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PBL to state competition

By Stephanie Grundmeier
PBL Reporter

Members of the local chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (the college division of Future Business Leaders of America), are preparing to participate in the State Conference scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Des Moines.

Thirteen members will participate in the conference which includes competitive events such as: Accounting, Business Communications, Business Law, Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Economics, Finance, Human Resource

Management, Impromptu Speaking, Information Management, Job Interview, Telecommunications, Machine Transcription, Management, Marketing, Word Processing, Business Graphics, Business Math, Payroll Accounting, and Salesmanship Presentation, plus many more.

Local members participating in or attending the conference include: David Frette, Shawn Weekes, Lance Clauson, Jeremy Vinchattle, Duanna Vinchattle, Lorie Ealy, Teresa Gregerson, Steph Grundmeier, Joann Thomas, Joel Whitehead, Regina Whitehead, Theresa Bailey and Stacy Steward.

Two local chapter members are currently serving as State Officers: Duanna Vinchattle will preside over the meetings as President. Teresa Gregerson will help with the award presentations as Vice-President.

In addition, two Phi Beta Lambda members are running for State Office for the 1994-95 school year. They include: David Frette for State Vice President, and Shawn Weekes for State Treasurer.

We wish everyone the best of luck at the State Conference and look forward to hearing about the awards they will bring home.



Students surprise Karin Wagner, DMACC instructor, on her 40th birthday.

News Briefs...

Child care funds available through DHS

Maggie Stone, Coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Center, Boone Campus, received word Tuesday, February 8, 1994, that child care funding is once again available for children of financially qualifying full-time college students in all Iowa counties. The program, known as the Child Care Assistance Program, is available to low-income employed persons as well as those not working and receiving FIP (Family Investment Program, formerly ADC). Those who are currently on the waiting list for the Promise Jobs Program are encouraged to apply for these child care funds. Interested individuals should contact their County Department of Human Services for additional information.

Choices replaces Discover

CHOICES is our new computerized career information system that has replaced DISCOVER at all campuses but Carroll. CHOICES users can complete exploration activities to identify career options, obtain up-to-date information on 678 occupations, and get transfer help for 4,169 colleges and universities. Anyone interested in using CHOICES should contact the Academic Achievement Center.

DMACC sets spring enrollment record

Des Moines Area Community College has set a new spring credit enrollment record.

A total of 10,671 students are enrolled in credit classes at the five DMACC campuses this spring. That marks a 0.5 per-

cent increase from the 10,618 students enrolled during the 1993 spring semester term.

DMACC has set a new credit enrollment record every spring since the college went from a quarter system to a semester system ten years ago.

The only campus to experience an enrollment increase this spring was the Urban Campus with a 3.7 percent hike in enrollment. There are 2,066 students enrolled at the Urban Campus this spring compared to 1,992 enrolled at Urban last spring.

There are 6,685 students enrolled at the Ankeny Campus, which is a 5.5 percent decrease. Both the Boone and Carroll Campuses recorded 3.9 percent enrollment decreases. There are 1,019 students enrolled at Boone and 469 enrolled at Carroll.

For the first spring semester ever, classes are being offered at the DMACC Newton Polytechnic Campus. There are 432 credit student enrolled at the Newton Polytechnic facility.

DMACC's total credits for which students are enrolled decreased from 94,879 last spring to 93,384 credits this spring--a decrease of 1.6 percent.

Financial aid applications due

Financial aid applications for college are due now for the 1994-1995 school year. Individuals who apply before March 31 are considered for Iowa Tuition Grants as well as federal aid programs.

New regulations and changing college expenses may increase eligibility for aid. Each year more than a few students find out that they "would have" received \$1000-\$2000 more aid had they applied earlier.

There is no charge to submit the application. Forms are available on the table at the front entrance. A single application

makes one eligible for state and federal aid and is the first step in determining eligibility for a student loan.

Financial Aid Renewal Applications were sent to many current students who receive financial aid. These forms may also be used. Students should be certain to give permission to the processing agency to release financial aid information to the state.

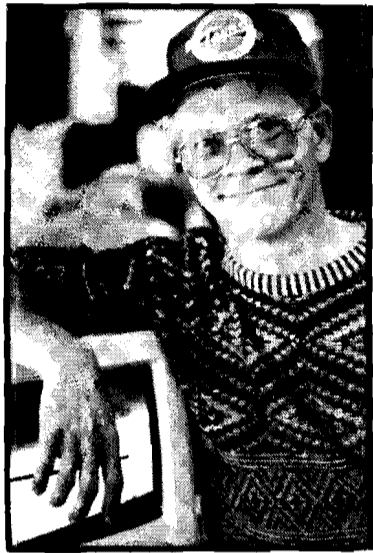
Congratulations!

King Jeff Mulder

&

Queen Jocelyn Ely

Old Codger: *Older and Wider*



FROM THE...I'M SORRY, I GOOFED, OOPS...FILE

In last weeks issue I said the INTRO TO COMPUTER LIT. class was being taught by one of my friends and gave his name as MARK WITTACKER. Shame on me! His name is MARK WHITCHER, that's...W H I T C H E R. Sorry Mark...grovel, grovel, grovel!!

