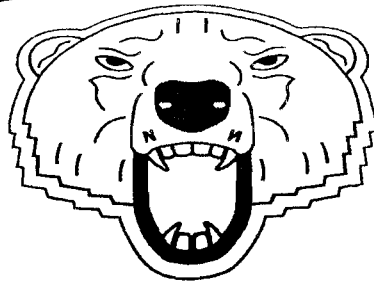


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**Deadline for
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"Too busy to get into trouble" Never too busy to write

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

Zach Evans, age 16, is a high school sophomore and a freshman on the DMACC Boone Campus.

He's earning 14 DMACC credits while earning a high school diploma.

He's served as a Junior Delegate for two years to the Iowa State Republican Convention.

During Iowa's cold months, he swims competitively for Boone High School. In the summer, he teaches swimming lessons, serves as a lifeguard and also swims competitively (something he's done since age 7) for the Boone pool.

Since his mornings and afternoons will be a little full this summer, he's considering picking up three or four credits through a night class on Boone Campus...maybe in business law, or, perhaps, in computer programming.

This July, Evans wants to pedal 485 miles in seven days as a participant in the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa.

In addition to his in-home education courses, next fall Evans plans to pick up 12 to 18 more DMACC credits.

Evans says, "My mom likes to think I'm too busy to get into trouble."

No matter what Mom likes to think, typical excuses that are normally given by teenagers to their parents don't cut it in the Evans household--he has two instructors who know whether or not the dog ate the homework, because they brought this ambitious youth into the world, and Evans respectfully refers to his high school instructors as "Mom and Dad."

Ron and Jane Evans both taught in the public school system before they started educating their son in the home. "It wasn't any different than public school," said Evans. "During my first couple of years, a separate instructor came into my home. Iowa law only requires that you have a certified teacher come in and make sure everything is going all right. Now, since my mom is certified, she oversees other families, as well as teaching in my home."

Combining family ties with academics must be working for the Evans. Last week, Evans received a collegiate award

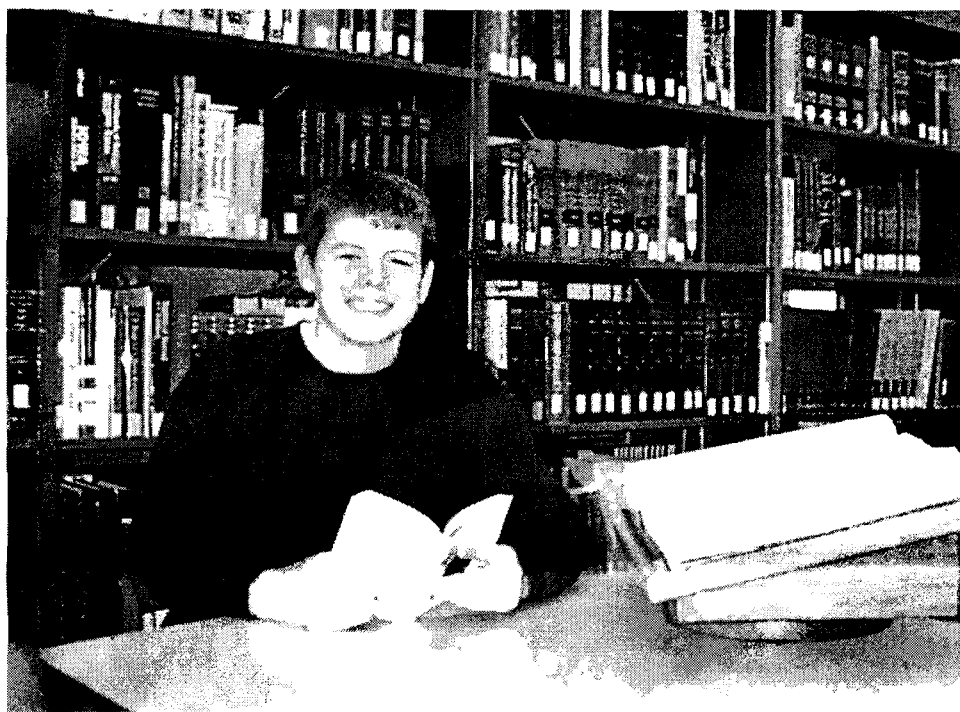


photo by Patrice Harson

DMACC Boone Campus freshman Zach Evans' love of reading paid off for him this month. Evans received news last week that the three literary pieces he authored and submitted to the DMACC Creative Writing Contest earned him overall runner-up along with a \$250 scholarship to be applied toward his tuition next fall.

for three literary pieces that he submitted to the DMACC Creative Writing Contest: a profile paper titled *The Kate Shelley Bridge*, and two fictional stories; *The Tangled Web* and *The Lion-Tamer*.

"My DMACC Composition I instructor, Judy Hauser, told me about the contest, and I figured I couldn't lose anything by submitting some pieces," said Evans. "I had written one piece during Comp. I, and then I submitted two that I had written before and (Hauser) helped me revise them, so I was excited when I got the call that I placed second overall."

