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Student government meets at Godfather's to set the agenda for the upcoming school year. From left to right are Stacy Stovers, Chris Abbott, advisor George Silberhorn, co-advisor, Terry Jamieson, Theresa Johnson, and Amie Herrick.

## Theresa Johnson elected president of student body

By Charles Whiteing  
Bear Facts Staff

The Student Action Board elections are over, and the results are in! Boone DMACC students were to vote on September 24-25 for six people running for SAB positions. Although nine nomination applications were turned in, only eight people decided to accept. Due to personal conflict, one of nominees dropped out of the race. Seven members remained in the race, and six filled the positions. Chris Abbott, Joel Cox, Amie Herrick, Dana Hesser, Stacy Stovers, and Theresa Johnson are this year's members of the Student Action Board. Patty Fehr will be this year's alternate member.

This year's election brought out low voter numbers. Out of 1100 students at Boone DMACC only 123 voted. According to George Silberhorn, Boone campus counselor and advisor to the Boone campus SAB, the Ankeny and Urban campuses suffered even more. Silberhorn talked to Mary Lonsdale, SAB advisor for the Ankeny campus, and Susan Rhodes, SAB advisor for the Urban campus. It seems that in the past three years there hasn't been enough student nominations for it to be feasible to even hold elections at either campus.

Ankeny campus has a higher enrollment rate than Boone, but according to Lonsdale, Ankeny still only had 200 votes last year. This year Ankeny campus didn't even hold elections. Of the ten seats to be filled by "at-large" SAB nominees in Ankeny, only nine students took out nomination applications. Only three students ended up accepting positions.

Rhodes confirmed that Urban campus held no elections this year either. Out of the twelve seats to be filled by "at-large" nominees at the Urban campus, only eight were filled.

The new 1996-97 DMACC Boone campus Student Action Board held their first meeting on October 1 at Godfather's Pizza. There it was announced that Terry Jamieson, director of Athletics and Intramural Recreational Sports as well as educational advisor at Boone DMACC, was appointed as the new SAB co-advisor along with Silberhorn. Silberhorn expressed that he has been with the SAB since 1972 and will eventually be retiring his position as Activities Director.

The SAB members, at this time, voted to fill the presidential and secretarial  
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## Fall play set to "Play On"

By Moses Lueth  
Bear Facts Staff

If you enjoy theater, then you will not want to miss the upcoming play being put on by director, Kay Mueller, and student actors. Tryouts were held on September 30, and people that could not make it, scheduled appointments to read for a part.

The name of the play is "Play On" by Rick Abbott. It has three acts and consists of 10 actors. It is a comedy about a community theater preparing for the opening night of a play "Murder Most Foul." The first act is rehearsal, the second, the dress rehearsal, and the third, is opening night. This is a play within a play. Some of the actors will be playing two parts.

The play will be showing on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. on November 8 and 9. This show was also put on by the Ames Theater and it was well received when it played.

If you are interested in being part of the play and missed a chance to try out, there are other things they need help with such as the lighting crew.



Kay Mueller, DMACC Boone Campus drama director, talks with Amos Angkasa during tryouts for the fall play, "Play On" to be presented next month in the Boone Campus Theatre. Angkasa will play the part of Loui Peary in the upcoming production.

### Cast

|                     |                      |                     |                  |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Kathleen Brice..... | Aggie Manville       | Tim Rose.....       | Saul Watson      |
| Dana Hesser.....    | Gerry                | Joe Siple.....      | Billy Carewe     |
| Derrick Gorshe..... | Henry                | Brooke McKnight.... | Violet Imbrey    |
| Angie Doddema.....  | Polly Benish         | Amos Angkasa.....   | Loui Peary       |
| Tina Smith.....     | Marla "Smitty" Smith | Greg Hager.....     | Phyllis Montague |



## Comments

from Dean Philips

I have received some requests for the Advisory Committee for the Campus Cafe. If anyone else would still like to sign up, there is still time. It is definitely going to happen.

Master clocks in the buildings are being replaced by battery operated clocks. Gary Johnson, head custodian, is making certain that all clocks are set to be on uniform time.

I am in the process of addressing the heating and air conditioning on this campus with Mark Baethke, DMACC director of physical plants.

## Room I35B to serve primarily as lab

By Lorraine Powell  
Bear Facts Staff

Dean Philips reacted to the Bear Facts editorial about the crowding in the computer lab with the following information. (This information has already gone out to the Boone Campus faculty in a memo dated September 23, 1996.)

"Our new computer lab is an important and valuable part of our campus, and we want our students to get the most out of it. We are fortunate to have a leadership position in DMACC with our lab. But the tremendous increase in usage of the computer lab, room I35B, has caused some problems that I would like to address.

The lab is very often full. Entire classes are brought into the lab without notice. Students often need lots of help on many different programs. Students' frustrations are growing. Please remember that the lab was designed not primarily as a classroom, but as a laboratory for students to work on assignments.

To provide a quiet room, we may need to limit the numbers of classes and students that are allowed. Students working on assignments can get frustrated trying to concentrate while students and instructors from a visiting class are talking."

Ann Watts, librarian, reports that since the memo has gone out, that there are teachers scheduling to use the lab. She believes that this has helped to alleviate a lot of the overcrowding problem.

Dean Philips has also reported on the misuse of the internet on the Boone Campus. He reports that there have been a few instances of this. He wanted to make it clear to students that the internet is to be used for educational purposes and not personal. Some warnings have already come out of his office, which will probably mean suspension of a few peoples' internet privileges because of inappropriate usage.

With so many educational benefits on the internet, it is important to realize that internet privileges can be taken away and to act accordingly.

