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**PBL to state competition**

By Stephanie Grundmeier  
PBL Reporter

Members of the local chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (the college division of Future Business Leaders of America), are preparing to participate in the State Conference scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Des Moines.

Thirteen members will participate in the conference which includes competitive events such as: Accounting, Business Communications, Business Law, Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management, Impromptu Speaking, Information Management, Job Interview, Telecommunications, Machine Transcription, Management, Marketing, Word Processing, Business Graphics, Business Math, Payroll Accounting, and Salesmanship Presentation, plus many more.

Local members participating in or attending the conference include: David Frette, Shawn Weekes, Lance Clauson, Jeremy Vinchattle, Duanna Vinchattle, Lorie Ealy, Teresa Gregerson, Steph Grundmeier, Joann Thomas, Joel Whitehead, Regina Whitehead, Theresa Bailey and Stacy Steward.

Two local chapter members are currently serving as State Officers: Duanna Vinchattle will preside over the meetings as President. Teresa Gregerson will help with the award presentations as Vice-President.

In addition, two Phi Beta Lambda members are running for State Office for the 1994-95 school year. They include: David Frette for State Vice President, and Shawn Weekes for State Treasurer.

We wish everyone the best of luck at the State Conference and look forward to hearing about the awards they will bring home.

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**News Briefs**

**Choices replaces Discover**

CHOICES is our new computerized career information system that has replaced DISCOVER at all campuses but Carroll. CHOICES users can complete exploration activities to identify career options, obtain up-to-date information on 678 occupations, and get transfer help for 4,169 colleges and universities. Anyone interested in using CHOICES should contact the Academic Achievement Center.

**DMACC sets spring enrollment record**

Des Moines Area Community College has set a new spring credit enrollment record. A total of 10,671 students are enrolled in credit classes at the five DMACC campuses this spring. That marks a 0.5 percent increase from the 10,618 students enrolled during the 1993 spring semester term.

DMACC has set a new credit enrollment record every spring since the college went from a quarter system to a semester system ten years ago.

The only campus to experience an enrollment increase this spring was the Urban Campus with a 3.7 percent hike in enrollment. There are 2,066 students enrolled at the Urban Campus this spring compared to 1,992 enrolled at Urban last spring.

There are 6,685 students enrolled at the Ankeny Campus, which is a 5.5 percent decrease. Both the Boone and Carroll Campuses recorded 3.9 percent enrollment decreases. There are 1,019 students enrolled at Boone and 469 enrolled at Carroll.

For the first spring semester ever, classes are being offered at the DMACC Newton Polytechnic Campus. There are 432 credit student enrolled at the Newton Polytechnic facility.

DMACC's total credits for which students are enrolled decreased from 94,879 last spring to 93,384 credits this spring—a decrease of 1.6 percent.

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**Financial aid applications due**

Financial aid applications for college are due now for the 1994-1995 school year. Individuals who apply before March 31 are considered for Iowa Tuition Grants as well as federal aid programs.

New regulations and changing college expenses may increase eligibility for aid. Each year more than a few students find out that they "would have" received $1000-$2000 more aid had they applied earlier.

There is no charge to submit the application. Forms are available on the table at the front entrance. A single application makes one eligible for state and federal aid and is the first step in determining eligibility for a student loan.

Financial Aid Renewal Applications were sent to many current students who receive financial aid. These forms may also be used. Students should be certain to give permission to the processing agency to release financial aid information to the state.

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**Congratulations!**

King Jeff Mulder  
Queen Jocelyn Ely
Old Codger: Older and Wider

By K.H. Feeley
Bear Facts Staff Writer

So you want me to quit smoking, eh? Or maybe you just think it would be better for me, and everyone around me, if I quit. You think that my smoking is polluting the air you, and your children, breathe? You think that if everyone quit smoking, the world would be a cleaner, better, place? In your feeble attempts to clean up your own personal environment, you have pushed us smokers into bad sections of restaurants, and even outside (which, by the way, is an infringement upon my rights to health since exposure to cold, dry air increases my chances for pneumonia or sinus infections, not to mention outer ear infections, dehydration, and frostbite).

