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Students win cash at SAC event

By Austin Leeds

DMACC student Shannon Jefferson left the Courter Center $133 richer after winning the Dash for Dollars event Wednesday, March 3 in the Courter Center. Jefferson won the round and the overall competition.

DMACC students Shannon Jefferson and Brad Burton compete in a preliminary round to get the most colors on one side of a Rubik’s Cube in the Dash for Dollars event Wednesday, March 3 in the Courter Center. Jefferson won the round and the overall competition.

By Tanner Sandrock

Every year, Phi Theta Kappa is tasked with electing new officers. Each of Iowa’s 28 chapters get one vote. As a chapter, they discuss, deliberate, and finally cast one ballot.

This year, during the eleventh annual Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention, the new officers were announced. The state of Iowa consists of four regions, each having their own officer to represent them, and one Iowa Regional President who is in charge of keeping communication open between the four smaller regions.

Newly elected officers included Iowa Regional President, Luke Greent of Kirkwood Community College; Northwest Vice President, Rob Zahnd of DMACC Boone Campus; Northeast Vice President, Teresa Dehning of Morningside College; and Secretary and Public Relations Officer, Stephanie Brown of Scott Community College.

Linda Mui, DMACC student and ex-Northwest Vice President, said, “I believe that this new regional team has a lot of potential. They are a lot like the outgoing officers: personality wise, compassionate and passionate. I have complete faith in these people.”

Although Mui is stepping down from her office, she still has a lot planned with PTK. She graduates from DMACC this May, and she was asked to be president of the newly charted Iowa Alumni Association. “I’ll be stepping out of one office into another,” said Mui.

As for her term as Northwest VP, “It flew by,” she said. “I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa one week, I was elected into office the next week, and from then on I’ve been on hyper-drive.” But when asked if it was a relief to be giving up some of her responsibilities, she responded, “Relieved? Kind of but not. It’s bittersweet. I’ve been on hyper-drive, serving my region. It’s been fun, and I’ve learned a lot.”

Taking Mui’s office was fellow Boone DMACC student, Rob Zahnd. As well as being a full-time DMACC student, Zahnd is a full-time Paramedic and Firefighter.

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Phi Theta Kappa helps feed Haiti

“We change a lot of lives.” ~ Hammer

By Tanner Sandrock
Copy Editor

The first night of the eleventh annual Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention ended the way anyone would expect PTK to wrap anything up, with food packing for Haiti.

PTK with help from Outreach International has spent all of February trying to raise money to pack and send meals to Haiti. Their goal was 10,000 meals, and PTK smashed through their goal and sent 9,884 meals packed one box short of their 10,000 goal and sent around 4,400 dollars and products to pack that night.

Outreach International says the 9,884 meals Outreach International only brought enough money to send more, Outreach International was founded in 2004 to build schools in places like Haiti. But after interviewing villagers they realized that their aim was a little off of what the villagers needed. The Villagers priorities were first water, second food, third medicine and then finally education. "If you are thirsty, hungry and sick you cannot be educated," said Hammer. Outreach International works with Life Line Ministries who distribute food water and medicine out of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Last year Outreach International helped send 4 million meals while this year they have already helped send somewhere between 18 to 20 million meals with around 600,000 meals just coming from Central Iowa.

When Hammer was asked if Outreach International would be working with DMACC again he responded, "We’d love too." He said, "It was a good group, the people had a lot of enthusiasm."

Next on the list for Outreach International is a medical trip to Africa in mid-March. They are taking 94 doctors and nurses, 38 of which are from Des Moines’ Blank Children’s Hospital and Mercy Medical Center. Also 3 members will be coming from England making this their first medical trip with international help.

Overall 104 individuals will be involved. They will have a full surgical team, a full pediatric surgical team and a full OB/GYN.

Hammer says that this will be the seventh medical trip to Africa. He says everyone pays their own way and that “We change a lot of lives.”
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for Boone County. He hopes that during his term he can help PTK chapters team up with their local fire departments.

