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"Voices from the Boone Campus"

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# DMACC Boone Campus *BANNER*

## DMACC tuition increases--again

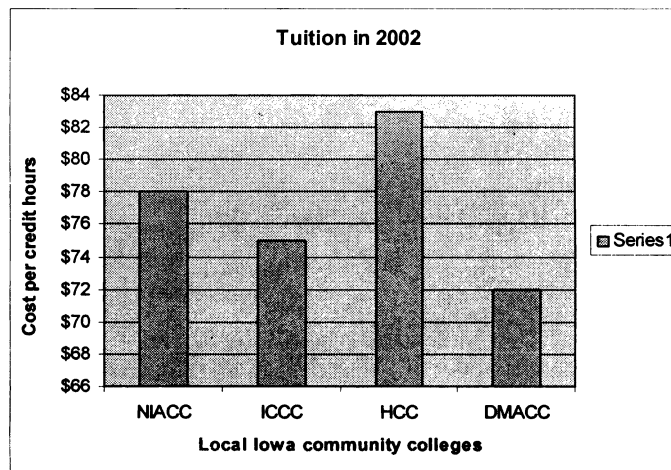
**Ben Carstens**  
*Banner Staff*

Tuition at DMACC has gone up three times in the past year. In July of 2001 the tuition went up to \$67 per credit hour, \$70 in January of 2002, and \$72 this past July. The reason for these increases stems from the decrease in state funding.

In the past year the 16 community colleges in Iowa have taken close to a \$10 million cut in state funding. Due to this, legislators have forced colleges to shift more of the cost onto the students and their families. A \$9.3 million increase was needed this year for the two-year colleges to meet their commitments; instead legislators decided to cut the

existing budget.

This fall, Iowa community college students have paid tuition that is 50 percent higher than the national average. Students at Iowa Central Community College are paying \$75 per credit hour this semester; NIACC students are paying \$78; and \$83 for students attending Hawkeye Community College. DMACC boasts the cheapest



tuition of all 16 colleges this semester at \$72.

Although the tuition has been raised three times the past year, not many students seem to mind. Students seem to think that \$5 more a credit hour isn't anything to start trouble over for a quality education. When asked what he thought of the increase, DMACC freshman student Brent DeRocher said, "I like it. It's cheaper than I paid at Iowa State last semester."

Sophomore student Jeff Collins stated, "I didn't even notice an increase."

## DMACC celebrates year of the United Kingdom

**Jennie Yates**  
*Banner Staff*

In an area slightly smaller than Oregon live 59.6 million people. These people live in the country that DMACC is focusing its attention on. This year is the year of the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom is a European nation. It is an island country located just northeast of France between the North and Celtic Seas. The four major countries that make up the United Kingdom are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The union of these four nations started back in 1284 when Wales and England agreed to join together. In 1707 England and Scotland agreed to a permanent union as Great Britain. Finally, in 1801 Ireland joined with the three nations to create, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. However in 1921 Ireland was taken out but six northern Irish counties remained part of the United Kingdom as Northern Ireland.

Activities for the fall will start on Sept. 23 and go through Oct. 4. Four can be attended on the Boone Campus.



On Monday, Sept. 23, Colin Speakerman will be speaking about DMACC's study abroad program over the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). The program will start at 1:30 p.m. and will finish at 2:30 p.m.

One week later on Sept. 30, Tom  
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## New dean hired for Boone Campus

**Darin Longman**  
*Banner Staff*

Returning DMACC students might already be familiar with the teachers and faculty roaming the halls everyday. This year, however, there is a new face among the crowd. The new dean, Vivian Brandmeyer.

Although she is new to this position, Brandmeyer is by no means a stranger to DMACC, or to being an educator herself. She has prior experience as an instructor. Her first position at DMACC was in 1974 where she taught business classes for the school. In 1994 she moved to the Ankeny campus to be an academic dean.

Brandmeyer is in charge of supervising the faculty and staff. This includes programming the areas for curriculum. The dean is also responsible for the facilities at the Boone Campus.

She is an Alexander, Iowa native, but has lived in Boone for many years. This is one of the reasons that she chose to take the position here.

"My husband and I have lived in Boone for nearly 35 years. I think Boone is a great community and a good place to live. I have a very strong attachment to Des Moines Area Community College, and I think it serves the community and it serves the students very well," said Brandmeyer.

She also has a strong attachment to her grandchildren. She considers being a



**Vivian Brandmeyer**  
Boone Campus Executive Dean

grandmother one of her hobbies, along side golfing with her husband. "They keep me busy. Being grandma has been probably my party for the last

couple of years outside of my work here at DMACC."

Brandmeyer also said that her experience here at DMACC in her various roles has been a positive one. "I think the students teach me a lot. The faculty teaches me a lot, so I have learned a great deal from both sides."

"Students in their eagerness to meet their educational goals and faculty in their individual disciplines contribute a great deal. In that they are current with what they teach and have a real passion for student learning."

She said she shares the faculty's passion for learning. "I love education. I think it's a great field to be in. I think school should be fun and learning should be fun."

CAUTION

# You may be reading a banned book

Patrick Valdez  
Banner Staff

Did you know that your favorite work of literature might be a banned book?

September 21-28 is Banned Book Week, sponsored by the American Library Association. Banned Book Week was created to bring attention to works of literature that have been challenged for containing offensive or objectionable material and books that have been outright banned from school and public libraries across the country. These books in question were to be pulled from the shelves.

But what exactly is considered offensive or objectionable?

