

Last Day of Classes

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"Mall of America" trip becomes a joint venture

DMACC students, CDS employees venture north for holiday shopping

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff

Shopping, food, and hours of entertainment awaited approximately 10 students and employees of Boone Campus students and about 15 Communication Data Services employees that spent Saturday, December 5 at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.

The Boone Campus Student Action Board sponsored the trip after alternate member Mike Bill suggested the excursion. The board made a profit of approximately \$350 on the trip, which will go directly to the board's funds.

Right away, many students signed up for the trip, but as December 5 drew near, only a handful had paid their \$10 to go. Only those students who paid were allowed to participate.

CDS helps out

Diane Johnson, wife of Boone Campus maintenance director Gary Johnson, heard about the sudden lack of participation on the part of DMACC students, and offered to help-out. She got several of her fellow employees at Communication Data Services to join in on the trip, to help pay for the gas used by the DMACC bus. Each CDS employee contributed \$10 for the trip.

The trip was a success, however. The bus left at 9 a.m. from the southeast doors of the L.W. Courter Center, and stopped

briefly in Mason City. After the Mason City stop, the front half of the bus watched "Celtic Pride" on the television-VCR.

The DMACC bus arrived at the mall just shortly after 1 p.m. The shoppers then spent the next six hours taking in all of the sights and sounds of the mall.

About the mall

Mall of America is the largest shopping mall in the US. According to Mall of America's public relations department, 258 Statues of Liberty or 24, 336 school busses could lay inside Mall of America, which has 4.2 million square feet of floor space.

Approximately 45 miles of phone lines are strung throughout the mall, and if a shopper spent 10 minutes browsing in every store, it would take over 86 hours to complete their visit.

Attractions

Mall of America has many different attractions for people of all ages. Knott's Camp Snoopy offers rides, shows and games that sure to delight everyone. Underwater World offers a 300-foot clear tunnel through an aquarium.

Level Four offers fine dining and entertainment with Planet Hollywood, Lt'l Ditty's piano bar, Flashbaxx nightclub, Knuckleheads Comedy Club, Fat Tues-

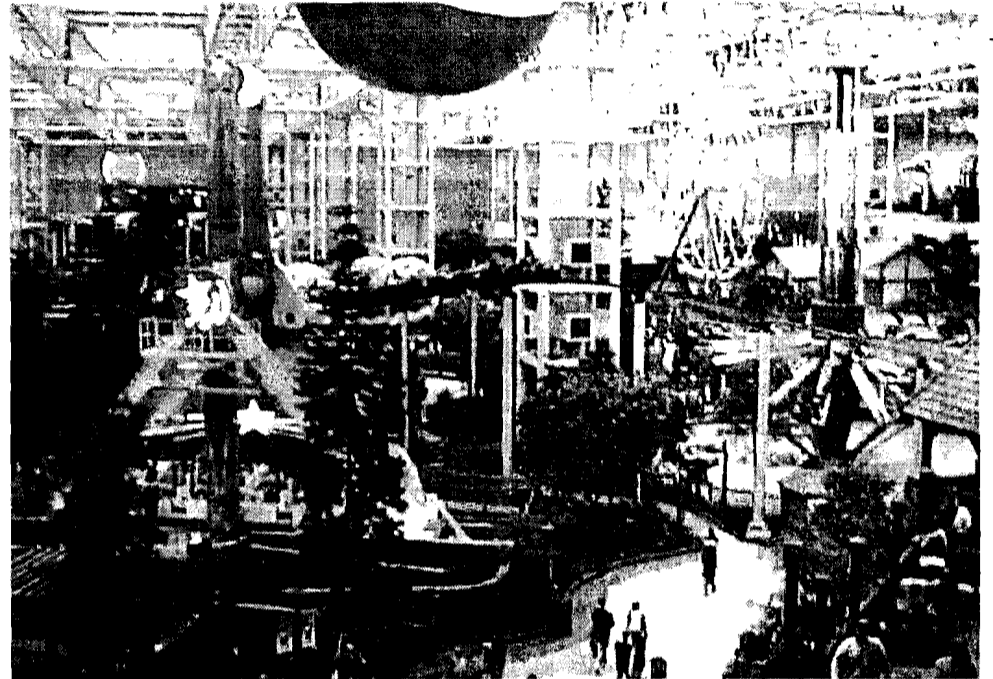


photo by Bob Eschliman

Knott's Camp Snoopy offers hours of thrills and excitement for children and adults of all ages. Camp Snoopy offers a roller coaster and a 74-foot Ferris wheel, in a seven-acre indoor amusement park.

days and Hooters. There is also a General Cinema movie theatre, which offers 14 screens of blockbuster entertainment.

There is also the Lego Imagination Center, the Rainforest Cafe and Cafe Odyssey. For those who dare to be different,

there is even a wedding chapel on Level Two.

Surprise concert

While at the mall, some of the shoppers were treated to a live concert by the

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Psychology department prepares for 1st annual DMACC Hamster Run!

By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

As the holiday season approaches, most students hail the season with gladness, since it signifies the winding down of the school year. For the students in Dr. Jane Martino's general psychology classes, however, the fun is just beginning.

Last year, Dr. Martino set aside part of the psychology department's funding for this year's hamster experiment. Dr. Martino said, "It was the General Psychology students from the year before who proposed the idea. I like to use ideas from the students, and they dictate how the class will operate."

"The six groups were divided into subgroups, so each member had an assignment," Dr. Martino continued. "Some students participated in the ethics group, which ensured that the hamsters were cared for properly, and all their needs were met. The students in the

training group trained their hamster for the big race on Thursday. The maze-builders built the maze for the hamster to run through, and the research group made sure that they had information about the hamster, such as whether or not it is pregnant. That turned out to be an issue this year."

Each of the groups experimented with different things to help its hamster excel. Some tried different techniques, such as extra touch and racing through the maze in the dark. Some tried different foods, anything from nuts and seeds to Craisins.

Each of the six groups had a leader. Group 1's leader is Kari Hull; Group 2's Melissa Dupuis, Group 3's Mike Hovey, Group 4's Jen Kovach, Group 5's Michelle McCracken, and Group 6's Steve McCarter. Each of the group's hard work goes to the test on Thursday and Friday, at 9:40 and 12:40 in the Courter Center.



Bringing Back the Spirit

SAB designates Boone Campus Homecoming Week January 25-29

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Boone Campus Student Action Board finalized plans for the Boone Campus Homecoming during two meetings held November 25 and December 2. The weeklong homecoming activities will begin on Monday, January 25 and conclude with a dance on Friday, January 29.

The SAB will publicize specific homecoming activities following semester break through letters to DMACC Boone Campus club advisers, posters hung by the SAB in the campus halls and through heavy advertising in the *Bear Facts*.

Anticipating a crowd of 100 people, the SAB authorized spending \$350 for decorations and food for the Friday night homecoming dance. SAB members advised Homecoming dance organizer Amy Bernard to inform the board if additional funds will be required for this event. The board discussed hiring a disc jockey for the homecoming dance at a previous meeting and members are still considering that option.

