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# Bear Facts



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## DMACC program receives national certification

The three Automotive Technology programs at Des Moines Area Community College have each received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

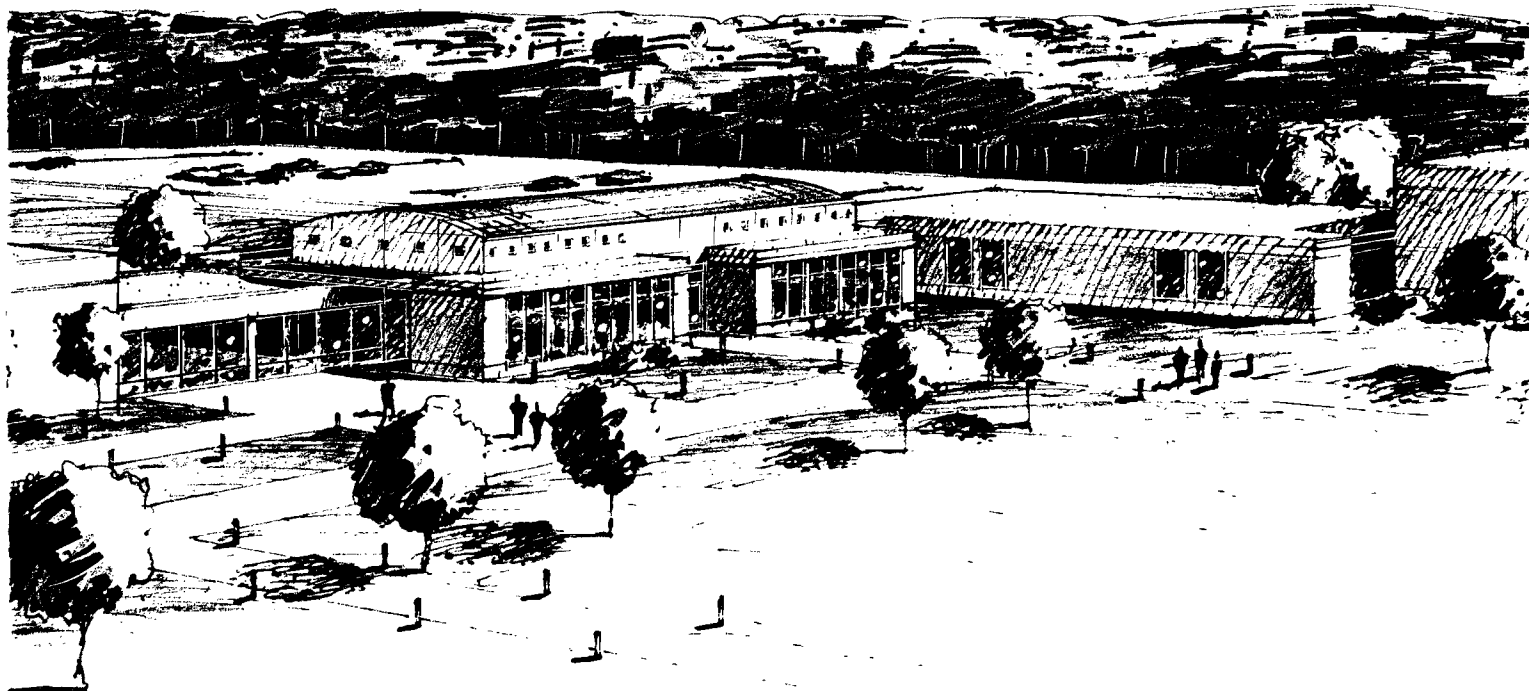
DMACC's Automotive Technology programs include: The Automotive Mechanics Technology program, the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) and the Ford Motor Company Automotive Student Service Educational Training (ASSET) program.

Each of DMACC's Automotive Technology programs have been certified in the following areas: Automotive Transmission-Transaxles, Manual Drive Transmissions and Axles, Suspensions and Steering, Brakes, Electrical Systems, Heating and Air Conditioning, Engine Performance, and Engine Repair.

To achieve this coveted recognition, DMACC's three automotive technology programs underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used in the certification process.

"This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents," said Marvin D. Hartwig, NATEF Chairman. "Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that DMACC's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians."

DMACC's Automotive Technology programs are located on the Ankeny Campus.



**DMACC PRESIDENT SHOWS PLAN** -- Shown above is the artist's conception of additional classrooms and a new student center that may be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1995. According to Kriss Philips, Executive Dean of the Boone Campus, construction for the nearly \$2 million addition, connecting the existing classroom building with the existing gymnasium, will begin in late spring or early

summer of 1994. Philips was pleased that this not only is larger than the original plan, but that construction will begin sooner. Dr. Joe Borgen, President of Des Moines Area Community College revealed conceptual drawings to the faculty during its regularly scheduled teachers' meeting Monday afternoon.

## Golden review for Eric

By Kate Tyler  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

I like to think of myself as somewhat of an expert on stand-up comedy. I watched *A & E's Evening at the Improv* faithfully for many of my socially inactive years, and a house fire couldn't have pulled me away from *MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour*. Okay, so maybe these things don't constitute an expert, but I do know a funny man when I see one.

On Wednesday, October 21, comedian Eric Golden appeared in the student lounge and as I saw it, many DMACC students skipped their 11:15 classes to watch his hilarious performance.

The only credentials a comedian really needs is the ability to make people laugh, and Eric definitely had that down.

Things started out a little bit slow, with much of the audience quiet, and glancing around nervously. But as Golden and the crowd warmed up, things began to relax. The performance began at 11 a.m., and by 11:15 the entire lounge was filled with laughing students.

