Internet issues annoy students

By Danny Ginger
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The Internet connectivity issues throughout DMACC Boone Campus are about to be addressed and repaired.

Several people have noticed the occurrences of being dropped off of the Internet, or not being able to connect in general, throughout the past year.

Last semester in Jane Martino's psychology class, DMACC student Rachel Davis attempted to access the Internet for a project.

"The portion of the class who was wired was able to connect, but wireless would not connect," Davis said.

Again this semester Davis tried to use the Internet in the room 129 and 129 hallway, but was still unable to connect.

When asked about what was going to be happening in relation to the Internet issues on campus, Brian Green said that he is "not quite sure of all the details."

"We are looking to increase the bandwidth for campus," said Mark Clark, DMACC's director of networking based at the Ankeny campus. "The bandwidth increase is in progress. It will be going from 20 MB/s to..."

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Board approves fall tuition increase

DMACC - DMACC's Board of Directors has approved a 4 percent tuition increase. The increase from the current $82.25 per credit hour to $131 per credit hour is effective with the fall 2011 classes at the lowest levels possible.

"Due to the success of the first colleges in the state to begin leasing textbooks to students, a move that's saved students more than $300,000 since last fall, DMACC is Iowa's largest two-year college, annually serving more than 70,000 credit and non-credit students."

"In addition, we have taken aggressive fiscal measures to reduce spending, including an energy conservation program that's resulted in a 20 percent energy savings, hiring and membership fies, travel catchbacks and other belt tightening measures," said Denison.

"As long as it remains a good deal, I don't think that students would complain," said Green.

"I don't think the students would really care," said Denson. "In fact, when you look at the..."

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Play ball

The DMACC Bears Baseball team went up against Indian Hills on April 12. The Bears pulled out an 8-2 win over IHCC. In the top photo, Dylan Thomas, pitcher for the Bears, winds up the pitch. In the bottom photo, Greg Larpenter takes a swing.

Finals next week

By Devon Greer
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Finals week runs from May 2 through 5.

To find out specific times, go to the DMACC home page and click LIBRARY under the quick links. The schedule is located under hot news. Students are also advised to check their course syllabus or talk with their instructors about their final exam time.

Resources, such as the Academic Achievement Center and the library, are available for those who are beginning to prepare their study plans for finals week.

Final exam schedule, page 2

During finals week there is a 50 percent increase in people who show up," said Misty Wisecup, specialist clerk in the AAC. "Students need to remember instructors names and bring in their photo ID."

AAC is open regular hours -- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The AAC administers tests and offers tutoring services.

The library will be open for extended hours during finals week. A list of hours appears on page 2.

Librarian Michelle Tedrow said she will be staffing the library for the extended night hours. The delayed closing is part of a continued pilot program, and won't cost DMACC any extra fees.

"As long as it remains a productive and useful tool we will continue to hold it," she said. Food will be provided at 10 p.m. for those who are studying in the library.

"Due to the success of the pilot program at Boone Campus, Carroll and Ankeny have started a similar extended hours service as well," Tedrow said.

Counselor Rita Davenport advised students to find a healthy balance when it comes to preparing for finals.

"Study hard but allow time for 15 minute breaks and make it part of your routine," she said. "From a health perspective, eating healthy during this time is also important."
## Congratulations 2011 DMACC Boone Campus Graduates

### Final Exam Schedule for Day Courses — Spring 2011

Des Moines Area Community College

**Student:** Your final exam is based on the first meeting day of the week for your course and the time your course meets. If you have any questions, check your course syllabus or talk with your instructor. The Final Exam Schedule is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. It is recommended that you do not make airline reservations or plans until May 6.

**Instructors:** The final exam is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances, according to the library's study hours.

DMACC student Monica Dilsauw said she will prepare for finals by “taking notes, meeting with the teachers, asking more questions and just taking more time to study.”

Another student, Cody Roux, said he will prepare for finals by “going over old work sheets, and studying with classmates.” The final exam is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances, according to the DMACC web site. It is recommended that you do not make airline reservations or plans until May 6.

### Boone Campus Library extended hours

Sunday, May 1 2 p.m. - midnight
Monday, May 2 7:30 a.m. - midnight
Tuesday, May 3 7:30 a.m. - midnight
Wednesday, May 4 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 5 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday, May 6 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The 2011 spring semester for the Banner News sends a big thanks to Julie Roosa for her help and dedication to the newspaper. We greatly appreciated it!