There is one flaw in your great cleansing plan. Chances are that you drive a car. When I was living in Chicago, I can recall the weatherman giving smog warnings that stated, "Going outside today is like smoking four packs of cigarettes." So, as my father says, "If you want me to quit smoking, I want you to stop driving." But, let's not stop there. Changes are that you use electricity. In this state, there is only one nuclear reactor. When I was living in Chicago, I can recall the weatherman giving smog warnings that stated, "Going outside today is like smoking four packs of cigarettes." So, as my father says, "If you want me to quit smoking, I want you to stop driving." But, let's not stop there. Changes are that you use electricity. In this state, there is only one nuclear reactor. We are all responsible for our choices.

If you are really that concerned about cancer, smoking shouldn't be your biggest concern. Smoking doesn't cause cancer, in fact, nothing causes cancer. So, let's not waste our time trying to convince people to quit smoking, let's try to convince them to change their behavior.

By K.H. Feeley
Bear Facts Staff Writer

I see where the President, that is Mr. Clinton, has decided to cut into some of the programs our government has had installed for many, many years in order to help finance his budget reduction plan for the nation. First and foremost, of course, is his intention to TRIPLE the tax on cigarettes. Now, don't get me wrong on this issue, I think it's a good idea to raise the price of this ADDICTION to a level where the common ADDICTEE can't become the slave of the ADDICTOR. And I see where he's planning on reductions in HEATING ASSISTANCE to those HEAT-ADDICTEEs who seem to be ADDICTED, to run their thermostats for warmth when it's only 10 to 25 below during the winter.

I can't see too much wrong with doing things like that when the money for these programs and others like them will be shifted, and shifted, and shifted and hopefully not lost in the shuffle, to where it will do the most good, like for example the Head Start Program, the Wyoming Sheep Experiments, and the exciting programs like the new BST program our government seems to be backing so they, that ubiquitous "THEM", can inject cows to give more milk. Can't you just see those happy cows now waddling around the pastures saying to themselves how contented they are to be a part of this program?

Well, those are the ruminations of this Old Codger for this issue. Seems like to me if it weren't for all the snow, cold temperatures, high winds and such, our worshippers of the weed would be more comfortable standing outside watching all those shivering students coming in the door for class nowadays. Oh, and, don't forget Valentine's Day is already gone. However, with preparation for Mid-Terms, filing Your Financial Aid Forms, deciding which classes to drop, doing your Federal Income Taxes and so on and so forth, will the fun times never end?
What are you looking at?

By Kevin Feeley and Melinda Baker
Bear Facts Staff Writers

Turn Signals...
K: Let’s say, for an example, that you are at a four way stop, and you don’t know who gets to go first. If you aren’t using your turn signal, you shouldn’t GET to go. First, re-read your driver’s manual (it’s right there), then stop holding your breath, you can’t afford to loose any more brain cells.

Pulling out in front of moving vehicles...
M: Every time you are trying to go somewhere across the tracks...TRAIN!!! And then those people that try to go around the crossing gates, almost always causing accidents. Folks, it’s just not safe. Don’t be slow, go to the “O” (overpass).

Train Crossings...
K: Having lived within yards of railroad tracks for most of my life, I have seen the many causticities of the railroad system. I have seen the mangled bodies, lying in the fields. I have seen the bloody remains of trucks, destroyed in the prime of their lives, by the evil diesel burning demons we call trains (sorry Grandpa).

Speed Limit...
M: Suppose you have a choice: you can go the speed limit, and get busted by a cop, or you could go under the speed limit in which case I’d be forced to ram you or at the very least, honk obscenously. But, I prefer if you would drive safely at any speed, and if you’re going to go under the speed limit, beware.

