DMACC-Boune Campus Theatre presents “This Must Be the Place,” by Monk Ferris. The play will be performed for a live audience on April 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boune Campus Theatre. Admission is $5 and free for students who have their ID cards.

Let’s meet the stars.

Bob Zachary, a world-renowned portrait artist, is portrayed by Brent Sobolik. Sobolik enjoys the part of Zachary because it reminds him of his own personality, “a big hunk of man candy.” Sobolik is a freshman at the Boune Campus and is undecided in his major. “There are a lot of cool people to hang out with,” said Sobolik. “It gives me something to do when I am not working.”

Des Moines Area Community College Boune Campus

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‘This Must Be the Place’
to be presented April 2-3

By Jill Ackerman
Staff Writer

Marching college students flashing signs with statements that read, “Defend Public Education” and “Farlough Legislators” could have college students nationwide worried about what provokes their peers to come to such drastic measures in getting their voices heard.

Why are the students so upset? It is said lately by experts at the Associated Press, “that colleges could face more severe financial trouble over the next few years as they drain Federal stimulus money to temper any prevented widespread layoff and classroom cuts.” In Wisconsin, more than 25,000 college students have been put on a waiting list for financial aid programs because there was a high demand for education funds.

With the economy at a serious low point, it may cause issues for students at Des Moines Area Community College. From what bookkeeper, Vicki Lanzon of DMACC Boune Campus says about financial aid for Iowa students, receiving financial aid should not be a problem.

Lanzon said that there has been enough financial aid for DMACC students, and they do not see any changes coming. She also stated that around 20,000 students from the DMACC campuses receive financial aid as of right now.

There could be some upcoming drops in attendance in college universities if the government cannot provide for the college-aged citizens. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of California-Santa Cruz, University of California-Berkeley, Sacramento State University and the University of Texas in Austin are all universities that have noted that they have been affected by lack of financial aid in their programs.

Many students are banking on the financial aid to support them through their college years so this is good news for fellow DMACC students. Lanzon does give advice however, to ensure that students get all the financial aid they can. Some of her tips were, fill out the FAFSA by the first of April, read the DMACC e-mails and watch for announcements concerning the issue of financial aid. Also make sure to accept the financial aid award given through online tools.

College student Shawn Mc Govern said, “If it weren’t for financial aid, I wouldn’t be going to college.”
**“Twilight Saga: NEW MOON” revisited**

By Tanner Sandrock

So “New Moon” hit retail shelves and the latest installment of “Eclipse” is coming to theaters in June. Now, I know I’ll probably be giving up a few man cards for admitting that I watched both movies as well as have read all four books. And as hard as it is for me to say this, I didn’t completely hate them. No, in fact I kind of liked them. The books anyway, the movies on the other hand are pretty horrible. But really, who can say that the movie adaptation is ever better than the book? After divulging my guilty pleasure, I would like to say that the saga of “Twilight” I can get on with the movie review. I know I’ve printed a review around the time “New Moon” was released in theaters but now that people are lining up around the block for midnight showings of the DVD we agreed it would be a timely event to ask my opinion on the film. And my short answer is, it’s really bad.

And for my longer answer, it’s really, really bad, and here’s why. As much as I enjoyed the saga as a whole, there are a lot of bad things I can say about it, as well as enough good things that will resurface at some later date. The book is interesting enough to wrap you up and the characters are developed to the point where they’re memorable. But really, who can say that people, or at least seem like they could be real people. This is a pretty good clue that this is a well written, competent, and maybe even likable person. The story doesn’t cross over very well to film. The book is about a love story by now it here is Bella. Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) is fairly average teenage girl, divorced parents, self conscious, all these things make her an at least likable person. She moves from Phoenix to live with her father Billy Burke who is a sheriff in the small town of Forks. Upon arrival she meets the strange family, the Cullen, even more important she meets Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and falls in love with him. Oh, and Edward is a vampire. Having one member of a relationship always fighting the urge to kill the other would make any relationship complicated and in “New Moon” this reaches a breaking point when Edward’s brother Jasper (Jackson Rathbone) tries to act on this urge.

As a result Edward and his family leave Forks and Bella, sending her into a deep depression and upsetting many viewers and readers who don’t get to observe over how hot Edward is, present speaker not included. But viewers and readers are appeased when Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) returns from his ban roll in episode one to become a main player as well as bringing a newly acquired, ripped out of his mind phys, all rejoice, present speakers still excluded.