## Educational planning Faculty advisors assist with spring registration

By Rich Finnestad, counselor  
Contributing Writer

Now that the Fall Semester 1996 is well underway and students are busy completing degree requirements and working toward future careers, the administration, faculty, and counselors are completing plans for registration for the Spring Semester 1997.

By careful selection of course work, students will be able to meet program requirements, degree requirements, and transfer requirements on time and in harmony with their career objectives or objectives of additional education.

A solid degree, diploma, or career plan for students includes a great deal of preparation prior to actual registration. DMACC provides assistance with this preparation by making counselor and academic advisor time available to students both day and evening. George Silberhorn, Terry Jamieson, Ivette Bender, and Rich Finnestad will be assisting students with spring schedule planning throughout the fall semester. In addition, professional faculty members will continue as academic advisors and will also assist students in their educational areas.

Faculty advisors and the departments they represent are listed below:

**Accounting** - Mel Holthus, John Smith  
**Biology** - Tim Bergin, Karin VanMeter  
**Business Related Majors** - Pat Thieben, Jinny Silberhorn, Gary Stasko  
**Chemistry, Pre-Med** - Cindy Martin  
**Computer Science** - Dave Darling  
**English** - Jim Bittner  
**English, Drama** - Judy Hauser  
**English, Journalism** - Jan LaVille  
**History, Political Science** - Bruce Kelly  
**Library Science** - Ann Watts  
**Math, Computer Science** - John Doran  
**Nursing** - Connie Booth  
**Physical Education** - Larry Hughes  
**Physics** - Nancy Woods  
**Psychology** - Jane Martino  
**Recreational Leadership** - Bill Alley  
**Sociology** - Lee McNair

Please secure an appointment time and see your counselor or advisor at your earliest convenience. Once you have your schedule planned with a counselor or advisor registration will follow.

**iva** IOWA VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION



## Maggie Stone attends conference

Iowa Vocational Association--Maggie Stone, who is employed by DMACC Boone Campus Displaced Homemaker Center, attended the Iowa Vocational Association/Iowa Vocational Administrators Conference held October 1-2, 1996 in Des Moines. The theme for the two day event was "Connecting Education and Employment". Included in the conference were presentations by Ted Stilwell, Director of the Iowa Department of Education, Jerda Garcy, Chief of the Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education under the Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, and Rich Lake, President of the Iowa Vocational Association.

### SAB from P.1.

positions. Theresa Johnson was voted the new SAB president, and Amie Herrick was voted the new secretary.

None of the clubs or special interest groups have appointed their members to the SAB yet, but they still have that opportunity. Members appointed by clubs or special interest groups have equal decision making, and voting rights as the elected members. This year three new groups will be lobbying for positions as clubs or special interest groups on the SAB: Phi Theta Kappa, the honor students organization; the International Students; and the newly organized Ball Room Dance Club.

For future reference, further SAB information will be posted on the bulletin board by the theater.

Workshops, round table discussions and the house of delegates addressed current topics affecting vocational teachers in the areas of workforce preparation, technical preparation (Tech-Prep), school-to-work and other educationally related issues. Representatives from the American Vocational Association and elected officials were also in attendance for a national update.

The Iowa Vocational Association represents the more than 5,000 vocational educators in Iowa from local schools, community colleges, area educational agencies, state agencies and regent institutions. It provides a unified voice for vocational concerns in this state.

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# DAILY GRIND

By Moses Lueth

Greetings gentlemen and gentlewomen. How goes it? I am mighty groovy as of the moment. Being in a rather groovy mood, I shall proceed to inundate you with some groovy ideas.

"Most men live a life of quiet desperation," said he of Walden Pond. Since it is the age of Political correctness, I will revise this to "Most people live a life of quiet desperation". What is the meaning of all this you ask? It is a statement that is simply saying that if you want to go do something, do not be secretly afraid and be confined by your fears. Instead go out and conquer those fears. Even if it means "marching to the beat of your own drummer".

I have recently learned how to play chess, and I am just now learning how to swim. Life is a learning experience from conception to death. And yet we want to set boundaries on how we live, be not afraid to experience new things. Apathy is a form of physical silence. Go protest something, ride a bike, plant something in your garden, write to your representative, mow the lawn, shovel the snow. Just acknowledge that you are alive and have the capability to make a difference.

A difference is made when people take action about something they are not happy with. A big difference I would like to see is the discontinuation of trashy talk shows that are irrelevant to society. Trashy talk shows have no value to me. They are a collaboration of the most dysfunctional people in America. The formats are the same. People with a problem are introduced. They argue, make up, propose, divorce, and, at the end of the segment, there is always an expert psychologist brought out to see how she/he can mend the situation. All this drama is usually played out in thirty minutes. I hope that they improve the content or have no trash talk shows at all. I have voiced my humble opinion, and the responsibility to do something lies within each one of you. Seize those opportunities that arise. I will be back in session in the next column. Adios, sayonara, see you later, bye bye.

# Editorial

## Night lighting at DMACC needs improvement

By Mark H. Williams  
Bear Facts Staff

It is a dark and stormy night out, and your car is parked in the north-east parking lot. Your skin begins to goose-bump as you walk, ever faster, across the parking lot. The sound of your footsteps echoing off the near-by cars, making it sound as though someone is following you.

Your heart is pounding in your chest, as you steal a look over your shoulder, praying that no one is there. There is just the empty lot, save for the empty cars that still sit with their cold metallic stares.

This sounds like a plot line from one of many suspense movies but this feeling has come over many of us more than once, walking to the car after a night class. So far, it has just been our imagination.

