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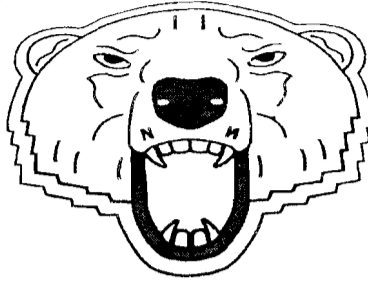
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BEAR FACTS



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Senator Behn to speak at Graduation

By Ana Ybarra-Rojas
Bear Facts Staff

It's graduation time again and preparations have been made to commend our honor students and recognize the graduates. The events begin with the Honors Banquet scheduled for May 7 at 6 P.M. in the Courter Center. Honor students are guests of the college and may eat free, friends and relatives will be charged \$7. The meal will be catered by Country Kitchen. During dinner the Boone High School Orchestra will be playing. The program will begin after dinner with a Power Point Award Presentation. In the past awards were given by individual instructors. This year a different format will be used to present honor students with their awards. This banquet will be coordinated by Larry Schroeder, Jane Martino and Judy Hauser.

A slight change has been made in the program, the graduation breakfast will not be held due to lack of attendance in the past.

The graduation will take place May 8 at 10 A.M. in the DMACC Boone Campus gymnasium. Beginning with Dr. Joe Borgen who will introduce Senator Jerry Behn, the platform speaker, and guests. Next, State Senator Jerry Behn of Boone will deliver the commencement address. According to DMACC News release, Behn is a grain farmer who joined his family farming operation out of high school and served as a Boone County Supervisor for two years. He was elected to the Iowa State Senate in 1996. He serves on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Business & Labor, Human Resources, Local Government and Council of State Governments Committees, as well as the Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. Behn and his wife, Denise, have four children.

The entertainment portion of the ceremony will be provided by Steve Hoifeldt DMACC Boone Campus music instructor and the "Identity Crisis" quartet. They will sing two selections, "The National Anthem" and "God Bless America." A third selection "Homeward Bound" will be performed by the Boone Campus Choir. The choir is made up of Pete Andersen, Angie Parle, Courtney Hall, Kathleen Brice, Wade Marsh, Margo



Senator Jerry Behn

Backstrom, Tiffany Woodard, Aubrey Meyers, Lisa Hatfeld, Jamie Davis and Kris Ferry all current DMACC students some of which are instructed by Hoifeldt.

The program will continue with speaker Chad Behn a DMACC graduating Arts and Science student, son of Jerry and Denise Behn, who will welcome the DMACC students to the 70th annual Boone Commencement.

Next, President of the Boone Campus Foundation, Wanda Goepfinger, will announce awards and endowments.

Dean Kriss Phillips will confer the degrees and diplomas. This will end the graduation program.

Participating as ushers and escorts will be Jackie Lloyd, Melissa Glynn, Nick Greiner, Pat Jones, Matt Flynn, Jason

Nystrom and Ana Ybarra-Rojas. A reception will follow in the Courter Center.



Chad Behn



Kara Kennedy and Kathy Gilliland enjoy hamburgers courtesy of the SAB and the Boone County Cattlemen Association.

Photo by Ana Ybarra-Rojas

Proposed exercise science program on the drawing board

By Ana Ybarra-Rojas
Bear Facts Staff

DMACC is developing a two-year exercise science program with the help of Dr. Karin Van Meter and the science department. Students of the program would be able to earn an associate of science (AS) degree. This two-year degree could transfer to a four-year institution.

Exercise Science is the study of the effects of physical activity on the human body. This program will offer two branches: one with an emphasis on athletic training the other on exercise, fitness and health for the elderly. Dr. Karin Van Meter professor on the DMACC Boone Campus said, "As you know the baby-boomers are getting ready to retire and there will be a market for this kind of job." An internship will also be required for graduation as part of this program.

This program will have a strong science offering. There would also be some new classes "such as introduction to exercise science, that would be an orientation class where we will not only have DMACC staff teaching but also ISU staff," explained Van Meter.

The graduates of this program will be prepared to work as exercise and fitness technicians in health and fitness centers or corporate fitness programs and technicians in chiropractic clinics as well as other areas of human fitness. This degree will also prepare students to work as fitness and wellness instructors in retirement communities and technicians in nursing facilities.

Students concentrating on athletic training will be prepared to assist athletic trainers in a variety of programs. Those

meeting the requirements for coaching authorization may become coaches.

This proposed major will offer a smooth transition for those seeking a four year degree at ISU, within the Department of Health and Human Performance. Six branches of the major are as follows:

- Physical Education Secondary Licensure (7-12)
- Physical Education Secondary and Elementary Licensure (K-6;7-12)
- Exercise Science
- Athletic Training
- Sports Management
- General Exercise and Sport Studies.

Cross enrollment will be offered and encouraged as a means of taking courses that may not be offered at DMACC.

"We hope this (Exercise Science Program) can be used as a recruiting tool for our counselors when going out to high schools," Van Meter stated. The projected date this major will be offered is the fall semester of 1999.

For more information concerning this new major, contact Dr. Karin Van Meter in Rm 226 at 515-433-5063 or contact by e-mail, KCVanMeter@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

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Class Time

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Monday, May 4, 1998 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

8:00am - 8:55am	8:00am - 10:15am
10:00am - 11:05am	10:30am - 12:45pm
12:20pm - 1:15pm	1:00pm - 3:15pm
2:30pm - 3:25pm	3:30pm - 5:45pm

Tuesday, May 5, 1998 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

6:30am - 7:55am	6:30am - 8:45am
9:40am - 11:05am	9:00am - 11:15am
12:50pm - 2:15pm	11:30am - 1:45pm

Wednesday, May 6, 1998 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

6:55am - 7:50am	7:00am - 9:15am
9:05am - 10:00am	9:30am - 11:45am
11:15am - 12:10pm	12:00pm - 2:15pm
1:25pm - 2:20pm	2:30pm - 4:45pm
3:35pm - 4:30pm	5:00pm - 7:15pm

Thursday, May 7, 1998 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

8:05am - 9:30am	8:00am - 10:15am
11:15am - 12:40pm	10:30am - 12:45pm
2:25pm - 3:50pm	1:00pm - 3:15pm

Evening and Saturday classes will have finals at the day and time of the final regular class meeting.

