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Photo by Angela Cherryholmes

Vangie Hussman, a DMACC Boone Campus student, shares Christmas traditions from her homeland the Philippines.

## Christmas: "a time to set aside differences"

**By Jamie Lowe  
Bear Facts Staff**

Most of us know how the people of this country celebrate Christmas, but we seldom get to hear about the traditions of other countries. Vangie Hussman, originally from the Philippines, is now a student at DMACC. She celebrates Christmas like many Americans, but she always tells her children her stories of Christmas in the Philippines.

She someday hopes to be able to take her kids to the Philippines to celebrate their Christmas traditions. Vangie said, "We celebrate the Christmas season from December 24 through January 6. The 24th is known as Noche Buena and the 6th is known as the day of the Three Kings."

On Noche Buena the family will come home after midnight

mass and have a huge supper (much like the one many families serve on Christmas afternoon). For the more affluent families in the Philippines, there is usually a pig roast, but most people just have a little bit of pork or chicken with noodles and vegetables, which is then poured over rice.

The meal is ended with rice delicacies, which can be made in many forms. The main ingredients for these rice desserts is usually rice and coconut milk.

After supper there is usually socializing until morning or the family goes out caroling. Vangie mentioned that you don't have to be invited for supper because everyone realizes that this is a grand celebration and everyone is welcomed.

They also have Christmas trees in the Philippines, but they are not quite like our traditional

evergreens. The people of the Philippines will take small branches from evergreen trees and wrap them with crate paper. They then gather many of these and put them together to form a Christmas tree. They do put up many lights and the holiday is very colorful much like our decorating in the U.S.

One of the most beautiful things about the holiday is the making of paper lanterns. Many communities even have lantern-making contests where people can bring their lanterns to the city hall for everyone to admire.

It is generally very warm on Christmas Day. People will usually walk the streets bare footed in short-sleeved shirts while caroling.

Music is a huge part of this celebration. Almost all of the

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## Final Exam Schedule

Fall '95--Daytime Classes

Thursday, December 14, 1995 (Tues/Thurs classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Friday, December 15, 1995 (Mon/Wed/Fri, or more)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
4:40 p.m. - 5:35 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Monday, December 18, 1995 (Mon/Wed/Fri/more)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:55 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19, 1995 (Tue/Thurs classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

### Fall '95--Evening Classes

Last Monday night class (Final Exam)	December 18
Last Tuesday night class (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Wednesday night class (Final Exam)	December 13
Last Thursday night class (Final Exam)	December 14
Last Mon/Wed night class (Final Exam)	December 18
Last Tue/Thur night class (Final Exam)	December 14
Last Saturday class (Final Exam)	December 16

### Grades to be mailed during winter break

Grade Mailers will be sent to students during the winter break. Transcripts will be released during the second and third weeks of January for the current semester. If you plan to have a transcript sent at the end of the term, please submit your

request to the Boone Campus main offices or student records office at Ankeny. Make sure to note on your transcript request: "Issue after fall term grades are recorded." Transcripts ordered while you are a student are free.

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stores and businesses will have holiday music playing on sound systems at this time of year to get everyone in the mood for the upcoming season.

For most families there is no money to buy gifts for the Christmas season. Yet the country commercializes the holiday much like we do in the U.S. They have Santa Claus, but he is just more of a model and doesn't hand out candy or trinkets to small children like is common practice in the U.S.

Vangie stated, "Christmas is a great time of reconciliation in the Philippines. It is a chance for parents and children to lay their differences aside and to come together."

The Philippines are a Christian country, so this holiday is very Christ centered. All schools will celebrate the holiday, and if a student doesn't believe in this, they just don't participate. Almost every company in the country will throw parties for its employees, and it is also a time for bonuses from the employers.

Vangie mentioned that it is often customary to get a new piece of clothing for the Christmas season. She also said, "It is often the only time of year that some of the children will get new clothes. For this reason it is very special."

When she was little, Vangie loved to follow the *pastores* around the community. Pastores are small girls that get dressed-up and dance from home to home for money. This ritual is usually a big part of the Christmas celebration.

Growing up in the Philippines, Vangie Hussman brings a little bit of culture to the Boone Campus during this holiday season.