“We are having a tremendous spike of fire-deaths in Iowa,” says Zahnd. “What I would like to do is see our chapters and our region work with local fire departments to help them with their smoke detector drives and battery drives and also educate the public. It’s really a big task most fire departments no matter how hard they try, they sometimes fall short with the resources to get our message out there. I think Phi Theta Kappa is an amazing benefit and partnership opportunity.”

Also stepping down was ex-Iowa Regional President, Toni Linberg a DMACC Carroll Campus student. Linberg was inducted into PTK in March of 2007. She says that she is a non-traditional student, going to school part-time and working full-time.

Although her term has ended she too has more plans involving PTK. She is currently running for international office as Vice President of Division 3, this division pertains to most of the Midwest. The election will be held this April during Phi Theta Kappa’s International Convention in Orlando, FL.

Linberg says, “Good luck” to those stepping into office and reminds them to keep communication open between each other. “especially when your spread across the state and you don’t get to see each other as often, so if you keep in touch you can get a lot more done.”

Taking her office is a student from Kirkwood Community College Luke Grez. When asked what his motivation for running for this office was Grez replied, “Having been in Phi Theta Kappa a year I saw people like me coming in as a 16 year old freshman not really knowing the ropes, very scared, very intimidated, becoming regional officers and doing really great things and that’s what I wanted to see.”

“My big goal for this next year is to get our region to communicate better. I think we’ve done okay this past year; this past year was a big focus for communication as well but we are still lacking some things in the way of our regional Web site and getting the individual districts, which there are four split into 28 chapters, to work together as a distract and see what they can do together.”

After the induction of the new officers PTK alum and past International President of PTK Dr. Robert J. Exley, President of Snead State Community College of Boaz, Alabama, had a few words to say. Dr. Exley asked them to question the “Gestalt” of their lives or the whole of their lives. He asked them to think about where they were heading five, ten, thirty years from now and where they see themselves. He encouraged them to, “Have a purpose in life, not a title.”

He said, “Set you goals higher. If you fail that goal learn something from it but don’t lower you standards of where you’re going to go. If you don’t succeed set your goals higher.”
Seven members of Phi Beta Lambda recently competed in the State Leadership Conference held in Iowa City Feb. 26 and 27. Members competing from the Boone Campus were (first row) Joni Rentschler and Mikki Winebrenner; (second row) Felicia Albaugh, Vickie Spears, Kathy Kinyon, Melanie Peebler and Jill Siders.

DMACC—Members of the Omicron Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, DMACC’s professional business organization, sent seven delegates to the 86th annual Iowa Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference, Feb. 26 and 27 at the University of Iowa.


Second place winners from Boone included Felicia Albaugh, Payroll Accounting and Mikki Winebrenner, Accounting Analysis and Decision Making.

Mikki Winebrenner, Future Business Executive

Third Place
Melanie Peebler
Computer Concepts
Vickie Spears
Information Management
Mikki Winebrenner
Who’s Who in Iowa PBL

Fourth Place
Joni Rentschler
Business Law

Fifth Place
Felicia Albaugh
Accounting Principles
Melanie Peebler
Computer Applications

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Summer job search sneaks up on students

By Jill Ackerman
Staff Writer

Some students have jobs during the academic year and do not have to worry about finding a job for the summer, but for others this may not be the case. Let the search begin!

After that, Jefferson was given a shot at grabbing 500 dollars out of the air—literally. Stepping into the “Cash Cube,” a converted phone booth with an air blow-er installed in the floor, Shannon desperately tried to grab as many dollar bills as she could, stuff- ing them into an apron as they whirled up from the floor and over her head. Thirty seconds later, she had unrolled 58 dollars.

The host added 50 dollars, bringing her total up to 135 dollars, including 25 dollars she had won earlier.

In regards to spending her money, Jefferson replied, “I will save as much as I can. I am unemployed.”

To see videos and photos of the event, check out Banner News on the Boone Campus Facebook page and the Boone Campus BMAC Facebook page.