Evans said, "I've been home educated--home schooled--all of my life. Mom is certified kindergarten through 8th grade, and my dad is certified 6-12."

"I've had an interest in writing for a long time," continued Evans. "I started with a composition class when I was in the 6th grade by writing three or four page-long essays a week. By reading and writing a lot, I developed my writing style."

Evans favorite author is Agatha Christie. "I enjoy her writing style," said Evans. "I never can figure out who (the murderer) is going to be before the end.

With most mystery writers, you can kind of get an idea who it's going to be, but Agatha Christie always stumps me. She can write in a way that she'll put an obvious clue before you, but you'll just never know it before the end."

"My parents have always encouraged me to write," continued Evans. "They also encouraged me to enter this writing contest. I probably wouldn't have gotten it in on time if my mom hadn't strongly encouraged it! They have always been very supportive, and I really appreciate it."

The \$250 scholarship awarded to Evans for the writings he submitted to the creative writing contest will go toward the tuition bill that will be due on the credits he plans to take on the DMACC Boone Campus next fall.

Evans could probably graduate from Boone High now, but he's holding off until his high school swimming career is over. "I'm a sophomore in high school," said Evans. "I might skip my senior year and go straight to school someplace else, because that's when I'll graduate from DMACC. Or I might go three years at

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Zach Evans named overall runner-up in creative writing competition

Boone Campus--DMACC Boone Campus freshman, Zach Evans, was named overall runner-up in this year's all-campus DMACC Creative Writing Contest.

Rick Chapman, DMACC English instructor and "referee" to the panel of writing judges said, "In Zach's writing category of the contest, the writer's ability is not reflected in a single literary piece, but on his (or her) writing ability overall."

Evans entered three literary pieces; a profile paper titled *Kate Shelley Bridge*, and two fictional stories; *The Tangled Web* and *The Lion-Tamer* which may appear in the 19th volume of the DMACC magazine *Expressions*. According to Chapman, *Expressions* will be released sometime toward the end of this semester.

The panel of judges, which included the DMACC editor of *Expressions*, the assistant editor, the DMACC Art Director and that position's assistant, along with creative writing instructors from three DMACC campuses: Judy Hauser, Boone; Rosemary Olds, Urban; Jim Stick and Rick Christman, Ankeny, awarded Evans a \$250 scholarship to be used toward his tuition in the fall, 1998 semester at DMACC.

Chapman said that an open call for manuscripts will be announced early this month to signal the beginning of the next DMACC Creative Writing Contest.

Evans, accompanied by DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips, is traveling to a luncheon on Ankeny campus today to receive his award.

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Dr. Karin Van Meter (second from left) shows F. William and Leola Beckwith of Boone the science lab's outdated autoclave (sterilizer). At right is Kriss Philips executive dean of the Boone Campus. The Beckwiths contributed \$50,000 toward the project.

photo by Jeannine Schaub

New science lab to open this fall

By Ana Ybarra-Rojas
Bear Facts staff

A new science lab is going to be possible in Rm. 209 next fall thanks to the \$50,000 donation by the F. William and Leola I. Beckwith Charitable Foundation. This project has been four years in the making. "It takes awhile, but I started justifying it four years ago," stated Karin Van Meter, biology instructor on the Boone Campus. This project was finally realized with the generous donation made by this foundation.

This lab will be an additional biology lab, but other science classes will be able to utilize this space. This will be a high tech lab with Power Point presentation and projection capability. "For example if we have microscope slides, we can project them and show students what they are supposed to see in their microscopes," explained Van Meter. This would make learning in the new science lab a group event.

The tables within this lab will have internet hook-ups so that "eventually when we get more money, we can have laptop computers and a computerized lab," elaborated Van Meter.

Due to this new science lab, Van Meter feels that the students will have more hands-on experience to greatly benefit student learning. The new science lab will have a capacity of 25-30 students. Tables will promote group work within the lab classes.

This construction will free lecture rooms that are currently occupied by biology lecture. On the downside, DMACC's Boone Campus will lose their largest lecture room.

Van Meter is excited about all the new doors this lab will open not only for students but also for instructors. Construction will be completed on the lab for Fall '98.

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DMACC just to pick up some extra credits, so I can finish up my last year swimming." If all goes as planned, Evans will graduate from DMACC with an Associate of Arts degree in the spring of 1999.

At this stage of the game, Evans is far from committing to any particular four-year school, however, with his current interest in law, fueled by a love for politics, Evans is considering Drake University.

One reason why the political life intrigues Evans may be due in part to the Republican conventions he's witnessed--they are, after all, a bit reflective of his busy lifestyle. Evans said, "I've always been amazed by how this big chaotic scene works out so smoothly in the end, and by how such a (largely populated) country such as the United States can have a political system that allows its government to fairly represent so many."

For DMACC writers interested in entering the next all-campus Creative Writing Contest, Evans suggests that students work with their instructors in polishing the final product before sending it off to Ankeny. Evans said, "My DMACC

composition instructors helped me a lot. I think I've learned as much as I ever learned about writing from my Comp. II instructor, Jan LaVille, during this second semester. Make sure you get an instructor to help you revise a paper, and take the time to make sure the piece is where you want it before you submit it."