FROM THE...JUST YOU WEIGHT AND SEE...FILE

Without further ado (about nothing), I'll begin my story by saying there I was looking through my closet for what I was going to wear the next day to classes at good ol' DMACC-BOONE. Reaching in, I pulled out a nice looking pair of black pants, chose the appropriate shirt and proceeded to the bathroom to put them on to see if my choices were correct.

The shirt was a marvelous choice so I started putting on the pants. One leg in then the other, grab the waist and pull them up, right? Not so fast, Kimosabe! Getting them waist high I noticed that the button seemed a little far from the buttonhole, so I hiked them up a little higher. Well, the button was somewhat closer now but, not close enough to fasten into the buttonhole.

I hiked them up one more time almost to my arm-pits which nearly cut me in half and sent my voice up a couple of octaves. The button was now even nearer to the hole but not enough yet to fasten. I took off

the pants and again went to the closet to select another pair. To be PAINFULLY honest about the matter I had to return to the closet three or four more times for a selection because I couldn't seem to find a pair that would button, fasten, zip or OTHER WIDE pull together so I could wear them!

I called for my pipe, I called for my wife and I called for my fiddlers three. Low and behold my wife showed up. At first, I didn't see her because she was standing in the shadow and the tan she'd gotten in Hawaii last week kind of hid her... I told her I thought she was using too hot a water to wash the clothes because all the pants I'd tried on seemed to have shrunk! I reminded her I had suggested she pay a little more for clothes when she went shopping because cheap material has a tendency of shrinking now and then.

Laugh? I thought she'd die! She told me it wasn't the clothes, it was me who wouldn't fit into the pants not the other way around. I dashed out of the room and came back with a tape measure in my chubby little hands then threw the tape around my waist and read the figures on the tape. I asked my wife to go get another tape because this one didn't have all the numbers on it! "Which ones are missing?" she inquired of me with a smile on her face. The ones from 32 to 39 I told her. She took the tape from around my waist and started counting. Sure enough, she read all the numbers up to 60 without missing one. I was wrong, no numbers were missing, I just couldn't see them looking over my stomach!

Looking at her with a bashful grin I hummed to myself...When I was 39, it was a very good year, (because, all these pants fit me fine.) So, if you see me walking down the aisles at school with a PAINED SMILE on my face you'll know I either MADE one of those pants fit or I finally went out and bought some just a WEE BIT BIGGER.....

FROM THE...IT COULD BE WORSE ...FILE

I see where the President, that is Mr. Clinton, has decided to cut into some of the programs our government has had installed for many, many years in order to help finance his budget reduction plan for the nation. First and foremost, of course, is his intention to TRIPLE the tax on cigarettes. Now, don't get me wrong on this issue, I think it's a good idea to raise the price of this ADDICTION to a level where the common ADDICTEE can't become the slave of the ADDICTOR. And I see where he's planning on reductions in HEATING ASSISTANCE to those HEAT-ADDICTEES who, seem to be ADDICTED, to run their thermostats for warmth when it's only 10 to 25 below during the winter.

I can't see too much wrong with doing things like that when the money for these programs and others like them will be shifted, and shifted, and shifted and hopefully not lost in the shuffle, to where it will do the most good, like for example the Head Start Program, the Wyoming Sheep Experiments, and the exciting programs like the new BST program our government seems to be backing so they, that ubiquitous "THEY", can inject cows to give more milk. Can't you just see those happy cows now waddling around the pastures saying to themselves how contented they are to be a part of this program?

Well, those are the ruminations of this Old Codger for this issue. Seems like to me if it weren't for all the snow, cold temperatures, high winds and such, us worshipers of the weed would be more comfortable standing outside watching all those shivering students coming in the door for class nowadays. Oh, and, don't forget Valentine's Day is already gone. However, with preparation for Mid-Terms, filing Your Financial Aid Forms, deciding which classes to drop, doing your Federal Income Taxes and so on and so forth, will the fun times never end?

Feeley fumes

By K.H. Feeley
Bear Facts Staff Writer

So you want me to quit smoking, eh? Or maybe you just think it would be better for me, and everyone around me, if I quit. You think that my smoking is polluting the air you, and your children, breathe? You think that if everyone quit smoking, the world would be a cleaner, better, place? In your feeble attempts to clean up your own personal environment, you have pushed us smokers into bad sections of restaurants, and even outside(which, by the way, is an infringement upon my rights to health since exposure to cold, dry air increases my chances for pneumonia or sinus infections, not to mention outer ear infections, dehydration, and frostbite).

There is one flaw in your great cleansing plan. Chances are that you drive a car. When I was living in Chicago, I can recall the weatherman giving smog warnings that stated, "Going outside today is like smoking four packs of cigarettes." So, as my father says, "If you want me to quit smoking, I want you to stop driving." But, let's not stop there. Chances are that you use electricity. In this state, there is only one nuclear reactor, and no wind or solar power plants. This means that well over 99% of the electricity in this state pollutes the air. So why don't we all give up electricity?