**Nigeria year shirts available**

The shirts for Nigeria Year are now available from Bruce Kelly Room 127 or Jan LaVile Room 212. They were designed by Jennifer Pierrick, a Commercial Design Student on the Ankeny Campus. The shirts come in Large, X-Large, and XX-Large sizes. There are T-shirts (short and long sleeved) and sweatshirts available. The prices are as follows:

- Short Sleeve T-shirts.....\$6.00**
- Long Sleeve T-shirts.....\$8.00**
- Sweatshirts...\$12.00**



Rotaract Club urges students and staff to donate to their recent holiday clothing, decoration, and toy drive for the Lighthouse Program in Boone.

**Club collects clothing for Lighthouse Program**

By Ken Clark and Lynnette Linderblood  
Rotaract Club

As many of you have probably noticed, Rotaract Club has placed several large Christmas boxes around the campus for your donations of clothing, Christmas decorations and toys. Thank you to those who have already donated their used items.

These items are on their way to a truly fine program called **The Lighthouse Program**, which was initiated by Youth and Shelter Services to open doors for self-sufficient living for homeless women who are pregnant and/or parenting.

Please contact a Rotaract member for more information, but more importantly **PLEASE DONATE!**

A special thanks goes out to those who donated blood for the Red Cross Blood Drive. There will be another one coming up in the spring, so **PUMP IT UP!**

**Eight first-time donors give blood**

By Jamie Lowe  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Every 17 seconds someone, somewhere needs blood. To meet the demands of our region, The Blood Center of Central Iowa needs to see 1,000 donors each week. Faculty and students of DMACC contributed to this effort during the November 28 blood drive.

Connie Booth, Nursing Instructor on the Boone Campus, served as the chairperson of the DMACC event. Connie Booth

stated, "The best thing about the blood drive was the fact that we had the Courter Center to set up in. Due to that fact, many more people saw what was going on and we had more walk-ins."

At the drive, 45 donors were seen with 35 units drawn. Of these, 8 were first-time donors.

The Blood Center expressed appreciation to the faculty and students of DMACC and the donors who made a valuable contribution to the central Iowa volunteer blood donor program. Support from sponsor groups such as Nursing Students United helps The Blood Center to meet the increasing blood demands of the hospitals they serve in central Iowa.

**Where is the Internet?**

By Jamie Lowe  
Bear Facts Staff

Will DMACC students have access to the Internet when they come back for the Spring Semester? This is a question that many people would like to have answered. Unfortunately the answer isn't going to be the one that most students wanted to hear. As of this issue there are no sure plans to have the Internet up and running for the Spring

Semester.

According to Roger Federlick, with Systems Integration on the Ankeny Campus, "We are working on the Internet, but we don't know if we will have it operational by the Spring Semester."

As of press time Roger Federlick, had no new information to report about the students getting to go on-line. Meetings are being held this week to determine what more can be done.

**Attention all DMACC Students**

**Grading System Changes**

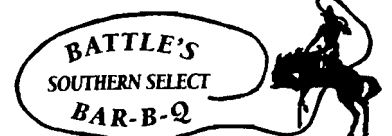
Effective fall semester 1995-96, DMACC will recognize a plus and minus grading system. This will become the standard from grading although instructors have an option to grade without using the plus/minus scale. Use the following plus/minus scale to help determine your grade-point average for this semester.

Letter Grade	Numerical Value
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
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# By George

## Are you waiting to "let George do it"?

Have you noticed the volunteers around you? (Not the ones from Tennessee.) Probably not, but they're here; they're there. Most go unnoticed; most of what they accomplish is taken for granted and not appreciated. The time and effort given has been a "fantabulous" investment.

Have you noticed who picked-out and decorated our Christmas tree; who collects clothing, toys, canned goods for charitable causes; who works at the concession stand; who organized and coordinated the efforts at the blood drive; how many staff, students, faculty helped show-off our campus for the October Open House; who served you hamburgers; who grilled (slaved over a hot charcoal grill) hot dogs; who served pizza and your Thanksgiving lunch; who sweeps the gymnasium floor before, during, and after basketball games; who were the Lighthouse volunteers; who organized the "smokeout"; who takes tickets at virtually every basketball game; who served dinner before "Barefoot in the Park;" who checked coats at the gourmet dinner?