DMACC Boone Campus Award Winners State Leadership Conference

First Place
Felicia Albaugh
Word Processing Fundamentals
Kathy Kinyon
Emerging Business Issues
Melanie Peebler
Business Graphics
Joni Rentschler
Emerging Business Issues
Who’s Who in Iowa PBL
Jill Siders
Business Graphics
Vickie Spears
Applied Business Knowledge
Mikki Winebrenner
Payroll Accounting

Second Place
Felicia Albaugh
Accounting Analysis and Decision Making
Mikki Winebrenner
Future Business Executive

Third Place
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Postcard from London

By Caitlin Palar
Contributing Writer,
Ankeny Campus Student

I may be wondering what a classmate of yours is doing in London, England. Let me demystify this for you.

DMACC is part of a program called American Institute for Foreign Study, which allows for students from all partnering schools to sign up to study in London for a semester. I am here with four other DMACC students and a DMACC professor who teaches us four out of five of our classes. Our classmate who teaches us four out of five of our classes is a British professor.

The duration of our semester is 10 weeks with classes Monday through Wednesday each week. The semester is 10 weeks with classes Monday through Wednesday each week. This gives us four-day weekends to experience this is only my third week here, and London has already changed my life.

The day trips have been so enlightening. We got on a bus in central London two weeks ago, drove two hours west, and spent the day exploring the ancient Roman Baths. Last week we drove almost the same distance and pulled up to Stonehenge.

The city of London itself is full of history. The streets may look like any other modern city street you would see in America at first glance. However, if you tilt your head back and look up, you will notice the architecture that reflects the age and value of London.

Sometimes the feeling is overwhelming when I reflect on all the history I am surrounded by. For instance, the first time I walked by the Millennium Bridge, life passed St. Paul's Cathedral, I passed St. Paul's Cathedral on my way to the Globe Theatre. When I crossed the Millennium Bridge, life started itself over the Thames River on the Millennium Bridge, life slapped me across the face...

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Making the most of an old computer, Part One

By Austin Leeds
Columnist

At times, technology seems to move so fast. In the past five years, Windows has existed in three revisions: XP (released 2001), Vista (released 2007), and Windows 7 (released 2009). Mac OS X has gone through 10.4 Tiger (2005), 10.5 Leopard (2007), and 10.6 Snow Leopard (2009) in the same time period.

With a hectic update schedule like that, who has time to sit down and really enjoy their computer before the next update comes along? It’s almost as if you have to drive a tank, fly a jumbo jet, and then turn around and captain your own private yacht, all with no time before-hand to learn how to do so. Sometimes, it’s worse to use an old computer. There are fewer surprises, fewer distractions, and fewer worries.

For example, I own a PowerBook G3 Pismo, a ten-year-old Apple Mac laptop. I’ve had it for nearly two years now, after buying it used off eBay. While it has needed its share of repairs and upgrades, the stress it has brought to my life has been nothing compared to the stress a brand-new laptop would have brought under the same circumstances. I haven’t had to worry that my warranty wouldn’t expire, or that I couldn’t run the latest programs (I knew that I couldn’t before I bought it), or that it could get damaged and have to be replaced for many hundreds of dollars. Even so, there are many reasons why I still love this old, ugly Mac.

1. It supports the latest version of Microsoft Office for Mac, made in 2008.
2. I can browse the web wirelessly with my AirPort Wi-Fi card.
3. I can use FireFox 3.6 and Safari 4, just like everyone else.
4. I can go for ten hours without recharging my laptop, because of its twin high-capacity batteries.
5. I can watch DVDs with my removable DVD-ROM drive.
6. I can still run many useful applications, since I am using Mac OS X 10.4.
7. Yes, it does work with Facebook, though I don’t use it much.

While not the latest and greatest technology, my laptop isn’t the only useful old computer out there. In fact, even old Windows computers can have new life breathed into them. It just takes a little time, a little effort (and I stress this part) and a new operating system.

RAM (Random Access Memory—or just plain “Memory”) upgrades are probably the most-neglected useful addition to any computer—give a computer more RAM, and you’ll be amazed what it can do. Most computers built back in the very late 1990s and early 2000s will take a lot more RAM than they were built with, usually up to 1 GB. Get a desktop a pair of 32 MB RAM sticks, costing anywhere between 25 to 50 dollars, and the benefits will be obvious the next time you turn on your computer.

