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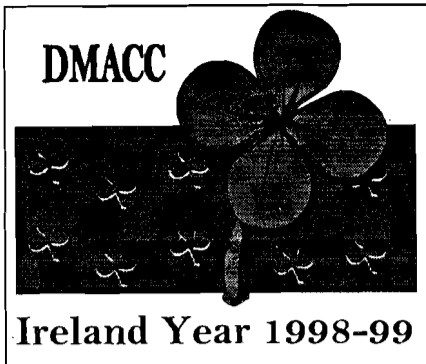
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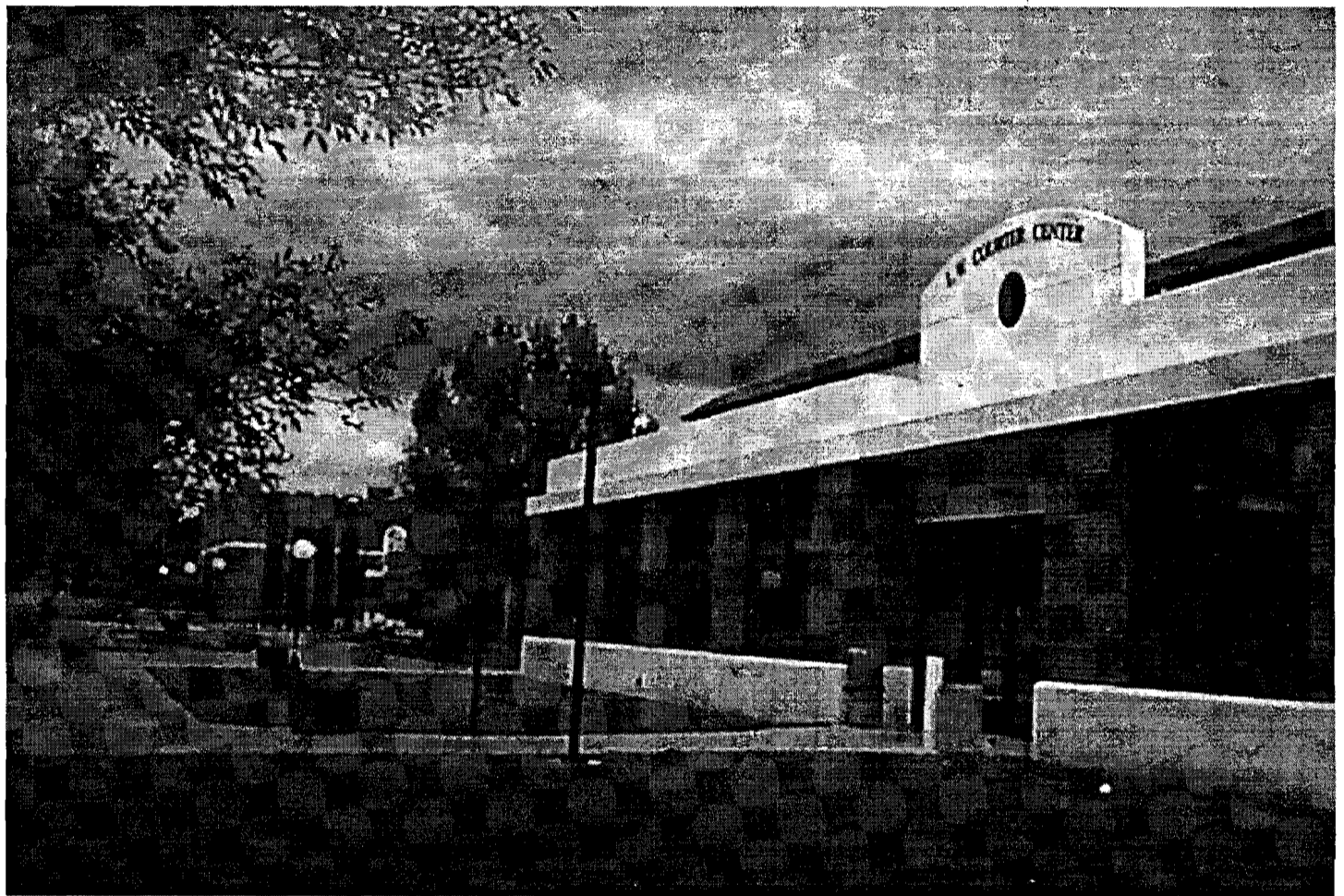
Boone Campus sets credit hour record in 1998

By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

The new semester is here at DMACC - Boone Campus. This fall the Boone Campus has approximately 1175 students taking a total of 11,044 credit hours. This new record is an 8.7% increase in credit hours and a 4% increase in students from last year. These figures are unofficial and subject to change with future drops and adds.

Kriss W. Philips, Boone Campus Executive Dean commented, "From the first week, I could tell that there was an increase in students due to the book store, business and registration offices being busier than ever, and the parking lot was as full as it has ever been.

This year we have a higher percentage of students coming right out of high school than in years past. Our goal is to service our students with a quality education, and hope they receive the best student service around."



Student cooperation requested in solving parking dilemma

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

DMACC is having another record breaking enrollment year, which, unfortunately, has created a problem among the student body when pulling into the DMACC parking lot. A sea of cars has led some to resort to parking on a roped off grass area located east of the student parking lot. Students in this section now have even farther to walk than the farthest located spot in the designated parking area.

The overabundance of cars occupying the parking lot is nothing new for DMACC students. In the past, the first weeks of class have always led to a temporary parking dilemma. Eventually, as students thinned out, so did their vehicles. This year has been an exception. The high enrollment has been causing the

parking lot to fill unusually fast in the morning. At mid-day when, in past years, the lot had began to empty, cars are still occupying many of the spaces.

