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WELCOME BACK!

New semester brings new students, sights

Changes on campus

By Jen Kovach
Bear Facts Staff

As students step back on campus for the spring semester, they may have noticed that more than their class schedules have changed. Over break the DMACC building received a face-lift.

While students were gone, the place was alive with workers laying carpet in many departments including the Nursing department, the library, and the upstairs computer classrooms. With the luxury of new carpeting come new stipulations: food or drink is not allowed since spills would age the carpet and cause deterioration.

Last year at this time enrollment in computer science classes blossomed, and the need for a new computer classroom was obvious. Between semesters, room 207 was transformed into that much needed classroom with help from Ron Erickson who oversaw the installation of the computers, and the custodial staff who were responsible for the carpeting and furniture. The only downside to this transformation is that a lecture room was lost. However, as Dean Kriss Philips pointed out, the positive aspects far outweigh the negative, as a computer class-

room is now open for use every hour of the day.

All these changes are important in keeping up the campus, and were definitely needed, but the most noticeable and perhaps the most essential change that occurred took place in the library. Along with the new carpet and paint job, the shelves and furniture were rearranged to create an entirely different atmosphere. Philips is pleased with the change, "You walk into that library now and it just opens up at you," he commented. DMACC student, Jaret Morlan, remarked that this change has taken the library from the 70's into the 90's.

This isn't the end of the building's alterations though. This summer the library hopes to get new shelving, as the current shelves are close to collapsing. Other departments on campus are also scheduled for change. The Academic Achievement Center, as well as other offices, are in need of new carpeting. These renovations will most likely occur over the summer. Dean Philips said, "We're looking forward to more changes in the future."



Photo by Bob Eschliman
Micah Westphal, Ogden, relaxes in the recently remodeled library. The improved library accounts for just one of the many changes made on the Boone Campus over the break.

Enrollment on the rise

By Hilary Gaumer
Bear Facts Staff

This semester once again shows that students are continuing their education in high numbers on the DMACC Boone Campus. According to Executive Dean Kriss Philips, there are approximately 1100 students attending classes on the Boone Campus this semester.

Trends appear to show that many of the students enrolled on the DMACC Boone Campus seem to be coming right out of high school. Philips commented that the lower tuition costs, individualized classes and the proximity to home keep the students at DMACC. International students also make up about 10% of the

campus student body, said Philips. Most of the international students have cross-enrollment connections by taking a majority of their classes at Iowa State University and using DMACC as a convenient way to improve other (mostly English-related) skills. Still other students come to DMACC to finish a two-year degree before transferring to a larger college or university to finish their education.

The future looks to show a continuing increase in students. Philips feels that the ever-changing needs of students will keep them looking to DMACC to fulfill their educational needs.

Celebrate DMACC Homecoming Week Activities

Wednesday, January 27, 1999
DMACC Bears Vs Central College
7:00 p.m., Boone Campus Gym

Friday, January 29, 1999
Pizza Party
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. L.W. Courter Center

Friday, January 29, 1999
Homecoming Dance
8 p.m. to midnight L.W. Courter Center
(Doors open at 7 p.m.)

Sunday, January 31, 1999
Superbowl Party
2 p.m. to whenever
L.W. Courter Center

All activities are free to all DMACC students!

Spring Semester Movie List

By Hilary Gaumer
Bear Facts Staff

Once again Dr. James Bittner is offering his Movies in America class. The movies are open to the entire student body and faculty, so take advantage of something free.... grab a date and be ensured of a good combat film. The films are shown Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00pm and a quiz about the film follows, when leaving after the film, be courteous and leave quietly.

January 27	<i>Sergeant York</i>
February 3	<i>Casablanca</i>
February 10	<i>Guadalcanal Diary</i>
February 17	<i>The Sands of Iwo Jima</i>
February 24	<i>From Here to Eternity</i>
March 3	<i>Run Silent Run Deep</i>
March 10	<i>The Longest Day</i>
March 17	<i>Catch-22</i>
March 31	<i>Coming Home</i>
April 7	<i>The Big Red One</i>
April 14	<i>Platoon</i>
April 21	<i>The English Patient</i>
April 28	<i>Starship Troopers</i>



Students planning to attend the Iowa Area Community College Trustee Legislative Seminar on Wednesday and Tuesday meet to discuss the events. Dave Palmer (center), assistant to the President, informs the students about key legislators they will meet, and issues they may discuss. Participants (l-r) Nealy Bess, Dave Palmer, Jen Kovach, and Bob Eschliman.

