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International students honored at Rotaract luncheon

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

Three international students from Boone campus along with approximately 20 Boone Rotarians heard Elwynn Taylor, an agricultural meteorologist and extension climatologist at Iowa State University, explain how global warming is affecting world economy. Several DMACC instructors also attended the Rotary International Dinner held in the L.W. Courter Center April 2.

There are currently 81 international

students enrolled at DMACC's Boone Campus. Of the 19 countries represented, Indonesia has the highest number of students enrolled with 25.

The Rotary Club's honored guests were--Moses Lueth, a liberal arts student from Sudan, Jamleck K. Mburu, a computer science student from Kenya and Jackeun Cho, a liberal arts and journalism student from Korea. Friends of the students, Kil-Young Jun of Korea, who plans to study chemical engineering and Chuor J. Chuor from Sudan also attended.

Spring Fling -- April 21-25

Committee proposes plans for next week's campus festivities

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

Boone Campus DMACC's 1997 Spring Fling was the primary concern at the Wednesday, April 9 Student Action Board meeting. Scot Smith and Nick Vogel, both SAB representatives, prepared a Spring Fling proposal for the meeting. Vogel, presenting the proposal to the Board, suggested ideas ranging from hiring a disk-jockey to holding the Spring Fling dance in a location other than on the Boone Campus.

It was suggested during the presentation that a D.J. would be the best format for the entertainment. This way a variety of music would be available to satisfy everyone's musical tastes. Aaron Foster, a local D.J., was recommended and priced at \$500.

Dance to be held at Elk's Club

After research on the part of Smith and Vogel, it was also recommended during the presentation that due to liability, damage control, and problems with monitoring, the dance, on Friday, April 25, should be held somewhere other than on the Boone Campus. The suggestion was to hold the dance at the Elk's Club in Boone. Rent for the Elk's Club would be \$200 for the night. This issue was discussed and voted upon by the SAB. It

was passed with a majority vote.

The dance admission will be free to all DMACC students possessing a free DMACC library card. Admission for the general public or people other than DMACC students was not discussed and is not known at this time.

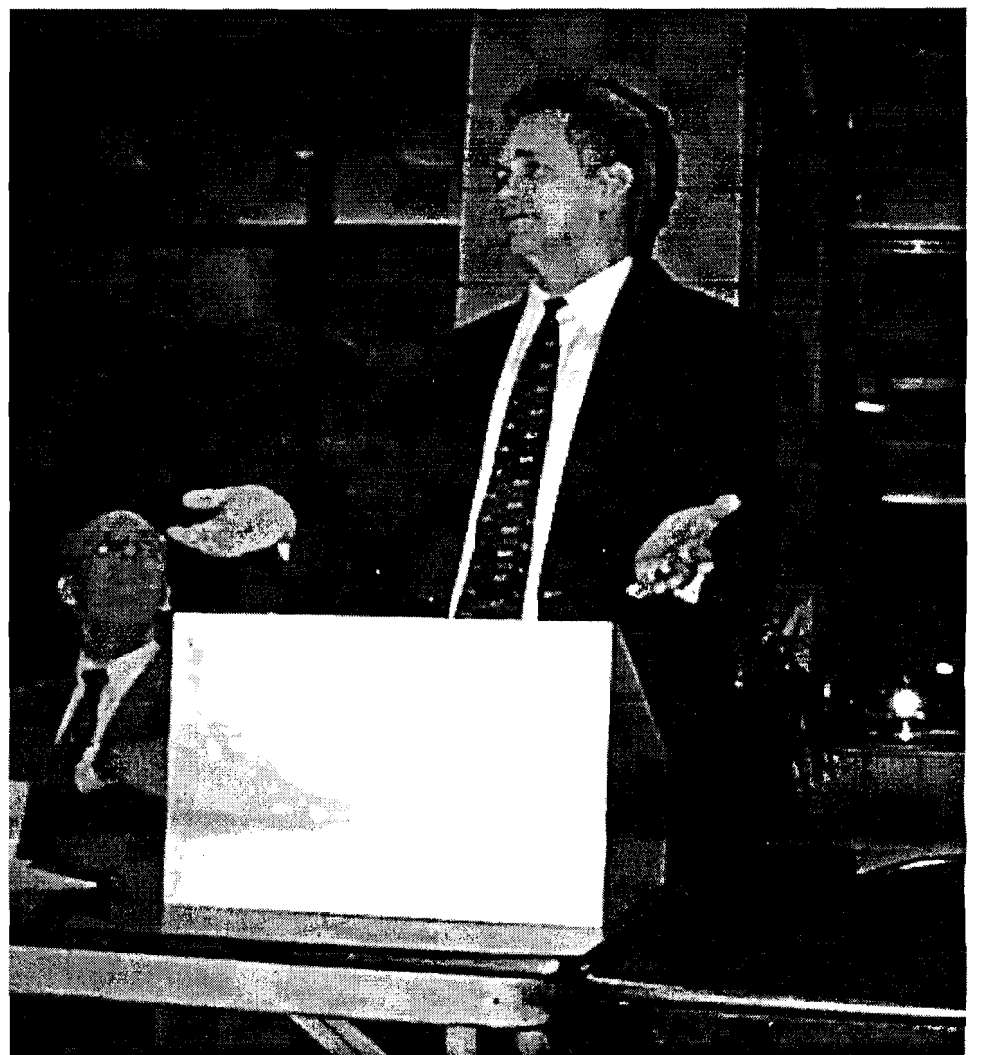
On Friday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a hamburger feed will be held for all students, to celebrate the Spring Fling. No other details are known at this time.

Rezoomers volunteer to make banners

Joanne Dudgeon, Rezoomers SAB delegate, announced at the meeting that the Rezoomers would construct banners to hang in the Boone DMACC halls to advertise the Spring Fling. Any other club or student group wanting to help promote the Spring Fling is invited and will be appreciated. If interested contact a member of the SAB.