The lighting around the Boone campus needs to be improved for the safety of all, students, faculty, and public alike. Even though the crime statistics are very low for a college campus, safety should always be a prime concern.

On occasion I have gone to my car that is parked in a dark lot with no lights on at all. Many times, only some of the lights are on. This gives criminals excellent opportunity to do what ever they intend to do.

Not only is there concern for our own well being, but the problem with vandalism is an ever growing one. The Boone DMACC campus has been fortunate so far, but how long will that luck run? Maybe nothing will ever happen, but maybe it will.

The front parking lot and entrance to the building is minimally lighted, at best. It is a very esthetically pleasing view at night, just some highlighting of plantings and the buildings. The problem with this type of lighting is that it again affords plenty of hiding places in the shadows, which can be fun if you are playing a game of hide-and-seek.

DMACC should look into the newer forms of lighting that do not add to light pollution but that do offer stronger lighting. In the front of the building, the lighting needs to be improved. We want a campus that is visually aesthetic but also one that is as safe as can be.

# Talk Back

## What would you like to read in the Bear Facts?



**Kathy Brice**  
*More activities and club news. I like the personal stuff like Melinda's Musings.*



**Jinny Silberhorn**  
*I think it might be fun to have a trivia quiz such as questions about the Boone Campus with a prize given to the winner.*



**Stephanie Li**  
*The information I read and like to see is the highlights of what is happening on the Boone Campus. Maybe some jokes too.*



**Bass Chitou**  
*I want to know the news-not just what is happening at DMACC. I would like to see more news of the world and politics.*



**Jeanne Roth**  
*I would like to see the inclusion of some games and quizzes. Have them identify certain teachers by their desks.*

# Insight: *Accessibility*

by Scott Kovach

She barely made it out through the narrow classroom door. Leaning from her wheelchair, Dena Carlson managed to take a sip from a nearby drinking fountain. As she cruised down the empty halls to the elevator, I wondered what it would be like for her to move between classes: fighting her way through a pack of onrushing students.

Dena does not need a wheelchair. However, as a nursing student, she has the opportunity to experience what it might be like. As I followed her around, I was stunned by the various difficulties our campus presented. It is a gross understatement to say that the bookstore is poorly arranged. The library doors must be held open while you go through and automatic doors close much too quickly. Both the financial aid and front desks are ridiculously high. Bathroom entrances twist and turn like cruel jokes. Only one row of computers in Lab 135B can be reached by wheelchair, and if they're full, what then?

Denise Moffet, who is currently working towards her Liberal Arts degree, uses a wheelchair because of muscular dystrophy. She brings a little perspective to this otherwise drastic scene. Denise stated that, other than the bookstore, she finds the campus fairly accessible. She attributed the nursing student's trouble to a lack of experience. Denise said, although most people treat her well, there are those who do not.

In a brief venture into the world of investigative reporting, I found myself sitting in a wheelchair, my right leg hidden beneath me. I experienced the reactions of students and faculty to my "missing" limb as they walked past me in the halls. Most gave a sidelong glance and turned away. Others presented me with sad smiles full of pity. I felt alone and alienated from the conversations around me. The kindest act anyone showed me was to sit on the bench beside me, thereby accepting me.

Yes, there are a few accessibility problems on campus. But the biggest problems are inaccessible people.



## Melinda's Musings

The atmosphere of any place sets the frame of mind of the people within.

Businesses, such as a clothing store for teens, set the music and displays in a way that says TEENS ONLY. Libraries set such a hushed environment that it also influences the atmosphere of bookstores. Restaurants that want to create a family atmosphere include playground equipment or coloring and games.

DMACC has created an atmosphere that is studious. Even where noise is permitted, quiet consideration is the rule. The staff and fellow students are helpful and encouraging.

There is no real pressure to slow up for class or to even be on time, except that maybe missing something helpful. There is no real pressure to complete assignments or homework unless a good score on a quiz is desired. Hard work pays off with the reward of good grades and maybe even being on the Dean's list.

On the other hand, real life, for some, is a very different picture. We go home to the sounds of children screaming and arguing with each other. The toddler may be banging on the piano or throwing the stuffed rabbit into the toilet. Every family member wants something. "When do we eat?" "Mom, I'm hungry." "Mom, look at my papers," "Mom, will you help me plant a pine cone seed?" "Honey, I need some clean shirts."

Those who have jobs along with school and a family do feel pressure to be at work when scheduled, and to work efficiently. No work, no pay, no food. To all moms able to keep from getting too far behind in doing the laundry and the dishes, I salute you. Unless you have an exceptional family, you are not going to hear much gratitude for your hard work.

Some days, the time between classes at DMACC, is the only time homework gets done.

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## Former student replies to column

Dear Editor,

As a DMACC alum and former Bear Facts staff member, I often pick up the latest edition of the publications production class to keep up on the latest campus gossip. So, in the typical fine fashion of days past, I thought I would add a few lines of interest to spice up the local color.

In the September 25th issue I caught a short column called Melinda's Musings. I thought her points on values and traditions were good as far as they went. However, Melinda, take this topic and run with it while the iron is hot. I could pick up about 10 possible topics in your paragraphs. When you talk about "family values," are you speaking about the traditions the current generation in power is using to manipulate the rest of the society? To what end are you pushing the values' point? Is it possible to take your sentence as it stands and substitute the words "ethics," "traditions," or "morals" for the word you used which was "values"? Just wondering, Melinda.

If one uses these words interchangeably in this particular circumstance, then I think it is possible to say that a tradition is an action or non-action that over generations becomes a tradition when it is accepted by most members of a society. I think that laws cannot make or change traditions, but they can set a point of reference, a corner stone if you will, for people to either accept or abandon a tradition. This basic idea could apply to almost every aspect of human existence.