Hard Drive upgrades are also important. With the market full of inexpensive, power-efficient, spacious hard drives, you can improve your storage space, as well as your overall system performance, by buying a new hard drive. A word to the wise, however; you’ll want to make sure that you can access the old hard drive, and transfer over all of the important data to the new one.

Optical Drive upgrades are very beneficial. Taking a pure CD-ROM system to a CD-RV/DVD-ROM system, for example, allows you to burn CDs and watch DVDs. Many computers will support DVD+R/DVD+RW upgrades, and some will even support Blu-ray.

I’ll continue with some more upgrades in the next issue of the Banner News.

Concerts to come to Iowa

By Jill Ackerman
Staff Writer

Spring is quickly approaching, and another round of music tours will be sweeping through Iowa. Whether jamming out to Taylor Swift’s “You Belong With Me” or The Black Eyed Peas, “Imma Be,” well-known bands like these two, the tickets are sure to go quick. Many genres are covered this spring as bands move across Iowa. For country fans, Lady Antebellum will be performing at the Birmingham Steamboat Days festival on June 20.

Picking it up a little bit and adding a touch of hardcore, a Spring tour will be going around the guitar, the Indie rock band, Angels and Airwaves will perform April 15 at the Val Air Ballroom venue.

(The lighter alternative rock category is covered by the next three bands. Hoping over to its neighboring state (originally from Minnesota) Oval City plays May 4, also at the Val Air Ballroom.

One of the bigger musical events in Iowa is the Visalia LIVE concert. Visalia is a small hometown at Iowa State University, will be hosting Motion City Soundtrack on April 16. The following day Hellogoodbye, Emerson Drive, Leslie Lye, and The Envy Corps, Down with Webster andSwitchfoot of the bands perform at the outdoor concert.

Battle of the bands is a contest for local bands to enter to win a chance to perform as an act in the Visalia LIVE concert.

The local music event popular among college students is LuFerfest. This year, May 16 on the Indiana Balloon Field number two, the winner of Battle of the Bands will perform at the outdoor concert.

Another favorite of mine is Mat Kearney. From personal experience, Mat’s concert performances are a perfect mix of music and crowd involvement; he keeps you interested throughout the whole concert. His concert is set for April 3 at Peoples Court in Des Moines.

More concert dates
Black Eyed Peas- March 25 Wells Fargo Arena
Eric Church- March 24 Val Air Ballroom
Taylor Swift with Kellie Pickler-May 6 Wells Fargo Arena
Crowding Castings- April 8 Miel America Center and April 13 McLeod Center

Kathryn Bigelow and ‘The Hurt Locker’ make Oscar history

By Carrie Rickey
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Kathryn Bigelow made history Sunday night as the A nnual Academy Awards, becoming the first woman to win best director. Bigelow’s achievement, “The Hurt Locker,” which captured six awards, including best picture.

The film about thrill jerks who defuse bombs in Iraq won original screenplay; sound editing; sound mixing and editing; and editing. Best picture was no other way to describe it: the moment of a lifetime,” said Bigelow, 50, delivering her award to “the women and men in the military who risk their lives on a daily basis. May they come home safe.”

Of the ten nominees for best picture, three were films featuring women. Bigelow, the first woman to win an Oscar for Best Directing at the 2010 Academy Awards, said it was a “privilege” to make the film. She added, “I’m not a feminist. I think it’s wonderful that we can have these discussions about women in film and the role they play today.”

Kathryn Bigelow made his k ool, edgy, as opposed to the color of the gowns was an azure hue that might be called Na’vi blue (after the color of the film’s leads) and an alluring red for Nanu Pochaotan’s “Avatar,” and Cameron’s wife, Suzy Amis, were dressed in that shade, likewise McNoire and Gableboury Sidibe, who played the mother and the title character in “Precious.”

“Star Trek,” J.J. Abrams’ reboot of the beloved franchise, was presented the award for best score, and “Hugo,” a dominant color of a Na’vi, with blue skin and frizzy tail.