Courter Center television

November 25, the board discussed the approved purchase of a second television for the Courter Center. Possibilities discussed were satellite service as opposed to cable and locking out certain channels. The board and non-voting attendees believed satellite television would cost less and, per administration's approval, are leaning in that direction. At the December 2 meeting, SAB adviser Terry Jamieson assured members that the administration does support the second television but also relayed the administration's concerns regarding programming for the television. This programming concern intensifies with the possible purchase of satellite services. Per Jamieson's suggestion, the board will present, in writing, a detailed proposal to DMACC Boone Campus Dean Philips regarding what type of programming the SAB plans to make available to students, how that programming will be paid for and which channels, if any, will be blocked out. Purchase of the television was approved ten weeks ago, and the set will appear in the Courter Center when programming details are finalized.

The SAB sponsored *Skyline Brass* performance was well attended and enjoyed by a good number of students, faculty and

staff. The board briefly discussed the possibility of inviting *Skyline Brass* back to the Boone Campus during the Spring Semester.

Volunteers needed for library renovation

DMACC counselor George Silberhorn requested that any students, faculty or staff interested in assisting Librarian/Media Specialist Ann Watts and her staff with library renovations December 15 through January 10 see Watts and inform her what hours they would be willing to volunteer for the project.

Campus ATM

SAB president Bob Eschliman informed board members December 2 that Iowa State University Credit Union has shown an interest in working with Boone Campus on the installation of an ATM machine. Eschliman will continue to communicate with ISUCU and DMACC administration concerning the details of this possible ATM installation and present updated information to the board at the December 9 meeting.

Eschliman presented the following Boone Campus club *account balances--

PBL	\$1,738.65
Campus Center	816.48
International Club	725.49
Recreation Club	551.38
Bear Facts	3,722.85
Nursing Students United	795.46
Drama	4,608.95
SAB	61.83

*Account balances as of November 12 with possible outstanding bills not reflected

Eschliman reminded board members that the reported SAB balance of \$61.83 does not reflect the \$1,000 that the SAB allotted to English instructor Judy Hauser for organizing and conducting the Boone Campus Arts Festival held October 16. Hauser is expected to return the \$1,000 allotment to the SAB in the near future.

Eschliman informed board members that the figures presented in the club account balances reflect funds raised independently by each club and, in some cases, also include moneys allotted to each club from SAB funds. All of the clubs that received SAB funds at the beginning of the school year were not included in Eschliman's report. Eschliman

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Boone Campus Blood Drive draws 22 units

By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

Every 17 seconds someone, somewhere needs blood. According to Katie Kirkegaard, co-chairperson for the Boone Campus Blood Drive, "Every little bit of blood can make a difference. One pint of blood could save up to four lives. I was glad to see as many blood donors as we had. However, more donors would have been nice." Faculty and students at DMACC-Boone Campus hosted a blood drive on November 30.

The Blood Center of Central Iowa commended Kirkegaard and Bob Dodd, chairpersons of the event, for their organization and motivation of the volunteer donors recruited for the blood drive.

At the drive, 30 donors were interviewed. Some people were not interviewed because they had colds and knew they could not give blood at that time. The 22 pints of blood drawn will result in at least 60 blood products that can be used for people in need. There were nine first time donors. According to Dodd, "We had a record turnout of first time blood donors. We did as good as we could, due to the information coming out right before the Thanksgiving break and having the blood drive on the first day back. It made it easy for people to forget, with the long break. Hopefully, we will have more blood donors at the next blood drive,

which will be held in the spring."

The Blood Center of Central Iowa would like to express their appreciation to the dedicated and caring faculty and students at the Boone Campus, to the members of Nursing Students United, and especially to all the donors who made valuable contributions to the central Iowa volunteer blood donor program. This much-needed support helps The Blood Center to meet the increasing blood demands of the hospitals they serve in central Iowa.

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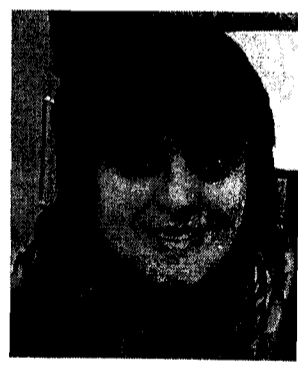


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Dr. Emma G. Mallarino

By Brent West

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Advice to Students:

- Study hard
- Enjoy life as a student
- Don't lose time with the bad stuff such as drugs and alcohol

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Off the wall

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Boone Campus

Keep someone warm
this winter

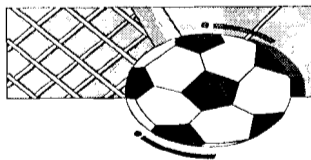


Donate to the
Rotaract Clothes Drive
(especially outer wear—such
as coats, hats, and gloves)
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of Boone Campus



Renovation in
Progress

Library will be closed
December 16 – January 10
Computer Lab will be closed
December 19-January 10



Co-ed Volleyball
5-person teams
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before Semester Break



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Today

from 10 a.m. to 12 :30 p.m.
Courter Center

SAB meeting

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will present a detailed report of how much SAB money was allotted to each Boone Campus club at the next meeting.

Activity club funds allotted by SAB revoked if delegate requirement not met

According to Eschliman, Boone Campus clubs that have received SAB funds and are required to attend one SAB meeting per month to report how these student fees are being spent are--Campus Recreation, Intramurals, NSU, PBL, Recreation Club, Rezoomers, Athletics, SAB, Bear Facts, Drama and the International Club. Most of these clubs have not fulfilled this presentation requirement consistently, and the Board discussed what possible actions should be taken to rectify this situation.

Following discussion, board members agreed that the Board will hold each club accountable and, through cordial reminders written to club advisers, the SAB will, with no exceptions, insist that each club send a delegate or a written report once a month as required by the SAB constitution. If a club does not comply, the club's funding for the next fiscal year will be withheld by the SAB. "This isn't SAB money," said Eschliman, "this is the student's money."

Boone Campus Coed Volleyball League

Jamieson presented his athletic department report to the SAB December 2. The report included how SAB money allotted to the athletic department was spent, and Jamieson anticipates that future athletic department requests for SAB funding will

be considerably less. Jamieson reported that last year's funds, which totaled approximately \$8,500, was used almost exclusively for volleyball renovations in the campus gymnasium, intramural sports and campus recreation. Jamieson will request funds next year to renovate the campus tennis courts. Jamieson also announced the possibility of establishing a campus coed volleyball league consisting of 5-person teams beginning next semester. Students interested in joining this league are encouraged to contact Jamieson in the front office.


Student night

Jamieson said that the volleyball courts in the campus gymnasium are marked and ready for action. Assistant coach Larry Schroeder and Jamieson are discussing with administration the possibility of holding a student night that will include volleyball in the gymnasium and a "cook-out" in the gymnasium lobby.

Talent show

Jamieson presented the possibility of holding a campus talent show in late January and will post a sign-up sheet to gauge student interest.

Members attending the December 2 meeting were SAB President Bob Eschliman, Wade Marsh, Jen Kovach, Kari Hull, Zach Evans and SAB alternate Mike Bill. Non-voting student Jaret Morlan also attended. The SAB meets each Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Courter Center. Meetings are open to the public and all students, as well as faculty and staff.



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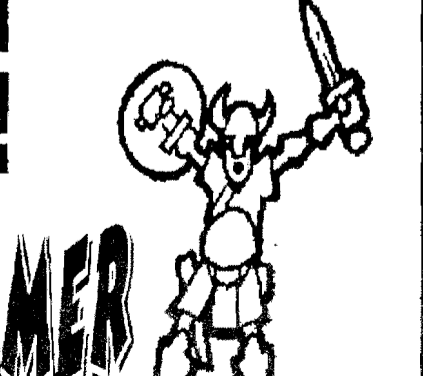
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Boone Campus nursing department adopts families for the holidays

With the holiday season right around the corner, people may realize that there are some families who will not be having such a Merry Christmas because they are less fortunate than others.