The parking dilemma is far from unsolvable. Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips has two suggestions. The first is to carpool. He suggests that if there are more than one person from an area who happens to have a similar class schedule, carpooling saves both gas money and car mileage for students. But more importantly, it provides more spaces.

Philips' second suggestion is to use a shuttle bus. He commented that with the rising number of students commuting daily from Ames, that shuttling a number of them at once would create less condensing is not new. For a number of years, DMACC has attempted to deal with the students, as well as Boone County

Transportation, in setting up a shuttle bus of cars in the parking lot. This solution system. The system often started out useful, but eventually the dwindling student participants caused it to end.

Both Dean Philips and Boone County Transportation are very willing to give the shuttle bus idea rebirth. But both agree its survival depends on use by the DMACC student body. Both agree there has never been a popular turnout. For those who would like to take advantage of Boone County Transportation's resources, the department offers three ways.

Boone County Transportation currently sends a bus to Boone from Ames at 9:00a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This bus makes a return trip to Ames at 1:00p.m. The cost of the trip is \$3.50 each way. The department is also on call any time of the day for a fee of \$7.00. The second of the Transportation

Agency's offers is the most wallet-friendly. The department can be hired to take a bus to Boone from Ames for a fee of \$20.00. The number of people who uses this bus is unlimited, so the cost can be split between many people. With enough participants, this provides low-cost transportation.

It is a possibility that the enrollment of DMACC could climb even higher next year. For this reason, a student housing project has been brewing. Dean Kriss Philips stated that the student housing project had been finalized, and the city has zoned 15 acres for the construction of a student housing facility to be constructed as early as next fall. This welcomed addition would allow students to live next to campus, and shorten many students' traveling distance. This would free the parking lot considerably for the 1999-2000 school year.



A large number of the DMACC international students hosted their second annual open house on September 2, 1998. This open house gave them the opportunity to meet many of the DMACC staff, faculty, and students, and vice versa. Pictured above are the international students and two of the faculty members who participated in the event (from left to right): Yuko Brown, Japan; Spanish instructor Emma Mallarino; Fanny Kiswoto, Indonesia; International Student Club advisor Jeannie Roth; Poo-yuen On, Malaysia; Seema Randhawa, India; Carlos Uribe, Venezuela; and Aguan, Sudan.

What is Rezoomers Club?

The Rezoomers Club is an organization on campus for adult students. This is available to all adult students who are returning to formal education after being away for two or more years. The purpose of the Rezoomers Club is to provide support to adults who are resuming their education. The informal meetings provide opportunities to share information and get better acquainted with other students, to encourage others, and share ideas on juggling school, family, and jobs.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month in the Courter Center. Members eat lunch together, and come and go as classes permit between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Short programs on topics of interest will be presented throughout the year. The kick-off meeting will be held on October 21.

Students interested may contact Maggie Stone, coordinator for the Rezoomers Club in the Displaced Homemakers Center, Room 124 or call 433-5037.



Photo by Bob Eschliman

'63 Boone High marching band marches again

In 1963, the Boone High marching band was invited to march in the annual "Tournament of Roses" parade in Pasadena, California. This year, a number of the participants returned to march in the 1998 Pufferbilly Days parade. One of these band members is Maggie Stone, coordinator of the displaced homemakers/single parent project on the Boone campus. Read about her participation in these events in the September 30 issue of the Bear Facts.

Changes on the Boone Campus

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

According to Dean Philips, there have been some major changes on the Boone Campus this semester.

A change occurred in Classroom 209 which was previously a lecture room and is now a new science lab.

Another big change has resulted in new Gateway 2000 computers. They have changed to windows NT. This change-over provides the opportunity for new things to be learned by everyone. They work faster and are more user friendly. If anyone is experiencing any problems they should see Ron Ericksen.

There are also changes in the staff and faculty. There is a new librarian assistant working afternoons and nights, Karen Kovach. Karen Messler has moved into the daytime librarian assistant position. Joanne Temple is now working in the business office. Kay Fowler is the new nursing instructor. Pat Thieben, head of the business department, has transferred to Ankeny and her position has not been filled as yet. Gary Stasko, DMACC instructor, has been assigned her responsibilities as group leader.

SAB elections set

By Elizabeth Osting
Bear Facts Staff

Have you ever wanted your voice to be heard on an issue around the college? The perfect opportunity is coming up. Elections for Student Action Board (SAB) are set for Wednesday, Sept. 30.

What is SAB about? According to Terry Jamieson, Director of Student Activities-Athletics-Intramurals, SAB's number one goal is to manage the activity budget. SAB receives it's own budget and helps to manage activities that are on campus. The amount of money that SAB receives is dependent on the enrollment of the campus.

"One good thing about SAB is that people have a voice and are able to relate to a student (on SAB)," Jamieson said. Last year there was a record election with the amount of people that showed interest; however, the number of people that voted was minimal at best.

Jamieson encourages all students to vote. He said that if they don't vote they don't have anything to complain about. "This election gives the students a chance to get involved with what's going on and participate in something" Jamieson stated.

Nominations are still being accepted until Friday, Sept. 21. Applications can be obtained from the main desk. There will be a forum on Sept. 24, someplace on campus, at a location to be announced. As of press time, seven people had shown interest in running for SAB. Students are encouraged to attend the forum to learn more about the candidates.