Summer school registration begins April 13

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

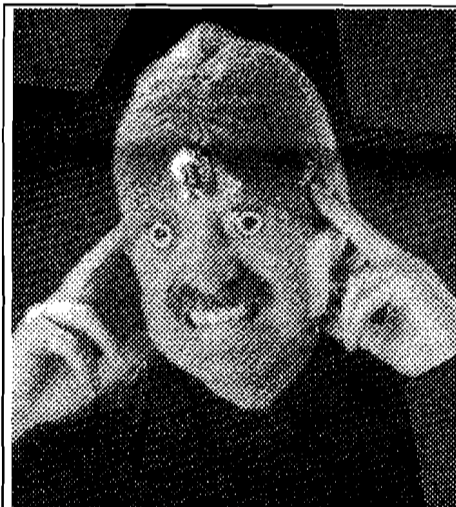
Summer preregistration has officially begun, according to DMACC counselor, George Silberhorn. Official registration begins April 13.

Silberhorn reports that there are two summer sessions. The first includes three accelerated classes. Interpersonal & Small Group Communication and Introduction to Computer Literacy are being offered May 11 through May 22 on an everyday basis from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. respectively. Microsoft Word is being offered May 26 through June 1 on an everyday basis from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The ten-week summer term begins June 3 and goes through August 13.

Silberhorn wants students to direct their attention to the adaptor classes which are being offered this summer. They are found on page 19 of the Summer 1998 Credit Schedule. Although they do not count toward graduation, they are used to determine credit load and grade point average, and in addition, they can prepare students for regular college classes in the fall.

He also reports that there are open-entry, open-exit classes being offered. These classes are office classes which students can register for at any time and work on during lab hours. Once a student has completed the required course work, the course is over. Class hours can be arranged with Pat Thieben, Office Technology instructor, Room 131, Extension 5080.

Silberhorn encourages all students to register as soon as possible.



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Page Notes

By Erin Kiley
Bear Facts Reporter

Before beginning my job as a page in the state House of Representatives, I assumed that I would be a glorified gopher. I was right. Actually, I am part gopher, part messenger, and part secretary, although they investigate your life to a degree usually reserved for secret service candidates.

I love the job, although it is not one that I want for the rest of my life, and to ask me to fetch you a Diet Coke on my day off would be hazardous to your health. Yes, I've learned the basics of copying and faxing, as well as the preferred sodas of many representatives.

On the other hand, I have also learned a lot about the realities of government. There is rivalry everywhere -- between political parties, rural and urban legislators, and even the House and the Senate. (According to the Senate pages, they work the country club, and house pages are zoo keepers.)

I expected such rivalries, but what I didn't expect was the often friendly, even playful attitude that the rivalries often take, or the way in which differences are often left behind at the end of a controversial bill.

I always pictured the legislature as a boys club of older white males, and for the majority, it is true. Although there are more young men than I pictured, and even a few more women, the minority representation is disappointing.

The number of women and minority members is far less than representative of the state population. Even so, the women are not discouraged. In a breakfast to encourage women in legislature, they spoke of hope and confidence that women in politics are growing in number and accomplishments. They say that if you hear it is a man's world, chances are that you are talking to a man.

Every day I get the pleasure of seeing ordinary people take a stand to protect their rights and promote their interests. Just last week a large group of teens came to display their support of a skate park (for skateboarding). It felt good to see members of our so-called apathetic generation speaking out and taking a hand in a government made to represent us all.

**Do you possess a talent for singing?
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Any DMACC Boone Campus student with choir experience interested in singing a song in the Graduation Choir at this year's graduation ceremony is asked to contact Steve Hoifeldt by April 10. You need not be graduating to join the fun.

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Lehmkuhl says, "You can't be awarded if you don't apply." Boone Foundation scholarship deadline today

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

"Speaking as a Boone Foundation Board member, speaking as the liaison working on the committee, and speaking as a parent," said Lois Lehmkuhl, "students must know--you can't be awarded a scholarship if you don't apply."

The deadline to apply for a Boone Campus Foundation general scholarship for the summer term is today. The deadline for the fall term is July 1.

DMACC Boone Campus Counselor and Boone Foundation Scholarship Committee member George Silberhorn said that meeting the scholarship deadline is an absolute necessity. "There might be extenuating circumstances why a student misses the deadline," said Sil-

berhorn. "Maybe the high school or post office didn't get the application mailed in time." However, Silberhorn stressed that students must do all that they can to meet the application deadline.

As the scholarship application states, "You are eligible to apply if you are enrolled at DMACC Boone Campus for a minimum of 6 credit hours, have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and have financial need."

Lehmkuhl said that the scholarship committee looks at all of the information asked for on the scholarship application, including dates for submission so that, in a timely manner, the committee can make its decision and get the results back to all of the students.