Egomaniacal Drivers...
K: I’m one of these, also. I hate others like me. Enough said.

Gravel...
M: Just let me say...I rolled my car on Nov. 1 on a gravel road off of 13th street. The car almost landed on top of a gas line, which would have caused a massive explosion. At the very least, my car was totallled. Gravel roads are really SAFE!!!

K: Picture it...90 miles an hour, gravel road, muf said.

We’re not saying that we’re perfect drivers, we’re just saying that you are not.

OPINION

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Karen Ziemer

Karen Ziemer is a 1993 Wilmot High school graduate from Wilmot, South Dakota. She is preparing herself for the nursing program at DMACC and hopes to specialize in obstetrics. Karen plays basketball for the Bears. When not busy with school and basketball Karen is busy working at McDonalds.

Troy Vincent

Troy Vincent, an Ames High graduate, is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. He moved to Ames in his senior year. Troy started playing basketball for the Bears after the Christmas break.

When asked why he chose DMACC, Troy said, "I wanted to go to a community college before going on to a university. I had moved to Ames because I needed a change and I felt I could be more productive getting away from New Orleans."

Troy plans on transferring to a four year school after he graduates from DMACC. He wants to be a physical therapist. Troy keeps busy with school, basketball, and working at Sears in Ames; but his favorite pastime is spending time with his daughter, Tierra and girlfriend Layli.

Troy says that the hardest thing about living in Iowa is missing his family.

Jocelyn Ely

Jocelyn Ely is a 1992 Ames High graduate, who just recently moved to Boone with her father. She is in her second year at DMACC and her first year of playing basketball for the Bears.

When asked about her future plans, Jocelyn stated, "I plan on going on to a four year college next year, hopefully Kansas University, to find Steve Woodberry my favorite basketball player in the whole world, and to major in sports management or retail merchandising, or to perhaps be Bo Brady’s lover on "Days of Our Lives."

Jocelyn was honored to be this year’s homecoming queen at DMACC.

When asked why she chose DMACC after high school, Jocelyn said, "I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do and ISU was too big. Coach Criner kept using his lucid recruiting tactics on me so I decided to give it a try.

Events gave rise to the notion that nothing much had changed in Watts since 1965, concluded William Korn, associate director for operations of the Higher Education Research Institute. "The extensive media coverage focused people’s attention on this issue as one of great significance."

Six out of seven freshmen (87.1 percent) disagreed with the proposition that "racial discrimination is no longer a problem in America," up from 79.7 percent in 1991. A clear majority of freshmen, 61.2 percent, also believe that "colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus."

A record two out of five freshmen participated in an organized demonstration in 1992, which continues a pattern of renewed involvement by students in protests and other forms of social activism. In fact, that figure more than doubles the levels recorded during the late-1960’s—15.5 and 16.3 percent in 1966 and 1967 respectively.

Sports profiles

Students encouraged to vote

By Todd Randall

In November of this year, we will be asked to select people to serve in the state government; and also asked to send a representative to Washington. Seats for Governor, County Supervisor, and also a U.S. representative will be among others to be decided. Being a devout democrat, I attended my precinct caucus on Monday, February 7, 1994. I was elected to be a delegate to the Story County Democratic Platform Committee held at Ames Public Library on February 12. I was also chosen to be a delegate to the Story County Democratic Convention.

It was my first time serving on a party committee, and, needless to say, I was intimidated by the "veterans" who represented their respective precincts. There were people at the committee meeting, not including the county party chairperson. The first order of business was to call the meeting to order. After that, a discussion on the previous elections’ platform was held. Since I was a "rookie", I listened carefully for what I wanted to do and who was supposed to do. Once that was completed, we broke up into subcommittees. Included were proposals for subcommittees regarding government, the economy, health care, civil rights, and environmental concerns.