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By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

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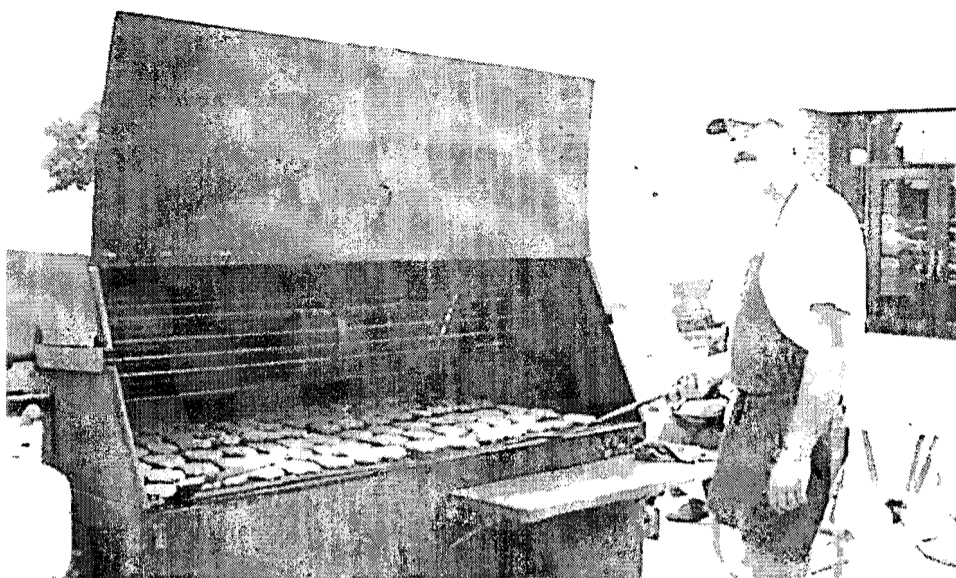
- Take Psychology -- It's fun and you study "yourself."

- At any point in the semester make sure your attendance in class is at least 90% of all possible to date. For example; if you are there day 1 and miss day 2 your attendance is 50%.

- Meet personally with the instructor before midterm.

- Read all assignments before attending class.

- Make sure all classes you take work toward your personal goals. Don't guess. Check with a counselor or advisor on degree requirements.



First day hamburger feast

photo by Brent West

Mike Shreve, President of the Boone County Cattleman's Association grills hamburgers for Boone Campus students on the first day of classes, Monday, August 31, 1998. Students also enjoyed potato salad, baked beans, chips and sodas. The event was sponsored by the Student Action Board.

New program begins in Ankeny Deere, DMACC build bright futures

By Travis Stevenson
Bear Facts Staff

Iowa's largest manufacturing company, John Deere, and Des Moines Area Community College have joined together to help build a bright future for a special group of students.

Officially titled The John Deere Team Scholars Program, this two-year program began in the Fall of 1998 to prepare students for the high tech jobs that will be opening at John Deere. There will be a demand for trained personnel, since it is estimated that half of John Deere's present employment could be eligible for retirement by the year 2005.

The program was created by DMACC staff, the John Deere training staff, and the United Auto Workers Union (John Deere employees' union). Since manufacturing jobs are now team oriented, the new program is also team oriented with two teams of twenty

students. These students will take classes in math, blueprint reading, computer, welding, mill and lathe skills as well as other courses to train them to become part of a manufacturing team. During the second year they will be paid approximately \$3,000.00 in wages during their factory internship at John Deere of Ankeny. When this is applied to the tuition costs of the total program, the student pays very little for their training.

In May 2000, these John Deere Scholars will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Integrated Manufacturing. A minimum of one third of the class will be offered immediate employment at John Deere of Des Moines. Wage and benefit packages for these trained employees would start at \$40,000.00 a year.

DMACC and John Deere are working together to provide the best training for students. This will help industry and Iowa grow as we head into the future.



Gemma Carney (right) from the Riverdance Irish Dance Troupe signs a DMACC Ireland Year poster for a fan following her performance on the Ankeny Campus.

Riverdance performance kicks off Ireland Year at DMACC

DMACC-- Two women from the world famous Riverdance Irish Dance Troupe performed last week on the Ankeny Campus as part of the DMACC Ireland Year program of events planned for 1998-99 on the DMACC campuses.

Randy Jedele, DMACC English instructor, arranged for Kerry Houston and Gemma Carney to dance and relate their experiences to a packed auditorium in a free performance on September 10.

The dancers talked about the history of Riverdance, auditioning for the show, touring, and what it means to be Irish. Volunteers from the audience got a chance to be instructed on stage by the two world-champion Irish dancers.

DMACC International Year celebrates one country each year, so that students, faculty, staff, and community have a chance to learn about other cultures from around the world.

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The Rant

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff

Welcome to another semester of higher learning! Since this article was started during the summer session, I think I should quickly explain what this column is about. In this column, I intend to call it as I see it, shooting from the hip, no holds barred. If you ever think I'm off-base, feel free to let me know. I figure if you have the guts to write me, I can have the guts to respond to it, too.

Now, I don't mean to rant, but don't you just hate it when instructors hand out the syllabus and then go on to discuss their ENTIRE life's history? I mean, talking about their experiences that are relative to the courses they teach is one thing, but to discuss their kids' favorite episode of "Barney" or their spouse's favorite hobby is just TMI (too much info).

And what about these jokers who think it's okay to park where there isn't even a legitimate parking spot or seem to think it's okay to not bother with a parking permit? I say tow them all away!

But then again, we can always count on our "badge-happy" parking chaperones to give us tickets even if we are properly displaying our parking permit. I was happy to find one under my left windshield wiper Friday afternoon.