"The students fill out the application," continued Lehmkuhl, "and one of the questions on the application addresses fi-

nancial need. We try to meet the financial needs of as many students that qualify. It isn't like we start at the beginning of the year with a certain amount of money to give. We have to work within the restrictions, if any, of the givers."

Members of the Boone Foundation scholarship committee are Lehmkuhl, Silberhorn, Maggie Stone and Terry Jamieson.

According to Silberhorn, the Boone Foundation itself is comprised of local people, primarily business and professionals, who have volunteered their time and effort to raise money so that the DMACC, particularly Boone Campus, has the resources available to make awards to Boone Campus students. "From my standpoint," said Silberhorn, "this is a very generous contribution."



Odd behavior plagues campus

Story and photo by Moses Lueth
Bare Facts Staff

In an unforeseen turn of events, the United States National Guard declared a state of emergency at the DMACC Boone Campus due to mayhem created by technical difficulties on the campus computer system.

According to witnesses, Executive Dean Kriss Philips was seen talking to DMACC Computer LAN specialist Ron Erickson. A heated debate ensued, and at one point Philips waved his executive pen across the face of Erickson which emitted a red flash. Since then, Erickson and the computers have not been the same.

Erickson has been seen stripping computer wires and showing signs of *memory* loss. The computer system seems to have acquired a mind of its own, and currently panic-stricken and anxiety-ridden students, staff and faculty are running amuck while being forced to use free hand.



photo by Moses Lueth

The psychology department on the Boone Campus recently sponsored guest speaker The Phantom (Adam Wile) at a recent luncheon in the Courter Center. Dr. Bob Taylor, professor of abnormal psych, encouraged students to attend, explaining that The Phantom's life experiences could be beneficial to their recent study of "How Exterior Appearances Influence Peer Response in Two-year College Students West of the Mississippi, South of Minnesota Between Noon and 1:00 P.M Daylight Savings Time."

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NIACC's rejection becomes a DMACC reflection

By Patrice Harson
Bare Facts Staff

The refusal by North Iowa Area Community College's administration to allow George Carlin to perform his comedy from NIACC's "publicly-funded" auditorium has become DMACC students' opportunity to raised consciousness.

Carlin's denied entrance was, as NIACC Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael C. Morrison put it, "...proper and consistent with strongly held values."

Upon hearing of the NIACC student's misfortune, Bare Facts reporter, Moses Lueth, made some quick phone calls to his Boone Campus Student Action Board

members requesting they investigate the possibility of inviting the rejected Carlin to DMACC.

The SAB immediately requested a drop in funding previously reserved for off-campus activities and not only offered Carlin free rent of the DMACC Boone Campus gymnasium, but offered him a few bucks to boot.

Not such a bad exchange for, as NIACC's *Logos'* reporter Bob Sansgaard stated, "intelligent comedy...(comedy) that makes you think of the fallibility of man and how simply ridiculous we all can be as people."



Daily Grind

By Moses Lueth
Bare Facts Staff

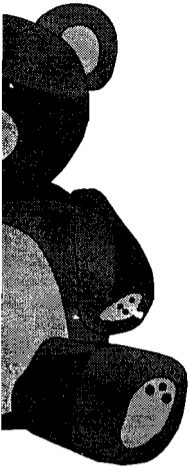
Hey, Moses what do you think about Iowa? It doesn't make sense to me.

All day you sit around and do nothing, unless you have to go milk the cow or churn the butter. But if you have a television, then you never get your chores done cause of Jerry Springer.

Yeah, I know most of the people around here like a good laugh, but I don't care, I'm not ever going sit there and make fun of my relatives. I had one guy say to me, "Hey, this is the third time my uncle's been on, and every time its been about a new subject. Gee Whiz I would think you wouldn't want to say anything, especially then, if the title for the day was, "MY NEPHEW IS INTO SHORT-SKIRTS AND I LOVE TO LOVE HIM." I don't know what this world is coming too. A man can broadcast anything these days...as long as they get the money. *Dave from sweet home Alabama*

Yes, indeed in this country basically everyone can make money from a gimmick. My new gimmick will be a talk show called when WHEN ANIMALS ATTACK TALK SHOW GUEST. And if that does not work, I suppose I could make a fortune from my new invention The Beer Glove. Yes, I have already sent in the patent papers and given my notice for two weeks for my day job. Free enterprise the essence of America.

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CAMPUS DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Mueller wins Oscar

DMACC instructor is Best Supporting Actress

Story and photo by Ana Ybarra-Rojas
Bear Facts Staff

Kay Mueller was recently awarded the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress by the Motion Picture Academy of Art and Sciences for her portrayal of Betty Johnson in the production of *Funny Money*.

Mueller described her character as a best friend turned other woman. An always flamboyant Mueller was ecstatic about the award and said, "I would like to thank my cats for their loving support, and of course, for all the purring..."

Congratulations to Ms. Mueller, on receiving this award for her outstanding performance.