DMACC members of Nursing Students United (NSU) will be adopting two families through the Salvation Army. The families together have a total of thirteen children. NSU will be providing these families with a Christmas meal, clothes, and toys. In addition to NSU, the Student Action Board, nursing students and faculty will help fund this event. DMACC students wishing to donate gifts or food items may drop them off in Room 222N.

The Christmas meal and presents will be delivered to the families on December 17.

The children in one family include girls 14 and 2, boys 11, 10, and 6 and one year-old twins (boy and girl). The children in the other family include girls ages 12, 11, 10, 9 and 4 and a one-year old boy.

Cynthia Cory, Boone Campus nursing instructor and annual coordinator for the project commented, "[The Nursing Department] is grateful for being able to serve these families and hope they have a joyous holiday season."

DMACC makes foreign travel an opportunity

DMACC-There will be many exciting travel opportunities for DMACC students, faculty, and staff beginning with Spring Break 1999. Below is a brief description of trips, some for pleasure and others for DMACC credit. Experienced DMACC faculty will lead all of the trips.

Ireland

Kathy Crall, Ireland Year Chair, will be leading a post-Ireland Year trip in May. The tour includes three nights in Dublin, two nights in Killarney, and two nights in Galway. Some of the highlights will be visits to the rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, and Newgrange. For more information, contact Kathy at extension 7313.

Mexico

Lloyd Miller, Spanish and Anthropology Instructor, will be leading a group to the "Great Cities of Mexico," Puebla, Oaxaca, and Cuernavaca, on March 19-27. The trip will include visits to archaeological sites and small villages in the Central highlands, and lodging will be in historic buildings now converted into luxury inns. For more information, contact Lloyd at extension 6435.

France

Maura Nelson, French and English Instructor, will be leading a group to France on the Fifth Annual Culinary Tour, May 8-18. This year's trip will include four nights in Paris and five nights in Lyon. One-day excursions will take the group to Giverny, Champagne, and Avignon, with two dinners at the restaurants of former DMACC French guest chefs. For more information, contact Maura at extension 7032.

DMACC Employee

Time Sheet Due Dates

Week of 11/29/98-12/05/98

Week of 12/06/98-12/11/98

Must be into business office

Friday

What's with the tree?

As the Christmas season quickly approaches, some students are thankful for more than the much-needed break from schoolwork. ROTARACT has sponsored the placing of a tree in the Courter Center, and is accepting donations for children at Blank Children's Hospital.

The tree is decorated with an assortment of tags, each with the age and gender of a child written within. Students are encouraged to take one off, buy a present for that child, and place the present with the tag attached under the tree. The present will be given to a needy child at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. Jean Drilling, ROTARACT member, was responsible for securing the donation of the tree from Home Depot in Des Moines. Angela Moss provided the elegant decorations adorning the tree. ROTARACT encourages all students to participate in this charitable event this holiday season.

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- Knowledge Knook Bookstore
- Nursing instructor Barb Gano
- Chairpersons Bob Dodd and Katie Kirkegaard
- The *Bear Facts*
- Boone Campus Maintenance Department
- All the donors and potential donors

DMACC final exam schedule for day classes-fall 1998

Tuesday, December 15, 1998 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

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

Wednesday, December 16, 1998 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

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

Thursday, December 17, 1998 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
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 p.m.	11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Friday, December 18, 1998 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

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

Evening/Saturday Final Exam Schedule

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

Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)	December 14
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 8
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 17
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 15
Last Saturday night classes (Final Exam)	December 14



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Mall Trip

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pop musical group 98° at about 6 p.m. The live performance was a promotion for the Sam Goody store on Level Three.

Jessica Jamieson, daughter of Athletic Director Terry Jamieson said, "[The group was] great! Dad had me on his shoulders so I could see them. He said the girls were acting like they've never seen a boy before."

The crowds waiting to see the popular band were tremendous. A Sam Goody spokesperson estimated that 25 thousand fans showed up on the first three levels of the mall to catch a glimpse of the group.

The fans caused problems for regular shoppers, however, that wanted to use the escalators in the area. Masses of people were stopped at the top and bottom of the escalators, making for some very serious traffic jams.

Return trip

At about 7 p.m. a worn-out bunch of shoppers loaded back up into the DMACC bus, and began the return trip to Boone, with packages for family, friends, and themselves. The "return flight

movie" was National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

SAB member and mall shopper Jen Kovach said, "I got some stuff for Christmas, and got a few things for me."

Quick stop at Cabella's

But the shopping wasn't over yet. Many people wanted to stop at Cabella's on the way back, so the DMACC bus made a brief stop at the store, located in Owantonna, Minnesota.

Cabella's offers hunting and outdoors equipment, clothing, and supplies for the die-hard outdoors person. Even for those who don't like to hunt, Cabella's offers some wonderful scenery, and was a nice chance to stretch the legs and catch some fresh air.

As the store closed at 9 p.m. the DMACC bus rolled out. While listening to the radio and watching television, or even catching up on some sleep, the bus made the southerly trek to Boone. The group arrived in Boone just shortly before midnight.



photo by Bob Eschliman

Traveling to the Mall of America and shopping for six hours may have been tiring, but DMACC students Laura Erb, Darcy Smalley, and Jen Kovach were all smiles with Terry Jamieson, who drove on the trip, after the "ordeal".

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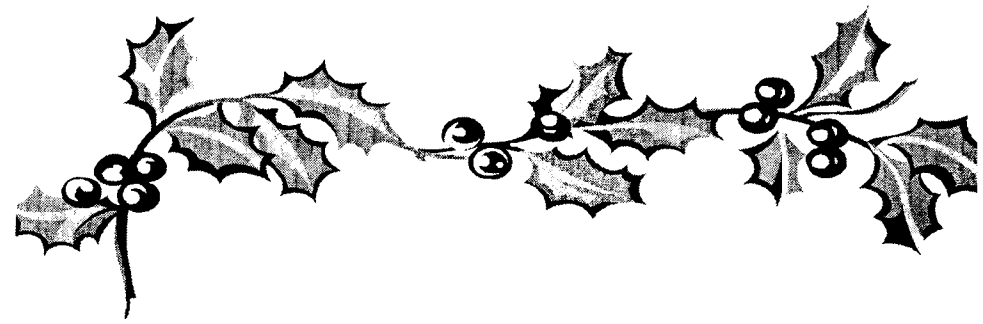
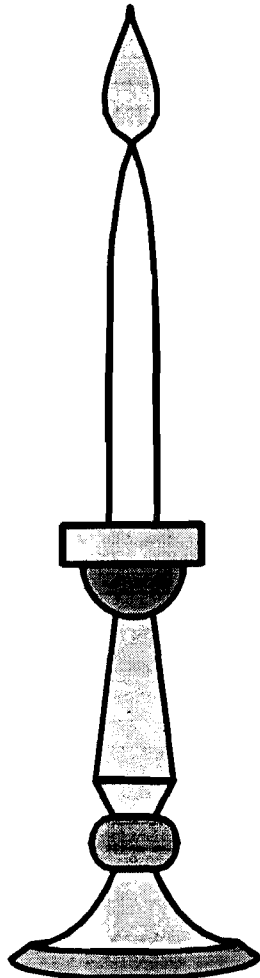
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~Charles Osgood

**By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff**

Our nation's media is jam-packed with negative news; impeachment hearings and political scandal, meth labs and murder, ethnic cleansing, Bosnia and Kosova, chemical weapons and global warming, government overspending and an ailing Social Security system, foreign takeovers and rumors of another depression, layoffs and domestic violence, STD's and AIDS.