Golden began with some subtle jokes about Boone and DMACC life, and found a few enthusiastic students to heckle. As he got more comfortable with the crowd, he began to throw out more vulgar jokes, which I found hilarious, but may have offended some of the students and faculty. His performance stayed interesting because he associated a lot of his jokes with life in college or in a small town. This kept the audience in a sort of relative state.

Golden's performance was fabulously amusing and can definitely compare with many of the comics I've seen on my old T.V. favorites. Like I said, I may not be an expert on comedy, but I know a funny man when I see one.

### Rotaract Club supper tonight

The Rotaract Club is holding a friend-and-family pot-luck supper for old and new members as well as those interested in becoming a member tonight at McHose Park. The supper will be held at the Boy Scout cabin tonight at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish or finger foods to share, and the club will provide apple cider.

## Financial counseling offered for REZOOMERS

Loraine Safly, Coordinator of the Financial Counseling Program for Boone County Prevention and Community Services, will speak to the REZOOMERS CLUB on Wednesday, November 3, 1993, concerning budgeting tips and stretching dollars (even when you don't have very many to stretch!). The Library Conference Room will open as usual at 11:30 with the program to begin at 12:15. All adult students (those returning to formal education after being away for 2 years to 20 or more) are encouraged to attend this informational meeting.

# The Old Codger



Well, it's happened. It's finally happened. Progress (in the form of economic politics) has come to DMACC-Boone. We've lost our security blanket (a.k.a. the SMOKING ROOM). I had previously mentioned my fear of that in the last issue of the Bear Facts.

I have been known to have flights of fancy or what would be called in polite society, E.S.P. I can't explain how I knew but I knew! Oh well. Now if only I could E.S.P. myself into winning the lottery, a \$100,000 a year job, or even into all A's I might be convinced in my new found powers.

Let me just say that I regret the loss as much, or even more, than any other of the minority who constitute the smokers here on campus. I will handle this enforced deprivation without anger, the need to satisfy my lustful desire for a cigarette, or the revengeful thoughts welling up in my soul. I am a mature grown-up and will abide by the NO SMOKING IN THE BUILDINGS EDICT. Join Me, Please!

## FROM THE GOOD PLACES TO EAT FILE....

I was sitting in the lunch room a week or so ago when, what to my wondering ears should be heard, but a soft female voice asking, "Would you like one of my breasts?" Needless to say, I immediately put down my spoonful of bland, unappetizing cottage cheese with pineapple and sat there for a moment, pardon the expression, pondering.

Slowly I turned around to reply in the affirmative when I saw her hand the guy sitting with her a piece of KFC chicken she had bought for lunch!!!! Oh well.....

## ALONG THIS SAME LINE.....

I know from the crowd at the counters in the Lunch Room you've seen the expanded lunch menu the girls in the kitchen have for us every day now. There's no telling what they'll come up with next! Keep up the good work girls! It's all delicious! Thanks.

## FROM THE "UNNAMED, HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES" FILE....

I hear tell that the "Red Coats are coming, the Red Coats are coming!" That is to say, we're about to see, at least a couple, of those dispensing machines attached to the walls; More specifically **CONDOM DISPENSERS!** My sources can't tell me whether there will be a wide selection of brand names or if there will be a one-size-fits-all "GENERIC" brand, but, they are on their way thanks to the enlightened administration in the office here.

Contrary to rumored belief the campus powers-that-be are tuned in to the demands of our student society and have taken the necessary steps to see we have the equipment required to be safe in our educational pursuits. Thanks guys.

## A MILLION THANKS.....

Congratulations, and our most heart-felt thanks, to Dr. Borgen and our far-sighted Board of Directors for their approval of the money for Boone Campus' expansion program. It was originally set for a two phase project but, because of the Board's insight (not to mention their productive visit here on the 18th of October) the two phases seem to have been condensed into a single phase.

My sources speculate construction will begin sometime this summer with completion of approximately 6 (count them) new class rooms extending all the way to the gym! The \$900,000 was enhanced by the addition of a million dollars at the meeting. At this moment, 1995 is the proposed completion

date for the Boone Campus enhancement.

Even though a few of us crusty old time "Rezoomers" may not be here to take advantage of Boone's improved facilities, I'm sure we nonetheless wish all the best to everybody who will be effected by the "Advanced Thinking" changes being conceived and implemented by DMACC'S Board of Directors. Thanks ladies and gentlemen.

## FROM THE FACTS FILE...

Because I know absolutely nothing about the subject, I am finding out about the following: **How To Know You're Growing Older...**

Everything hurts--and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the morning-after and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

Your children begin to look middle-aged.

You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it leaning against the wrong wall.

Your mind makes contacts your body can't meet.

You look forward to a dull evening.

Your favorite part of the newspaper is "20 years ago today."

You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

Your back goes out more often than you do.

A fortune teller offers to read your face.

Your pacemaker makes the garage door open when you see a pretty girl.

You sink your teeth into a steak--and they stay there.

You get your exercise by acting as pallbearer for your friends who exercised.

You know all the answers--but nobody asks you the questions.

Well, those are the ruminations of this Old Codger for now. Remember... "Into the valley of death rode the six-hundred..." and that's the way I feel when I go outside to have a quick smoke now. We'll have to get Little Bear to do a non-rain, non-snow, non-cold weather, dance for us inhalers I guess.

