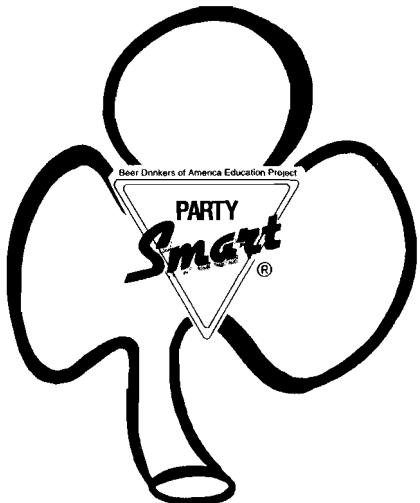
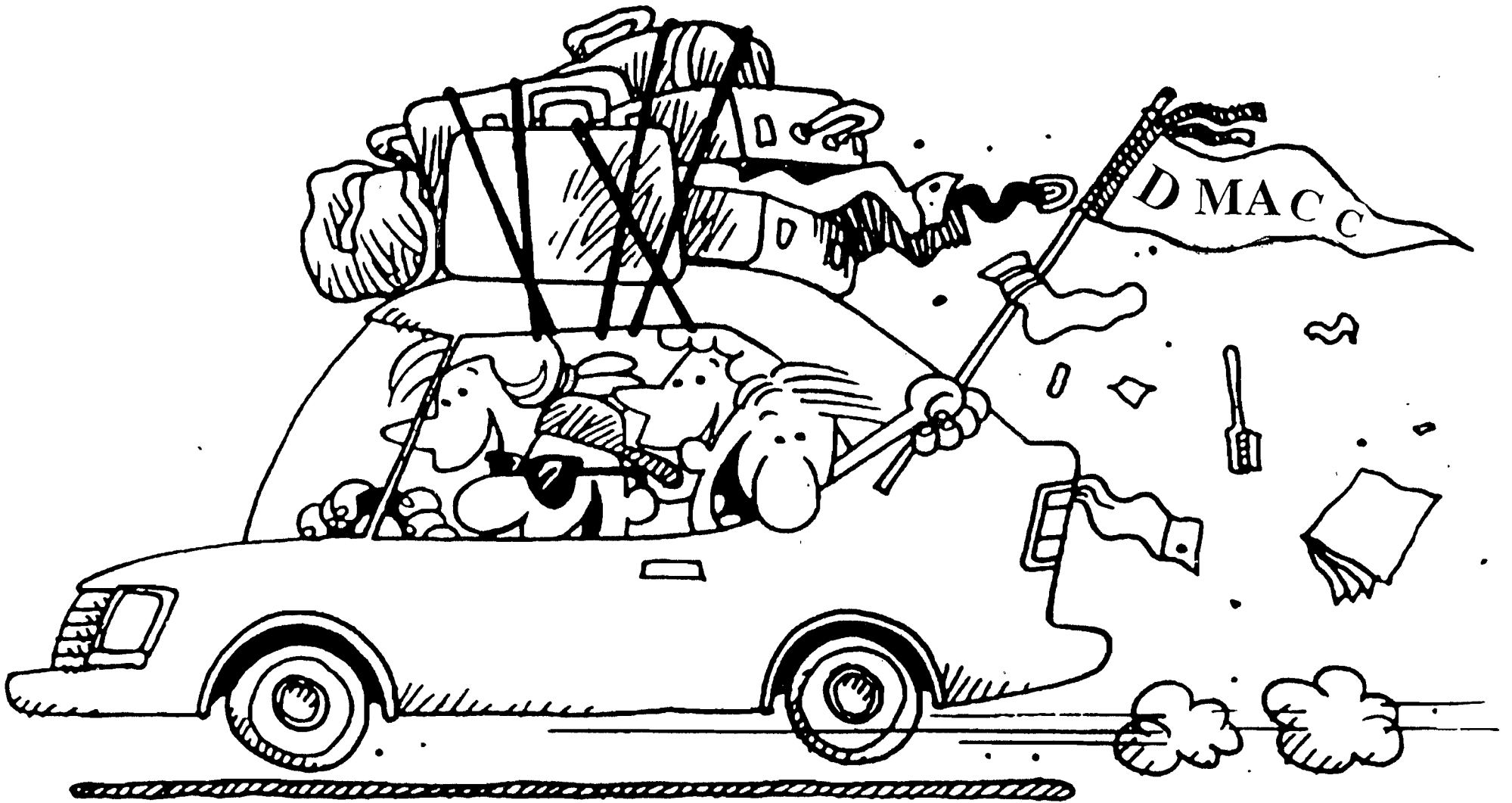


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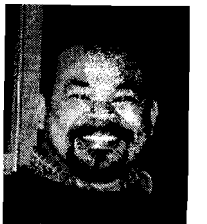
Where are you going for spring break?