According to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, a watchdog group that monitors things such as book banning, between 1990 and 2000, 6364 challenges were issued against books in the U.S. Out of those challenges:

1607 were due to "sexually explicit material"

1427 were to materials considered to contain "offensive language"

1256 were to materials considered "unsuited to age group"

842 were to materials with an "occult theme or promoting the occult or Satanism"

737 were to materials considered to be "violent"

515 were to materials with homosexual themes

419 were to materials that were "promoting a religious viewpoint"

317 were to materials containing "nudity"

267 were to materials containing "racism"

224 were to material dealing with "sex education"

202 were to material that was consid-

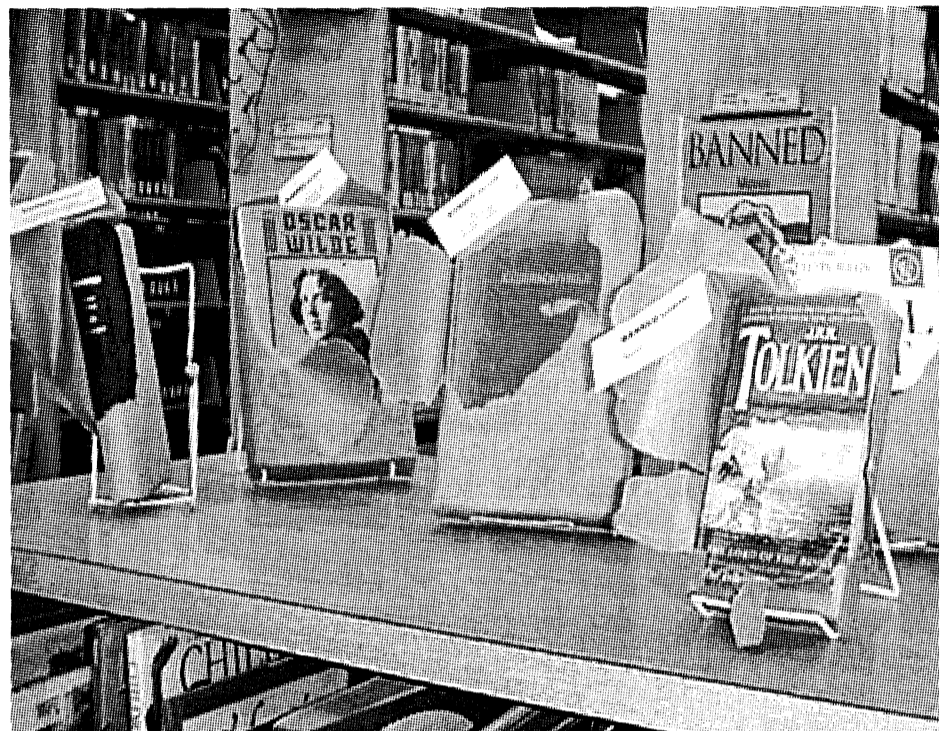


photo by Robbie Maass

The Banned Book Week display can be found in the Boone campus library.

ered "anti-family"

One of the more recent and famous book challenges has to do with J.K. Rowling's **Harry Potter** series.

Some Christian organizations consider the book to be Satanic and pro-occult, since it has to do with magic and wizardry. Some religious groups have even held protest rallies where Harry Potter materials were burned in a bonfire. Some school districts cancelled scheduled field trips to view the recent Harry Potter movie due to objections by parents.

Some of the most famous works of literature of all time have not escaped being challenged. They include:

**Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck was challenged for using offensive language, racism, violence and being unsuited to age group

**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou was challenged for sexual content, racism, offensive language, violence and being unsuited to age group

**Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain was challenged for promoting racism

**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle was challenged for promoting New Ageism

**To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee was challenged for promoting racism

You can find more information about banned books by visiting the American Library Association's Banned Book Week website at [www.ala.org/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/bbooks) or stop by the Boone Campus library and check out the Banned Book Week display.

# SAC seeks candidates

Lara Yungclas  
Banner Staff

The laid back days of high school have come and gone, as well as the various activities students enjoyed and clubs and teams that were once part of the daily routine.

Now that the college years have started does not mean that students can no longer be involved with their school. The Student Activities Council is looking for qualified, ambitious and imaginative Boone students to serve on this board. "This is where students get their voices heard," stated Lori DeJong Slight, head of the SAC.

Members of the board are key players in campus activities. Planning socials, entertainment, exhibitions and more is the role of the "primary" student body representatives. Not only are the SAC members the party planners, but they are given the chance to take part in the democratic process. Short business meetings are held biweekly and the subsidiary boards meet as needed.

To become a member, students need to fill out an application along with submitting a petition of signatures endorsing the candidate at-large. Nominations and petitions may be obtained from Lori DeJong-Slight in the volleyball office or from the Advising and Counseling offices located in the main office. The completed petitions must be returned by Friday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. All the candidates will be announced on Monday, Sept. 24.

All students are encouraged to vote in the Courter Center on Sept. 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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# Christian prayer group to meet weekly

**Kristen Sampson**  
Banner Staff

DMACC freshman Sara Hart is going to be holding a Christian prayer group every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the L.W. Courtier Center. During this time, she plans on having a bible study with discussions and general prayer. "I am Catholic, but it's nice to hear other people's viewpoints no matter what denomination or religion they are," Sara stated. She plans on the prayer and discussion to last for about forty-five minutes followed by rosary (a time for meditation and prayer with beads). She is going to have the rosary separate from the discussion so everyone feels welcome, but non-Catholics are invited to stay if they want to learn more about rosary. "We're not

going to judge anyone, this is just a really good way to meet some people with similar interests," Sara said.

This isn't anything too new for this former Ames High graduate. Throughout high school she was in a similar group and really enjoyed it. When asked about her previous group interaction, Sara responded "I want to focus on the similarities between our religions, rather than our differences; because we are all brothers and sisters in Christ." Sara plans on meeting once a week for the rest of this school year, except maybe changing the times for second semester. If students are interested in participating, the group will meet at the northwest couches in the commons area.