Last Monday night class (final exam)	May 5
Last Tuesday night class (final exam)	April 29
Last Wednesday night class (final exam)	April 30
Last Thursday night class (final exam)	May 1
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (final exam)	May 5
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (final exam)	May 1
Last Saturday class (final exam)	May 3

Politically speaking



photo by Patrice Harson

Luke Craven, DMACC Boone Campus student (and former legislative page), talks with Christie Vilsack, a teacher and a writer from Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Vilsack was in Boone campaigning for her husband Senator Tom Vilsack, who is running for governor of Iowa in the June primary on the Democratic ticket.

Meet the Hat Lady

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

Martha Sherick is one of the many unique students at DMACC Boone Campus. Sherick, from Ames is studying nursing. One of the reasons she chose to study nursing was that a neighbor her age was dying. While helping in the caring, it dawned Sherick the importance of having someone there for support. So she chose to become a nurse.

Sherick lives with her mother 73, her eldest daughter 21, and the youngest daughter 16. "It makes for a unique living situation," said Sherick.

Besides the desire to be a nurse, Sherick enjoys doing many different activities.

She enjoys crocheting, knitting, tatting and stitchery. Sherick was a professional seamstress for two years. In that time she made an authentic Mexican dress, a cheerleading outfit for a baby and even upholstery for the inside of a 1967 SAAB. She also has redone most of the chairs at her home. During breaks in between class, Sherick can be seen in the Courter Center knitting to pass time. She has also had six poems published in various anthologies.

Sherick's unique sense of style has not gone without notice. Some refer to as the "hat lady" because of the various hats she wears. Sherick says that her tradition of wearing hats started 12 years back and she has stuck with them. Currently she has seven hats that she coordinates with what she wears.

For physical exercise, Sherick walks her sharpei three miles a day. She uses to raise sharpeis in the past.

In the near future Sherick plans to get her RN from Boone DMACC and graduate around the same time her youngest



Martha Sherick

photo by Moses Lueth

daughter graduates from high school.

Sherick's philosophy on life is that technology has changed, but people are basically the same. "Look at life with

compassion. Do not prejudge people, we all have hearts, sometimes it is good to look at life from a different angle," said Sherick.

Boone Campus to undergo major changes

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

With record enrollment in students and credit hours last fall, Boone Campus is gearing for major changes this fall. The areas that will receive the most significant changes are the gym and Rooms 200 and 209.

According to Terry Jamieson there will be a complete paint job of the gym from

top to bottom. The surface of the floor will be refinished and the design of the gym will be changed to resemble that of the University of Nebraska. Conference banners will be added along with advertisement banners.

In addition, Jamieson plans to have more fitness equipment added and upgraded to a complete fitness center. "This is not only for the athletes, but for students and faculty to have a better facility," said Jamieson. Jamieson credits assistant coach Larry Schroeder for being the brainchild and working hard to bring about the changes. The work on the gym will begin after graduation.

The Science department plans to add a new lab in Room 209. This lab will be possible because of a \$50,000 grant from F. William and Leola Beckwith. The lab

will have Power Point presentation and projection capability. The lab will also have internet connections for future consideration of more funds that will add laptops. Room 200 will be transformed into a computer classroom to accommodate the demand for more computer rooms on campus.

According to George Silberhorn, Boone Campus counselor, this will be the first time returning students can register early for fall classes and not have to worry about doing it in the summer time. A number of new classes will be offered in the fall according to Silberhorn. The following classes will be offered for the fall semester: ecology of Iowa, micro computer design, systems analysis, ESL, introduction to law, mythology, internet research techniques, English 117, and

Summer registration in full swing

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

Nearly 300 students are already registered for the summer sessions, as reported by DMACC counselor, George Silberhorn.

Silberhorn urges all students to register as soon as possible because classes are already filling up.

Regular classes begin June 3. Interim classes (between spring and summer sessions) being offered meet on the following days:

Intro to Computer Literacy
(Coms 181 BE 3 credits)

8:00a-12:00p 5/11-5/22

12:30-02:30p 5/11-5/22

Internet Research Techniques
(Library Science BB&BC 1 credit)

09:00a-12:00p 5/11-5/15 MTWRF

09:00a-12:00p 5/18-5/22 MTWRF

Word

(Office Occupations B1 1 credit)

8:00a-2:30p 5/26-6/1 MTWRF

Interpersonal & Small Group

(Speech BA & BB 3 credits)

8:00a-12:30p 5/11-5/22 MTWRF

8:00a-12:30p 5/11-5/22 MTWRF

Don't forget Mom
May 10

library research via the internet, Comp I honors, MIS, photographic vision, Classical Physics II, intermediate Spanish, and French I

Martha Ballantyne and Larry Hughes will both be retiring, and their positions will be filled. Ballantyne's office will have two people working there Monday through Friday. The office of Larry Hughes will have the new volleyball coach assuming the responsibilities that Hughes leaves behind. The library will also hire a new assistant.

Executive Dean of Boone Campus Kriss Philips said, "From my perspective, the 1997-1998 school year has been successful and rewarding for both students and faculty. Between the Fall and Spring Semester, we served approximately 1150 students. I think it went well. I look forward to having graduating students comeback and tell us how their lives and careers are going. And for the ones who are not graduating or transferring, I hope for them to come back this summer and get the credits they need to accomplish their goals."



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Daily Grind

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff



I want to address the matter of socks and remotes and the vortex. No matter how many socks I buy, I always lose them. No matter how many times I place the remote in a designated remote area, it will always have shifted positions to somewhere else. I can't not explain this phenomenon. I do have a theory as to momentary displacements of objects.

I believe there is a dimension of space and time called the vortex which happens to act as blackhole type dimension. There are moments when I will search a whole room for the other shoe and will not find it. I become frustrated scattering everything around aimlessly searching for my lost shoe. When I am exhausted and the room is turned upside down, I spot the shoe underneath a book, shirt, pants, etc. This shoe was never gone, it was just in the vortex.

That is my explanation, and if you don't believe this phenomenon, count the number of socks you have this week and count them next week. Hasta La Vista Baby. Before I really exit, I want to thank all the Bear Facts Staff for putting up with my truancy and last minute articles. Thanks extra specially Jan, Patrice, Bob, Ana, Joe, Cory, Erin, Andrea, and James Brown because he's got soul and he is super bad.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

Women of the world -- unite

Women in this country have it good. They turn on lights by flipping electric switches. They put dirty laundry into a machine to wash and put it in another machine to dry. Although one out of every two women married in the United States is working outside the home besides playing the major role of raising children, keeping the house clean, preparing the meals, and keeping their husbands happy, they also benefit from a highly technological society.

