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Theatre group to perform mystery-comedy 'In 25 Words...Or Death' comes to Boone Campus Theatre April 9 & 10

Jen Kovach
Staff Writer

"In 25 Words... or Death," DMACC's Boone Campus spring play is nearing the final stages of production. According to Jackie Lloyd (Mrs. Van Pelt), anticipation, laced with fear, hangs in the air as production draws near and loose ends are being tied.

The play is a mystery-comedy in three acts set in New England. As Olivia Hoff, playing the role of Barbara Driscoll, expressed, from grunting villains to romance, this play holds promise.

Director, Kay Mueller, commented, "I have a great cast... they're all very good. I'm very pleased with this group and the set is right on schedule."

The performance will be held in the Boone Campus Theatre on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Admission is free to DMACC students (must display DMACC library card) and general admission is \$5.

Mike Hiltgen, who plays J.J. Hooth, displays confidence in the show, "The play will be funny and great for the whole family."

Campus Blood Drive April 6 Nursing students seek donors

Josh Keller
Staff Writer

The gift of life--it is so easily given just one pint at a time. Statistics say that 90% of the people who live to be age 70 will need blood. What better way to ensure that blood is available than to donate?

The blood drive is returning to DMACC on Tuesday, April 6, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Courter Center.

The core requirements to donate blood are as follows: must be in general good health, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and have eaten a regular meal prior to donating.

For those donors who are a bit intimidated by the experience of giving blood, Katie Kirkegaard, student chairperson, says, "Giving blood is really simple. Just a little prick and then pressure."

If you are still a little uneasy, this is the process. First, donors are checked in and are given an information packet. Next follows a question and answer section to determine safety. This is fol-

lowed by the prick of the finger to test the blood. If the blood can be used, donors lie down and a wrap is put around their arm. They are then given a sponge or a rubber ball to squeeze to ensure blood circulation. Next comes the needle, carefully placed into the underside of the elbow. Depending on the speed of the blood flow, it could take between 5 to 7 minutes for the blood to be collected. When the pint has been filled, the needle is removed and pressure is applied. Donors then receive free refreshments.

After donating, donors must limit the heavy use of arms and intensive exercise. For the next few days, donors should drink extra fluids to help fight against overheating, dehydration and overexertion.

Kirkegaard says that she feels "really good" about herself because she is "helping others." But if this is not enough incentive, donors will also receive free t-shirts and door prizes will be awarded. Prizes include gift certificates from Wal-Mart, Godfathers, The Knowledge Knook and others.

The goal for the blood drive is to have 60 donors interviewed. This would be a step up from last year's 30.

For more information about the blood drive, call Kirkegaard at 433-5075. If you will not be able to attend the blood drive but would like to donate, call The Blood Center at 515-288-1614 extension 150.



photo by Zach Evans

J.J. Hooth (Mike Hiltgen) prepares to open the door and attack the villain, assisted by Kelton Garwood (Jaret Morlan) and Olive Bunker-Hill (Jen Kovach), while rehearsing the spring theater production.

SAB president resigns

By Josh Keller
Staff Writer

Student Action Board president Bob Eschliman resigned during the regular SAB meeting on Wednesday, March 17. Questions were raised when Eschliman, who is also the editor of *Bear Facts*, wrote a story dealing with the SAB budget. He said, "It needed to be covered. I typed up the information as a press release, but the SAB reporter was still ill. I ended up writing the whole story."

Some believed that Eschliman was told information that would not have been told to him as editor of the paper. However, he goes on to say that "the info in the story was all public information and was not illegal to print." In addition, Eschliman said he told the SAB that he was there and that he would be covering the story.

"I was there to help the student body, not to cause problems. I felt it was best to step away. On a campus this small, to say you can not serve in other activities, it's appalling." Eschliman questioned

"how active can a student be?"

The resignation seemed to stem from the previous discussion within the newspaper staff's classroom. Jan LaVille, *Bear Facts* newspaper advisor, spoke to the newspaper staff about an upcoming faculty meeting to discuss student activities. She told the group that she was going to ask the faculty to discuss a Boone Campus policy that would request that no *Bear Facts* editor-in-chief be allowed to also be the president of the Boone Campus student government. She told the students that this has been a problem with conflict of interest ever since she became advisor of the publication.

Knowing that in a democracy she could not control who was elected president of the student government, she felt that controlling the position of editor, since Des Moines Area Community College theoretically serves as publisher, would be the best way for this conflict to not manifest itself again in the future.

SAB

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'Ireland Year' festivities planned for April 12-16

Bob Eschliman
Managing Editor

This year's International Week will focus on the island nation of Ireland, with the week of April 12 - 16 designated "Ireland Week" for the five DMACC campuses.

Jan LaVille, Boone Campus coordinator of this year's events says, "this is the cheapest and most entertaining way to 'visit' other countries."

Retired DMACC Horticulture professor Duane Anderson will present "A Tour of Irish Gardens" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 in Room 129. Master Gardener Ken Walter, Boone, will host the "tour," which is open to the public.

Throughout the day on Friday, April 16, Colm McDonagh—DMACC's Irishman in Residence" will be presenting "The Irish Education System."

McDonagh will be presenting at 9:05 a.m., 10:10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in Room 220. At 11:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m. he will be presenting in Room 128.

Activities have been taking place throughout the school year on each of the five DMACC campuses. T-shirts and sweatshirts commemorating Ireland Year are available through LaVille.

According to LaVille, these presentations are made available through DMACC science and humanities funds and from a Iowa Humanities Board grant. Next year, DMACC will focus on Israel.

ΦΒΛ fundraising for National Conference April 2 in LWC Center

Nicole Stocks
Contributing Writer

The members of Phi Beta Lambda will be holding a bake sale and Easter basket raffle on Friday, April 2, near the Courter Center. Tickets will cost 50 cents each. Proceeds will go to our local chapter to help send some of our members to the National Leadership Conference this July in Chicago, Illinois.

