Snow days: May be affecting academics
Will the cancellations affect the rest of the spring semester?

By Tanner Sandrock
Copy Editor

This winter Iowa has experienced near record-breaking snowfall, over 30 inches of snow and more to come. The snowfall has contributed to 2 days of cancelation and 3 shortened days at the DMACC Boone Campus already, but what does this mean for the rest of the Spring 2010 semester?

DMACC Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee says it will not affect the length of the term like it does in the K-12. Much of this, he says, is because the college has set deadlines that are hard to change and most adults have set schedules that are equally hard to change.

The biggest impact, Lee says, comes with trying to get into the shortened time frame. This falls on instructors who may have to hustle or spend less time on certain areas of the subject. However, when asked if this affects the quality of the education Lee affirms that, no it does not. He says that students may have to spend more time out of class doing homework but the overall quality remains intact.

When it comes down to which areas of study and organization programs are most affected by these cancellations and shortened days Lee feels that all of them are affected equally besides night classes. Some night classes that only meet once or twice a week for a few hours end up losing a week comparatively to that of regular daytime class when canceled.

When it comes down to who makes the call rather or not to close the campus, well that duty falls on Lee also. He says he remains in contact with a number of people to determine the closing status; Boone County for the road conditions, the building manager who is usually on the roads by 4 a.m. and 30 minutes, and himself.

“I drive the streets and roads to see how they are,” says Lee. He also keeps in contact with Steve Schulz, DMACC Carroll Campus Provost. He says that the weather mostly moves northwest and whatever Carroll gets will probably be working its way to the Boone Campus. Lee says he tries to have the closure announcements to students and staff no later than 6 a.m. and early closing out no later than 2 p.m.

Sometimes even with the campus doors open students may still find it difficult to make it to class on time or at all. DMACC Boone Campus has a lot of commuting students, driving in from all over Boone and the surrounding counties. Many of these students have a harder time than most trying to make their way from home to class.

DMACC student Curtis Myers is one of many to feel the effects of the snow. Living out in Pilot Mount Myers has to drive about 15 miles everyday on country roads. Because of all the snow drifting with the high winds this winter these roads are often covered in snow says Myers and unlike Highway 30 it takes longer to get these roads plowed.

“I’ve probably missed seven days of school just because I haven’t been able to make it into Boone,” he says, this is on top of the classes missed due to closings. As far as this affecting his classes he says that most of his professors are lenient with him “if they know where Pilot Mound is.”

Most of the issue for Myers comes with missing tests or quizzes and having to spend extra time outside of class making up those tests.

He also says a lot of his blame goes towards Boone County, saying they do not do a very good job clearing roads.

As Iowa seems to be coming out of the end of this winter and headed towards a long awaited spring students are going to start feeling the crunch of a shortened term. But without the possibility of extensions the task of completing all the course competencies falls on the students and professors.

In the coming months the true affects of this shortened timeframe may rear their heads but as of right now students and staff are busy trying to get caught back up.

Baseball “Field of Dreams” under the weather

By Katie Cervantes
Staff Writer

Is DMACC’s “Field of Dreams” going to become reality this spring?

With the constant weather problems, how soon, or if at all, are the DMACC Bears going to be able to compete on the field? With almost $300,000 worth of donations, are players going to be willing to wait?

The baseball team is set to play its first home game on March 27. In the past, games were held at Memorial Park baseball field west of downtown Boone. DMACC Bears had to share the field with other teams and organizations. This caused scheduling problems and head aches.

Games this season could be postponed due to weather, but there are positives for the new field. With an easy-find location, total control over the field, and walking distances for players and dorm residences, the DMACC ball field is on its way to reality.

DMACC head baseball coach, Dan Fitzgerald, said, “It’s nice that we do have control now, instead of having to deal with the weather. We had to share with the high school, and other teams.”

As far as the weather is going, many wonder if the snow will be melted in time for the first home game.

Fitzgerald said, “It has been a goofy year, but the field does have a pretty good draining system. We are not concerned about our home opener. We live in present day mentality. Our daily focus is what we have to do that day.”

Fitzgerald and the team, stay positive for the spring 2010 season. DMACC students are invited to cheer the Bears on to victory.

All are part of making the “Field of Dreams” a reality.

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The new DMACC baseball field lay under snow.
By Austin Leeds

When not everyone is ready to switch to Macs, Macs are ready for those who make the switch. Is DMACC?

At least one Mac user is extremely happy.