Think of the millions of women and young girls all over the world who not only work from dawn till bedtime at hard physical labor, but, at the same time, are denied the basic rights of education and freedom of movement. If we as women had a choice, would we choose to live in Afghanistan or other predominantly Islamic controlled nations where women and girls are kept "chained" to traditions that allow men to control them?

Over half the population of the world is female. If women would unite together in a spiritual bond, changes could be made to better the conditions of women world-wide.

← Talk Back →

Why do you take night classes?

Reporting
& Photos by
Moses Lueth



Lee Spooner

"Because I work during the day, it is convenient for me to go to night class. If I did not work during the day, I would be taking day classes."



Mindy Clark

"It is a easy time to find a baby sitter, and night classes are not as hectic as day classes."



Geno Adams

"I am in baseball, and many of the classes that are offered during the day do not fit into the practice schedule, so I take night classes."



Rhianon Geisinger

"I take night class because my class is offered only at night, plus I get to be in the presence of a good teacher Mr. Hughes."

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Bone-Chiller

DMACC production screaming success

By Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff

The butler definitely didn't do it! The DMACC production *Bone-Chiller* was a wonderful comedic farce. The play was so smoothly presented that I forgot I was in a theater and not sitting in front of a screen. This can be attributed to the director Kay Mueller and assistant director Adam Wile.

The play opens with the family, friends, servants, and even a few strangers gathering together to hear the reading of the will.

The arthritic butler Mauvins, played by Michael Chow, is killed off in the first act before he can tell his last name. Was he dead or are we made to think he is?

Then of course there is the question of who killed Josiah. After all it was Josiah's will hanging on the wall in the form of a rebus. If the rebus can be figured out, the late Josiah will tell where his riches are and who killed him.

Eloise Ainsley, played by Carla Wood, is the high strung aunt who's found in almost every family. Her claim to the family is remote, but she is eager to stress

that only family should be at the reading of the will.

Theodosia Travers, played by Dorothy Brogden, was the patronizing woman who rightfully belonged in the center of things but instead took care of Eloise. Her family, Kissy Travers, played by Al-lisa Wellendorf, and Connie Travers, played by Charity Peterson, were enough to give any woman a headache.

Jerry Delvin, alias Gerald Delvin, played by Derrick Gorshe, was Connie Travers fiancee. He was a puzzle creator by trade. He was also a most unlikely detective for the evening. Why Jerry's best friend Buzzy Burdett, played by Neal Garvey, was there is still a mystery.

Zita Van Zok, played by Kathleen Brice, was the gypsy, complete with the foretelling of doom and magical powers.



Alan Fredricksen exchanges autographs with Ana Ybarra-Rojas after their performance in the spring play *Bone-Chiller*.

Flame Fondue played by Taunya Winters, was the beautiful private detective disguised as a kindergarten teacher. The police, represented by the detective Dan Denton, played by Alan Frederick-sen, was so good at digging up the secrets of those in the group, but his own secret was felony.

One mustn't forget the servants, Pippi the maid, played by Joni Penfold and Lucretia the cook, played by Katie Niemants. They looked quite uncomfortable taking part in the family activity in the Travers' parlor. Lucretia made a perfect dead undead.

Addie Sheridan, played by Ana Ybarra-Rojas, was the rock, the sensible lawyer. Who would have guessed her secret was the biggest of them all?

Behind the scene and valuable were Ayman Al-Mutairi, doing set work and lights, Heather Kramme, on the set work and sound, and Justin Johnson also on lights.

All the acting was quality. The set was a humorous contrast between the feminine pink walls decorated with an array of taxidermy animals, which is more of a masculine decor. The jackalope was especially a good touch. This production, not counting the fact that I'm partial to mysteries, is the best play I've seen at the Boone DMACC in the three years I've been here.



Joni Penfold

Bookstore to buy back titles at end of semester

The Knowledge Knook Bookstore will be buying back limited quantities of the following book titles at the end of the semester.

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 DMACC student
 Boone, Iowa

An awe-inspiring challenge



"It's fun being outside, and doing something that is truly a want to be there."

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

One student at DMACC takes nature hikes that are more than just a walk on the wild side.

Dangling on overhangs nearly 200 feet high and sticking to rocks in "funky" climbing shoes that resemble footwear worn in *Swan Lake* is what Adam Langholdt refers to as "an awe-inspiring challenge--that's pretty cool, too."

Langholdt first became interested in climbing when he moved to Boone with his family ten years ago. As a young boy, Langholdt's family spent many summer vacations in Arizona. Langholdt recalls staring skyward at the state's tall rocks--or "climbs" as he calls them--thinking how much fun it would be to someday victoriously scale those stone walls.

"When the family vacation was over and Langholdt returned home, his Arizona dream continued as he explored the Iowa climbs available to him. Langholdt and his cousins spent hours climbing trees and the mud embankments of the Des Moines River.

Those 15-foot mud climbs Langholdt made as a boy were nothing compared to the 180-foot climb he made up

a slippery, fragile and frozen waterfall on a cold Canadian weekend in January

To comprehend the amount of upper body strength required to safely scale rocks or ice, a glance above the DMACC Boone Campus front entry that leads into the building would help

To climb DMACC like Langholdt climbs rocks, a student would have to be strong enough to do 20 pull-ups with only three fingers of one hand while grasping the ledge above the DMACC entrance. Now, in addition to this, imagine climbing rocks with finger holds that are, at times, as narrow as the cracks of a city sidewalk. Or visualize piercing an ice ax into a surface that could give way at any moment, sending chunks of solid water down on the climbers below that can be, according to Langholdt, "roughly the size of a Buick."

Langholdt left Boone with his climbing companions at 1:30 a.m. Friday morning, January 16. The group drove approximately 14 hours to Nipigon, Canada, which is, Langholdt said, "one hour north of Thunder Bay, Canada, just up from Lake Superior." The group set up camp then "warmed up" on a small 50-foot waterfall.

"One of the guys had never climbed ice before. It's so different than climbing rock," said Langholdt. "So we worked our way up in stages, starting with smaller climbs."

Deciding they were ready for something a little more challenging, on Saturday the group moved their camp closer to the big falls and climbed the Orient Express. It's called that because after reaching the top, according to Langholdt, "you go down... you go down *really* fast because it's *straight* down... it's harsh."