Whoever left me that warning ticket had to be close enough to my parking decal that it would have bit him in the butt, while he was reading the numbers on my license plate. A simple check of the records will show that I got my parking permit long before Friday afternoon.

And speaking of parking, I wonder what the English Department thinks of our "Xtra Parking" sign. I mean for crying out loud, this is an institution of higher learning, not a swap-meet. I guess the concept of higher learning has become obsolete in the minds of some. I agree that the gymnasium was in need of a facelift, but what about a more vital resource for the students of this school?

A recent tour of the library shows it in desperate need of repairs and renovation. As the most stunning example, I give you the bookshelves that are collapsing and have shelves falling off of them. Sports might be a vital attraction for some, but we ALL use the library.

But I must now digress (for those of you who are from Minnesota, that means I'm going to stop harping now). A huge thank you needs to go out to Dean Philips, Gary, and all of the Custodial staff for the way they handled the situation with the flag flying on the front lawn until our new lights were installed. It's good to see Old Glory get the respect she deserves.

Another big thank-you should come from all of us to Ron Erickson, our Campus Network Specialist. Without Ron,

none of us would be getting much done around here. I think too many students are quick to complain. There's no reason to be cursing at Ron. Ron is probably passionately cursing the system himself. We need to be patient. He'll get the system bug-free soon.

Well, I've ranted long enough for this issue. I'll now return you to your normal news reading. Just always remember to keep in mind TANSTAAFL (there ain't no such thing as a free lunch).

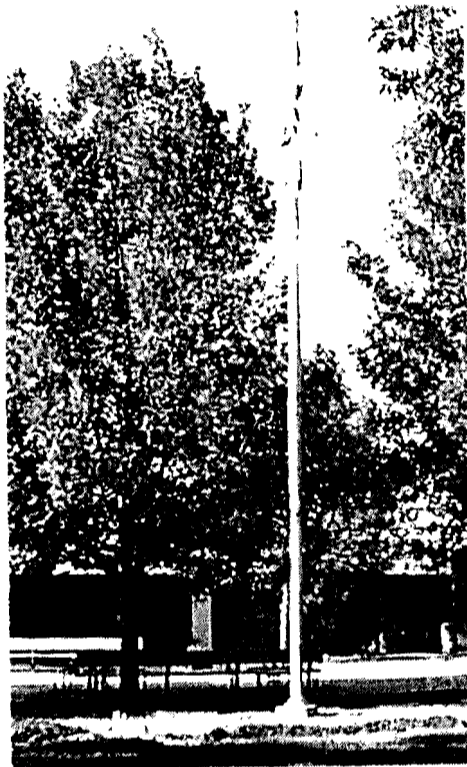


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To prevent the dishonoring of our nation's symbol, the flag pole will now have lights to display the flag at night.

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Student Action Board

What is it? Do we need it?

By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

If you are a student at DMACC, at one time or another you've seen a sign up for something or other with those three mysterious letters posted at the bottom: SAB. What is the Student Action Board? What does it do? What should we know about it?

"The Student Action Board is a forum for student's to voice their opinions," says advisor Terry Jamieson. "It's a way for students to have some say-so over where their fees are headed". The SAB has been around for several years, but Jamieson points out the fact that student governments have been around as long as there have been schools.

Jamieson stated that one of the problems of the SAB is that students don't know what it does. Jamieson says that the SAB functions as a distributor of funds to other programs, such as athletic teams like basketball and baseball, organizes intramural sports events like sand volleyball, provides money for the Bear Facts student newspaper, and sponsors events like the hamburger feeds such as the one that students feasted on earlier this year. Last year, the SAB paid for a comedian to come to the Boone campus. This year, the SAB is also planning on funding an arts festival. The Brain Bowl, an academic knowledge contest held yearly at DMACC, is also funded by the SAB.

Jamieson is quick to add that the SAB isn't without its problems. "One of the main problems that the SAB faces is the fact that Boone is a small commuter campus," Jamieson states. "It's difficult to get much participation if 75% of our campus leaves as soon as their last class gets out." Another problem that the SAB faces is that many people that run for the SAB often have a singular hidden agenda. "I dislike it when people run simply to get money for one group or organization," Jamieson stated. "You're either for everybody, or for nobody."

Jamieson said that SAB funds come strictly from enrollments. "The amount that DMACC charges for an activity fee is really miniscule when compared to other colleges," Jamieson said. "Since the SAB is on a tight budget, we aren't able to offer as many activities as other schools."

As the deadline for nominations comes upon us, I believe that it's important to make an effort to be involved in your school. The greatest problem facing any government is apathy. If each student would take a

few minutes out of his day and vote in the coming weeks, we could insure that the best people get the responsibility of leading the SAB. "If there is one thing that I would really stress about the SAB, it would be that the SAB is a voice for the students," Jamieson stated. So I would urge the students of the DMACC campus to not throw that voice away. Make sure that you vote.

The SAB is an integral part of every DMACC student's experience, whether they know it or not. One of the responsibilities that we carry as a school newspaper is to inform our audience of the news that is occurring at DMACC. We as a staff can inform all we want to, however, but if the student body will not make an effort to be involved, there is little that can be done. I've gone through the thought process myself many times: too much homework, too little time, blah blah blah. Sure it is easier to sit at home watching reruns of *The Simpsons*, but if the student body would make an effort to support the SAB by attending the different SAB functions, not only would the student body be able to meet new people and try some new things, but they might also have a little fun in the process.