In other SAB business, it was unanimously voted that a plaque and a gift certificate will be presented to the TAVCO delivery man to commemorate his service to the Boone Campus.

Members in attendance of the meeting included Theresa Johnson, SAB president; Amie Herrick, SAB secretary; Tuan Trihn, International Students delegate; Patty Fehr, Nursing Students delegate; Charles Whiteing, Bear Facts delegate; Amy Burton, student representative; as well as Vogel and Dudgeon.



(Photo by Moses Lueth)

Bob Schaub, editor of the Boone News-Republican listens intently to speaker Elwynn Taylor--an agricultural meteorologist and extension climatologist at Iowa State University--at a Rotary International Dinner held on the Boone campus in the L.W. Courter Center April 2. The dinner was hosted and organized by Lee McNair, DMACC sociology instructor and Rotaract advisor.



A Clowns' Play: A Tale of Jack and the Beanstalk

Saturday, April 19, 1997

10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Boone Campus Theatre

(See story page 2)

Students to take a week to unwind April 21-25

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

The 1997 Spring Fling and Student Jam will be kicked off during the week of April 21-25. The Spring Fling is a week-long event that students and faculty can match wits, strengths, and fun.

On Friday, April 25, faculty members will be persuaded to grill hamburgers starting around noon.

The week will consist of many events pitting teams against one another. Each team will have four women, four men and two alternates (one guy and one girl). The fee is \$20 a team, and Nick Vogel and Scot Smith accepted the entry fees and team sign up sheets up until yesterday.

Activities include slow pitch softball

The possible planned activities include a hoop shoot, tug-o-war, sand volleyball, slow pitch softball, mini golf, (weather permitting), brain bowl and egg joust. Smith said that if the weather does not cooperate, there is an alternate plan that SAB is working on.

Smith, co-coordinator, said, "SAB is excited to get it going. Everyone is

coming together to get things organized." A new addition to the events will be a brain bowl.

Friday night dance plans altered

According to Smith, this has been the first Spring Fling for a few years. In comparison to previous Flings, Smith said there is more emphasis on the Student Jam this year. Plans are underway to hire a band to play in the afternoon during the hamburger feed.

Although plans did include a dance Friday evening, the committee is leaning closer to hiring the band. The band they are looking at closely is Another Road Side Attraction, featuring lead singer and Boone Campus journalism student, Jon

Yanders. (See story on Jon Yanders on page 4 of this edition.)

Lack of interest on the part of the student body resulted in this last minute altering of plans. The rest of the week will go ahead, weather permitting.

Student's e-mail privileges revoked

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

Since the article on DMACC Internet policies was released in the last issue of the Bear Facts, one student's Internet and e-mail privileges have been revoked for an undetermined amount of time by Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Executive Dean. Philips said, "The student sent e-mail of a sexual nature to DMACC staff members."

Philips said, "The incident is still under investigation. I would like to remind everyone that computers are to be used for educational purposes only."

Ron Erickson, LAN Equipment Specialist for DMACC's Boone Campus said due to the increased noise level in the computer lab, all computer games have been removed except for Solitaire and Minesweeper, two games accessed through Windows. When logging in on Monday, an official announcement to this effect appeared on Boone campus computer screens.

Philips said, "We have a limited number of computers on Boone Campus, and we ask students not to take time and space from those who have legitimate reasons for using computers."

Bookstore to buy back some titles at end of semester

The Knowledge Knook Bookstore will be buying back limited quantities of the following book titles at the end of the semester:

Law for Business (Ashcroft),
Care Mgmt. Soc. Sci (Berkey),
Intro Gen Org & Biochem (Bettelheim),
Elementary Stat (Bluman),
Microeconomics (Colander),
Messages (Devito),
Essential Psch Action (Huffman),
Human Masiac (Jordan),
Music An Appreciation (Kamen),
History Western Society Vol II (McKay),
Principles of Accounting (Needles),
Intro to Hum. Commun. Understanding and Sharing (Pearson),
Artforms (Preble),
Life-span Hum. Dev (Sigelman),
Ethics (Thiroux),
Microbiology (Tortora),
Emphasis: Art (Wachowiak)

Check the listing outside the bookstore for quantities and prices on these books. In addition, wholesale book companies will have a representative buying back books that the DMACC bookstore is not interested in purchasing.

Student budget still being decided

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff

With three weeks left in the school year, the Student Action Board still has to come up with next year's budget. This budget sets the allocation of the student activity fees that we all pay in addition to our tuition.

The student groups that receive this money use it for many different purposes, from dances, speakers, or food, to the printing of this paper, to transportation costs for the sports teams.

According to SAB advisor, Terry Jamieson, cuts are being proposed for all areas affected by the SAB Budget.

Attempts to obtain the information for this publication received this response from SAB President, Theresa Johnson. "If the students/staff have/had concerns to express these should have been done in the meeting setting or in writing when their 'want list' was handed in. I have

not witnessed any students or staff attend any meeting and bring up the budget this semester or last semester."

Last years' budget allocations were; Campus Recreation/ Intramural \$4,000. This being used for different rec. tournaments, the "Brain Bowl," and part of the "Spring Fling." Athletics received \$10,000 for transportation, lodging while on the road, uniforms and equipment. SAB used their \$5,000 allocation to sponsor a hypnotist, karaoke, food, and the Mexico Fiesta. Drama received \$600 for expenses involved in the play productions. Tutorial services received \$900 to help students receive tutoring in many different subjects. Bear Facts used the \$600 in the printing of this paper and for costs to attend conferences.

The different clubs: Nursing Students United, Phi Beta Lambda, Recreation

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Clowning around in Boone schools

By Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff

With a little grease paint, a wig and some very odd clothes, the eight cast members from the DMACC theater troupe will present "Clowns' Play: A Tale of Jack and the Beanstalk."