So Belli falls that empty hole in her heart with Jacob and her new taste for extreme sports, because apparently approaching a human with a wolf’s mind will completely snap and give her hallucinations about Edward. Oh yeah and during this time we figure out that Jacob is no aver age underdog, that’s right underdog, but in fact he is a “were wolf.” (I put quotations around werewolf because he’s not actually a were wolf in the film. But in the first book they explain this. No, in fact he’s much closer to a shape shifter that got the raw deal of only being able to turn into one shape, that of a big dog.)

Well, Jacob loves Bella but Bella still lives with Jacob and the two love and in one big messy love triangle and that is pretty much all you need to know without giving away the ending you just saw.

The thing I cannot stand about this movie is the pace. The story is slow and in the book the story is also slow, but tolerable. So by staying somewhat true to the book the movie is slow.

There are long pauses of slow motion apprenticeship broken up by very low lines and bad dialogue. I’m sorry, but some but stories are just better on paper than on screen. And Jacob has the movie over as a whole is one of these. The books are literally filled with page after page after page of Bella talking about how hot she thinks Edward is. What keeps people reading the books is the inner turmoil that Bella has and that’s just hard to show in a movie.

The story is just dull, it really is. There isn’t a lot of action that happens. There are a few fights in the end and a handful of cool werewolf on werewolf scuffles but not much beyond that. And as for “romance” aspect, a lot of it is just kind of corny. I know you have an impressive six pack there Jacob but just please put a shirt on. And Edward please never take your off again.

But in the end it’s not really a surprise that I wasn’t blown away by this movie. It seems the director and producers new the audience they were trying to please and that wasn’t mine. This movie was made for super fans. You know, that group of book fans who’s love everything “Twilight” and more than likely have a minimum of two posters on their wall. They probably enjoyed this movie, they probably have it already and they have probably seen it six or seven times. For those of you who have not read the books I don’t know what you are smoking but you will never and you’ll never need to.

After writing this I know I may have upset a few fans and I do not mean to. I’m also probably going to get a few odd looks from my friends and strangers alike, for admitting my fan-hood from the films and see the movies for what they really are; one big stinky pile that people are cashing in on, in a big way.
DMACC's eighth annual Celebration of the Literary Arts will be held April 12 through 14 with classroom visits to all six DMACC campuses by area writers and literary instructors. Caterpillar Professor of English and Bradley University Creative Writing Program Director Kevin Stein will read from his works on the Boone Campus from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Monday, April 12. Musician Rob Lumbard will entertain as a prelude to the readings from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the L.W. Courter Center.

Stein is a poet whose most recent collection is "Sufficiency of the Actual." His fourth full-length collection, American Ghost Roses, garnered the Society of Midland Authors 2006 Poetry Award. His other collections include Chance Ransom (University of Illinois Press, 2000), Bruised Paradise (University of Illinois Press, 1996) and A Circus of Want (University of Missouri Press), winner of the 1992 Devins Award for Poetry. His prize-winning poetry chapbooks are The Figure Our Bodies Make (St. Louis Poetry Center, 1988) and A Field of Wings (Illinois Writers, Inc., 1986).

Stein's poems and essays have appeared widely in journals such as American Poetry Review, Boulevard, The Colorado Review, The Gettysburg Review, the Kenyon Review, Poetry, The Southern Review and TriQuarterly.

All events are free and open to the public.

Ten DMACC students were named to the 47-person 2010 All-Iowa Academic Team, who were honored at a recent recognition banquet held in Des Moines. The DMACC team includes Thomas Olmstead (front row, left to right) of Granger from the DMACC Ankeny Campus, Joanna Rentschler of Boone from the Boone Campus, Stephanie Brincks of Carroll from the Carroll Campus, Sherry Greteman of Carroll from the Carroll Campus, Jaylene Leahy (back row left to right) of Urbandale from the Urban Campus, Janet Janana of Newton from the Newton Campus, Taara Snyder of Panora from the West Campus and Daniel Sorcuras of West Des Moines from the West Campus.

In addition, Greteman was named the 2010 All-Iowa Academic Team New Century Scholar.
Budget adjustments made for 2010-2011

By Josie Kramer
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Activities Council met March 19 to discuss budget requests next year term at the DMACC Boone Campus.

Two organized bodies on campus that requested one percent raises in their budget were the Banner News and the SAC. Banner News went from 8 percent to 9 percent and the SAC went from 20 percent to 21 percent. They each received the increase with a unanimous vote of members in attendance.