If an idea becomes a tradition, everyone in the simplest stage accepts it and goes about his/her own business. Traditions come and go with the generations. For the sake of argument, we will say a generation lasts 35 years. As time passes, the traditions will again change.

I'd like to speak to a couple of the possibilities that could be read into your open use of the phrase, "family values." Since you mentioned the same sex issue, I will start there. I will say lesbian, since I am a woman, instead of "same sex couple" for clarification purposes.

A couple of weeks ago, the US appeals court gave a 12 year old girl (she was 7 when the court action started) to her father because her mother was a lesbian. The one twist to this story is that the father had just done an 8-year prison sentence for killing the wife he had in 1974 and the child-in-question's half sister. Whose values was that decision based on? Was the court saying because of tradition, a convicted murderer is a better parent than a loving lesbian mother? Something is amiss here. What does sexuality have to do with good parental judgment?

The DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), that says among other things that the federal government will not recognize any gay marriage as signed by President Clinton, was designed by individuals, for the most part, who have divorce lawyers on retainer. Whose marriage are they trying to save? I don't know any gay men or lesbians who are sneaking about the bushes of heterosexual households waiting to break up a marriage. The average American marriage lasts 7 years. Dole should know that--he has been divorced.

Gays and lesbians have been getting married for years and will continue to do so. The union will just not be sanctified by the feds. However, I know of NO law in the federal statutes that prevents gay marriage.

Some may argue that being a Lesbian is "in vogue" now, like being a Native American was after Kevin Costner's movie *Dances with Wolves*. After that movie and several others came out, every man and his brother was searching through their prospective family closets, looking for arrow heads and pictures to prove that his great-grandmother on his father's side was an Indian. Of course if she was, it is very possible it could have been against her free will, but then again, she had 3 strikes against her. She was worthless, quite savage, and most likely separated from her tribe by a white army acting on orders from a ... shall we say it... "traditional government." You see, Melinda, this is a VERY old game with floating rules. If you're brave, read on.

I have started to do a little rebelling in my old age. I no longer check the little boxes on forms for "M or F" or race; quite frankly, it's none of their business and compliance was never my strong suit. The government is pleased to take the tax money that the gay/lesbian community gives them by law, yet this community doesn't get all the protection and benefits any other member of this society is granted under the law. Where is the justice in that? Maybe all the braver members of this community should put pink triangles on all their currency. I don't think any store would be hesitant to take the bills or return it as change.

In a last point to ponder, it is possible to "let go" any employee that is suspected of being gay/lesbian... What if a business owned by a gay/lesbian suspended without pay any employee suspected of being heterosexual? Is turnabout fair play?

Columnist Bob Morse writes, "Apparently a village can raise a child, but not the Village People. Sometimes a village is run by idiots."

Keep up the good work, Melinda. Pick up your shovel and dig through the mucky-muck, and the truth will be the rock at the bottom of the pit. Write about the rock; there you will find the answers. Although, like most life in general, they may not be the ones you planned on finding.

Sincerely yours,  
Linda Smith  
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Shown above are those who attended the PBL National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. last summer. From left to right are local chapter president Kara Lincoln, Advisor Pat Thieben and state chapter president Teresa Clark.

## PBL travels to D.C.

By Kara Lincoln  
Contributing Writer

This year's PBL National Leadership Conference was held July 13 - 16 in our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. at the Renaissance Hotel.

Almost everyone arrived the day before the events were scheduled to begin which gave us time to do some sightseeing. After the exhausting task of checking in at the front desk and locating our rooms, we had the opportunity to meet the people we would be rooming with for the next few days. Some people knew each other from previous PBL conferences and some people were just meeting for the first time. After getting acquainted, a group of us walked to the Hard Rock Cafe for dinner.

The Renaissance Hotel was located only two blocks from the Metro which is Washington D.C.'s subway system. This made it very convenient for PBL members to make the most of their free time and fit in as much sightseeing as possible. The number of tours available as well as the numerous historical sights to visit were almost endless. Many people paid a visit to

the various memorials such as the Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial and the Vietnam Wall, Arlington Cemetery, The Capitol, The White House and the Smithsonian Museums were also toured by many members.

The General Session gave the National Leadership Conference an energetic and patriotic start. The days to follow were filled with campaign rallies and caucusing for national officers along with the competitive events that many members came to participate in. There were also various workshops to attend with topics ranging from Parenting for the 90's to Politics '96.

The voting session for national officer took place on Tuesday morning and the results were announced at the Awards of Excellence Program where awards were also presented for competitors who placed 1 - 10 in all events. The Grand Finale Dance and Show brought the National Leadership to a close late Tuesday night.

Attending the National Leadership Conference was a wonderful experience. I encourage all PBL members to attend next year's conference which will be held in Anaheim, California.

As you plan your spring schedule, remember...

### Vocational courses can be used for electives

Did you know that up to 16 hours of vocational courses can be used for your electives in your major and transferred to another college? Just imagine what Typing Skill Development I or Keyboarding could do to help you with college term papers and other computer related courses!

Some majors do require specific electives, but Liberal Arts and some others will allow the vocational courses. Please check with your counselor or the college you are planning to transfer to for specifics regarding your major.