During the holiday season many Americans, especially those of Christian and Jewish devotion, turn their eyes skyward as they reflect on the previous year and our world's state of affairs. Influenced by what was read in the morning newspaper or heard on the evening news, a tugging at the soul ignites a concern for friends and family members living either abroad, in another state or right down the road.

During this festive month, finding a peaceful resting place between alleluia and altercation

can become extremely difficult. After a month of listening to television and radio commercial jingles advertising the Yuletide that are intertwined daily with news broadcasts reporting murder and mayhem, it's not uncommon for even the most level-headed to experience emotional arrhythmia as they hopscotch between faith and skepticism.

America's mental health care professionals recently reported that the pessimist may have a surprising advantage over the optimist. When unexpected disappointments enter the optimist's realm, the optimist is caught off guard. In his or her confusion, the optimist may slip into a temporary, or not-so-temporary, depression. However, the pessimist, who figures on being routinely disappointed, approaches turmoil with a so-what-did-you-expect attitude and, with less stress, calmly moves forward.

In order to be well-balanced healthy-minded Americans, it seems we should be less optimistic, keep our happiness in check and

have the phrase "moderation in all things" foremost on our minds. To that I respond, "Bah...humbug."

I am obsessed with December! I totally obliterate my budget and my waistline through the purchase of holiday decorations and baking supplies. I enjoy putting up my old-fashioned, needle-shedding Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving and, if it drinks well, I don't take it down until after New Year's Day.

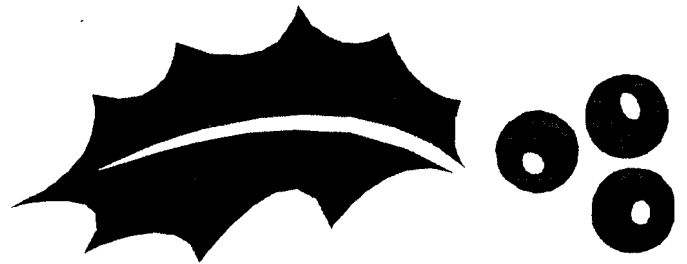
One icy Christmas Eve, I smashed up my husband's fancy new car and was issued a traffic citation for shopping too close to Christmas. People accuse me of playing an extravagant amount of Christmas music and get even more upset when I crank up the volume in answer to their criticisms. I embarrass those around me with a laugh that would shock and silence even Santa, and, like many Christians, I have a tendency to lean more toward religion as I pray fervently alongside the cry of the Infant.

During December, I contemplate heavily on the

sacrifices made by my religion's first lady. Mary, who in my opinion was more of a nineties woman than she was biblical, endured the doubt of others, gave birth in humble pain, watched and listened as her child grew in both favoritism and criticism and, some thirty years later, lost her Son through humiliating circumstances. Her faith unscathed, Mary's optimism remained strong and, centuries later, continues to give hope to millions of Christians. Ave Maria, gratia plena!

Another great woman, Mother Teresa, gave hope to many while establishing her order in one of the most impoverished countries of the world, Calcutta. Mother Teresa was the epitome of optimism. She said, "There is only one God and He is God to all; therefore it is important that everyone is seen as equal before God. I've always said we should help a Hindu become a better Hindu, a Muslim become a better Muslim, a Catholic become a better Catholic."

Martin Luther said, "This life, therefore, is not righteousness...but



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preserved for us every reason we have as a

on Charles Kuralt, alias the "Good News Guy"

growth in righteousness, not health...but healing, not being...but becoming, not rest...but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be...but we are growing toward it. The process is not finished...but it is going on. This is not the end...but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory...but all is being purified."

No matter what religion Americans adhere to, stories such as the ones that follow remind us that a church is only as strong as its people...and our world does possess some mighty strong people.

**Masons Bend, Alabama,
December 5**

About 15 Auburn University architecture students are making dreams come true by building new and better homes in Hale County, Alabama, where 36 percent of the residents live in poverty. For one college quarter, the students build homes by day and study over the inner table by night. One new home built by the students has a roof with a dual purpose. The roof's special design channels rain

water into a cistern that in turn can be used for toilets and laundry. While reflecting on this invaluable experience, one student said, "You meet real people, often very unique and special noble people. You learn from them and you learn about yourself. You learn about teamwork. You learn about reality."

**Manchester, New Hampshire,
November 14**

When news hit Manchester West High School in New Hampshire that \$600 worth of donated toys were taken from the neighboring St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, students eagerly gave up their lunch money and spare change then replaced the stolen goods twice over. The students raised \$1,200 in a single day.

**Colorado University,
September 18**

Reporter Oakland L. Childers of the *Colorado Daily* wrote, "College is about learning and making new friends, and more often than not students gravitate toward people like themselves.

But one group on the CU campus is pairing students with adults they may never have had the chance to know otherwise." Childers went on to report that a program titled Best Buddies is forging friendships between college students and adults from the community with developmental disabilities. Many of the friendships developed while participating in the program continue beyond the students' graduation. The program gets the disabled adults "hooked up with the community" and, as one college participant said, teaches students patience and how to love unconditionally.

Tokyo, June 1

A monument consisting of six bronze statues representing construction, tolerance, courage, hope, future and joy was unveiled by the Soka Gakkai on the grounds of Chugoku Peace Park in Oasacho, Hiroshima. The monument to the victims of atomic bombs and nuclear accidents includes a message of peace written in five languages; Japanese, English, French, Chinese and Spanish. The message in part reads, "Indestructible as a diamond, the precious vessel of life is mightier than the accursed power of nuclear weapons." Soka Gakkai International includes more than twelve million members in 128 countries. Its peace, cultural and educational activities are based on the long-standing traditions of Buddhist humanism.

**DMACC Boone Campus,
April 29**

Student reporter Cory Williams reported on Holocaust survivor Peter Pintus' visit to Boone Campus. Williams said, "1912 was the beginning of terror for most European countries, especially Germany. Pintus was part Jew and part Aryan and the Germans called him half-breed or mixed breed." The Pintus family converted to Christianity hoping the Nazis would not harass them, but this conversion did not rescue the Pintus' from persecution.

While synagogues were set on fire and Jewish businesses were being destroyed, Pintus was sent to a salt mining camp where he remained

captive for three years. Williams reported that at age 18, Pintus was filled with hate--toward himself for surviving, toward others for what they had done and, most of all, toward God, who allowed his suffrage. Williams continued, "When asked by an audience member if he was still bitter, Pintus said, 'I forgive the Germans for what they did to me.'" But Pintus could not forgive the Nazis for what they did to others. "Some people always get pushed away." continued Pintus, "They're the wrong color, too heavy, a slow learner...but everyone wants to belong."

**DMACC Boone Campus,
March 11**

In her bi-weekly column titled *Truth or Consequences*, Bear Facts staff writer Lorraine Powell asked, "Who has more faith--the scientist who thinks he knows something and tries to prove he is right or the religious individual who accepts everything that is written down by men about God without questioning? I think of life *as I know it*--that is not necessarily the

way it is. It is the imagination that brings life to thoughts and ideas."

