Services on campus offer study aid for students

Volleyball gets set

The DMACC Bears volleyball team starts its season ranked ninth in the nation. Head coach Patty Harrison (center of photo, red shirt) works with her team on a drill in practice in the DMACC gym Sept. 4. The Bears are 6-2 and 1-0 in conference play. The team travels to Clinton on Wednesday, Sept. 10, for a 7:30 p.m. match. The Bears’ next home game is Sept. 16 against the Buena Vista JV at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Games are free for students.

For more volleyball coverage, see page 5.

Follow the Bears online at https://go.dmacc.edu/athletics/volleyball/

WHAT YOU SAID...

What are you most looking forward to this semester?

Breonnhia Bailey

“Volleyball and parties”

Rebecca Morton

“The fall play.”

Donell Crawford

“Making new friends.”

Steven Donahue

“Figuring out if I want to pursue a career in teaching.”

Emily Rogers

“Making big life decisions ... finally.”
Play auditions scheduled
Auditions for “A Touch of Danger” are set for Monday, Sept. 15, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus theatre. Anyone interested in auditioning or helping with the set, lights, etc. can attend. No experience is required. All are welcome to help out with production which will be Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

This mystery/thriller by Francis Durbridge enjoyed a successful run in London’s West End. The plot revolves around best-selling British author, Max Telligan. Harriet, his soon to be ex-wife, and Liz, his secretary, are stunned to read in the paper that Max has been found dead in Munich. Much to their amazement Max walks in very much alive. The dead man, who was murdered, turns out to be a friend of Max’s. Thus begins a sequence of events involving the CID, the CIA, and a terrorist organization.

All who want something from Max. He finds himself caught up in a dangerous situation where no one is quite what he or she seems to be.

The show features roles for five men and four women.

Max-a best-selling British author
Harriet-his soon to be ex-wife
Liz-his secretary
Jeff-a pro golfer
Vincent-an agent
Lloyd-an American agent
Graham-an agent
Connie-Jeff’s girlfriend
Rose-a server at the golf club

For more information contact Kay Mueller at kmueller@dmacc.edu or 433-5984 or stop in office 132.

Help stock campus pantry
As the fall semester begins, please consider helping restock the campus food pantry. Current needs include:
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit/Dried fruit
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Bread/Muffin mix
- Oils (vegetable, olive, etc.)
- Oatmeal/Hot cereal mix
- Boxed cereal
- Jam/jelly
- Dried beans
- Oatmeal/Hot cereal mix
- Canned fruit/Dried fruit

All donations are greatly appreciated.

The food pantry is available to any student who might need assistance. If a student has a more significant need for food/resources such as a visit to our campus food pantry can assist with, please contact Erin Neumann.

London study abroad
DMACC hosts a Study Abroad each spring semester in London.

The deadline for the program application is Nov. 3, and it is approaching fast.

Interested students are encouraged to check out the website (Study Abroad Program under Courses and Programs menu)

https://go.dmacc.edu/study-abroad/england.php or contact Maria Cochran, mecochr@dmacc.edu, 515-964-6482, Office 5B6 in Bldg. 2 Ancoray campus.

Phi Theta Kappa
Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year college students. PTK will host several informational meetings on the Boone campus. Students are invited to attend to find out more about joint PTK. For more information, contact Nancy Woods, nwwoods@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5061. Or Stacy Amling, slamling@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5085.

Childcare and Transportation help
A program called Iowa New Choices offers assistance with childcare and transportation for qualifying single parents and displaced homemakers (separated, divorced, widowed or spouse dies). For more information, contact Erin Neumann, Room 124, eaneumann@dmacc.edu. Or call 515-433-5037.

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 experience (journalism, firefighting, novel writing, Hawalian culture, literature, and veternarian chores), you’re sure to find someone that “gets you.” Stop by any time during our hours. No appointments are necessary for this free service. For more information, contact Kay Mueller, kmueller@dmacc.edu, or visit http://go.dmacc.edu/boone/writingcenter.

Netherlands contest
As part of DMACC’s celebration of the Netherlands during the 2014-2015 academic year, there is a contest in which each of three persons will win two tickets to the Netherlands Gourmet Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Each month a trivia question about the Netherlands will be posted in the Netherlands Year site. The question will be visible for that month and only answers may be submitted only during that month. Participants have until midnight on the last day of the month to submit their answer to that month’s question. All answers must be submitted using the same e-mail address.