Some of these vocational courses include:

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| ACCT351 | Financial Accounting for Computers           | 3 Credits |
| ACCT352 | Managerial Accounting                        | 3 Credits |
| BKKA402 | Accounting Procedures & Management           | 4 Credits |
| DATA318 | Intro C++ Programming                        | 3 Credits |
| DATA335 | Excel--An Introduction                       | 1 Credit  |
| DATA345 | Spreadsheets                                 | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC204 | Office Procedures                            | 3 Credits |
| OFFC205 | Business English                             | 3 Credits |
| OFFC206 | Correspondence Techniques                    | 3 Credits |
| OFFC221 | Medical Terminology I                        | 3 Credits |
| OFFC222 | Medical Terminology II                       | 3 Credits |
| OFFC301 | Typing Skill Development I                   | 2 Credits |
| OFFC302 | Typing Skill Development II                  | 2 Credits |
| OFFC312 | Data Entry                                   | 4 Credits |
| OFFC324 | Office Calculators                           | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC326 | Medical Insurance                            | 3 Credits |
| OFFC329 | Keyboarding                                  | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC331 | Legal Terminology                            | 3 Credits |
| OFFC337 | Word Processing I (Word)                     | 3 Credits |
| OFFC338 | Word Processing II (Word)                    | 3 Credits |
| OFFC340 | Intro. to Office Computer Applications       | 3 Credits |
| OFFC341 | Advanced Office Computer Applications        | 3 Credits |
| OFFC344 | Machine Transcription                        | 3 Credits |
| OFFC345 | Advanced Word Processing Applications (Word) | 3 Credits |
| OFFC346 | WordPerfect                                  | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC349 | Word   | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC403 | Professionalism I                            | 1 Credit  |
| OFFC404 | Professionalism II                           | 1 Credit  |

Plan ahead now for the Spring and Summer Semester and sign up for a vocational course to help give you a broader knowledge base!

### PBL Creed

I believe education is the right of every person.

I believe the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family, and educational institutions, as well as people around the world. I agree to do my utmost to bring about understanding and cooperation among all these groups.

I believe every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry on that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number.

I believe every person should actively work toward improving social, political, community, and family life.

I believe every person has the right to earn a living at a useful occupation, and that this right should not be denied because of race, color, creed, sex or handicap.

I believe every person should take responsibility for carrying out assigned tasks in a manner that brings credit to self, associates, school, and community.

I believe I have the responsibility to work efficiently and to think clearly. I promise to use my abilities to make the world a better place for everyone.

### What is PBL?

By Vicki Dillavou  
Bear Facts Staff

PBL is a non-profit educational association for 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.

Co-curricular activities encourage career development, civic service, economic education, community involvement and business advocacy. Partnerships are formed with Chambers of Commerce, local businesses, industries, and government.

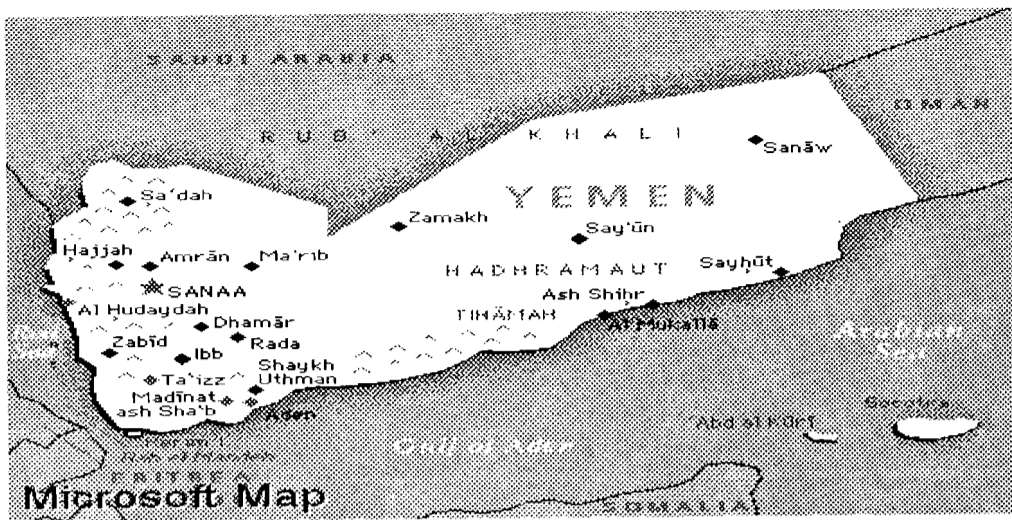
An extensive skills competitions pro-

gram is offered to challenge members in the academic pursuits. "This is not a sorority!" states PBL advisor Pat Thieben. "We would like to see more men join PBL and learn what it is all about."

The FBLA concept was developed in 1937 by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner of Columbia University. The first high school chapter was chartered in Johnson City, Tennessee, February 3, 1942. A post-secondary division, Phi Beta Lambda, was created in 1958 and a Middle Level division of FBLA was established July 1994.

In 1989, the Professional Division was organized to include businesspersons, administrators, parents, alumni, and all persons supporting the goals of FBLA-PBL.

Membership in PBL is unified on the local, state, and national levels. Local chapters operate with the guidance of a chapter adviser. FBLA-PBL has over 250,000 active members in more than 13,000 chartered chapters throughout the United States, its territories, the Pacific, Asia and Europe.



## A quick trip to Arabia

By Helmi Jazeem & Tuan  
Bear Facts Staff

Hi every body. It is nice to have you again in our column. As we promised you, you will fly with us each time to a different place. This time our destination is a country in the south west of Asia and south of the Arabian peninsula. Beautiful country. Some of its' names are "Happy Arabia", "The Origin of Arabs", and "The Country of Dams." It is Yemen.

Yemen shares borders with Saudi Arabia from the north, Oman from the east, the Red Sea from the west, and Aden Gulf which is part of the Indian Ocean from the south. Yemen separates from Africa with a strait called Bab Almandab Strait. As a matter of fact, Yemen was called "Happy Arabia" for the agricultural and economical development it had.