Photo by Patrice Harson

Students to attend legislative conference

By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

Several DMACC Boone Campus students will be attending the 11th annual Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Student/Alumni Legislative Seminar at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines. The event, sponsored by the IACCT, gives students a chance to tour the capitol, listen to several speakers talking about the legislation and community colleges, and even lobby the Iowa Senate and House of Representatives. Patrice Harson, a DMACC student who attended the event last year, said, "The hands-on atmosphere made politics come alive. It felt good to know that I was able to be a part of the political process."

The students, accompanied by Jan LaVille, DMACC Boone Campus faculty member, plan to leave the Boone Campus at about noon on January 27. At 1 PM, the students will receive a tour of the capitol. Between 2 and 3 PM is check-in at the Savery Hotel, the hosts for this weekend. At 3 PM the students will register and begin the afternoon legislative session. Dinner at the Savery will be served at 6:15, followed by the

evening legislative program at 7:30. Some students will be staying overnight at the Savery, but others will be returning to Boone after the evening program.

Thursday, January 28 begins at 7:30 with breakfast at the State Capitol. Beginning at 9 AM, students will have the opportunity to lobby their congressperson or senator. Dave Palmer, assistant to the president as well as lobbyist for DMACC, will be instructing the students on how to lobby. Mr. Palmer has already spoken to some of the participants, providing a short instructional session Jan. 20. "Mr. Palmer was very kind to come and help us understand some of this stuff," remarked Jen Kovach, a DMACC student who attended the meeting. The students will be returning to Boone around 1 PM. The attending students are Brent West, Bob Eschliman, Jay Cue, Zach Evans, Jaret Morlan, Patrice Harson, Nealy Bess, Jen Kovach, Hilary Gaumer, and April Gunderson. The conference promises to be fun as well as educational.

Off the wall

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff



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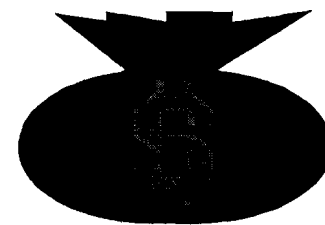


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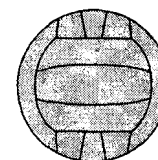
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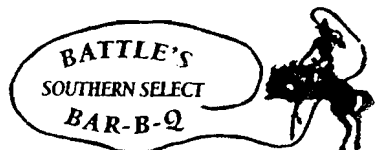
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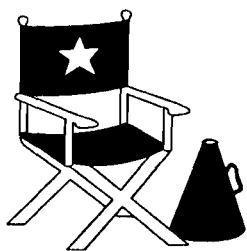
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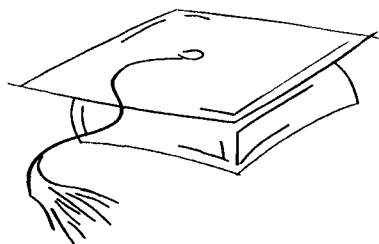
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SAB works on budget requests

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

In a 4-0 vote January 20, the DMACC Boone Campus Student Action Board reconfirmed a 1997-98 SAB motion not to allocate student activity funds to finance peer tutors hired by the Boone Campus Academic Achievement Center.

The SAB expressed its concern over the lack of funds available to support the peer tutors who are not covered under the College Work Study Program and also discussed ways to assist the AAC in finding funds elsewhere.

Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips said, "Any money that the SAB spends should definitely benefit the students—either directly or indirectly—and peer tutoring, I think, falls into that realm. Peer tutoring is most certainly a legitimate use of SAB funds.

"The SAB budget for next year has to officially be approved by the Board of Education," continued Philips. "Prior to the Board of Education's approval, the budget has to be approved by me and before me, it has to be approved by the SAB adviser. Historically, I have only made a few suggestions (to the SAB) before tak-

ing the budget to the Board of Education. Before I sign (next year's) budget, I will want to be convinced that various groups are being treated fairly and are given an opportunity to state their case."