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Bear Fitness



DEAR JIM: For the past several months, some of my friends and I have been working out with weights. Recently one of our group started giving himself "vitamin shots" to get faster results, and his bench press and all of his other lifts have increased tremendously, and he has gained almost 20 pounds in just a few weeks. The rest of us are thinking about doing the same thing, but we don't like the idea of sticking ourselves with a needle. Our friend says he can get us a good deal on these vitamin shots, but we are still concerned about using syringes by ourselves. What do you think?

DEAR CONCERNED: Your friend is injecting himself with steroids - not vitamins - so you are right to be concerned. In the first place, even the possession of steroids without a doctor's prescription is illegal and can result in a serious civil and criminal penalties. Worse, however, are some of the health risks associated with steroid use including severe acne, impotence, sterility, baldness, circulatory problems, heart and liver damage, cancer, and severe psychological disorders. The possibility of contracting AIDS and other complications from sharing needles is also very real.

Jim Evans is Executive Director of Heartland Health Center in Boone. You can address your questions about health and fitness to Bear Fitness, c/o Heartland Health Center, 608 Carroll Street, Boone, IA 50036. All names will remain confidential.

Blood drive collects 21 pints

The Blood Drive at the DMACC Boone campus was a success according to Connie Booth, director of nursing. Twenty-seven people donated blood with five new donors this year. Twenty-one pints were collected.

This year, a new mobile bus was used instead of using a class room. Considering the blood drive was conducted during a snowstorm, causing an early dismissal of the college, the coordinators seemed pleased with the results.

Rezoomers offer tour of ISU

Ellen Fairchild, ISU Adult Student Services and Maggie Stone, coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Office, DMACC-Boone, will conduct an orientation tour of ISU on April 4. The DMACC van will depart at 2:30 p.m.

Stone asks that you contact her if you are interested in the tour to make sure there is room on the van.

Journalists enjoy conference, NBA game

Sandra Hayes and Angela Cherryholmes, *Bear Facts* staff members and advisor Jan La-Ville attended the Best of the Midwest Regional College Newspaper Conference held in Minneapolis, MN, March 3-5.

The conference, sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press, supplied a wide variety of education influencing aspiring college journalists. Everything from sportwriting, copy editing and headlining, to a seminar involving the Internet was covered by well-known, respected journalists.

Meeting college journalists from areas of the Midwest including staff members from the *Iowa State Daily*, *The Collegiate* from Morningside College, and *Logos* from NIACC of Mason City are fundamental in developing journalistic skills.

Director of computer-assisted publishing for the *Washington Post*, William Casey was the key-note speaker for the convention. Along with the package of sessions came a very exciting evening, an evening enjoying NBA basketball at its best. The conference offered participants the opportunity to attend the Timberwolves vs. Houston Rockets game.

Overall the trip was very educational and relaxing, except for the snow storm that welcomed us back to "the Hawkeye state."

Attention all poets

Owings Mills, Maryland (USA)--The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 1995. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hard-bound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem any subject and any style, the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1983, 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 March 31, 1995. A new contest opens April 1, 1995.

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

Chapman announces winners

Rick Chapman, the coordinator of DMACC's Creative Writing Contest announced the following results of the 1994-95 contest:

Overall best writer scholarship winner: Julia A. Bardwell, Winterset.

Runner-up & half-time scholarship winner: Patricia Ann Presley, Auburn.

Best story (fiction or personal essay/narrative): "Shooting Crows in Minnesota," Ron Jones, Des Moines.

Runner-up: "Village Girl," Lucille Grunzweig, Des Moines.

Best poem: "Fried Amethysts," Glenda Mathes, Knoxville.

Runner-up: "Gene's Scrapbook," Angela Dunston Johnson, Kellogg.

Honorable mentions: Roxie Culp, Des Moines; James Kilpatrick, Des Moines; Suzanne Gillespie, Ames; Kim Winchell, Newton, and Evelyn Anderson, West Des Moines.

PBL takes several 1st's

On March 3rd and 4th the Boone Campus PBL Chapter of Des Moines Area Community College traveled to Des Moines to compete in the State Leadership Conference. These members competed in different events against other state chapters.

The following awards were given: Telecommunications, **Suzie Rouse**, 1st Place, **Tina Weir**, 4th Place. Business Communications, **Jackie Richeson** 4th Place. Business Math, **Linda Searcy**, 5th Place. Business Graphics, Team of **Regina Ernst** and **Jackie Richeson**, 1st Place. Job Interview, **Regina Ernst**, 4th Place. Accounting 1, **Todd Ihlenfeldt**, 1st Place. Payroll Accounting, **Todd Ihlenfeldt**, 2nd Place. Computer Applications, **Theresa Roes**, 1st Place. Local Chapter Annual Business Report, DMACC-Boone, 4th Place. Largest Chapter Membership, DMACC-

Boone, 4th Place. There were a total of 15 other colleges competing in this state competition. The winners were awarded plaques and certificates for their placings at an awards banquet on Saturday night, which was held at the Inn on University in Des Moines.

