cleaning horse stalls. Kuulei Kabalis pickes up horse droppings in the stall during the volleyball team's Aug. 5 to the riding academy.



Cougar Club looking for members

The WNCC athletic department's Cougar Club is looking for members for the coming season. The Cougar Club is a way of supporting Cougar athletics and continuing making is strong in Region IX.

Athletic director Jennifer Pedersen said "your Cougar Club membership allows student-athletes to achieve their academic goals while pursuing their athletic dreams. The majority of the your donation goes directly to student-athlete scholarships, but a portion is designated to help maintain our quality game and practice facilities at WNCC.

"The athletic department understands the importance of a connection between the student-athletes and the individuals that support them. In the upcoming year, look for student-athletes to be engaged in a variety of community events. The athletic department is working hard to boost student success both on and off the field, and community involvement is one important component of this goal."

There are several levels of a Cougar Club membership. All donors to any of

the levels will receive a copy of the Cougar Beat newsletter, a Cougar T-shirt, a team photo, and invitations to all Cougar-sponsored events. In addition, all Cougar Club members, with the exception of the "Buddy" Club members, will receive one season pass. "All-American" Cougar Club members and higher will receive a Cougar polo shirt.

Membership levels include: Buddy Club, \$50-\$99.99; Athlete's Club, \$100-\$149.99; All-American Club, \$150-\$249.99; Coach's Club, \$250-\$499.99; Athletic Director's Club, \$500-\$999.99; and President's Club, \$1,000 and higher.

All-sport booster club or Cougar Club events include tailgate parties, reverse raffle, Cougar Golf Classic, athletic awards banquet, and Overtime (a meet and greet event with coaches after all home basketball games). Members will also be listed in the Cougar newsletter.

To become a Cougar Club member, contact Pedersen at the athletic office by phone 308-635-6798 or by email at pedersen@wncc.net.



"I love this attention"

"Fiji", basset hound, is ready to doze off while WNCC volleyball coach Giovana Melo pays attention to her dog during the Cougar volleyball team's dorm parent picnic on Sunday evening, Aug. 2. "Fiji" was a popular during the informal gathering where the players got to meet their dorm parents. Fiji's owner is Melo.

Meet a Cougar Cami Weimer Sophomore Ft. Morgan, Colo.



High School: Ft. Morgan

High School Sports: Basketball, volleyball, track and field

College Major: Elementary Education

Parents: Tim & Jeri

Honors in high school: Cami did all three sports through high school, where she helped lead her team to a state volleyball runner-up her freshman year. She was also a state placer in track her senior year.

Reason attending WNCC: Cami said that volleyball was the reason that she came here because they had great, successful teams.

More about Cami

◆ Cami's best qualities are that she has a sense of humor and her smile.

◆ If she could change places with any non-family member, she would change with Cameron Diaz for the obvious reasons.

◆ Cami is most mistaken for a blue-eyed, blonde-haired beauty.

Favorites

Drink: Pepsi, strawberry soda

Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate chip cookie dough

Magazine: Cosmo

Clothing Store: Victoria's Secret

Sports Team: Denver Nuggets



\$100 Club

Fundraiser for the Western Nebraska Community College athletic department. Contribute \$100 annually and be entered in 10 monthly monthly drawings



Each member contributes \$100 annually (\$10 per month for 10 months. Half of what is collected will go to cash prizes and the other half goes to Cougar Athletics for scholarships. You must be a member to win. Drawings will be held monthly from September through June.

To become a member, contact any volleyball or women's basketball player or coach. For more information on the fundraiser, contact Giovana Melo, head volleyball coach, at 635-6028 or melog@wncc.net, or Jennifer Pedersen, assistant basketball coach, at 635-6798 or pedersen@wncc.net

Monthly Prizes

Based on 100 members

1 — \$200 winner

2 — \$100 winners

2 — \$50 winners

Must be 18 years old to participate

\$100 Club Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Make checks Payable to
WNCC Cougar Club

Please return membership form to:
Jen Pedersen or Giovana Melo
Western Nebraska C.C.
1601 E. 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361





Blue light special

The women's soccer team are fascinated by the blue glow of the runway light at the airport after the team finished taking team and individual photos by Monte Reisig's crop dusting plan. Otherwards, this "crop" of players are growing with talent. These four include Jordan Lutkin, Jaime Gastelle, Miriam Alfaro and Tiffany Snethen. The team photos are online at wncccougars.albumpost.com.

Shop the Cougar Bookstore for all your Cougar items

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To become a member, contact Jennifer Pedersen at 308-635-6798.

There are several packages and levels available. By being a front-line sponsor, your business will be featured on all game programs, the newsletter, and an ad in the media guide.