Regarding the preparation of the 1999-2000 SAB budget and the beginning of the deliberations of activity fund disbursement, SAB President Bob Eschliman gave his *individual* opinion as "presiding officer" stating, "The course of recent history at DMACC involving the SAB has been one of mistrust, misunderstanding and misappropriation. The student body, in general, has been hurt the most. Prior SAB administrations have taken little thought or care in the disbursement of ac-

tivity funds. As the president of the current student body, I expect us to do better."

Eschliman continued, "I want to fix the wrongs that over careless years have become the status quo. The SAB has a fiduciary duty to expend these funds judiciously to enrich the student college experience. This money isn't the college's, it's the students', and we are entrusted to disburse these funds in a fair manner for the betterment of all Boone Campus students. Every appropriation or (budget) request will receive a fair, unbiased hearing."

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.

PBL: Back by popular demand

DMACC Boone Campus Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda's organization is again active! The following questions are often asked of PBL members ---

Question

What is PBL?

Who can join?

Does it cost to join?

How does PBL get its money?

What do the members of PBL do?

When and where will the meetings be held?
How do I join?

Who are the PBL officers this semester from the Boone Campus?

Answer

PBL is a nonprofit, educational association made up of students pursuing careers in business or business education.

Any DMACC student can join.

There is no cost to the student to join. The state and national dues are paid for by your DMACC PBL organization.

The members do fundraising activities to help pay for the dues and competitions. Some money is given to PBL by the Student Action Board (SAB).

The PBL members learn to be leaders, work together to decide what service projects they want to work on during the year, compete at that State PBL Conference, and have fun.

Meetings will be held twice a month on the first and third Fridays at 8 a.m. in the Lloyd Courter (Student) Center.

Contact any PBL member or contact Linda Plueger, the Boone Campus advisor. Her office is in Room 201 next to the elevator.

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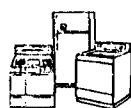
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The Rant

By Bob Eschliman

Welcome to yet another wildly entertaining semester at DMACC's Boone Campus. Mother Nature has tried to make it interesting, but it's not been too bad so far. But with rain, ice, and tons of snow during the winter break, I can't wait to see what she has in store for us next.

For those of you who are new to the campus, or were comatose last semester and weren't reading *Bear Facts*, I'll quickly explain what this column is all about. It won't take long, I promise.

Okay...this column is my way of letting the world know about some of the mind-numbingly absurdness in our world. I'm an activist for common sense, and I call it like I see it, with no holds barred. Sometimes I may be a bit obtuse, or I may say something that gets you really riled up. In those cases, I'm glad...and what you need to do is write back to me. Here's my e-mail addy: rde20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

As a teenager, I became obsessed with novels by David Brin and Robert Heinlein. About a year ago, I found a

copy of Heinlein's "The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress" and read it cover to cover in less than two days. As I said before, I suggest it to anyone who would like a microscope into the workings of my mind (scary, huh?). Anyway, the battle cry of that novel was TANSTAAFL. I thought about it for quite a while, and made it the thesis of this column, because truly: There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch!

Well, anyway...I've rambled on about that for long enough. It's time for me to step upon the concrete-reinforced soapbox and do what I appear to do marginally well. So, in the words of Mills Lane, "Let's get it on!"

Now, I don't mean to rant, but what's going on with the class scheduling? I don't know too many people who *don't* have a night class this semester. That makes it kind of hard for us to work a job. I'm wondering if it's a teacher-thing or an administration-thing. Either way, I hope someone takes that into consideration for next semester.

I mean, I know that student selection

is the determining factor for whether or not a class is kept or dropped. However, there are times when a student *really* needs to take the class, but can't, because it was dropped.

Okay...enough of the grilling for now. How about three cheers for the work that was done in the library? Looks pretty nice in there, I must say. And although it looks like the Twenty-first Century, it's hopefully only the start. The maintenance folks did a bang-up job of reinforcing the bookshelves, but they still need to be replaced. The money's been budgeted, so hopefully we'll see some changes soon.

Okay...here's my lecture for the month. Students beware!!! The parking police are out, and it's your responsibility to know the regulations. Gary Johnson, and the Maintenance staff don't like their job, but it's one that must be undertaken.

Frequently, students are parking in the employee parking lot. This will result in a fine for those who get caught. For those students who may not know,

the parking lot on the south side of the building is for employees and visitors only. Students and any overflow from the employee parking lot are then to park in the north parking lots, or in the street on Hancock Drive. No parking is allowed in the drives that connect the parking lots or along Park Avenue.