Kay Mueller

Kay Mueller, speech communications professor, will direct the production. Her assistant is Lacey Harrison, DMACC student. Lights and sound will be handled by Chris Shannon, DMACC student.

The production is very hard to summarize said Mueller. Imagine a chaotic riot of who’s who, to summarize said Mueller. Imag...
**Bear Briefs**

**Fighting Famine**

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society at DMACC has teamed up with Outreach International to help Haiti. They have been collecting money to send meals to the needy in Haiti and Feb. 25 at 8:30 p.m. they will be packing those meals. Come to the Courter Center to volunteer your time and help pack meals.

**Blood drive**

Feb. 25 starting at 9 a.m. there will be a blood drive and Marrow Donor Registration set up on the DMACC Boone Campus. Would-be donors are asked to pre-register for the drive by visiting www.givebloodgivelife.com.

**Enrollment records**

For the tenth straight year DMACC set spring enrollment records in both head count and credit hours. From this time last year DMACC has enrolled 3,300 new students, up 17 percent from last year. A total of 23,208 students and 195,807 credit hours.

**Phi Theta Kappa convention**

Feb. 25 and Feb. 26 DMACC Boone Campus will be holding Phi Theta Kappa’s Regional Convention. Registration will be following the blood drive that starts at 9 a.m.

**Free income tax help**

Free income tax help is being offered each Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DMACC Boone Campus from Feb. 5 through April 9.

**2010-2011 scholarships**

Students looking for a little help with their tuition and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and plan on taking six or more credits next fall or spring are encouraged to send an application to the DMACC Foundation at www.dmacc.edu/foundation.

**Alumni Association sponsors racing trip**

The DMACC Alumni Association is sponsoring a bus trip to the Indianapolis 500, May 29-31. The trip includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, a reserved $70 race ticket and transportation aboard a 49-passenger Windstar motor coach. The cost is $426 per person for double occupancy.

**FASFA help**

DMACC is offering free FASFA assistance to prospective and current students. Financial aid counselors will be on the DMACC Boone Campus Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Hunziker Center in Ames March 4, 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**No class friday**

Feb. 26 all DMACC campuses will be closed for Presidents Day.

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**Student journalists win ICMA awards**

The Boone Banner News and The Campus Chronicle (Ankeny) earned awards as part of the 2009 Better Student Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Iowa College Media Association. The winners were announced during the Iowa Newspaper Association/ICMA Convention Feb. 5 at the downtown Des Moines Marriott.

Media students from colleges and universities across the state compete each year in the Better Student Newspaper Contest. Congratulations to these hard-working DMACC students:

- Kelsey Edwards, Chronicle staff member, First Place, Best Exploratory News Story. Edwards is currently the editor-in-chief for the Chronicle.
- Kelsey Edwards, Chronicle staff member, Third Place, Best News Story
- Kelsey Edwards and Jeremy Harmsen, Third Place, Best Original Content, for their Chronicle marketing video. Harmsen is now a student at Full Sail University in Florida, a top media arts school.
- Lisa Verhey-Budding, former Chronicle staff member, First Place, Best News Story. Verhey-Budding is currently the assistant editor for the Urban Vibe.
- Mitch Holland, former Chronicle staff member, First Place, Best Profile.
- Candace Daiker, former Boone News copy editor, First Place, Best First Amendment Coverage. Daiker graduated in December from the Boone Campus.

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Getting fit on campus

Neil Christians rides the exercise bike.

By Jill Ackerman

The freshman fifteen seems to be a given in the college years, but what many don’t know is that it can lead to serious consequences if more than just those extra pounds creep on.

If a student is looking to get in better shape and become healthier to reduce the risk of the negative affects that being overweight can have on the body, a fitness club on the DMACC Boone Campus might be able to help.

People from HealthDay: News for Healthy Living say that, “some who are overweight have severe liver damage caused by too much body fat, and a handful have needed liver transplants.” With the party scene being another big part of the college life, students’ bodies are taking a beating.

Students were warned about how bad smoking was for their health, but now experts are saying, “Being obese at age 18 increases the risk of premature death in adulthood as much as smoking more than 10 cigarettes a day.”

The Boone Campus has a fitness center, which includes machines for cardio, weight lifting and community members. They rehearse before and during the regular basketball season every Tuesday night for a little over an hour. The band plays a variety of different pep band songs, with an occasional jazz piece here and there. They play for many home games and began playing for the GED graduation in June.