If you are really that concerned about cancer, smoking shouldn't be your biggest concern. Smoking doesn't CAUSE cancer, in fact, nothing CAUSES cancer, cancer just happens. Smoking just increases your chances of cancer. Red meat also increases your chances of cancer, along with being a source of many dangerous bacteria. In this state, our biggest cancer risk isn't smoking, or any other form of air pollution (considering the fact that we

have one of the lowest air pollution ratings in the United States); I would say it would be the water pollution in this state. There is not one water source in this state that is not polluted by some combination of nitrates (chemical fertilizer), pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides. I have SMELLED many waters (water should have no smell, or taste) around this state, and the water in my hometown is one of the least offensive (I've probably just been desensitized to it, over time). I have stopped drinking tap water, unless there is no other choice.

For those of you who say, "I don't smoke, I just chew," or, "You could chew." I don't think so. Other than the fact that I find it an extremely disgusting, repulsive, and stupid pastime (I know, so is smoking), I also know for a fact that chewing tobacco increases your chances for seven, I repeat, seven types of cancer, most of which necessitates the removal of portions of your mouth (no chemo for that). This might sway you towards smoking, which only presents two cancer hazards, lung cancer and tracheal cancer, both of which can be successfully treated with chemotherapy.

Now, I'm not saying that you should go out and start smoking, or that you should give it up, either. All I am trying to do is present another side to an argument that, for the most part, has been one sided. When I have children, I plan on quitting, for their sakes, but not until then. I would just like to ask that you cut down on your complaining about the stupid things I, and many others, do, because there are much better things to complain about.

If you have any comments, complaints, etc., just drop them off at the Bear Facts office, and I'll be glad to address them in my next column.



What are you looking at?

By Kevin Feeley
and Melinda Baker
Bear Facts Staff Writers

Our thoughts on brights, turn signals, the speed limit, train crossings, stop lights, inclement road conditions, cops, egomaniacal drivers, and other driving oddities.

The issue of brights...

Melinda: I personally like to see the road when I'm driving, but some morons make that impossible. Often, when I'm driving at night, I come across someone who cannot seem to remember exactly how to turn off their brights or that they are even on. So you flash them, sometimes they flash you back, then you realize that in fact, their brights were not on, and their lights were just exceptionally bright.

Kevin: That doesn't bother me as much as the fact that people don't seem to know exactly how far back from the car in front of them they have to be to be using their brights, without causing serious retinal damage. Now these are the morons.

Cops...

M: How is it, that you always know you're going to see one, and when you do, you're always doing something wrong? Incidentally, the only time I've ever been pulled over was because I had my brights on.

K: The last time I was pulled over, for going four stinking miles an hour over the speed limit (due to new tires, as my speedometer read fifty-five), I didn't get a ticket. What I did get, though, was even more terrifying. My car was searched! I don't know why my car would have been searched. He, of course, didn't find anything and let me go. That really torked me hard.

Turn Signals...

M: I have but a few choice words to say. If they're working, then please use them, in advance of your turn. If they're not, get them fixed. If you're not going to turn, then why is your signal on? If you cannot seem to handle this, just know that I will take down your license plate number and report you, or I will find out where you live and come after you. It's not safe, and it's not fun.

If you aren't using your turn signal, you shouldn't GET to go.

K: Let's say, for an example, that you are at a four way stop, and you don't know who gets to go first. If you aren't using your turn signal, you shouldn't GET to go. First, re-read your driver's manual (it's right in there), then stop holding your breath, you can't afford to lose any more brain cells.

Pulling out in front of moving vehicles...

M: All I have to say is, evaluate. If you have time and there is no chance of an accident, then do it. BUT, if you have to accelerate wildly, or if the person you pull out in front of has to slam on their brakes, please pause, and let them pass before you move your vehicle out into the intersection.

K: I don't care, pull out in front of me, I really want a new car, so I will, without forethought, let your insurance buy

me a new car.

Speed Limit...

M: I suppose you have a choice: you can go the speed limit, you can go over the speed limit and get busted by a cop, or you could go under the speed limit in which case I'd be forced to ram you or at the very least, honk obnoxiously. But, I prefer it if you would drive safely at any speed, and if you're going to go under the speed limit, beware.

K: Ten words...If you drive slower than me, I'll make you squirm.

Egomaniacal Drivers...

M: I'm one of these. I hate it when people pass me, like I'm not going fast. I'm probably going sixty-five! So you know they'd have to be going eighty, and that's just ridiculous. Oh, why do people pass you, then slow down, so you have to pass them, then they pass you again. What's up with it? It's just unsafe.

K: I'm one of these, also. I hate others like me. Enough said.

Train Crossings...

M: Every time you are trying to go somewhere across the tracks...TRAIN!!! And then those people that try to go around the crossing gates, almost always causing accidents. Folks, its just not safe. Don't be slow, go to the "O" (overpass).