Kevin, Danny, Devon, Clara and Austin

and will be finished in approximately one week. Another problem, according to Clark, is that there are not enough IP addresses to accommodate the number of Internet accessible devices on campus. This is an issue that is also being addressed and should be fixed by the fall. When asked about the fix for the Internet dead spots, Clark states, “I did not know about any.”

The hallway with rooms 128-129 is one of the campus hot spots for Wi-Fi. According to Tom Lee he was aware of.

“If anyone were to find anymore of these dead spots, please let me know,” Lee said.
New recruits for the Bears

Chatfield, MN High School senior Taylor Salisbury (front row, second from left) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain (front row, left to right); Salisbury; her father, Noble Salisbury; DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison and Patti Obey (standing).

Lake Mills High School senior Amanda Lampman (front row, center) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: Lampman’s mother, Pamela, (front row, left) and father, Shawn; (back row, left to right), DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison, DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain and Lake Mills Volleyball Coach Jim Boehmer.

Forest City High School senior Natessa Bartleson (front row, center) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: Bartleson’s father, Tony, (front row, left) and mother, Misty; (back row, left to right), DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain, DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison and Forest City Volleyball Coach Paula Rotta.

Norwalk High School senior Tori Mateer (front row, center) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison (left to right), Tori’s dad, Randy Mateer, Tori Mateer, Tori’s mom, Brenda, and DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain, and Tori’s brothers, Travis (back row, left to right) and Trey.

Janesville High School senior Olivia Fisher (front row, center) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: Janesville High School Volleyball Coach Shelly Sorensen (front row, left), Fisher and her mother, Judy Fisher and DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison (back row, left) and DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain.

Roland Story High School senior Mia Pierson (front row, second from left) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College. Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: father, Mark Pierson, Mia Pierson, Sheila Pierson and Barb Pierson; Roland Story Head Volleyball Coach Molly Geise (back row, left to right), DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison and DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain.

Treynor High School senior Sarah Klahn (front row, center) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: Klahn’s mother, Kelley (front row, left) and father, Doug; Treynor Volleyball Coach Janet Fieene (back row, left to right), DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison, DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain and Klahn’s grandfather, Wendell Klahn.

West Fork High School senior Hallie Peterson (front row, third from left) signs a national letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Those taking part in the signing ceremony include: Hallie’s parents, Jill (left to right) and Mark Peterson, Hallie Pierson and Hallie’s sister, Lindsay Peterson, DMACC Assistant Volleyball Coach Rayna Cain (back row, left to right), DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison, and West Fork High School Assistant Volleyball Coaches Amanda Balk and Michelle Thompson.
New Recruits for the Bears

Softball program adds another player

DMACC - Ashley Madsen, an outfielder at Cedar Rapids Jefferson, has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Des Moines Area Community College. Madsen, a multi-talented athlete for the J-Hawks, will give the Bears added depth in the outfield, according to DMACC softball coach Bob Ligouri.

“We are really happy to have Ashley Madsen join our DMACC softball program,” Ligouri said. “She has explosive quickness and can really impact a game with her speed.”

Madsen participates in track and has enlisted at the high school level and has qualified for the girl's state track meet in relay events.

“We project that with her speed she can disrupt defenses,” Ligouri said. “She plays softball for one of the top Class 4A teams in the state and is a leader on that team. She has All-Region to win on and off the field. She is also an outstanding student.”

DMACC announced last November that it was adding softball to its intercollegiate athletic program and named Ligouri as the head coach. DMACC will begin softball action with the 2011-12 school year.

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College women's basketball coach Steve Kravcisin has announced that four high school athletes have signed national letters of intent to play basketball for DMACC.

Those players joining the program next season include: Kelsey Prkanski (1A High School); Jordan Wood of Prairie City-Mounie; Katie Kullner of Benton Community, and Maci Robeoltman of Sheffield West Fork.

“The four will have a big impact on our program,” Kravcisin said. “It's addressing a need because we lose three pretty big production people.”