Joanne Temple, an original member of the DMACC Bears Band said, “It’s a fun way to support the team and play music at the same time.” If interested in playing for the DMACC Bears Band, contact Maggie Stone at (515) 433-5037, Room 124 or Joanne Temple in the Business Financial Office at (515) 433-5023. The band’s last game was Feb. 17. They plan to play for the GED graduation in June.

“We do it to support the teams and to just have fun,” said Stone.

2009-2010 Bear Band

* original member

Kevin Langel, DMACC student, took advantage of the free ski trip to Seven Oaks Recreation, located west of Boone, sponsored by the Student Activities Council. Under 10 students participated in the opportunity on Feb. 19.
“Don’t be afraid of history.”

Jill Wells presents Black history

In her presentation Wells discussed Black History Month and how it is often forgotten. She included a visual slide show, visual painting demonstration as well as art history and a painting lecture. DMACC student, Rachel Ross, said, “I thought [the presentation] was awesome. I think it’s cool how she did so much research and how she had the old history picture and she showed hers in a new light.” From Wells’ online profile at jwwellsart.multiply.com/profile she said, “Working on the historical and narrative sides of the painting spectrum, my work offers a story for the viewer to follow. By painting from historical photographs of plantation slavery we get to see African American genre that plays on the political factors of slavery.” Wells grew up in Indianaola, Iowa, a predominantly all white community. She was one of the few in the town with a “colorful” family tree. Her mother was Native American and German while her father was African American. In school, there was never much of an acknowledgment for Black History Month said Wells. In her childhood and teen years she said she was considered light skinned and one of her friends told her she talked white. What did that mean? She wanted to learn more about her own history.

To get that personal list she studied on her own and throughout college. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in painting from Drake University in Des Moines. At the age of 19, she painted her first mural of Frederick Douglas, Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey and Martin L. King Jr. Under their faces there are African-American males running to represent time passing. “Running Out of Time,” the mural, is at the Creative Visions Human Development Center in Des Moines.

Wells is currently back at Drake studying graphic design and teaches an after-school art program for third through fifth graders.

Her last bit of advice was, “Don’t be afraid of history. Don’t be afraid to study in your own way. Try to find it interesting for you.”

Who do you think of during Black History Month?

Photos & Reporting by Elliott L. Davis

Joni Rentschler “Martin Luther King, Jr. and Iowa’s Simon Estes”

Jordan Young “Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Laura Jackman “Rosa Parks - She was a feisty lady.”

Sarah Rubin “Oprah & Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Tyler Edgington “Martin Luther King, Jr.”
Vibram Five Finger Shoes
Good for the sole

Derrick Roffman
Contributing Writer

Many of you may have seen my red Five-Finger shoes from Vibram that have individual toes and are very close to being barefoot. The shoes’ design is based on the shoe that yachtsmen use to protect their feet, but still allow them the sensitivity they need to keep their balance while on the water.

I have seen many heads turning as I walk through the school. After reading the book “Born to Run,” by Christopher McDougall, I was inspired to make some changes in my lifestyle to improve my health.

One of these changes had to do with posture; it was these shoes that allowed me to be more relaxed while walking and standing for long periods.

These shoes simulate being barefoot and have helped me realize how I move around on my own feet. For years different shoe companies have put more and more cushion into shoes to help alleviate pain. The pain came in the first place from dystrophy and deformation of the body and how it works. These padded shoes actually allow for more dystrophy, making the pain relief only temporary and causing more problems in the long run.

In the book “Born to Run,” there’s a reference to a survey done on runners about the price they paid for their shoes and how many injuries they’ve had. What the survey found was that the more money people spent on their shoes, the more likely they were to get injured. Statistically, if you are a runner, even if you run a lot, you have a greater chance of injury in your life than if you do not get injured.

These realizations lead me to explore my own shoes and how they affected my feet. Therefore, I took the time to buy the thinnest soled shoes I could possibly find, only to find that many shoe companies still try to sell me a certain shape that cause deformities in my own body.

After taking some time looking at how shoes are made, I discovered there are two basic parts of the shoes I was looking at: the inside and the rest of the shoe.

So, I immediately found better results by taking out the insides in all of my shoes. This helped me get a more barefoot feel that would allow me to be more sensitive to my relationship to the ground and how it affected my posture.

There are still minor things that play a part. The sole tells shapes how the shoe affects my posture, so I eventually went back to the Vibram Five Fingers whenever I wanted to brave the cold and ice. When I first looked into these shoes almost a year ago, I didn’t pay much attention to them, because they were online and I had no way of judging if they were going to be what I wanted or not.