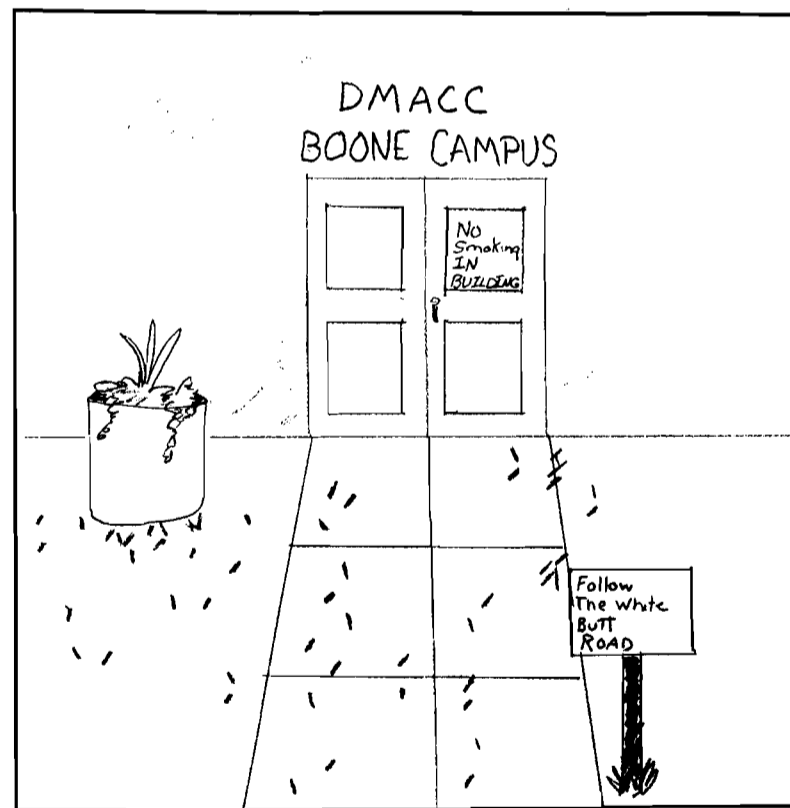
# EDITORIAL

## Bear Facts Editorial

I'm sure we all had the same reaction when we arrived for classes on October 19 to find that DMACC buildings had become smoke-free overnight. Many of us complained, some louder than others, that it was our right to smoke. Most agree that the DMACC Board of Directors should have given even one day of warning to those who regularly frequent the smoking room. But, the real question is, does the college have a responsibility to provide us with a place to smoke? We all know that it doesn't.

When we signed up for classes, we didn't look for a class called Smoking 101. We also can't find a place in the handbook that said, "We will provide the students with a warm, dry place to indulge in the habit of smoking." What we were looking for was a place to get a good education. Can any of us say that we haven't found that?

None of us are going to enjoy going out into the cold to smoke this winter, but what good will it do to make a big deal out of something we knew would happen sooner or later? Nearly every other place of business has become smoke-free. Why should DMACC be any different?



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# Media messages lead to habits

By Linda Smith  
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When I was eight years old, I used to watch our family's black and white RCA T.V. Some of my favorite things to watch were the commercials. I would sing along with the Folgers coffee perking on the stove and always danced with the Lucky Strike dancers. These were life-sized cigarette boxes with legs and arms tapping out the joys of smoking. Cigarettes have been promoted over the years by cowboys, famous actors, and even doctors in the fifties. All these media messages packed into the heads of millions of people paid off, and the industry lead by the R.J. Reynolds Company flourished for over thirty years.

The suggestion that a long slow drag on a Winston could relax the days tension away or that lighting up was what made a man a man was popular. The picture of women smoking, however, was not the image men wanted to see at first. Women who smoked were less than desirable, and only naughty women did it. Then the tobacco industry decided there were profits to be made. The female market exploded along with the cancer rates. Woman has been striving for equality with man and now has achieved it in the form of lung cancer.

Today those early promoters of smoking are dead, like R.J.

Reynolds, two of his sons, one brother and a sister who succumbed to lung cancer. One famous actor Yule Brenner who had lung cancer from smoking, left a video message urging people to stop the habit, so they too would not die of the disease.

All those people who bought into the tobacco myth are now finding themselves outcasts from the very society that created them. The mental and physical addictions smokers face are real. Addictions that were sown, cultivated, and grew with the persuasion of the tobacco industry.

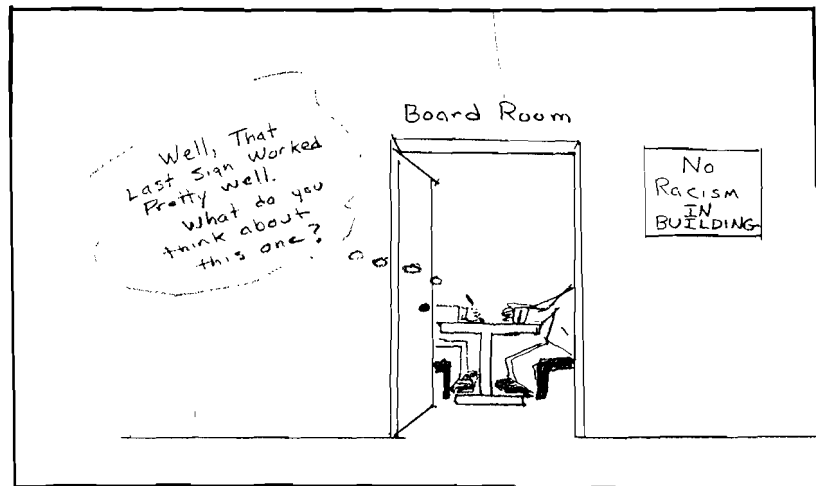
Now, even here on the Boone campus, people are forced to leave the building to smoke. This seems like a double standard, a type of censorship. We don't want our books banned, we're willing to subject ourselves and our children to Beavis and Butthead, fire, fire, fire. Violence at the speed of sound on T.V. and numerous other hazards, like drinking Iowa water complete with pesticide run off, living under high voltage power lines, eating chicken grown at accelerated rates thanks to steroids to up profits and hurry marketability.