Fynhardt scored 224 points for Pella last season, averaging 9.7 points a game. She connected on 34 percent of her shots from the field and shot 60 percent from the free throw line. Fynhardt grabbed 142 rebounds for the season, including 77 offensive rebounds, and blocked 16 shots. She had 34 steals and was named to the all-conference first team. She also received all-district first team honors and participated in the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association all-state game where she earned Most Valuable Player honors.

Wood is the sister of Kaytyn Wood, a starter on the DMACC team the past two seasons. The younger Wood also participated in volleyball and track at the high school level, earning all-conference honors and all-district honors in volleyball. She has qualified for the Drake Relays and the state track meet, placing fifth in the 4x208-meter relay and the long jump at the state track meet.

As a basketball player, Wood scored 327 points last season, averaging 14.2 points a game. She was 115 of 217 in field goal shooting and made 96 of 127 free throw attempts. Wood grabbed 184 rebounds, had 58 steals and blocked 11 shots.

Kullner scored 240 points last season, averaging 9.6 points a game. She received all-district first team honors in volleyball and track at the high school level, earning all-conference honors and all-district honors in volleyball. She has qualified for the Drake Relays and the state track meet.

Robeoltman finished the 2010-11 season with 281 points while leading her team to the Class 2A state tournament. She averaged 11.2 points a game. She was 126 of 325 from the field and 28 of 52 at the free throw line. Robeoltman finished the season with 174 rebounds, 51 steals and 19 blocked shots. She capped the season by being named to the Class 2A All-State Third team.

Four players commit to Women’s Basketball Program

Upcoming sporting events for the Bears

**Women's Golf**
- *May 16-19 - NJCAA National Tournament at Daytona Beach, Florida*

**Men's Golf**
- *May 1-2 - Region XI Tournament at Fort Dodge Country Club in Fort Dodge*
- *May 17-20 - NJCAA National Tournament at Goose Pond Golf Course in Scottsboro, Alabama*

**Baseball**
- *April 30 - DMACC Bears vs. Kirkwood at Cedar Rapids at 2 p.m.*
- *May 1 - DMACC Bears vs. Kirkwood at Cedar Rapids at 1 p.m.*
- *May 3 - DMACC Bears vs. Muscatine at Boone at 2 p.m.*
- *May 7 - DMACC Bears vs. Iowa Lakes at Estherville at 2 p.m.*
- *May 8 - DMACC Bears vs. Iowa Lakes at Estherville at 12 p.m.*
- *May 12-16 - Region XI Tournament at Waterloo - time TBA*
- *May 21-22 - North Plains District Tournament - location and time TBA*
- *May 27 - June 4 - NJCAA World Series at Enid, Oklahoma*

Campus Cafe

**Lunch Specials**
- Daily Items: Pizza, Ham & Cheese Wraps, Salad Bar, Soup

**Daily Menu**
- East end of Courtyard Center
- Wraps, Hamburger Wraps
- Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cafe Hours**
- Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
DMACC’s Carli Bunning Commits to Minnesota-Crookston

DMACC - Sophomore Carli Bunning of Boone has signed a national letter of intent to continue her education and basketball career at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Bunning, a forward on the Des Area Community College women’s basketball team, also considered Mayville State University in North Dakota and Baker University in Kansas before deciding to attend UM-Crookston.

“I liked the coaches, the girls and the atmosphere,” Bunning said. “Once I stepped on campus I felt like this was the next home for me.”

Bunning helped DMACC to a 22-11 record this past season. She averaged 7.8 points and 5.9 rebounds a game as the Bears finished the season with 632 points, 154 field goal attempts, including 62-of-192 from 3-point range, and was 102-of-252 from the field. She had a fairly good freshman year and really responded this year. To be in a position to get a scholarship to a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II school is really a great honor. UM-Crookston has a need for her so it’s a great thing for her: I’m really proud of her.”

UM-Crookston is a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

“I think this is the right next school for me,” Bunning said. “I’ll be working against some taller girls but I think I can do it.

Hal Bateman to play basketball at Stephen F. Austin

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College sophomore point guard Hal Bateman of Des Moines has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Stephen F. Austin University in Texas.

Bateman was recruited to SFA after considering Northern Arizona University and Chicago State.