Well, before I come to a conclusion, I need to remind you of something very important. On Friday night, we plan to have a dance in the Courter Center from 8 a.m. to midnight. They'll start letting you in at 7 p.m. All DMACC students are welcome to attend. If you have a date, or even some friends that aren't students, bring them anyway. On Sunday afternoon, we're going to meet back up at the Courter Center for a Superbowl Party.

Okay, I've been stupid for long enough now. It's time for me to step down from the concrete-reinforced soapbox. You have a good Homecoming, and on Superbowl Sunday remember TANSTAAFL when the Falcons win by seven. I'm sorry, John.

Ignorance of Estrogen

By L. Lane

Hello there! First off, I would like to say that this column is not the answers to all your questions about girls or any other subject for that matter. If I were to reveal *everything* (or for that matter, *anything* with complete accuracy) that would take away that greatly valued (and feared) "Mystery of the Woman."

Ah, yes. The "Mystery of the Woman." Played up to be so much more than it actually is. Women, for centuries, have hid behind this veil and have found security within it. You see, this veil, in fact, has become the biggest scapegoat of all time. I mean, you'd half expect to look up "scapegoat" in the dictionary and find the term "The Mystery of the Woman" upon which women blame all their immature and uncalled for behavior upon." We have it so easy this way. Society permits us to do whatever we desire on the slightest whim and blame it simply on our gender. If I didn't feel like talking to a person, I'd turn my back on them when they extend a greeting and I would not be rude, but "moody" (which is permitted because I am a woman and "who can understand women?"). The truth of the matter is that if guys weren't quite so dense, they'd see that we women are very much like them...except for the estrogen part. Which, I might add, makes all the difference.

COMPLIMENTS

I'm devoting the first article to compliments because they can be so powerful - in both good and bad ways. You see, guys will sometimes try to pay a compliment and end up with a stinging face im-

printed with their chick's hand. Compliments can be so subtle and make her feel on top of the world. Often times the subtle compliments are unintentional, and therefore, mean the most. My friends, should you master the art of *intentional* subtle compliments, you will have more women after you than you'd like. However, you'll soon lose them if you don't apply the rest of this column.

Subtle Compliments

You have made subtle compliments to women before. Trust me. Every guy has and merely doesn't realize it, because it was unintentional. You see women have a low self-image and are very sensitive. They can be told they're beautiful by 20 different people and have one person tell them they're ugly, and they'll believe that one person. Yes, it's crazy and insane and doesn't follow through with sound logic, but nonetheless, it's true. Therefore, you guys can do wonders by making those subtle compliments.

By now you're probably about ready to rip this paper apart and start it on fire screaming, "Just tell me what a subtle compliment is already!" so to cease the rage and save a tree, I will.

A subtle compliment is something said not as a direct intended compliment like "you are so beautiful" but rather something that gives positive connotation to the chick. I realize I'm being quite confusing so I shall try to clarify matters by using examples.

Example 1

A couple of guys (which will remain anonymous, we'll refer to them as 'Jaret'

and 'Jay') took me golfing. While on the course, we came across a rickety old bench. They got this brilliant idea that they would try to break the bench. Jaret sat down first and the bench bowed considerably. Jay then sat down and the bench bowed even further and emitted a creaking sound. I was teeing off my ball when they urgently called me over. Their plea was an incessant, "Sit down and let's see if we can break the bench!" So being the kind friend that I am, I complied. I came over and sat down. Nothing happened. They immediately started making comments such as: "Whoa! Careful there, Hon! Don't put ALL your weight on it!" and "Boy, can't you tell the difference now?" and Jay went even as far as to suggest that Jaret get up and then sit down suddenly to see if I would go flying in the air.

Right there my friends, you have an example of a subtle compliment. You're thinking "How the heck was *that* a compliment and what in the world did it mean?!" Before your blood pressure rises any more than it already has, I shall enlighten you. The "subtle compliment" was simply that I was hungry. Like, duh!

Sincerity

But enough about subtle compliments. Let's discuss the sincerity of compliments. First off I would like to say just that: Guys, be sincere. Believe it or not, we CAN tell a difference. Like, is a girl really going to buy that comment on how nice she is when you ask her in the same breath to come over and cook for you? Get real! If you're going to go to the

trouble of saying something nice you might as well mean it, otherwise just save your breath.