DMACC Bare Facts editor... *Had sex with President Clinton, too?*

Boone Campus--An undisclosed, somewhat inebriated source reported to a sober DMACC journalism adviser Jan LaVille Saturday night that Bare Facts editor Patrice Harson sent an e-mail to the office of Mr. Starr stating that she, too, now joins the long list of those admitting to keeping questionable company with President Bill Clinton.

In this personal, non-DMACC related e-mail, Harson stated, "Back in the 70's while inhaling what Bill didn't, I had a weak moment--a very weak moment. Yes, I must confess that the person I had sex with some 20-odd years ago was, indeed, or, at least, I think, our very own President Clinton."

"Hey, I was told the guy was just a used car salesman from Arkansas!" continued Harson. "I didn't know he'd someday hold a political office where his right to privacy, along with his right to litigation, would be forsaken. Do the terms 'McCarthyism' and 'witch hunt' strike a chord with anyone?"

In a desperate attempt to regain viewers lost by the highly publicized "60-Minutes" interview with former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey, "20/20" executives supposedly telephoned Harson to ask why *anyone* should care about her questionable tale.

Harson responded, "Women of this country who have admitted to and learned from their mistakes and the mistakes--or atrocities--of others, are now being slapped in the face by some who, comfortable with holding our female citizenry in the familiar arms of victimization, are more interested in obtaining notoriety, power and/or financial gain than they are concerned with what is true.

"Until substantial evidence, not hearsay, emerges that can prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that our president lied under oath or used his power to aggressively violate another human's right to

dignity, let's leave the union of Hillary and Bill to Hillary and Bill. Americans have a moral obligation to allow this couple to examine, in private, any personal misjudgments that may or may not have been made. After years of torturing this man--this human--let us, finally, allow him to lead our country in an honorable manner.

"I live in a county that lays claim to the highest occurrence of domestic abuse in my state. Many of our youth think that brain-cell-robbing and soul-stifling celebrities such as Jerry Springer, Marilyn Manson and Ricki Lake are 'cool.' It's time to get a grip.

"The leader of the free world is, through sensationalism and under the guise of piety, under attack by a society whose most comforting words of advice seem to be, 'Don't fret...just sue for damages or, at the very least, schedule a television interview then make a book deal.'"

"20/20" hung up.

Bare Facts News Brief

DMACC Boone Campus instructor to appear on the Oprah Winfrey Show--DMACC Boone Campus faculty, students and staff may want to keep an eye on their television schedules for an upcoming Oprah Winfrey show featuring Boone Campus economics instructor and author Gary Stasko.



A source using the alias of "Library Ann" reported to Bare Facts Staff reporter, Andrea Fester, that Winfrey will be honoring Stasko by naming his book titled *Marketing Grain and Livestock*, as her "April Book of the Month".








Winfrey's enthusiasm for the book was witnessed in various bookstores throughout the nation this week.













Critics reported Winfrey may be attempting to regain her popularity with the agricultural community after her recent lawsuit win in Texas.



Why they call us the s ...A pretty true story!

Editor's Note: For readers new to the college newspaper, we've included visuals to aid you in reading your first news feature. Please go to the Academic Achievement Center for assistance with the big words.

Once upon a  a  came to DMACC wanting to become a Boone Campus student.

However, a  who was teaching math at the time, told the Executive  that he didn't believe we should allow  s to enroll on this campus. After all, Boone Campus wasn't  accessible; there were no  parking spaces, and it would be downright un  able for this new student since we didn't even offer  ish as a second language.

However, an , teaching in the Nursing Department, reminded the Executive  that we would be in violation of a new law, recently passed by  if we didn't allow the  to register for classes. So, the  working in the front office (who had already taken a liking to the , having found it a  in Boone) enrolled the  in  Appreciation,  Appreciation, Introduction to  and, of course, .

So,  s, now you know the story of how Boone Campus became known as the home of the  s. And that's the truth!



Cast, crew work together to present play to the public

Current production, *Bone-Chiller*, to open next weekend

By Andrea Fester
Bear Facts Staff

The spring production of "Bone-Chiller" will open next weekend with cast members hoping to sell plenty of tickets at the door to fill the 250-seat auditorium.

Kay Mueller, director, said that the rehearsals are going very well, with most of the cast available when required. Mueller feels that the current cast brings together a nice mixture of talent from students of all ages. New members may or may not have performed in front of an audience, but several performed here on campus before. After making the decision for production of this play, Mueller humorously said that if she were a student reading for a part, the character she would have the most in common with is Flame Fondue. Since she is the director, however, she chose the following members to portray the characters:

Bone-Chiller Cast List

Jerry Delvin, a soon-to-be groom – with an odd job
Connie Travers, his soon-to-be terrified finance
Buzzy Burdett, their very baffled buddy
Theodosia Travers, Connie's stepmother
Flame Fondue, a kindergarten teacher
Zita Von Zok, a very unorthodox lady's-companion
Mauvins, the Travers' family butler
Addie Sheridan, The Travers' family lawyer
Kissy Travers, Connie's excitable teenaged sister
Eloise Ainsely, Theodosia's highly agitated sister
Pippi, the Travers' family maid
Lucretia, the Travers' family cook
Dan Denton, a friend of Flame's – or is he?