Yemen covers 527,970 sq. km (about 203,849 sq. mi.) and its' population is 13,897,000 (1995 estimation). Almost all of them are Moslems except a few thousand who are Jewish. The average temperature varies from about 26.7° C (80° F) in June to about 13.9° C (57°F) in January. Sana'a is the political capital. Aden is the economic capital and the largest port. Taiz is the third most important city, and has the highest population. Marib is the historical city. It was the capital for many civilizations. Now it produces oil and salt. Also it has Marib Dam, the largest dam in Yemen.

Traditions in Yemen are Islamic families and therefore the society is constructed and regulated according to Islamic instructions. Younger respect older and children obey their parents. "We, in Yemen, have great respect toward our parents who are older than we are. We do not have nursing houses. Our parents live with us, and we take care of them and obey them whatever their ages are," said Fouad Alkhoolany, a student from Yemen on the campus.

Clothes are another part of the traditions. Traditional clothes for men in Yemen are long skirts or long sleeved white dresses called "deshdashah". They also put on the jampia, a curved dagger, carried in a scabbard on a wide belt at the front of the body. Women's traditional clothes are most likely colorful. Women wear robes, shawls, and veils. "Women in Yemen are all covered except their faces; however, in many

parts in Yemen women cover even their faces except their eyes," said Mohammed Alkadas, a student from Yemen.

Yemeni food table consists of a variety of many dishes that are eaten in different parts of Yemen. The Yemeni kitchen managed to create dishes that obtained the complements of the foreigners who happened to visit Yemen. Such dishes are salta, a spicy green stew and the most popular dish in Yemen. Salta is eaten with kodam, a small ball of bread that is made of two kinds of grains or more; usually corns, wheat, and sorghum. A small piece of kodam is dipped into the salta. Another dish is known as bent alsahan which is very sweet, usually the first eaten for lunch. There is dish called shafot. It is quite thick and delicate loves of wheat or corn drowned in a spicy buttermilk and seeds of pomegranate. Most Yemenis are finger eaters, and they usually sit on the floor while eating. Thus, washing hands before and after eating is something very important. They also follow the home style in serving food. "Being a finger eater or eating on the floor has nothing to do with the financial situation of the eater. It is something that he or she finds himself comfortable with whether they are rich or not," said Helmi, a student from Yemen.

Yemeni are considered to be social. Almost every day in the afternoons, the Yemeni family gathers to drink coffee, socialize, chat, and talk about the daily issues of its individuals. It also gathers to discuss the problems of the family. The average social hour lasts for 3 hours. Afternoons are the best times for the family to get together. That is because, in the morning, men are at work. After 4 p.m., most men get back to work except those who work for the government. Many people usually spend the social hour with their friends. So do many women. On Fridays, the official holiday, some people go cruising outside the city in the morning. In the afternoon, they go visit their parents or relatives. "Visiting our parents and relatives is something Islam tells us to do," said Mohammed.

The wedding custom in Yemen does not vary too much from one region to another. The bride, the groom, and their families have many things to do before and during the wedding day.

Usually three days before the wed-

ding day, the bride goes to take a Turkish bath. She also has a shower party. It is held in her parents' house one day before the wedding day. Women gather there to celebrate and congratulate her. Often they decorate the bride's hands with henna, a maroon dye used to decorate the skin. The groom goes to take a Turkish bath, too.

The big party celebration is the wedding day. The groom often wears very traditional clothes and carries a sword. The bride also wears her traditional wedding clothes. People, men and women, separately celebrate and dance the traditional dance. The wedding ceremony then goes according to the Islamic law.

The average number of children in the Yemeni family is five. It is a great responsibility for mothers to raise the children when the fathers are at work or absent. Fuad says that mothers get their children one after the other, so by the fifth year, they have five kids to be taken care of. The oldest one is five years old. That is why many women do not hold down a job.

Along with that, the average age to get married is 20 years. However, most people now become more aware of what it means to be a wife, a husband, or parents. In addition, many young people tend to finish the university after high school, so they delay the marriage aspect till after graduation. By that time they are 25 or so.

We hope that you enjoyed the trip with us within the Happy Arabia, Yemen. It is time now to go. Hoping to meet you in the next issue with a new topic.

## "Military Mail" in 30th year

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST- The 1996 Military Mail campaign is now underway! This year's program continues the efforts begun in 1965 when a group of patriotic Americans joined to form "Vietnam Mail Call" in support of our forces in and near Vietnam.

Morale-boosting cards and letters from every part of the U.S. are inter-mingled, then made up into packages ranging in size from a few to several thousand, which are sent via priority mail to more than 1,000 locations all across the U.S. and around the world. (Neither processing nor mailing is a taxpayer expense.)

Many "thank you" letters have been received from chaplains, unit commanders and NCOICs, ships, hospitals and independent morale agencies such as affiliates or the Armed Services YMCA.

"Military Mail" is a terrific project for students and campus groups (as well as everyone else). To learn how to take part in this unique, exciting program, interested readers should send their name and address, along with a first-class stamp for return postage (please--NOT a self-addressed, stamped envelope--just the stamp) to: MILITARY MAIL, P.O. BOX 339, SOLDIER, KY 41173, and mention where this was read.

## Coming to America, a total culture shock

By Lorraine Powell  
Bear Facts Staff

Moses Lueth, whose Sudanese name is Lueth Lueth, has not been back to his country since he first came to the United States when he was six years old. He would like to, though. He said that when he arrived here, it was a total culture shock. He said: "Here, everything is taken for granted. Life is taken for granted. People are not serious enough. They expend a lot of energy on non productive things."