I chose to serve on the Health Care Subcommittee (which had Civil Rights included since there were too many proposals and not enough delegates), and, since there were no objections, I was welcomed to share my ideas about what was important in the field of health care and civil rights. Along with three other members, we discussed issues regarding mental health, single-payer plans, women’s reproductive health, and the right to choose. I must say that these issues are only representative of the Story County Democratic Subcommittees on Health Care and Civil Rights.

What goes on the Iowa Democratic Platform will be decided at the State Platform Committee that will be held later in the year.

This was the second time that I got involved with the County’s Democratic party. Before the 1992 elections, I volunteered my help to elect Bill Clinton and other Democrats that were running for other offices. I also went door to door, registering voters; but nothing compares to serving on a platform committee. When the meeting was over, I reflected on what I had done. I realized that what we discussed in the meeting could have an impact on policies in the future. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Democratic or Republican party, contact the County Chairperson of the party you choose. And most importantly, remember to vote in November!
Softball team sits down at study table

By Rich Parinek
Bear Facts Staff Reporter

In hopes of preparing her student-athletes for life at a four year university Coach Catherine Schroeder has initiated a study table for her softball players.

According to Coach Schroeder, "Last season some athletes didn't do very well." She added, "Some of the students lost out on scholarship money." In hopes of avoiding these problems this year Coach Schroeder has installed the study table program.

In order for a freshman to be eligible for softball, the student must maintain a 1.75 grade point average, while passing at least twelve credit hours. Then as a sophomore, they must attain a 2.00 grade point, while passing a total of twenty-four credits for a grand total of thirty-six.

The way the study table works is that twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. the team goes to the library and studies. During this time all library resources are available to the team, and, if needed, tutors can be available for the students. The study table is mandatory, and when asked how successful it has been this year, Coach Schroeder was enthusiastic, but commented, "The weather has been a major factor so far this year," and that "some of the kids have been sick."

Student speaks out for "Table"

Newly announced team captain Holly Seifert who lives out of town agrees with Coach Schroeder. When asked if she liked the program, Holly responded, "It's perfect the way it is," she commented. "I have a chance to study when I wouldn't normally have."

The study sessions will last throughout the entire season, then pick up again in the fall when school resumes.

In addition to the study table Coach Schroeder handled out a progress report form to each student. The student then hands it in to the DMACC instructor.

On this form, attendance records and current grades are marked down, then given back to the students; who in turn give it back to Coach Schroeder. This will be done periodically throughout the semester "to avoid any surprises at the end of the semester," remarked Schroeder.

Education is "very important" to Coach Schroeder, and she wants to pass this on to her players. The Coach adds, "Once you get a degree, they can't take it away from you."

In setting up the study table Coach Schroeder talked to coaches at the University of Northern Iowa. Coaches from UNI said it was successful and a good way to maintain team togetherness. Coach Schroeder hopes to have similar results here at DMACC.

Right now Women's Softball is the only sport at DMACC to have mandatory study time during scheduled practice time. In time, Coach Schroeder hopes to see study tables offered in every sport at DMACC.

Central Iowa needs your blood

If you think giving blood is inconvenient, imagine needing it. Central Iowa hospital patients rely on volunteer blood donors, and all blood types are needed. Some people believe if they have a common blood type their blood is not needed as much as rare blood types. However, the most common blood types, Type A and O, are used the most! Also, in an emergency, anyone can receive Type O red blood cells.

Members of Nursing Students United and Phi Beta Lambda are asking all eligible donors at DMACC to donate blood on Monday, February 28, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The drive will be held in the Boone Campus Gymnasium.

Those who are 17 years of age or older, in general good health and weigh at least 110 pounds are encouraged to participate. Potential blood donors are also reminded to eat a good meal prior to donation. Appointments for donating can be made by calling Connie Booth at the DMACC Nursing Department.