Behind the scenes

When not conducting rehearsals, Mueller is also busy working on other aspects of the production. If time permits, she will research music for opening and closing scenes, feeling that the music adds a nice touch. Lighting will only be worked on a small amount, as in the past there has not been an adequate lighting system for the auditorium.

With a need for equipment to provide proper lighting of a production, the campus has purchased in the past year new dimmers and lights that have helped. Mueller said that they have been working towards achieving better lighting, further stating that the campus needs to "upgrade what is installed in the theater from equipment that has been there since 1969," so lighting needs can be fulfilled more efficiently.

Painted in hues of lavender, light yellow and dark green, the set is quickly transforming the stage into the necessary parlor/library setting. Cast and crew are working to complete final touches in the week before opening night. The cast may be performing in front of the audience, but a backstage crew, lighting, costumes and makeup complete the performance. Students taking a course in theater production fill needs in the areas of lighting and sound, and Mueller notes that there may be a need for another person to help.

In order to complete their transformations into character, actors need costumes and makeup. Members are encouraged to create their own costumes with final approval by the director, and they are responsible for applying their necessary makeup and styling their own hair. Members rely on others to help if they are learning for the first time. For example, Mueller said that assistant director Adam Wile is helpful with his previous experience with theater makeup and costume design.

Members often pool their own resources for items including props. Additionally, Mueller is also an accomplished seamstress and upholsterer herself, and items such as furniture can appear over and over in different fabrics to create different looks. Costumes sewn or purchased are easily recycled from production to production. "But a lot of times you have to hunt...go through Goodwill, Salvation Army," Mueller commented, "and a lot of times create (the effect we need)."

Opening night is April 17 at 8 p.m. followed by a performance on April 18 at the same time. Summing up the production progress, Mueller reminds all to attend as the production should be enjoyable: "It has great endings at each act, a nice little mystery setup and nice humor if you like bad puns."

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Melinda's Musings

By Melinda Gorman, Bear Facts Staff



Spring Break, Ah hah,ho-ho,he-he, freedom! Speaking from the point of view of a mother who's children had spring break the week before!

The sitter, their grandmother had to deal with them during their spring break. My spring break, the only child I had to deal with was the toddler and that was enough.

Monday, day one, I lounged around in my pajamas all day, watching TV.

Tuesday, day two, I figured I'd had my lounge day, so I started tackling my homework, had lunch with a friend, and watched some more TV.

Wednesday, day three, I ran errands, ignored the housework, stayed up all night with the toddler who had a stuffy nose, and watched TV.

Thursday, day four, I slept in cat naps because I didn't sleep in the night and watched TV.

Friday, day five, sigh, I washed laundry and dishes, and did some of those other chores that needed done, mourning my waste of time because now a ton of homework isn't done.

Spring break for me was relaxing and rejuvenating.

DMACC baseball team successful on spring break trip to Oklahoma, Missouri

By Joe Siple
Bear Facts Staff Writer

(Editor's Note: Joe Siple, a member of the DMACC Bear's Baseball Team, agreed to "work" over his Spring Break by keeping a log of this year's trip to Oklahoma and Missouri.)

3/22/98

We left this morning a day later than scheduled due to a few inches of snow in Oklahoma, but everything looks fine now. It feels about like it did for those few days before the snow storm in Boone. We arrived tonight and have just been getting settled in. Five of us in my room are sleeping on mattresses and brought-from-home sleeping bags. Tomorrow starts what we came down here for. We go to Crowder up in Missouri for a double header.

3/23/98

Disappointing as it was, we had to settle for a split against Crowder. We took a one-run lead into the last of the seventh but couldn't hold it. We dropped a tough 7-6 game. However, we did bounce back and win the next one, which salvaged the day. Due to a countless number of pickoff attempts by the opposing team, the two games were very long and drug out, but it was great to be outside playing ball as opposed to practice in the gym with 14 inches of snow out the window.

3/24/98

So far this short season, we have yet to play a team that should beat us. But, we split again today. We dropped another one we had in our pocket. Northeastern Oklahoma, the host team, came back from a 6-2 deficit and snuck by us

handing us our second 7-6 loss in as many days. I guess you have to give them credit, they clawed their way back into a game that, in the third inning, they appeared to be out of. We will play them again and have better luck; I'm sure of it.

We broke for an early supper and came back at six to play our final game of the day. North Central Missouri College was no match as we cruised to an 11-0 five-inning win. It was a beautiful day around 70 degrees. Tomorrow is supposed to be up near 80. The first signs of sun burn are already evident and tomorrow will cause more. Tomorrow also gives us a chance to redeem ourselves against NEO.

3/25/98

Redemption is ours! As are two more wins, as we played good baseball today en route to a 24-4 out scoring of our two opponents. In the first we took care of the Missouri team 18-3 by way of the three inning, 15 run mercy rule. In the second, we got our revenge against NEO by getting a 6-1 lead and holding it. Everyone looked good today. Our pitchers are all throwing well, and the bats are really coming around.