January 15, 1998

Americans experienced another opportunity to honor Martin Luther King's memory by discussing ways to close the gap too long left open between races.

Theodosian Code XVI.1.2 (379-395)

"...We authorize the followers of this law to assume the title Catholic Christians; but as for the others, since in our judgment they are foolish madmen, we decree that they shall be branded with the ignominious name of heretics, and shall not presume to give the conventicles the names of churches..."

~Internet Medieval Source Book

Ah, humanity...we have come a long way!

The Rant

By Bob Eschliman

In the giving spirit of Christmas, I give you, the students of Boone Campus, my gift for this year, a full-page Rant. I've been a little quiet of late, and some things have come up in the last couple weeks that I feel compelled to talk about.

And since this will be the last Rant for about five or six weeks, I have to get enough ink on the paper to keep you all satisfied during the long winter break. But if you don't like my work, you can always use it to line the bird cage or hamster pen.

Wacked-out weather

First off, I find myself repeating my comments from the first-ever Rant in July when I ask: what is going on with our weather? One minute, it's as balmy as a mid-August afternoon, and the next, it's downright bone chilling. I say just stick with the seasonal temperatures. I prefer a white Christmas; for me, it tends to help with the Christmas spirit. The bullet dodged us last weekend, but maybe next time we won't miss out.

War on Meth going well!?!?

I apparently missed out on something just the other day, when Governor-elect Vilsack announced that he is planning to make the fight against meth labs a priority in his administration. Let me be one to commend him on his choice of the obvious. He makes it sound like Governor Braindead (I mean Brandstad) didn't take up the issue. Sounding more like a Republican on the issue than a liberal Democrat, he is even "considering the use of the Iowa National Guard" to help in the fight.

However, in the same announcement, the governor-elect appears to think that we're already doing a good job of *locating* meth labs in our own backyard, and that more attention should be placed outside the state of Iowa. His quote, "We are doing a fairly effective job of locating labs inside the state, which relates to 10 percent of the problem. We're not doing as good a job as we need to do on the 90 percent [from outside Iowa]," makes it sound like he's tough on drugs, while not really saying much of anything at all.

How is that solving the problem? Finding a meth lab after it's established is too late in my book. The problem isn't getting any better here in Iowa. We hear everyday about another meth lab being busted by law enforcement officers, and there doesn't seem to be any end in site in this trend.

How can the Governor of Iowa stop the flow of drugs *into* the state? Armed guards at gates along each of our borders? Or do we send our National Guard troops into Missouri and Nebraska to flush the drug producers out? Governor Vilsack, here's my Christmas wish for you: stop letting your analysts talk for you. Get the courage to make some choices that are going to help Iowans, not Tom Vilsack and the Democratic Party.

Idiot of the Century

Speaking of the ever-growing meth problem in our state, according to the

December 3 *Des Moines Register*, three men who were running a meth lab set it on fire in order to avoid incarceration from authorities. That is a problem with a large number of side effects for the innocent law-abiding citizens living nearby.

Not only is the fire dangerous to adjacent parcels of property, but the greatest concern is the fumes generated from such a fire, which are toxic.

What made one of these guys a complete idiot is that he kept running in and out of the house while it was burning. Apparently, he was trying to avoid getting nabbed by the cops. But in my book, he's the Idiot of the Century.

Idiot of the Decade

Another award for stupidity among us should go to Justin Everman, an Iowa State senior from Nebraska. Apparently, Everman thought it would be cool to see what draws people to read certain sites on the Internet, so he placed directions for building bombs and links to pornographic sites on his personal website, which is stored on the ISU web server. So what does he have to say for himself?

"I never meant to cause a ruckus or harm anybody. This stuff doesn't do me any good, and it only seems to portray me as a person I am not," is Everman's only explanation.

He also said that he borrowed the bomb-building information from another ISU website, making him at least the second man in the chain, and besides, there are thousands of bomb-making sites on the Internet. Come on man, how pathetic. Everman wants us to think that just because somebody else is doing it, it's okay for him to do it, too.

When asked for a reaction to the information, officials at ISU indicated that they were alarmed by the information, but that they do not censor the contents of websites saved to their web server because to do so would be "a violation of First Amendment rights."

The information has now been removed, but Justin Everman has just gotten my nomination for Idiot of the Decade.

I think Everman's problem stems from where he came from. My grandfather, an Engineering graduate from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, might kill me for asking this, but do you know why the Cornhuskers have N's on their football helmets? It stands for "knowledge." But at least Everman was trying. He picked a pretty good school.

Living on Beer?!?

College students who insist that you can live on beer *might* have a point. In Cincinnati, Ohio, this week, two young boys who were running away from home for the umpteenth time found themselves trapped in a boxcar filled with stale, empty beer bottles. The boys indicated that they were running away from a dozen thugs who were chasing them.

Authorities question the validity of their claims. The fifteen and twelve year old boys drank from the beer bottles for eight days to keep from dehydrating and

starving to death. According to both boys, they are going to change their ways now. Stop the bus folks, I think we just left reality.

Punishment befitting a senior military officer?

Okay, now back to reality...In Norfolk, Virginia, Rear Admiral John Scudi was found guilty of two counts of adultery, obstruction of justice, and improperly assisting a female contractor in getting defense contracts; a woman he was having an affair with. He will be forced to retire at a lower rank with a reduced pension, will forfeit half of his basic pay for two months, will serve a house-arrest in his quarters for thirty days, and will receive a letter of reprimand for his actions. A spokesperson for the Navy indicated that this is the maximum punishment he could have received.

Kind of sounds like an impeachment to me, with a letter of censure on top. How can we hold the members of our military to a standard higher than that of their civilian commanders? This is an issue that has bothered members of the military for years, but has not been so vocally expressed until the Clinton Administration.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice is very strict in the areas of sexual harassment, rape, and adultery. Why can't the Secretariat of Defense (secretaries and under-secretaries of Defense and the three main branches) as well as the President and Vice-President be held to the same standard?

Just think, confined for 30 days in the White House with Hillary, followed by a "forced retirement at a lower rank" (leaving office) and a lowering of his pension and forfeiture of half of his pay for a couple of months sounds like a good punishment to me. It would send a clear message to all of our elected officials.

It will also boost the morale of the military by forcing the civilian leaders to adhere to the same rules as the sailors, soldiers and airmen of the United States military, who are under strict orders not to comment negatively about the president.

The pork problem

Hopefully talk of impeachment isn't distracting Clinton from important issues like the current pork crisis. Even some of us "city boys" can understand the current situation that is before us. Overproduction has led to the lowest pork prices in years.

The National Pork Producers Council, headquartered in Clive, Iowa, has sent a letter to President Clinton urging him to intervene on the behalf of the beleaguered producers. What Clinton will do is anyone's guess, but something needs to be done, before the Midwest falls into the kind of farm crisis that would certainly spell the end of the traditional family farm.

Who is hurt more by hog prices now at \$15 a head? The traditional family farmer, not overproducing megacorporations. The family farmer has an entire

family at stake when he or she spends the money to raise hogs.

The megacorporation can take a hit for a year, even two, and still come out ahead when the slump is over, but the family farmer can't operate without an income for more than a few months. Within a year, the family farmer will be forced to foreclose on his loans to the banks, and where will Iowa be? Back in the 1980's.