SAC members in attendance were Marni Jacobsen, Cassie Nasholz, Dani Lang, Josie Kramen, and Stephanie Shipley. Shipley represented Phi Beta Lambda and Kramen represented Banner News. Also in attendance were Linda Pfeifer, professor of business technology and PBL advisor, representing PBL and Jan LaVelle, professor of English and Banner News advisor, representing Banner News.

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Students to build relay team

By Jill Ackerman
Staff Writer

Cancer is a disease that has affected many peoples’ lives around the globe and, for many, it has touched them significantly either by having cancer themselves or someone close to them being diagnosed with cancer. The Boone County Relay for Life will take place June 3 starting at 5 p.m.

Contact her at 433-5090 or stop by her office (DMACC BANNER NEWS)

Health care becomes law

By Austin Leeds
Columnist

President Barack Obama signed into law March 23 a bill that has been in the eyes of some, almost a century in the making.

During the Great Depression, such a bill would have been welcomed with open arms by a large portion of the struggling population—the original Social Security bill would have included a national health care amendment, but the American Medical Association’s opposition to the amendment helped bring about its downfall. Current polls show that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, jokingly referred to as “Obamacare,” is not going to be as widely accepted as the President and his party would have hoped.

CNN polled 1,030 Americans from March 19 to March 21, finding that 59 percent opposed the bill and 39 percent supported it. The other two percent were undecided. DMACC students are already contemplating the effects of the bill.

DMACC student Eric Langkamp stated his views on Facebook, “I’m all for some sort of public health care option, but as it stands right now it will cause most if not all health insurers to go out of business. Not only that but it won’t start for about four years after the bill is passed. This isn’t because of processing or anything like that, it’s because they need to build up the money for the health care plan.”

When asked how he felt the act would affect him at college, he replied, “This will almost certainly hurt me during my remaining college years because I’ll be paying for it but not reaping the benefits of it.”

While the first wave of reforms will become effective on Sept. 23, 2010, the majority of the bill’s reforms will become effective on Jan. 1, 2014. The 2010 enactments will include the 10 percent sales tax for indoor tanning and government accountability for insurance companies. The 2014 enactments will include the major improvements in coverage for impoverished individuals and families, as well as other changes.

The last round of reforms will become effective in 2018, including a 40 percent excise tax on high cost insurance plans.

DMACC instructor Steve Hoifeldt commented that while the bill might help many people, including his step-daughter, there are many who are “too proud” to use government money. Hoifeldt also noted there are those who “will abuse the system.”

With legal action imminent or already taking place in over ten states, it remains to be seen whether the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will be repealed on grounds of its alleged unconstitutionality. The President and his bill will bring in a new era of fairness and equality in America, but some opposed to the bill believe it may be the start of an era of government control over the American people.

“People shouldn’t have to be afraid of their government,” said DMACC student Eric Thiel, quoting from “V for Vendetta,” “Their government should be afraid of their people.”

Whether the bill leads to better days or Big Brother it can’t possibly be known at present, but one thing is certain—changes have been made, for good or ill.
Students experience ‘educational’ fun in Belize

By Caitlin Palar
DMACC Student
Contributing Writer

I was part of a group of 29 AHS students gathered at Kings Cross Station with suitcases and backpacks. We made our way through the station (as we did not see Platform 9 3/4).

After only a few minutes of settling into our seats, I looked around at all the other people asking, “Are we moving?” I saw the train next to us and said, “No, I think that train is moving,” but I was wrong. We had begun to pull out of the station. It felt awkward because our section of seats was facing the back of the train.

The train ride was fairly smooth, but it took some time to adjust to the backwards sun. The sun set somewhere between London and Edinburgh but I didn’t notice because Gillian and I were enthralled in our games of Go Fish and Garbage.

Upon arrival in Edinburgh (pronounced kind of like Ed-In-Bra), we had to climb the stairs out of the train station and then climb a steep pathway up toward our hostel. My night in Edinburgh was spent celebrating Levi’s 20th birthday and Gillian showing me around her favorite places before.

In the morning we gathered our belongings. Waiting outside our hostel was a fluorescent yellow bus that said, “Haggis Adventures: WILD AND SEXY.” This was the first time.

On Friday we saw the Doune Castle, The William Wallace Memorial, and we toasted the Ben Nevis whiskey distillery. The Doune Castle was featured in the movie “Maid of Honor.” (Yes, ladies, I walked the same ground as Drew Barrymore. Also on this bus was a mysterious bridge, and Dan told us that we needed to become completely committed to him at that moment. He took us down to the stream below the bridge, where we heard a legend told by the bus driver of the other Haggis bus we were touring with.