Delivery and Wording

The delivery and wording of the compliment plays a major part in the acceptance. I cannot stress how important this is. Like, if you're going to compliment a chick on how she looks, you don't say, "You look great today!" You're probably wondering what could *possibly* be wrong with that statement. To ease your mind I will tell you (don't you just love me?). The end of the sentence. No, no, you moron!! NOT the exclamation mark! The last word in the sentence ('today') should be omitted. Why, you ask? Because we extremely intelligent and self-confident females will think, "Today, hmmm? I look great today. Well, that's just fine but then what the heck did I look like yesterday?!" Yes, it's extremely maddening and makes you want to drop-kick every female you come across and scream in their face, "Why can't you take a single *beep* (we will not swear in this column, use your imagination) compliment, you *beep*?!?!!"

Yet it is true, and if you desire to stay on their good side, take this idiotic advice (no, I did not say "this *idiot's* advice", I said "this *idiotic* advice" ... so shut up already).

Have any questions, comments? Let L. Lane solve any of your traumatic problems, or share your naughty stories. E-Mail at jrlaville@dmacc.cc.ia.us

The Front Row

By Janet Morlan, Bear Facts Staff

Varsity Blues, another retro film by MTV and director Brian Robbins, brings yet another view to the high-school coming of age genre. Set in the small Texas town of West Caanan, seven seniors struggle to fulfill their aspirations of college and leaving behind their football-crazed town as well as their tyrannical coach. Unfortunately, this fun-driven movie leaves you with no surprises.

The story is about a group of childhood friends during the football season of their senior year. The story revolves around Jonathan Moxon, played by *Dawson's Creek* star James Van Der Beek, who dreams of moving on to bigger and better things. He only plays football to satisfy his father and for the sake of tradition. Therefore, he is perfectly content in playing second string to his best friend and star quarterback Lance Harbor (played by Paul Walker). But once Harbor hurts his leg, Moxon finds himself in the limelight, leading the team towards the division championship.



The problem ends up being the antagonistic coach, Jon Voight (*Mission Impossible*) who has his sights set on his 23rd division title. To get it, he is willing to walk over his players and the town. But Moxon isn't afraid to stand up for what he believes in.

This film does its best to show the wild, untamed side, as well as the serious side of high-school. However predictable and largely over-done that the movie may be, the characters are well-developed and well-portrayed.

The biggest highlight however would have to be the portrayal of the small town and its obsession with high-school football. Football is so important to this town that they produce billboards plastered with the face of the current star quarterback.

The men sit around and watch football practice, and the law won't penalize any players in fear of costing the town the division title.

But most commonly is the coaches brutal, and often-extreme treatment of his players. The coach's drive to win finds him crushing everything and anyone who gets in his way. He goes as far as to threaten a student's scholarship if the student doesn't do exactly what he's told.

It's these points that make this movie sincere, however, these points just weren't enough to overpower the insincere content. The beer party in which the loveable Billy Bob, played perfectly by Ron Lester (*Good Burger*) vomits in a washing machine. Another scene includes one of the football players, Tweeder, performed by Scott Caan (*Enemy of the State*) stealing a police car and driving around in the nude along with three other girls who are also nude.

Since we are on the subject, the excessive amount of sexual activity proved to be a little over-bearing. With a whipped-cream bikini and a teacher who works at a strip club, the movie's heart seemed to slowly dwindle.

However slowly the movie's heart faded away, it constantly fought to return. Its intentions were the basis of doing the right thing, but with some of the scenes described above, it was hard to believe.

Keeping in mind that the acting and sports sequences were excellent, the movie still lacked in substance. Unfortunately, these type of movies are hard to make realistic and solid; it kept reminding me of *All the Right Moves* meets *American Graffiti*. Therefore I recommend this movie as one worth seeing if you want something with no substance but an enjoyable ride, and if you have no other options. This movie, though it tried hard, gets ranked as a low movie*

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Off the Beaten Path



Steak for a buck



By Olivia Hoff
Bear Facts Staff

Where should we go? It's a question that is pondered daily when people want to eat. Knowing that not all of the students attending DMACC are familiar with the Boone area, I've decided to start a column. I've taken it upon myself to do the hunting, find the best places in town. But not just the best places, I've decided to find the *secret* places--the places you've never heard of before.