Despite highly publicized tragedies Harvard study finds increased intensity in drinking on college campuses

BOSTON, MA, September 10, 1998 – The nation's preeminent survey of college drinking finds that "binge drinking" continues largely unabated on American campuses today, based on its second survey of 116 nationally representative universities and colleges across the country. The report, released today at press conference at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, is a follow-up to the 1993 landmark study and is published in the September issue of the *Journal of American College Health*. The survey finds that one third more drinkers "drank to get drunk" in 1997. The number of drinkers who were drunk three or more times in the past month increased by 22 percent. Four of five fraternity and sorority members are still binge drinkers.

The report, from the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study, was based on the responses of 14,521 students in 1997 and compared to those of 15,103 students surveyed in 1993. The study involved students at 116 colleges in 39 states and was conducted under a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Henry Wechsler, Ph.D., Director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, was the Principal Investigator of the study.

Overall, two of five students (42.7 percent) were reported to be binge drinkers in 1997, a slight decrease from 44.1% in 1993. Half of that group—one of five students (20.7 percent)—were frequent binge drinkers compared to 19.5 percent in 1993. Significantly more students abstained from drinking in 1997 (19.0 percent), up from 15.6 percent in 1993.

"There has been a very small drop in binge drinking between 1993 and 1997, due to an increase of students who do not drink at all. However, this has been more than offset by the increased intensity of drinking among those who drink: more drinking to get drunk, more frequent drunkenness and more alcohol-related problems such as drinking and driving," said Dr. Wechsler.

"Despite highly publicized tragedies and continuing examinations of college alcohol policies, the data indicate that, at the national level thus far, the extent and nature of binge drinking has not changed," continued Wechsler. "In fact, there has been an intensification of severe drinking behavior among drinkers. Fraternity and sorority members and especially students who live in the houses, continue to be at the center of the campus

alcohol culture. If colleges are to have an impact on their alcohol problems, they must drastically change this way of life."

"For those looking for a glimmer of hope, the increase in the proportion of abstainers is important," continued Wechsler. "Campuses seem to be polarized by binge drinking behavior. Abstainers may be responding to alcohol education efforts or they may simply be repulsed by the binge drinking way of life."

The self-administered questionnaire instructed participants to define a "drink" in equivalent amounts of alcohol: a 12-oz. (360ml) bottle or can of beer; a 4-oz. (120ml) glass of wine; a 12-oz. (360ml) bottle or can of wine cooler; or a shot (1.25 oz. or 37ml) of liquor, either straight or in a mixed drink. The study defined heavy episodic or binge drinking as the consumption of at least five drinks in a row for men or four drinks in a row for women during the two weeks before the students completed the questionnaire.

Drinkers experienced more alcohol-related problems in 1997 affecting their health, education, safety and interpersonal relations. These included driving after drinking, damaging property, getting injured, missing classes, and getting behind in school work. In 1997, one in five students (19.8 percent) experienced five or more different alcohol-related problems, an increase of 22 percent since 1993. In 1997, more than one third of the students surveyed (35.8 percent) reported driving after drinking, a 13 percent increase from 1993.

The second-hand effects of binge drinking continue at the same high levels. In 1997, the vast majority of non-binge drinking students are negatively affected by the disruptive behavior of binge drinkers. The study reports that four out of five students (78.8 percent) who were not binge drinkers and who lived on campus experienced at least one second-hand effect of binge drinking, such as being the victim of an assault or an unwanted sexual advance, having property vandalized, or having sleep or study interrupted.

While binge drinking dropped slightly during this time period, increases were noted among minority group members, particularly Asian students. The decrease in binge drinking was larger among colleges in the Northeast region of the country (11 percent) than in other regions of the country.

The student characteristics associated with higher binge drinking rates in 1997 were the same as those associated with the higher rates in 1993. They in-

clude being: male, white, aged 23 years or younger, never having been married, belonging to fraternities or sororities, living in fraternity or sorority houses, and bingeing in high school.

Joining Dr. Wechsler as authors of the report are George Dowdall, Ph.D., and Gretchen Maenner, B.S. (St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia); Jeana Gledhill-Hoyt, M.P.H. (Harvard School of Public Health); and Hang Lee, Ph.D. (University of California, Los Angeles). The full study and relevant links to alcohol sites are available on the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study website: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas>.

Meeting the challenge

DMACC – The Adult Basic Education Program of Des Moines Area Community College serves adults ages 17 and older who are not in the public schools in Audubon, Boone, Carroll, Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren County. Services include Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, English as a Second Language instruction and the Adult Literacy program.

The Adult Literacy Program serves adults who need help with basic literacy skills: reading, writing, math, and communication. These are the skills they need to solve the problems encountered in daily life and to participate fully in our society.

Adult learners meet one-on-one with a volunteer tutor for individual help. Sessions are confidential, and materials provided free to the student. Adult new readers set their own goals, work at their own pace and receive lots of encouragement and praise from volunteers in the program.

For more information, contact Lanette S. Van, Consultant; DMACC Adult Literacy Program, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., 18-30; Ankeny, IA 50021. Or call (515) 964-6863 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 6863.

Literacy facts

Economic impact of adult literacy

- An adult without a high school diploma earns 42% less than an adult with a high school diploma.
- By the year 2000, people with less than a high school education will be able to fill only 14% of all jobs.
- High school drop outs have an unemployment rate of 4 times greater than that of high school graduates
- 50% of Fortune 500 companies underwrite remedial employee training in the basic skills as an annual cost of \$300 million a year.
- GM devotes more than 14% of the \$170 million it spends yearly on job training to remedial education.
- 50% of chronically unemployed are not functionally literate.
- 75% of the nation's prison inmates do not have a high school diploma.
- The military spends \$70 million on basic skills remediation for recruits.
- 33% of all welfare recipients are not considered to be functionally literate.
- 41-44% of adults who scored in level 1 on the National Adult Literacy Survey were in poverty according to federal poverty guidelines, compared with 4-6% of adults who scored at the highest level.