Earlier this year the local PBL chapter also elected new officers. They are as follows: President, **Theresa Roes**, Vice President, **Pat Minnick**, Secretary, **Jennifer Smith**, Treasurer, **Denise Rumley**, Reporter, **Tina Weir**, Historian, **Mary Clark**, Parliamentarian, **Suzie Rouse**.

PBL is always accepting new memberships and would like to get some new people to come join. They report having fun and learn new and interesting material to carry out into the business world. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Thieben, PBL advisor at the Boone Campus.

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students preparing for careers in business, entrepreneurial or business-related fields. The association prepares students for employment by promoting competent, aggressive business leadership, increasing understanding of American free enterprise, establishing career goals, encouraging scholarship, promoting efficient money management, and developing character and self-confidence.

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T.I. donates calculators

According to Nancy Woods, DMACC-Boone Science Department, Texas Instruments recently donated two calculators to full-time students in the science department: Curt Johnson of Jefferson and Clint Luther of Nevada were the recipients of these new machines.

Nursing dept. sells daffodils

It's not too late to order daffodils through Connie Booth in the Nursing Department to support cancer research.

Looking for writers

After writing something, do you wonder if it really says what you think it says? One way to find out if your words "work" is to have other people read what you have written. If you aren't enrolled in a writing class, finding people to evaluate your work isn't easy. A newly-

formed group at Boone-DMACC is going to solve that problem by becoming an audience to read, listen, and discuss. This group is open to all students, staff, and faculty who want to share their writings. Meetings could include readings by published authors also. Time and place

for our gathering have to be determined by participants. Those who have an interest in this activity should contact Martha Griffiths by calling ext. 1041 or stopping by Room 124. We would like to get going the week after Spring Break, so writers, come out of your closet.

Staff editorial

Compromise on break--long overdue!

"My kid's break starts March 13, but my break is not until March 20," has been heard in the halls of DMACC-Boone more recently this past week. The current policy binds the date of spring break to Des Moines Public School system based on the higher number of students at Ankeny and Urban Campuses.

This spring break policy affects students with school age children, faculty and their family, friends of students and most especially students attending DMACC and other colleges simultaneously. In order to have a concurrent break, some students chose to skip classes here at DMACC.

According to Lynn Albrecht, Dean of Student Records and Services, "A preponderance of opinion on the Calendar Committee wants the break to agree with local Des Moines schools." He stated that it is not possible to accommodate everyone. Does everyone on the Calendar Committee understand the hardships that setting an inflexible date inflicts on those who do not fit that schedule?

According to Albrecht, Carroll Campus does not need to be aligned with ISU. In a call to Cathy Lawyer, librarian and ICN facilitator at DMACC-Carroll, she stated that the local Carroll schools do not have a spring break. Parents at Carroll campus do not have a scheduling problem. However, Lawyer as ICN facilitator must use her vacation time to keep the ICN room open because ISU classes are held over the network during spring break. It would seem, then, that ISU's spring break schedule does affect the Carroll campus.

In fact, DMACC already does accommodate ISU's break by matching break dates on the off-campus locations such as DMACC classes held at

Ames. The DMACC-Ames break this year will be March 13 to coincide with Ames Public Schools.

The DMACC Calendar Committee could schedule at least every third year to match dates with ISU and other local school systems. Ankeny and Urban students comprising the Des Moines area, Boone, and Carroll would each have an equal opportunity to a break with family and friends. Part-time faculty teaching at DMACC and ISU would have the possibility of a concurrent break. Students might stay in class. The time is long overdue for a compromise.

By Sandra Hayes for Bear Facts Staff

Correction: Bear Facts regrets the layout problem with Old Codger's column last issue.

The Arts in France

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

MALCOLM MILLER

Malcolm Miller, internationally-acclaimed British lecturer and tour guide, will be speaking on the art and architecture of Chartres Cathedral, one of the world's most beautiful examples of the medieval Gothic cathedral. Mr. Miller has authored three books on Chartres and has received several awards from the French government for his services. He appeared at the Des Moines Art Center in 1989 and has addressed thousands at his annual presentations at the Chicago Art Institute. Miller will give two lectures in March as part of DMACC's celebration of France:



"The Art and Architecture of Chartres Cathedral"

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.
Levitt Auditorium
The Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines

"The Stained Glass of Chartres Cathedral"

Friday, March 17, 10:10 a.m.
Auditorium, Building 6
Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny

