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# Bear Facts

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## HIV cases up in Boone and Story Counties

By Patrice Harson  
Bear Facts Staff

Pam Carnine from the AIDS Coalition of Story County reports that the number of HIV cases in teenagers has risen in Boone and Story County and that one-half of her clients are heterosexual and one-third are female. Most of Carnine's clients have been infected by a loved one--and when people think the virus isn't there, that doubles the risk.

### HIV in body for 10 years

"HIV can live in our bodies 10 years before symptoms appear. If you are sexually active, get tested. If we don't get tested between relationships, we can literally drag that virus around with us," says Carnine.

According to Carnine, denial and fear of judgment is spreading the HIV virus. When considering whether or not to get tested for AIDS, remember--morality is not the issue. Your health and the health of your loved one is--and there is no shame in that. If you have questions or would like Carnine's assistance in getting your AIDS test, she can be reached at (515) 292-5487.

### Testing is anonymous

Routine AIDS tests are offered free of charge at the Student Health Center at Iowa State University. The Center is located on campus across from Friley Hall. The tests are administered from the nurses station located on the first floor. "This is an anonymous testing site," says HIV Counselor for Iowa State University, Marlene Bennink, RN. You must sign in before you can be tested, however, only a first name is required and that name can be real or anonymous.

### Don't need to be ISU student

"Anyone in the state of Iowa can be tested at the Student Health Center--you

do not have to be a student," says Bennink. Testing hours are between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday. Appointments are not scheduled at the Center--all tests are done on a walk-in basis. For additional information the number for the Student Health Center testing site is (515) 294-5803.

The Polk County Health Department, 1907 Carpenter, Des Moines, does testing everyday, the number is (515) 286-3897. Walk-in tests are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment. Appointments can also be made on Tuesday evenings and you do not have to use your real name when scheduling the appointment.

## AIDS cases up 20 percent nationally among young people

By Patrice Harson  
Bear Facts Staff

AIDS cases rose 20 percent among 13- to 25-year olds infected through unprotected sex and contaminated drug needles--and a startling 160 percent among black heterosexual women between 1990 and 1995.

This grim news released at the fourth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, which concluded January 26, was not the prevalent message conveyed by many journalists. More focus was placed on the positive information released by researcher Mary Ann Chaisson--that AIDS deaths have dropped from 7,046 in 1995 to 4,944 in 1996. Credit for this decrease was given to improved treatments and better access to care.

What you may not have heard is that many cannot afford these improved drug treatments. Researchers continue to report that even though the new drugs--protease inhibitors used in combination with AZT and 3TC--are showing dramatic success, the long-term toxicity they may cause is still unknown.

As of today, there is no known cure for AIDS, and before this day is over someone will be infected with HIV.



Photo courtesy of Jeanne Roth  
Tuan Trinh, Jin Hee Park, Stephanie Li, and Hien Le, members of the Boone Campus International Club make paper flowers in preparation for the FIESTA. The students will begin decorating at noon on Friday, February 14.

## Family Fiesta Friday

by Melinda Gorman  
Bear Facts Staff

Fiesta is in the LW Courter Center, Friday night from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Bring your families, friends and your Valentine, and dance until long after the moon rises.

Children from 6 to 8 can make a yarn ornament, a weaving craft, or tissue flowers.

A DMACC student Jesse Villalobos and his band will play "salsa" music from

8 to 11.

Eat free chips, salsa. Try some of the inexpensive Mexican-style foods catered by El Tapatio.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Display cases of Mexican artifacts will be located in the hallway between the main entrance and the LW Courter Center. In the lounge near the auditorium there will be videos of Mexico.

Come and enjoy the fun.

## Instructor hospitalized

Dave Darling, DMACC computer professor was hospitalized recently for back problems and complications with diabetes.

According to the front office, Darling will be out for 2 to 3 weeks recuperating. Substitute teachers are already assigned to teach his classes.



MOST PEOPLE LOOK LIKE ALIVE, BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE REAL LIFE LIKE LIVING FLOWER IN THE WORLD....

## Local PBL chapter to host state event March 7-8

By Cynthia Miller  
Contributing Writer

Phi Beta Lambda has gotten off to a busy start this spring. Cindy Miller, representative for the Mexican Family Fiesta has been busy finding door prizes and getting things ready on our end.

PBL also was in charge of getting the donation of pop and chips and salsa for the fiesta as well as acquiring some piñatas from the high school to be used as decorations.

Several members of the group will be on hand February 14 to serve pop, chips, and help with the door prize drawings.

### Bake sale on Friday

PBL's first bake sale of the semester will also be held on February 14. "Buy your sweetheart a goodie from the array of tempting foods we will have to offer." The club will be located in the hallway by the L.W. Courter Center.