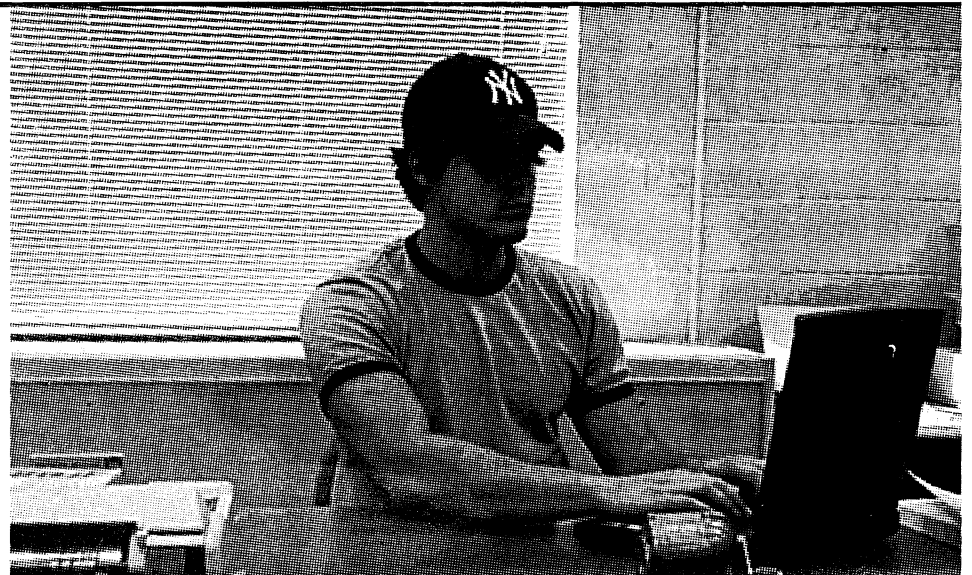


photo by Lara Yungclas

Editor-in Chief Robbie Maass is hard at work on the Banner's latest issue.

# Tutoring services available

**J. Yungclas**  
Banner Staff

It's already the fourth week of school. You have found that your math class is getting a little harder than you expected. Need a little extra help? The Academic Achievement Center is here to help you.

The AAC offers a tutoring service that is free to all students. Besides the staff in the AAC, they have certified tutors in your area of need. The process is easy. Just stop by the AAC and sign up for a tutor in the area you need help in. After you get the name and number of a tutor, you set up your own arrangements with them that will work with both you and

your tutor's schedule.

If you are looking to become a tutor, you first must qualify for work study in order to get paid. "We are always looking for good tutors," Jinny Silberhorn told the Banner, "most specifically needed in math, accounting, chemistry, physics, French, Spanish and computer science." To be a tutor you must have instructor approval and have obtained an A or B in the class.

Any questions in regards to finding or becoming a tutor, contact Jinny Silberhorn at 433-5098 or in the Academic Achievement Center, room 102.

# Banner graced by new Editor-in Chief

**Lara Yungclas**  
Banner Staff

The 2002 Fall Banner issues are now covering the tables in the Courter Center, benches in the halls and in the hands of DMACC students. Without the editor-in-chief, the Banner would not be possible.

The Editor-in Chief is responsible for organizing the bi-weekly paper, assigning stories, editing stories and making sure the paper is done on time and run smoothly.

This year's Editor-in-Chief, Robbie Maass, is more than just an overworked journalist and student. Maass has been a student at DMACC since fall 2001 and active with the Banner staff since 2002 spring semester.

When asked to assume the duties of Editor-in Chief, Maass jumped on the opportunity to expand his leadership qualities. Copy editor Jason Mortvedt describes Robbie Maass as "a good leader and fun to work with."

A 2002 graduate of South Hamilton High School in Jewell, Maass is a well-rounded kid. His future contains many adventurous dreams. After finishing up at DMACC, Robbie plans to continue his education somewhere out West to study acting and film.

Maass said, "Someday I would like to move to California and become an actor." Some of his hobbies include going to football games, reading newspapers, studying film, and playing flag football.

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# Local music needs support

Adam Sisson  
Banner Staff

We had been traveling for several hours when smoke began billowing from the hood of the Chevy Astro van. Still two hours from the Quad Cities, we pulled onto the edge of an interstate median and climbed out of the van. Our driver opened up the hood, letting the last of the smoke escape. We checked the oil and found that there wasn't any left in the engine. Even with our limited amount of mechanical knowledge, we could tell this wasn't good. All six of us, five members of the band and one roadie sat in the grass in between the east and west lanes of I-80. Luckily we had a cell phone and called a friend who was already at the venue. She came to our rescue in a Ford Taurus. We fit seven people, two amps, two guitars, a drum set and several backpacks into this car for the most uncomfortable ride of my life. When we got to the show we set up and played our set, which almost no one enjoyed. Eventually the rest of bands played and at the end of the night we received \$50 for our troubles. Now we were left with the unfortunate task of getting back to Ames with a broken van.

As a member of a local band, I can say that experiences such as the one mentioned above are quite commonplace. Not only for my band, but for nearly

every local music group ever conceived from a basement or a garage. Almost all the songs we listen to started with a group of people who set about to make their way into the world of music. Some make it big and eventually their songs permeate the airwaves, but the majority of bands do not. Most bands either do not have the talent required to make it big, come about at the wrong time, or break apart due to the bands own internal conflicts. A small number of them stay together, and out of that percentage even fewer see their efforts come to fruition.