HELENE LASSALLE

Hélène Lassalle, director and chief curator of the Musée National Picasso, Hôtel Salé, in Paris, will be speaking on two of the twentieth century's greatest artists, Pablo Picasso and Fernand Léger. Madame Lassalle has written articles and exhibition catalogs on twentieth century art and has recently produced two different retrospectives on the work of Fernand Léger. She was curator of the Museum of Modern Art at the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris from 1979-84 and has lectured throughout the world on art history and criticism. Lassalle will give two lectures in March as part of DMACC's celebration of France:

"Picasso: Painter and Sculptor"

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.
Levitt Auditorium
The Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines

"Fernand Léger or the Modernist Utopia"

Friday, March 31, 9:05 a.m.
Auditorium, Building 6
Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny



These lectures are sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Iowa Humanities Board. Hélène Lassalle's lecture at the Des Moines Art Center is also sponsored by the Alliance Française of Central Iowa and Drake University.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

Spring B

Some doors remain open over break

By Sandra Hayes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

March 20 through 24 is spring break for DMACC-Boone. For those of you who do not *party till you drop* DMACC will continue to operate with the exception of classes and the academic achievement center.

The bookstore will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Spring break would be a great time to browse for bargains in the bookstore.

All of the offices will be open as usual, however Monday, March 20, there will be partial staff due to a meeting in Ankeny. Ann Watts reports that the library will be open 7:30 a.m. till 4 p.m. so you may work on reports, use a computer or just catch up on your newspaper reading. Spring break week might be a good time to check out the library's CD collection.

Room 202 computer lab will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ron Ericson will be around to keep the computers up and running.

Spring break is a busy time for the custodial staff, and they will be busy scrubbing and waxing.

Make a note: the Displaced Homemaker's office will be open and Maggie Stone will be conducting a 2-day computer help conference. Be sure to

contact Stone by March 17 if you are interested.

The Academic Achievement Center will be closed. The Boone High area students can use the week of March 13 in the center for extra help while they are on their spring break.

On a related note, Dean Kriss Philips says that when students return from break, they

should notice a change in the old office section. The construction crew will have completely demolished the office section and hopefully be starting to rebuild. The jackhammer beat goes on.

A call to Lynn Albrecht, Dean of Student Records and Services-Ankeny, about why DMACC and ISU breaks do not correspond revealed that the break schedule is timed with Des Moines area grade/high schools. There is no intention at present to change the break timing. If a local school outside Des Moines area has a different break, then the parent and child will each have a separate vacation.

Party on, party over, party away. Spring break calls with the sound of drum beats resonating in the the distance. If you are beached here, be a tourist in the bookstore. If you have no transportation, fly away in a book, but don't leave your footprints in the wax.

Some plans for DMACC-Boone students for spring break include the following:

Lori Tilley - I will be on the softball team that is going to Texas.

Shawndo Cleveland - I will be in Atlanta at the Freaknice (similar to Woodstock).

Marlon Page - I am going home to Springfield, Illinois.

Doug Osborn - I will relax. Also I have to work.

Khristy Lovan - I will stay home with my kids.

Jean Tuhn - I am going with a group of girls to spend a night in a fancy motel and be pampered. Then I will do my spring cleaning.

Laurie Rutter - I am going to the Mega Mall in Minneapolis because I have no money to go anywhere else.

Mike Gibson - I have no idea yet.

C. Brooke McMight - I will be in Minneapolis and Kansas City for national dinner theater auditions.

Chris Kambeitz - I will go on the spring trip to baseball camp.

Chad Miller - I will be at baseball camp and I will definitely need more sleep.

James Mansell - I also will be at baseball camp.

Brian Ellwein - I am the oldest but newest

on the ball team so I will learn

from the others at baseball camp.

Lynnette Linderblood - I will do volunteer work at head start with my son since we have different breaks.

Heather McKinney - I am just going to party.

Superman (Ken) Clarke - I will shingle my house because I do not have the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

Jennie Carpenter - I will help my boyfriend on the farm.

And, yes I do know what a pig is.

Cathy Parker - I will go to the Mega Mall in Minneapolis.

My big purchase will be a pair of sunglasses.

Albert Fields - I might go home (Arkansas).

Holly Seifert - I will be on the softball team that goes to Texas. We even get to stay in hotels.

Martha Griffiths - I will catch up on schoolwork and housework. I know it is very dull but productive.

Nancy Woods - I have taxes to do and I could very definitely use longer than a week.

Joe Shelton - I will be at baseball camp.

Brad McKean - I can not go anywhere because I still have classes at ISU.

Erin McKnight - I am going to Datona Beach for sun, beer; sun, sleep; and beer. You might see him on MTV.

Twyla Anderson - I will stay home and catch up on everything.