Students who placed first, second, or third at the state conference will be able to compete at the national level. Members from all over the nation will be competing. The students will spend one week in Chicago. Due to the cost of this conference, this fundraiser will be of great value to us.

PBL is also selling Randy's meat products through March 31. Some of the items you can purchase are soups, deli sandwiches, meats, poultry, 12" pizzas, cheesecake, pies, cookies, and other miscellaneous items. Please help support your local chapter by entering the raffle or purchasing some of our delicious goodies. We appreciate your support.

We are also inviting all of the Student Action Board members to a breakfast on Friday, April 2, at 8 a.m. in the Courter Center. This is our way of saying thanks for their hard work and dedication at DMACC.

We'd like to say congratulations to all members who competed at the state conference. We have a chapter to be proud of.

PHI THETA KAPPA ELECTIONS

12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
Room C110
Be a 2K PTK officer!

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Her proposal would have gone into effect next fall.

Students at the newspaper meeting discussed this issue, agreeing that they could see how this would diminish the integrity of the school newspaper. Even though they felt no impropriety had gone on, the insinuation or appearance can harm the newspaper.

The staff further studied several professional ethics codes and concurred with LaVille that beginning next fall, this policy should exist on the Boone Campus.

Commenting on Eschliman's resignation, members of the board said they saw it coming. At press time, no decision has been made to elect a new president.

Accounting Career Day April 16 Former Iowa governor Ray delivering keynote

DMACC—Several area high school students, including those from Boone High School, will be attending the Accounting Career Day being held on the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Boone Campus April 16.

Following a welcome by DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips, former Iowa Governor and acting Drake University President Robert Ray will deliver the keynote address.

The entire morning is filled with sessions in which business leaders will speak on success. There will also be representatives from DMACC, Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Drake, Grand View, Simpson and William Penn on hand to answer questions about their respective colleges.

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Kind acts your mother *tried*
to teach you

L. Lane
Staff Writer

Guys, good old mom really did know what she was talking about in this area. For pete's sake, she's a female and therefore should know what is appreciated!

Sadly, some mothers didn't have a firm grasp on reality and misinformed you, causing you to go about life with a twisted idea of how to treat women.

No longer shall you sink in this pit of confusion and hopelessness! No longer must you seek the answers! No longer shall the words "You inconsiderate, self-centered pig!" ring in your ears (Well, maybe they will, but sometimes it can't be helped). For here lies all that your mother failed to tell you (or told you while you were watching a football game, so might as well have not told you at all).

I must warn you-- this advice is as old as Yoda is short, and you must use it with discretion and adapt it to the situation. You are fully responsible for any injuries received as a result of applying any of the following.

Holding doors

Opening doors for women have been around longer than the doors themselves. It is done with an air of chivalry—out of

respect to the lady. You guys intend this to be a way of expressing honor to her; however, some women take this completely wrong and think that the male is implying that the girl is weak or incapable of opening the door herself. As a result, men have been slapped ever since feminists mutated into existence. The only trick with this one is to identify the feminists and avoid any door-opening experiences with them.

To the women, a bit of advice: let him open the door for you—take it as a compliment.

Opening car doors

This is case-sensitive, just as holding doors is. Guys need to determine (before doing this) whether she will throw some kind of "I'm-independent-and-can-open-my-own-car-door, you-chauvinist-pig!" fit or graciously smile and say, "Thank you." Today, women are getting rather odd ideas about independence... it's an insult for some to have a door opened for them (because women are not weak creatures, but strong and fully independent), but they still expect the man to change the flat tire, or better yet, kill the spider in the bathroom.

Pulling out chairs (in restaurants)

Pulling out a chair for a girl is extremely subjective. It can seem very

awkward, or smooth, depending on how it is done. My suggestion for this one is "be sporadic." Don't make a habit of it, but on an occasional whim, when the chick is least expecting it, *WHAM* you're there, you're pulling out the chair (with a smile), you've caught her off guard and you look like a stud. (Surgeon General's Warning: If done incorrectly you may end up looking like an idiot. Use with precaution.)

Dropping off the lady

You've just taken your girlfriend on a date. You're driving her home; pulling into the driveway the next step can go one of two ways. You (a) walk the chick to the door and, therefore, safely see her inside, or (b) don't walk the chick to the door, but wait to drive off until she's inside her house. The method used should be determined by the closeness of the relationship. The closer you are, the more walking you'll be doing.

Who knows... perhaps this will become a new way of defining a couple. Can't you imagine, "Did you hear? Scott's actually walking his chick to the door now!" Yes, gentlemen, a whole new way of defining couples is in our hands, just waiting for acknowledgment.

*Ratings System

A Film: everything you could ask for, your general five star movie.

A Movie: it's good and worth your time, but nothing amazing.

A Flick: nothing to get excited about, rent maybe, but don't waste your time.

The Front Row

By Jaret Morlan, Bear Facts Staff

In the short history of this column, the one genre that I haven't reviewed yet is also my favorite, is Science Fiction. This is why it saddens me to review such a movie as *Wing Commander*.

Every year, there is at least one movie that makes you think that Hollywood just doesn't care. This is that movie.



Matthew Lillard as "Maniac" Marshall

The story, based on an internationally praised video game series, revolves around two buddy fighter pilots in a futuristic war against a cat-like race known as the Kilrathi.

Freddie Prinze Jr. (*She's All That*) plays Christopher "Maverick" Blair, a fighter pilot who struggles with his heritage, and his best friend, Todd "Maniac" Marshall, played by Matthew Lillard (*Scream*).

The story revolves around them and the secretly coded message that they have been entrusted with to deliver. Once they deliver the message they become full time pilots in the war.

This movie was hard to sit through. Originally, it had been signed as a direct to video film, but was later determined that it was worthy of a theatrical release; oh how wrong they were!