The show is on the road at local Boone schools, before opening at the DMACC Theatre on Saturday, April 19, with performances at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission is 50 cents per person.

Having performed already at Lowell and Garfield Elementary schools, the shows next stops will be at Sacred Heart and Trinity Elementary schools on Thursday and will travel to Page Elementary school, on Friday.

Problems have presented themselves along the way, from rehearsal scheduling problems to actors having to leave the show and looking for replacements. With the problems solved, things are coming together nicely according to Kay Mueller, the director.

"Clowns' Play," centers on a troupe of clowns entertaining the audience as it waits for the actors to arrive to put on the main show. Realizing that the troupe is lost and not going to show, the clowns band together and present their own version of "Jack and the Beanstalk." The play follows the basic story line with a few twists and turns.

An interactive play, "Clowns Play," asks for audience participation all along the way as the clowns mingle with the audience. From making animal noises to actual involvement in the scenes, children become an intricate part of the show.

Cast of characters

Brooke McKnight.....Boffo/ The ConArtist
Justin Johnson.....Mustard/Narrator, Farmer Brown, Hen
Dee McKnight.....Trinket /Accomplice, Harp
Kathleen Brice.....Ruffina/Giant's Wife
Greg Hager.....Musculo/Giant
Angie Doddema.....Doxy/Bessie the Cow
Cecily Baumann.....Moxy/Jack's Mother
Matt Phillips.....Scrappy/Jack

Daily Grind

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

SEX! Now that I have your full and undivided attention, let me give you the *bare* facts.

Spring equinox is here and so is an additional hour of daylight. I figure now I can put my ten speed to use. I am going to start commuting to Boone campus. 15 miles, ah shoot, that is no biggie. My dad told me when he was young he had to walk thirty miles to school and back and even had time to finish the chores. Yeah OK, and Elvis is alive. As I was saying, ride, run, jog, jump, leap, stretch! Ah, the power of the sun, it makes everyone chummy. Excuse me, but I think my expertise is needed elsewhere.

It seems my elderly and fellow columnist, Patrice Harson, is in a terrific muddle about unraveling the rubex-cube of Generation X jargon. Well, here is the 411. (information) I want to present to her and those from the age of (Sonny and Cher, the before, not after Michael Jackson, and the Monkeys.. or is it Beatles) vocab list.

When you say fat with a ph, it means cool. Bad is not bad, but good. Fresh is not subway bread or Hy-vee produce, but rather something new and interesting. Stoked means being excited about something.

The reemergence of bell bottoms did not last too long, but the lingo from those days lingered around. Right on- stresses agreement, dig- to understand or sympathize, outta sight-transcends the normal standards, dynamite!- an expression of exclamation! similar to sweet.

In essence the mastery of neo-hippie-post-grunge-hip-alternative dialect is to know that most words stem from one genius. Genius is the innovator, talent imitates genius said Jack Keroauc. Kerouac an author coined the word "beat" to describe his friends who lived for the same ideals as he did.

It is similar to stripping the bark from a tree and giving the tree a whole new bark. In my speech class, I learned that denotative is the dictionary meaning, and canotative is the agreed upon personal meaning attached to the word. When a new meaning is attached to an old word, the word becomes new in the sense that it has new different meaning.

So there you have it Patrice and those not up in linguistics, not only examples and definitions, but the dynamics into the birth of a new word. I am Ghandi, meaning I am outta here. Love and peace: Israelis and Palestinians, Bosnians and Serbs, Catholics and Protestants, dog and cats, cats and mice, Coke and Pepsi, Jay and Dave. Just make a little peace, do a little dance, and get along tonight.

Guest Commentary

I JUST DON'T HAVE TIME TO FALL IN LOVE

By Jam Karanja & Tony Lau

Kim really appreciated Gina's friendship. Extremely popular at school and church, Gina didn't have to take time for Kim, but she did. When Kim asked how she could make more friends, Gina sat down with her to have serious talks.

"Kim," she began, "you have to learn to think of others rather than yourself. What do they want to do? What would make them happy? You have to be willing to give, even if you don't get anything in return. You can't always be thinking about how others treat you."

Kim began to cry. "But I don't have any love to give away. My parents don't care about me and my future. I've heard them say over and over that they should be enjoying their retirement instead of raising another teenager. My psychiatrist says I can't reach out to others because I haven't received real love and acceptance from my family."

For real God's love is the answer for all the Kims of this world. Even those of us who have parents who really love us realize that the best of human love is imperfect.

This is love: not that we loved God, but He loved us. His love never grows cold, no matter what you do. He never forgets about you in order to pay attention to someone else. He keeps loving you when everyone else gives up on you. "God is love and if you have His life, you are going to have His love."

Are you like the girl who said, "I just don't have time to fall in love"? Are you refusing His gifts and ignoring His overtures of affection? He is the answer to the lovelorn. If you cling to your independence, however, and to your busy schedule, you will still be singing "nobody-loves-me" songs.

For now take time to fall in love with God and then let that love overflow to those around you.



By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

↔ Typical Nontraditional

When I went back to northwest Iowa to spend Easter with my family, in a weak moment I slipped up and used the word "groovy." My (always) embarrassed 14-year-old daughter, Nicole, promptly informed me that my improper use of outdated slang classified me as, "Generation X."

Generation what? Before I revoked any of my daughter's privileges for dishonoring her mother, I decided it would be best to find out what this term meant. My well-versed teen-ager told me that being Generation X meant that I was now officially a member of the outdated group of "speech impaired old people."



"Bummer!" I responded. "No, no," she retorted, "you mean Inga." "Inga?" I questioned, that is too weird! "No, it's not weird," she said "it's frcakin' "Slow down," I said, "you're confusing me." Nicole said, "No, you mean hey now, you're confusing me."