Answers to the trivia question for the Netherlands Year Gourmet Dinner Contest Answer Submissions

Honors seeks applicants
The DMACC Honors Program is seeking highly motivated students to apply for honors. With nearly 20 students graduating from the Honors Program this year, there are openings for current DMACC students who want to challenge themselves further and graduate from the Honors Program.

If you have completed one college-level English and one college-level math class or are currently enrolled, you will have completed a minimum of 40 (9) college credits (the first-year credit for students who are not) and 50 credits at the end of summer with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, you are eligible to become a DMACC Honors Student.

It would be great to have the DMACC students to have to say, and submit an application, go to dmacc.edu/honors and get started on your way to a rewarding, challenging educa-
What are you majoring in?

I have a law degree and a master’s degree, both from Drake University. My bachelor’s is from ISU in journalism.

What do you like most about being on the student newspaper?

The opportunity to be part of a team, and the chance to learn new things and step out of my comfort zone.

What is your favorite food?

Fish. I love seafood, and fish is by far my favorite food.

What are three items on your grocery list?

Crackers, Soup, Orange juice. Getting ready for the cold season.

What do you like most about being on the student newspaper?

It’s a great resume builder. It allows me to gain valuable experience that will be vital for future writing jobs. It would be a dream come true to work for ESPN, and I see this as a building block to get there.

What is your favorite food?

Fried Chicken and Spaghetti. I’m black, what did you expect me to say?

What’s the most played song on your iPod right now?

Bittersweet by Apocalyptica

What do you like to do in your free time?

I ride horses. I also enjoy sports, hanging out with friends, and four-wheeling.

What are you majoring in?

I am currently working on my Liberal Arts/ Journalism/ Photography.

Where are you originally from?

Idaho Falls, Idaho

What are you majoring in?

Liberal Arts/ Journalism/ Photography.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love art (painting, sketching, sculpting, etc) and spending as much time as school affords me in the outdoors.

What is your favorite food?

Anytime something is cooked for me. I try to be healthy, but I love to eat.

What is your favorite food?

Pizza. It’s my go-to meal. It’s versatile and delicious!

What are you majoring in?

Finance and Accounting, with a minor in German.

Where are you originally from?

Huxley, Iowa

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy sports, hanging out with friends, and four-wheeling.

What is your favorite food?

Steak and cheesy potatoes

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What do you like to do in your free time?

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What do you like most about being on the student newspaper?

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Homemade Jambalaya a close second.

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What is your favorite food?

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What’s the most played song on your iPod right now?

I can’t pick one, but I’ve been bunging a lot of Rich Homie and Migos as of late. I’m also rocking to that hit by Bobby Shmurda.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to hang out with friends, and four-wheeling.

What are you majoring in?

Liberal Arts at DMACC. I am graduating this spring, and then will transfer to ISU for Advertising.

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Meet the Boone Provost

By Megan Olson
Staff Writer

Tom Lee, on being provost at Boone DMACC

“Tom Lee, on being provost at Boone DMACC”, he said, “is a perfect fit.” He enjoys how busy Boone DMACC is with all of the activities, academics, and athletics. “I enjoy working with young people, seeing how they grow and evolve, and what they become later in life.”

Tom Lee has been here for 10 years and will be here even longer. This wonderful campus, staff, and students are why he is still working. He enjoys coming to work every day.

You can find Tom Lee wandering the hall, or in his office near the financial aid windows if you’d ever like to drop in and meet the Boone DMACC Provost.

DMACC file photo

Services at DMACC help students

By Timothy Pratt
The Hechinger Report

(KCATT)

KENNESAW, Ga. — Michele DiPietro had her listeners in stitches with his impressions of dumb things college students say in class.

Then he sobered them up by demanding how they could do their own jobs better, how to handle such recurring classroom challenges as apathy and short attention spans.

DiPietro’s disciples were junior members of the faculty at Kennesaw State University, near Atlanta, where he directs a center to improve the quality of teaching at the school. It’s one of a growing number of efforts to address the reality that most college professors never expressly learn how to teach.