I want to be able to introduce other options to the students of DMACC when they are hit with the question "Where should we go?" I hope to find restaurants that will appeal to everyone--the burger nut, the vegetarian, the steak and potatoes lover, and the light-luncher. I hope to convince you to stray from your path of monotony and try something new.

How many students know this scenario? It's a Tuesday night, and there's nothing to do. The two obvious options are going to a movie or going out to eat. The movie is shot down, because everyone has seen all the good ones, and the rest are best suited for rental material. So, it's decided that dinner will be the entertainment of choice. A battle ensues. Where will you eat?

There are the standard options of Perkins or Country Kitchen, but you've eaten so many chicken strips that you're beginning to molt. Applebees and Red Lobster are out of the question, because not many college kids can afford such a pricey meal. What will you do? Will you preen your feathers and spend another night at Perkins? Or will you break open your piggy bank and spend more on one night than you do on an entire week?

How would you like another option? What if I told you there was a "secret" place in Iowa that serves steak for a buck? You probably would not believe me. I do, however, speak the truth. Well, kind of. The steak comes in the form of a steak burger, but this is nothing like the thin gray object you find between the halves of a bun at Burger King.

I'm talking about a real, honest-to-goodness, fat, juicy, ground *steak* burger. Now, you're probably scanning back up the column to reread that part about the dollar. Yes, you can get this luscious piece of meat for just one dollar. So, you ask, what's the catch? Buy one for ten bucks, get one for a dollar? Is there a

minimum purchase of twenty? Or maybe the offer is a one-time deal.

The truth is the deal is every Tuesday night without a catch, unless you count the 25 cents they tack on if you sit in the dining room, but what's an extra quarter when you're only paying a dollar?

Are you dying to know where this fabulous restaurant is? Well, I'm getting to that. Have you ever heard of Gilbert, Iowa? I know...I know, not many people have. The population of the town is only about 800 people, but it houses a little restaurant called *The Open Flame*. Now, *The Flame* is not typically a burger joint. They deal mostly in steaks, but one night a weeks it's a burger mad-house.

So, if burgers aren't your cup of tea, the menu offers a variety of reasonably priced items. They serve steaks (ribeyes, Iowa top sirloins, and beef filets), a grilled cheese, or grilled ham and cheese, a variety of other sandwiches, a fairly standard selection of appetizers, and on Friday through Saturday they serve prime rib. Prices are not outrageous when compared to other steak houses, and a couple can have a full meal (excluding a bar tab) for approximately \$20.

Okay, so now you know all about *The Flame*. So, how do you get there, right? Well, if you follow Highway 69 out of Ames (that runs past the North Grand Mall) and head north, you'll come upon a Casey's General Store five miles out of Ames. Hang a left at Casey's and follow the little blue signs that guide you right to *The Open Flame*. When you get there, say "hello" (you might even see the owner, as he had a tendency to come out and visit with his customers face to face), and tell them Olivia sent you.

Editor's Note: Hoff is a waitress at The Open Flame.



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Boone Campus women's basketball dropped

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

The shortened DMACC women's basketball season reads like a daytime soap opera. Since the beginning of the season, the women who agreed to put their talent and efforts on the basketball court have seen one drawback after another. Now, half way into the season, the Women's Bears team is no more.

Before the summer of 1998, it looked as if things would go smoothly. Central administration approved additional athletic funding to offer superior players full ride scholarships to play at DMACC. With this change, a coach had the opportunity to offer talent the same benefits other schools could. Unfortunately, the first blow to the program hit when the school was unable to find a full-time head coach to recruit and offer team stability.

Without a coach, it was difficult to keep talented players interested in playing for the school. Eventually, by the middle of the summer, most scholarship players dropped DMACC to play for other community colleges with a stable program and the promise of a full time coach.

In July, DMACC athletic director Terry Jamieson accepted the women's head coaching job to go along with the position of men's Head Coach that he currently held. By this time, the recruiting season was over, and Jamieson had to rely on the chance that there would be enough walk-ons to compete. Nine women answered his call. Jamieson now had the responsibility of putting his small women's team against opponents with heavy recruiting bases and large player turnouts.