In 1986, Moses was given the opportunity to come to this country and live with his father who had already immigrated here. By coming to the United States, he was able to attend public school, which would not have been possible if he had stayed in the Sudan. There, parents must pay to send their children to school.

Moses first came to Oklahoma. He attended ESL (English as a second language). He and his family then moved to Ames, Iowa, where he started third grade with no previous education. He graduated from Ames High School.

Moses remembers speaking the Dinka dialect while living in the Sudan. His tribal heritage is the Dinka and Nuir tribes. He



Moses Lueth

says that the Sudan has an Islamic government with constant fighting going on over land and religious issues.

Moses is interested in the field of speech and communications. He thinks that, in the future, he would like to leave the snow and cold of Iowa and attend school in the Southwest.



Cheerleaders have started practicing for the opening of basketball season next month. Boone Campus cheerleaders for the 1996-97 season include (left to right): Alison Milani, Danielle Huntley, and Christine Twohig. Also cheering this year but unavailable for the photo is Misty Linduski.

# HOROSCOPES

By Sonia Weigel

**Aries** (22 March-20 April)

Do not tell a teacher an outrageous sympathy lie for why you were unable to study for a test. They will only see right through it. Be patient. Good things come to those who wait.

**Taurus** (21 April-21 May)

Watch the ol' temper this week when a business deal falls through. You may want to take a risk to make a better deal happen for you.

**Gemini** (22 May-22 June)

Spend some quality time with yourself. Others are tired of your ideas and opinions being imposed upon them.

**Cancer** (23 June-23 July)

Lighten up and have an enjoyable weekend with some new friends.

**Leo** (24 July-23 August)

You are the center of attention. Make the best of it. Beware of spreading yourself too thin.

**Virgo** (24 August-23 September)

Take the weekend off. You discover a friendship has possibilities of intimacy.

**Libra** (24 September- 23 October)

Be assertive and state your case. Your economic outlook will improve.

**Scorpio** (24 October-22 November)

Be more sensitive to your lover's feelings. Spending more time together is essential in days to come. Friends will have to be put on hold temporarily.

**Sagittarius** (23 November-22 December)

Do not overbook yourself. Stop procrastinating. It is time to make that big purchase.

**Capricorn** (23 December-19 January)

Stay focused on the task at hand. The grass is not always greener on the other side. You will be rewarded handsomely.

**Aquarius** (20 January-19 February)

Be there for that friend in need but do not neglect your needs and beliefs.

**Pieces** (20 February-21 March)

Trust your artistic voice. An undiscovered talent may be revealed.

## Intramurals underway on Boone Campus

By Jason Pugh  
Bear Facts Staff

Flag football anyone? Flag football is one of the intramurals that have taken place at DMACC. Since they are intramurals, anyone can participate in them. Athletic Director, Terry Jamieson, said, "This is the first year for intramurals at DMACC. Flag football went over huge, and everyone had a good time. The winner or winners from each event wins either a gift certificate or a tee shirt."

Mike Heis who is from Cincinnati, Ohio, was a participant in flag football. I asked Mike what he thought of the intramurals. Mike replied, "I think it's great! It gives everyone a chance to compete with

and against each other. The opportunity to win something besides the game attracts more people with the desire to win."

The open gym is another opportunity for students and faculty to exercise or play basketball. The gym is open from the minute the school opens till the doors close at night. According to Jamieson there has been a good number of people taking advantage of the opportunity.

If there are any questions concerning intramurals, see Mr. Jamieson or check the board in the student center. Jamieson also wants everyone to know that he has never been beaten in badminton before in his life and all challengers are welcome when badminton gets started!

**UPCOMING INTRAMURALS**  
Soccer open field every Wed. at 4:30  
Pool 8- ball began Oct. 1  
Tug - O- War  
The gym is always open



The Boone Campus Faculty/Staff Softball Team (+1), "coached" by Terry Jamieson, took on the Ankeny Faculty Staff last Thursday in Ankeny. Members of the team were (front row l. to r.) Sarah Goldsworth, Mary Jane Green, Jan LaVille, Connie Booth, Kriss Philips, (second row) Bill Alley, John Doran, Sandi Johnson, Lee McNair, Paula Goldsworth, Terry Jamieson.

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## Silberhorn offers helpful hints for students

By George Silberhorn, counselor  
Contributing Writer

Welcome to the Boone Campus. We're glad you're here! You may expect a quality education here at the Boone Campus. This is a great place to learn.

When you transfer, you can expect to maintain your grade point average within about a .3 grade point. You'll compete well with the students already at ISU, UNI, U of I, Drake, etc. It's up to you! Nursing majors have an excellent 90% plus success rate on the state boards. Placement has been excellent for all office occupations majors; 88-92% has been the average for central Iowa. It's your education, do your very best!

If you have questions, don't be bashful, ask us, or see your advisor. If you can't get in to see me, leave me a note, I'll call you or find you.