“He took the visit to Stephen F. Austin and really enjoyed the campus,” DMACC men’s basketball coach B.J. McGinn said. “They have a need for a point guard that plays the way he does in terms of pushing the basketball, getting to the basket and making some athletic plays. It was a good fit for everybody.”

Bateman was recruited to SFA by Lumberjacks assistant coach Kellen Sampson, the son of former Oklahoma and Indiana head coach Kevin Sampson.

Bunning finished the season with 36 points in DMACC’s 77-60 win against the Falcons. The Bears finished the season with 13 games with an 8-2 win over Indian Hills Community College April 12 at the DMACC diamond.

DMACC sweeps NIACC to push winning streak to 12 games

Sophomore John Loefller of Burnsville, Minn., and freshmen Sean Moore of Coralville and Gaby De Varona of Pembroke Pines, Fla., each homered as the Des Moines Area Community College baseball team defeated North Iowa Area Community College 12-1 in the second game of a doubleheader April 10 at Mason City.

The win was the Bears’ 12th straight and gave them a four-game sweep of the Trojans.

DMACC, which improved to 25-11 for the season, also moved into first place in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference at 6-2.

Eichinger, Hackett lead Bears to Ellsworth Invite title

Freshman Taylor Eichinger of Huxley shot a two-over-par 74 and sophomore Collin Hackett of Carroll carded a 76 to lead Des Moines Area Community College Blue to the team championship in the Ellsworth Spring Invite April 12 at Webster City.

Eichinger had rounds of 37-37 and Hackett shot 36-38 as the Bears won the title with a score of 314.

DMACC men’s golf team finishes fifth at ILCC Invite

Sophomore Austin Gregersen of Ames shot a six-over-par 77 to lead the Des Moines Area Community College men’s golf team to a fifth-place finish in the Iowa Lakes Spring Invite April 17 at Brooks National Golf Club at Okoboji.

The Bears finished the 18-hole tournament with a score of 317, 14 strokes behind the winning total of 303 posted by Iowa Central Community College.

DMACC baseball team defeats Marshalltown for 30th win

The Des Moines Area Community College baseball team defeated Marshalltown Community College 6-3 on April 20 for its 30th win of the season.

The Bears, ranked No. 10 in this week’s Division II poll from the National Junior College Athletic Association, are 30-12 overall with victory in 17 of their last 18 games.

Kannon Burrage to play basketball at Texas-San Antonio

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College sophomore guard Kannon Burrage of Coralville has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Burrage signed with the Roadrunners after considering Montana State, Eastern Illinois, Illinois State and the State University of New York-Albany.

“Hi visited Texas-San Antonio and fell in love with the school,” DMACC men’s basketball coach R.J. McGinn said. “It’s a very nice place and they are an NCAA Division I tournament team. I think it’s kind of neat that we’ve got a kid going to team that made the NCAA Tournament field this year.”

McGinn said TSA graduates one starter from its NCAA Tournament team and recruited Burrage to fill that void.

“They are going to have an opportunity to make a strong run again next year,” McGinn said. “Kannon will play off the ball, but has the ability to play other positions. He can score in different ways, which is good.”

DMACC finished the 2010-11 season at 23-8 and 8-6 in the Iowa Community Athletic Conference. Burrage led the Bears in scoring with a 21.1 average. He was 220-of-488 from the field, including 62-of-192 from 3-point range, and made 130 of 185 free throw attempts. Burrage finished the season with 632 points, 154 rebounds, 67 assists, 37 steals and eight blocked shots.

Burrage scored a season-high 29 points in a 93-85 win over Marshalltown Community College on Jan. 3.
Apartment Hunting- What to consider
By Ciara Schaben
Staff Writer

I have been struggling with apartment hunting for the past two months. I've looked for places on Craig's List and other sites online. I've also been deciding if I want to stay in Ames or not, and so on. While looking for housing can be challenging and frustrating, I've found it is something that needs to be done with great consideration.

Considering your price range
Make sure you can afford the amount of rent plus utilities. If you choose a place with high rent, you will have less flexibility with your spending money. If you are like me and support yourself working a minimum wage job a few days a week, you most likely can not afford a monthly rent over $400.

Currently I spend about $430 a month between rent and utilities. After I pay those, there is little left for me to spend on other things such as groceries and gas. If you have financial support from a higher power, rent may seem less of an object to you and you can explore your horizons on housing.