This movie was just one cliché after another. One particularly sickening cliché was the I'll-be-back-for-you scene with two lovers palms on opposite sides of glass.

The most disturbing factor may be that two rising stars such as Prinze and Lil-

liard, who have had fairly good careers up to this point, hit a stinker. Their performances didn't even seem up to par. The entire cast seemed to have this tone that said, "We know how bad this movie is!" There were only a few scenes (all with Lillard) that I felt the acting was above average.

The writing was another aspect of the film that was really begging for help. The stories of the five video games were all meshed into one agonizingly long hour and a half movie.

The special effects, though often impressive, just weren't enough to make the movie bearable. The battle scenes were very reminiscent of WWII dogfights. But The Kilrathi aliens were pathetically portrayed with horribly unrealistic costumes.

The bottom line is that this film was boring, predictable, and downright unpleasing. The highlight of the movie was the showing of the *Star Wars* trailer before the film even started. This is one sci-fi film that falls short, which is too bad considering the popularity of that specific genre. Therefore this movie clanks to a rock bottom flick*.

THE RANT

Authentic Duluthian ice scrapers
and the madness of March

Bob Eschliman
Managing Editor

Welcome back, my fellow students! How was your Spring Break? Well, it's time for me to step upon the concrete reinforced soapbox yet again. *Let's get it on!*

Authentic Duluthian ice scrapers

Doesn't it annoy you how people will ask to "borrow" something, and then never return it? Take for instance a young man, "Sven"—a good kid who hasn't grasped the idea of returning things he borrows.

A couple of weeks ago, he borrowed from his friend, "Olie," an authentic Duluthian ice scraper—a special device made by the silly gnomes that live "way up dare in dee grade white nort" of Duluth, Minn. According to Olie, they are the best in the world.

After several days, Sven finally "returned" another ice scraper. However, according to Olie, the scraper he returned was not of the *special* authentic Duluthian variety.

"Borrowing" and never returning is a form of theft. People who did it all the time used to be referred to as "moochers," and highly frowned upon.

Our pal, Sven, is notorious for mooching, but no one ever tells him no—why? Is it because we feel sorry for him, or because we feel better about ourselves when we help someone in need? Either way, nothing is accomplished because nothing returns. It's just another case of "ignorance by choice."

So protect yourself—stop being so ignorant. If a mooch asks to "borrow" something, politely say "no." It's all common sense—banks don't loan money to people who never pay back.

The madness of March

Well, congratulations to the UConn Huskies and Purdue Lady Boilermakers, our national champions in basketball. But with the NCAA basketball tournaments done, the madness has left us lonely and desperate for more exciting action.

By the time anything exciting develops, most of us will be going nuts from the monotony of daily life. The true "March Madness" is about to set in—finals will be here before you know it.

Get outdoors as much as you can, or you won't see it again before May! Besides, spring is the time to be "twit-terpated." Go out and have fun, but remember those finals, and TANSTAAFL!

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA Mastery or

April Eames

Contributing Writer

Did my sinister encounter with *Death* actually lead me down the right path? Would I have been destined for success, or wasn't meant to be? If she has in fact mastered the art of manipulation, does she realize how many lives are effected by her life around, going down a completely different path in life, but what would have happened if I never met her and continued dc

The following profile was researched and written for a Boone Campus English 117 composition class this semester.

She was in a very deep trance, completely oblivious to her surroundings. After about five minutes, she closed her eyes and began to whisper my name repeatedly.

"What do you see?" I asked wide-eyed in anticipation, anxiously waiting for the woman in black to remove her veil separating my fate from reality.

No response.

"April Eames April Eames April Eames," she continued in a whisper.

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Her dark brown eyes shot open so abruptly that I nearly jolted back into my chair. On a blank white sheet of paper, she began scribbling images frantically, which after a couple of minutes had taken the form of a woman's silhouette.

"Ivy...Ivy is her name. Ivy is a very beautiful woman, with long dark flowing hair, a medium complexion...enchancing green eyes, and a slender physique. You have a tendency to get frustrated very easily, and she's here to tell you to relax; don't—take—everything—so—seriously!" A smile was forming on her expressionless face, but soon faded as she entered another trance. About a minute passed.

"When I ask specifically about other spirit guides, I hear a chuckle—you have so many!"

"When I ask specifically about other spirit guides, I hear a chuckle—you have so many!" Sue's voice was so incredibly soothing that I immediately felt at ease. "Ivy provides you with spiritual guidance that you wouldn't be able to gain on the Earthly side. If you ever wanted to communicate with her, your best bet would be to go deep into the woods and meditate...you should find her there."

Sue is an internationally known, clairvoyant psychic. Because of her extremely high accuracy rate, she is often called upon to assist in criminal investigations. She's also medically intuitive and works with different health practitioners. Sue is definitely the best.

Immediately upon entering the quaint coffeehouse, the meeting place we had prearranged, I felt overpowered by the invigorating aroma of coffee brewing.

Lamps placed near every other table emitted a very dim light, so it took a few moments for my eyes to adjust to my surroundings. Pink blinds hung over the windows, which blocked out the gloomy light of day. Once my eyes finally focused, I noticed plants—on the floor, on the ceiling, even on several tables! The coffeehouse had such an Earthy, peaceful feel that all my inhibitions were immediately diminished.

I couldn't help but notice *Death* sitting in a large cushioned chair, sipping coffee from a large purple mug.

I continued to frantically scan my surroundings trying to locate a woman who I had no prior description of. I couldn't help but notice *Death* sitting in a large cushioned chair, sipping coffee from a large purple mug. *Wow!* Was she trying to stand out so people would *think* she was a psychic? Was she using her master's degree in psychology to her advantage? She had on a pair of black sweat pants, a black sweatshirt, black sneakers, and a black barrette that pulled her short wavy brown hair out of her eyes. Maybe she just liked the color *black*—who knows? Sun deprivation was evident in her complexion. The large bags

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beneath her dark brown eyes stood out, causing her to look older than what she was. An aqua-colored, gothic necklace she was wearing added only a hint of color.