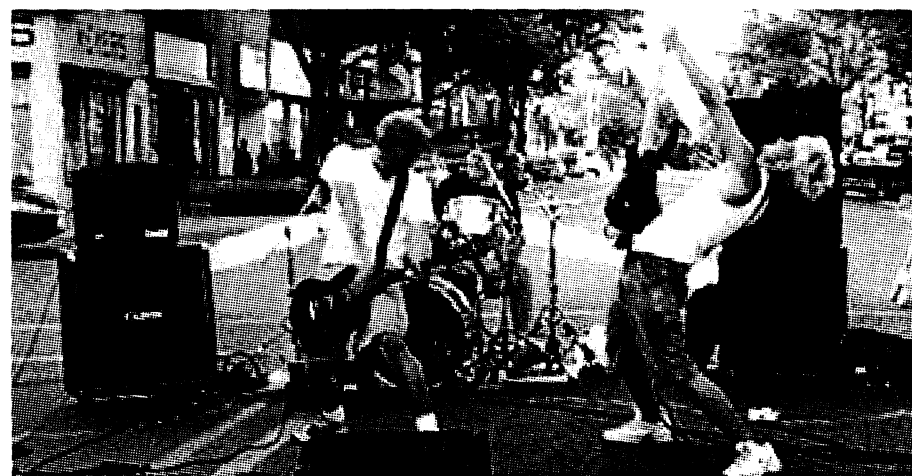
It is not impossible for a local band to make it out of their respective hometown, though. 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel, a band from Gilbert and Ames, was recently signed to a rather large record company. They now tour the country and play their music in front of huge crowds of screaming fans. And to think the lead singer used to take classes here at DMACC.

Students can support local bands by attending their concerts and shows. Building a fan base is one of the best ways a band can become recognized. If the band is talented, people will come to the next show they play, and possibly bring along potential new fans. Friends tell friends about the new band they heard and soon shows are packed out. CDs are sold and money is made, new shows are offered. Once again, the fan

base grows. At the beginning, getting information to potential fans is a hard process, taking a great deal of time and resources. Located to the right is a list of several local music groups, following the name of the band is their web address. On most of the web sites, upcoming shows are posted. (Apologies to any bands not listed.)

Students looking for something different to do this weekend should check out the sites listed for any shows in the area. Next, go to the shows and support the bands, buy a t-shirt or CD. Usually, you won't be disappointed.

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The guys from Level Headed play in downtown Boone before a street audience.

## Voodoo Glow Skulls light up the M-Shop

Darin Longman  
Banner Staff

The supporters of real punk came out to play at the M-Shop on September 9 to witness the combined musical antics of Johnny on the Rocks, The Groovie Ghoulies, and The Voodoo Glow Skulls. Iowa's underground punk scene would not be disappointed.

The first band that made their way on the stage was Johnny on the Rocks. These guys played through their entire set and kept joking in

between songs to a lukewarm crowd response.

The Groovie Ghoulies on the other hand played through a blistering set of many of their fifties influenced punk hits. They asked the crowd to rock and roll with them and there wasn't a single soul that neglected to heed the call.

Finally the headliner, The Voodoo Glow Skulls took the stage and brought their Thrash/Ska/latino/Punk rock stylings to the M-shop crowd. They immediately broke into

"Insubordination", a favorite among the crowd, which had a similar beginning to Ozzy's "Crazy Train". Another highlight of the show was when the lead singer pulled out a staff with a burning skull while singing "El Coool". The So Cal band blazed through some of their other tunes like "Shoot the Moon" and a cover of "Charlie Brown".

The Voodoo Glow Skulls established themselves as master showmen and their performance will give the punk community here something to talk about for along time.



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### September 20:

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Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever

The Four Feathers  
Apollo 13 (IMAX)

### September 27:

Sweet Home Alabama  
The Tuxedo  
Moonlight Mile  
Skins

Just a Kiss

Crazy as Hell

Biggie and Tupac

Fridley

Theatre:

### Boone

September 19-20

Swimfan

7:00p.m. 9:00p.m.

Minority Report

(ends Thursday)

7:00p.m.

[check local listings for times and dates]

# Tom Green a success in "Stealing Harvard"

Jason Mortvedt  
Banner Staff

Action-packed, drama, comedy, satire, mystery, thriller. My name is Jason Mortvedt and I'm the new movie-reviewer for the DMACC Banner. My job is to provide students with a fresh look into a new movie that I've sat through and give my opinion on it.

This week I chose to review "Stealing Harvard," a kind of off-the-wall comedy with some random parts thrown into it. I went into the movie not knowing what to expect because of Tom Green's terrible performance in "Freddy Got Fingered," and Jason Lee (Chasing Amy, Mallrats) in his first role as the main character. For those who haven't seen this movie yet, I see it as a cross between "There's Something About Mary" and "Half Baked" (only without all the drugs).

This movie starts off with John (Jason Lee, also the narrator) explaining his life to the audience. John works as an Assistant Manager at a home hospital medical supplies store called Homespital. Coincidentally, his boss Mr. Warner (Dennis Farina) just happens to be his girlfriend's father. John and Mr. Warner don't get along at all. Warner believes that John is no good and that he and his daughter, Elaine (Leslie Mann, "Big Daddy") shouldn't have sex until they're married. But, on the contrary, John is a good boyfriend with good intentions, and he and Elaine (who cry's during sex) have sex all the time.

The plot of the story really gets going when John gets a call from his sister Patty (Megan Mullally) reminding him about his promise to his niece, Noreen, that he

would pay for her college if she ever went. Well low and behold she got accepted into Harvard law school. Noreen is actually a normal girl considering her mother, Patty, is somewhat of a slut. Because Noreen saved almost enough money for college, John only has to dish out \$30,000. At this same time in the movie, John finds out that he and his girlfriend have just saved up enough money to put a down payment on a house, so now they can get married. The only problem is that the down payment was exactly \$30,006. John can't bring himself to tell Elaine about paying for Noreen's college, so he turns to his old friend Duff (Tom Green) for some advice to get money. Duff lives with his mother in the garage, and is a pretty high-strung character in this movie (go figure). He also owns his own low-maintenance company "Landscape

Escape," which consists of Duff going to houses and replacing new flower bushes with dead ones.