"On most waterfalls, explained Langholdt, "the water cascades out. The Orient Express really isn't a waterfall, it's rock seepage. The water comes out through pours in the rocks, and as it comes out, this seepage water freezes and forms a crust." The ice just gets thicker and thicker said Langholdt, "approximately 100 feet thick."

That climb topped out at approximately 100 feet. "When you've got rock," said Langholdt, "you know when you're going to slip off, and you can feel your fingers sliding down the rock, so you're prepared for the fall. When you're ice climbing, you stick your pick in the ice, and that ice can flake off at any time."

While sitting in the snow eating his lunch, Langholdt watched as one climber created a close call for both himself and his fellow climber below him. The men were climbing what is referred to as a shoot. "It's called a shoot, said Langholdt, "because when this ice falls, it takes a direct path--and anything that you're climbing is going to follow that same path down. Two guys climbing in the shoot is stupid. The chunk of ice that fell was "the size of an apple-box," said Langholdt, "and that guy got hit pretty good." But this was the climber's first experience on the ice, and although Langholdt saw flakes "as big as I am" no one was seriously injured. "That's why

we wear helmets," said Langholdt, "a flake can be four inches thick, three feet wide--and however tall it wants to be."

Later on Saturday, the group moved their gear to Gomer Falls and prepared for their tallest challenge of the week-end, an 180-foot climb. This climb was on an actual waterfall, and the group spent all day Sunday there.

Langholdt hasn't been on many climbs since--he's been a bit preoccupied. This winter, Langholdt asked his rock climbing partner, Tiffany Kaldenberg of Ames, to also be his partner in life. Langholdt doesn't think his bride-to-be will be joining him on any icy climbs simply because "cold's not her style."

Next fall, DMACC will be more Kaldenberg's style Kaldenberg, who is an Iowa State University student, is enhancing her education in Wellness and Dietetics while enrolled in the Boone Campus Nursing Program.

While Kaldenberg commutes to Boone from Ames, Langholdt, on the other hand, will be transferring his DMACC credits to Iowa State University to major in Business Labor Management next fall.



According to Adam Langholdt, knowing bad ice comes from experience, from seeing it. With nothing exposed except their mouths and noses, his climbing group slept in sleeping bags, or "munumy bags" in temperatures that averaged well below zero. They dug drenches in the snow for their beds and for two days lived mostly on granola bars and hot oatmeal.

photos courtesy of Adam Langholdt

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Holocaust survivor tells his story

By Cory Williams
Bear Facts Staff

Last week, Peter Pintus, a Holocaust survivor, spoke to about 100 DMACC students and faculty, community members, and school children. He spoke about his experiences growing up in Nazi-occupied Germany.

In 1927, Peter Pintus was born in Berlin, Germany. His family was very wealthy and had luxurious things like a maid, cook, and a chauffeur. His father and grandfather owned a steel factory until 1932. His mother was Aryan--his father a Jew.

However, 1932 was the beginning of terror for most of the European countries, especially Germany. In 1932, Adolf Hitler was continuing to excel at dirty, back-room politics. This is how he was elected and brought to power in 1933. A couple of years before this, Hitler was in jail for constructing a Nazi Party. While he was in jail, he wrote a book called *Mein Kampf*, which means "my struggle." It was plans to destroy the entire Jewish race.

Pintus wished everybody would've read it before Hitler came to power. He said, "It would of saved a lot of lives." Pintus was only six years old when Hitler became chancellor of the Third Reich.

Hitler would have torch-light parades with Brown Shirts and SS against the Jews, which was a eerie sight. Since Pintus was half Jew and half Aryan, the Germans called him half-breed or mixed breed.

So the Pintus family converted to becoming Christians, so they could be accepted by the Nazis.

Even after converting, young Pintus was still treated like a Jew. The teacher would place him in the back of the class room, he couldn't play with the other kids and was teased if he came near them. He was beat-up daily by the class bully. Pintus encouraged the young people in the audience to not judge their friends like his young friends did him. "Some people always get pushed away--they're the wrong color, too heavy, a slow learner--everyone wants to belong." He told them to walk

up and say, "Hey, I'm going to be your friend."

He would go home and cry to his mom. She went to the principal, but he said it was her problem -- she had married a Jew. It was a big identity crises for the young boy, who spoke German and studied the same and even gave Hitler a salute.

In 1936, Hitler had a new game for the German kids. If you met someone from a foreign country and get their signature you would get a prize. So Peter walked over to a policeman with a pencil and pad, and asked if he was doing the right thing. The Policeman said certainly "son" unless you are a Jew.

Everyday new restrictions were enforced on the Jewish people; they couldn't own any electrical equipment, cars, bikes, or use public transportation.

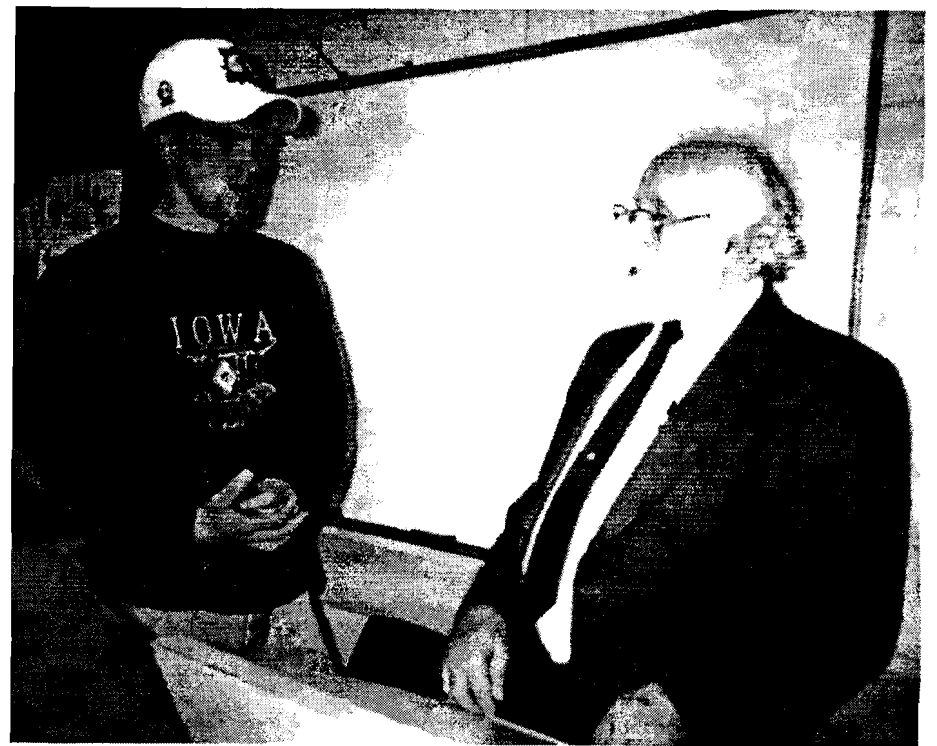
In 1938 a young Jewish man killed a minor German embassy official, thinking he could help his parents from being deported to a concentration camp. After that incident, Hitler thought that the Jews needed to pay. The Jews had to give up all their gold, silver, and anything else that was of value.