"Before I ask any questions pertaining to my future, I'd like to get a feel for how accurate you are while looking into my past...how many brothers—"

"Whoa! Hold on! You can't expect me to hit a high 'C' when I haven't even warmed up my vocal chords yet, can you?" she asked rudely, interrupting me in mid-sentence.

"Oh! Of course not!" I replied sympathetically, a warm smile prevailing. She didn't need time to "warm up" while telling me who my spirit guide was! Maybe I'm just delusional. After all, she was internationally known and has assisted in criminal investigations. If psychics existed, she was the best. Maybe she really *did* need time to warm up.

"What career do you see me as having after I graduate?" My eyebrows raised

about an inch causing wrinkles to emerge. She closed her eyes and silently began to meditate. This seemed so intriguing, I tried not to let money obscure my judgment. I began shifting uncomfortably in my chair, getting more and more agitated as time progressed. Suddenly, she picked up the pen as if she were being possessed!

Sue's hand began trembling uncontrollably. She was hardly able to hold the pen, let alone write anything! I didn't know if I should call out for help or sit quietly and watch. It took a couple seconds before something had finally appeared on the blank sheet of paper. By that point, curiosity had consumed my entire being. I couldn't help but peak at what she had written. The word *politics* jumped out at me sending chills down my spine.

She then dropped the pen onto the table that was separating us and glared into my eyes. How eerie! It was as if she were a completely different person!

The noise level no longer seemed to be an issue. As far as I was concerned, we were the only two people there. She then dropped the pen onto the table that was separating us and *glared* into my eyes. How eerie! It was as if she were a completely different person!

"I hear the word *politics*, over and over." Her *voice* even sounded different! Her head then jerked to the side, and she began rapidly blinking her eyes. It seemed as if she had just been possessed, and reality was gradually seeping in—*she* was coming back.

"I couldn't actually see anything. I could only hear the word *politics*," she replied in a very soothing tone.

"Wow—that actually seems pretty accurate!" I was so excited, I could hardly contain myself! How did she know that I had a vested interest in *politics*? I was taking all the required courses in school to pursue my dream of becoming a psychiatrist, but if *politics* were my destiny, than maybe I should consider switching my major to political science. I was definitely on the wrong path in life. What would have happened if I had never met her and continued down the "wrong" path? I couldn't wait to ask the next question—this woman was for real.

"You're ambitious and a go-getter. You don't settle for second best, and you stick with a task until it's completed.

Would you say that's an accurate description?"

"Well, yeah." Why did she have to add that? I was actually impressed up until that unseemingly vague statement. I'm ambitious when it comes to *what?* Isn't everyone ambitious at times? She already knew I was in school. Just the mere fact that I had asked her what I would do *after* I graduate shows ambition.

"My brother vanished into thin air a couple years ago. We were very close, and then one day he disappeared. Where is he, and will I ever see him again?" I asked, while noticing a look of concern on Sue's face. She was just about to speak, but I stopped her. I new she would tell me he was dead just by the way I worded the question. "Oh no, he's not dead or anything. My dad's received all kinds of warrants for his arrest." Her look of concern had immediately transformed into a warm, comforting smile. That smile alone solidified my assumptions. Was she combining how I was *phrasing* different questions with my body language and my physical appearance, rather than actually reading my future? How could this woman, with a master's degree in psychology and educated in a school of medicine, prey on unsuspecting souls for a living? If she has in fact mastered the art of manipulation, does she realize how many lives are effected every day by her so-called abilities? I was ready to turn my life around, going down a completely different path in life, but what would have happened if I continued down the "wrong" path?

"Okay...April, I want you to write down your brother's name and date of birth on the top left hand corner." She passed me a blank white sheet of paper. I wrote down this information as neatly as possible, and handed it back to her. She was about to get into another trance, but looked perplexed. "What's your dad's name?"

"The father who had briefly raised me and my brother was Gary Nacin. Kyle's biological father is Bill Eames." As I was speaking, Sue seemed to be writing down everything I was saying word for word. She then wrote Gary's name in one corner and Bill's name in the other.

"Okay, where do they both reside?" Sue asked, still looking slightly confused.

"I'm not sure about our biological father, but Gary only lives about fifteen minutes away. Kyle was living with him, and that's when he suddenly vanished," I

manipulation?

Now be destined for failure because this so-called abilities? I was ready to turn my back on the "wrong" path?

replied shrugging my shoulders. I was completely baffled by his disappearance.

"Okay." She seemed to be more satisfied with the new information I had given her. She became fixated on that piece of paper. "Kyle, Kyle, Gary, Gary, Bill, Kyle," she repeated, her voice barely audible. She was in a trance for a couple of minutes.

Something very surreal was happening at that particular moment, she was a very peculiar woman who thought she had psychic abilities, or she was extremely manipulative.

"Kyle had a lot of problems with rules and law," she stated in a very low tone. Where was *she*? Something very surreal was happening at that particular moment, she was a very peculiar woman who thought she had psychic abilities, or she was extremely manipulative.

Didn't I already say that my father had received warrants for his arrest? *Why* am I being so skeptical? She was internationally known for her extensive work in criminal investigations. She entered into another deep trance.

"I feel that he left because he was very angry. He felt abandoned as a child not having his biological father around. Two...Two...the year 2001. February 15th 2001. She scribbled the word *homecoming* onto the sheet of paper, her hand trembling as she wrote. She then continued into her trance.

Was I imagining things, or did she look up at me very discreetly for about a half a second, and then proceed into her trance—maybe trying to see my facial expressions to determine whether or not I was believing her? Was my skepticism justified, or was this just all in my head?