Do you know the volunteers at the Boone Campus who tutor and read to help others, they cleaned trash off the campus lawn; they have volunteered time to clean and repair homes for those less fortunate and to mow and rake lawns and shovel snow from sidewalks for the elderly?

Do you know who volunteered their time to usher at Commencement and to organize the G.E.D. graduation ceremony? Who works with students after regular hours; who is a volunteer literacy coordinator; who "adopted" a family for Christmas; who went "caroling" at area nursing homes; who help recycle; who gave students rides to class? Who adopted a highway? Who volunteered time to help in our communities . . . locally . . . Pufferbilly Days, Chamber of Commerce, hospital, churches, P.T.A. 's, Little League, Boone and Scenic Valley, service clubs and organizations too numerous to mention?

(Angela Kading won the first pizza; first person to tell me who won the first wins the second.)

Who's planning an AIDS awareness program; who's planning an Easter Egg Hunt for children of DMACC students and staff? Who helps students and parents after hours and on weekends? Who stays late or arrives early to help a friend? Who are the members of the foundation and the board of directors who volunteer countless hours for the benefit of students and staff alike? Who volunteered time to organize the international lunch bunch? Who are all those volunteers who have helped in some way to further the cause of the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, the Central Iowa Blood Bank, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Boone County Hospital, the American Red Cross, ACCESS, Boone County Extension, Department of Human Services, Self-Support, Boone County Cattlemen, Pork Producers, DMACC, Johnny Appleseed, Mamie Eisenhower Birthplace, and more?

How about it . . . do you have some time to volunteer? Do you have a cause you'd like to help champion? It'll take only a few moments of your time. Are you willing? You probably won't get any pats on the back and may not get a thank-you, but the time spent is very satisfying.

**Do you have an opinion you would like to express? Do you disagree with the opinions expressed in the Bear Facts? Are we bringing you the news you can use? Let us know what you think in a letter to the editor. Our next issue prints Wednesday, January 31, 1996.**



*From  
where  
I sit*

By Audrey Burgs

Two issues ago, I wrote a column questioning the necessity of taking algebra if you were not going to be a scientist, mathematician, or engineer. It was never my intention to suggest that math does not matter. The point I was trying to make was that not one of my math teachers since elementary school has seemed to care if math mattered to me. Consequently, I would rather sleep on a bed of nails than sit in a math class.

Unfortunately, most of my math teachers made me feel that to understand mathematics was to belong to an exclusive club -- one that I would have to break my way into. It really turned me off when I asked "What is the purpose of knowing this?" and the response was "Because you need to know."

When I compare most of the math teachers I have had, to my English and social science teachers, there is a mountain of difference. The English and social science teachers welcomed me into their worlds and encouraged me to question what I did not understand. They knew how to teach students and not just subjects.

Before you math types get your knickers in a knot, you should understand that I am not alone in feeling like this. Since writing that column, I have asked just about everyone I have come into contact with about their experience with math.

The people I talked to ranged from a thirteen year-old middle school student to a retired ISU professor in her sixties. The responses were connected by the same thread. Without fail, each of these people could tell me exactly what grade they were in and give a vivid, none too flattering description of the teacher who turned them off to math. There is definitely something wrong with this picture.

I wish someone would design a college-level math class that would give those of us who are going into non-technical fields the math skills that we will actually need. Until then, we can survive with some very basic algebra skills and a good calculator.

# Ten to take

By Audrey Burgs and Tricia Whitcher  
Bear Facts Staff

Most of us have already registered for classes, but for all you procrastinators out there who are having a hard time deciding what to take, we thought we would ask around the campus for recommendations: **What were the best classes you have taken at Boone, and who taught them?**

**Mark H. Williams** recommends Comp I taught by Sam Pritchard. Mark says, "Pritchard lit the fire inside me and showed me that I can write and that I have something to say." Mark also recommends America in the Movies taught by Dr. Bittner.

**Angela Cherryholmes** suggests taking American National Government from Bruce Kelly. Angela says that Kelly's style of teaching involves the class in issues that they can relate to. She says, "Mr. Kelly explains the "why" of government and challenges Generation X."

