Rocket science: Trio picked as NASA scholars

DMACC - Three DMACC Boone Campus students have been selected to participate in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Scholars program. The students are:

Carl DeVries of Ames, James Peterson of Boone and Andrew Meyer of Ames.

They were among the 40 students, and only Iowans, selected to attend the National Community College Aerospace Project. The trio will be heading to the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. in late February to spend three days learning from NASA engineers and working with top community college science students.

All three are DMACC Boone Campus Physics/Math students.

“It’s a highly selective group,” said Nancy Woods, DMACC Professor of Physics and Mathematics. “There were more than 350 applicants for the program. This opportunity will open many doors for these students—doors of opportunity, scholarship, research and success.”

The application process required some brainstorming.

“We were asked to submit a proposal for the future Mars 2020 mission, given a specific budget, capabilities and timeline,” said Meyer.

In addition, the students were asked to design a rover in Computer Aided Design software and a document with rover specifications.

“I sent my rover to an unexplored area so I spent a great deal of time researching Mars geology, Mars climate and the scientific instruments necessary to complete a successful mission,” said DeVries.

All three agreed that being selected in this NASA program is a tremendous honor.

“While at the Marshall Space Flight Space Center, I hope to gain a better understanding of what being a NASA scientist truly entails, in addition to making connections that could lead to a future career in aerospace,” said Peterson.

DeVries, Meyer and Peterson all plan to transfer to a four-year institution and major in engineering fields.

Bears key in on defense to capture wins

Bears get 15th home win with a W over Kirkwood

By Trevor Gutknecht

The DMACC men’s basketball team won its 15 home game with a 85-83 win over Kirkwood.

The Bears are ranked 12 in the NJCAA poll, and have a 21-4 record overall, and currently ranked first in the conference.

“Our guys buy into the fact that that’s who we are and that’s what we do. We have a very unselfish basketball team,” McGinn said.

That comes through in their play, the team is averaging almost 20 assists a game. And open shots have come from the assists as the team is shooting 51% from the field. They are also making the free throws, shooting 72% from the line.

“Statistically this team is doing a lot of good things. I looked over percentages on past teams, those two areas we have done a good job consistently.”

“That's what we have been for the past 10-12 years,” said McGinn.

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what you said...

What prof would you have a beer with and why?

Brandin Perry

“Sean Taylor, because he’s a funny guy.”

Hannah Swafford

“Jane Martino, because she is funny!”

Katelyn Jessen

“Kirsten Dodd because she’s laid-back & tells it how it is.”

Rachael Enabnit

“Jane Martino”

Tre Strowder

“Tammie Foltz because she is pretty cool.”
**Temperatures rise as power outages continue in PA. (MCT)**

With snow flurries and subfreezing temperatures in the weekend forecast, about 12,000 homes and businesses in the Philadelphia area on Saturday were still waiting for power to be restored.

On Twitter, residents griped about downed power lines that were still sparking outside their homes days after they fell. People spoke of having to bundle up in layers and layers and drive to charging stations to keep their cellphones working. Some expressed frustration that some areas had power restored before their own.

More than 5,700 workers from across the eastern U.S. and Canada were working to restore electricity to people, some who have been without it for five days, according to the main utility company in the area.

**Hollywood earthquake is third in 10 days**

A shallow magnitude 3.0 earthquake that was centered near Hollywood and shook parts of the Los Angeles basin Saturday morning was the third temblor to hit the area in the last two weeks.

The latest quake occurred at 10:13 a.m. at a depth of 5.0 miles and was felt from the Westside to East L.A., said Anthony Guarino, a seismologist at Caltech.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the epicenter was near the intersection of Melrose and Virgil avenues. It was the third magnitude 3.0 or greater quake to hit that area in the last 10 days.

"It's pretty standard for L.A.,” Guarino said.

Clusters of small quakes are common in the Los Angeles basin, and generally don't signify that the “big one” is coming, Guarino said. Every earthquake has a one in five chance of being a foreshock for a larger quake, he added. The odds of that decline quickly as time goes by.