Then when I was shoe shopping at JAX Outdoor Gear in Ames and saw them, I gave them a try and loved how they felt. Vibram has a few different designs that start at $75.95 plus tax. I got the Sprint design for $79.95 plus tax and didn’t have to pay shipping and handling like I would have online.

My results from wearing these shoes have been priceless in my journey to find better posture.

They increase efficiency in my movement and help me to find a greater comfort and more energy in moving around in my world.

So the next time you see me wearing these “slippers” in the hallways, you can see for yourself how they affect my movement and allow me to feel more relaxed and open. Perhaps you may see the way shoes are changing going into the next generation. I sure hope so.

DMACC has an early warning midterm notice that goes to students carrying a C- grade or lower. The point of this notice is for students to bring up any lower grades since many college freshmen have online.

 DMACC staff and student counselors have consistently tried, ask to have a few hours spent at home in bed close to enjoying class. The extra sleep in and skip a few classes. If you’re tired you can’t be remotely close to enjoying class. The extra few hours spent at home in bed will help.

For those fresh out of high school, it can be hard making the change from high school academic expectations to college expectations. It has been about nine months since many college freshmen have been in high school.

Another idea might be to keep parties on weekends. Staying out late makes for a rough morning. Students may decide to sleep in and skip a few classes. If you’re tired you can’t be remotely close to enjoying class. The extra few hours spent at home in bed will help.

DMACC offers the world a place to cultivate wisdom and understanding on Feb. 16. I am proud to be a member of an organization that contains the values the current world business climate does not appreciate or value. I’m referring to the values of power, greed and corruption.

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"The Wolfman"

With a sense of “Been there, seen that” the story isn’t new and neither is the werewolf

By Tanner Sandrock
Copy Editor

In a world filled with glittering vampires and emotional wolf beasts, and phobescent monsters who are more interested in attending your local porno than camouflage and mayhem, I’ve been dying for someone to take these beauties of yesteryear back in a direction for blood letting and hazzoc seeking.

I was let down with “Daybreakers” when it became more of an economical struggle and an underlying message on consumerism than a real story of vampires and survival. I swallowed my disappointment and reset my hopes for “The Wolfman” to kick-start the mind-blowing monster movement, but unfortunately I walked away a little upset and even more frustrated.

My mouth was set to water when I heard the cast list. Oscar winners Benicio Del Toro and Sir Anthony Hopkins were cast to play the leads. Golden Globe winners Emily Blunt would be playing the Wolfman’s love interest. As well as Hugo Weaving, agent Smith from the matrix trilogy was cast to play as the lead investigator from Scotland Yard. It was quite the impressive cast list for a remake of a B list monster movie from the 40’s if I do say so myself.

I understand what universal is trying to do with a remake of a classic and they nailed the old feel of the gothic monster movies but there is a reason that the audience of today is drawn to the sparkly “emo-boy” vampires and not the old school Bela Lugosi vampires, as awesome as he may be, its all about innovation.

I spent it watching my childhood and spent the night with a friend of mine, a new kind of monster film. It’s the same reason that you stopped listening to your grandpa’s stories when you turned twelve, sure you loved them once but come on gramps, not now.

Just because it’s a remake doesn’t mean you can’t innovate, right? There are a few story changes here and there from the original story and a major change with the role of the father but these changes really don’t affect the overall feel of the story.

The villagers run around not knowing if it’s an insane person or a manhunt or a crazed grizzly and they all know silver bullets will bring it down. How do they know this? Is it some handbooks somewhere? “Superstitious Backwards Townsend for Idiots?” Please explain.

The movie follows Lawrence Talbot (Benicio Del Toro) an English native turned American actor. Lawrence is back in London performing “Hamlet” when he receives a letter from his estranged brother’s fiancé informing him of his brothers recent passing. Apparently no one had informed other brother Talbot not to roam the countryside on a full moon, someone else is well aware of. Hell bent on finding his brother’s killer, Lawrence heads into the woods to the local gypsy camp when a furry wolf man attacks.

Go figure, Lawrence is bitten and struggles with his new infection, which just piles on top of all his other issues. After this point it’s really nothing new as far as werewolves go; full moon, silver bullets and a need to kill your loved ones but the film really fails to explain any of it.

Sure I grew up loving the black and white monster movies from the 20’s, 30’s and 40’s but those stories are old hat, it’s the same reason that you stopped listening to grandfather’s stories when you turned twelve, sure you loved them once but come on grandpa, throw in a new twist now and again.