The lack of numbers was a big problem in the first six games of the season. A team of only nine didn't allow for a large number of substitutions. By the end of the third quarter of most games, it was obvious the players were exceedingly run down. This, and the lack of big name players were the two main factors responsible for an 0-6 start, with the Bears getting beat by an average of 40 points a game.

Frustration set in. Though the majority of the players wanted to continue to play, confidence was down. Eventually, one player quit the team, leaving the women with only eight to play their next game. Even with eight players, things began to look up. The women not only won their first game, but they won by a large margin. For the first time all season, the DMACC women had dominated their opponent.

It seemed as if the confidence was back, and that the women had immensely improved. Once again, though, things collapsed. At a team meeting the next day, the topic of calling it quits was brought up. This was a topic that had loomed in the players' minds the past few games. One player quit at the meeting, leaving a team of seven. The biggest hit came next. Three players were found to be ineligible due to grades. With only four players remaining, the team had no choice but to forfeit the rest of the season.

"I respect the women for their decision," Jamieson commented. "The outside world has to ask the question: Would you have continued to play when theoretically you had no chance of winning a game?"

Jamieson regarded the problems associated with the women's basketball team as ongoing. The past three seasons, this one included, the women's basketball program has had a record of 6-81. Lack of a dedicated coach seems to be the main reason for this record, a problem that has yet to be solved. Although the school has been advertising the coaching position for next season for over a month, they have yet to find one.

As for this year's team, according to sophomore forward Kelli Busch, a majority of the women still want to play. Busch commented that Jamieson has made attempts to initiate pick-up games, and even set up a scrimmage with Ankeny cam-

pus's intramural program. Busch also pointed out that, without an organized team, things such as class and work schedules hinder these plans.

"Coach wants us to play," Busch commented. "We try to get together, but we can't always do it. It's not first on our list anymore."

Who knows what could have happened if the team had ventured on. Realistically, they may have won a few more games, but the deck was obviously stacked against them. Regardless of what others think, the team feels they made the right decision. One can only hope for a positive change for next season, for the sake of the players.

DMACC Bears Scoreboard

January 8
Special K 82 DMACC 97

Andy Carrel went 6-10 on three point shots, finishing with a team high 23 points. Carrel also led the team in rebounds with 7.

January 9
DMACC 87 North Central Missouri 97
Josh Henderson led all DMACC scorers with 18, including a perfect 6 for 6 from the free throw line. NCMC out-rebounded the bears 35-24.

January 11
Marshalltown 72 DMACC 49
Marshalltown sunk 21 of 38 free-throw attempts compared to only 4 of 8 for the Bears. Nick Greiner led the Bears with 12 points. Andy Carrel had 9 rebounds.

January 12
DMACC 94 Clinton 78
Rusty Hicks and Andy Carrel each obtained double-doubles. Hicks had 14 points and 12 assists, and Carrel had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Joey Hupp led DMACC scorers with 29. The Bears out-rebounded Clinton 42-25.

January 13
DMACC 75 Graceland 60
Andy Carrel led the Bears with 17 points, including 3-6 from three-point land, and

13 rebounds. Josh Henderson also had 17 points, and Rusty Hicks added 11.

January 15
DMACC 80 Wentworth 84
Andy Carrel hit for 6 of 11 three pointers to lead the team with 20 points. Carrel also led the team with 14 rebounds. Nick Greiner had 13 points, and Rusty Hicks added 11.

January 16
DMACC 63 Iowa Central 97
Iowa Central hit on 27 of 41 free-throws, while DMACC went 5 for 9. Paul Christenson and Andy Carrel each had 12 points. Iowa Central made 55% from the field, and 57% from beyond the three point arch.

January 17
DMACC 67 Iowa Lakes 94
Andy Carrel led the Bears with 25, including hitting 3-5 three pointers. Nick Peasley was second for the Bears in scoring with 14 including 4 of 7 three pointers.

January 20
DMACC 49 Waldorf 81
Waldorf out-rebounded the Bears 43 to 33, and hit 22 of 29 free-throws. Nick Greiner led DMACC scorers with, and Paul Christenson led the team with 6 rebounds.