The smokers of the Boone campus were doing everything they could to assure the non smoker their rights. Many times, except when the weather was bad, smokers would go outside; they kept an eye on the ventilation in the ceiling to make sure it was functioning; they opened

windows and blew their smoke outside. Not good enough!

Personal choices are important, so is personal freedom. Smokers are not criminals; they are our friends, co-workers, and family. They are people who for whatever reason bought into the lie. That does not mean smokers of this campus should be tossed out like common ruffians. Yes, I believe smoking is a dangerous habit, so is overeating. Should fat people be watched at the snack bar on campus? Guns are everywhere. I'd much rather take my chances with a smoker than a Saturday night special.

I used to smoke: I quit sixteen years ago. My health is not tolerant of the weed; however, once in a while, especially when the day is ugly, I light up and somehow the troubles get exhaled with the smoke. Media messages are strong ones and habits are hard to break. A teacher once told me, it takes twenty-one days to make a new habit. I tried to train myself to make my bed in the mornings. She said that was the right thing to do. To this day, my bed is never made, and I can't remember the teacher's name who told me to make it. What I can remember are the commercials I watched when I was young. The visual images and the audio tracks still play in the memories of all the people who watched and learned the habits that would later be played out in life.



## U.S. Grant to DMACC

The Student Action Board and the Department of Sciences & Humanities on the DMACC Ankeny Campus is sponsoring a visit by W. Paul Legreco, a General Ulysses S. Grant impersonator. Legreco owns and operates a miniature toy soldier shop in Galena, Illinois, the hometown of General Ulysses S.

Grant. A noted Grant historian, Legreco recreates history through his shop and re-enactments of Civil War battles.

Legreco's presentation will be Wednesday, November 17, from 10:10 - 11:05 a.m. and 1:25 - 2:10 p.m. in the auditorium in Building 6 on the DMACC Ankeny campus.

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## Teenage Pregnancy

♀ According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, babies born to teenage mothers in 1989 will cost American taxpayers an estimated 6 billion dollars over the next 20 years.

♂ One million teenagers become pregnant every year. Half of these teenagers deliver their babies. The other half have abortions or miscarriages.

♀ Girls have a 44% chance of getting pregnant before age 20.

♂ 8 out of 10 teenage pregnancies are unintended.

♀ More than half of the teenage mothers never get a high school diploma.

♂ 40% of pregnant teenagers abort their babies.

♀ In 1988, 96% of unwed pregnant teenagers chose to keep their babies. Of these, 65% remained single.

\* Statistics taken from *Seventeen* (April 92).

# Bringing up Baby

By Geneva Evans  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

"Isn't it neat? She's going to have a baby!"

"It'll be so it'sy bitsy...like a tiny little pet."

"Gee, I wish it was me..."

Does this conversation sound familiar? It should. It can be overheard in hallways of high schools and junior highs any day of the week. Many girls admit they are jealous of their friends when they become pregnant. They think it would be so much fun to be pregnant, to be the envy of their friends.

What these young mothers find instead, is a large dose of reality. Being pregnant means morning sickness or evening sickness or is some cases being sick all day long. Young developing bodies aren't equipped for the strain of a growing life inside of them. It is difficult enough for young people to deal with school work and activities and part-time jobs along with the stress of growing up in a world full of peer pressure and difficult choices. Throw morning sickness into this mix and they face more than they can handle.

*What these young mothers find ...is a large dose of reality*

The physical discomfort is really just a small portion of the problems faced. Young women are vain. They want to look perfect and try to keep a trim figure with a growing baby inside them. They try to starve themselves to keep thin, but the truth is they are also starving their unborn child as well. Even the young woman who isn't trying to keep from gaining weight more than likely has poor eating habits, poor nutritional habits, a young woman's growth needs, and a developing fetus all combining to make a potential

at-risk pregnancy.

Then there is the emotional aspect. Teenage hormones are in constant turmoil. Pregnancy makes the emotions fluctuate wildly all by itself. So again there is the potential for double the problems. The young woman's emotional state may be like a constant roller coaster ride.

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### Father's Role

But what about the father. What role does he play in all of this? Too often no role at all. Many young men were only in it for the "good time" and want nothing what-so-ever to do with the impending birth of their child. They lack the maturity to deal with the "the problem" they've helped to create and choose to simply walk away. For those who care about the young woman, or at least feel responsible enough to stick out the difficult times ahead, they will also be faced with roller coaster emotions. For both young people there is stress...was that 10 minutes of fun and games really worth 18 years of parenthood? They may be watching their dreams for college dissolve right before their eyes. Suddenly they are facing doctor and hospital bills, baby clothes, baby furniture, the cost of formula and baby food, and diapers, diapers, and more diapers! The cost of raising a child is astronomical for anyone today, but try facing those expenses before you've even gotten your high school diploma!

So...you are surviving morning sickness, your boyfriend isn't leaving you on your own,

your parents haven't kicked you out and are even willing to offer some support...Everything is going to be just fine. Right?

Maybe? How about probably not.

My own 18 year old daughter was in this same position. Senior year of high school, unexpectedly pregnant. She made plans with the expectant baby's father. She was luckier than many, he was already out of school working a good paying full-time job. We didn't kick her out of the home and were able to give her a gift of a small mobile home, but she had morning sickness...and night sickness...and all day long sickness. Suddenly it wasn't so much fun to be pregnant. She was no longer jealous of her friends with babies. She managed to keep up with her school work, and plans were underway for the birth of the baby in late May; their wedding would be in April. She would graduate hopefully after the birth of her baby. It was going to be a close call because both dates were awfully close together.