"Yes...Yes, I definitely see him around you for awhile on February 15th 2001. He just needs time to find himself." She was so sure of herself that I *had* to believe her. I wanted so badly to believe her, so I guess I made myself believe. She did have an extensive background in this sort of thing. Why shouldn't I believe and trust her? I was so excited that I'd finally see my brother again!

"Do I—have cervical—cancer?" I could barely spit the words out

"What problems are you having around your reproductive area?"

Why couldn't she tell me what problems I was having? "A doctor examined me last night and just said that was a possibility. I'm going to the doctor

later this afternoon for a thorough examination, and I just want to know."

"The doctor didn't mention why he suspected cervical cancer?" Sue was very persistent. She sounded more like a doctor than a psychic, and she *had* been through medical school. Do psychics *really* exist?

After I had described all the different complications, she explained that it was an ovarian cyst and not cancer. She *must* be good, because this time she didn't even have to get into a trance to "enter my body to see if the energy was flowing in the right way"! Even though I was skeptical, I did feel genuinely relieved that I didn't have cancer.

"When will I die?" I really didn't want to know, but in a way I did.

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"It was just a question that I'm *paying* you to answer. I guess I'm more curious than anything, but I'm not afraid of death...*Why*? Can't you tell me?"

She seemed very reluctant to answer, so naturally I panicked. I *was* afraid of death, but I didn't want her to think that. Death was an issue that Sue usually avoided altogether, but she was very well known for pinpointing exact dates. She grabbed a blank sheet of paper and placed it in her lap. While she was meditating, I couldn't exactly make out what she was mumbling. It took about three minutes for *it* to hit her.

"They're telling me that you'll be seventy-seven years of age... You'll have problems with your lungs...Yes...It'll be a painful death."

I didn't have to know it would be painful, but I did feel *very* relieved that I was going to be seventy-seven! I paid her fifty dollars and got up to stretch. Moments later, I walked toward the door to leave while reflecting back on what had just happened. So, I *don't* have cancer, I'm *not* going to die young, I *will* see my brother again, and I may even become a politician! Fifty dollars cleared a path that I wasn't sure really existed. Instead of going down the path of medicine, I'm now going down the path of politics. Did my sinister encounter with *Death* actually lead me down the right path? Would I have been destined for success, or will I now be destined for failure because this wasn't meant to be? What would have happened if I never met her and *continued* down the "wrong" path?

Summer registration is underway!

Classes begin June 2, 1999
Regular session ends August 12, 1999
Last day to drop classes July 14, 1999

Off the Beaten Path



Time for something new



Olivia Hoff
Staff Writer

Welcome back, friends. I hope everyone got adventurous over break. Did you treat your taste buds to something new and wonderful? Or did you eat a bowl of Fruit Loops for breakfast, followed by a McDonalds for lunch, and dinner at good old Perkins?

I spent my break back home in Duluth. Being in my hometown, you'd think I'd fall back into my old routines, but I managed to restrain myself. I went to a little hamburger joint that my mom was always telling me about when I was still at home. So, were you as adventurous?

If you didn't manage to take a walk on the wild side, now's your chance. I've got another place for you to try, now that you're back in Boone. It's true, some of you may have heard of it before, but have you ever been there? It's called *The Tic Toc*. It's a little restaurant/bar nestled into Keeler Street, one block west of Story Street.

"So," you ask yourself, "why should I go to *The Tic Toc* in Boone? What's so great about this place? Why should I leave the safety of Country Kitchen (which is now open 24 hours a day)?"

First off, the food is wonderful—in

my humble opinion. I'm usually quite picky about my linguine. Nine times out of ten, I don't like the chicken linguine I insist on ordering at every restaurant I go to. It's either too salty or too thick or just plain awful! I felt that *The Tic Toc's* was perfection.

Another reason to stop by *The Tic Toc* is the atmosphere. The dining room and bar are completely separate. If you want to dine in a quiet, blah atmosphere, the dining room is the place for you. I expected to run into the local country club members.

The bar, however, offers a different atmosphere. If you're up for a relaxing game of pool or some fast action darts, *The Tic Toc* has the lounge for you.

The lounge also holds a large screen television. It's usually set to ESPN, so you can get all caught up on your sports knowledge. Or, if you're not a sports fan, I'm sure you could convince the bartender to change the channel.

If you're looking for that lounge atmosphere, but your stomach is yelling, "For crying out loud, man! Feed me!" the full menu is available in the bar.

Come on friends, put down that Pizza Hut coupon and give your taste buds something new to try. Spend an evening at *The Tic Toc* in Boone.

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Editorial commentary

Is Kosovo worth a world war?

Bob Eschliman
Managing Editor

The United States is about to pay for its own arrogance. The war against sovereign Yugoslavia has moved us dangerously close to another world war. The question everyone should be asking is, "Is Kosovo worth a World War?"

Yugoslavia is derived of several different ethnic factions that have been in conflict with one another for ages. The conflict between slavic Serbs and muslim Albanians has gone on for almost 1500 years. These factions have lived where they are for centuries. The only invasion has been by western influences.

Not another "Hundred Hours War"

This is not an air war over relatively flat terrain and against stationary targets, like in Iraq during the "Hundred Hours War" in the gulf. The Balkan terrain is very mountainous, and Serbian military units are highly trained and capable, using some of the best technology.

Their weaponry is highly mobile and very deadly. Cruise missiles will be used whenever necessary, but cannot do the job alone. NATO aircraft will have to be used, meaning pilots will be in jeopardy. Over half of NATO's aircraft in the region are US. American lives will be lost.