K: Having lived within yards of railroad tracks for most of my life, I have seen the many casualties of the railroad system. I have seen the mangled bodies, lying in the fields. I have seen the bloody remains of trucks, destroyed in the prime of their

lives, by the evil diesel burning demons we call trains (sorry Grandpa).

Stop Lights...

M: Say you're at a stoplight. Your light turns green at the same time as the cars directly opposite you, and you want to go left. It appears that everyone opposite of you is going to turn to their left also. So you think you're free and clear, until that car, heading straight, comes out of no where...BAM certain death.

K: Let's say you're sitting at the corner of Lincoln Way and Sheldon in Ames, facing east; there are two vehicles in front of you. The first vehicle, a large American made car, is attempting to make a left turn, and is out into the intersection no more than two feet. The vehicle directly in front of you is a light, green truck with a modified bed. After several changes of the light, the truck decides to back up and make room for the car. While doing so, he manages to back into you, crumpling in your hood, and breaking both of your headlights. In my own words, this was quite festive.

Inclement road conditions...

M: A particularity fond scenario comes to mind. Picture this, you're turning off of 30 on to S. Lynn St., here in sunny, southern Boone. You're coasting along, going...oh...over the speed limit, but the roads are fine. Suddenly you hit "ice-central" and you fishtail for what seems like an eternity, until you hit dry road. Fun...isn't it? Oh yes, and safe.

K: When there is fog, what do you think the driver's manual tell you to do? If you answered "Use your brights to excess," then you should be hurt very badly, with large sharp objects, for being so stupid.

Gravel...

M: Just let me say...I rolled my car on Nov. 1 on a gravel road off of 13th street. The car almost landed on top of a gas line, which would have caused a massive explosion. At the very least, my car was totalled. Gravel roads are really SAFE!!!

K: Picture it...90 miles an hour, gravel road, nuff said.

We're not saying that we're perfect drivers, we're just saying that you are not.

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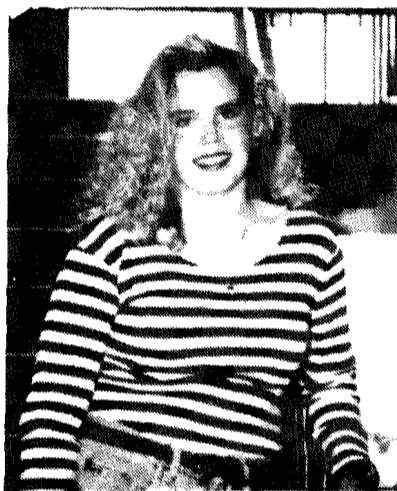
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Sports profiles

Karen Ziemer

Karen Ziemer is a 1993 Wilmot High school graduate from Wilmot, South Dakota. She is preparing herself for the nursing program at DMACC and hopes to specialize in obstetrics. Karen plays basketball for the Bears. When not busy with school and basketball Karen is busy working at McDonalds.



Karen Ziemer

Karen played basketball and was a cheerleader in high school. She is also proud to have been Snow Queen at her school. She won many awards in high school for music in both singing and for playing the saxophone. She won the Declam award for Oral Interpretation.

When asked about her feelings on DMACC, Karen stated, "I've made lots of friends at DMACC especially my roommates Sherry and Lori."

Troy Vincent



Troy Vincent

Troy Vincent, an Ames High graduate, is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. He moved to Ames in his senior year. Troy started playing basketball for the Bears after the Christmas break.

When asked why he chose DMACC, Troy said, "I wanted to go to a community college before going on to a university. I had moved to Ames because I needed a change and I felt I could be more productive getting away from New Orleans."

Troy plans on transferring to a four year school after he graduates from DMACC. He wants to be a physical therapist.

Troy keeps busy with school, basketball, and working at Sears in Ames; but his favorite pastime is spending time with his daughter, Tierra and girlfriend Layli.

Troy says that the hardest thing about living in Iowa is missing his family.

Jocelyn Ely

Jocelyn Ely is a 1992 Ames High graduate, who just recently moved to Boone with her father. She is in her second year at DMACC and her first year of playing basketball for the Bears.

When asked about her future plans, Jocelyn stated, "I plan on going on to a four year college



Jocelyn Ely

next year, hopefully Kansas University, to find Steve Woodberry my favorite basketball player in the whole world, and to major in sports management or retail merchandizing, or to perhaps be Bo Brady's lover on "Days of Our Lives."

Jocelyn was honored to be this year's homecoming queen at DMACC.

When asked why she chose DMACC after high school, Jocelyn said, "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do and ISU was too big. Coach Criner kept using his luscious recruiting tactics on me so I decided to give it a try."

Students encouraged to vote

By Todd Randall
Bear Facts Staff Writer

In November of this year, we will be asked to select people to serve in the state government; and also asked to send a representative to Washington. Seats for Governor, County Supervisor, and also a U.S. representative will be among others to be decided. Being a devout democrat, I attended my precinct caucus on Monday, February 7, 1994. I was elected to be a delegate to the Story County Democratic Platform Committee held at Ames Public Library on February 12. I was also chosen to be a delegate to the Story County Democratic Convention.