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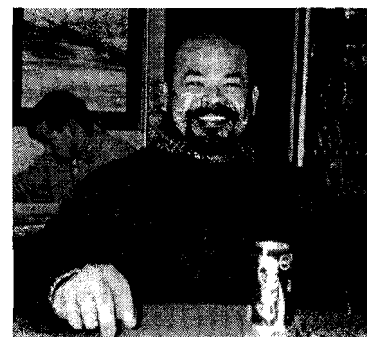


Joey Huitt - I am going to my Aunt's house in Cedar Rapids for and couple of days plus I will work.



Annette Mathews - I am going to the Air Force base in Texas to see Ryan.

Dannelle McDowell - I will spend time with my brother. Also I work with Joey at Spring-valley Radio which sells video, ice cream, phones, pagers and satellite dishes.



Pibul Pratumwon - I will babysit and cook french food for France week.



Heather Thompson - I will work at Tavco and Super 8. After work I will relax with my boyfriend. Tavco makes the sandwiches, jello and etc. for the DMACC vending machines.

break '95

Students make difference over break

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

The biggest challenge many students face during spring break is finding a way to get themselves out of bed and to the beach.

But for a growing number of students, the week off from classes is more than a chance to work on their tans. Students volunteering for alternative spring breaks say they're looking for an opportunity to do something different--and maybe make a difference at the same time.

"You always read about the kids going to Florida and South Padre, but you wouldn't hear anything about the students who went home to work at the local shelter for the week," says Michael Magevney, co-director of Break Away, a national organizer of alternative spring break programs for more than 350 schools across the country.

"But when the word started getting out, more people wanted to get involved. Now it's becoming a legitimate option for a lot of students."

This year alone, students will be building houses, tutoring children, digging irrigation ditches, reuniting families, repairing indoor plumbing and working on a wide variety of other projects.

Kim Kortokrax, a senior majoring in business at Indiana University, is headed to Atlanta this spring break to work at a daycare center for homeless children.

"I've already done the Florida thing during spring break, and I just feel like I'm at

a point in my life where everything isn't about partying," says Kortokrax. "I would rather do something for someone else than spend money that I don't have on me."

Kortokrax will travel with several other members of IU's Business Students Involved in Community Service, an organization that organizes volunteering opportunities for students throughout the year.

"You don't really know who you're traveling with at first because there are so many of us in the major. By the end of the trip, though, you feel like you've made some friends for life," Kortokrax says. "You end up working on something that's really important with these people, and you can tell that means a lot in terms of your relationship."

Students pay less than \$100 for the week, so lodging is usually pretty basic. "We sleep on gym floors or in church basements," she says. "We know before we leave that we won't exactly be in the lap of luxury."

Barbara Holcomb has been organizing alternative spring breaks for students through the Virginia Tech YMCA since 1986. She says that interest in the trips has grown each year.

"We can't even accommodate all the students who wish to go somewhere," Holcomb says. "Students are looking for new ways to spend their vacations and do something productive at the same time. These trips are the perfect outlets."

This year, Holcomb will be sending Virginia Tech students to four locations, including Ivanhoe, VA, where 15 students will help provide indoor plumbing in residential houses; and Washington, where 10 Tech students will work with the Center for Creative Non-Violence in a homeless shelter.

In Tijuana, Mexico, 5 Tech students will work with children who crossed the United States border and were sent back. The students will work with the Home for Migrant Workers to reunite these children with their families. Meanwhile, in Saskatoon, SK, 35 Tech students will build log cabins and shelters for Native American communities.

This March, David Parker will head to Abiquiu, NM to help provide services and tutoring for a community of Native Americans. Parker, a sophomore at Wichita State University, will be one of 5 WSU students headed to a Navajo reservation for spring break.

"Certain people enjoy certain things. I enjoy working with people, so for me, this is a way to relax. It's a way to get away from everything else," says Parker. "It's satisfying, but it's relaxing, too."

Parker says he's not sure what his duties will be yet, but figures they'll range from digging irrigation ditches to raking leaves. "We'll do some tutoring on the reservation, too," he says. "There's a lot to do, but they are things that need to be done."

Rev. Richard Lewis, WSU's campus minister, organized the trip. While he admits that participating students gain a sense of service and accomplishment from their work, he says that's only half the story.

"It's a great way to learn about other cultures. There's so much tradition and history that really can't be learned from any textbook," Lewis says. "These students are walking by history, and they may not even know it."

Lori Garrett, coordinator of community services at Hood

College in Frederick, MD agrees. "Students get to see issues that affect other cultures firsthand, and that makes a lot of difference," says Garrett, who organizes our town, it's much more real than reading about it in a newspaper. Social situations become much more urgent because all of a sudden they have a human face."

This March, Garrett will accompany 11 Hood students to Baldwin, MI where they will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. Hood students will be building panels that will be used to construct houses during the summer.

Garrett says that alternative spring breaks may be growing in popularity because of the national attention that service programs like AmeriCorps are receiving.