Mobile blood drives are essential to the central Iowa volunteer blood donor program. Please show your support and help The Blood Center of Central Iowa keep a plentiful blood supply.
Weather poses challenge for commuters

By Rose Zimmerle
Bear Facts Staff Reporter

The weather...everybody talks about it, but no one ever does anything!

Mother Nature has landed some very well-placed punches this year. Making it to DMACC from out-of-town is a major dilemma for many students. Bad roads and poor visibility due to blowing snow have kept some students from attending classes. Several out-of-town students, worried that a missed day might pose a problem for them, are braving the weather to get to DMACC.

Pam Winebrenner, DMACC student from Grand Junction, remarked, "I've missed three days due to bad weather, but getting to class isn't worth going in the ditch." Another student stated, "I don't want to miss anymore than I have to, so unless they call DMACC off--if it takes me an hour to get here, it takes me an hour to get here."

Dean Philips has issued a memorandum concerning the possibility that DMACC classes may have to be canceled due to inclement weather. The decision to cancel classes will be made by the dean by 5:30 a.m. and will be relayed to the following local radio stations:

- KEZT-FM (104) Ames
- KWBG-AM (1590) Boone
- KCIM-AM (1380) Carroll
- KKRL-FM (93.7) Carroll
- KLSN-FM (98.9) Jefferson
- KDLS-AM (1310) Perry/Jefferson
- KDLS-FM (101.7) Perry/Jefferson

If the weather conditions during the school day warrant an early dismissal, the decision will be made, staff will be notified and the radio stations will be contacted.

In Iowa, one of the few things you can count on is the unpredictability of the weather. As the old adage goes, "If you don't like the weather in Iowa--wait five minutes."

Law enforcement provided as warranted

Law enforcement and security is provided as warranted by existing conditions to help ensure the safety and security of our campuses. DMACC provides 24-hour/day security officer patrol of the Ankeny campus. At the Urban Campus, security officer patrol is provided from 7 a.m. through 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday during student contact days. Security measures may include uniformed security guards, closed circuit television, building security systems, exterior lighting, courtesy phones, and attention to landscaping materials. In addition, the Ankeny, Des Moines, Boone, Carroll, and Newton Police Departments patrol and assist the College in their respective jurisdictions. DMACC Security personnel administer traffic and parking regulations and provide assistance to the college community. DMACC does not provide security guards on leased privately operated grounds inside DMACC contiguous property such as student housing. Security guards may be provided by the private business.
DMACC students introduce Islam to Randall

By Todd Randall
Bear Facts Guest Writer

While sitting in the student center, I always saw a group of three men sitting together. They spoke a foreign (language) tongue and always seemed to be studying. I decided to approach them and meet a man named Ammar. Ammar Al-Annsi was accompanied by his cousin, Moammar Aldram, and friend, Tawfik Moudah.

"Tawfik, this is 'brother' Tawfik and 'brother' Moammar," Ammar said.

"Wait!" I interjected. "I thought you said they were your cousin and friend."

"I did, but we are all 'brothers' in Islam," he answered.

I learned that Ammar, Tawfik and Moammar all came from Yemen. Yemen is approximately 200 miles from Mecca (holy city and heart of the Islamic faith). They let me know that Islam is central in all their lives.

After showing my interest in their culture and religion, I spent a lot of my time pursuing that interest. After several days of my repetitious question asking, Ammar and Tawfik invited me to attend "Islamic Day," an exhibit of Islamic faith, culture, and art. I agreed to attend and make plans to meet them at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union at ISU where it was held.

When I reached the "Union," I waited outside the Great Hall for my friends, who would show me around. It took longer for them to show up than I expected. When they finally came, they apologized for the delay and informed me that they had been at the Mosque, praying. Moammar had a test and Ammar made sure that I didn't know what to say.

"Salaam Alaikum" the man from Egypt said. I felt really strange. I didn't know what to say. Ammar rescued me and explained that I was their friend and not a Moslem. "A Salaam Alaikum" means "Peace be with you," and all Moslems say this in greeting.