It was my first time serving on a party committee, and, needless to say, I was intimidated by the "veterans" who represented their respective precincts. There were 13 people at the committee meeting, not including the county party chairperson.

The first order of business was to call the meeting to order. After that, a discussion on the previous elections' platform was held. Since I was a "rookie", I listened carefully for what I was supposed to do. Once that was completed, we broke up into subcommittees. Included were proposals for subcommittees regarding government, the economy, health care, civil rights, and environmental concerns.

I chose to serve on the Health Care Subcommittee

(which had Civil Rights included since there were too many proposals and not enough delegates), and, since there were no objections, I was welcomed to share my ideas about what was important in the field of health care and civil rights. Along with three other members, we discussed issues regarding mental health, single-payer plans, womens reproductive health, and the right to choose. I must say that these issues are only representative of the Story County Democratic Subcommittees on Health Care and Civil Rights. What goes on the Iowa Democratic Platform will be decided at the State Platform Committee that will be held later in the year.

This was the second time that I got involved with the County's Democratic party. Before the 1992 elections, I volunteered my help to elect Bill Clinton and other Democrats that were running for other offices. I also went door to door, registering voters; but nothing compares to serving on a platform committee.

When the meeting was over, I reflected on what I had done. I realized that what we discussed in the meeting could have an impact on policies in the future. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Democratic or Republican party, contact the County Chairperson of the party you choose. And most importantly, remember to vote in November!

Freshmen promote racial understanding

(NSNS) College freshmen for whom "helping to promote racial understanding is an essential or very important goal" increased from 33.7 percent in 1991 to 42 percent in 1992, according to norms compiled by the national Cooperative Institutional Research Program at the University of California-Los Angeles.

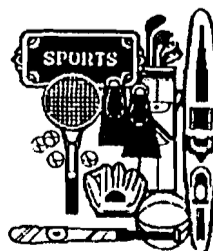
"The immediate change had to do with the L.A. riots and those riots in other cities.

Events gave rise to the notion that nothing much had changed in Watts since 1965," concluded William Korn, associate director for operations of the Higher Education Research Institute. "The extensive media coverage focused people's attention on this issue as one of great significance."

Six out of seven freshmen (87.1 percent) disagreed with the proposition the "racial discrimination is no longer a problem in America," up from 79.7 percent in 1991. A clear major-

ity of freshmen, 61.2 percent, also believe that, "colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus."

A record two out of five freshmen participated in an organized demonstration in 1992, which continues a pattern of renewed involvement by students in protests and other forms of social activism. In fact, that figure more than doubles the levels recorded during the late-1960's--15.5 and 16.3 percent in 1966 and 1967 respectively.



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Softball team sits down at study table

By Rich Parizek
Bear Facts Staff Reporter

In hopes of preparing her student/athletes for life at a four year university Coach Catherine Schroeder has initiated a study table for her softball players.

According to Coach Schroeder, "Last season some athletes didn't do very well." She added, "Some of the students lost out on scholarship money." In hopes of avoiding these problems this year Coach Schroeder has installed the study table program.

In order for a freshman to be eligible for softball, the student must maintain a 1.75 grade point average, while passing at least twelve credit hours. Then as a sophomore, they must attain a 2.00 grade point, while passing a total of twenty-four credits for a grand total of thirty-six.

The way the study table works is that twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. the team goes to the library and studies. During

this time all library resources are available to the team, and, if needed, tutors can be available for the students. The study table is mandatory, and when asked how successful it has been this year, Coach Schroeder was enthusiastic, but commented, "The weather has been a major factor so far this year," and that "some of the kids have been sick."

Student speaks out for "Table"

Newly announced team captain Holly Seifert who lives out of town agrees with Coach Schroeder. When asked if she liked the program, Holly responded, "It's perfect the way it is," she commented. "I have a chance to study when I wouldn't normally have."

The study sessions will last throughout the entire season, then pick up again in the fall when school resumes.

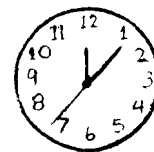
In addition to the study table Coach Schroeder handed out a progress report form to each student. The student then hands it in to the DMACC instructor.

On this form, attendance records and current grades are marked down, then given back to the students; who in turn give it back to Coach Schroeder. This will be done periodically throughout the semester "to avoid any surprises at the end of the semester," remarked Schroeder.

Education "is very important" to Coach Schroeder, and she wants to pass this on to her players. The Coach adds, "Once you get a degree, they can't take it away from you."

In setting up the study table Coach Schroeder talked to coaches at the University of Northern Iowa. Coaches from UNI said it was successful and a good way to maintain team togetherness. Coach Schroeder hopes to have similar results here at DMACC.

Right now Women's Softball is the only sport at DMACC to have mandatory study time during scheduled practice time. In time, Coach Schroeder hopes to see study tables offered in every sport at DMACC.



Mid-month basketball highlights

By Duanna Vinchattle
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The DMACC women's basketball team lost to Iowa Lakes Community College, Saturday, February 5, by a score of 82-69.