After our games we stuffed ourselves at the campus cafeteria and a few of us found a swimming pool to cool off in. It was 79 degrees today, but I hear there was an inch of snow in Boone yesterday. I'm not looking forward to going back to that. Two games tomorrow before we head back home. I hope it is as nice as it was today.

3/26/98

We ended our spring trip tonight with a 5 and 3 record. We fell to the Crowder ball club 5-3 in a tight ball game. If a few plays turned out differently, we would have had the win. In the second, against NEO, we got our win. It was an exciting, well-played ball game all around. We squeaked out a 4-2 victory after a two run home run in the bottom of the sixth tied the game for them. But Mike Laesch answered in the top of the seventh with a round tripper of his own. Chadd Clarey came in to wrap up the bottom half in relief of Bryan Swaneopole. It was beautiful weather, under the lights, and a competitive game; we couldn't ask for more.

It's back to Iowa tomorrow where I hear the weather is nice. It's been a great chance to play a lot of competitive baseball in nice weather. A practice and two games each day should help get us into form. Despite the fact that lodging conditions were anything but luxurious, I think we are all happy we came.

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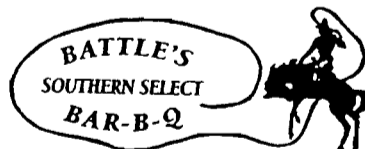
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Running It's a way of life for some

By Cory Williams
Bear Facts Staff

Imagine its 10 degrees out with a wind chill of 5 below, and you think to yourself, who would want to go outside? Only the craziest runner would go out and run. I guess I fall into that category and anybody else who runs.

I run in all sorts of weather. The cold brisk air fills my lungs and helps me run faster. Everybody has a certain temperature to run in. Some love it really hot so they can lose a lot of weight, while others prefer moderate temps just to enjoy an evening run.

Just make sure the weather isn't too extreme. You may cause damage to many parts of your body. Make sure you're wearing the right type of clothing, do a lot of stretching, drink plenty of fluids, and get plenty of rest between the days you don't run.

Running in all four seasons has its advantages and disadvantages. If you're out for many sports, it's good to run on a regular basis. It keeps you young, healthy, and strong. It's like anything else that you do, you have to be motivated to do it.

What really motivated me was the Lord and my dad who gave me inspiration to lose some baby fat, run faster, and to enjoy life in a different perspective. I talk to many people who run marathons and other races and they tell me one thing that is very important. Don't drink or smoke at all. Smoking takes your oxygen away and it palpitates the heart faster.

The first thing to do is to get a physical. You don't want to go out and have something go wrong on the first day. After that, go to a special shoe store that can fit you with the right type of shoe. It's very important to get the right shoe, everybody has a different style of running. Make sure you don't get "ripped off" when you buy a shoe. It should feel right and have plenty of cushion.

I used to like Nike Air, but they cost so much and don't feel right when I run. I have tried many different running shoes, and the best pair of shoes I've worn were Aspics. They felt so good, like I was walking on air. Another good pair of

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Point/Counterpoint

This is fourth in a series of articles related to pressing moral issues faced by our society. It is the *Bear Facts*' intention that this column stimulate informed discussions among readers and ignite on campus a legitimate concern for the decisions made in our country. Exercises in freedom of speech through thoughtful and responsibly written letters to the editor are welcome. pmh2101@dmacc.cc.ia.us.



America's moral decay stems from disregard of the Christian message. The teaching of the Christian message in the classroom would bring back the values of America.

By Terry Jamieson
DMACC Athletic Director and
Bear Facts Guest Writer

I believe there to be no greater injustice in our nation than the denial of Christianity in our education system. Looking at our society leaves me cynical and wondering at what point our moral decay will stop. This nation was founded on the fundamentals of Christian faith, and to say different is to live in a state of denial. Do you want a society with unlimited rights and no government to decide limits? Do you want to raise children who have no concept of accountability? Do you wish for a religion that allows you to live your life with no rules of conduct? Guess what? I have just described the American society and its journey toward unlimited freedom.

I realize that a great argument could be put up against allowing one religious faith to be the master faith of an entire country. All nations on this planet were founded for specific reasons, and most because of a seeking of personal freedom, of which Christianity was a part of the reason we broke away. It could be said that our founding fathers did not have modern people in mind when they wrote the Constitution, and nor did they mean for one religion to rule our nation. They were equally clear about the separation of church and state.

So what is the basis of my argument that Christianity has a place in the classroom? Ask yourself, what is the greatest education you could ever give a child? I feel it is a gift when a teacher covers such things as humility, honesty, integrity, work ethic, compassion, unselfishness, and do not tell me that it is covered in other subjects in modern classrooms. I have spent five years in teaching at the public school level and there is no inkling of God in the classroom, and because of it, I saw a complete lack of respect for humanity.

Our nation has undergone a powerful change for the worse, and it is due to this generation of people who find the following things easy to do. Get a lawyer and get even. Take and not give. Place the blame on others. Allow unlimited sexual freedom. Say, wear, and do whatever you feel. Commit abortion but protect endangered animals.