I felt out of place; moreover, I felt awkward and thought the "brothers" would laugh at my inexperience with Islam or the foreign cultures. After Ammar rescued me from my embarrassment, I was encouraged by the fact that everyone was "on my side"; and if I had questions, they would help me (since I was non-Moslem). I didn't know what was appropriate to ask, so I asked Tawfik, who said, "You can ask anyone anything." He also recommended that I speak with Abdul-Rahman, since he was an American.

As my hosts sat around talking with their "brothers", Abdul-Rahman encouraged me to ask questions, and before it was over, I felt I was an expert on Islam.

I felt that I was at the United Nations; there were people in many kinds of dress, of different cultures, and speaking many languages. Every chance that Tawfik and Ammar had, they would introduce me to their "brothers". Ammar would say, "This is 'brother' Abdul," and "This is 'brother' Amjad." I met a "brother" from Atlanta, Georgia, named Abdul-Rahman.

Ammar told me that if I had any questions about Islam, "Ask him, his English is much better than mine.

Ammar introduced me to a "brother" from Egypt. "A Slaamaa Alaikum" the man from Egypt said. I felt really strange. I didn't know what to say.

Ammar rescued me and explained that I was their friend and not a Moslem. "A Slaamaa Alaikum" means "Peace be with you," and all Moslems say this in greeting.

Ammar and Tawfik invited me to attend "Islamic Day," an exhibit of Islamic faith, culture, and art. I agreed to attend and make plans to meet them at the Great Hall and shouted words in Arabic.

"What is he doing?" I asked.

"He is calling Allah (God)," Tawfik said.

Tawfik, I assume, could tell that I was uncomfortable, so he also asked me to stay and watch how they pray.

"Is it all right to stay?" I asked, but before he could answer they all followed Abdul-Rahman into the corner where a blanket was lying. They took off their shoes, and in unison, bowed and knelt towards the East (Mecca, I later found out).

Soon after the praying, the exhibit was over. I didn't want to get in the way of the cleanup, so I said "goodbye" to my new friends. Everyone invited me to come to the Mosque on Friday, and I accepted. I was thrilled when and English version of the Qur'an (holy book) was offered to me.

There was one more person I met before I left. It was the president of the Muslim Students Association, and to make me feel welcome, Ammar said, "This is brother, Todd."
"Boone" login no longer valid

The Boone Login will be removed from the LAN the morning of Thursday, February 17. Registered DMACC students should be able to Login with their social security number. If they can’t Login with their social security number, they should let me know.

Ron Erickson
Rm 212 Ext. 1033

ATTENTION: ARTISTS & WRITERS

By K.H. Feeley
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Bear Facts would like to publish your work. This is a chance for everyone to share in the glory of your artistic talents, and to get your name in the paper. Writers can present poems or short prose, and artists can present any medium that will transfer well into black and white. Just contact a Bear Facts staff member, and he/she will make the arrangements. We reserve the right to refuse any work deemed unsuitable for print.

Room at the Inn

By C. Joel Wise
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Has it been difficult for you to find housing in Boone? With the increase in the number of students attending DMACC, housing has become sparse, and for some, nearly impossible to obtain.

Jay Bhoja, the owner of the American Inn Hotel on South Story Street has been trying to make this seemingly large problem a little bit smaller. He has been offering rooms the DMACC students since September of 1993. Currently there are twenty-five rooms available.

Jay stated, "The students I have now are great! They have given me no problems."

Mr. Bhoja requires a one month deposit of $325.00 on the usual nine month lease. All utilities are paid, and the rooms are cleaned once a week. Including towels and bedding.

In order to accommodate full-time student living, the owner stated that he had to add, what’s called a Micro-Frig, in all the rooms. This is a 1 piece unit that holds a microwave, refrigerator, and a freezer.

According to Mr. Bhoja "the students may have guests, but under no circumstances are they to have parties."

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