“It’s no longer enough to get your degree, stand at the front of a class, and let the chips fall where they may,” said Hoag Holmgren, executive director for the Profession and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education, a national group focusing on teacher training.

The trend is being fueled by demands from parents and policymakers to get more for the money they’re investing in higher education, and by the growth of faculty-ranked websites and a new body of research about effective teaching. DiPietro is co-author of a book on the topic, called “How Learning Works: Seven Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching.”

Faculty seems to be craving training too. Only 18 people came to DiPietro’s workshop, which is voluntary, the first time he offered it at Kennesaw last year.

This summer, 75 did. He taught them techniques, like how to vary their teaching styles, telling them don’t just stand in front of a classroom or auditorium and lecture. How interest in learning, and students, encourage them to discuss the material as much as possible.

Teaching centers like the one at Kennesaw State generally provide services, such as one-on-one consultations aimed at helping professors improve their class performance, workshops on how to handle course loads, and lessons from the latest research in learning and online guides to using technology in the classroom.

At Carnegie Mellon University’s Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence & Educational Innovation, the number of faculty signing up for confidential consultations to improve their teaching has gone from 100 to 180 in less than three years, said director Marsha Lovett.

The University of Michigan’s Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, the nation’s oldest such initiative, conducts 2,800 consultations a year, more than double the number of a decade ago, said interim director Matthew Kaplan. The university also runs “teaching academies” that all new hires in most of its schools are required to take. Some departments hold monthly “How Learn- ing Works” sessions, too, Kaplan said.

“Teaching is a much more important part of the package now,” he said. “It’s more than just knowing the content.”

Doctoral programs in which most faculty prepare for their careers in academe focus almost exclusively on knowledge of the subject they intend to teach, research and write about, according to experts. Many are required to take at least one course in educational psychology.

But now, said Holmgren, “there’s an increase in accountability, in the measurability of student learning and the effectiveness of teaching.”

His association is made up mostly of people like DiPietro, whose jobs are to help faculty improve their classroom skills. There are 1,750 members, and that number has been growing at about 5 percent a year for five years, Holmgren said.

Some wonder whether it took so long for higher education to teach its faculty to teach.

“I mean, come on,” said Brandon Bystedt, executive director for Gallup Education, a branch of the polling agency whose surveys show that nearly four in 10 college graduates say they never had a professor who made them excited about learning.

“It shows a lack of selecting for the right talent, a lack of training,” Bystedt said. “And it shows what we value and espouse. Institutions of higher education have long for higher education to teach their students.”

“Families are saying, ‘I’m paying for this tuition and this graduate student is teaching my child’?” he asked. “It will drive up demand for the services at centers like his.

Universities are also finding that graduate students who want to go into academia face a tougher job market. Training in teaching can give them an edge.

Jae Turner is one of those. Two years after getting her doctorate in women’s, gender and sex studies at Emory University, and after a year of teaching part time at Kennesaw, she has been interviewing for full-time faculty positions.

DiPietro’s teacher-training seminar, which Turner attended, wasn’t her first. She also took a six-week course on using digital educational technology.

“I’ve certainly taken advantage of everything I can to improve my teaching,” she said.

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College find teachers need teaching too

Campus
The DMACC volleyball team has started the season ranked 9th in the nation. Every fall for the past nine years, head Coach Patty Harrison has set off to achieve the title of national champions, and this year is no different.

“Our main goal is to win the conference of course, but we also want to get back to nationals and reach a final spot,” she said.

Harrison said she is looking to have her team build off the success of last season when they finished eighth at nationals. Sophomore Breonnhia Bailey is excited to get back on the court after watching from the sidelines last season due to injury. Watching the team finish eighth last season at nationals has brought forth a new motivation in her, as well as her teammates.

Her expectations for this year echoed her coach. “Make it to nationals,” she said, “finish better than eighth.”

Harrison said her teams biggest obstacle will be conference play. DMACC competes in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference where they play against the likes of Kirkwood, Iowa Central, Iowa Lakes, and others.