Synagogues were set on fire; Jewish businesses were destroyed.

While this was going on, three SS men from the Gestapo, knocked on the Pintus' door; Mr. Pintus ran through the back door (knowing what his fate would be) and escaped. The SS searched through the house and destroyed almost everything. When they left the house was in shambles. Then they went to the next house and disturbed an old lady the Pintus' knew. The only thing she collected was porcelain statues and the SS destroyed every-one of them. Later on the older lady killed herself.

Later in the evening, Peter and his mom went uptown to check things out. The shoemaker's store was totally demolished and no one helped him.

Kudum, a little area in Berlin, was totally destroyed. That evening became known as "The Night of The Glass" or



Cory Williams, Bear Facts reporter, talks to Peter Pintus, Holocaust survivor.

The Crystal Night. A synagogue was set on fire and the fire department was putting out the fire on the other buildings and letting the synagogue burn down. One fireman just stood there with tears running down his cheek, not allowed to put it out.

Mr. Pintus thought that Hitler would never turn on German Jews, but he did. Most of the Jews tried to escape to other countries, but only one let them in the children -- Holland. They took the children and put them with foster families. Peter was only 11 years old when he was left his family. When he was sent on the train to Holland, a German Policeman spit on him and said, "Jews, good riddance."

Peter was adopted by a Dutch family. He was treated like everyone else in school. He was one of them. But in 1940, the Germans overran Holland, France, and Belgium. The children were sent back to Berlin, some re-united with their parents. The next morning Peter and his dad found Mrs. Pintus dead, overdosed on sleeping pills. Fifteen-year-old Peter and his father were arrested. Somehow Mr. Pintus escaped and lived hidden like Anne Frank, surviving the whole Holocaust.

Peter on the other hand was sent to a Salt mining camp. Seven hundred Jews from 15-70 years old were there. He was constantly starving all the time, he slept in a bunk bed stacked three high. The mattress was straw. His clothes were stiff from the salt. One night he got up and went to the bathroom and saw a couple of rotten potatoes in the back of a army truck and stole them and took them back to his bunk and hid them. Later on when the guards were busy, he fried them on a cast iron stove and burnt them black. He said, "Those were the best potatoes I've ever had. For one brief moment, my stomach wasn't hungry."

The war went on for three more years; then the bombs started to sound off. It was the Americans invading the camps. The Germans decided to move the prisoners, but Peter and his friend escaped

through a gate because the electricity had been destroyed. They ran into the woods and hid there for eight days with the US and German bullets flying overhead. They decided to take a peek and ran out of the woods and saw an American jeep and soldier. They danced around and jumped for joy. Pintus said, "Here were men 5,000 miles away, come to set us free." Later, he knew he would have to migrate to America to live in a country where these men came from.

The Americans took care of the Jews, and the rest of Germany after the war was over. Peter was re-united with his father in Berlin, but his father passed away and he was orphaned at age 18 and filled with hate--toward himself for surviving, toward others for what they had done, and most of all toward God, who had allowed this to happen.

After living with this hate for several months, he decided if he didn't change, he would die. So he decided to go to America and find what good he could find in others. Here, he met his wife of 50 years and worked with chemically dependent people at a Lutheran hospital in Des Moines.

Pintus said his story has been recorded by Stephen Spielberg, who came to Des Moines to interview Pintus for a 2 1/2 hour video.

When asked by an audience member if he is still bitter, he said, "I forgive the Germans for what they did to me." But Pintus said he can't forgive them for what they did to others.

Pintus was the guest of Leonard Larson, DMACC evening adjunct faculty history instructor.

- Last day of class May 1
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All aboard the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad

Taking a journey into the past

Andrea Fester, Bear Facts Staff
Gary Stasko, DMACC Faculty and Contributing Writer

On a warm, yet blustery Sunday, a family decided to enjoy the afternoon at the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad in Boone, Iowa. Having heard that the place was a special place to visit, and with a 5-year old's enthusiasm regarding trains, they loaded up the car and traveled towards their destination.

The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad began in 1983 when a group of Boone citizens saw potential in a piece of railroad track that was put up for abandonment by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Of greatest interest to the group was part of the original mainline of the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railroad from Boxholm, Iowa to Boone. It was on this stretch of track that a bridge, 784 feet long and 152 feet above Bass Point Creek, lay about three miles northwest of the city of Boone.

The group felt that this bridge would serve as a calling card to many people in that a breathtaking view of the Des Moines River valley could be seen as trains passed over it. The group briefly considered hauling freight, mainly grain from the Boxholm Co-op, but soon decided that such a decision would not be beneficial to the mission of the newly formed Boone Railroad Historical Society, which was intended to be a non-profit organization.

The family was pleased to find that there were several parking lots all within close walking distance to the depot. Exiting their car, they approached the building to purchase tickets for the ride. Quickly, the family was swept up in the excitement of a special event that was happening. Here on the grounds of the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad was Thomas the Tank Engine, from a popular children's television program. He was patiently awaiting to give the numerous children and parents a ride. Amazed to find that the tickets were inexpensive and that they could choose what time they wished to enjoy Thomas' offer, they decided to await the next train and enjoy the other opportunities that awaited.

The Chicago & Northwestern agreed to sell part of the old Ft. DDSM&S mainline from Boone to a point about eleven miles north and west of Boone called Wolf. In its desire to aid in preserving Iowa railroad heritage, the C&NW put on a price tag of \$50,000,

which was the scrap value of the rail.