Economic impact on families, children

- 84% of unemployed fathers and 82% of unemployed mothers lack a high school diploma.
- 75% of female heads of households with less than a high school diploma are living in poverty
- In 1990, over 67.3% of working women without a high school education earned less than \$12,499 per year. Welfare recipients had a median annual household income of roughly \$10,000; in contrast, the median income of adults in the general population was nearly \$31,000.
- The likelihood of being on welfare goes up as literacy goes down.
- The typical AFDC recipient between the ages of 17 and 21 has less than a sixth grade reading level.

Auditions For School Play

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Down with fossil fuels; up with people power

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

The major pollutant in the air over the United States today is carbon monoxide. It accounts for 47.2% of air pollution. It is followed by particulates (20%), nitrogen oxides (11.4%), hydrocarbons (11.2%), and sulfur oxides (10.2%).

Motor vehicle emissions are the major source of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides in the U.S. atmosphere. What causes the problem is the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels which is concentrated in a relatively small volume of air over our nation's major cities.

This heavy concentration of major air pollutants is affecting the world's climate and mankind's health.

The world's temperatures are showing a gradual warming trend. This present decade is the hottest one on record. Many scientists theorize that as the earth's temperatures increase, it could cause the polar ice caps and glaciers to melt. As a result sea levels would rise and ocean waters would expand. It could cause a shift to the North of the major agricultural belt in the United States. Corn production would shift northward to northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Canada. The Great Plains would experience huge dust storms. Many aquifers along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts which now serve as major sources of drinking water, would become contaminated by salt water from the ocean. Many plants and animals would become extinct because of the rapid temperature changes.

If we say this is all conjecture and not really happening, consider the fact that last year alone, there were 7 million new cases of asthma. Air pollutants are respiratory irritants and interfere with the blood's ability to absorb oxygen.

The amount of air pollutants over the U.S. has been decreasing substantially since the enactment of the Clean Air Act in 1970. In addition to government legislation, automobiles are now manufactured with increased fuel efficiency. Alternative fuels such as ethanol (made from a renewable source) have been introduced.

The real problem today, however, is not the fuel emissions. It is an increase in the number of motor vehicles. Hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide of the average car have been reduced by 90% and emissions of nitrogen oxides by 75%. However, the number of passenger cars has increased from 147 million in 1977 to 183 million in 1988. In addition, the number of trucks on the road increased by 40% during this same period.

What we really need to look at is alternative means of transportation. Buses and trains produce four to five times less pollution per passenger mile. Compact cars produce less emissions than the gas guzzlers. The Japanese already have a car model that seats five and gets 80 miles to the gallon on the highway. Other alternative means of transportation include carpooling, walking, motorcycling and bicycling.

It is true that change does not happen overnight. The first step for change to occur is awareness of the problem. As the problem of air pollution becomes more aware to the public, solutions also need to be made more available. Highways will need to be designed to provide lanes for mass transit. (This is already occurring in major cities of the U.S.) There will have to be better and safer access roadways for bicycles and walkers. Overall, people will have to become more concerned about their health and the changing conditions of their earth rather than about their comforts and pleasures.

Sluggers have 62, looking for record

By Chad Lowe
Bear Facts Staff



Mark McGwire



Sammy Sosa

With Sammy Sosa's bat, the Chicago Cubs took a thriller from the Milwaukee Brewers on September 13th.

After Sosa slammed his first homerun of the game, which was estimated at 480 feet, he approached the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning with Gary Gaetti on first base. From the mound, Milwaukee's relief pitcher Eric Plunk saw his mistake when Sosa crushed a waist-high fastball out of Wrigley Field for his record tying 62nd home run. The roar of the crowd in Chicago was all the Cubs would need to pull off a victory in ten innings.

While talking to reporters for over twenty minutes, the fans at Wrigley remained in their seats. Sosa emerged from the conference room to thank the fans for all of their support over the year.

Mark McGwire went homerless for the night against the Astros. After the game, Mark had a chance to comment on what Sosa had done earlier in the day. McGwire reminded Sosa that the race for the homerun title had just begun. What a great two weeks of baseball remain for the fans of this unthinkable season.

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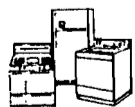
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New funds provide opportunity for student athletes

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

With yet another athletic season peering its long awaited head around the corner, excitement and anticipation have been overwhelming much of the DMACC staff, administration, and student body. This welcomed reaction is credited, in most part to the addition of an improved athletic scholarship program which has been in full swing for the preparation of the 1998-99 sports season.

With the coming of the new sports season, recruiters from neighboring and rival community colleges have already accumulated what they hope will be a good core of student-athletes to aid their athletic programs. In the past, highly recruited student athlete prospects often

passed DMACC up due to the lack of scholarships and scholarship size in order to participate in the athletic program of a college who was able to offer larger amounts of aid. This season, however, has already seen many changes that will easily turn DMACC athletics into a more respected program.

With generous contributions from the DMACC Central Administration, a substantially larger amount of funds were given to various DMACC athletic programs in order to allow them to compete with the stronger recruiting of surrounding Iowa community colleges. Iowa Central, for example, has funds that allow them to give "full ride" scholarships in many of their sports. The money DMACC has

received has been given a direct emphasis on scholarships, and now gives the school the ability to offer similar scholarships to that of Iowa Central. These scholarships are offered in such sports as: women's basketball, men's basketball, women's softball, men's baseball, and beginning in the 1999 fall sports season, women's volleyball.