"Protector of the Slavs"

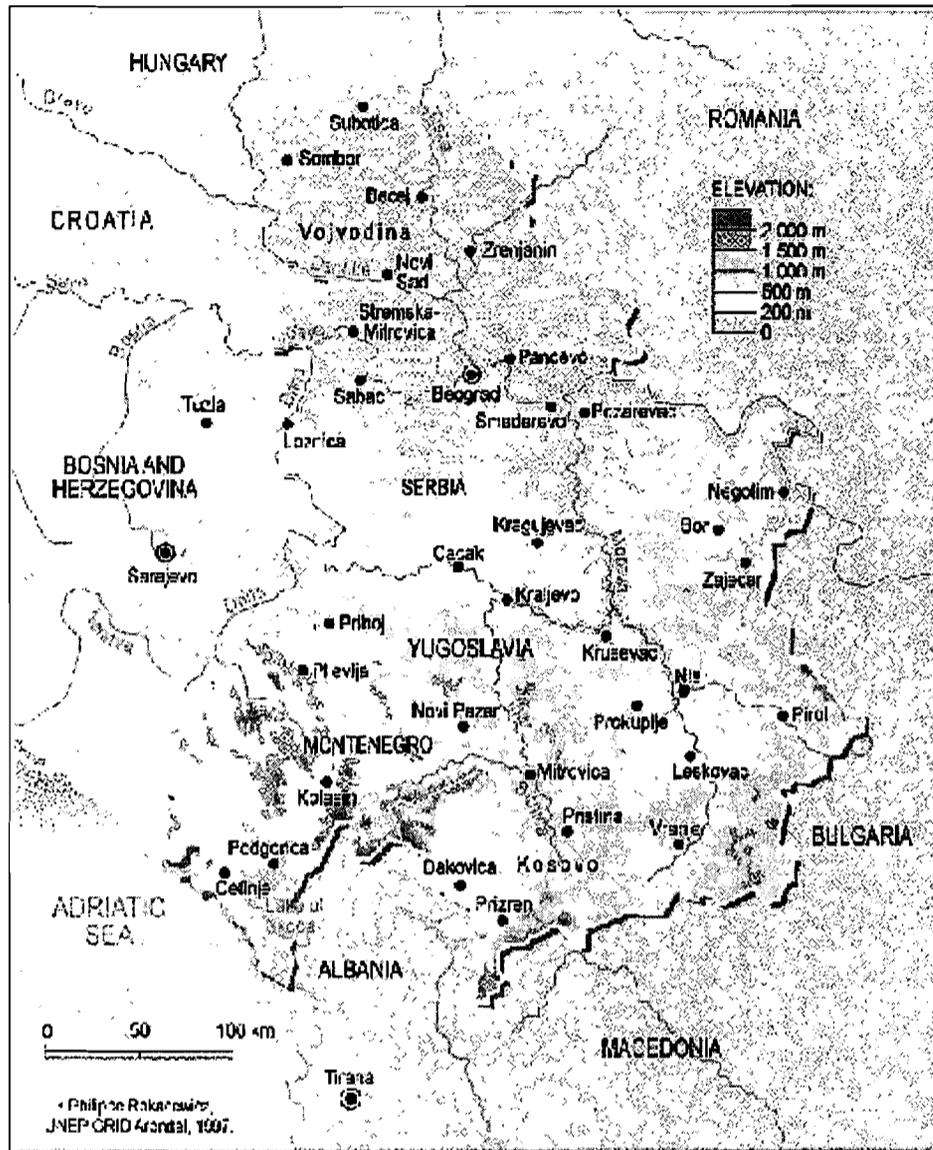
During the years prior to WWI, Russia declared itself the protector of all Slavic peoples. The actions by the Russian people in outrage over this campaign show that Russia's stance on the Serbs has not changed.

The failed attack on our embassy in Moscow is but only the beginning. I suspect we will soon see Russians moving south to aid in the "defense" of their slavic brothers.

Russia is now reconsidering its membership in NATO and has withdrawn indefinitely from the "Partnership for Peace" program, leaving world peace on life support.

Escalation to world war

Russia still has a horrific stockpile of nuclear weapons and a large population of people who are growing more and more disgruntled with western influence. I suggest that a lighted match has been placed upon a tremendous powder keg.



Yugoslavia, comprised today of Serbia and Montenegro, is considered an explosive powder keg of unrest in southeastern Europe. In the Serbian province of Kosovo, the ethnic majority is Albanian Muslims. Slavic Serbs have been fighting with Muslims over control of Kosovo for centuries. For Serbs, Kosovo is as Jerusalem is to Israel.

The defense budget has been drastically scaled down. Military leaders complain that morale and retention is down. Iowans going to Kosovo?

At this time, official word says it appears unlikely that Iowa reserve units will be called into active duty. Col. Bob King, of the Iowa National Guard Chief of Staff's Office stated, "No Iowa National Guard units are on standby, awaiting orders or deploying at this time—period."

Regardless of what the official word is, reservists in the Boone area that I have spoken with are nervously watching news reports and waiting for what they see as an inevitable call to arms.

The war must end now

This war is a mistake. But in the meantime, our soldiers, sailors, and airmen need our support. While I cannot support this war, I pray for the safe return of our men and women and for the quick end to this senseless aggression.

PBL: For everyone except vegetarians

To The Editor

Just a brief comment on the injustice of the PBL planning on the selling of "flesh" for raising funds. I acknowledge the fact that most of the PBL's money comes from fundraisers but if they truly want to be "for everyone" than they must think about the vegetarian perspective as well.

According to John Robbins in his book *Diet for a New America*, 660,000 animals are slaughtered every hour in the US. He also states that the majority of these animals are not put to sleep. Rather they feel the knife as it slides across their throats. To anyone saying that they can not comprehend pain, I ask why then do they scream and fight until their last breath has been taken? As a vegetarian this is rather appalling to me, and to think that an organization in our school is going to add to the carnage is nearly unbearable.