Winning may be the first thing on many players mind, but for Harrison, her primary focus is helping her team mature. This year’s team consists of seven freshmen whom Harrison will again have to nurture and help grow throughout their journey as a DMACC Bear. Newcomers Brooke Rasmussen, Tiana Soranzo, Tatum Meyer, Taylor Case, Shelby Schouten, Katy Lewis, Bailey Norland, and Allison Waters, will look for guidance from, not only their coach, but their veteran teammates who already have a season under their belt. They include Carissa Rainey, Nevada Mers, McKenzi, Grimm, Amber Huttmann, Breonnhia Bailey, Megan Harn, and Kallie Webber.

Currently the volleyball team is 6-2 and 1-0 in conference play. According to Division II NJCAA polls, the Bears are ranked 9th in the nation. You can keep track of the success of the team on the DMACC athletic sit, www.dmacc.edu/athletics, as well as ICCAC.ORG.

Admittance to games is free.

Volleyball splits two matches in Rochester tournament

The DMACC women’s volleyball team went on record to 6-2 after splitting two matches at the Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) Invite Sept. 5 at Rochester, Minn.

The Bears, ranked ninth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II poll, suffered a 3-2 loss to RCTC and handed Madison Community College (MCC) a 3-0 loss in tournament play.

Freshman Taylor Case of Preston, Minn., had 16 kills and sophomore Breonnhia Bailey of Pleasant Hill added 10 as DMACC fell to RCTC by scores of 25-20, 18-25, 25-18, 20-25, 7-15. RCTC came into the match ranked ninth in NJCAA Division III.

DMACC Sophomore McKenzie Grimm of West Bend had nine kills in the match. Case also topped DMACC in digs with 16. Huttmann came away with 14, freshman Brooke Rasmussen of Waterloo came away with 21. Case also topped DMACC in block assists with 3. Sophomore Amber Huttmann of Council Bluffs led the Bears in assists with 22 and sophomore Hunter Van Veen of Monroe shot a one-over-par 145 over 36 holes to take 15th place in the individual competition.

Sophomore Hunter Van Veen of Monroe shot a one-over-par 145 over 36 holes to lead the DMACC men’s golf team to a 14th-place finish in the Cropper Creek Classic Sept. 6 and 7 at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion. Van Veen opened the tournament with a two-over-par 74 and recorded a one-under-par 71 on the second day as the Bears finished the tournament with a 361 strokes.

Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) won the team championship with 567 strokes and Myles Pflugsten of Grand View University took individual honors with a seven-under-par 137. Van Veen tied for 15th place in the individual competition.

The tournament consisted of 22 teams, including 19 teams from four-year colleges or universities. Other DMACC results included a 159 by freshman Devon Woody of Monroe, a 163 by sophomore Jon Mack of Boone, a 164 by freshman Grant Juber of Sidney and a 184 by freshman Brett Romig of Boone.

Woody shot rounds of 81 and 78 and tied for 19th place; Mack recorded rounds of 82 and 81 to tie for 19th, Juber shot 77 and 87 and tied for 20th, and Romig had rounds of 94 and 90, tying for 40th place.

Upcoming Sports Calendar

Sep 10: Volleyball vs. Clinton*
Sep 11: Softball vs. Southwestern
Sep 12: Volleyball vs. Marshalltown
Sep 12: Volleyball vs. Ft. Scott
Sep 13: Cross Country vs. Les (dual Invitational)
Sep 14: Baseball vs. Parkland
Sep 14: Men’s Golf vs. Clarke
Sep 14: Baseball vs. Rock Valley
Sep 15: Women’s Golf vs. Simpson
Sep 15: Men’s Golf vs. Clarke

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Sports Round Up

The volleyball team goes through drills as they prepare for their next game.
9/11 Remembered. Where were You?

Tomorrow, we will all once again be reminded of the tragedy that happened 13 years ago to our nation. September 11, 2001 will forever live in every American’s heart and mind as one of the greatest tragedies many of us will have lived through in our lifetimes to date.

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, each of us will take time to think back about what we remember about that day; where we were, who we were with, how we felt when we saw the plane crash into the second World Trade Center tower. We will remember the pain and death we witnessed as a nation.

While we focus much of our thoughts on those affected by this tragedy, we should also take time to revel in our strength and unity as a nation. In the 13 years since the trade center towers fell, we have bounced back, and we now use the space, once covered by debris, blood, and tears, as a reminder and teaching tool for future generations to come.