I could list countless other things, but I will close with this. Being a Christian requires discipline, and I believe that word scares people. No one expects perfection, but it is fair to ask for integrity? Since discipline is hard for us, and since we live in a country that allows us unlimited freedom of expression, we have taken Jesus Christ out of the lives of classroom children because he is the living example of supreme discipline, something we do not want to be made to pursue. Our country will pay dearly for the moral decay which is taking place, and I would like nothing better than to have teachers in public classrooms who devote one period a day to covering those items which touch on morality, and if you want to do it without mentioning the name Jesus, that's only because his discipline and sacrifice intimidate our culture of lazy, selfish, greedy, gluttonous, dishonest people.

"Age of small-town innocence has passed" "Jonesboro buries 2 children, teacher" "Arkansas' nightmare: Could it happen here?" "Children face fears at school"



By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

A quick glance at these headlines from last weekend's *Des Moines Register* fully supports the belief that our nation is, indeed, experiencing social turmoil. Many students of all ages on our campus have told me that they don't read a professional newspaper on a regular basis simply because the news is so depressing. That statement in itself testifies that many of us truly are in a state of denial when contemplating the state of our union.

However, to say that it is only through Christianity that a soul can find humility, honesty, integrity, work ethic, compassion and unselfishness is an open invitation to prejudice. To suggest that high moral traits are difficult to find in any other religion besides Christianity is an insult to Jews, Moslems, Hindus and a host of other truthful, hard-working, benevolent and merciful people. These basic principles are the cornerstone of many religions and, when examined with an open mind, one can see that mere technicalities separate us.

I am a Christian, yet, some of my Catholic customs differ greatly from those of my friends who are Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, etc. But when you get down to basics, only our church walls separate us each Sunday, or Saturday, depending on which door you're behind. Yet those walls, unfortunately, are there. How can we possibly bring Jesus into our nation's school system without conflict entering in as well? If "Christianity 101" was taught in our public classrooms, which and whose Christian disciplines would be followed? Let us, instead, go back to the days of teaching morality in the home, and then, encourage our young people to actively carry that morality out into their communities and into their schools, just as I have seen a grand majority of instructors continuously do in my 14 years as a student.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Faithfulness begins with us

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

We hear much discussion of what constitutes unfaithfulness between spouses, friends and family members. The shooting in Jonesboro, Arkansas, had to do with a boy allegedly getting revenge on girls who he believed had been unfaithful to him.

On the other hand, faithfulness is also a very important issue in today's world. The key to promoting faithfulness in relationships is honest communication. The key to honest communication is building self-esteem in boys and girls as early as possible. In all of us lies so much untapped potential and hope for the future in terms of our children.

We all want to be treated with love and respect. Our children want to feel secure about their love from their

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running shoes is the Saucy 3D Grid. It's hard to get used to a different shoe after so many years of your favorite Nike's, but you'll notice the difference in the run, and the price that you pay in the long run.

The shoes range from \$65 to \$150. Sometimes you can find them on sale in *Road Runner*, *East Bay*, or other running magazines.

Many of my friends buy all these expensive clothes for running. Really, all you need is something that takes the sweat away from the skin, called **Wick Dry suits**. They range from \$20 to \$40. Keep your eyes open for sales in running magazines right after winter.

Also wear **Grouted** mittens, hat and wind breaker over the Wick Dry suit, so you can keep warm. It depends on what month your running and what state or country you're in. If you're training in the spring, wear lightweight clothes depending on the weather. In the summer, wear shorts that are loose and breathable, and a sleeveless shirt with suntan lotion on your arms and face. Also, wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

When is the best time to start training? Any time you want. But it depends on what you're training for. I started in the wintertime, by lifting weights, swimming, and riding the exercise bike. Then the following day I would run outside in the snow. It's a good work out for the legs. Now that spring is almost here, your training might differ a little. You might start a different type of workout after the winter.

The reason I train is because I love to exercise and (if I ever get activated) by the military, I'll be in shape for all the exercises I have to do. My friends think that I'm crazy for running in the snow or biking 100 miles or more a week in the summer. However, it keeps my cardiovascular system in top shape. It's fun and relaxing. It keeps me going and alert all the time. I drink plenty of fluids, take my vitamins, and eat a balance diet. Live life to the fullest of your capacity and be careful whenever you're exercising.

parents and friends. The world as a whole is built upon relationships. What we all need to ask ourselves is what we can do to promote faithfulness in our own families, in our own communities and then in our whole world.

We need to realize the importance of learning to empathize with the suffering that others who are less fortunate than ourselves are undergoing throughout the world. No doubt how we relate to those closest to us spreads out and reaches the whole world at some point. Caring thoughts span all space and time.

The key to developing this kind of empathy is to find out what others are undergoing. We must listen, really listen, to what people are saying in order to develop patterns of honest communication.

Perhaps if someone had been listening to what these boys in Jonesboro were really saying, this tragedy could have been averted.

Peace and hope begin with us where we are right now.