At this point I told Nicole that my outdated vocabulary was beginning to worry me. She said, "No, no, it has got you buggin'. Gccz, Mom, you've got to get with it!" "Listen, my sweet, pretty daughter," I said, "don't have a big cow just because your mother acts her age!" "No, mother," she said, extremely annoyed, "My awesome vocabulary is cool beans and no one has a cow anymore, you have a toxic dump!" "Okay, now settle down," I said. "No, no" she corrected, "you don't say settle down, you say Bow Down and you have to be sure that you're voice takes a dive on down." I said, "You mean that not only do I have to memorize these new words, I also have to use the correct intonation? There's no hope!"

I returned to Boone that week-end a frustrated old woman. Then, just the other day I was reading the *Daily Grind*, and, once again, I was stumped by my youthful but wise colleague's use of the word "V-dub." I wish I knew someone who could make this a little clearer for me, maybe a young college student my daughter would refer to as "sweet" could make sense of it all--Moses! Mr. Lueth at the *Daily Grind*--Help!

April 22, 1997

My take on Earth Day

Charlynn McFerren
Bear Facts Staff

Plant a tree, and you can make a difference to our beautiful planet. You will be saving the earth. It doesn't matter if you are only one person because you can make a difference. Blah blah blah. Get Real. If you buy into this philosophy, then you are one of the numbers who believe that they are doing all they can to save their precious planet. Don't get me wrong, I believe that ecology is very important and I care about the environment. I just think that I am a big enough person to admit that I am participating in Earth Day for selfish reasons. To save my hide. Forget about the planet, I want to know that I will have a place to live when I am 93. If my grandchildren don't have a place to live, then that is their problem. Isn't it?

I would like to propose that we re-name Earth Day. I think there is nothing wrong in admitting that we are scared, selfish people who realize that every other day of the year we don't really think about this planet. We think about ourselves. Let's call this celebration of human kind "People Day." Not only is this a more appropriate name, but it carries none of the pretenses

that Earth Day does. Major corporations who pollute our land and environment hide behind this day by planting some trees and picking up trash a few times a year. Do they truly believe that one or two days can recover years of ecological destruction? Of course they do. And who allows them to continue this process? Who buys into this save-the-planet-one-day-a-year philosophy? We do.

We are oblivious to what goes on around us. We are so wrapped up in our own lives that we don't even notice that our landscapes, fields and roadsides are trashed. We pick one day out of the year to do something about a life-long problem. Think about it realistically. There are a lot of things that we could do to this place, and it would still be here, but we wouldn't be here.

Go ahead and write a letter to your favorite government official supporting my proposal to rename Earth Day to a more indicative name as to what it really stands for. It will mean that you stand for something no bigger than yourself. Be proud in the fact that you are selfish, and you have no care for the future. Make it known to the world that you are one of the many who are just in it for themselves.

Disabilities' scholarship

By Woo-Im Jang
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC students with disabilities scholarship is sponsored by DMACC Community for Concerned People Disabilities (CCPD). This award, open to students at all DMACC campuses, is made possible through the DMACC Foundation and by the generosity of employees of DMACC.

The award will apply directly to tuition and fees. To apply for this award, a student must have completed a minimum of one semester at DMACC, be enrolled for next semester for a minimum of 6 credit hours, have a minimum of a 2.5 DMACC GPA, and have a documented disability.

A "Student with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities", is defined in DMACC Educational Services Procedures ES 286.1, item II, 2. a., September 1, 1996.

According to Pat Butin, DMACC Foundation director, "The award depends on how many students apply for this scholarship. That decides the supporting money amounts. After considering all applications, the DMACC Foundation will decide everything. Decisions of the selection committee are final."

If applicants require assistance in preparing the application form due to their disabilities, they need to contact their campus Disabilities Representative. The deadline dates will be for Fall Term until July 1 and for Spring Term on November 1.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

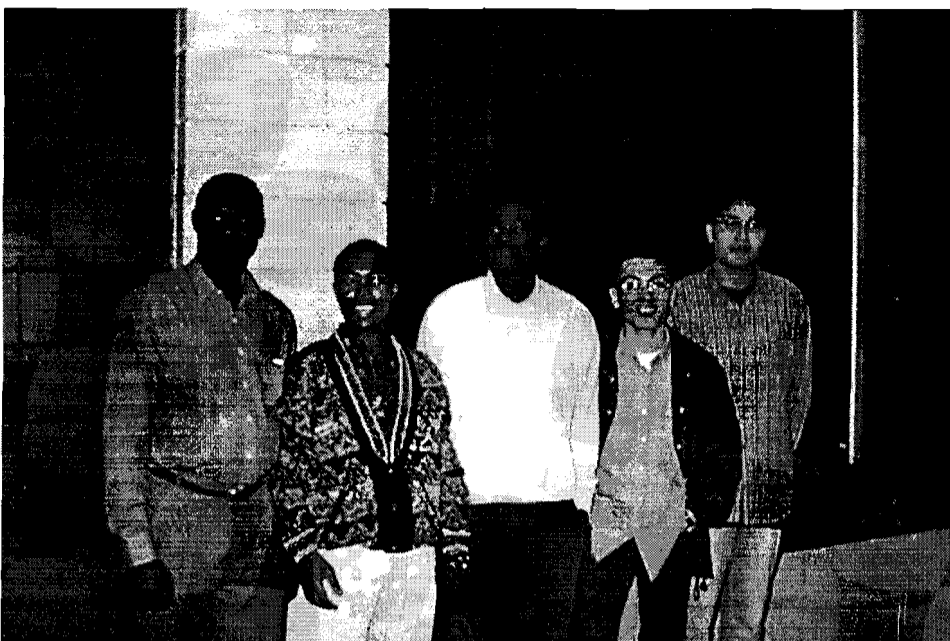
If you have any questions regarding this application, call the DMACC Foundation Office 515-964-6278, or contact Pat Butin- Ext. 6278 or e-mail her at pbutin@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

Campus Cafe to Close

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

The Boone Campus Cafe will be closing on April 18 and will not be open again until next fall. Due to the Cafe's past financial difficulties there has been campus wide speculation that this could be the reason it is closing. Vicki Lauzon, Boone DMACC bookkeeper, assured that this is not the case.