Some hints, etc. that might be helpful to you:

- \*\*\*Register for classes as early as you can for each successive semester.
- \*\*\*Follow the directions on your graduation analysis (you'll receive one in the mail—keep it in your file!).
- \*\*\*Pay your fees on time so your class schedule is not "purged" (sounds horrible, but it doesn't hurt—just makes you mad because you'll have to re-register for classes).
- \*\*\*You may NOT add a class after the fifth class day. You may NOT drop a course after November 6th.
- \*\*\*Participate in the intramural program. Championship T-shirts are prized possessions. Win one!
- \*\*\*Articulation agreements (How classes transfer to ISU, UNI, Drake, U of I, etc.) are available from counselors or faculty advisors.
- \*\*\*Look for posters, announcements, etc. that advertise important dates (i.e., when to apply for graduation, when to get a great lunch for a paltry \$.25, etc.).
- \*\*\*Learn what courses you need to complete successfully in order to meet requirements for a degree or program completion (i.e. art appreciation, ARTS101 is the only art class that is a CORE humanities course).
- \*\*\*If you feel the need to drop a class, do so BEFORE the drop date (drop/add forms are available outside the main office).
- \*\*\*Apply for graduation one semester before your planned date of graduation.
- \*\*\*Many colleges and universities will send a representative to visit our campus—plan to visit all you can.
- \*\*\*Discover **CHOICES** in our Academic Achievement Center
- \*\*\*Use the library; it has a lot to offer.
- \*\*\*Don't be reluctant to ask questions.
- \*\*\*Read *The Bear Facts!*
- \*\*\*Stop in to see us!!!
- \*\*\*Get organized! Take notes, make notes.
- \*\*\*Go to class! Instructors may change a test date. Most instructors test over lecture material as well as that in your text. Besides, you might learn something!
- \*\*\*Read and understand each syllabus. Ask questions if you do not fully understand something.
- \*\*\*Remember that even though you may have been in the top 10 percent of your high school class, so were a lot of those students sitting beside you in class. You'll probably need more study time to earn good grades.
- \*\*\*Learn the "ropes" on campus. If you plan to withdraw from class, don't just stop attending; you'll find an "F" on your grade report at the end of the term. Use the drop/withdrawal procedure.
- \*\*\*Don't skip class!
- \*\*\*Get involved with college/campus activities. Watch for announcements for activities, like drama production, athletic events, etc.
- \*\*\*If you work part-time and carry a full academic load and have "other" responsibilities, learn to budget your time and understand your priorities. Manage your time!
- \*\*\*Plan time for fun. Your college life should include some leisure time. Seek new friendships. Many alumni say that making friends is one way to stay happy while you're attending college. Being friendly makes it easy to adjust to your school environment.
- \*\*\*Failure is not the end of the world. Failure does not necessarily mean getting an "F". In many cases, it may mean turning in a performance less than you demand of yourself. Be prepared; it may happen. Learn how to deal with it.
- \*\*\*Do not over-extend yourself in classwork. You know best what you should be doing. Friends can offer some good advice. They might be able to tell you which classes were difficult for them because of lack of proper high school preparation and which ones would be more suited to your experience.
- \*\*\*Be yourself. Know yourself.
- \*\*\*Don't procrastinate. Do assignments now. Be prepared.
- \*\*\*For each hour of class time, expect to spend two hours outside of class in study or research. A class load of 16 credits requires at least 32 hours per week of preparation.
- \*\*\*If an illness causes you to miss classes, notify your instructors right away.
- \*\*\*Ask questions. **GOOD LUCK!** Enjoy the fall semester!

## DMACC's best creative writer to get \$500 scholarship

**DMACC PRESS RELEASE**--The yearly creative writing contest is here. Works may be submitted beginning Monday, October 7, 1996 until midnight Monday, December 2, 1996. Everyone, including Comp I students, are encouraged to participate.

1. Eligibility: Any DMACC student registered for fall, 1996 may participate. Entrants are limited to 1 prize.
2. Awards: Tuition scholarships: The (Ankeny Campus) Student Action Board, has provided 2 writer scholarships:
  - a) Best overall writer will be awarded \$250 from the S.A.B. The Ankeny Campus Foundation will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$500.
  - b) Runner-up best writer will receive \$125, which will be matched by the Boone Campus Foundation for a total award of \$250. Cash awards: Include \$100 for best story and \$50 for runner-up, \$100 for best poem and \$50 for runner-up.
3. Publication: Award-winning manuscripts and those receiving honorable mention may be published in *EXPRESSIONS*.
4. Judging: Judges from DMACC will evaluate the manuscripts and award the prizes. They and the coordinator reserve the right to determine if prizes will be awarded in all categories. Entries will be judged anonymously, for each contestant's work will be number-coded during the evaluation process. Please keep copies of your work for entries will not be returned.
5. Manuscript standards:
  - a. Number: Participants must submit at least 3 original manuscripts, and may submit up to 5. The purpose of this requirement is to select the best writers, not just the best works.
  - b. Nature: Although no thematic guidelines must be followed, manuscripts must take the form of poetry, short fiction, or personal essay (only single, sustained narratives—not arguments, analyses, or expositions). Or you may submit a combination of these genres. For those writers most interested in publication: the shorter the work, especially narrative, the more likely its publication.
  - c. Copy requirements: Manuscripts must be typed (double-spaced) and accompanied by a (single) cover sheet including: the titles of all of the pieces; the author's name and social security number, college program, home address and phone number, and a signed statement as follows:  
*The following pieces of writing are solely my own work. I am currently a student at DMACC (if you're interested in the scholarships, add that you plan to be enrolled fall, 1997). I do not object to the publication of my writing if it is properly acknowledged.*  
Title each piece at the top of the first page, but leave your name off since each will receive your entrant number to ensure your anonymity.

Send your work to:


DMACC Creative Writing Contest  
c/o R.W. Chapman, Contest Coordinator  
Sciences and Humanities Department  
Bldg. 2/ Ankeny Campus  
2006 S. Ankeny Blvd. Ankeny, Iowa 50021  
If you have any questions, call 964-6535.

Wayne State College Admissions counselor,  
Sherman Petite, to be at DMACC campus  
on Oct. 21 to meet with any interested  
students.

Iowa State University has announced their  
Early Registration/Orientation as follows:

College of Agriculture: November 5 and 13  
College of Business: November 5 and 13  
College of Design: November 13  
College of Education: November 5  
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