So how can I help? By purchasing more pork products, and getting on the bandwagon to tell all of you to purchase more pork products until the prices go back up.

Almost everyone enjoys a good Christmas ham, and what's better than a nice ham sandwich on Saturday afternoon, while watching some college basketball? So, give it a try, not only is it good on your wallet and your health, but it will help a family farmer in need this Christmas. Give the little guy a chance.

Give a new guy a chance?

That's an awfully big statement coming from the most powerful sports writer in the country, the same man who boisterously put the pressure on Hayden Fry to retire. Who am I speaking of? Marc Hansen, a man who doesn't know heads from tails, but seems to think he knows what is best for Iowa sports. His skills (or lack of) make him more qualified to be a NFL official than a sports commentator.

This same guy refused to give ISU football coach Dan McCarney a chance, but is now asking Iowa to give new Hawkeye coach Kirk Ferentz a chance.

Marc, get a clue, pal. Iowa has four Division I schools. Start reporting on the other three someday!

Education: trampled while touted

And for those of you who feel academics are just as important as sports (and who doesn't?). The Houston Mayor's Office has had to remove over a hundred thousand flyers that were distributed recently. The flyers were announcing the mayor's new youth activity program.

The program also touts the benefits of a full education. The problem: misspellings, grammar mistakes and punctuation errors. Who made the mistakes? The mayor's youth program director, a man with a master's degree, making over \$67, thousand a year.

TANSTAAFL!!!

As I hop down from the concrete reinforced soapbox, please remember to have a happy, safe and delightful Christmas, and a very prosperous new year. And when that credit card bill comes in the mail afterwards, remember: TANSTAAFL!!!

Have any comments?

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One Earth



One Chance

What is efficient? - What is renewable?

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

In order to create a sustainable system of energy it must be both efficient and renewable. Dr. H.M. Hubbard, in a publication of the American Solar Energy Society, stated that by the year 2030, 50 percent of U.S. energy supplies could come from renewable sources. At the same time, Americans could decrease their use of fossil fuels which have proven to be the primary cause of the world's greatest environmental problems, among them, global warming, acid rain, water and air pollution, and habitat destruction.

The first step to sustainable energy is conservation or finding ways to cut down on energy use and the development of more efficient use of energy.

Following the oil crises of the 1970's, the United States took drastic measures to conserve energy waste. People used additional insulation in homes, installed storm windows, turned down their thermostats, and bought smaller cars. Average gas mileage increased from 14 m.p.g. in 1974 to 26 m.p.g. in 1986.

The slash in OPEC prices in the most recent years has again led to wasteful practices of energy consumption. The world has only begun to tap conservation measures. Building codes are beginning to require more insulation in both old and new homes. There is a switch to fluorescent lighting, to energy efficient light switches and the development of special sensors that shut off lights when natural light is sufficient. The National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 called on manufacturers to produce appliances that used 20 percent less energy starting in 1992.

In 1991 the Environmental Protection Agency instituted a nationwide energy conservation program called the Green Lights Program. It involved the voluntary reduction of electrical demand by the nation's largest corporations and government buildings.

The second step in developing a sustainable energy system is to install clean, renewable energy sources. These include solar energy, geothermal energy, hydropower, windpower and biofuels (including wood, manure, garbage and crop wastes.)

Of the sources of electricity that the U.S. utilizes today, 70 % comes from fossil fuels, 21 % from nuclear power, 9% from hydroelectric power, and less than 1% from other alternative forms including solar, wind and plant and animal waste.

Iowa has been one of the leading states in developing windpower. Although the history of the wind industry is nothing new in the U.S. (six million wind systems being sold in the 1920's through 1940's), nevertheless, it was not until the last several years that wind turbines advanced in technology and decreased in costs. Spirit Lake, Iowa and Nevada, Iowa both have wind turbines that generate electricity for their school districts. The first wind farm, known as the Cerro Gordo Wind Farm, was just launched on October 26, 1998 in Clear Lake. It is expected to produce enough power for 20,000 homes. The 1983 Alternative Energy Production Law has encouraged the development of alternative, cleaner energy facilities while lessening dependence on fossil fuels. It requires power companies to buy a certain amount of their power from alternate energy sources.

The responsibility for energy conservation and creating an awareness of renewable sources of energy belongs to all of us. We are all citizens of this same earth where everything is now globally interconnected.

At this point in time, this earth is the only home we have to live on. Let's do everything we can to make it the best possible place where all its world's citizens can live and grow and learn.

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The Front Row

By Janet Morlan, Bear Facts Staff

"A Bug's Life," the newest digitally animated film, brings yet another view into a world unfamiliar to us, the human race. The film is the second spawned from the creative team of Disney and Pixar. Their first, *Toy Story*, was a step into the new technology of animation. *A Bug's Life* follows its predecessor's lead and takes a few of its own steps.

The story is about a colony of ants (not to be confused with another movie by the title of "Antz") who are annually terrorized by a horde of grasshoppers. Every year, the ants collect enough food for themselves and for the grasshoppers. Due to an inevitable accident, the grasshoppers' food is lost. The grasshoppers' leader, Hopper (voiced by Kevin Spacey), gives the ants one more chance to supply the food before they "annihilate" them.

The ants of course are petrified because now they have to get all new food for the grasshoppers, and won't have adequate time to collect food for themselves. But one ant, Flick (voiced by Dave Foley), is determined to lead a revolution against the Grasshoppers. To do this, he concocts an idea to recruit warrior bugs to help fight off the grasshoppers. Believing this idea to be ludicrous, the Queen (voiced by Phyllis Diller) and Princess Atta (voiced by Julia Louis-Dreyfus) decide that the best thing is to send Flick on his recruiting mission and to try and meet the grasshoppers deadline while he's gone.

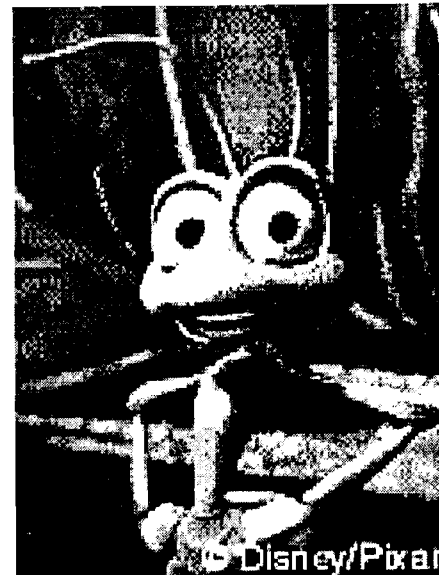
Flick goes along his way and finds what he thinks to be the bugs he's looking for, unfortunately they are circus bugs who think Flick is a talent scout. The Circus bugs go with flick to give what they think is a performance to the colony, only to find out that they are expected to fight the grasshoppers.

This is the setup to a story that not only nails the audience with uproarious laughter, but also puts them in awe at the amazing animation and realism of the story told before your eyes.

Another highlight for the film were the loveable circus bugs who won their way to the audiences hearts as well as provided

enormous comic relief.

These bugs, in their own way, rede-



efined "The Magnificent Seven". This unruly band of performing bugs are brought to life by the talented voices of such actors as David Hyde-Pierce, Denis Leary, Madeline Kahn, John Ratzenberger, and Bonnie Hunt.

The only negative thing I really felt about the movie, was that being an avid fan of "The Three Amigos", I recognized the plot. But the thrilling action scenes and incredible flights and escapes from ornery birds, quickly remedied my worries.