Sunday night’s show opened with the 10 band act and actress nominees on stage, followed by a musical number from Neil Patrick Harris, opening the evening’s encores as “the biggest pair since Dolly Parton.”

Co-hosts Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin (co-stars of “It’s Complicated”) began the show with cheeky patter modeled on the naughtiness of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Twinkling George Clooney and celebrating their “It’s Complicated” co-star Martin, he domineering color of win were intermittently funny but often frogish-is. In its first hour, the show front-loaded young talent like Amanda Seyfried and Miley Cyrus and popular categories such as animation.

The late John Hughes, subject of a posthumous tribute from his discoveries Molly Ringwald and Matthew Broderick, received the evening’s first standing ova tion.

Argentina’s “El Secreto de Sus Ojos” (“The Secret of Your Eyes”) was a surprise winner for foreign film, edging out Michael Haneke’s “The White Ribbon,” widely considered the favorite.
Staff Editorial

Many of us have different views of using cell phones while driving. “It’s too dangerous.” I can do it because I’m a more experienced driver.” “Kids are such bad drivers that they don’t need another distraction.”

Our generation grew up on technology, and in most cases, we can multitask. However, there is a point where we need to draw the line, especially if someone’s life is at risk, especially your own.

It’s dangerous. There are enough distractions while driving to have to look at a phone too. Music, friends and the landscape are distractions to driving. The amount of time we take to look at our phone is enough time for a deer, a child or another vehicle to be directly in front of our cars. No body wants the guilt of killing a four year old when she was just crossing her ball. Experience isn’t everything. Being a good driver comes from experience. You can never get enough experience. New drivers are the worst at multitasking when driving. They shouldn’t be allowed to even listen to music, let alone use their phones. Multitasking isn’t for everyone. Many people can’t handle distractions while others thrive on doing something else. For those good at multitasking, it’s a talent.

For others who can’t pay attention to the road and are terrible drivers in the first place, they should refrain from using their phones while driving. You know who you are. Everyone can practice a little patience and wait to look at the little demonic device.

Stop sign check. For those ultimately impatient people, the best thing to do is to wait for a stop sign before checking a message or texting. The vehicle is stopped, and this prevents drivers from colliding, swerving or annoying the good drivers. Surely, it can wait until you get to where you’re going.

Texting isn’t worth losing or taking a life. Remember that the next time you hear the little twiddle or feel that buzz come from your purse or pocket while seated behind the wheel, one text could change someone’s life forever. Don’t be the reason for that.

‘THE CRAZIES’ HOME GROWN HORROR

By Tanner Sandrock
Copy Editor

It’s not often that a Hollywood film is based in Iowa but unlike “The Field of Dreams,” “The Crazies” is a little closer to hell than heaven.

This is another horror remake, of course, because obviously all the Hollywood’s horror writers have either quit or are on vacation since no one can seem to find a new script or story.

I’ve never seen the original from 1973, but what I know of the story, it isn’t too much different. In the first one there is a manmade chemical that cause the infected to suffer from a case of insanity and an uncontrollable urge to not only kill people, but do it in a way that’s both disturbing and for the horror junkies pretty cool.

This chemical is released on a small Pennsylvania town. The military shows up to try and cover up their big “whoops,” and things really start going downhill for these townfolk.

The new film is basically the same except for the location change from small town to small town. East Coast to small town Midwest. The Hawkins county may not see a jump in tourism after being featured as the host of a manmade apocalyptic epidemic but we can all smile and say, “Hey that town looks familiar.”

Just a bit of information for those wondering. The town Ogden Marsh, IA, doesn’t really exist, in fact the county it’s supposed to be in doesn’t really exist, and parts of the movie were filmed in Georgia. I’m not saying none of the movie was filmed in Iowa, actually a large part of it was filmed in both Lenox and Winterst. You might even know some of the lucky few that got to get all gored up and play part in the movie.

And believe me I’m jealous of you folks who did. I’ve always wanted to be in a horror movie of some type. But all random facts and jealous whining aside let me get back to the movie.