Lauzon said that the Cafe needs to bring in \$200 to \$230 a day to break even or to make a profit. Although the Cafe has been consistently bringing in enough earnings since the beginning of the spring semester, due to some of the premature



(Photo by Patrice Harson)

Three international students from DMACC's Boone campus and two guests dined with the Boone Rotarians April 2. From left, Chuor I. Chuor, Sudan; Jamleck K. Mburu, Kenya; Moses Lueth, Sudan, Kil-Young Jun, Korea; and Jaekeun Cho, Korea.



Photo by Moses Lueth

Joe Siple receives a bag of popcorn from TAVCO representative, Pat Hulsey. TAVCO provided free soda and popcorn in appreciation for DMACC's business.

Dean's Comments



The Boone Campus Commencement is coming up May 9. It will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Boone Campus Gym, preceded by the Annual Alumni Graduation breakfast on May 9 at 7:30 a.m. at the Boone Golf and Country Club.

The Honors Dinner will be held May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the L. W. Courter Center.

Summer registration begins April 27. Summer interim classes begin May 12. They fill up fast, so if you're interested, register now. The summer term begins June 2.

Remember, we're still in the midst of baseball and softball.

The drama production, *Clowns' Play* is performing in local schools this week. It will be held on the Boone Campus April 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

ISU speaker, tour April 17

By Maggie Stone
REZOOMER's adviser

Ellen Fairchild, Coordinator of the Office of Adult Learner and Commuter Student Programs for Iowa State University, will be the guest speaker at a special meeting of the REZOOMERS CLUB Wednesday, April 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the conference room east of the L.W. Courter Center.

Fairchild will discuss the services offered by ISU to adult students. There will be opportunity for questions. All adult students who are considering transfer to ISU are encouraged to attend this meeting. (You do not need to be a member of the REZOOMERS CLUB to participate.)

Tour of ISU campus offered

A school van will leave from DMACC's southwest door at 2:30 p.m. on April 17 for a tour of ISU. If you would like to participate in the tour, please contact Maggie Stone in Room 124 by noon April 22.

The van will return to DMACC at approximately 4:30 p.m. All who are interested are encouraged to participate in the tour. (You do not need to be a member of the REZOOMERS CLUB to be included on the tour.)

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FORECAST OF PEACE AND HARMONY

by Charlynn

Capricorn

You can attain oneness with the forces of nature if you just "let yourself go." Get rid of all that unwanted hostility and feel the peace flowing with the harmony inside of you.

Aquarius

Lose those inhibitions and become the wood nymph that you are. Spend some time basking in the glory of the forest. Feel free to leave those pesky clothes at home. (Weather permitting)

Pisces

This month your spirits will soar if you follow my advice. Totally give. Be the most generous person around. You will find that you will be rewarded in ways you never imagined. PS Start by cleaning something.

Aries

You need a breath of fresh air! Get outside and go for a walk, ride a bike, climb something, etc. You need some time to clear your mind of all the chaos that life brings. An open air experience will be just what the doctor ordered.

Taurus

This is your month to shine! Your energy and life will just blow everyone away. Celebrate your own positive attributes by smiling as much as you can. Make someone else's day as bright as your own.

Gemini

You need to feel the warmth of the sun to lift your spirits. If life is getting to you, then you need to stay calm and remind yourself that anxiety doesn't last forever. Your troubles will dissolve faster if they are chased by a little sun.

Cancer

The full moon on Earth Day will cause you to do many strange things, and will cause you to attract some unusual attention. Don't worry, just ride it out and you will return to your senses with a new phase of the moon.

Leo

Take delight in yourself for the rest of the month. Show the world that you know who you are and what you want. If this requires bold action, then go ahead and take the plunge.

Virgo

It is time to go fly a kite. Literally. You need some peaceful distractions from reality. Let your spirit soar among the clouds and dance with the wind. You will be an inspiration to your friends and family.

Libra

The hippie in you wants to free itself this month. Be careful not to give in too much. (No need to go around barefoot panhandling for cash) just put on those shades and sandals and let the rest of the world rush by

Scorpio

Great music will leave you with that groovy feeling this month. Try to allow your creativity more room to grow. Use the music to guide you and you will find that you are experiencing something totally new

Sagittarius

Love is all around you this month, Sagittarius, and you should be prepared to let some new love in your life. Do not be afraid of letting go of something that might have hurt you in the past because you will have more than enough support at this time.

All new Internet poetry contest Now poets have two ways to enter

Owing Mills, Maryland (US) -- Poetry enters the 21st century with a brand new Internet poetry contest, www.poetry.com. All poets, published or unpublished are encouraged to submit their poems for a chance to win more than \$48,000 in cash and prizes. The deadline for the North American Open Amateur Poetry Contest is April 30, 1997

"Now, it's easier than ever to enter this contest over the Internet," says spokesperson Howard Ely. "Many poets prefer to enter this way to make sure they get their poems in by the deadline date. It's much faster, easier, and more reliable than the mail."

The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free. Beginners are especially encouraged to compete for over 250 prizes. Every poem entered has the chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, go to www.poetry.com. Or mail one original poem, no more than 20 lines, any subject and any style to The National Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 19811, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282. The poet's name and street address should appear. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 1997.