KNOW whom you are living with
Desperate times call for desperate measures. When you have spent months searching for roomies, you will pretty much settle for anything -- but watch out. I have heard numerous horror stories about the roommate hanging up the bathroom for hours on end, or even worse, items being stolen.

Even with hearing these things, I like to have some shred of faith in people. If I have the decency not to touch their stuff, they should have the decency not to touch mine.

I was recently planning to move into an apartment with two girls. They were to attend Iowa State in the fall and I told them I had a dog. They were perfectly fine with it… At first.

After talking about getting this apartment for a month and getting a week away from signing the lease, they told me no dog. Saying things like “I don’t want to take care of it.” “What will you do when you’re gone?” “Does it have a kennel?” If you know my dog like I do, she will not go within a 20-foot radius of anything resembling a kennel. I thought to myself if they are going to rude about my dog, they are going to be rude within a 20-foot radius of anything resembling a kennel. I thought to myself if they are going to rude about my dog, they are going to be rude to me. I decided not to move in with them.

This is one of the many factors that made me decide to move back home.

Where you live based on location and amenities
Location is a huge thing. Do you want to live close to the action that is ISU’s Campustown? Or do you want to live somewhere quiet, with a close commute to this campus? Where you live and commute to impacts how much money you have to spend on other things. Especially gas. The closer you live to where you need to commute to the better.

Comfort
The best thing you can do for yourself is live somewhere you feel comfortable. If your landlord looks like something out of “The Hills Have Eyes,” you might not want to run the rent check to her every month. Live with people you trust and can get along with. Pick the environment best suited for you to be the most successful.

For me, that’s at home in Johnston. My apartment hunting will be put on hold for another year.
Guess This Pic

If you can guess where this picture is at on the DMACC Boone Campus, you will receive a $5 gift certificate to the Campus Cafe. If more than one person guesses this correctly, each name will be placed into a hat and the winner will be drawn. The deadline for this picture will be Wednesday, May 4, at noon. Please submit your answers with the specific location clearly identified to the Banner News production room (Room 115) or by e-mail at bannernews@dmacc.edu.

Last Issue’s Winner

The winner of the last issue’s Guess this Pic was Misty Wisecup, who works in the Academic Achievement Center. The picture was taken of a picture in the office of Christina Graham in the front office. Thank you to everyone who has guessed pictures this semester.

This week’s horoscopes

Today's Birthday (04/27/11). You're beginning to see the light down the tunnel of love. Make new friends, but don't forget to take good care of the ones you already have. Travel a different route, and roll with any punches. You’ll be pleasantly surprised.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- The next two days are about follow-up and completion. Don’t take it too seriously. A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down. Burn calories and frustrations. Listen to your dreams. They do come true.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Time to get together with friends. Being interested makes you interesting. Travel a new route. Moderate a clash between normally gentle souls. Provide common sense where you find it lacking.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You're stepping up the ladder. The next few days bring ample opportunities, so be selective and get ready for direction. Experts and a partner provide solutions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Suddenly everything seems possible, and it is. Before launching into the next fantastic adventure, finish off chores. Hitch your wagon to a star for fun and profit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep saving as a priority, and watch your nest egg grow. Encourage someone to put their dreams down on paper, and listen carefully to their crazy ideas. There’s gold in there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Use your shrewd business ability to replace something that's broken at home for the best price. Imagine a simple solution that keeps systems flowing smoothly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Don't get so lost in your thoughts that you lose sense of reality. Listen carefully to a crazy suggestion. Remind someone what you love about him or her.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Figure out what you really want to accomplish. Don't try to win the argument for a change. It doesn't matter to the big picture. Consider a purchase that supports that aim.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Home sweet home. Put out the welcome mat and cuddle in the comfort of your nest. Don't open the door to strangers. Solve the problem by yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- An old dream comes true. It may require short-distance travel. Your work may seem more important than your relationships today. Don't be fooled.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Let your curiosity be your guide. A little study brings tremendous results. Consider how to best direct this new skill. Maybe it's the missing link to fulfilling an old dream.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Your confidence is contagious. Get past your self-assigned limitations for fulfillment. Do what you love, whether or not you think that the money will follow. It will.