The region remains overdue for a massive quake. The southern section of the San Andreas Fault, which runs near the Salton Sea and runs north to Palmdale, has historically caused a large earthquake every 150 years on average.

It has not ruptured since 1680.

**Obama to visit Fresno to talk about drought**

WASHINGTON_ President Barack Obama will travel to Fresno, Calif., this week to highlight federal efforts aimed at helping farmers and others hit by a severe drought.

A White House official said Obama will visit the Central Valley city Feb. 14. The White House already had announced Obama's plans to meet with Jordan's King Abdullah II at the Sunnylands estate near Palm Springs that day.

Obama's visit comes as interest on Capitol Hill in taking action to alleviate California's water crisis grows.

The Republican-controlled House passed a bill Wednesday dubbed a response to the drought, but the measure faces a White House veto threat.

Democrats have attacked the House legislation for rolling back environmental protections. They have called for hearings and begun work on a separate measure.

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**Bears Briefs**

**Lincoln on campus**

In celebration of Black His- tory Month, the DMACC Boone Campus Student Activities Coun cil is offering a special presenta- tion of Lance Mack portraying Abraham Lincoln from 10:10 to 11:10 a.m., Wed., Feb. 12th in the Boone Campus Theatre. Bear- ing a striking resemblance to the late President, Mack has traveled the country with his presenta- tion that includes actual works of Lincoln and historical attire.

Check out a video of Lance Mack here: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=1KK8CtCdeRw

**Attention evening and housing students**

A free pasta dinner and grocery bingo event is set for Thursday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m. in the Courter Center. Come before dinner to enjoy a meal from Valentinos and stay and play Grocery Bingo. Prizes include milk, granola bars, cereal, tissues, fruit, juice, frozen pizzas, laundry detergent, pop, meat and many more. This activity is sponsored by your Boone DMACC Student Activities Council.

**Candle Art**

Make your own candles in the Courter Center on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This activity is sponsored by your Boone DMACC Student Activities Council.

**REQUIT game Feb. 15**

DMACC is teaming up with the American Heart Association to host a REDOUT boxing game on Saturday, Feb. 15. Do- nate $10 and receive a REDOUT T-shirt to wear to the game.

**Writing Center open**

Writing Center consultants are available to help with any writing assignment, during any part of the writing process. With their experience in different types of writing (technical to creative writing) and a broad range of life experiences (journalism, firefighting, novel writing, Hawaiian culture, literature, and veterans af- fairs), you're sure to find someone that "gets you". Stop by any time during our hours. No appoint- ments are necessary for this free service. For more information, contact Krystal Hering, khering@dmmcc.edu.

For more information please visit http://go.dmacc.edu/boone/writingcenter/
West campus presents CiWeek

DMACC - TV stars, the last man to walk on the moon and a nationally known interactive artist are among the keynote speakers during Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) 2014 Celebrate Innovation Week (CiWeek). The free event is March 3 – 6 at the DMACC West Campus in West Des Moines. This year’s theme is “See New Worlds.”

“We have put together an outstanding line-up for this year’s event. These are people who don’t accept the world as it is, they see it in innovative new ways and they take action either from an artistic or scientific view point,” said event organizer and DMACC West Campus Provost Tony Paus-tian. “The best part is it’s free. The community has an opportunity to hear from the last man to walk on the moon, one of the most significant things we have ever done in the U.S. and many more innovators, artists and TV stars.”