"A lot of students want to do some sort of community service but they just can't squeeze it into their schedule," she says. "Taking the time to do something different during their time off is really remarkable. It's a sacrifice for the students, but it seems like no one really seems to mind."

For those students who want to transfer the source of their knowledge from textbook to terrain, Augustana College in Rock Island, IL offers an 11 day trip to Texas and New Mexico to study various geological sites.

"We try to get a good look at as much as we can," says Prof. Richard Anderson, organizer of the trip. "We are talking about places where the continent is pulling apart, so there are a lot of exciting things to see."

Anderson, who has spent his spring break with students every year since 1973, says the trip is available to geology and non-

geology majors alike. "We'll be camping in state parks and seeing things that are incredibly different from anything we see around here, so it's a rewarding trip for almost everyone," he says. "It's not exactly a day at the beach, but we think it's a lot of fun."

Other alternative spring breaks include:

*Students from Northland College in Ashland, WI will be traveling to Breckenridge, CO to teach skiing to disabled people from around the world.

*Many college campuses are involved with Habitat for Humanity. This spring, Sweet Briar College students will be working on a home near campus in a joint-effort with the organization; 30 Babson College students will travel to Greenville, SC where they will build two houses in one week; students from DePauw and St. Joseph's universities will help build houses in Appalachia; and students from Maryville University will head to Mobile, AL to help build homes for elderly residents.

*More than 60 students from St. Louis University will be spending their spring break working at homeless shelters across seven states.



Tan Limhwa - I will stay home, relax and watch TV. Besides, I have no money.



Jimita Drake - I am going to the Mega Mall in Minneapolis. I want to buy an International tractor at the Ertl toy show.



Beth DeMoss - I will paint inside the house, work everyday and I absolutely will not read.



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Boxing Gandhis bouncing groove

By Tony Stensland
Bear Facts Staff Writer

With a name like Boxing Gandhis, it has to be good, right? Right. *Boxing Gandhis*, the self-titled debut album from the California band is a colorful blend of funk and soul that keeps your toes tapping and your eyes smiling.

David Darling, who is the guiding force for this seven member band, is the primary writer and vocalist on six of the album's 12 tracks. Darling's wife, Brie, and Ernie Perez

share the lead vocal roles in the remaining songs. All of these are filled with ear catching harmonies, backed up by saxophones, bongos, organs, accordions, guitars, bass, drums and even a sitar.

Boxing Gandhis are very much a Sly and the Family Stone for the 90's. Their message is one of hope in our society today. The album's opening track, "If You Love Me(Why am I Dyin')", deals with environmental issues but gives them from the assumed position of planet earth. On this track, David Darling sings, "Drillin'

all my oil for gas to get your car to speed/ Killing all God's creatures for a jacket you don't need."

The funky, jazzy "Interesting Again" is a sarcastic song about the effects of alcohol. Perez handles the vocal on this, singing, "I'm so cool and I got new friends/ I just tip the bottle and I lift the glass and I'm interesting again."

Boxing Gandhis are an excellent good time band. Their incandescent sound makes it nearly impossible to listen to this album and not walk away in a good mood.

Hoop dreams remain beyond movie

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

Milwaukee-Some might think life out of the spotlight hasn't been kind to William Gates, one of the real-life players in the acclaimed documentary film "Hoop Dreams." But the 23-year-old Chicago native would be the first to disagree.

"I'm finishing school. I've

got a wife and a beautiful daughter," Gates says. "I feel satisfied with my life."

Now a senior at Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he lives with his wife, Catherine, and his 5-year-old daughter, Alicia, Gates realizes that his glory days in basketball are probably behind him.

After a difficult freshmen and sophomore year, the latter in which ended with another knee injury, Gates sat out last season because he says he couldn't give 100 percent. "I didn't want to go out there and let people down," said Gates. "I didn't want to do that to myself or to the team."

During his time off, Gates went to the gym every day, working alone on his rehabilitation and his shooting skills. "It was nice to just be able to shoot baskets for a while," says Gates. "I didn't have to worry about any sort of pressure."

At that time, Gates decided he would stay in school and get his degree. "Marquette told me I had the scholarship whether or not I played ball, so I decided to study harder to make sure I

graduated," said Gates, who is majoring in communications and rhetorical studies and is scheduled to graduate this December. "I know having that degree will mean a lot to me. I intend to get it."

Gates says he was overwhelmed by the attention "Hoop Dreams" received at first, but has since grown to accept it. "I'm always going to be that kind of kid that had dreams of turning pro," he says. "People will always look me up at some point in my life to see what I'm doing."

Gates may have a deeper connection to "Hoop Dreams" in the near future. He is currently working with Spike Lee on a fictionalized version of the film for Turner Broadcasting.