Throughout most of the movie, Duff takes John on a series of adventures in trying to get a hold of the money, including: breaking into one of Duff's "clients" home to steal the money from a safe; robbing a liquor store, owned by Duff's uncle, that gets foiled by the cashier who nearly kills John and Duff with a shotgun; and then turning to an old high school dropout buddy who's a drug dealer and tries to rob a bank to get the money for John and Duff. All of these so-called plans fail miserably, and still leave John with no money to give to his niece. Feeling pressured, John tells his girlfriend about the money problem and they compromise to steal it from her father's office. In the end, John and Elaine get married in their dream home,

and Noreen gets to go to Harvard

In Tom Green's third major movie role, he finds redemption on the big screen from his last failure in "Freddy Got Fingered." A lot of movie reviewers gave "Stealing" a bad rap because it "lacked the comedy that they were used to." But I say that that's not fair, this movie is no different than "Mallrats," or "Billy Madison." I believe it deserves it's place on the shelf next to movies like, "Office Space"...or at least to have a good review written about it.

## Weekly DVD Releases

### September 10:

Changing Lanes  
The Count of Monte Cristo  
Ratcatcher

### September 17:

40 days 40 nights  
Death to Smoochy  
Flirting

Frailty  
Hollywood Ending  
Kissing Jessica Stein  
Kovaanisqatsi  
Monsters, Inc.

### September 24:

Boomerang  
Grease  
Heavenly Creatures  
Monsoon Wedding  
Murder by Numbers  
Stolen Summer  
Swingers  
Trading Places

## DVD Recommendation for September: "Major League"

Jason Mortvedt  
Banner Staff

As the end of Major League baseball nears, you have to think to yourself; "what am I going to do with my time now?" Well, have I got the answer for you! As one of the newly released DVD's of September, you can't help but take notice of the highly acclaimed 1980's movie, "Major League." This one of a kind flick was the beginning of the sport-based movie chain that continued with other

movies like "Necessary Roughness."

In case you're completely oblivious to one of the most popular sport-based movies around, here's the 4-1-1. "Major League" is a story about the bottom-of-the-bucket ranked Cleveland Indians. The owner is sick of her team losing, so she makes a deal with a town in Florida to take last place at the end of the season for more money. In order to do that, she recruits the worst players from other teams, such as: Pedro

Cerrano (known for his large amount of strikeouts); Roger Dorn and his inability to get along with other players; a player from the slammer (Charlie Sheen) a.k.a "Wild Thing;" and even the never-before-heard-of speed sensation Willy Mays Hays (Wesley Snipes).

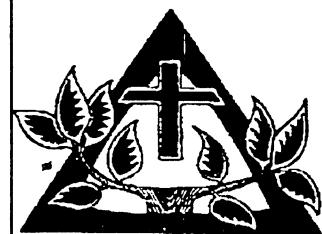
Note: none of the players or coaches have any idea of the plan to move to Florida and lose their jobs if they get last place. When the season begins, none of the players can get along, and their skills are a lit-

tle....let's just say not what they used to be. The pitcher known as "Wild Thing" can't keep his 95 mph arm under control; the third baseman Roger Dorn can't seem to stay in front of the ball, (hence the ever popular quote: "don't give me that ole crap."); and the old-timer veteran catcher Jake (Tom Beringer) suffers throughout the movie because of his terrible knee's. Mid-season rolls around, and the team is down because of the lack of wins. They end up finding out that at the end of

the year they are going to lose their jobs if they don't get first place (win the penant) in their league. With that as motivation, they decide to put their differences aside and come together as a team.

"Major League" has become a classic. From it came the popular quote used today: "Take one for the team Dorn." For those who haven't had a chance to see "Major League," it's full of hilarious scenes and well worth the hour and a half.

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## The way I see it

**Ben Carstens**  
*Banner Staff*

Unless you were in a coma last weekend, you know that the two major universities in the state squared off on Saturday in Iowa City. And even though the better team won, and justice prevailed once again. I'm not going to sit here and gloat about the Cyclones victory. What I would like to discuss, however, is the ongoing battle of these two teams and the little things I've noticed through the years.

Ever since I was a little boy, my mother and father wrapped me in cardinal and gold and hauled me to Jack Trice Stadium to watch the Iowa State/Iowa game every other year. There's nothing I loved more than going to the game and cheering for the Clones. And even though we got our butts kicked year after year, I couldn't wait to get back to watch again. And as I've grown older and began to take the games more serious, I've noticed one thing, I cant stand Hawkeye fans. There's nothing on this earth that makes my blood curdle more than some black and gold.

Now I've got a family full of Hawkeye fans, and I've even looked past the flaws of a person or two to make friends with a Hawk fan, but I tell you what, when it comes down to it, give me a Clone fan any day. First of all, they aren't near as violent. We're just peaceful tailgaters. Why is it that every Iowa fan has to pick a fight with me after they get beat? Last year, I was harassed by two middle-aged Iowa fans that would have been more suited on an episode of Cops. And this year I was punched for wearing my cardinal and gold in Iowa City. Don't blame me for knowing how to pick a team.

And now to my next point, I can't stand Iowa City. Every time I enter that city I count the hours to when I can leave. The fans there are rude, and take a back seat to the friendly fans of Ames any day. Why would you want to have a team that wears black anyway? I mean its just depressing.