We have rebuilt a trade center to replace the two that fell that day. According to the World Trade Center website, www.wtc.com, the new trade center is set to open in early 2015. It will stand as the tallest building in the United States with its spire reaching 1,776 feet. It boasts 3 million square feet full of office spaces, as well as an observation deck and restaurants.

What do you remember looking back on that day? When asked this question, many of us in our mid-to-late twenties would answer we were in the same place as Danielle Crannell was.

“I was in my junior high school class when it happened, and we watched the news all day after the first plane hit. I will always remember that day as several seniors were there for a school trip and couldn’t get home. It was very sad to see all of the terrified people on TV, and I couldn’t even imagine how devastating.”

Personally, my memory of the day differs from most Americans my age. I was twelve years old and living in Germany at the time. I can remember seeing the coverage on TV while shopping. Crowds of people were standing in front of multiple TV’s set up around the stores trying to see what was going on. To see the horror and anger on the faces of people who weren’t even Americans helped assure me that the world as a whole would not forget the tragedy we were all witnessing that day. The next morning at my international school we had an assembly, and the tears fell freely. In that moment we all mourned the lives lost that day. We were separated by nationality, but united by a disaster. I remember being sad and confused at first, but by the end of the day I was full of anger. My anger has been reconciled, but my heart still breaks every year for the families that live with the pain of losing those they loved. They have to live with their pain everyday.

What do you remember that day? Were you at school or work? Did you cry? Did you even notice what was happening at first? How do you remember September 11, 2001 thirteen years later?

Above (file photo): Visitors are encouraged to touch crumpled beams from the World Trade Center twin towers damaged on 9/11 on display at the new George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, April 24, 2013. (Paul Moseley/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT)

The 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York is now open to the public. Looking into the glass windows of the museum at night. Photographed on May 23, 2014. (Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times/MCT)
From the Editor

Amanda Betz, Editor-In-Chief
abetz@dmacc.edu

I would like to open up my first editor’s note by welcoming you all back! Even though we have all been back in classes for three weeks, I just now feel like I’m starting to get back into the swing of things, and I’m sure many of you feel the same.

Autumn is just around the corner. The days are getting longer, and you can feel the air taking on a new crisp feel. I am almost always excited to welcome the change in early September. This year it also signifies the first issue of the Banner News coming out for the new school year! This is my first issue as the new editor-in-chief and I couldn’t be more excited to work with the staff to grow all the DMACC-Boone campus news and entertainment we can fit onto the pages.

This first issue is all about welcoming you all back to campus, giving you an insight into what all the resources are available to you, and also taking a moment to remember the lives lost on one of the most infamous days in American history. I hope you all enjoy your first issue of the year, and I encourage everyone to write to us and tell us your thoughts and feelings over this issue, and anything else you think is important.

Tell us what you think! Submit a letter to the editor or your artwork to the Banner news.

By Julie Roosa
Faculty Advisor

The Banner News needs you. And you need the Banner News.

Let’s start with the basics. What is the Banner News?

The Banner News is a student-led news team serving the Boone campus. The students on staff aim to cover the campus and deliver the news. No other news source has the inside scoop on DMACC/Boone like they do.

They know what you need to know and what you want to know. And they know what you need to know in order to want it.

You know?

Yes. The Banner News is a small but mighty crew as you can see from the list on page 3. They want that list to grow. They need to grow it because the job they do is big.

And that’s why they need you.

You don’t need to be a journalism major, training is provided. In fact, my job as faculty advisor to the Banner News is to help students learn how to cover and deliver the news.

The student editor in chief is the boss, the one they look to when they need to make decisions. I’m the coach, the students are the team. And it’s the team that is in charge.

So what do you need to do to join the Banner News staff? We’ll go through each step.

1. For college credit. Enroll in a journalism class (JOU122 Intro to News Production, 3 credits) or JOU142 Journalism Practicum, 2 credits.) Staffers in these classes produce everything you see in the paper.

2. For work study. Several work study positions are available. If you qualify for work study, you can apply at the Banner News and get paid for your work. These positions offer flexible scheduling and can often be tailored to your interests.

3. As a freelancer. Volunteer your time and talents in the area you like most, contributing as much or as little as you like depending on your schedule.

Over the years, I’ve helped the market for jobs. I’ve noticed a common theme during interviews, potential employers ask about your work on the Banner News.