Founded in 1982 to promote the work of contemporary poets, The National Library of Poetry is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Poetry Web Sites

For readers looking for online resources, here are addresses for just a few of the numerous World Wide Web sites related to poetry:

- *the Ultimate Poetry Links*, sponsored by the National Library of Poetry, at <http://kiosk.net/poetry/links.html>
- *the poetry section of the Litweb site*, at <http://www.vmedia.com/shannon/poetry.html>
- *the Academy of American Poets site*, at <http://www.poets.org>

Bear Facts Very Tiny Creative Writing Contest Honoring Rich Finnestad calls for entries from anyone reading this story!

How creative can you be in 25 words or less? Write a graduation message to a DMACC grad for our last *Bear Facts* issue of the semester.

The winning writer, judged by Rich Finnestad, long-time graduation coordinator at DMACC, organizing his very last graduation ceremony, will receive a stunning "Time" magazine quartz watch. If you turn around and give it to your favorite grad, you won't even have to buy a present! In addition, your message will be highlighted in the center of the special graduation page in the April 30 issue of *Bear Facts*.

Be the envy of your friends, honor that special graduate, give Rich Finnestad one more responsibility before he retires. Mail, phone or e-mail your message to *Bear Facts*, DMACC, 1125 Hancock Drive, Boone, Iowa 50036 or call (515) 433-5091 or e-mail us at jrlaville@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

Make sure your message is 25 words or less and is accompanied by your name and a daytime phone number where we can reach you. The absolute deadline for the contest is Arbor Day at 2:00 p.m. (For those of you who don't normally celebrate Arbor Day, it falls on April 25.)

Don't let TIME run out on you!

(Void where prohibited by law, which means anyone with a mailbox in RM 210.)

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AIDS Coalition of Story County

Jon's journey

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

His good looks cause women to question--how many tender hearts has he broken?

His recent CD review in a March 1997 issue of the *Bear Facts* boasted "Barenaked Ladies!"

He wears an earring and plays acoustic guitar in a band called "One More Roadside Attraction."

His insight, his intelligence and his compassion for troubled youth makes a mother wish he would date her daughter.

Jon Yanders has a 40-hour work week, school and is lead singer for a local musical group--yet, somehow, he manages to be the kind of friend many would treasure for life.

Moses Lueth is one of those companions. Lueth says that he and Jon relate well because they share the same life philosophy, which includes surrounding themselves with mild-mannered, non-judgmental people who respect one another. Lueth says, "He can be kind of quiet, but in the right situation Jon makes everyone feel comfortable and sacrifices his time to help others."

Besides personal friends, the "others" in Yanders' life are troubled youth between 6 and 14 years old who live in a residential care facility that is run by Lutheran Social Services in Ames. Jon began work as a resident counselor at Beloit Children's Home in August 1996. Friend and co-worker Tracy Moore says, "The way Jon works with the kids is wonderful. He's firm, fair but also fun." Moore says that working with each resident's personality and individual problem requires a patient, open-minded counselor like Jon.

The atmosphere at Beloit Children's Home can be a bit stressful at times. Yanders says, "These kids have occasional outbursts of aggression, but when they open up to you and tell you their stories, you understand and that makes the effort worthwhile."

Trying to balance job, school and music is no easy task, but Jon says that he's not going to give any of them up, at least not right now. "Sleep is the first thing that goes," says Yanders.

Lack of sleep is okay with Yanders because he says it's when he's really tired that he seems to be the most creative. In preparation, he always keeps a pad of paper and a pen at his bedside because it's at the stage between wake and sleep when many of his ideas for songs and stories occur.

And creative he is. Ask Jon or any of his followers what kind of music the band performs and the answer you'll get is "good." Ned Rood, a one-time disk jockey for KFMG 103.3 FM and former

columnist for *Cityview*, a free Des Moines weekly newspaper, went to see the band perform. Two songs after the final set, for the third time Rood yelled, "One more!" Yanders says, "Eventually, we ran out of stuff, so we went into a jam. That's when one member starts to make something up and another member joins in doing something else--an improvised song."

That impromptu offering must not have been too bad because Rood says, "I really enjoyed the Grateful Dead influence they wear on their sleeve and their improvisation was good. I've only seen the band play on two occasions for only 15 minutes each time, but I did enjoy them. And they were loud, which I like. I had a lot of fun with them."

The band plays at a lounge in Des Moines called Flanagan's every Sunday night--and the word is out that if listeners prefer a unique sound not heard frequently on the radio stations that play only Top 40 hits--spending a night at Flanagan's is not a bad idea.

The guys could use a new amplifier or two, but owning good sound equipment requires an ample supply of cash. Yanders is paying his own way through college and most of his money goes toward school, the band and bills. Yanders says, "I've been broke the whole time I've lived in Ames, but poverty's been good to me."

Poverty has taught Yanders some good life lessons and has created a generous spirit and caring attitude. Yanders says, "My friends watch out for each other, and it all comes back."