Although the film received only a best-editing nomination from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, critics across the country called it one of the best films of the year. Fine Line Features, the film's distributor, recently opened the film on 250 screens nationwide, which is a highly unusual amount for a documentary.

Godfather's Buffet-- a popular choice

The Bear Facts next pit stop on our road of restaurant reviews was Godfather's Pizza in Boone. Our staff enjoyed Godfather's buffet, offered between the hours of 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Ordering the buffet gave us a wide selection of pizza, cheese bread sticks, salad bar, and dessert pizza. The hostess was accommodating and asked if we had any special requests of pizza to be added to the buffet. The salad bar also had a very good selection to choose from.

The arrangement of tables made it easy for our staff to join them in order to communicate with one another. Considering it was a very cold day, the temperature was comfortable inside. But the soup seemed to be a little chilled after 1:00 p.m.

On our way out, it was a pleasant surprise to see the DMACC athletic poster displayed in the doorway. It's nice to know we have support in the community!

Later, after our lunch together, we discovered we forgot to use our coupons for the buffet. The coupon was for \$3.69. If we had used it, the savings would be minimal. We might have remembered if the savings had been larger.

Godfather's seems to be popular as a vendor, supplying lunch on our campus during the remodeling. We appreciate attention to the request of non-meat selections.

Overall, our visit to Godfather's was excellent. Our staff gives it an A.

"Hoops" producers Steve James, Frederick Marx and Peter Gilbert focused on two Chicago youths, following their basketball heroics on grade school playgrounds to their senior year in high school. Gates' story was juxtaposed against the life of Arthur Agee, who also began his high school career at St. Joseph High School in Weschester, Ill., with Gates but transferred to a Chicago public school near his home after his family was unable to pay the Catholic school's tuition.


Cameras followed the players often, filming everything from morning train rides out to school to late-night conversations with family members in the kitchen. "It was awkward at first but you get

used to it," says Gates of the ever-present cameras, which recorded more than 250 hours of footage. "You just did what you'd normally do and hoped they wouldn't get in the way."

After two years at a junior college, Agee is currently playing starting point guard at Arkansas State University. ASU coach Nelson Catalina has halted Agee's interviews with the media until the senior's grades improve.

Gates says he still speaks with Agee once a week. "He's doing good, working hard," says Gates. "I sometimes think we could've done more if we finished high school at the same

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Some question placement of DMACC athletic program

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Here on the DMACC Boone Campus, sounds of squeaking basketball shoes and shouts of encouragement for the Bears have become as familiar as apple pie to every American. Those closely associated with DMACC Boone Campus hope that will never change. But there does come a time to question what you are and where you are going. This question has been raised concerning DMACC athletics for several years.

Ankeny student starts petition

Recently, Bruce Copeland, a Student Action Board member on the Ankeny Campus has developed a petition asking DMACC-Ankeny students whether or not there would be an interest in moving the women's and men's DMACC basketball programs to Ankeny. "The athletics will be well suited here. We (Ankeny) have the

sports from the beginning," said Palmer. "Timing is questionable with the interest to move the program," Palmer concluded.

Athletics originally established in Boone

When Boone Junior College joined with Ankeny as Des Moines Area Community College, the decision to keep athletics in Boone rather than Ankeny was made by the Board of Directors. The basis of the decision was that Boone had already developed a program and Ankeny was primarily geared toward academic interest.

Athletic Director Harold Johnson, who has been at Boone Campus since the beginning and has developed the athletic program believes athletics is very important to the Boone Campus. "The athletic program brings at least 100 students to Boone Campus instead of Ankeny," said Johnson. Enrollment figures for the Fall 1994 semester totaled 1097

administered by Mary Chapman, Executive Dean on the Urban Campus. The initial reason for the survey was to gain knowledge from the students about their interest in wellness and fitness.

Due to the lack of facilities on the Urban Campus for physical fitness, the campus has formed a relationship with the local YMCA. DMACC Urban

Chapman. "I think there is potential here, but the timing must be right and we must have the resources to support it," Chapman commented.

Associate Dean on the Carroll Campus, John Brockelsby, feels that the athletic program should remain on the Boone Campus. "What works is working, so leave it alone."

Reaction from DMACC

"Personally I would like to see the program remain on Boone Campus. However, I don't see a lot of support from anyone in Boone. I don't see it changing in the near future."

Russ Jones, Men's Basketball Coach

Campus students may use the YMCA at a lower cost by presenting their student I.D.

DMACC basketball coaches look for support

DMACC women's basketball coach Dick Criner did work together with Chapman in recruiting women for the DMACC team from the Urban Campus. Overall the women's team had representatives from the Ankeny, Urban, and Boone Campus.

If the Urban Campus were to develop women's and men's basketball programs, Chapman believes they would be successful. "Community support and the pool of athletes to draw from the metro area is very important," said Chapman. "It can also be linked to the community as an out-reach for students within the community," Chapman stated.