Once the roadbed was in its possession, the Society then turned to putting together a train. A vintage 80-ton locomotive was purchased from the U.S. Air Force and assigned the number 2254, which represented the initial number of individuals who became members of the newly formed Society. Passenger cars were purchased from the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR that, coincidentally, was in the process of replacing its old, 1920s-era cars with new ones. The first trains were run in the fall of 1983 going only as far as the "high bridge" because the tracks were extremely overgrown with vegetation beyond that point. The trip was extended in subsequent years as the railroad's "gandy dancers" restored additional track.

Residing on a side track, while volunteers tended to her needs, rested a grand steam engine, JS-8419. The family stepped into line to have the opportunity to step up, climb a few steps and peek inside the cab to view where the engineer sat and controlled the engine.

All along, the group had as one of its primary goals the operation of a steam locomotive. Several engines were evaluated, and it became quite obvious that the purchase and restoration of a vintage steam locomotive would be very expensive -- a minimum of \$200,000 and, more realistically, much more than that. A radical idea was thrown out to the membership by some of the more creative members of the Society's board of directors...why not buy a *new* steam engine?

Although its cost would be the same as restoring an old engine, it would be brand new and, theoretically, would not be prone to costly malfunction as an old engine would.

Using a *National Geographic* magazine article on Chinese steam locomotives as their inspiration, two of the founding members of the Boone Railroad Historical Society, George Eckstein and Mel Hanson, traveled to Datong, China, to discuss the possibility of purchasing one of the engines made at the plant there. The Chinese were quite receptive to the idea and soon the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad had its own brand new steam locomotive. Cost? Three-hundred-fifty thousand dollars shipped to Boone.

This locomotive was not just any steam engine, however. This engine turned out to have two very significant distinctions. First of all, it was the first Chinese steam locomotive to be imported into the United States. Secondly, and of more importance, this engine, numbered JS-8419, was the last assembly-line locomotive to be manufactured in the world, as the Datong plant stopped making steam engines immediately after its creation.

Stepping through the door of the depot, the family was transported back in time to the days of the steam engine, with memorabilia ranging from maps, to lamps, to equipment arranged for the public's enjoyment. Though it was a busy day for the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad with this special event, the volunteers helping to keep it alive were working hard to ensure a pleasant experience.

The Boone & Scenic Valley railroad is predominantly run by volunteers, although it has a paid staff of seven, including the general manager. The love of trains is everyone's motivating force. Some have been

working on the railroad since its inception, others are just beginning their first year. For the newcomer, one thing that quickly becomes obvious is the fact that the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad is a big, happy family. It's always a sad occasion on the last day of October when the last train of the season pulls into town. Friends must part until spring when the new season begins.

Noticing the enjoyment on the volunteers faces, and with an enjoyment of his own, the father wondered if others were needed to volunteer. He decided that if he found time in his busy schedule that he would offer his own time to help preserve this place.

Contemplating the fact that unpaid volunteers find themselves responsible for the successful operation of a real, functional railroad soon makes one realize how phenomenal an accomplishment it is. Tracks must be rebuilt (a very physical job), equipment must be constantly repaired, trains must be run. To the engineer, the responsibilities assumed in running train #3 with 450 "souls" aboard on a Sunday afternoon aren't too different from those of an airline pilot sitting at the controls of a Boeing 747. That's asking a lot from someone who doesn't get a paycheck for their efforts. Yet the job gets done.

The volunteer efforts of the people at the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad exemplify what "volunteerism" means. Sure, they don't get paid *money* running trains and selling gifts, but they get paid in another form. They see smiles on the faces of happy passengers, the bright eyes of some little kid when he gets his first look at the *real* Thomas the Tank Engine. They hear the unforgettable, incomparable sound of 8419's whistle in the valley. Volunteers drive home the fact that "money isn't everything."

Noticing the information desk, the family decided to check out the schedules for the other trains operating on this line. They wanted to come back another time to have the opportunity to ride across the high bridge rising above the Des Moines River valley. Excitedly they found that the trains would run seven days a week through October 31, and that they could have visited earlier in the year as it opened Memorial Day weekend.

The future looks bright for the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad. The depot has been extended by 64 feet to accommodate a new, much larger gift shop to begin the 1998 season. Railroad officials are giving serious consideration to a dinner train that would serve gourmet meals in the setting of a refurbished dining car. The east end of the line may be extended to the Boone County Fairgrounds so that trolleys (and entire trains, if need be) could haul passengers to events being held at the fairgrounds. A newly-installed computerized reservation system will allow passengers to reserve as many seats as they need on any train in the timetable.

Soon the family boarded Thomas the Tank Engine to enjoy their authentic train ride. Ensnared within the passenger cars, the family felt as if they were traveling back into time during the age of steam locomotive transportation. They enjoyed waving at the people gathered along the tracks and shared the enthusiasm of the experience with the many others..

There are three basic operating divisions on the railroad. First, the steam division that runs and maintains the JS-8419, which pulls the three Boone-to-Fraser trains on weekends and holidays. The diesel department consists of personnel who run the railroad's four operating diesel locomotives. The daily Boone to Fraser weekday train and the Saturday-Sunday Wolf Train are pulled by diesels. Then there is the East Side Traction Company whose calling in life is to operate the railroad's trolleys, primarily the nicely-restored Charles City & Western #50. The trolleys operate by means of overhead electric lines strung from the B&SV's depot at Division Street to Tama Street in downtown Boone.

After departing the train, and taking a few pictures, the family was reluctant to end their day. After purchasing a few souvenirs, they climbed into their car. Yet as they traveled home, they knew they would soon return to Boone, Iowa, to visit this special place.

As was mentioned above, however, it takes people to make it work, and there are a lot of jobs to be done. If you have an interest in railroading, history, running a business, restoring things, or just want to get out of the house for awhile, consider becoming a volunteer on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad. For more information contact Gary Stasko on the Boone Campus at 433-5086 or talk to Fenner Stevenson at 432-4249. You don't even need any experience. They offer on-the-job *training!*