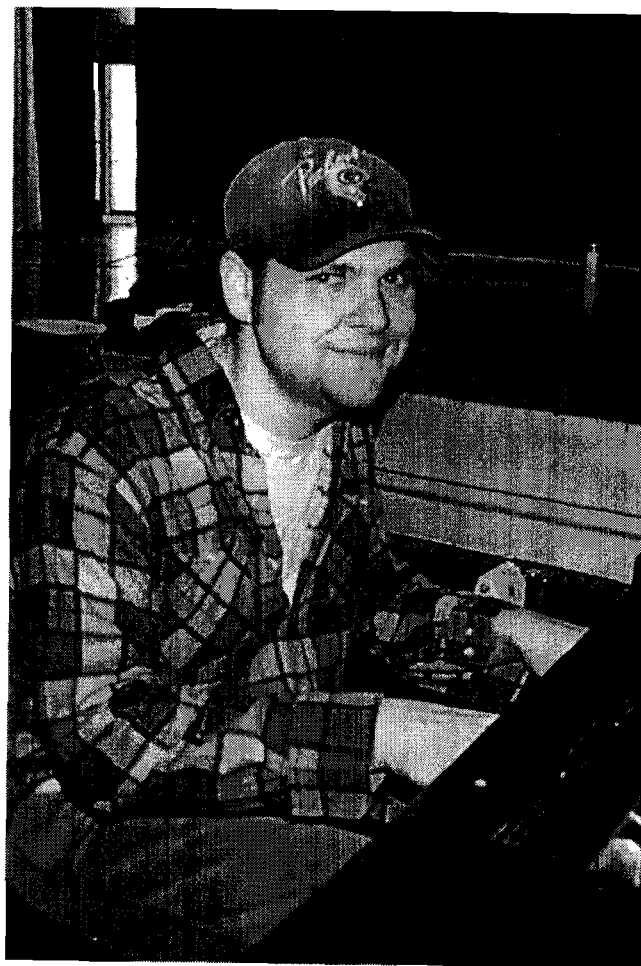
Some of what he gives may come back for Yanders next week in Ames thanks to Iowa State University's Veishea week and the opportunity to take his guitar and voice to the street. Yanders says, "I'll go to Welch Avenue and open my case. Last year I earned over \$70 in about an hour and a half."

Jon plans on spending some of his anticipated Veishea fortune on a new guitar. If the crowd isn't in a generous mood, Yanders says, "I'll go without food to get that new guitar."

The guitar Yanders has now, his first, was a present he requested on his 19th birthday.

Nine years before Yanders took two guitar lessons then gave it up. Then in 1994 during his senior year in high school, he heard a song he enjoyed at a choir practice. Yanders decided to go home and attempt to mimic the song on his family's piano. Without being able to read music, Yanders was able to play the song by ear and decided he wasn't too bad. Thus began his journey into the musical world--and his cohorts of entertainment are grateful Yanders made that decision.

A fellow band member, Mark Gay



Jon Yanders

says the band admires Yanders' confidence in front of a crowd and that it's Yanders' faith that pulls them through. Gay says, "As friends, we count on Jon. If you need a ride, he'll be there. If you need to borrow some money, he has it."

After deciding a four-year college and the computer science community wasn't quite ready for him and he wasn't quite ready to pay the tuition, Yanders left the University of Northern Iowa. However, Yanders realizes that music income is not all that reliable, and that's why he is at-

tending DMACC. Yanders interest in broadcast journalism is his safety net plan plus he wants to receive a formal education that will enable him to write screen plays.

But for now, Jon's reaching for the golden ring and hoping the unheard music that he's written in his mind--songs that Jon says "have been sat on and brushed away for some time" will someday be recorded and heard. Jon hopes to break life's trend and mimic Simon and Garfunkel with songs "that voices never share."

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Class Time **Exam Time**

Monday, May 5, 1997 (Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday or more classes)

8:00 a.m.-8:55 a.m.....	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. -11:05 a.m.....	10:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m.-1:15 p.m.....	1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.....	3:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 1997 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

6:30 a.m.-7:55 a.m.....	6:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m.-11:05 a.m.....	9:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m.-2:15 a.m.....	11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 1997 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

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

Thursday, May 8, 1997 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

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

Evening classes will have finals at the day and time of the final regular class meeting.

Last Monday night class (Final Exam).....	May 5
Last Tuesday night class (Final Exam).....	April 29
Last Wednesday night class (Final Exam).....	April 30
Last Thursday night class (Final Exam).....	May 1
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam).....	May 5
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam).....	May 1
Last Saturday class (Final Exam).....	May 3

In with the new

By Jon Yanders
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC coaches have been busy with their ears pressed to the phones recruiting for next seasons athletics. The hard work has paid off though, five women have already signed letters of intent to come to Boone Campus to play Basketball next season. Three men have signed the papers and they have received one oral confirmation.

One of the women that is planning to become a Bear basketballer is Katie Kirkegaard, daughter of Kathy Kirkegaard the Library Assistant at Boone DMACC.

Kirkegaard currently attends Ogden High School and is going to start taking classes at DMACC this summer. Kirkegaard played Basketball all four years of high school. She also played volleyball and ran track. But how about academics? Kirkegaard was a four year honor student, was active in student government and was president of the Nation Honor Society. How's that for you?

Before DMACC got in contact with Kirkegaard she was looking at various other nursing colleges in Iowa. Then the opportunity to play basketball at a nursing college presented itself and she jumped on it.

When I asked Kathy Kirkegaard of her daughters decision making process she said, "When she started putting pencil to

paper she realized the economics of it liked the idea of playing basketball after high school." Kirkegaard continued, "By living at home she is able to save money for her two years after she is finished at DMACC to apply toward her BSN (Bachelor of Science and Nursing). I'll like having her out here too. I've been watching her play for six years now and with her this close I can keep going to her games."

Kirkegaard played high school ball with one of the women already on the DMACC Gina Crouch, a second year player at DMACC, was teammate to Kirkegaard at Ogden High School. Kirkegaard is looking forward to playing with her again.

Kathy Kirkegaard spoke highly of DMACC recruiting the local talent. Kirkegaard said, "I think it's good for Boone, it's good for DMACC, and it's good for the local high schools.

The women that are going to be joining the team along with Katie are Sarah Shepley and Kari Hull of Boone, Laura Hatfeild of Des Moines Roosevelt, and Angie White from Eagle Grove.

The men that are going to be playing ball for DMACC include Rusty Hicks, Nick Greiner, and Matt Flynn all from Boone and Geoff Trecek that played for Logan Magnolia High School.

Student budget continued from p. 2

Club, Rotaract and Rezoomers, where allocated a total of \$2,500, for use in a variety of ways. These groups used the money for trips, membership fees to national organizations, and general operating costs.