Another highlight was the ingenious addition of the outtakes during the credits. These clips view the animated characters blowing lines, stumbling and running into the camera like regular actors. This allows not only for an extra bit of comedy, but also makes the bugs more personable. This movie squeaks itself into a low rated film*.

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Women's athletics to take upward turn

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

The 1998 DMACC women's basketball team has seen it's share of hard times this season, and the season is only five games old. With losses by substantial margins, a roster consisting of only nine women, injuries, players quitting, and the lack of a full time coach, no one blames the team. But fans and players are ready for a change.

Athletic Director Terry Jamieson has been filling in as a full time coach for the women's team since July. In fact, Jamieson is the first full time coach the women's program has had in nearly a decade. Even though he already held the position of full time men's basketball coach, Jamieson took the women's basketball coaching job because he's tired of the women not having an optimal amount of attention with a part time coach. The administration agrees with him. As of December fourth, the DMACC administration has been publicly advertising for the position of a full time coach for both women's basketball and volleyball.

Jamieson commented that a good coach with all attention geared towards athletics is just what the sport needs to

strengthen itself. He is optimistic that a coach for each sport will be found before the end of the month, and added that it is almost necessary.

In order to form a strong recruiting base for a team, a coach must begin scouting and recruiting in January. According to Jamieson, the months of January through April are the opportune times to sign players. If the coach waits after that, the best players will be taken. Jamieson commented that the current situation with the women's team is because of the lack of a full time coach at the beginning of the year. He pointed out that by the time he took over, the recruiting season was over. The highly recruited players he did have earlier in the year became tired of waiting for DMACC to find a coach, and found it in their best interest to sign elsewhere.

What does this leave for the current women's basketball team? Unfortunately, not much. With no big time scholarship players, the team has relied on a roster consisting of nine walk-ons, one of which is currently injured, and another who has recently quit the team. Although the women have talent, Jamieson commented that it simply isn't enough to compete with schools who have the power to hand pick their roster

by offering scholarships with the guarantee of a full time coach. Most schools can compliment their talent with a few highly recruited players to lead the team. The DMACC women's team lacks such big name players.

Because of this, the women have been contemplating the possibility of calling it quits for the season. Jamieson commented on how discouraging the season has been so far, and that, regardless of the rumors, the team has not thrown in the towel yet. He also pointed out that any decision they choose to make is 100% theirs, and regardless of the season, he still holds the women in the highest of respect.

"These women are tremendous student athletes and citizens," Jamieson commented. "I would love to have my daughter grow up to be just like these women."

Basketball is not the only sport suffering. Because of lack of interest, and the absence of a full time coach, Jamieson, as athletic director, dropped women's softball from the list of intercollegiate sports, and has instated it as a club sport. He hopes this change will please the women who desire to play, but scholarships will not be available, and no recruiting will be done. This new form of

softball is looking promising. In fact, Merrill Tam has been hired as head coach for the team in the 1999 season.

Regardless of its current state, women's athletics are beginning an upward turn. Women's volleyball has been added as an intercollegiate sport. This is an addition Jamieson is especially excited about. "Volleyball is a cutting edge sport to have on our campus," he commented. Jamieson added that though women on the DMACC campus have lost interest in softball, volleyball, with the right recruiting, is a sport that will attract many women athletes, and in years to come could be competitive. It's all a part of Jamieson's plan to rebuild DMACC athletics.

Jamieson, since his beginning as DMACC athletic director three years ago, had been working to achieve goals that he hopes will turn the sports program around.

"For the past twenty years, women and men's basketball have been backseat sports," Jamieson commented. "It wasn't going to be turned around overnight. A five-year plan was more realistic." Although seeing a few trying times in the present, he has high hopes for the future of DMACC sports, summing it all up by saying, "I see the glass half full."



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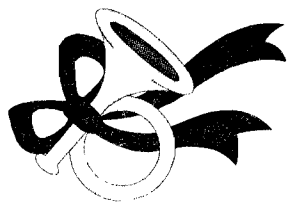
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DMACC ponders change of competition

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

Every three years, the nation's junior colleges are faced with an opportunity. Each is required to classify their campus sport programs into one of three divisions, DMACC included. These divisions are appropriately titled Division I, Division II, and Division III. The divisions differ mainly by the amount of money available for scholarships according to NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) rules and regulations. The divisions are classified in this way:

- **Division I**-The maximum amount of tuition and fees, room and board, books and course related material and transportation costs might be included in a scholarship one time per academic school year.
- **Division II**-The maximum amount of tuition, fees and book fees may be included in a scholarship. Funding for room and board is prohibited.
- **Division III**-No athletic scholarship aid of any kind may be given out.

Because of the amount of money given by Division I schools, they usually tend to attract the highest skilled athletes, since those schools have more to offer. Division II schools recruit the next best, and Division III teams usually consist of walk-ons whose first and foremost priority is their education. This difference in

skill is why each division usually play teams from their own division, and each division has their own conferences, post season tournaments and championships.

Currently, DMACC basketball, both men's and women's are members of the Division II classification. Baseball is Division I. Volleyball has not yet been assigned to a division. But with the end of the school's three year commitment to the division, Athletic Director Terry Jamieson stated that the DMACC administration has contemplated the idea of dropping the basketball and volleyball programs to Division III levels, or moving them up to Division I. The possibilities bring with them some major changes.

The biggest change to becoming a Division III school would be dropping basketball scholarships. Jamieson commented that although the current Division II scholarships offered at DMACC are competitive with that of other schools, there is one luxury other schools have over DMACC. Jamieson pointed out that schools such as NIACC and Kirkwood not only offer scholarships, but student housing as well, something DMACC currently lacks.

He added that although Division II regulations prohibit the school from paying for the student's housing, students receiving Pell Grants or financial aid can pay for a dorm much easier than an apartment, possibly making the students lean toward other schools. With a Division III athletic team, there's no emphasis

on money, making the school itself the deciding factor in student enrollment.

Division III would also emphasize academics. The fact that the players would generally be attending the school for an education rather than for financial reasons, and putting athletics as a secondary priority could boost student/athlete academics.

Drawbacks to a division drop do exist. The first is travel. Because most of the Iowa junior colleges are Division II schools, DMACC teams would have to travel to Minnesota and Wisconsin, where Division III schools are more prominent. These games could make for some long road trips.

Another problem is the level of competition. Without anything to attract players, the level of talent would decrease, as well as the level of talent of the competition. Jamieson pointed out, however, that this would not effect the competitiveness of the teams. "It's the difference between Northwestern in Chicago and the University of Kansas. Northwestern is highly competitive, but not on the same level."

DMACC is also looking at Division I play as a possibility. Though not as financially appealing to the school as Division III due to the amount of scholarship money, it would have its benefits.