**Jennifer Young** gives thumbs up to Harold Johnson's Biology I class. She likes the way Johnson explains things and says he teaches in a manner that makes the subject interesting as well as easy to understand.

**Samantha Hutcheson** gives the nod to Martha Griffiths' Creative Writing class. Samantha says she is learning to develop her writing skills and thinks this class is "is just the coolest."

**Jessica Heath** thinks Mel Holthus really knows what he is doing when it comes to teaching Accounting. She says that he makes everything easier to understand and goes out of his way to help you.

**Kim Fehrman** really enjoyed Karin Van Meter's Anatomy & Physiology class. Kim says that Van Meter made her work to her full potential. **Lynnette Linderblood** thinks that Dr. Jane Martino made taking Developmental Psychology worthwhile. Lynnette found Dr. Martino to be a very understanding teacher who took into account that students here at DMAAC have obligations outside school.

**Ken Clark** enjoyed the classes of his first-year nursing instructor, Cindy Cory. Ken said that Cory is earthy, grounded, and able to convey her experience to her students.

**Craig Daniels** believes Nancy Woods is a good teacher. He likes the way she takes a hard subject like Physics and makes it interesting.

**Mike Moody** advises taking Geography 141 from Bill Ryan. Mike thinks that Ryan enjoys teaching and has a great knowledge of geography. Mike also enjoyed the field trips that are a part of this class.

## Vittles with Vern and Virginia

Next time you're at the North Grand Mall in Ames, try the Flame N' Skewer restaurant across from the Mall Theatres. Mo, the owner is a very congenial guy whose staff reflects his customer-oriented attitude (Besides, he's a Boone Campus grad!).

The menu has a nice variety. Steaks, chicken, and the usual amenities abound, but some ethnic choices can also be found. Start out with a Greek salad (or, as Vern says, "a geek salad"): a mound of lettuce topped with tomatoes, olives and lots of feta cheese covered with oil-and-vinegar dressing. Try the gyros (pronounced "heeceros") sandwich or dinner. Gyros is a spicy blend of beef and lamb that drives Vern wild. He says, "It's beyond scrumptious." Both meals come with choice of potato, Texas toast or pita bread, and lots of onions. You also get a delicious cucumber-sour cream sauce to put on your gyros. YUM-YUM!

Virginia likes a dish called Mo's Delight which is a grilled, unbreaded chicken breast that comes in four delicious styles: original, Cajun, barbecue, or Italian (She usually orders all four at once!!). It, too, comes with choice of potato.

The steak sandwich is a good, economical meal. A nice piece of sirloin steak is cooked to your specification, served open-face on a piece of Texas toast with a potato...\$5.50...not bad for this day and age. Desserts are limited to cheesecake and Greek baklava, a kind of caramelized crust dessert (Virginia would like to eat lots of it, but she's chicken.). Mo has a salad bar, too, but it's rather limited to lettuce and the usual toppings.

The Flame N' Skewer is open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. Watch out for the Saturday evening crowds. ☺☺☺☺☺

## Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Dean

# Talks about school, travel, family, goals

By Robin King  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Kriss Philips has been the Executive Dean at the Boone campus for the past fourteen years. Prior to this position he was the chief administrator at the Carroll campus for three years. He was also the guidance counselor at Nevada High School for five years.

Philips has a BA and a Masters Degree from North East Missouri. He has also taken courses at Iowa and Iowa State University.

### Likes variety

One of the things that Philips likes most about his job is that every day is different. "I like a lot of variety. I like working with the staff, students and the community," said Philips. He also likes the fact that no two days are the same.

Philips was working at the Carroll campus when the position of Dean on the Boone campus became available. He added, "It looked like a pretty good challenge."

One of the things that he least likes about his job is having to make the decision of whether to cancel school or not due to bad weather conditions. Philips first listens to the weather forecasts very carefully as well as calling his co-workers on the other campuses trying to get as much input as possible before making his decisions. The worst problem is that the weather can be completely different here than it is five miles from the school.

His favorite part of the campus is the new L.W. Courter Center. He says that it gives the students much more room than what they previously had.