According to legend, the most beautiful princess was on her way to the church on her wedding day when her face was severely injured by her horse. She was dumped at the altar because she was no longer beautiful. She sat alone at that bridge, crying, until a fairy told her that this stream would restore her beauty tenfold, and that her beauty would last forever if she stuck her face in the water for seven seconds. She did and her beauty was restored. Later on, the princess who was supposed to marry asked again for her hand, and she said, “no.”

Supposedly she lives today, 800 years old and still quite sexy. The tour guides told us that we were not allowed back on the bus until we were all thoroughly sexy. Seventy seconds with my face under the freezing cold stream was SO WORTH IT! Later that day we stopped at a good hik ing point. From this high point in Skye we could see the mainland of Scotland. I had to pause for a few minutes to take in the scenery. It was probably the most beautiful sight I had ever seen. I had a hard time coming down from the hike because I knew I would probably never go again.

We stayed the night in the Isle of Skye at a hostel called Saucy Mary’s. And boy did we get sauced (although tails not necessary! I recovered well enough to be out of my room by 7 a.m. Sunday morning to catch the sunrise. It was a very cold, windy morning and, of course, the wind was coming from the east. I stood on the dock facing the wind for a half-hour. Tears rolled down my cheeks from the breeze. Finally I saw the sun peak through the mountains and the clouds and show in reflection on the water. It was worth the wait. All day long I felt connected to the sun in a way I never have before. I felt like I had learned one of God’s secret recipes.

We visited Loch Ness and heard marvelous legends about Nessie. (I really do believe in Loch Ness monsters. Yes, there is more than one.) The sun was bright and warm over the Loch. We made our way back to Edinburgh to get on the train back to London. Down in the station I passed a picture of the sun setting through one of the station entrances. It was a bittersweet goodbye.

Early morning...Isle of Skye...Scotland

By Katie Cervantes
Staff Writer

Cave findings, fishing, hot weather and jungle exploring, are just a few things Jeff Schroeder, DMACC, and IU students experienced while their time spent in Belize. Schroeder and nine students arrived in Belize Thursday, March 11 and stayed until March 19.

With weather conditions of 80 degrees and higher, were students well prepared for the climate change from Iowa to the tropical scenery of Belize?

DMACC student Eric Thiel said, “Always having to be our home for the next three days as our WILD AND SEXY tour guide, Dan, drove us across Scotland.”

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“Monty Python and the Holy Grail,” I climbed up part of the William Wallace Memorial because...I do things like that. The whisky distillery smelled like a burning wheat field, and the whisky tasted the same. We spent that night in a hostel called Moraga, which is located at the southern tip of Loch Ness. We learned about the Scottish Tain (kilt), tried them on and had a tartan party. (If you see pictures of this event, I will stress to you that I was NOT DRUNK. I was just having a good time.)

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Making the most of an old computer, Part II

By Austin Leed
Columnist

I’ve covered RAM, hard drive, and optical drive upgrades. Now, it’s time to dig a bit deeper.

Video Card upgrades can enhance a middle-aged computer’s gaming and 3D rendering performance, especially if running an operating system newer than it shipped with, like going from Windows 7 to Windows 8. For example, video cards can also allow for more connectivity, like HDMI or mini-DVI, as well as other high-end video ports.

Sound Cards can make all the difference if you use your computer for musical purposes. Replacing a stock sound card with a high-end card can boost your music to new levels of clarity and quality—not to mention the effect it could have on your party and love life.

CPUs can be removed from many motherboards and replaced with faster models or doubled up. Due to bus speed differences (the speed of the motherboard circuits) and different sockets, it’s probably best to have a professional do this, but if you really want to try, make sure to thoroughly read up on your motherboard and your potential new CPU. If in doubt, go to a professional.

Motherboard upgrades are for the daring. Most casual users will simply want to buy a new computer by the time they need a mother- board upgrade, but for those who have a lot of experience working inside computers, attaching cables, and switching tiny little circuits, adding a new motherboard can turn your old bucket of bolts into a unique masterpiece—a Festiva on the outside, a Mustang on the in- side. You’ll definitely want to find some reliable instructions on what to do and how to do it—try picking up the latest copy of “Upgrading and Fixing PCs for Dummies” by Andy Rathbone.