Now I know that I am bias, I love my team, and any good Hawkeye fan could point out many examples and reasons in the opposite direction, but hey this is my column, if you don't like it get your own. I do have to give Hawk fans credit; at least they pick a side. Nothing gets under my skin more than them neutral Iowans. Come on make a stand, if you cant, move to Idaho. It sounds kind of like Iowa; they just don't have any good sports teams worth mentioning.

Hey, this is just the way I see it, I could be wrong, but not likely.

**Robbie Maass**  
*Banner Staff*

Here we go again, beginning yet another semester at the wonderful school of DMACC. Well, beginning is probably not a good word seeing that we've already had four weeks of class, and most students have likely had a test or handful of assignments. Yes the students are probably sick of classes already, but this is the first issue of the Boone Banner so to our first time readers or returning students, welcome.

Last year I was the film critic for

## Hello there

the Banner but I hung up my ticket stubs to take the job of Editor-in-Chief. I'm not sure what I have got myself into, but so far so good. I say the chief is only as good as his staff and I'm sure my staff will put forth their best effort.

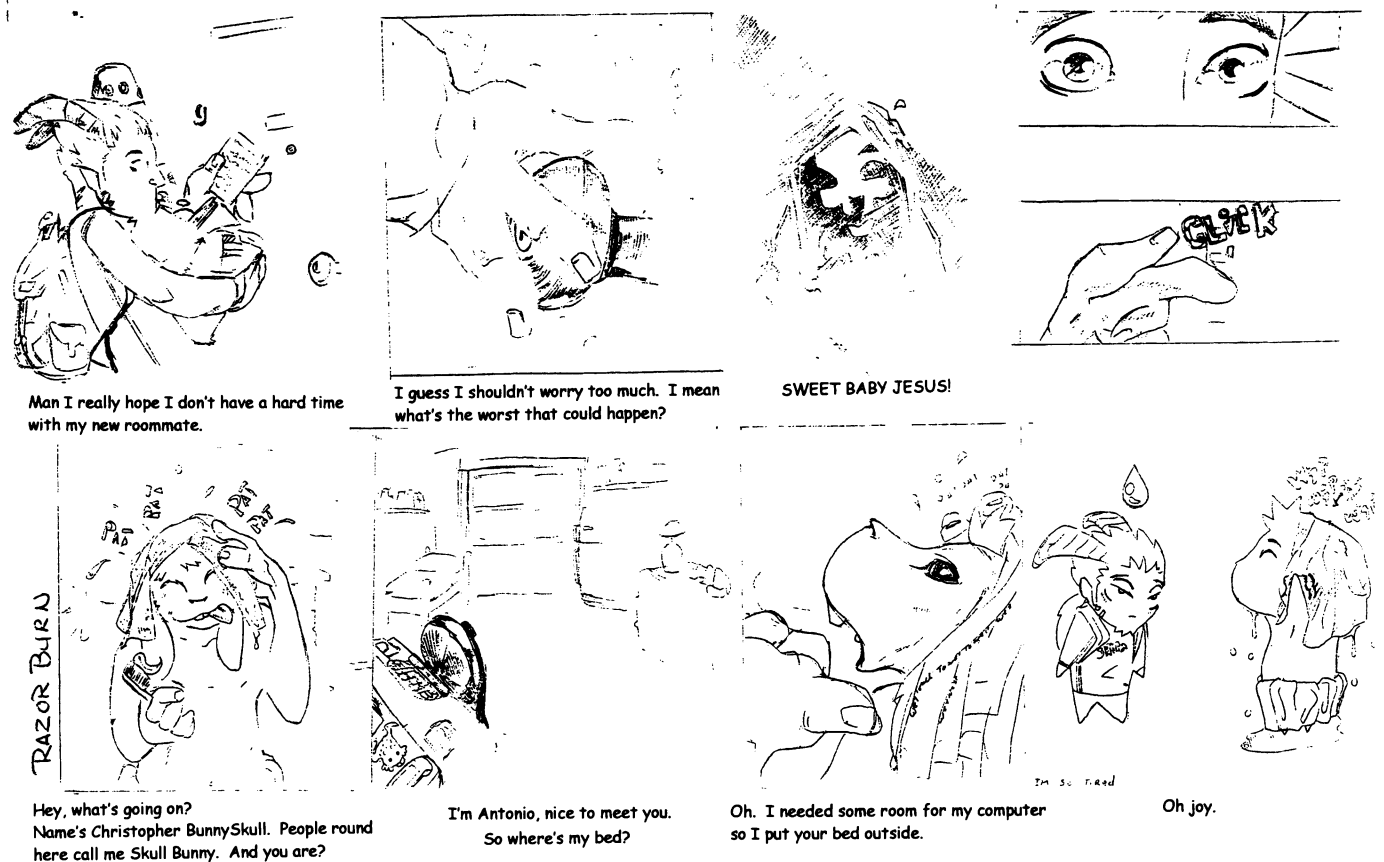
Here at the staff of the Boone Banner we want to make the students of the Boone campus aware of its happenings and events. We try to print what you would feel is important yet interesting. We are a staff of about nine writers but we are always looking for more. If you know of a story or something that we students

might like to read about stop by our office in room 219, we're always accepting suggestions and stories.

Now I realize the campus here in Boone is small, but that doesn't mean we don't have our fair share of events. That's why I encourage you to read the paper to find out what's going on and when, so you can become more involved with the school and your fellow students. DMACC is a stepping stone for most students preparing for a University, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy your stay.

## Razor Burn

*By Roberto*



# Ask Ms. T

**Teresa McCane**  
*Banner Staff*

What's up? The Banner staff is pleased to add an advice column, entitled "Ask Ms T."