Stacy Beal led all DMACC scorers with 33 points. She had 15 field goals, including two three-pointers. Also in double figures was Steph Silberhorn with 13 points, including two three-pointers. Jeanette LaFoy followed with eight points, Jocelyn Ely had six, Sherry Anderson had four, Karen Ziemer had three, and Sarah Gannon and Holly Seifert had two points each.

The Bears ran into foul trouble as Anderson, LaFoy, and Beal fouled out of the game.

The DMACC men's team also lost to Iowa Lakes, by a score of 116-79.

DMACC's leading scorers were Brad Douglas and Mike

Sprecher with 18 points apiece. Chad Schlepp scored 11 points and Jim Mollison and Lance Clausen contributed nine points apiece.

The Bear's hit 8 of 16 shots from the three-point range and was 19 of 49 from the two-point area. From the free-throw line DMACC hit 19 of 29 shots.

Iowa Lakes out rebounded DMACC, 43-28. Leaders for DMACC in rebounding were Jeff Mulder with seven, Sprecher with six, and Douglas with five. Sprecher and Schlepp had three steals apiece and Troy Vincent had two assists. Mollison had two blocked shots.

The Bears women's team fell to Southwestern Community College, Wednesday, February 9, at DMACC. The Bears lost by a score of 83-42.

The Bears were led by Stacy Beal, who had 23 points. She had seven field goals and she hit

eight of ten shots from the free-throw line.

The Bears men's team also lost to SWCC, by a score of 95-61. The Bears had the lead for the first ten minutes, but Southwestern went ahead 22-1 in the next seven minutes in the first half and the Bears just couldn't catch up. The score at halftime was 36-23, in favor of Southwestern.

DMACC freshman Mike Sprecher led all scorers with 22 points. Also in double figures for DMACC were Lance Clausen and Chad Schlepp with 11 points apiece and Brad Douglas with 12 points.

Sprecher is averaging 9.8 points per game and is ranked second in the JUCO Conference in free-throw shooting, hitting 53 of 63 attempts.

The Bears are now 4-19 for the season.

Central Iowa needs your blood

If you think giving blood is inconvenient, imagine needing it. Central Iowa hospital patients rely on volunteer blood donors, and all blood types are needed. Some people believe if they have a common blood type their blood is not needed as much as rare blood types. However, the most common blood types, Type A and O, are used the most! Also, in an emergency, anyone can receive Type O red blood cells.

Members of Nursing Students United and Phi Beta Lambda are asking all eligible donors at DMACC to donate blood on Monday, February 28, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The drive will be held in the Boone Campus Gymnasium.

Those who are 17 years of age or older, in general good health and weigh at least 110 pounds are encouraged to participate. Potential blood donors are also reminded to eat a good meal prior to donation. Appointments for donating can be made by calling Connie Booth at the DMACC Nursing Department.

Mobile blood drives are essential to the central Iowa volunteer blood donor program. Please show your support and help The Blood Center of Central Iowa keep a plentiful blood supply.



Weather poses challenge for commuters

By Rose Zimmerle
Bear Facts Staff Reporter

The weather...everybody talks about it, but no one ever does anything!

Mother Nature has landed some very well-placed punches this year. Making it to DMACC from out-of-town is a major dilemma for many students. Bad roads and poor visibility due to blowing snow have kept some students from attending classes. Several out-of-town students, worried that a missed day might pose a problem for them, are braving the weather to get to DMACC.