The fact that I served as editor in chief at the Iowa State Daily was the difference-maker in landing all these positions. And these positions I’ve been privileged to have. Not just the journalism jobs, all the jobs.

Sure, I’ve worked in media, but I’ve also worked as a law clerk, a judicial clerk, an attorney in private practice, a victim rights advocate, a manager at a police department, and now a college instructor. Every stop along the way, it’s been the college news experience that got me noticed. Not the classes I took. The GPA I maintained. The degree I earned. The papers I published. The awards I received. Those are important. But the key has been the college news experience that got me noticed.

Joining the Banner News will do the same for you. Again, you don’t necessarily need to want to do journalism. I have friends from my college Daily that have gone on to do many other things—all of them are lawyers, many are published authors, a few are teachers, one is a documentary filmmaker, one is an anchor on CNN in New York, one runs an archive for the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., several are in public relations, a few are college instructors, one is an entrepreneur in India, another works in Tokyo. The common thread for all of them is the Banner News. We all worked on our college newspaper.

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Rantings from Mighty Mouth

Fast food workers deserve fair wage

By KayCee Stickley
Guest Columnist

Recently, extremely disparaging comments have made their way onto social media regarding those who receive welfare, who live in poverty, and especially those who work in the fast food industry. The rising negativity has been amplified in response to the fast food protests that occurred in the beginning of September, when thousands of fast food employees went on strike in 150 cities across the United States.

What are they demanding? In essence, it’s equality. They’re demanding the right to join a union without retaliation, and for the minimum wage to be raised to what is being called a “living wage” of $15 per hour. The idea of what is a proper “minimum wage” varies from person to person, but no matter what dollar amount you think is appropriate, the fact remains that the wage-gap is increasing. It is imprisoning average, hardworking, and deserving individuals into a system, and isn’t concurrent with today’s expenses or inflation.

This kind of inequality makes me furious. The majority of my work experience (about a decade worth) has been in food, such as: McDonald’s, Taco Bell, KFC, Burger King, etc. The majority of the people I know (mid-early 20s, full-time college students) are in this profession, or work in restaurants and diners, which are similar and deserve the same attention when it comes to fair pay compensation. If working in fast food is hard work. It’s harder than the months of training and knowledge I needed to sell cosmetics products as a sales associate. It’s harder than landscaping. It’s harder than construction. It’s harder than customer service. It’s harder than telemarketing. It’s harder than being a delivery man. It’s harder than waitressing. It’s harder than sweating my ass off in a nursing home full of dementia sufferers.

Granted, fast food is “entry” level, but that does mean that you can be a complete idiot and do this job. Many of the idiots who try don’t last long, and it’s people like the ones who care about meaningless, crappy jobs who suffer for it. You care about what you’re doing, it is actually a very mentally draining job to put on a fake smile, memorization, and culinary skills. I implore everyone who is complaining that a hike to $10-$15 an hour would make their desk job less relevant (even though upward wage hike pressure could eventually raise their pay too) as a result of being paid less than fast food workers to go and work behind the grill for nine hours. While half of the young, near-high-school-staff is college late or “ill”, while your customers are bickering about how they can do a better job than you when you’re working with half the supply, half the machines, and half the staff you were ever trained for, while covering shifts of those who don’t even care to come in to work, while following procedures that are mandatory and punishable if ignored—things that take your customer’s precious time they’re spending bitching. While you’re cleaning garbage out of vaginas and people who think, “Meh, it’s McDonald’s. They can afford to clean up the garbage pile page before rushing to take a big McShit that plugs up the whole plumbing system, and runs back up in your face to where they have to call Roto-Rooter.” All this while you can’t afford to pay for your car insurance, or your utilities and rent, while getting told that you make $11.75 more than an hour than they allow for you to be able to only buy for food stamps, while you can’t afford private health insurance and are not eligible for the insurance the government provided at the job, while your kid is sick and you can’t leave work for fear of losing your job because you are 100 percent ineligible in a high turnover industry, while you haven’t relaxed enough to take a proper poop in four days, while you haven’t showered in five, while your uniform is soaked in sweat, ass, condiments, and food from your customers, while what, while you’re getting bitched at by your manager that you need to wash your clothes more frequently? You have had neither the time to go to the Laundromat or the money to afford a machine of your own, while your car is breaking down, while you’re a student in college, while people are telling you that you need to get a second job, while you’re coughing up blood because you can’t get a sick day to save your life.