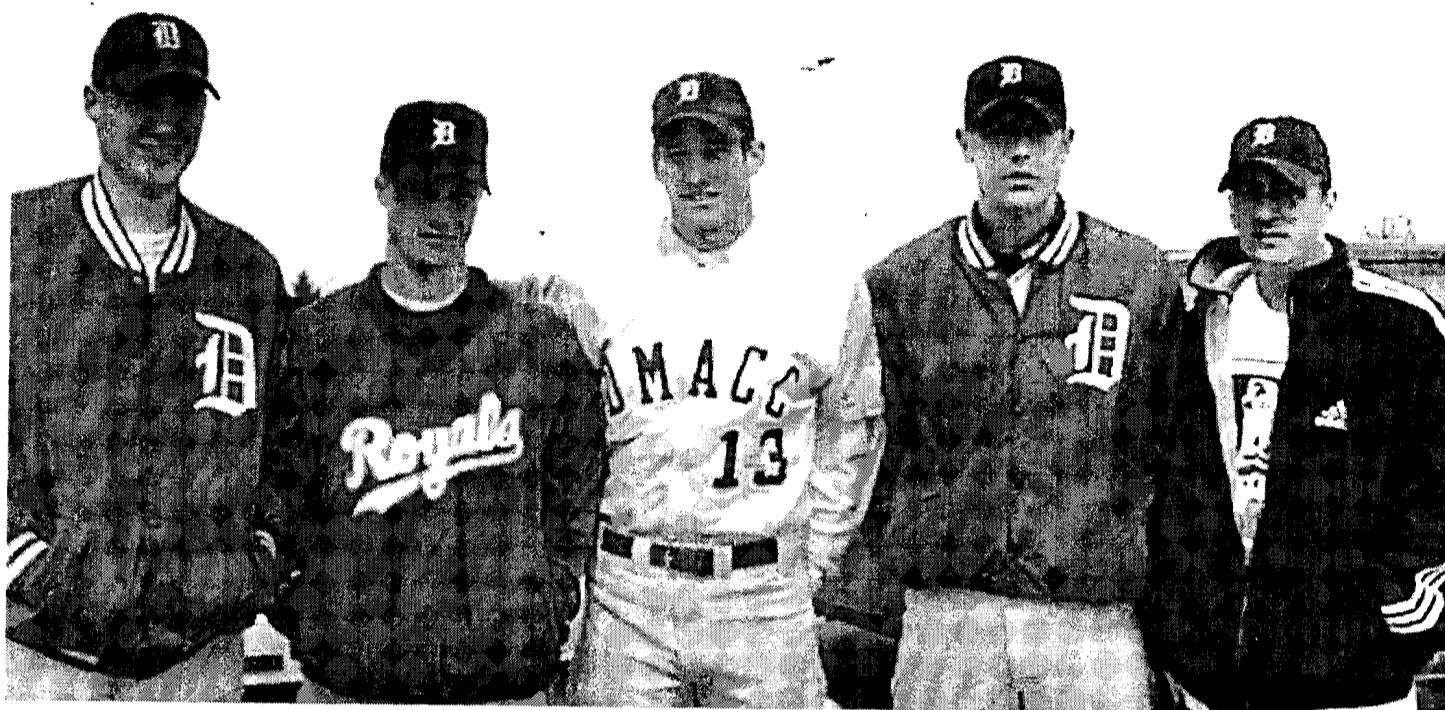
DMACC Bears currently on winning streak

By Joe Siple
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Bears baseball team has put together a winning streak of late taking eight of their last ten games. The streak has upped the bears' record to 22-14 with six regular season games remaining. The biggest wins for DMACC were against Creston, Council Bluffs and Muscatine, all of which were conference games.

Coach John Smith said his team has been hitting the ball better and putting more runs on the board recently. In one double header versus Creston, the Bears had nine home runs en route to two victories.

Three double headers remain for DMACC before the May 8 start of the regional tournament to be held in Council Bluffs. Two of the opponents (Indian Hills and Kirkwood) are nationally ranked.



Among the graduating members of the DMACC Boone Campus Bear Baseball team are the following students: (from left to right) Mike Laesch, Jefferson, Wisc.; Chadd Clarey, Rochester, Minn.; Joe Siple, Rochester, Minn.; Brian Calkins, Portage, Wisc.; and Geno Adams, Ames, Iowa.

Help Wanted Special Agent for the FBI

By Brad Smith, Accounting Instructor
Bear Facts Contributing Writer

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in Accounting. That's right - ACCOUNTING. You are not alone if this is surprising to you. Most of us think of accountants as pencil pushing, pocket protected, nerds with glasses. In reality however, nothing is further from the truth.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to name any occupation that offers more opportunity than accounting. Opportunities exist in areas you may never have considered - like law enforcement. The FBI for example, is a major employer of accountants. Why? Because embezzlement, tax evasion and fraud head the list of Federal crimes.

But the FBI is just the tip of the iceberg. Accountants and/or their services are employed regularly by virtually every business, government agency, and non profit organization in the free world. There is no other occupation that can make this claim.

Want to work for a corporation like IBM or Con Agra? Maybe you'd rather work for a local company like Pioneer or CDS. Possibly state or federal govern-

ment is your desire. You name the organization and you can bet they employ accountants. What about Joe's Market down the street you may ask. "They don't have any accountants." In many cases, the small employer cannot afford the services of a full time accountant. Thus, Public Accounting firms fill the void by providing services as they are needed.

Generally, even small businesses must employ these accountants at least once each year to perform tax and financial statement services. So hang your shingle and provide them the service they desire. It just might make you rich.

Speaking of money, accountants in general are well paid. The average starting salary of an accountant with a bachelors degree is close to \$30,000. Experienced accountants often earn \$40,000 to \$100,000 annually, particularly if they obtain the CPA designation. Other than Physicians or Attorneys, few occupations offer this type of earnings potential. And, like Law & Medicine, Accountants can choose from a wide variety of specialties such as, Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, International Account-

ing, Forensic Accounting (investigative in nature) Governmental Accounting, Environmental Accounting, Corporate or Individual Income Tax, and Auditing (or if money is not important to you - Teaching)

So if opportunities for travel, prestige, good pay, good benefits and good working conditions are things you desire in a career, you should consider exploring the field of accounting. And if you still think accountants are "nerds" you might want to keep it to yourself. We have long memories and everyone knows that the "beancounters" make the decisions when it's time to downsize.

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Sophomores sign with 4-year schools for fall

By Joe Siple
Bear Facts Staff

One of the main reasons for a student-athlete to choose a junior college like DMACC is to get to the next level, like transferring to a four year school to continue his baseball career.

Several of DMACC's sophomore baseball players are planning to do just that. Pitcher/first baseman Mike Laesch and second baseman Joe Siple will attend Iowa State, while pitcher Chadd Clarey goes to the University of Minnesota.

Although these are the only three who have signed letters of intent, others will also play collegiate baseball at the next level when they make their decision where they want to play.

First baseman/outfielder Geno Adams, catcher Josh Kane, outfielder Ben Van Eiderstein, and shortstop Cory Wright will all likely play at a four year school next year.