All I ask is that the PBL take into consideration the views of the minorities in the school. We may not be many, but our opinions still matter. You say that PBL is for everyone: I merely am putting this to the test. I ask that you choose any other fundraiser and I will accept you with an open mind and an open pocket book.

Josh Keller
Staff Writer

Staff Editorial
Commends recent decision by editor

We believe it was a conflict of interest in the eyes of many to have a single student hold both the positions of *Bear Facts* Editor and SAB president. Both positions are powerful on this campus. The press is considered "the watchdog of the government," and if the watchdog is the highest office in the government, the credibility of both is lowered. Bob Eschliman was an effective SAB president. He was efficient and stood for his beliefs in the face of opposition. It was, however, in the best interest of everyone involved that he step down from the position of SAB president.

Do you have a thought in your head?
If so, share your little tidbits of knowledge in our newest column

A  For Your Thoughts

Comments, opinions and ideas can be emailed to jrlaville@dmacc.cc.ia.us, phoned into 433-5092, or slipped under the door of Room 210.

Submissions may be edited in accordance with *Bear Facts* editorial policy.

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Easter Basket Raffle
Friday, April 2 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Proceeds go towards the expenses of members attending the National Conference. Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents from any PBL member or Linda Plueger. The drawing will take place at 1 p.m.

With new season in full swing

Bears set sights on National Tournament

"It doesn't matter how good of a coach you've got; it all boils down to the talent you get."

-Coach Smith

Jay Cue
Staff Writer

Few coaches in the state who are as renowned in their sport as DMACC head baseball coach John Smith. Smith has had a very successful career as the Bears' manager and intends on adding to his reputation during the 1999 baseball season.

Assisting Coach Smith this season will be Eddie Mauro from Des Moines. Coach Mauro is an assistant that Smith regards highly and noted that he travels from Des Moines every day to help the team for no pay.

"You don't find that kind of dedication in people today," Smith said.

Together, Smith and Mauro are heading a very young, but talented field of players. Only five players return from last year's 27-18 squad, which finished third in the state. Smith is proud of the recruiting job done for this season, and thinks the freshmen will be a good addition.

"We were looking for kids who have a good attitude and work hard," he commented. "You have to have good players. It doesn't matter how good of a coach you've got; it all boils down to the talent you get."

Though the team's coach is aware that youth brings inexperience, he is optimistic that his players will once again be competitive in the conference. The conference consists of five teams, playing each opponent four times apiece. Along with DMACC, the conference members are Indian Hills, Muscatine, Southwestern of Creston and Iowa Western of Council Bluffs. Of the Bears' four conference foes, Smith believes Indian Hills and Muscatine will be DMACC's biggest antagonists. Smith also comments that in the past, though, DMACC has been able to hold its own.

The Bears are counting on their talent to lead them right to the National Tournament at the end of the season, a feat they haven't managed to accomplish in the past few years. In order to qualify for the tournament, the Bears will first have to win the Conference Tournament held May 7-9. If they accomplish this, the team will then travel to Illinois to compete in a pool of two other teams, the winner

advancing to the National Tournament.

Smith stated that making the National Tournament is the team's biggest goal, and that in order to make it, his team will have to do well in conference play.

"If you want to get a good seed [in the Conference Tournament]," he commented, "you have to want to win them all."

In preparation for the conference season, the DMACC Bears used spring break as an opportunity to do some traveling, and play teams from surrounding states and even further south. The team's trip began in Missouri, and traveled through Oklahoma and Kansas. The trip involved a double or triple-header at each stop, and allowed the Bears a chance to play teams from other parts of the country.

The Bears will return to home competition against Grand View on April 2 at Memorial Park in Boone. The game starts at 2 p.m. And admission is free.

Spring Break Baseball Scoreboard

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| March 20 | |
| DMACC 8 | Longview 4 |
| DMACC 9 | Longview 3 |
| March 21 | |
| NEO 8 | DMACC 2 |
| DMACC 11 | NEO 8 |
| NEO 6 | DMACC 3 |
| March 22 | |
| Crowder 15 | DMACC 10 |
| Crowder 9 | DMACC 8 |
| DMACC 17 | Crowder 8 |
| March 24 | |
| Coffeeville 6 | DMACC 5 |
| DMACC 6 | Coffeeville 4 |
| March 25 | |
| DMACC 9 | NEO 4 |

1999 DMACC Men's Baseball Roster

| | Player | Year | Position | Home Town |
|----|------------------|------|----------|-------------------------|
| 2 | Ruben Delgado | FR | | Puerto Rico |
| 3 | Pat Zahourek | SO | IF | Le Mars, Iowa |
| 5 | John Bray | FR | IF | Kingsford, Missouri |
| 6 | Adam Christ | FR | IF | Waseca, Minnesota |
| 7 | Ryan Selway | SO | OF | Cypress, Texas |
| 8 | Brian Labratew | SO | OF | Indianola, Iowa |
| 9 | Rick Prussing | FR | IF/OF | Bismark, North Dakota |
| 10 | Cory Meinecke | FR | P | Panora, Iowa |
| 11 | Rick Gehrman | FR | OF | Eau Claire, Wisconsin |
| 13 | Nate Chown | FR | | Boone, Iowa |
| 14 | Lon Sorenson | FR | OF | Albert Lea, Minnesota |
| 15 | Jarad Wolfe | SO | C | Panora, Iowa |
| 16 | Cory Cech | SO | P | Runnells, Iowa |
| 17 | Alex Boles | FR | P | Jackson, Minnesota |
| 18 | Brian Koch | FR | P | Rochester, Minnesota |
| 19 | Bryan Bero | FR | IF | West De Pere, Wisconsin |
| 20 | Justin Hardinger | FR | IF | Boone, Iowa |
| 21 | Dave Poulin | SO | OF | Quebec, Canada |
| 22 | Scott Wolfe | FR | IF | Eau Claire, Wisconsin |
| 23 | Brian Springer | SO | P | Appleton, Wisconsin |
| 24 | Bryan Swaenepoel | SO | P | Manitoba, Canada |
| 25 | Mike Downs | FR | P | Ames, Iowa |
| 27 | David Denney | FR | P | Nova Scotia, Canada |
| 28 | Joe Bolstad | FR | OF/IF | Lakeville, Minnesota |
| 29 | Eric Langill | FR | C | Quebec, Canada |
| 30 | Andy Larson | SO | P | Rochester, Minnesota |