I could go on. I would rather do any other job that can give a little more respect for fast food workers. They deserve better. They deserve a living wage, and they deserve better dignity than being the butt of the work class school have.

Even if every person went to college, we still need people to flip our burgers. It is harder than you think. If you don’t believe me, I urge you to go and try yourself.

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Upcoming Events

Date       Event / Info                                      Location
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September 10 Cookout & Hypnotist, Free 6 Subway sandwich    ISU Carver 101 - Free Admission
September 11-14 The Fault in Our Stars                    Auditorium
September 16 Constitution Day Speaker: James Madison     ISU Maintenance Shop
September 17 Grandma Mojos Moonshine Revival             Doors open @ 10 PM
September 18-21 Neighbors                                $1 Admission
September 23 Dodgeball Tourney                           ISU Carver 101 - Free Admission

Sat., Oct. 18

The Fault in Our Stars, an Academy Award-winning film, is based on John Boyne’s novel, and features an all-star ensemble cast including Chris O’Dowd, Domhnall Gleeson, Robert Emms, Ben Chaplin, David Thewlis, Romola Garai, Michael Sheen, and Hugh Bonneville. The Fault in Our Stars will screen at 7:30 p.m. in the ISU Cinema. For more information, visit: http://hollied.com/tiff/tiff2014.htm

Charitable Auction, and Dinner Party

Sunday Oct. 19, 2014, 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

About the event: The Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Charitable Auction is an annual event that raises funds for students that have financial need and for academic scholarships.

Tickets: $50.00 per person includes dinner and entertainment. Reservations are required. Please contact: 515-294-8160.

http://www.isu.edu/col/auction.html

Saturday, October 25, 2014

The 2014 ISU Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The annual ISU Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet recognizes ISU’s most outstanding alumni. It is an evening that will feature a dinner, presentations, awards ceremony, and entertainment.

For more information visit: http://alumni.iastate.edu/Alumni-Hall-of-Fame-Banquet

http://alumni.iastate.edu/icce/alumni/banquet.html

Your horseoscope this week

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Work out a compromise. You’re very attractive, intellectually. Being busy looks good on you. Partner up with a gracious person. Choices take priority. Keep communications flowing. Talk about joy and abundance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Learn even more about love. Smart investments now can increase your security. Your own wit and effort makes the difference. Stick with what worked before. Follow the money trail. Stock up on essentials. Travel for pleasure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Talk about what you love and a possibility grows closer to realization. Share the value you see. Conditions seem unstable. Work smart and profit. Stay out of somebody else’s argument.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Career efforts could stall. Persuade your audience, and some project could get blissful. To realization. Share the value you see. Conditions seem unstable. Work smart and profit. Stay out of something meaning nothing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Reach out and connect with people. Write down your latest fascination. Don’t be afraid of a mess... clean as you go. Collaborate. Navigate around unexpected difficulties. You can do it, especially by working together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You can afford a communication upgrade. Develop a comprehensive plan to increase efficiency. Something you try doesn’t work. Share your expertise. Get an expert opinion. Confer with family. Romantic fantasies could fall flat... keep it practical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Invent new possibilities in a partnership, and watch it end after "Guardians of the Galaxy" topped the box office for the fourth weekend, more than any other Marvel film to date.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- The first reaction could seem negative... keep it practical. Conditions seem unstable. Work smart and profit. Stay out of something meaning nothing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Get playful for unexpected discoveries. Take the student role. Listen to older person’s concerns carefully. Be willing to compromise. New status brings new rewards. Romance and passion occupy your thoughts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Keep it vague about finances. It’s not a great time to talk about money. Be patient with someone who’s not. Save more than you spend, and invest in profitable directions. Good news comes from far away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 4 -- It’s a good time to travel or launch projects. Indulge in a favorite luxury. Answers questions directly. The best things in life are still free. Talk about brilliant solutions, intriguing ideas, and shared passions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Don’t make assumptions. Remain skeptical of some- thing that sounds too good. Sign up once you’ve reviewed from all angles. Watch for a weak link. Profit and luck comes through networking with your communities. Advance together.