Supporters of this change are pleased with the many contributions it bestows on DMACC as a whole. Not only will it give the athletic administration the opportunity to acquire talent to help boost the reputation of the sports program, but it will help give DMACC the ability to compete with other community colleges for students.

DMACC Athletic Director Terry Jamieson made it clear that there are many students who, when looking for the right college, are very interested in the success of its athletic program. He added that boosting the school's success in sports could give DMACC a more attractive feature to prospective students.

Those who oppose the raising of athletic scholarship funds see things differently, arguing that giving athletics so much emphasis will give recruiters the power to enroll athletes with poor academic or moral qualities that could bring the school down. In response, Jamieson stated, "There are a lot of things about athletics I'm down on. I'm not interested in investing in bad people." Jamieson also stated that the DMACC student athletes had one of the highest accumulative grade point averages of any of the community colleges in the state.

Jamieson is also excited about the addition of women's volleyball as a scholarship sport for the 1999 season. He pointed out the positive forces this will have on DMACC, claiming it to be a monumental step for the school. Jamieson also added the impact it could have on women's enrollment, as well as the reputation of the women's athletic program.

Boone Campus gym gets elaborate face-lift

By Jaret Morlan
Bear Facts Staff

One of the most popular phrases heard in the basketball industry within the last decade has been, "It's gotta be da shoes!" However in the case of the DMACC Bears, they may be saying "It's gotta be da GYM!" During the past summer, the DMACC Gymnasium on the Boone Campus, went through many renovations. The most obvious change of course would be the gym floor itself.

The original design of the gym, which hadn't been changed since it was built in 1968, consisted of your basic free throw lane and out of bounds and three point lines. The center of the court had the image of a black colored B within a yellow circle. In its time, this was a state of the art design, but some felt it was time for a change.

The three point line is now a solid color blue from the line to the wall, except for the large basketball which represents both the three point line and the free throw line. All the basic lines of the gym were repainted, but the biggest change occurred at the center of the gym. Where a single solitary B used to be displayed, a much larger, dark blue paw print inside a silver circle now exists. Surrounding the circle are the words "DMACC BEARS". The floor was then completely refinished. The floor, however, was not the only thing to change.

Along with the painting of the floor came the repainting of the walls and ceiling, which was done last spring. On the walls, is a new, much larger, portrait of a bear; on the other side is a new DMACC decal. Some other changes include new backboard pads, new team conference banners, and new wall mats, which are soon to have new designs on them. Not all things were merely added, the upper deck of the bleachers were also removed.

Larry Schroeder, an advisor and assistant basketball coach at the Boone campus, spent the majority of his summer on the renovation of the gym. Schroeder was the supervisor of the project and had

a hand in the design of the new gym. Schroeder commented that the most difficult part about the project was refinishing the floor. "Because of the humidity in here, it kept bubbling up and we had to redo it," He also commented on how a lot of students never go to the gym, and he hopes that with better facilities, students will go to the gym more often.

The gym itself wasn't the only thing to receive a face-lift; such facilities as the weight room were also renovated. The weight room received some new equipment along with other pleasantries to create a better atmosphere. The walls of the room were repainted and also received a new mural. Along with the paint job came carpeting.

With all this glamour and shine, it's

important not to forget the time and money that went into this project. The painting of the floor alone took over seventy man-hours. As for the financial situation, funds were supplied by Central Administration and Mark Bathke, who is the head building manager for the surrounding campuses.

With this in mind, Schroeder asks that we follow these simple rules: The first being you must have gym shoes. No street shoes are allowed in the gym, due to the rocks that get stuck in the bottom of the shoes may scratch the floor. The other rule being that you must sign up in the main office in order to use the weight room. By following these rules, we will be able to enjoy these wonderful new changes for a long time to come.

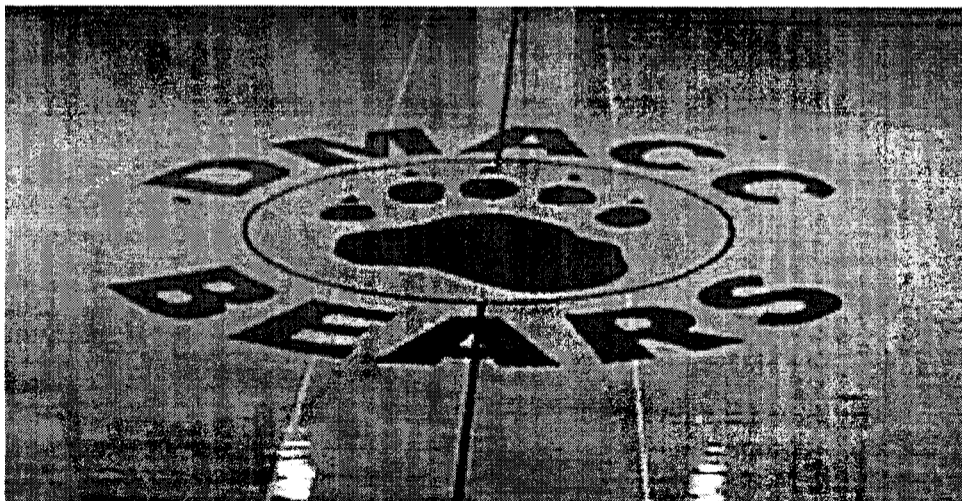


photo by Jaret Morlan

The center of the gym has been completely redone. Where once there was a solitary B in a yellow circle, this new center court logo now exists. With these new renovations complete, students will be able to use the gym and weight room, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays it will be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Most people will find the gym and weight room a nice, clean, fun place to exercise.

INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

September 23

Table Tennis Tournament

September 30

The Brain Bowl Quiz Game
Theatre Department
3 Person Teams

October 5-6-7

Flag Football Tournament
5 Person Co-ed Teams

October 14

Best Shot Golf Tournament
Don Williams
2 Person Teams

October 21-22

Whiffle Ball World Series
Gymnasium
3 Person Teams

November 4

Brain Bowl
Theatre Department
Faculty vs. Students

*Registration sheets can be picked up at the registration desk. Open gym times will be posted each week in the Courter Center. You may use the weight facility, basketballs, or other equipment by completing the registration material.

Talk Back

What do YOU think about Bill Clinton's alleged abuses of power and perjury?



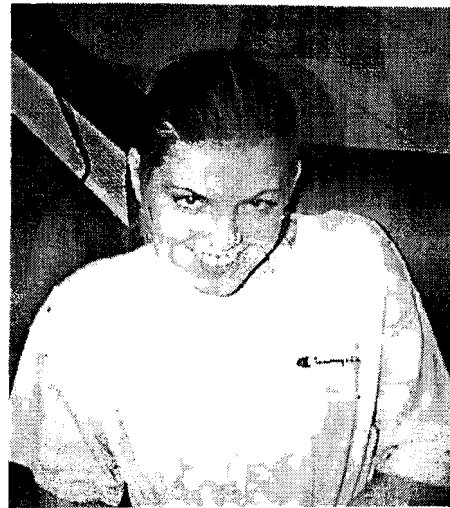
Geisu Springer

I don't think his private life has to do with how he runs the country - to be human is to error.



Dan Shoemaker

I think it's worse that he lied about it than that he did it and he should be out of office and he's not trustworthy.



Nicole Rogers

I don't think he's trustable anymore because if he's going to lie about that there's probably a lot of things he's lied about.



Tina Rac

I believe he committed perjury under oath but with all the sex scandal crap I could care less as long as he runs office.

Is America suffering from moral decay?

Commentary by Bob Eschliman
U.S. Citizen

On Friday, Judge Kenneth Starr issued a report to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the actions of our President. Political pundits, former advisers, and legal analysts are all now arguing whether Clinton can be impeached or not. The details in the Starr Report are very salacious, indeed; and the investigation and report cost millions of taxpayer dollars to prepare. But, with politics aside, let's keep something in mind. William Jefferson Clinton did this to the American people.

Had Clinton told the truth in the Grand Jury Room, we wouldn't be doing this today. Had he told the truth to the American people earlier this year, we wouldn't be doing this today. Had he told the truth in the Paula Jones deposition, we wouldn't be doing this today. Had he settled the lawsuit, we wouldn't be doing this today. Or the best idea of all: had he remained faithful to his wife, we wouldn't be doing this today.

The United States of America was founded on the principle that no one person should be above the law. Laws are written to be obeyed. Perjury is more than just a minor taboo; it's a high crime against the institution of our legal system. The legal system functions on the assumption that testimony is true. Without the truth, there can be no preponderance of fact, because there is no fact. Bill Clinton lied, and should be punished.

The pollsters say that the American public doesn't care. I think they do. Sure, we don't want to invade the privacy of another person's life, but when Clinton took the Oath of Office, he opened his life up for public scrutiny. If your life isn't suitable for the six-o'clock news, you shouldn't be President. Why is it wrong to expect a little moral fiber from our elected officials?

The Monica Lewinsky situation isn't the first of this magnitude for the President, but it was the first time that he got caught lying to the American public. We have shady dealings in Arkansas, misuse of FBI files, snafus over travel expenses, illegal fundraising practices, and now an adulterous affair took place in the White House. By the way, if you didn't know, the White House belongs to all of us, and adultery is illegal. Bill Clinton himself has often referred to the White House as "the People's house." Don't we have a right to know when something illegal is going on there?

The pundits liken this situation what happened to the Richard Nixon administration, but this is much worse. While the abuses of power are similar, Richard Nixon never placed his left hand on a Bible, raised his right hand up, and uttered, "I solemnly swear to tell the truth...so help me, God." Bill Clinton did, and then promptly lied about his involvement with Lewinsky. Now, he hides behind legal definitions of sexual relations. From what I read in the Starr Report, which is avail-

able for all to read on the Internet, it looks to me like he had sexual relations with her.

As a child, I was taught that a lie, no matter how big or small, was wrong. As punishment, I would have to bite into a bar of soap (I tell you, Ivory Soap tastes terrible). But, what are we teaching today's children? Apparently, we're teaching them that with the right friends, enough money, and just the right amount of power, any lie is the truth, if you want it to be. How can we allow our country to stoop so low? Have we really lost all integrity and moral upstanding that we can allow a lie to be the truth? Of course everyone lies; most people get punished for it. But this lie hurt a lot of people. It betrayed the public trust that is associated with the Presidency. If we allow this misdeed to go unpunished, we will have thrown away the last shred of morality we have left.

And we wonder why countries like Iran and Pakistan think we are the devil-incarnate. I'm starting to wonder myself.

Students and Faculty:

If you wish to comment on Bob's commentary, please e-mail your comments to: jrlaville@dmacc.cc.ia.us, or slip your written comments under the door of the *Bear Facts* Room 210. All comments must have a name with them.

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