Philips would like to see student housing become available in the not too distant future. He states that it would not solve all of the problems but that it would be

a benefit to students

### Grandfather of three

Philips and his spouse, Jo have five children and three grandchildren. The five children are spread out in New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio and Iowa.

Philips and his wife, his parents, his mother-in-law, his two brothers, and his sister-in-law recently went to the Panama Canal. His

it was too hot. After ten days on their cruise they landed in Florida and flew home.

Philips has been all over Mexico as well as the United States. He has traveled to Canada but has not been all over the country. Last summer, he and his wife traveled to Ireland. In 1987 he drove to Alaska. Someday he would like to travel to Australia and New Zealand.

Although traveling is his

school year and for everyone to reach and obtain their goals. Finally, for his third wish, he asks for a short winter.

Philips would advise graduating students that have the skills to go directly into the job market to do so, but to the students who graduate with two year degrees he recommends looking into further education at four year schools due to the increased

most embarrassing moment was since he became employed here on the Boone campus he replied, "I probably can't tell a couple of them." He also stated that he would be too embarrassed to tell.

His most memorable experience here was when they had the dedication of the L.W. Courter Center. The governor as well as Mr. Courter were here.

One of his goals as the Dean is to make sure that they provide a quality education. He feels that DMACC has an excellent teaching staff. His goal is to help or assist the staff in any way he can to ensure the students get the best education possible.

A few of his favorite things include the color red, late spring and lobster. His favorite restaurant is the Tic Toc.

What Philips is most proud of is that a lot of the students that have graduated from here have gone on to become very successful lawyers, nurses, teachers, or doctors.

He feels that the Boone DMACC has improved its reputation over the past few years and that it is no longer considered an extension of the high school. Finally people are seeing it as a college.

Philips feels that people are attracted to DMACC because of the smaller classes and costs are reasonable as well as having teachers and staff that are concerned and willing to help.

When asked if he had considered another career change he stated that he had thought of returning to his parents farm which is twenty-five miles south east of Ottumwa, but that the farm would be too lonely after the variety and excitement of the students and staff at DMACC.



Photo by Trish Whitcher

father, who is 78 years old, had always wanted to go there and talked everyone into going with him. They were on a cruise for ten days. He added that during the last snow storm we had here in Iowa that he was wearing shorts and a t-shirt and that

favorite hobby he also enjoys reading, walking, and bicycling.

If he were to be granted three wishes of his choice, he would ask for his family and his loved ones to be safe and happy. For his second wish, he would ask for a good

demand from employers for advanced schooling.

His advice to new students would be to study hard, apply themselves and to also have fun and to participate in the activities available on campus.

When asked what his

# Tutoring impacts career plans

By Audrey Burgs  
Bear Facts Staff

When Catherine Parker does not have a class you will find her in The Court. She doesn't just hang out there, but tutors other students in algebra, biology, Spanish, and English as a Second Language.

Parker is a Liberal Arts major from Martensdale, Iowa. She has attended DMACC for two semesters and has been named to the President's List for accomplishing a 4.0 GPA in each grading period. She has also received other academic awards such as the Hartley Award for being a top freshman and a recognition award in American history.



Catherine Parker

In addition to keeping up with her class work, Parker works at The Coffee Tree at Southridge Mall in Des Moines. When she has time she relaxes by reading authors such as Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. and Jack Kerouac.

Parker's favorite classes during her time here at DMACC have been Intro to Literature, taught by Martha Griffiths and Harold Johnson's Biology classes. She gives Johnson points for his lecturing style and has learned to appreciate new authors from her Lit class.

This semester is the first time that Parker has worked as a tutor through the Academic Achievement Center. She has especially enjoyed tutoring international students. Many of these students need help with ESL and Parker concentrates on helping them develop their conversational English skills.

Tutoring has had an impact on Parker's career plans. She will be transferring to ISU in the summer of 1996 and had already intended to teach, but the tutoring experience has been so positive that she is now considering a double major in ESL.

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To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject, and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1986, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1995. A new contest opens January 1, 1996.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

## Life... as it is

By Tricia Whitcher  
Bear Facts Staff

School, work, school, work, that is what your life consists of. You seem to never do anything except homework. How can you when you are trying to pay your way through college yourself?