Suddenly everything changed. In early February she realized she hadn't felt the baby move for a period of twenty-four hours. She knew from her reading this could be the sign of trouble. She went to the hospital for an ultrasound. The baby was still there...but they sent her to a bigger hospital. Again an ultrasound was performed and the baby was confirmed dead.

How do you deal with the death of a baby...your baby...when you haven't learned to deal with life yet?

*Plans were underway for the birth in late May ...their wedding would be in April*

### Do schools help?

During her child development class, her older sister had an "egg baby." She took the "baby" everywhere she went. She had to hire babysitters and take the baby to class with her when there was no one at home

to watch it for her. Then one day she dropped the "egg baby." After the doctor confirmed that a crack to the "head" such as her "egg baby" had received would definitely result in death, she had to make funeral arrangements for the dead egg. All fun and games to a younger sister. But now the baby wasn't an egg, and its life was just as fragile and now it was gone. Now the funeral arrangements were for real.

Returning to school became a constant reminder of the pain. Her friends now avoided her. She was no longer to be envied. No one knew what to say to her,

*Was that 10 minutes of fun and games worth a lifetime of parenthood?*

so they didn't say anything at all. There was a feeling of fear. What if this could happen to me?

The bottom line is that it can, and does, happen to many young women. My daughter was forced to grow up too fast. She still managed to graduate with her class and even attended her senior prom the weekend after she was married to baby's father. She wore her pink and white wedding gown as a prom gown. But despite the happy times, the memories of that tiny baby, conceived too soon, born too early, will never completely go away. You have the rest of your life to be a mother. And that is what it is. A lifetime commitment that doesn't stop when the baby outgrows diapers. They still have the adolescent years and pre-teen and teen years...just like you. Are you really ready to share your room with a three year old?

# Studying life in study hall

Shirley Selleck  
Contributing Writer

I never realized it at the time it was happening, but some of my experiences at being an Arkansas teacher I will never forget. We hear so much on the news about guns, knives, and violence in schools; I would like to share some of my close encounters of the best kind with you.

Being new in the community and given the job as a study hall supervisor in the high school, I thought I had the world by the tail. My experience, or should I say my lack of experience, was a grand total of being a foster parent and trying to raise my own two boys. I impressed somebody enough to get the job, whatever credentials I came up with. Imagine the stark reality the first day of school walking into a room of ninety senior high students just full of vim and vinegar. I was thinking to myself as I looked out into this

"maze." How in the world was I suppose to get these kids quiet, let alone get them to study something (anything)! I suddenly remembered signing a contract for a full year. I was hoping against hope there may have been a death clause on the bottom of the contract, even small print would do. I took a deep breath and said to myself, "Only six more hours today, that is if I get a lunch break."

I had a lovely, huge room, proudly decorated bulletin board, stuffed animals hanging from the ceiling and clean new desks. Unknown to the students, they had a green teacher with no degree whatsoever. My inward fears were realized when one boy sitting in the middle of the room raised his hand and said, "Mrs. Barnes, where did you go to school?" I opened my mouth and said, "The college of hard knocks." He didn't ask where that was located, so I assumed my answer was satisfactory. We all

had a long way to go, but teaching can be so rewarding, right?

Little did these kids realize how much they taught me over time. During good times and the bad, we made it through the first year. PRAISE BE! I learned what I could do using a little sugar instead of vinegar. I'll always remember learning to love, care, share, and mostly laugh. What a joy! I felt a sense of pride in my students who had such a long road to hoe. They responded so well to the newly founded, sweet philosophy.

One boy, David, a handsome rogue, showed up on Valentine's Day with a huge box of chocolates for me. There was only one catch, before I was presented my high-calorie gift, I had to let him show the class his new Valentine underwear. The temptation was too much, and I consented. Down came the britches! A sneak peek revealed red hearts on white boxer shorts. The chocolates were deli-

cious, and so is the memory. Oh, and by the way, he is now an Arkansas county sheriff showing off his badge instead of his underwear (I hope!).

Another boy who comes to mind is "Macho" Rob. A tall, rugged, coy young man. He reminded me of a lumberjack. He was late for my class one day because he was at the hospital getting stitches from a chain saw accident. He proudly had to show me his gash with twelve stitches, which by the way, was on his upper thigh. Thinking the incident was over, I was surprised when about ten days later he showed up at my desk begging me to remove the stitches. With a little discussion, and lots of apprehension, I consented to try. I found a razor blade, scissors, and tweezers in my desk. With the help of fifty pairs of eyes, I proceeded to perform minor surgery. I was proud and relieved when I finally pulled out the last stitch. He survived, and somehow, so did I.

Lastly, I will always be indebted to Phillip. He showed up one morning with an extra large, green, army fatigue coat. I don't recall it being particularly cold enough to justify wearing that big, heavy coat. I smelled a rat when he came up to my desk, and I could see a bulge in one of the pockets that I thought moved! All I could think of was a gun, or worse yet, a snake! It moved again! He reached in to pull out this little, red, floppy-eared dog. That was eight years ago, and I still have my floppy-eared dog. I named him Nissan because he is a dachshund (Datsun).