This column is based on your anonymous e-mails. I am Teresa and I will appropriately answer your personal questions about love, relationships, and yes, even intimacy! If

you need good advice, with a little flava, e-mail me at [tamccane@dmacc.edu](mailto:tamccane@dmacc.edu)

Example: Dear Ms.T  
My best friend slept with my boyfriend! What should I do?  
Signed, Betrayed

Dear Betrayed,

Dry your eyes and move on! Men are like buses; one comes around every fifteen minutes! As for you girl, what goes around comes around!

P.S. Next time, pretend your man don't have it goin' on!

Signed,  
Ms. T.

# Volleyball team looks to take the next step

Ryan Makovsky  
Banner Staff

The DMACC volleyball team's rapid rise to one of the elite teams in their conference hit a bump in the road on Wednesday night, losing to Iowa Central three games to one; 28-30, 30-17, 26-30, 25-30. The loss dropped the Bears to 14-3 and 4-2 in conference play.

Despite the loss, however, the team's quick start this season has instilled an even higher level of confidence, and confidence they can beat any team they face.

With only three players returning from last year's team, the Bears' expectations to build on last year's success rests upon the incoming freshman.

Even with all the new faces, the team still set lofty goals, refusing to use youth as an excuse to lose. "I don't want to downplay the freshmen, we just have a good solid team," Coach Slight said of the freshman and their roles on the team.

**"We have eight players who can get the job done every night."**

*Coach Slight*

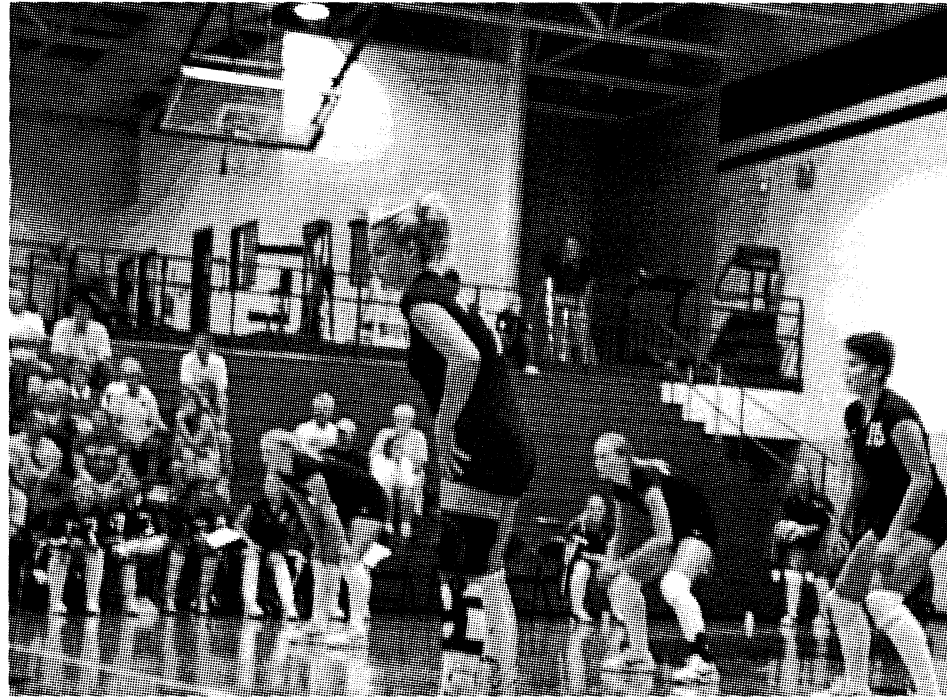
The high ratio of freshmen to sophomores has not had a negative effect on the team's chemistry, in fact, it may have brought the team closer together. "Not one player sticks out...we have eight players who can get the job done every night." This is the main reason Coach Slight has not anointed one player in particular as the team leader.

Her feeling is the whole team can get the job done better as a unit than as a team centralized around one or two players.

Between the three sophomores, only Jenny Trowbridge is on the floor all the time. However, her knee injury sustained last season limited her to about one-third of the team's games, further enhancing the need for team chemistry to make up for lack of experience.

In evidence to their fast start, the Bears are already half way to the same win total as last year's 28. With two-thirds of the season yet to go, exceeding that total is clearly in their sights. "This season has been incredible," Coach Slight said, "I couldn't be more happy about how things are going." She also mentioned blocking, serving, and hitting as the team's strong suits, and emphasized the determination and desire of her team.

She said that improvement is needed in some areas if they want to go deep into the post-season. With two-thirds left of the season, the kinks should be worked out, and count on the Bears to be primed to make a run deep into the post-season.



phot by Robbie Maass

The DMACC Volleyball Team prepares to return a serve against Iowa Central during last week's game. Above, (from left back) are Betsy Dunphy, Jennifer Trowbridge, and Iulia Porumbescu. In the forefront is Katie Carrels.

## QUALM COLUMN

Ryan Makovsky  
Banner Staff

### USA Basketball

As September 11 has now passed, the purpose of sports and the new perspective the athletes say they have on their profession seemed to be heartfelt and sincere. After the USA's sixth place finish in the World Championships late this summer, one has to wonder where their heart really was.

The USA basketball team has been dominant, undefeated in 58 games since the allowance to use NBA players on the national team in 1992. Although this team was not as imposing as previous teams assembled, the talent level was still far superior to any other team in the world. What cheese is to cheese cake, oil is to an engine, or notes are to a lecture, basketball is to the United States. It's the sport that defines our country.

Perhaps the most disturbing fact of our loss is the timing. In the wake of Sept. 11, there should have been sentimental motivation to win.

In a year where the U.S. fielded a hockey team and soccer team for world competition in which both squads exceeded all expectations by playing with extraordinary levels of emotion, compassion, and pride; the basketball team seemed to play with hollow hearts.