It's 9:00 am and you are just jumping out of the shower, getting ready to go to school. The phone rings, it's your work place calling to find out why you are not there yet. You try to explain that you have school today and can not come in. The tell this will be an unexcused absence if you do not go in. So as a loyal employee, desperate for money, you call your instructor and skip class to work.

This is the scenario of many college students who are trying to pay their own way through another semester. You want good grades but you have to pay the bills. So you skip school to work, to make more money and you feel that you never seem to get ahead. You hope you can quit your job and not worry how the bills are going to get paid, for just one semester. You wish you may even be able to have a social life again outside of school, and actually enjoy school again.

Some workplaces expect you to work extra hours this time of year. Do they realize that you only have so many hours in the day? For instance one person I chatted with said her employer was upset because she could not

work any more hours than she already was. It is finals time and Christmas is just corner from that.

The students that work the overnight shift then try to go to school all day afterwards put a strain on themselves. Students need the money to better their education but have to work all night to pay the tuition and bills.

It seems like the businesses are not trying to keep their employees happy anymore, they are just trying to make a profit. At least in my parent's day, the employees came first. You could speak out and not be reprimanded for doing so. We need to get back to putting the employee first instead of the business.

What about if you are a parent going back to school to better yourself? Your children have priorities over your school and work. Your children have plays and concerts and sports that you

want to be involved in but you have to make money so they can participate and you can pay the other bills. Sometimes your children are sick and you have to call work and school so you can stay home with them, to take care of them that is part of being a parent. You end up being stretched three ways instead of two. Don't you wish life's problems would take care of themselves?

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Coach Dick Criner explains a play during the last DMACC home game.

## DMACC women improve play daily

By Julie Ann Cronin  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

With the DMACC-Boone women's basketball team off to a rocky start being 0-5 in conference and 1-5 overall, the Bears are eager to turn things around.

With the women only having two games left before the Christmas break, they look to start a winning streak.

Freshman Emily Pool has taken charge and leads the Bears, averaging 18.0 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per game. Carrie Previer also a freshmen, is the Bears second leading shooter and the leading rebounder for the team. Her aggressive moves under the basket has given her an average of 8.0 points per game and 6.0 rebounds per game. Coach Dick Criner is very proud of the two girls as they are looking to improve everyday.

The women's team has a new player coming in second semester to add to the inside play. Ester Rude is from Hover, Iowa. Criner is in contact with two other possible recruits coming in along with Rude, things could be getting a lot better for the Bears bringing their roster to thirteen.

The conference title for the women is not yet taken by any team, so the Bears still are in reach of it.

With only seventeen games left in the season, the Bears are determined to put a stop to the losing streak and turn it around into a winning streak.

The Bears have two home games left before the Christmas break, so come out and support the Bears. With a game on Wednesday, at 5:00 against Central College, and another game on Saturday at 2:00 against Waldorf, both being at home.

## Johnson to retire at the end of spring semester

Aaron J. Wright IV  
Bear Facts Sports Writer

There always comes a time when we lose a friend, a mentor, a teacher, and someone whom we have really admired. Mr. Harold Johnson, Boone's long time biology/zoology instructor and athletic director, is retiring effective at the end of the school

Johnson began at what used to be Boone Junior College, which was five blocks from the current high school. Now all that remains of that site is a playground for children. The school became DMACC-Boone after moving to the Hancock street location. Johnson immediately started to get things rolling.

In his first years as athletic director, he established a men's basketball, baseball, and golf team. After these teams met with success, Johnson also developed women's basketball and softball.

Johnson helps his staff recruit and find funding in order for the teams to have transportation and medical equipment. Since DMACC-Boone receives no state funding for the athletic programs, this job requires a lot of responsibility.

Johnson will be retiring at the end of the spring semester, and is planning on spending more time with his family. "I would like to restore a few of the cars and go fishing as well as hunting," he says. He has no ambition to come back to teach full or part time. After over thirty years of service, he is hanging up the hat.

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Biology/Zoology instructor Harold Johnson anticipates retirement.

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Coach Russ Jones huddles with the team during a recent home game.