Notice to softball lovers

Boone Campus--DMACC women's softball, originally a scholarship sport, was dropped earlier this year due to the lack of dedicated participants. Which sport will take its place next year is still in question.

Letter from the editor

I learned that writing was a lot tougher than I'd ever expected it to be. I learned that writing takes a lot of thought and a lot of effort. That the whole difference between a bad newspaper story and a good newspaper story has nothing to do with what the story's about...the difference is usually the amount of thought and effort that the reporter, and then later his or her editors, are willing to put into it."

~Karen F. Brown, ed. Best Newspaper Writing 1992
Interview with writer Colin Nickerson
The Boston Globe

Colin Nickerson speaks from experience. As a second-year student reporter for the *Bear Facts*, I also learned that writing was "a lot tougher than I'd ever expected it to be." As 1997-98 student editor for the *Bear Facts*, I offer my sincere regret to our readers for the news that was left unwritten, bumped for space, or reported incorrectly.

In the last year, I've learned a lot more than just how challenging producing respectable copy can be. I learned that, no matter how much a person may want it, a body really can't be two places at once. I learned that without the campus information offered from DMACC-i-ans everywhere--students, personnel and community members alike--the journalistic aspirations of some very fortunate and very grateful staff writers wouldn't make it to print. On behalf of the *Bear Facts* staff, thank you.

My gratitude, also, to this year's *Bear Facts* staff and to the contributing writers for all of the effort that was "put into it." I think each of us learned, at one time or another, how quickly the by-line loses its glimmer when what's printed below is dull or inaccurate.

Community college students are an interesting lot. We do our best to balance family, jobs, checkbooks and credits while continuing to acknowledge, the day after deadline, what could be done better, or smarter or faster the next time. Amazed by how quickly time passes between endeavors, we discover a paradox familiar to many college students at the end of yet another semester. We discover that living doesn't come without learning, and as long as we're still standing, there's always more learning to be done.

These students are the ones who, just a few weeks previous, were suffering panic attacks while discovering that the computer disk that had their term paper on it, the one that was due five minutes ago, was at home sitting next to the laptop they fell asleep on just two hours before. But these students are, more often than not, also the ones office staff find standing at the admissions window, clutching next semester's course catalog and registration form like a child clutches sour candy and pennies in a grocery store checkout lane eager to get another taste of the bitter and the sweet.

Well, I believe the staff has given our readers just that...a little bitter...and a little sweet. And just like a good mother watches over her child in the checkout line, making sure her kindred soul doesn't ingest too much bitter with the sweet, we've been fortunate to have the DMACC English Department District Chair watching over us. On behalf of the *Bear Facts* staff, I thank our adviser, Jan LaVille. This woman offers her time, her guidance, her sanity and her support to the *Bear Facts*...all without a picture or a by-line on its pages. But not today...



A DMACC instructor said once, of all the classes we teach on Boone Campus, nothing simulates the real world more than putting out a newspaper on deadline. What we do is real world stuff. We sell the ads, we write the stories, we get them in on deadline...and we take the heat.

~Bear Facts Adviser Jan LaVille

We love 'ya, Jan. Thank you.

More Point/Counterpoint responses

Readers say religion doesn't belong in public schools

To the Editor --

I am writing to take issue with some of the statements in Terry Jamieson's editorial in the April 1, 1998, issue of *The Bear Facts* concerning teaching religion in school.

I, too, was raised Christian. I, too, agree with much of what Mr. Jamieson wrote, but I do not believe Christianity or any other religion should be taught in the public schools. Our nation was founded on the principle of freedom of religion, and time and time again that has been interpreted as meaning a separation of church and state. We cannot have Christianity taught in the public schools and still have freedom of religion.

There are many moral, kind Christians, but there are others who consider themselves to be devout Christians who are far from being moral, compassionate people of integrity. After all, it was a Christian Germany who murdered 6 million Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, and handicapped people during World War II. It was the early Christians who committed atrocities during the Crusades. And how can we explain the centuries-old Christian against Christian fighting in Ireland. Many awful things have been done in the name of religion, and many of those things have been done by Christians who believed they were very moral people.

To cite more recent "moral" behavior in the name of Christianity, we only have to look at the Christian Identity, "a race-based religious movement that teaches that Jews are satanic and that nonwhites are inferior" (April 4, 1998 issue of the *Ames Tribune*). The group is violent, and it is growing. It now has about 50,000 members, most of whom are from Missouri and Kansas. And there is the Kansas pastor who is planning on picketing Ames churches and ISU's graduation. The Rev. Fred Phelps also pickets funerals of AIDS patients in the name of his god. It is examples like these and the past history of Christianity that makes me believe that teaching Christianity in schools will not ensure moral behavior.

Jamieson also states that our country "was founded on the fundamentals of Christian faith." Our country had many different (and many wonderful) religions that the Native Americans practiced long before Europeans came and arrogantly converted them. Ironically, many of these Europeans came to America for re-

ligious freedom.

There are many people from many different religions and atheists who have the admirable traits that Mr. Jamieson ascribes exclusively to Christians ("humility, honesty, integrity, work ethic, compassion, unselfishness"). Let's not exclude these people.

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To the Editor --

In a recent Point/Counterpoint, Terry Jamieson stated that anyone denying that this nation was founded on the fundamentals of Christian faith was living in a state of denial. Having seen a number of quotes attributed to the founding fathers that weren't very kind to Christians, I had to question that statement.

The founding fathers were Deists and Freemasons for the most part. According to one historian, probably less than 10 percent of Americans were members of a congregation. They were firm believers in religious freedom, but were clear that there was to be no state religion.

In the late 1700's, Article 11 of the Treaty of Tripoli, ratified by Congress and signed by President John Adams, begins by stating, "As the government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion..."

The original "Pledge of Allegiance" written in 1892 did not contain the words "under God." Those words were added in 1954. Currency didn't have "In God we Trust" until after the Civil War. People who see the word "God" carved in stone on historical monuments assume that it's "God" in today's Christian sense, and don't know about the Deist beliefs of the founding fathers.

We are a nation of religiously diverse immigrants. While we are today a very Christian nation, trying to impose one brand of religion on every public school student would be a mistake. Just the differences between the Catholics and Protestants lead to riots, the expulsion of Catholic students from public schools, the burning of convents and even deaths in the 1830's. It's best to leave teaching religion to the parents and churches where it belongs.

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