2014 CiWeek Keynote Speakers include:
- Captain Eugene Cernan was the commander of Apollo XVII and author of “The Last Man on the Moon.” His presentation is called “Apollo: Inspiring Future Minds.” Cernan flew two missions to the moon in his 13 years with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Cernan has received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.
- Grant Imahara is one of the hosts of Discovery Channel’s MythBusters. The team tests out theories using a blend of science, fun and explosives. Imahara has swam with sharks, fired cheese out of a cannon into the San Francisco Bay, allowed 25 tarantulas to crawl on his head and dropped a BMW from an aircraft.
- David Berman and Jon Wellner are stars of the TV show CSI Las Vegas. They will give a presentation called “CSI Exposed.” The actors will detail the exciting process of how each show is created, including how CSI is researched. They’ll share behind the scene stories from popular episodes and compare science vs. entertainment, the so-called “CSI Effect.”
- Phil Hansen is a famous interactive artist and author of “Tattoo to a Banana,” an innovative approach to everyday creativity. He is widely known for making videos that document his creation process. Examples of his work can be seen at www.philinhthecircle.com

DMACC students win statewide media awards

DMACC journalism students from the Boone and Ankeny campuses won 10 awards at the Iowa College Media Association annual conference on Thursday, Feb. 6, in downtown Des Moines. The annual contest recognizes excellence among Iowa media students who are involved with their student publications, radio and television stations, production studios, and multimedia sites. Students from about 20 colleges and universities in Iowa are represented in the competition, which is based on material published between October 2012 and September 2013.

Boone’s Banner News won five awards: First Place, Opinion Writing - Cainon Leeds; Second Place, Best Investigative News Story - Josh Stevens, for an article on performance enhancing substances; Honorable Mention, Best News Story - Josh Stevens, for an article on DMACC’s anonymous Facebook page Ankeny’s Campus Chronicle won five awards for entries published in 2013: First Place, General Excellence - Alex Payne; First Place, Best Coverage of First Amendment Issues - Nevin Cornwell, Anna Duran, Ryan C. Meier; First Place, Best Editorial Section, Alex Payne, Martina Gutierrez, Alexandra Roth, Ann Voight, Mark Rothweiler, Mike Kelsey; Second Place, Best Page One - Alex Payne; Third Place, Best Inside Page Design - Anna Duran and Ryan C. Meier

Astronaut to visit campus

NASA Astronaut Clayton Anderson will speak at the Boone campus on Tuesday, March 4. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Schedule of events:
- 11:15 a.m. Lunch - food available at the Courtyard Center
- 11:45 a.m. Anderson presentation in the Boone Campus Theatre
- 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Questions and answers; autographs; pictures
- 1:30 p.m. STEM meetings with high school students

Design an Earth Day T-shirt

All DMACC students are encouraged to submit a design for the 2014 DMACC Earth Day T-shirt. The theme of DMACC Earth Day is "the Year of the Pollinator and will be celebrated April 14th-19th. Students are to submit your T-shirt designs electronically to your campus Earth Day representatives by Thur., March 13th.

The Earth Day representatives will forward the designs to DMACC Web Development Coordinator Tiffany Wheeler, who will share them with the Sustainability Task Force and Earth Week teams. Those groups will narrow down the selections to the top five options. These will then be sent back out to each campus for “virtual voting.” The winning design will be announced on Thur., March 27th with the winning student receiving some greens in the form of a $50 prize and a free T-shirt. Orders for t-shirts will then occur with t-shirts arriving on each campus for distribution in early April.

RULES:
- Design must be relevant to Earth Day
- Design must be in single color
- Design MUST be entirely your own
- Design submitted electronically by due date: March 13th
- Consider including this year’s Earth Day theme
- Submit your designs electronically to your campus Earth Day representatives. The Boone rep is Nancy Woods, nwoods@dmacc.edu
Michael Sam’s secret really wasn’t secret at all

By Bryan Burwell
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
(MCT)

JUPITER, Fla. _ If you were paying enough attention and knew what you were looking for, Michael Sam’s “secret” was actually something he never invested much effort in trying to hide.

There were subtle signs that didn’t go unnoticed among a lot of us, like the rainbow-colored wrist bands he wore on game days. There were the knowing whispers _ and almost universal acceptance _ among many students on Missouri’s sprawling Columbia campus that for perhaps nearly a year or so, the star of the nationally ranked football team was comfortably living a fairly open gay lifestyle.

There was the acceptance among his teammates, who quite frankly suspected all along that the consensus All-America defensive end had a different sexual orientation from those in the rest of the locker room.