The story follows David Dutcher (Tobin Bell), a Peirce County Sheriff, as he tries to save himself, his wife (Radha Mitchell), and anyone else that happen to come across from this nasty little mix up. There are townfolk running around killing each other with random farming supplies, the military is burning and torching anything that might slip onto the news and make them look not so great and then you have your group of survivors trying their hardest not to die.

Most of this movie is a decent adrenaline rush, watching the mayhem and madness. One thing that is sure to drive you mad is the lack of explanation. All you really know through the whole movie is that a plane carrying this manmade chemical that was intended to be used as a biological weapon crashed into the town’s drinking water. A few days later the town is burning to the ground. The military comes in to try and “save” these people but not quite. It’s far too late to save that and you really don’t know what is going on.

My biggest question is why some people in the town were infected and others weren’t? Did some people only drink bottled water? Did Sheriff Dutcher buy a Brita Water Filter the year before? They try to explain this by saying the Sheriff’s house was further along the pipeline than others but that still doesn’t explain the framer who burned his house down with his family inside. Why was he crazy and his family not?

Another part that bugged me a little bit was the infected themselves. Why did they not kill each other? Why only kill others that are not infected? To me that just doesn’t make any sense.

It is plot holes like these that really take away from the movie as a whole. Trust me, there are others besides these few I’ve mentioned. I just don’t want to give away too much of the movie for those who still want to see it.

This is one of those movies that can be a fun viewing if you are into that genre, and by that genre I mean lots of blood, lots of gore, and little chance of a happy ending. But if you are not into this kind of movie, you might want to stay clear of this one. For me “The Crazies” gets 2 and a half stars out of 5.
Kirkwood knocks women out of tournament play

By Shannon Jefferson
Sports Editor

On Mar. 4, the DMACC women’s basketball team competed against five-time national champion Kirkwood Eagles in Creston in an attempt to advance to the finals in the Region XI Tournament. The Bears ended their season with a loss, 76-54.

Kaitlin Ashland hit 2 three-pointers with 12:21 remaining in the first half bringing the Bears to an 11-point lead. “Kirkwood came back and took a little wind out of our sails,” Coach Steve Krafcisin said. At the beginning of the second half the Bears were down by 6 points. Foul trouble hurt the Bears as Katelyn Wood and Tia Mays picked up their second fouls. Kirkwood began to extend their lead against the Bears.

“Coach made us realize that we needed to focus on our turnovers and free throws,” said Kannon Burrage. The Bears struggled in the second half, the Eagles started a 23-6 run to take a 45-40 holding the Lakers off until it came to a tie with 8:25 remaining on the clock. Both teams handed it out to ward the end of the second half. Eventually after missed shots and free throws, the Bears fell behind the Lakers, sending the Lakers home with a win. The Bears ended the 2009-2010 season with 22-7 record.

Ludwig to play volleyball for DMACC next fall

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Women beat NIACC to advance in regionals

By Shannon Jefferson
Sports Editor

The DMACC women’s basketball team advanced in the National Junior College Association (NJCAA) Region XI Division II basketball tournament, by defeating North Iowa Area Community College in Boone 67-53.

Leading scorer, Tia Mays, led the Bears to a victory with 20 points. Kathryn Wood contributed 17 points and Marni Jacobsen contributed 10 points to the Bear’s win over NIACC. In the first half, the Bears struggled with the jitters. “I think people were playing not to lose,” Tia Mays said. The Bears only shot 34.5 percent in the first half against the Trojans. NIACC guard, Amy Boley had 6 three-pointers against the Bears. “We tried to locate her,” Coach Steve Krafcisin said. At the end of the first half the Trojans were up by 6. Coming into the second half the Bears made an immediate comeback. “Coach motivated us. Coach made us realize that we were still in the game,” Mays said.

The Bears came out and had a great second half. They shot 48.9 percent from the free-throw line and 43.8 percent overall. With 7:21 remaining Wood hit a three-pointer and Skylar Johnson hit a three-pointer shortly after. The Bears gained momentum and strengthened their lead and took the win, leading them to the semi-final round against Kirkwood Community College.

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