## Tough road ahead for Bears

By Julie Ann Cronin  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

On October 2, the DMACC-Boone Men's basketball team started their season. With fifteen new and returning players eager to play, they all knew that they were in for a tough season.

With the season almost half over and the Bears heading into conference play, they hold the record of 3-8 overall; being 2-1 in conference.

Men's head coach, Russ Jones said, "We've played extremely hard as a team, and we've also played very talented teams. Yet we've had some hard breaks that could have made us 7-3 instead of 3-7."

With sophomore Chris Larson having just signed a letter of intent with Division one Northwestern State University, He leads the team in points per game and also rebounding. Averaging 21.0 points per game and ripping down 15.0 rebounds per game, gives Larson and Jones something to smile about. Dax Connelly, also a sophomore, is second on the team for scoring and rebounding. Shooting the ball, he averages 20.0 points per game with 6.0 rebounds per game.

With DMACC only having three sophomores, Chris Larson says, "We need a lot of work."

On Saturday, December 9, the DMACC men were to take on NIACC-Mason City, but due to bad weather conditions, the game was canceled and postponed to Monday, January 15. This gives the Bears extra time

to prepare to play the NJACC National champs of last year.

With only two games left before school gets out for Christmas break, this gives everyone a chance to see the Bears play. There is a game on Wednesday against Indian Hills at 7:00 and then on Saturday against Waldorf at 4:00 both here at home.

With Christmas break around the corner, this gives the men's team time to reorganize, regroup and set out for a better second half of the season.

Big games coming up for the Bears are January 10, against Kirkwood away at 8:00. Also January 15, against NJACC winner NIACC-Mason City away at 8:00. Some big home games that the Bears' fans can look forward to seeing are: January 13, against Iowa Lakes at DMACC with play at 8:00. Also, another big game is against NIACC-Mason City at DMACC February 24, at 4:00.

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With the men's team starting with fifteen players, a question directed to Head Coach Russ Jones was, "Are there any players leaving or transferring at semester?" He replied, "No comment." So we will see what is in store for the Bears second semester.

# Should ISU's Heisman hopeful return for another season?

Aaron J. Wright IV  
Bear Facts Sports Writer

**Question:** Should this be about it for Troy Davis and the I.S.U. marriage?

or

Should Troy come back for another fine season to go for the Heisman?

**Answer:** Just about the only thing that the faithful I.S.U. Cyclone fans, faculty, administrators, football players and coaches enjoyed this season was seeing sensational sophomore Troy Davis become only the fifth football player ever to rush for 2,000 yards in a single season at the college level.

Yes, Davis finished with 2,010 yards (good stuff Troy), but oh, yes, I.S.U. did fall to 3-8 and 1-6 in the conference. What makes it worse, is that for the second year in the row they are dead last in the conference.

I give credit where credit is due: Coach Dan McCarney did bring the Cyclones from 0-10 to a better 3-8. You really can't expect too much in the first year. The embarrassing thing about the entire season is the clinics that other Big 8 teams put on them.

Let us reminisce: In a two-week span, The Clones gave up 122 points and only scored 14. Who were the opposition?  
Nebraska 7, Iowa State 14; Kansas State 49, Iowa State 7.

Throughout all of that, Davis was picking up yards on the ground, while Williams and Horancek were in the air. If I.S.U. could of beat Texas Christian, Missouri or pulled off a University of Oklahoma upset, then he would have been a top three finalist.

Only managing one weak powerhouse win against Oklahoma State left Davis a dead last finish behind winner Eddie George of Ohio State, Tommy Frazier of Nebraska, Danny Wuerfull of Florida and Darnell Autry of Northwestern University.

Autry was the surprise of the field. He got in because the Wildcats are 11-1 and going to the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. So what is left to prove? I certainly don't feel that Davis can eclipse another 2,000 yard season because defenses will key on him so hard that it might take 35-40 carries per game to get 150 yards.

Don't get him mixed up. Davis is very quick. He's more or less on the Barry Sanders side of the ball, rather than the Emmitt Smith side of the ball. That's why I feel he is one of the top five running backs in the game, and also could be a late 1st round to middle second round pick for the draft.