Operating Systems are usually the quickest upgrades from a dis- tance—after all, you’re completely changing the way your computer operates. Up close, however, operating system upgrades are some of the easiest, most foolproof changes you can make to a computer. Of ten, the new OS can simply install itself, provided you enter it in a few tidbits of personal information first, like your name and what you want to be your password. To upgrade from Windows Vista to Win- dows 7, for example, is completely automated by Microsoft for most versions. If both the old OS and the new OS are 32-bit or 64-bit (the old and the new to be the same), the Windows 7 upgrade will run right from your desktop, copying all your important files automatically.

With an older computer, however, you may want to think about switching to Linux. If you don’t have a 1.0 GHz CPU and 1 GB of RAM, your chances of running Windows 7 smoothly are pretty slim. In this case, Ubuntu can take up the slack; its latest version, Ubuntu 10.04 Lucid Lynx (just call it “Lucid”), can boot up in ten seconds on older machines, representing an overall speed increase from 2002 to 2008. According to the most recent report, for 2000 to 2009, total spending on athletic operations was $1,430,084. Since 2002, the college has spent at least $2,550,000 on athletics. If one were to go back to the year the athletics department began, the increase would easily be in the thousands of per­cent, no academic area be­ing cut back at such a rate. In my view, the most con­cerning aspect on the expense side is the burgeoning number of coaches, their salary costs, and how those salaries are computed. In 1996, the only really organized sport was baseball; now we have seven teams between men and women. According to the most recent EADA report, there are nine people who are full-time college employees whose jobs in­volve them exclusively, or mainly, in coaching. Adding in part-time people, this totals 12-15 coaches, ap­proximately one-half as many people as there are full-time core teaching faculty members at Boone Campus, all but one added since 1996. If one counts the entire athletic staff, there are 19 people, full-time and part-time. If we count as many as there are full-time core teaching faculty.

In regard to the compu­tation of salary, if a coach’s $5,000 stipend goes toward pay for coaching the sport, the re­mainder of that total funds are used for compensation for coaching the sport specifically. The rest is essentially hidden behind other alleged administration du­ties, most of which are of dubious ob­viousness. Thus, the reported total of athletic expenses incurred for coaching salaries is artificially small, and what the money appears to amount to be less than they really are. Rather than being $35,000, DMAAAC’s total salary paid to coaches are at least $30,000, and that’s not counting the athletic director’s $40,780. While $35,000 alone would be sufficient to add two full-time faculty positions which are needed more than an athletic director. If the only real reason the coaches are here in the first place is to coach a specific sport, and if they would not be on staff at all were sports programs to shut down, then their entire pay should be in­cluded on the expense side of the EADA report. This would reflect the true cost of running athletics, and it would properly put the case and would more than wipe out any alleged spending in the top sports depart­ment, an amount identified as be­ing $36,543 for the current EADA reporting year. According to my understanding of the real cost of athletics in the department is $140,000 or more.

In addition to other athletic expenses, a total of $33,050 was allocated in the FY2010 budget for recruiting and in-state and out-of-state travel. This figure is supported on the most recent EADA filing was just $1,942. This last item should be viewed against the background and what I learned to be a heavy frost, or nearly so, on travel by faculty members. All of this, again, sounds what some say unreasonably austere times for the college.

Add to this something in excess of $300,000 for a new baseball diamond, in addition to the cost coming from the Civil En­gineering Technology program. In all fairness, the rest came from private donations, though those people could have donated to aca­demic programs. Remember, too, the only athletic capital resource on campus, probably not a small sum, will be borne by the college.

On the revenue side, the col­lege's 2008-2009 EADA report showed $612,605 in monies at­tribute able to the athletic depart­ment, an impressive amount to those who don’t look deeper and more critically. This number is far higher than the amounts in­cluded in the FY2010 budget. Specifically, $192,000 was reported in the EADA for basket­ball and $136,016 for the other sports. However, if we compare the college budget figures indicated only $3,000 in gate receipts and $6,000 in other miscellaneous revenue for a total of $9,000 in athletic receipts of $9,000 in money directly generated by the various sports. Indeed, the coalition's $1,942 in revenue was insufficient to even pay for that energy. $9,000 in receipts is not being able to boast of such a rise.

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It’s all about priorities

By Bruce Kelly, Contributing Writer

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What activities do you want to have at DMACC?

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Promoting Engaged Bystander Behavior

Dear Editor,

You think you saw something, but you aren't sure. You could be wrong; maybe it was nothing. So you let it go and you walk away. The next day you hear the news. Someone desperately needed your help, but you didn't realize it. It wasn't your friend. But it was someone else's loved one. And they needed you to step in and prevent a sexual assault.