Two of three elements of a prosperous basketball program is within reach on the Urban Campus. The third and most important is the finances needed to develop the program. An athletic program is very expensive. "A major barrier is not having the facilities to accommodate a program," said Chapman. "Operating with community boosters and investing in the program," could be a partial solution according to

women's basketball coach Dick Criner also emphasizes Chapman's main concern -- finances. "We need more money here to be successful," said Criner. Just by having more money for scholarships allows coaches to recruit the better athletes that improve their program. This results in more student support bringing money into the program through cost of admission and concessions. Criner believes money for scholarships needs attention on the Boone Campus.

Jones worries about competition

DMACC men's basketball coach Russ Jones feels the basketball program has a long

"John Smith has a strong tradition in baseball; you don't get those overnight."
Kriss Philips, Executive Dean, Boone Campus

way to go in order to compete with others in the conference. "There is a lot of tradition on Boone Campus; however, support from students and community is minimal," said Jones. This relates back to a *Bear Facts* article written by sports editor Ryan Petersen,

entitled "Homecourt Advantage Suffering." The point expressed throughout the article was lack of support and attendance at basketball games.

Some students do care about the Bears and do show their support. But Boone Campus must find ways to attract those fans in the stands. Jones went on to say, "As long as that (support) remains a factor, Ankeny should be considered. Personally I would like to see the program remain on Boone Campus. However I don't see a lot of support from anyone in Boone. I don't see it changing in the near future."

Boone Campus Dean cites strong baseball program

"We have a tradition here that helps us," said Executive Dean Kriss Philips about Boone Campus athletics. Starting a new athletic program within a two-year school is hard. Dean Philips uses DMACC baseball coach John Smith and his program as a prime example of success. "John Smith has a strong tradition in baseball; you don't get those overnight." Philips feels having the athletic program adds a dimension to the campus not only for athletes but from a social stand-point.

Not surprising though, Dean Philips also commented on the need for money. The Student Action Board on the Boone Campus does allocate money to different funds. However, Dean Philips and the nine members of

"I think there is potential here, but the timing must be right and we must have the resources to support it."
Mary Chapman, Executive Dean Urban Campus

facilities and majority of the students to support the teams," said Copeland.

As for the petition, Copeland believes it has been successful. In the early stages Copeland had collected 150 signatures, while others circulating the same petition have been just as successful if not more. The plan was to allow the petition to continue for a few more weeks. Then the next stage for Copeland is to present his results to Dr. Borgen, President of DMACC. Dr. Borgen was unavailable for comment.

Dave Palmer, Assistant to the President, on the DMACC Ankeny Campus, was unaware of the Ankeny student intrigue concerning athletics. "Boone Campus inherited intercollegiate

students. Only down by two students from the previous fall semester enrollment of 1099. Johnson views this positively by saying, "Having student-athletes enables the school to benefit more students by organizing enough for a class. In turn it benefits our staff by giving an instructor a job."

Urban Campus shows interest in athletics

Ankeny Campus has not been the only DMACC campus to show interest in having an athletic program. The Urban Campus last spring presented a survey to students that resulted in questions being raised concerning development of a women's and men's basketball program. The survey was

the Board of Directors must approve it.

As athletic funding continues to be discussed at colleges and universities, as recently seen at Iowa State, where to "home" the sports offered at DMACC may be a question more people will begin to ask.

DMACC--the next generation



Kindergarteners from Lowell Elementary listen as classmates present information over the Iowa Communication Network.



Nancy Woods, DMACC ICN "guru," (right) helps Barb Hanna (left) and students project their learning from the ICN room on the Boone Campus to a similar classroom (Plymouth Center) in Mason City.

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Hoop Dreams continued

place but that's all in the past now."

Gates rejoined Marquette's basketball team at the beginning of this season after watching the premier of "Hoop Dreams" at the New York Film Festival last fall. "I was inspired," he says. "It made me want to get back on the court again."

Gates no longer starts, but he frequently comes off the bench, averaging 12 minutes and 4.3 points a game. "I try to concentrate on playing good defense when I get out there now," he says. "If I have the shot, I'll take it, but I know I'm not the playmaker anymore. You can't be a star forever."

But at St. Joe's, Gates was more than a star. He was, according to his coach and the rest of the basketball community, "the next Isiah Thomas."

"I sometimes felt like I was being pushed to be something I never was," Gates says. "Isiah's great, but he's like this living legend over there. He won championships in college and in the pros. Why would anyone want to put those expectations on someone else?"

After graduation, Gates says

he plans to move back to Cabrini-Green, the Chicago Housing Project where he grew up. "I want people to see that children should have fathers," says Gates, whose wife is expecting her second child this spring. "Basketball may not last forever, but my family will. That's the one part of my life that I'll never let go of."

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