The budget needs to be agreed upon by the SAB, their advisors and the Dean before being sent to the school board for their approval. With three weeks of school left, the race to finish the budget is on.

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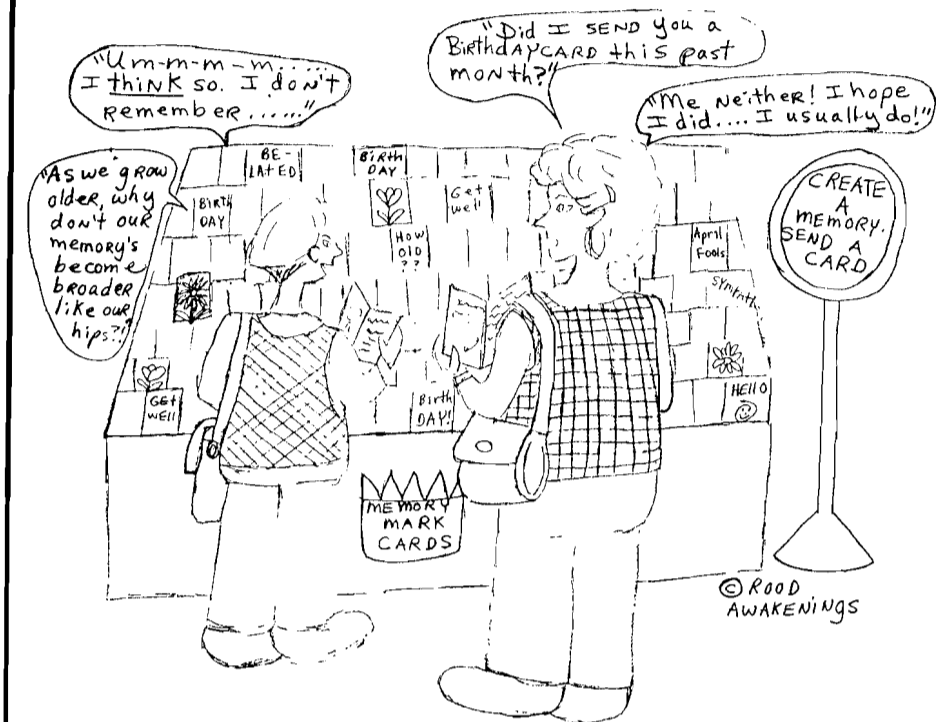
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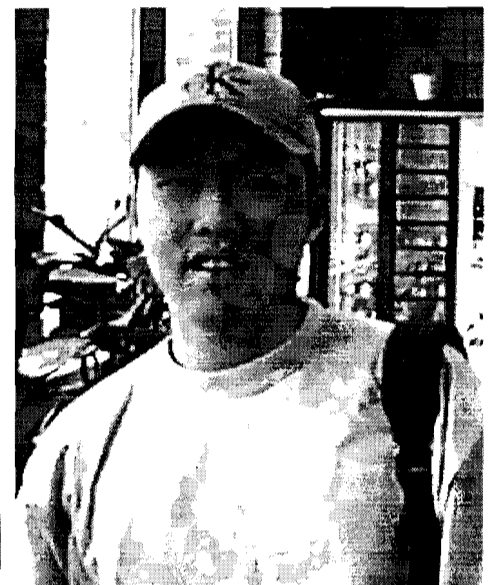
Talk Back

Why do people join cults like Heaven's Gate?



Paula Goldsworth

A person grasping for something is likely to follow a strong leader.



Tuan Trinh

I think they don't see any happiness in this life and want to go to another life.

Melinda's Musings

Mama

The song says "Mama said there'd be days like this" but there are lots of things Mama never said.

Back when the Osmond Brothers and the Jackson 5 were all the rage, Mama didn't talk about sex to her children. We learned about sex from the erotic glorified rape stories in the *Hustler* magazine stolen from someone's parent. Some parents had one of those books called "How to Please Your Mate," which was another way we learned about sex.

Another topic Mama never talked about was hitch hiking. Mama never told me how dangerous it was. One day I went with a friend, who was older than I, and I got an education about the ways of the male species. Fortunately I got out of the car with my virginity intact.

Mama never talked about drugs. When I wanted to learn about drugs I went to the library. When I read about the withdrawal symptoms, I decided it would never be worth it. I was unusual. Most of my classmates learned about alcohol, cocaine and marijuana by first hand experience. I watched what it did to their lives.

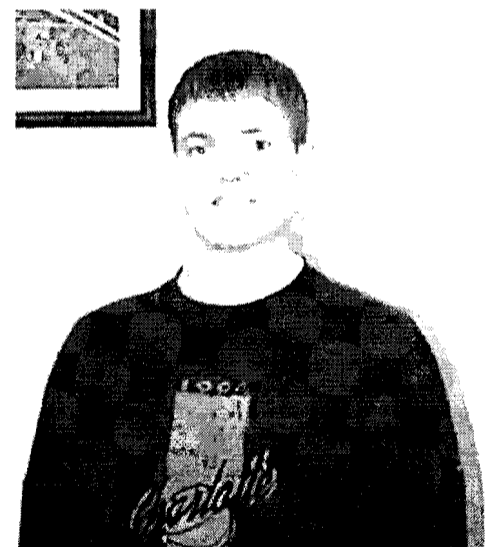
I'm not judging Mama. I'm a Mama now, and my oldest will soon be a teeny-bopper. Lord help me!

Some where between the ages of twenty and twenty-five, a miracle happens. We cease to be children and realize "Hey Mama has a brain in her head after all!" We also realize our parents have feelings, problems, worries, and joys just like we do. They are no longer the enemy to constantly test, but real people.



Amanda Monthei

I know they said that these were professional people like doctors and lawyers but I think there was something wrong with them mentally.



Mark Arant

People have itching ears and have no regard for truth.



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