You, as a bystander, have the opportunity to act and safely change the outcome—to prevent an assault by stepping in when you see something that doesn't look right. Maybe you saw someone slip something into a drink. Maybe you witnessed a friend taking advantage of someone who has had too much to drink. Maybe someone grabbed your friend's butt as she walked by. Studies have shown that college-age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted than any other age group.

That makes college-age bystanders, like you, critical in preventing sexual assault.

Sure, in a society that promotes a 'mind your own business' message, speaking up is difficult. Try to approach the situation as a friend and trust your gut. If you see something that doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. If you think someone is in trouble, ask if they are okay. Be honest and direct in explaining your concerns and reasons for intervening. If you don't feel comfortable approaching a situation on your own, ask—a friend, a resident director, anyone—for help.

You aren't wreaking someone's fun or being a jerk if you speak up. You are watching out for someone's brother, sister, girlfriend or boyfriend. Next time, it could be your loved one that someone helps out.

For more information contact ACCESS or the Boone County Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 432-3606.

Sincerely,

Alicia Cox
ACCESS

S M O K I N ' & P O K I N '

Snow is melted
Free pork burgers
First home baseball games on campus
Five weeks left of class
Tailgating for home baseball games
Litter in the parking lot
Men and women Basketball seasons ends short of Nationals
Midterm notices
Nothing to do on weekends
No women's softball

Promote different activities on campus

Staff Editorial

The Student Activities Council does a good job providing food, intramurals and entertainment. These events are however not very memorable. Let's try for a better college experience. Lets have something to remember about DMACC.

To begin, spicing up the intramurals would bring more student involvement. Having a faculty versus students game, be it basketball, baseball, volleyball or dodge ball, Every student would like to one-up his or her professors and instructors.

The Bowling League is a step closer to student entertainment on Friday nights. As college students, we want cheap entertainment. Staying in the apartment all weekend is never ideal. The bowling league, at Imperial Lanes in Boone, starting April 2nd is the perfect opportunity for fellow classmates to come together and enjoy a night out. The bowling league is free. The Boone Campus location.

Weekend events could be just what we need as a student body. DMACC once had a homecoming dance. Let's bring back the dance and consider more weekend dances. They don't have to be formal. On a nice night during late spring before graduation, we could have a giant BBQ with a DJ. We could have our own little VEISHEA. A battle of the bands in the Courter Center will not only bring music but more students who will want to watch their fellow students performing.

Finally, the SAC could host a movie night in the Courter Center, auditorium or gym. A good movie and popcorn is all it takes to please us. Going out to the theatre is getting expensive. When we want to see good movies, there isn't a place better than with familiar friends in a convenient location.

Nothing is cheaper than what you can get for free. The Boone Campus play is April 2 and 3 is the perfect opportunity for students. It will be fun to see fellow classmates acting. Plus, there will be free refreshments during intermission.

Spice up student activities and bring more entertainment. The campus atmosphere will improve tremendously.
Baseball kicks off spring season

By Shannon Jefferson

SPORTS

March 17

The Bears baseball team competed in Miami, Okla., against Stew- ard County. The Bears defeated the Lakers 26-7. In game one, the Bears won 24-8, and in game two, the Bears scored 13 runs against the Lakers.

March 18

The Bears defeated the Lakers 25-7. In game one, the Bears scored 13 runs against the Lakers.

Six DMACC men and women make All-Region

By Katie Cervantes

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DMACC finished 10 out of 11 teams, scoring 345 in the first round, and 340 in the second, bringing the final score to 685.

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vey.

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March 24

Game

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Game 2

In game two against the Vikings, the Bears had 28 at bats, 11 hits, 8 runs batted in and 0 errors. In the fifth inning, Anderson homered to left field, bringing 2 runs in. The Bears defeated the Vikings in the second game, 10 to 0.

March 27

Game

The DMACC baseball team beat Iowa Lakes CC, 2 to 0. The Bears had 23 at bats, 3 hits, and 2 runs batted in. The Bears and the Lakers scored 4 runs in the third inning. The Bears had 28 at bats, 11 hits, and 13 runs batted in. The Bears defeated the Lakers in the second game, 5 to 1. The Bears had 26 at bats, 11 runs scored, and 0 errors. In the fifth inning, Anderson homered to left field, followed by Carpenter, doubling to right field and allowing Borman to score.

March 28

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