With Division I comes increased talent, since it provides scholarships that finance an athlete's schooling as well as room and board. The only aspect left for

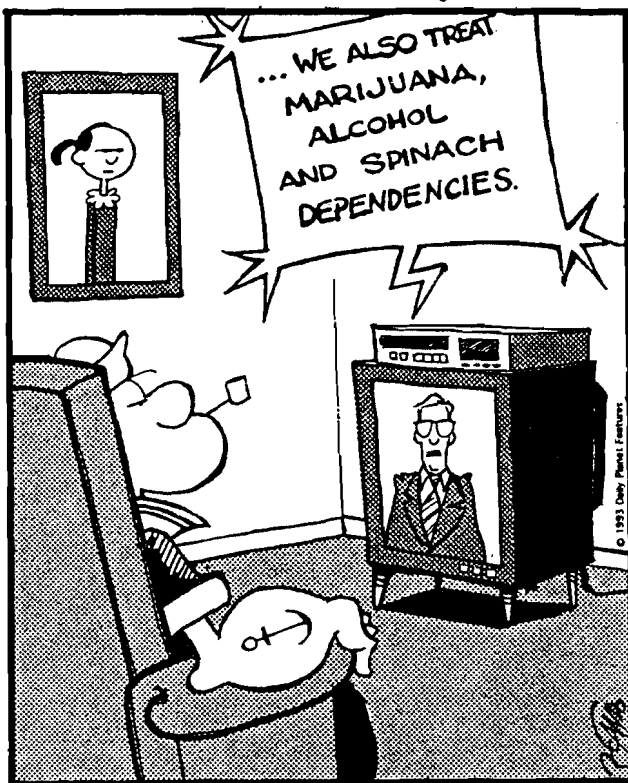
the student to consider when making a decision is the school itself. This increase in talent would also provide for bigger name players with opportunities to further their career on a four-year college team. These types of players attending DMACC could boost the reputation of the athletic program.

As does Division III, Division I does have its problems. The biggest is student housing. Offering Division I scholarships includes room and board. This is difficult without designated student housing facilities. Without them, DMACC would have to finance other forms of housing, such as apartments, if they want to be competitive with other schools.

Division I also has a reputation for retaining players who put sports before academics. Jamieson, however, pointed out that he, as well as the other recruiters for the school, has had a reputation of having excellent student/athletes who do well in their studies. In fact, DMACC, for the past two years, has had one of the highest athlete/academic rates in the state.

Jamieson commented on how the school could benefit from all three divisions and pointed out that each is still being considered. He also made it clear that he and the administration will try to do what is best for DMACC, and regardless of the decision, it's one that will greatly impact DMACC athletics for the next three years.

Chaos by Brian Shuster



While the other kids enjoyed what helium did to their voices, Little Freddy liked what it could do to the pets.

Just one sign of an impending ice age.

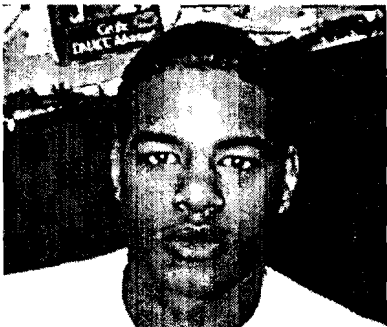


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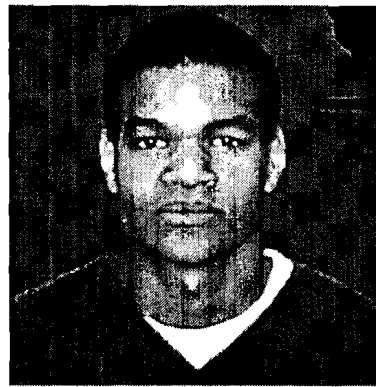
By Chad Lowe

What are your suggestions for Boone Campus student housing?



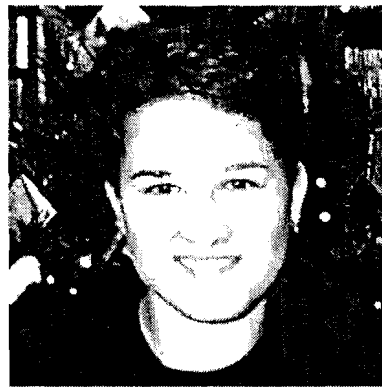
Franklin Harris

"Make them like military barracks with their own bathroom. Students should only have to pay rent."



Ben Harris

"They should be good size rooms for two students. There should be RA's to talk to, and no cockroaches."



Michelle Johnson

"A daycare would be nice for students who have children, rather than having a babysitter, that is closer to campus."



Brooke Hansen

"Utilities paid for the students so they can keep up with their school bills."

LETTER

To the editor --

We are writing this letter because we have a complaint concerning the condom machines here on campus. The machine that is in the men's restroom does not have a label and does not work. The women's is labeled and it works, but the condoms that are in that machine expired in 1995.

We checked this problem out during our human sexuality class when we were learning about sexually transmitted disease protection. Our class is concerned about this problem because of the many different kinds of sexually transmitted diseases, the growing number of people who contract them each year, and also the number of unwanted pregnancies.

We feel that if the school is willing to have these machines in the restrooms then they should see that the machines work properly and the condoms are new. We feel that the school should have known about this problem and done something about it already. The condom machines in the women's and men's restrooms show that no one has even cared or paid any attention to filling and fixing them at all. Someone should fill them with new condoms and fix them properly.

We feel that there are enough students who are just as concerned as we are about the machines not working that something needs to be done. Thank you.

Niki Wickman, Lanna Paul, and 18 other members of Human Sexuality & Gender Roles Class

Point/Counterpoint

Hunting is fun



By J.C. "Homer" Ames
DMACC Student

Hunting has been around for a very long time. It has not always been a sport as it is today. In the past hunting was a life-or-death situation. It was one of the only ways of getting food. Hunting has become more of a sport now, rather than the life-or-death situation of the past. Hunting is fun.

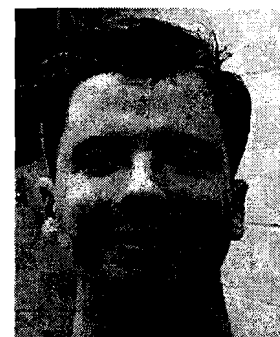
Hunting is not just for hunters, either. It is also for the conservation and management of wildlife. Without hunting, many animals would overpopulate and have a big problem surviving. Overpopulation can cause the spreading of diseases in animals. In this way, hunting is one of the best wildlife management processes.

Many people hunt because of the sport aspect of it. It is not as easy as it seems. You have to get up early and get out in the cold weather, which just proves people love the sport and people will hunt forever.

Many people use hunting as a good excuse to take a trip, get together and get away from the house. Many families love to have a good meal of wild game, or jerky from their kill. I know of many families that hunt during every holiday and always have some wild game in the freezer.

Hunting is a great sport, and has been around forever. Not only is it fun, but useful for everyone, including the animals.

Hunting is cruel and dangerous



By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

Hunting is a sport that many people love, especially around Christmas time, but I am not a hunter. I think people who like to hunt must like to kill God's beautiful wildlife that roam on God's beautiful lands. I believe hunting is cruel to animals.

Hunting kills the most beautiful wildlife that I enjoy seeing walk through my grandparent's timberland. I am not a vegetarian, by any means; my brother raises cattle. However, I do not believe in killing deer and other wild animals to satisfy my taste.

There are problems that arise between hunters and farmers/landowners. Some hunters ignore posted "no trespassing" signs and hunt on land without the owner's permission. If two parties are hunting on the same land, at the same time, someone could possibly be shot and killed by guns, or wounded by arrows or traps.

Gunshot can also cause damage to nearby corncribs, machine sheds, barns and farm equipment that are outside. Hunting can also be dangerous when guns are being shot when farmers are working on tillable farm ground that is near timberland.

I have good friends that hunt, and I respect them, but I believe that there are cruelties to animals and dangers to farmers/landowners caused by hunting.