Frankly, that’s a great example of the kind of person he is. “Looking back, I take great pride in how Michael and everyone in our program handled his situation,” Pinkel said. “This past August, Michael was very direct with the team when he decided to let everyone know that he is gay. We discussed how to deal with that from a public standpoint, and ultimately Michael decided that he didn’t want that to be the focal point of the season. He wanted to focus on football and not do anything to add pressure for him or for his teammates, and I think that’s a great example of the kind of person he is.”

It was smart for him to make the announcement before the combine, because it would have been an even bigger storm if someone had confronted him in media interviews there and asked him about his sexual orientation in front of those NFL microphones.

As Sam said Sunday, it was important for him to be able to control his story, so that’s why he chose this moment to come out. It was rather interesting to hear him say in those interviews with the Times and ESPN that he didn’t know until recently how many reporters actually had suspicions that he was gay.

In reality, at the least, he surely must have had strong suspicions how many members of the media covering Mizzou were aware of his so-called secret.

On Sunday, in a prepared statement, MU coach Gary Pinkel clearly suggested the quarantine was a strategy arrived at jointly by Sam and the team.

“The NFL scouts I’ve talked to know who they’re doing say people need to stop trying to make him something he isn’t and just accept that fact that he rushes the passer for a living and he’s very good at it,” said NFL Network draft expert Charles Davis. “They need to forget about that linebacker stuff and just let him do what he does.”

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DMACC - Sophomore Carlee Schuhmacher of Watertown, Wis., led five players in double figures with 29 points as the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women’s basketball team upset Kirkwood Community College (KCC) 92-83 Feb. 8 at the DMACC gymnasium.

KCC came into the game ranked third nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II poll. The win avenged a 78-73 loss to the Eagles Jan. 4 in Cedar Rapids.

Sophomore Jalissa Felici of Bellevue, Neb., scored 19 points, sophomore Kate Ray of New Sharon chipped in 12, sophomore Taryn Wicks of Jewell finished with 11 and sophomore Alex Bunting of Indianola had 10 as DMACC improved to 14-11 overall and 6-5 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC). KCC fell to 18-6-7-4.

DMACC led virtually the entire game. Schuhmacher’s 20 points staked the Bears to a 55-36 advantage at halftime and they got off two shots in the final four seconds, but missed both to give the Bears the win.

Freshman Chelsea Anderson of Gortez had nine points and six rebounds for the Bears.

Bunting dished out a team-high five assists and Ray and Wicks contributed four assists apiece. Schuhmacher had two blocked shots and two steals and freshman Tana Thompson of Tama had three steals.

The win came on the heels of a 105-95 loss to the Eagles Jan. 4 at the DMACC gymnasium.

DMACC - Zach Mason of East Sac County High School in Lake View has signed a national letter of intent to attend Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and play men’s golf.

“I was impressed with (DMACC’s) athletic program,” Mason said of his decision to attend DMACC. “(Men’s golf coach Larry Briley) introduced me to what DMACC athletics is all about, which is everything I want in a collegiate choice. I was also impressed with the academic choices available to me as a student.”

Mason averaged 37.29 strokes per nine holes and 81.33 strokes per 18 holes as a junior. His low nine-hole score for the season was 35 and he shot a season-low for 18 holes.

Mason was named to the Twin Lakes Conference first all-conference team in 2012 and 2013 and earned second team honors in 2011. He won the individual conference championship twice and was a Class 2A first-team all-state selection in 2012. Mason led the East Sac County Raiders to three conference team championships and qualified for the Class 2A 2012 state tournament. He was also tournament medalist in a sectional championship in 2012. Mason and Jamie Highland placed 18th in the 2013 state co-ed championship.

“I like Coach Briley and the DMACC golf program,” Mason said. “DMACC provides excellent housing for the players and the academic programs are what I need for my future health care career.”

Mason said he is confident he can learn more about his golf game and improve while attending DMACC. Following his DMACC career, Mason hopes to transfer to a four-year college or university.