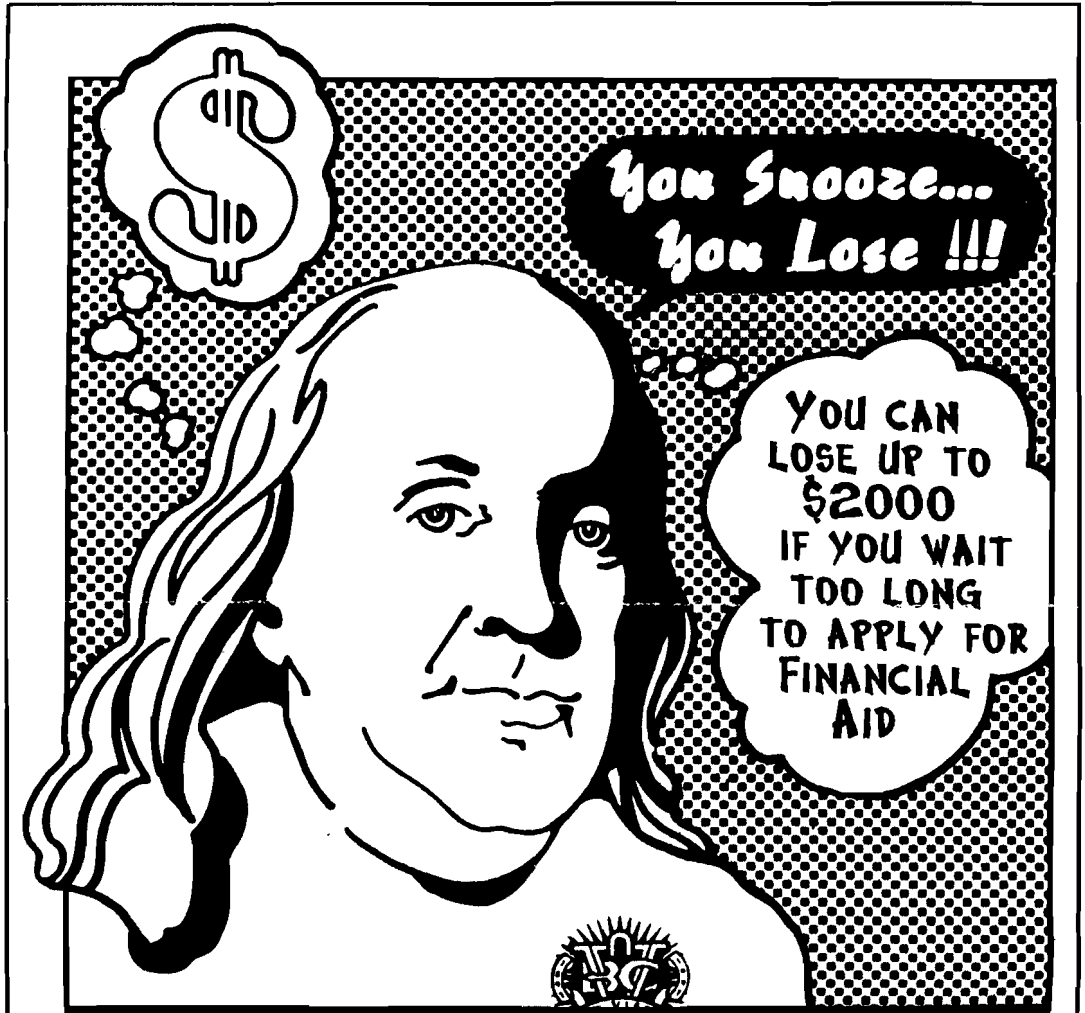
Pam Winebrenner, DMACC student from Grand Junction, remarked, "I've missed three days due to bad weather, but getting to class isn't worth going in the ditch." Another student stated, "I don't want to miss anymore than I have to, so unless they call DMACC off--if it takes me an hour to get here, it takes me an hour to get here."

Dean Philips has issued a memorandum concerning the possibility that DMACC classes may have to be canceled due to inclement weather. The decision to cancel classes will be made by the dean by 5:30 a.m. and will be relayed to the following local radio stations:

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KDLS-AM	(1310)	Perry/Jefferson
KDLS-FM	(101.7)	Perry/Jefferson

If the weather conditions during the school day warrant an early dismissal, the decision will be made, staff will be notified and the radio stations will be contacted.

In Iowa, one of the few things you can count on is the unpredictability of the weather. As the old adage goes, "If you don't like the weather in Iowa--wait five minutes."



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DMACC students introduce Islam to Randall

By Todd Randall
Bear Facts Guest Writer

While sitting in the student center, I always saw a group of three men sitting together. They spoke a foreign (language) tongue and always seemed to be studying. I decided to approach them and met a man named Ammar. Ammar Al-Annsi was accompanied by his cousin, Moammar Aldram, and friend, Tawfik Moudah.

"Todd, this is 'brother' Tawfik and 'brother' Moammar," Ammar said.

"Wait!" I interjected. "I thought you said they were your cousin and friend."

"I did, but we are all 'brothers' in Islam," he answered.

I learned that Ammar, Tawfik and Moammar all came from Yemen. Yemen is approximately 200 miles from Mecca (holy city and heart of the Islamic faith). They let me know that Islam is central in all their lives.

After showing my interest in their culture and religion, I spent a lot of my time pursuing that interest. After several days of my repetitious question asking, Ammar and Tawfik invited me to attend "Islamic Day," an exhibit of Islamic faith, culture, and art. I agreed to attend and make plans to meet them at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union at ISU where it was held.

When I reached the "Union," I waited outside the Great Hall for my friends, who would show me around. It took longer for them to show up than I expected. When they finally came, they apologized for the delay and informed me that they had been at the Mosque, praying. Moammar had a test and did not attend "Islamic Day" with Ammar, Tawfik, and me.

I excited the two with my continued interest in their religion and culture. Ammar took me with him around the tables and I learned a little about each of the countries where Islam flourishes. Many of the tables had pamphlets concerning Islam, and Ammar made sure that I received each one.

I felt that I was at the United Nations; there were people in many kinds of dress, of different cultures, and speaking many languages. Every chance that Tawfik and Ammar had, they would introduce me to their "brothers". Ammar would say, "This is 'brother' Abdul," and "This is 'brother' Amjad." I met a "brother" from Atlanta, Georgia, named Abdul-Rahman. Ammar told me that if I had any questions about Islam, "Ask him, his English is much better than mine."

Ammar introduced me to a "brother" from Egypt. "A Salaam Alaikum" the man from Egypt said. I felt really strange. I didn't know what to say. Ammar rescued me and explained that I was their friend and not a Moslem. "A Salaam Alaikum" means "Peace be with you", and all Moslems say this in greeting.