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What do you care about?

(Fred Matamoros/Tacoma News Tribune/MCT)
Dose named new cross-country coach
Former coach Sean Taylor steps down after announcing his future deployment to Afghanistan

By Kevin Langel  
Staff Writer

Jim Dose, Academic Achievement Center instructor at DMACC Boone Campus, has been named the new cross-country coach. Dose will be replacing former coach, Sean Taylor, who is being deployed to Afghanistan.

Taylor was the women’s cross-country coach for two years and has had a lot on his plate. He didn’t want to add coaching to it, he said. When he comes back in two years, he might volunteer as the assistant coach.

Tom Lee, DMACC Boone Campus Provost, wanted him to be more involved in his job, family and in committees, said Taylor. The coaching was taking up that extra time. He really enjoyed coaching for the two years, and it was something that fell onto his plate when he came to DMACC.

“My female students will probably be relieved that I won’t be bugging them to join the team,” said Taylor, instructor of sociology and psychology. “I love coaching. It keeps me in shape and I get to meet some really good athletes.”

Orr Salmon, DMACC athletic director said, “We are excited that Jim is going to be our women’s cross-country coach. He is an experienced coach and is even more importantly, someone who is great at working with young people.”

Dose is familiar with the coaching profession. He has coached football, basketball and track at various times at the high school level, for a total of 31 years, the last 14 years in Boone. Dose has coached at Hampton-Dumont and West Marshall. He has coached many state qualifiers, state place winners and a handful of state champions in various events during his track career.

“I’m excited to take on a new challenge,” said Dose. “I hope to help DMACC Boone Campus women’s cross-country improve to the point of being on par with the other great athletic programs we have here.”

Cross-country is one of the newest athletic programs to be added to the Boone Campus. DMACC will begin its fourth season in men’s and women’s cross-country in the fall of 2010.

Other athletic programs include volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball and men’s and women’s golf.

By Banner Staff Writers

Women served a loss from Iowa Central

The women’s basketball team competed with Iowa Central Community College (Fort Dodge) on Feb. 17. The women lost their final home game of the regular season, 65-59. The Bears needed to hold on.

“We played hard and showed a lot of heart. We defended well and were able to get the win,” Mike Schindel, #12 for the Bears, fouled out of the game.

The DMACC Bears were defeated by the Eagles of Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Rapids), with a score of 31-57, Feb. 10. This is the women’s second loss against Kirkwood this season.

“It was a tough back and forth game. The Bears held Kirkwood at 37 points. The Bears had difficulty scoring. At half time, the score was 26-30 with the Eagles in the lead. The Bears had 13 for 37 two pointers and gave them an opportunity to score.”

Throughout this season, Tia Mays, Katlyn Wood and Jacobsen have been the top three scorers. Mays has been averaging 12.9 per game, Wood 11.8 per game and Jacobsen, 11.9 per game. During the Kirkwood game, Mays scored 5 points, Wood scored 9, and Jacobsen scored 16 points for the Bears.

“I thought we played well defensively,” said Steve Krafasins, women’s head basketball coach for the Bears.

“It was a missed golden opportunity. That has to be one of Kirkwood’s lowest offense games ever. They had 27 turnovers. Every time we had a chance to keep the lead, we weren’t able to do it. If you are going to be a good team, everyone has to do their part,” said Krafasins.

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The Bears are not ranked in the top ten for the Division II Conference.

By Banner Staff Writers

Iowa Central hands men a loss

The men’s basketball team competed against Iowa Central Community College (Fort Dodge) on Feb. 10. The Bears had their fifth loss of the season handed to them by the Tritons, 77-69. The Bears had their second chance at them by the Tritons, 77-69. The Bears needed to hold on.

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The DMACC Bears defeated their rivals of Kirkwood on Feb. 10, with a final score of 58-56.

“It was a big win for us,” said B.J. McGinn, men’s head basketball coach.

“We all played well together,” said Marni Jacobsen. “We had a couple let ups and gave them an opportunity to score.”

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Photo by Derrick Roffman

By Banner Staff Writers

DMACC - First year Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women’s basketball player Kathryn Wood of Monroe has been named the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICACC) Scholar Athlete of the Week. Wood right now maintains 3.43 GPA.

Wood helped DMACC Bears win two conference games against Southwestern Community College and South Central Community College.

Wood scored a total of 36 points with 19 rebounds, five assists, two steals and a block in the two games.

Wood said she plans to graduate from DMACC and then continue her education and basketball career at a four-year school.