Many reasons, or excuses have been brought up by the basketball experts from ESPN, Sporting News, Fox Sports, etc. The only reason which may be valid is the point brought up by ESPN.com's Marc Stein after the basketball team's defeat at the hands of Spain in the fifth place game.

He points out that all the other countries best players are allowed to work with the best coaches in the country, learning the fundamentals and finer points of the game at an early age. While in the U.S., rules, and stipulations set by the NCAA make it impossible for college coaches to even talk to the players, let alone coach them until they reach the college level. Professional coaches don't even see the players until they make themselves eligible for the NBA.

Even through this, the sheer raw talent that the U.S. turns out is second to none in the world, bar none. Excuses can be made, reasons can explain the losses, but the bottom line is, the players didn't give one hundred percent.

The players cheated everyone who has and still is putting their life on the line to protect and maintain our status as the best in the world. The basketball team was supposed to do the same. Cheaters never win.

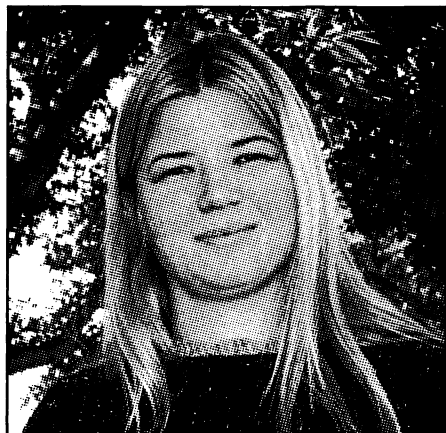
## 2002 DMACC Bears Volleyball Schedule

9-18	Waldorf.....	Forest City.....	6:00
9-19	Iowa Lakes.....	Boone.....	5:00
9-21	S.E. /Blackhawk....	Burlington.....	11:00
9-23	Marshalltown.....	Boone.....	6:30
9-26	Northeast/I.C.....	Fort Dodge.....	2:00
9-27	I.W. Tournament....	Council Bluffs....	4:30
9-28	I.W. Tournament....	Council Bluffs....	9:00
10-1	Ellsworth.....	Boone.....	6:00
10-8	IWCC/Waldorf.....	Boone.....	6:00
10-10	NIACC.....	Boone.....	6:30
10-11	Iowa Lakes.....	Estherville.....	5:00
10-16	Kirkwood.....	Boone.....	7:00
10-18	I.C. Tournament....	Ft. Dodge.....	4:30
10-19	I.C. Tournament....	Ft. Dodge.....	9:00
10-22	Indian Hills.....	Boone.....	7:00
10-23	Marshalltown.....	Marshalltown....	6:30
10-25	Southwestern.....	Creston.....	6:00
11-1	Con Tournament...	Forrest City.....	TBA
11-2	Con. Tournament...	Forrest City.....	TBA
11-7	NJCAA Nat. Champ.....		TBA

# The Other Side of the Courter

## Why did you choose DMAACC?

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**Karina Marcelino**

"To get an affordable education."



**Farhana Akhtar**

"Community colleges are smaller so it is easier to make friends."



**Colin Melton**

"Small classes make students feel more comfortable."



**Anita Tsun**

"It's cheaper than ISU, so I can still have a good education at an affordable price."

## Horoscopes *by Pam*

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) A wandering gaze is only looking for trouble. You'll go at your own pace when you're studying this year. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 5,16,18

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Lack of cash might be partly to blame for any current problems at home. A need to express yourself may come out in creative ways. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 11,21,24

**Aries** (Mar. 21- April 20) You can get support from your friends if you're willing to step out on a limb and voice your opinions. Try to be reasonable. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 3,11,30

**Taurus** (Apr. 21- may 21) You have problems with authority figures when not playing by the rules. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 7,12,28

**Gemini** (May 22-June 21) New love connections can be made through group associations. Emotionally you won't see things accurately. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 7,19,21

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Slow down and use your head. You can enhance your cash flow if you pick up additional skills. Romance: Good | Finance:

Good | Lucky Numbers: 2,14,45

**Leo** (July 23-Aug 22) Instinct without intuition is a sure way to buy trouble. You will have an emotional family matters. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 6,7,9

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Accept the inevitable. This is a bad time to float away into your own world. Someone needs your full focus. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 13,14,19

**Libra** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may find that someone you live with may be irritable; you're best to leave them alone. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 27,31,39

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You haven't been totally honest with yourself, and it's time to review your motives. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 9,16,48

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Think twice before you agree to take on any new projects. Make brave and inspired connections. Romance: Fair | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 8,15,29

**Capricorn** (Dec 22. - Jan. 20) Be careful how you handle friends and relatives, they may take things the wrong way. Romance: Poor | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 5,16,20

## United Kingdom from Page 1

and Anne Blaha will be at the Boone Campus for "Myths and Malaprops: Two Midwesterners Come of Age in Britain". Their program will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 8:55 a.m.

There will be Scottish bagpipers on the Boone Campus on Oct. 2. They will

begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 8 a.m.

Thursday Oct. 3, students can attend a slide show in the auditorium called "England and Scotland." This show will start at 9:40 a.m. and go through that entire class block until 11:05 a.m.

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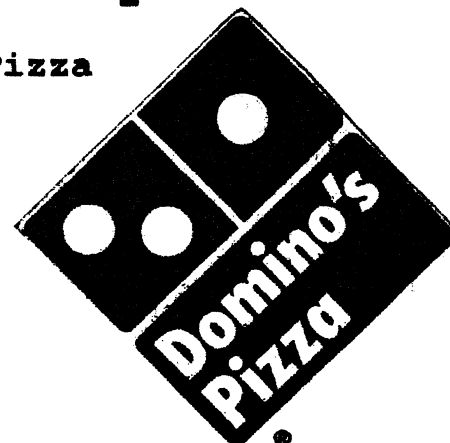
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