I felt out of place; moreover, I felt awkward and thought the "brothers" would laugh at my inexperience with Islam or the foreign cultures. After Ammar rescued me from my embarrassment, I was encouraged by the fact that everyone was "on my side"; and if I had questions, they would help me (since I was non-Moslem). I didn't know what was appropriate to ask, so I asked Tawfik, who said, "You can ask anyone anything." He also recommended that I speak with Abdul-Rahman, since he was an American.

As my hosts sat around talking with their "brothers", Abdul-Rahman encouraged me to ask questions, and before it was over, I felt I was an expert on Islam.



Tawfik Moudah (left), Todd Randall (center), and Ammar Al-Annsi (right) met while students at DMACC.

Abdul-Rahman, Tawfik, and Ammar informed me that it was time to pray. Abdul-Rahman invited me to stay. Although it is preferable to pray at the Mosque, an exception was made at the exhibit. We interrupted our conversation, and Abdul-Rahman went into a corner of the Great Hall and shouted words in Arabic.

"What is he doing?" I asked.

"He is calling Allah (God)," Tawfik said.

Tawfik, I assume, could tell that I was uncomfortable, so he also asked me to stay and watch

how they pray.

"Is it all right to stay?" I asked, but before he could answer they all followed Abdul-Rahman into the corner where a blanket was lying. They took off their shoes, and in unison, bowed and knelt towards the East (Mecca, I later found out).

Soon after the praying, the exhibit was over. I didn't want to get in the way of the cleanup, so I said "goodbye" to my new

friends. Everyone invited me to come to the Mosque on Friday, and I accepted. I was thrilled when an English version of the Qur'an (holy book) was offered to me.

There was one more person I met before I left. It was the president of the Muslim Students Association, and to make me feel welcome, Ammar said, "This is brother, Todd."

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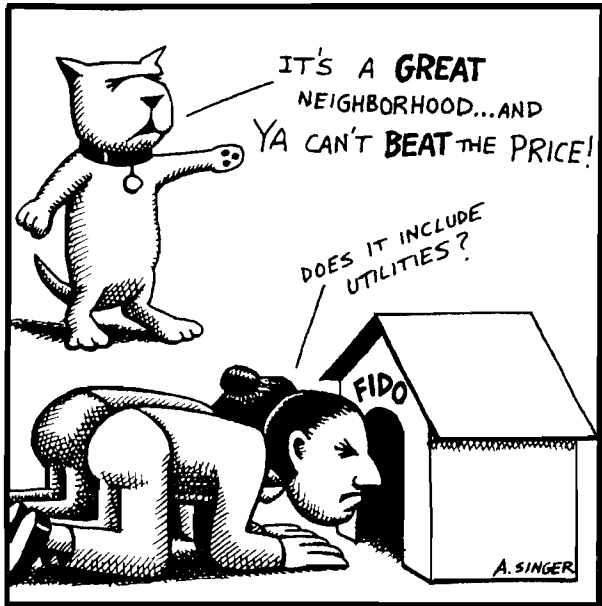
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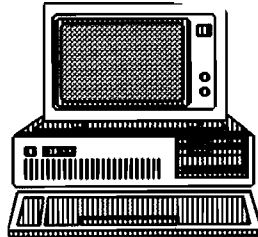
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National Student News Service, 1993

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The Boone Login will be removed from the LAN the morning of Thursday, February 17. Registered DMACC students should be able to Login with their social security number. If they can't Login with their social security number, they should let me know.

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Room at the Inn

By C. Joel Wise
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Has it been difficult for you to find housing in Boone?

With the increase in the number of students attending DMACC, housing has become sparse, and for some, nearly impossible to obtain.

Jay Bhoja, the owner of the American Inn Hotel on South Story Street has been trying to make this seemingly large problem a little bit smaller. He has been offering rooms the DMACC students since September of 1993. Currently there are twenty-five rooms available.

Jay stated, "The students I have now are great! They have given me no problems."

Mr. Bhoja requires a one month deposit of \$325.00 on the usual nine month lease. All utilities are paid, and the rooms are cleaned once a week. Including towels and bedding.

In order to accommodate full-time student living, the owner stated that he had to add, what's called a Micro-Frig, in all the rooms. This is a 1 piece unit that holds a microwave, refrigerator, and a freezer.

According to Mr. Bhoja "the students may have guests, but under no circumstances are they to have parties."

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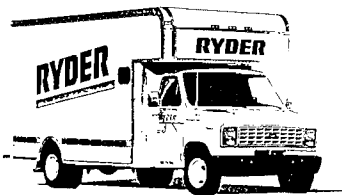
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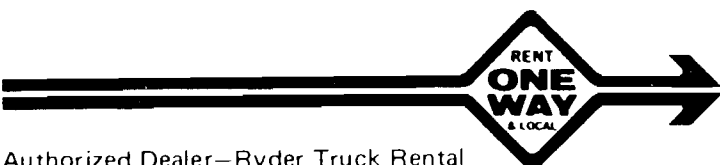
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