DMACC Bears Baseball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| March 30 | Kirkwood | Away | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 1 | Ellsworth | Away | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 2 | Grand View | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 6 | Indian Hills | Away | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 8 | Simpson | Away | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 10 | Creston | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 13 | Indian Hills | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 15 | Burlington | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 16 | Simpson | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 17 | Fort Dodge | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 18 | Muscatine | Away | |
| April 20 | Council Bluffs | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 22 | Ellsworth | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| April 24 | Council Bluffs | Away | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 25 | Iowa Lakes | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 27 | Fort Dodge | Away | 1:00 p.m. |
| April 29 | Creston | Away | |
| April 30 | Kirkwood | Home | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 7-9 | Regional Tournament | Centerville | TBA |
| May 15-17 | District Tournament | South Illinois | TBA |
| May 29 | National Tournament | | |

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What's your biggest worry regarding the Y2K millennium bug?

Chad Lowe
Staff Writer



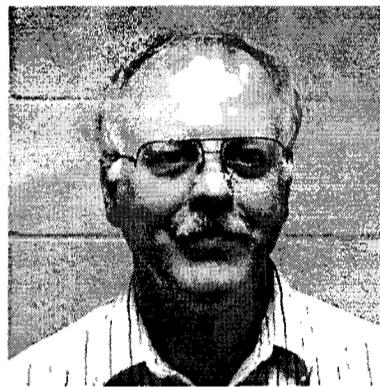
DON FOLTZ
Student

"The impact it will have on the economy. There could be a downfall in bank systems."



KAREN KOVACH
Library Assistant

"People might panic from what could happen, but it won't be that big of a deal."



RON ERICKSON
Boone Campus LAN Specialist

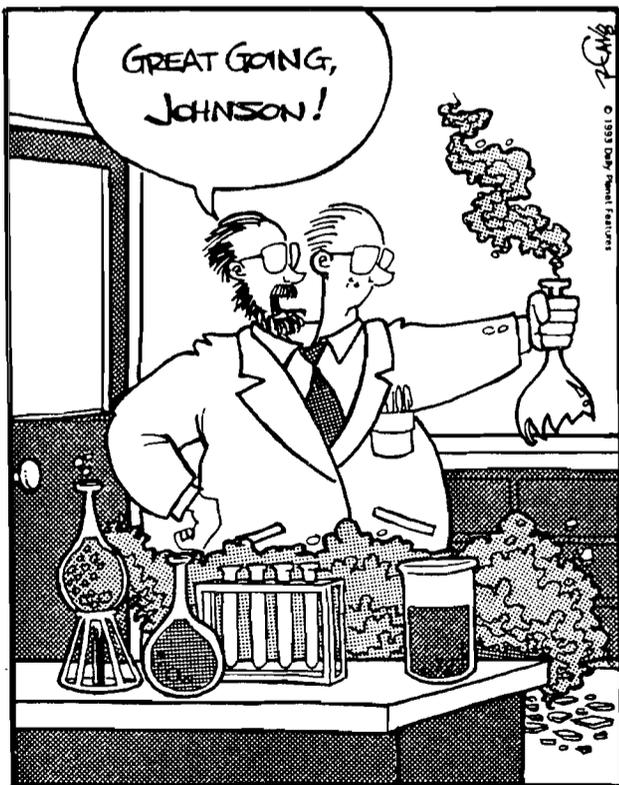
"I'm not terribly worried on this campus, but systems that are date sensitive, like the administration, could be affected."



MOLLY FARRELL
Student

"The banks, who use computers for loans and savings, could have some problems."

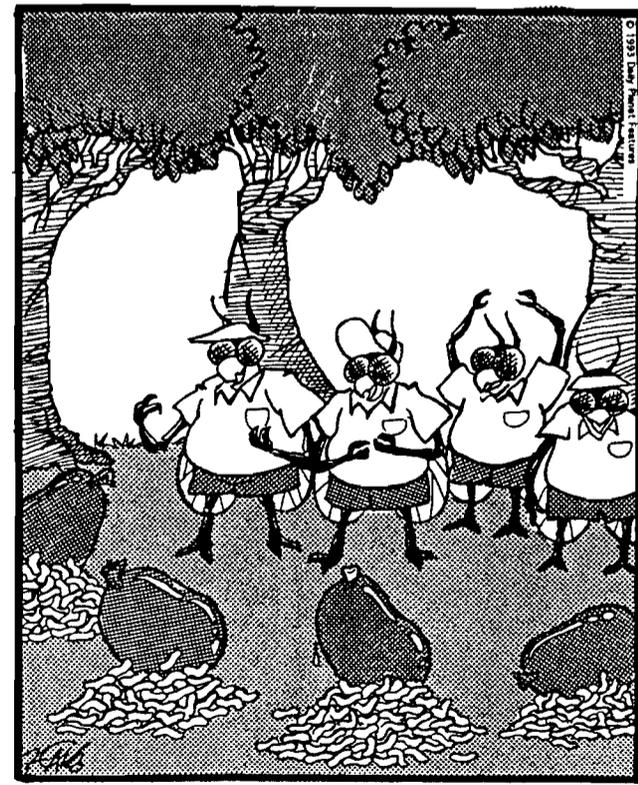
Chaos by Brian Shuster



One of the dangers of working with fusion.



Another futile tree warning



The water-balloon toss at the 'Father-Maggot Picnic'