The time has come to move on to the next level and showcase his talents in front of the world's finest. The only thing that Davis would come back for is to break all the rushing records on campus and in the conference, play a year or two with his brother who will be an incoming freshman, and work on academics.

The reason why the time has come is because what he did this year is superb. Troy can now take care of his family financially, look out for his well being and security, and be able to see and do the things he wants in life. Academically, he can always enroll in school and receive his degree.

Here is a positive and negative. Tyrone Wheatley, formally of the University of

Michigan, optioned to return his senior year of college and football because he was the odds-on-favorite to win the Heisman. Tyrone went down with an injury, and so did the Heisman as well as his stock in the NFL draft. Tyrone serves as a backup with the New York Giants.

Juwan Howard, formally of the University of Michigan also, left and entered the draft early after his junior year. His stock rose because of the type of season he had. After being drafted by the Bullets, getting things fit and etc., he went back to his alma mater and finished out with a degree.

Troy Davis can do the exact same as Juwan. The Heisman is a nice trophy to win because you are the best player in college. It most definitely doesn't mean you will become the best in the pros. Examples: Gino Torretta (flop), Charlie Ward (never drafted, but in the NBA), Rashaan Salaam (it's hard to even crack 1,000 yards) and Troy Detmer (well let's move on please!). For Davis to be half as good as this year for next, a quarterback will need to help guide the offense!



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By Anna and Audrey  
Astrologists to the Ordinary

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**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) Your practical nature and ability to work like hell are about to be rewarded. Look for your name on the Dean's List.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Time to pay the piper. With final exams approaching, you will regret those nights you blew off studying and partied instead.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Not even CPR could revive your academic standing. As a last resort, get on your knees and beg your instructors not to fail you.

**Leo** (July 22-Aug 22) Your vanity and arrogance stand between you and success. Seek therapy in the new year to help deal with your character flaws.

**Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 22) Your talent at notetaking pays off at exam time. Being anal has its benefits.

**Libra** (Sept 23-Oct 23) Your inventive mind and progressive ideas will take you far. Make an all out effort to impress those who can make a difference.

**Scorpio** (Oct 24-Nov 21) Skipping all those classes back in September will have a negative effect on your test results. Take every opportunity to settle down and study.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 22) Don't think you can bluff your way through those essay questions. Each of your professors is on to you and your reckless tendency to rely on luck.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22-Jan 19) You are seen by most as a cautious champion of the status quo. Your gift for using logic gives you a major advantage at test taking time.

**Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 18) Your flair for artistry blinds you to reality, but even a vivid imagination cannot change an "F" into a "C". Consider a career that does not require a degree.

**Pisces** (Feb 19-Mar 20) Your tendency to procrastinate stands between you and a good GPA. It is not too late to turn in those overdue projects.



"Max" was photographed by DMACC sophomore, Sherri Murken, for Principles of Photography class taught by Bob Person on the Boone Campus. Sherri, a Boone resident, is currently enrolled in classes on the Boone and Ankeny Campuses.

### Call for student papers: Social tolerance conference

By Jamie Lowe  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Proposals are being accepted from now until Friday, January 19, 1995 for students interested in submitting items to the Second Annual Multi-State Undergraduate Conference on Issues of Social Tolerance. The Conference is slated to be held on Saturday, March 30, 1996 at Northern Virginia Community College on the Woodbridge Campus.

Proposals may be submitted in the following forms: original research papers, original art work, original poetry, original video work, or a panel of students-discussion group. The submitted article has to be based on some type of Social Tolerance.

The proposal must be typed, have a cover sheet, including your full name and address, home and school and/or work phone numbers, name of your institution and your major, your college status, the type of presentation, and the title of your presentation.

The proposal should be a summary of 200 to 250 words about the

information and ideas that you plan to discuss at the conference. You must describe your presentation and the entire presentation may be submitted if it has been completed.

An agreement statement must be included with the proposal. It must state: "I hereby certify that this presentation will be a complete and original work. I also agree to appear at the conference to make the presentation if my proposal is accepted by the proposal committee." This statement must be signed and dated.

The written proposals and requests for more information about the conference can be sent to:  
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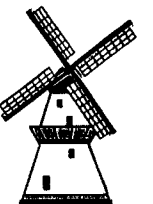
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