Upcoming DMACC men's basketball games

January 27	Home	Central College	7:00
January 30	Away	North Iowa	8:00
February 3	Away	Kirkwood	8:00
February 6	Away	Iowa Lakes	7:00
February 8	Home	Ellsworth	8:00
February 10	Home	North Central	8:00
February 13	Home	Waldorf	3:00
February 15	Home	Marshalltown	8:00
February 22	Home	Kirkwood	8:00
February 24	Home	Iowa Central	8:00

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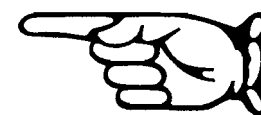
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Talk Back



By Chad Lowe

What was the most exciting thing you did over the holidays?



Kelly Johns



Colby Daws



Brian Koch



Rhonda Schmidt

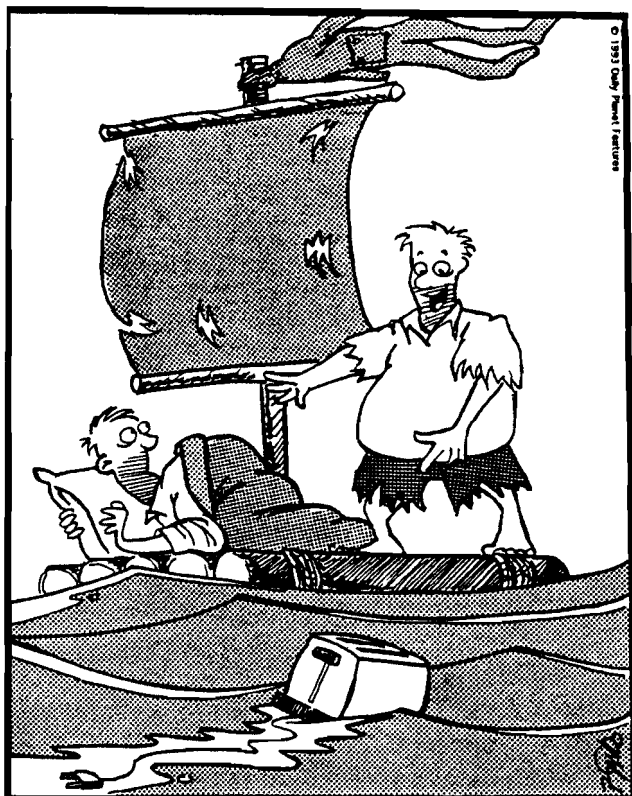
"My friend Amy came to town, who I hadn't seen for a long time."

"I went to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona."

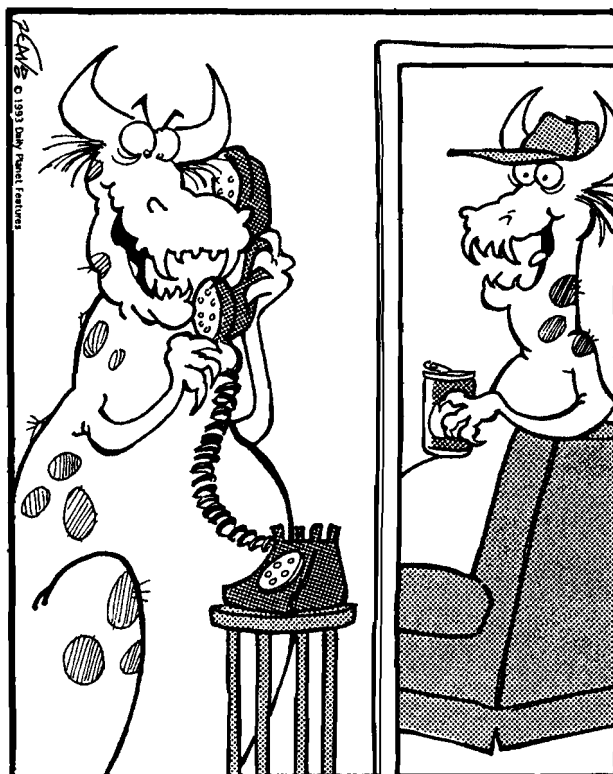
"I went to the Mall of America in Minnesota."

"I had my wisdom teeth pulled over break."

Chaos by Brian Shuster



"Hal, Hal, wake up! . . . Now if we can only find a plug."



"What toppings? It doesn't matter to me. Just be sure to send the fattest delivery boy you've got."



"Hey, guys, before you finish that, why don't you take a look at this."