“I have faith in the coaching staff at DMACC to make me a better player,” Mason said.

Submit a letter to the editor bannernews@dmacc.edu
By Meagan Pant  
"What's most important is that we can answer the questions that we're increasingly asking. 'What is the value of a college education,' " Goldman said. "We believe in transparency, " he said. "Clearly it's really important that we can answer the questions..."
Reclaim Valentine's Day

By KayCee Stickley
Columnist

Saint Valentine's Day is the kind of holiday where people are just as argumentative and sentimental as they are about Christmas.

For most people, Valentine’s Day is about the candies, the flowers, the dates, the intimacy and more. For others it is a day of dread, sending doors and pushing in chairs to prevent unwanted visitors. For still others, it is about the chocolates, the flowers, and getting diagnosed with diabetes.

For the past, the origin of Saint Valentine’s Day is the andante, the Catholic Church, with a mention of the Church of, and something about compassion and charity. So naturally, this became a good reason to celebrate commerce, materialism, sex and love.

Valentine’s Day is much like a lot of holidays. A day to stop and remember a simple message, and to try and apply it to your life. So stop. Love somebody. Love yourself. Take some time to but still short of the mark. The dropout rate is easy to game with a financial emergency. It was doing a poor job of tracking student outcomes. That's unacceptable.

The long and short of it: If you're single and want to act out a mock proposal at a bar (or a gay bar—more fun) and play some classical music for your kid's milk during the flavoring in your kid's milk during Valentine's Day, do yourself and everyone else a favor.

If you’re sick enough for medicine, do yourself and others a favor: Stay home

By Wendy Orent

Valentine and something about Roman times, the Catholic Church, and death metal and hiss at any mention of the Church of, and something about sentimentality as they are about Christmas.

It’s all about the candies, the flowers, and getting diagnosed with diabetes. There are the fouls out opening doors and pushing in chairs on dates, leaving endless money just to get to let down at the end of the night. There are the couples out skipping in flower fields, seemingly screaming back at their single friends, “LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME!”

There’s the aisles upon aisles of pink and red junk at Walmart and the grocery stores and heart-shaped body boxes, feet tall and wide with prints of sexy torsos so while your lover is eating the treats inside, they can’t not only picture that you actually look like a supermodel—but that they’re also eating your heart right out of your chest.

Lovely, isn’t it? Just so the love and who’s the buck cares? Take back your holiday, folks. Because if you’re thinking anything like anything I’ve mentioned above, then you’re missing the point.

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Maybe as a kid we all enjoyed getting little candied valentines and stuffed animals and such, and it was nice having all of the little red and pink heart dangle from every ceiling tile and bare spots of walls and doors. It was magical, just like Christmas was—but when we were kids.

Now it’s a cross between being刍airy, being a showboat, and getting diagnosed with diabetes. There are the fouls out opening doors and pushing in chairs on dates, leaving endless money just to get to let down at the end of the night. There are the couples out skipping in flower fields, seemingly screaming back at their single friends, “LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME!”

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Movie review: ‘Awkward’

Miles Teller, from left, Michael B. Jordan and Zac Efron in a scene from “That Awkward Moment.”

This review appeared in the Iowa State Daily on Feb. 4. It is reprinted in the Banner News with permission.

By Nick Hamden
Guest Movie Critic

“That Awkward Moment” at first glance appeared to just be another dumb buddy comedy at the end of January, but then I really looked at the three main actors involved.

Sure, Zac Efron was typecast early on as a pretty boy who could sing, but he has been in some more serious roles recently, with “The Paperboy” and “Parkland.” Also, shut up, I like him a lot in “Hairspray” since he is not a terrible actor; he just was in some terrible movies early on.

Miles Teller busted onto the scene more recently. First, he was the boy in the sad “Rabbit Hole;” then he was the best part of the “Racketeer” remake, the best part in “21 and Over,” and starred in the incredible “The Spectacular Now.” This guy has not made many mistakes so far. Finally, we have Michael B. Jordan, who recently wowed audi...