Most of my memories are treasures. During my three years of being an Arkansas teacher, the good memories far outweigh the bad. The tables have turned, and I am now a student. Age and maturity have taken over any vim or vinegar I may have had, but I would love to think I could be part of some treasured memories for another teacher

## Doe Science and Engineering Research Semester offers cutting-edge opportunities

If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior studying computer science, engineering, physics, environmental and life sciences, mathematics or physical science, the Science and Engineering Research Semester (SERS) offers you the unique opportunity to do hands-on research with some of the nation's top scientists at one of seven national research laboratories during the academic year. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is sponsoring the program to encourage undergraduate students to continue their studies in science and engineering. More than 400 students annually receive SERS appointments at one of the participating laboratories. These laboratories include Argonne, located outside Chicago; Brookhaven, on Long Island, N.Y.; Lawrence Berkeley, near San Francisco; Lawrence Livermore, at Livermore, Calif.; Los Alamos National Laboratory, in New Mexico; Oak Ridge National Laboratory,

located in Tenn.; and Pacific Northwest, in Washington state.

Participant become members of research teams engaged in long-range, intensive investigations at these outstanding facilities. Fields of study include but are not limited to artificial intelligence, biomedicine, basic and applied chemistry, earth and space sciences, environmental and life sciences, mathematics and computer science, high energy and nuclear physics, reactor physics, engineering, geophysics, waste technology, nuclear medicine, and automatic inspection/measurementsystems. A more detailed listing of research areas at all participating laboratories is available in the application brochure.

While the emphasis of the program is hands-on research, SERS also includes an educational enrichment component. Participants attend seminars and symposiums sponsored by the divisions at their laboratory and

have the option of enrolling in a course at a nearby university or college. Students are also encouraged to arrange for the granting of academic credit by their home institutions for the research semester, thus staying on track for graduation.

To be eligible for participation in SERS, students must have completed the sophomore year at an accredited U.S. community college or a four-year college or university. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens interested in pursuing a degree in computer science, engineering, environmental or life sciences, mathematics, or physical sciences. A limited number of appointments are also available within six months after graduation for students not enrolled in graduate school. Guidelines suggest an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, based on A=4.0.

While in the program, SERS participants will receive a weekly stipend of \$225 per week, housing, and travel reimbursement for one round trip to the appointment site.

For more information on the SERS program, contact: Science and Engineering Research Semester; 901 D Street, SW; Suite A; Washington, DC 20024; (202) 488-2426.

The 1994 Fall term deadline is March 15, 1994.

### DMACC Campus to be dedicated in Newton

Carroll Bennett, Dean of the Newton Polytechnic Facility. DMACC, has released an update about the new campus. The move should take place during the week of October 18. All classes should be in operation the week of October 25. The formal dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m. A campus open house will be held on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20.

### BOONE CRIME PREVENTION

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# A visit to the Republics

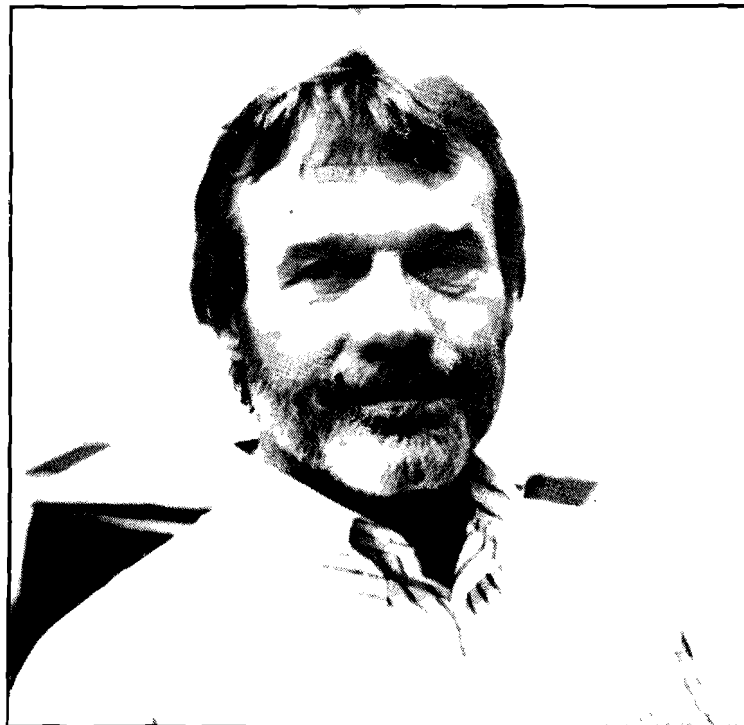
By Melinda Baker  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

James Bittner, a professor who teaches films, composition, and literature on the Boone Campus, is Chairperson of International Week. International Week is held during April each year and has been responsible for presenting information to DMACC students about countries in the past. This year's theme is the Czech and Slovak Republics (Czechoslovakia until January 1, 1992)

This past summer, Mr. Bittner went to the Czech Republic to gain information for this spring's theme. Another reason Mr. Bittner went was for the opportunity to visit with former students he taught when he was a Fulbright speaker in 86-87 and 88-89. These students are now translators and interpreters in the Republics and make a higher wage than the professors do over there.

Most of Mr. Bittner's three-week stay was in Prague, a city where he said it was possible to live quite cheaply once he had exchanged his currency.

Prague, like many big cities, has undergone tremendous change due to the revolution. Communist banners have been



Jim Bittner

replaced with colorful international advertisements. There is a free press, and tourists of all nationalities may visit the republics. The businesses are privatized (not government owned), people earn better wages and there is a higher work ethic. People are happier and more polite.

English is taught in schools; police apparatus is gone. American movies are now in theaters.

There are privately owned radio stations and high-tech phones from South Africa. Anything you could want to buy can be found in Prague, even a Big Mac from one of the four McDonalds found in the city.

According to Mr. Bittner, except for the rural areas, and to a lesser extent in the Slovak Republic, the countryside has changed from a bleak monotonous place, to one filled with change, color, and vitality.



Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) officers were installed in a ceremony held last week in the Boone Campus auditorium. Shown above is Lorie Ealy (left), the newly elected president of the club. Teresa Gregerson (right), currently serves as vice-president of the state organization of PBL. Other officers elected on the local level were Darice Brinkman, vice president; Val Berry, secretary; Henry Seiler, treasurer; Carmen Mendez, historian; Steph Grundmeier, reporter; and Duanna Vinchattle, parliamentarian.

## Should prostitution be legalized?

By Tara Rosa  
Bear Facts Guest Writer

*Mademoiselle* magazine asked people if prostitution should be legalized, decriminalized or be kept illegal. If it were decriminalized, there would be no more legal penalties -- no more violence and secretiveness of the criminal world. Therefore, prostitutes and clients would be safer and prostitutes would be able to seek medical care more openly and more often. If it were legalized, the government would regulate the business with zoning laws and medical requirements. In the magazine's poll, 15% said decriminalized it, 63% said to legalize it, and 12% said to keep it illegal.

I think that it is obvious by now that prostitution is not going away. It is the oldest profession in the world. But legalizing it is a little bit too much, to say the least.

Prostitution is nothing else but a woman (or man) having sex for money. If it's legalized it's a green light. It's like saying "yes," it is right for people to sell their bodies for sex and not only adults, but little children too. The percentage of

adolescent prostitutes is growing more and more every day. What would legalizing say to young runaway girls? Might they think, "Hey, I don't have to go back to my house, I can prostitute myself, it's legal!" What about girls who don't want to go to school or college or just think that they can't? They can just prostitute themselves, it would be legal.

If it is legalized, let's all drop school and get into prostitution. It's good, easy money, and we don't have to go through the pain and sacrifice of waking up early every morning and going to school. I may sound rude, but it's reality. You might say, "Tell that to a woman who has three kids, no education and is a minority." Well I am a minority and I'm a woman (Hispanic, the lowest rated race in society), and I say there are other ways, not only for us but for everybody in that situation.

I think we should know better by now, looking at all these countries where prostitution is legal. Take Brazil for instance, little 10 year old girls are prostitutes along with their moms. Haven't we seen enough by now?

## DMACC Film Series

The DMACC Film Series continues this fall with free comedy films on Thursdays at 12:50 in the DMACC Boone Campus Auditorium. Although these films are being studied as part of a humanities course, being taught this semester by Dr. Jim Bittner, all students and staff are invited to the showing of the films on the dates listed below:

Oct 28 *Sleeper* (1973)

Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, John Beck, Producer - Jack Grossberg for United Artists, Director - Woody Allen  
Time Comedy, Woody Allen travels two hundred years into the future and awakens in a totalitarian society


Nov 4 *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, George Raft, Pat O'Brien, Joe E. Brown, Producer - Billy Wilder for the Mirisch Company; released to United Artist, Director - same  
Two musicians accidentally witness a massacre, have to run away from gangsters (mobsters), disguise themselves as women and join an all-girl band.

## ISU transfer day

Experience Iowa State Transfer Day, on Tuesday, November 16, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sun Room at the Memorial Union on the Iowa State campus. This program is designed to help you smoothly transfer to become an Iowa State University student. You will learn about admissions, academics, financial aid, and housing. See your adviser for more information and registration materials or call 515-294-5836 or 1-800-262-3810.

## October 24 - November 13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26 Midterm	Oct 27	Oct 28 Phi Beta Lambda Meeting 4pm Rm 200 UNI Transfer Preview (There)	Oct 29	Oct 30
Oct 31 HALLOWEEN 	Nov 1 SAB Meeting 2:30 Lobby	Nov 2	Nov 3 Blood Drive 8-2 Gym Michael S. Dukakis, 1933 Roseanne Arnold, 1952 Ken Berry, 1933 Charles Bronson, 1922	Nov 4 Walter Cronkite, 1916	Nov 5 PBL Regionals Cedar Rapids NW Missouri State U. Admissions Counselor 9-12	Nov 6 PBL Regionals Cedar Rapids Maria Shriver, 1955
Nov 7 Billy Graham, 1918	Nov 8 Returning Career Education Reg. 8:30-3:30	Nov 9 Returning Career Education Reg. 8:30-3:30,5-7	Nov 10 Returning Career Education Reg. 8:30-3:30	Nov 11 GED Testing Rm 222 So. 6-10pm Demi Moore, 1962	Nov 12 Deadline, Grant & Scholarship Applications, Spring Bill Blass, 1908	Nov 13 MBB Bears vs Marshalltown CC 8pm Home WBB Bears vs Marshalltown CC 6pm Home Campus Theatre Boone JCs Rm 112 3pm

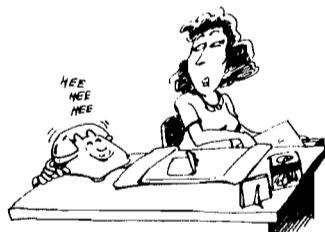
### Weather cancellation information

In the very near future it is very possible that Boone Campus will need to consider canceling school because of inclement weather. There are times that it will necessary to deviate from the closing of the Ankeny Campus.

This decision will be made no later than 5:30 a.m. if the conditions in the early morning hours warrant. Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Dean, will notify the local radio station (KWBG - 1590) immediately upon his decision. To learn of school closings listen to the following area stations: KWBG-AM (1590) Boone, KCIM-AM (1380) Carroll, KKRL-FM (93.7) Carroll, KDLS-AM (1310) Perry/Jefferson, KDLS-FM (101.7) Perry/Jefferson, KLSN-FM (98.9) Jefferson, and KEZT-FM (104) Ames.

If the weather conditions during the school day warrant an early dismissal, the radio station will be contacted as soon as possible.

School cancellation for evening school will be considered separately from school cancellations during the daytime; i.e. weather conditions may improve during the day, and classes may be held at night when they have been canceled during the daytime. A decision to cancel evening classes will be made no later than 4:30 p.m.



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### DMACC Board of Trustees schedule

Regular Meeting Schedule - November 1993 - October 1994

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January 10, 1994

February 14, 1994

March 7, 1994 (Early due to budget work)

Call to order is 4 p.m. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at the DMACC commons, Ankeny Campus unless otherwise indicated on the agenda.



## Reasons to legalize



By Kate Tyler  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, marijuana is: "1. Hemp. 2. The dried flower clusters and leaves of the hemp plant." This is a very simple straight forward definition of a word with a lot more meaning.

Marijuana is the topic of many arguments both here, on the DMACC campus, and in the rest of the world. A lot of people are adamantly against marijuana. These people argue that the drug is dangerous and can have life shattering results, but these people are only looking at one aspect of the plant. According to H.E.M.P. (Help Eliminate Marijuana Prohibition) more than 400,000 people die each year from diseases related to cigarette smoking. More than 150,000 die from alcohol related deaths, but in more than 10,000 years of use, not one person has died from marijuana.

People do not realize the possibilities of the hemp plant. It has been used throughout history for many different things. The original drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written on hemp paper. Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew hemp, and Washington even declared in one of his speeches, "Make the most of the hemp seed; grow it everywhere." Henry Ford even ran 40,000 vehicles off of methanol he derived from biomass, hemp being one of them.

As you can see, hemp was used as a natural resource for many years, and if legalized again, the possibilities of the hemp plant would be practically endless. Hemp is a source of fiber for cloth and cordage for rope. Only one acre of hemp will produce as much paper as four acres of precious rain forest trees. The hemp seed is also nature's perfect food. Oil from the seeds has the highest percentage of essential fatty acids, and the lowest percentage of saturated fats. Much of bird seed used today is made of sterilized hemp seed. The hemp seed can also produce the best varnish, paint engine and machine oil, and food to feed a starving third world country.

Another great quality of the cannabis plant is its medicinal uses. The plant can be used to treat nausea, pain and muscle spasms. It can also be used to alleviate symptoms of glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, migraines and AIDS. Thirty-five states have passed legislation permitting medical use of marijuana, and twelve Americans receive prescribed marijuana from the United States government. Things like these recognitions of the benefits of the cannabis plant are signs that society is beginning to see the light. If marijuana were legal, many of the worlds problems could be solved.

Which brings us to the fact that marijuana is a drug. It is true that marijuana is classified as a narcotic, and its use is illegal in the U.S. But the great benefits of the plant as a natural resource, food and medicine almost completely out weigh that fact. Our country could be made a much better place if only cannabis were made legal. Both alcohol and cigarettes are legal and statistics show that these two substances cause more deaths and have higher chances of addiction, yet marijuana remains illegal. Society needs to begin looking at all aspects of the cannabis plant, and begin realizing what the hemp seed can do for our world.

(All info taken from movie "Hemp for Victory" and literature released by H.E.M.P.)



# POINT/COUNTERPOINT POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## Illegal for a reason



By Joel Kupke  
Contributing Writer

Some might want you to believe that marijuana isn't dangerous and should be legalized. They go on to say it isn't addictive, it won't cause physical or psychological damage and couldn't harm a child.

The people who say this are totally wrong. It was stated in an article in the *National Review*, "Once marijuana is smoked it is indeed an addictive drug and has wrecked the lives of many adolescent users." Psychological addiction is common among younger users and impairs your short term memory, your ability to concentrate and your attention span.

When I was in high school, we had a speaker named Paul Dunbar visit who told us the following story. A study was done using a pilot flying a simulator. At first the pilot flew and was unencumbered by any drugs. He did very well. The pilot then smoked marijuana and again flew the simulator. This time he did seventy-percent worse than the first time. The pilot then came back and flew the simulator two weeks later. This time he did fifty-percent worse than he had the first time. The difference between the second and third flights was that he knew he had done poorly when he was on marijuana. He had not realized that the drugs had a lingering effect and were still impairing his actions.

How would you like to encounter this person in traffic? Not only do you have to worry about drunks driving, you have to worry if that person in the oncoming lane smoked a joint two weeks ago.

Let's say you do go out and drink a couple of beers. At least when you drink, you know what you're putting into your body. When you smoke a joint, you have no idea of what you're putting into your body. An article in *Current Health* states that marijuana contains over four hundred known chemicals, and your body breaks these down into another two thousand. Most of these chemicals haven't even been studied.

How would you like to hire a marijuana user to work for you? Not only does this impair his/her short-term memory but also the ability to concentrate and attention span. It is shown on a commercial on MTV that a marijuana user misses twice as much work as the non-user.

Have you heard the rumor that marijuana lowers the sperm count of a male? Well, this is one rumor that is true. For a female, THC, which stands for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, accumulates in the ovaries and causes her to have trouble creating the proper elements for conceiving. It is also shown that a pregnant female smoking marijuana is four times as likely to have a miscarriage.

Finally, people who start using marijuana rarely stop. Ninety-eight percent of all cocaine and acid users have used marijuana. Ninety-three percent of the people doing acid and cocaine started on that so-called harmless drug marijuana. When a marijuana user gets bored of the effect that marijuana has on them, the user usually moves on to something harder like cocaine or acid. If a person does acid, he/she could have a flashback thirty years from now just from using it once.

Do you gamble? Would you play Russian roulette with a gun to your head? Hmmm? Marijuana harmless? Hmmm? Deadly may be too strong a word, but it is closer to the truth than safe!