### Will lobby legislature

Several Phi Beta Lambda students will be heading to the state capital on March 5 to attend the Iowa Vocational Association Legislator's Breakfast to show their support for Vocational Education in the State of Iowa. They will breakfast with legisla-

tors and spend some time getting to know them.

### Hosting leadership contest

The Boone Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda will play host to the 51st State Leadership Conference on March 7 and 8. Approximately 100 college students from around the state will be arriving around 4:00 PM on March 7.

During the weekend, students will be competing in business events such as Accounting, Economics, Word Processing, and Salesmanship. There are about 50 events students can choose from.

Two students, Amy Richards, and Cindy Miller will be running for state offices. We also have two students from the Boone Campus that are current state officers. They are: Sheley Johnson, State Historian, and Theresa Clark, State Vice President.

The Boone Campus will have 18 students participating in the conference. The weekend will culminate with an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening at the Boone Golf and Country Club.

We would love to have your participation in Phi Beta Lambda--come and join us at our next meeting which will be a pot luck in room 200 on February 19.

## SAB working to provide new services

By Charles Whiteing  
Bear Facts Staff

An ATM machine should be on its way. Mercantile Bank in Boone say they will approve an ATM for Boone DMACC on a trial basis. After monitoring its use, Mercantile will then decide whether or not it is feasible for them to continue. According to George Silberhorn, SAB advisor, the only thing holding up Boone DMACC's ATM accessibility now is a final meeting with Ben Gunther, Mercantile Bank president, to work out the final details.

The Campus Cafe received much concern last semester when the SAB approved the purchase of a deep-fat fryer. But a fryer has yet to be seen in the Cafe. Limited information was obtained regarding the fryer's whereabouts. It has been tied up in insurance legalities and "red-tape," according to Theresa Johnson, SAB president, but no other information

has been disclosed.

Only four channels being offered on the T.V. in the Courter Center was another complaint brought to the attention of the Board last semester. The SAB found that cable T.V. was not offered in the Boone Campus area of town. Subsequently, Amie Herrick, SAB secretary, contacted Tim Jones, local PrimeStar representative, and Larry Kelly, local DISH Network representative, about investing in their mini-satellite dish systems. Prices were quoted, but nothing more has been done.

If you have any concerns, opinions, or ideas regarding the following topics, or concerns and ideas of your own for Boone DMACC, feel free to sit in on any of the SAB meetings, or contact Johnson, or one of the other SAB members.

The next SAB meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the Courter Center.



### Dean's Comments

**How is DMACC keeping up with the changing technology, and will President Clinton's plan for education affect community colleges?**

*I'd like to see more technical assistance - anything dealing with 21st century technology. It is very expensive to stay current.*

*I would like to see more student aid to the community colleges is essential. The first two years of education should be community college and then transfer to the regents level.*

*Our teacher-student contact is very good. We have teachers that really care.*

## Enrollment stable on DMACC campus

DMACC--Spring semester credit enrollment at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is nearly identical to the spring enrollment figures of last year.

DMACC's spring semester credit hours has decreased to 86,545 compared to 87,362 credit hours in the spring of 1996. That is a 0.9 percent decrease.

"We are pleased to see that enrollment is stable," said DMACC Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Kim Linduska.

## Twenty videos missing from library shelves

By Lorraine Powell  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Recently, twenty videos were taken from the DMACC library. Ann Watts, librarian, said that "the more open access there is, the more opportunity (there is) for loss." Watts stated that statistically 3% of all materials at libraries, on the average, are lost or stolen each year.

DMACC students were given the opportunity to take out videos at no cost. They were the most popular items at the library, according to Watts. Watts asked, "Do you have closer surveillance of people using the library materials or do you trust the academic desire of attending students?"

Watts reported that the videos, taken off the shelf after the loss was discovered, are all being inventoried now and will probably be put back out in the near future.

A spot check inventory will be done on the books in March. A stolen item also includes anything checked out and not returned.

Vickie Lauzon, financial director, said two camcorders have been stolen from the classrooms; one last fall, and, one about a year ago.

## Know how to challenge test?

Students wanting to test out of a DMACC course for credit may do so in the Academic Achievement Center. Below are the requirements and an explanation of what happens to your final grade for the course.

- Challenge credit is granted only to DMACC students in a program of study leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.
- Students attending a class may request to Challenge test at no additional charge. The test must be completed prior to the drop date. If a student passes the test, credit will be given but the student will receive no refund. Continue attending the class until notified of the results.
- A student may request to Challenge test prior to enrollment in a class. A non-refundable fee equal to one-half the tuition for the course will be charged. If successful, the student will be given credit for the class. If unsuccessful, this fee cannot be applied to tuition charges for subsequent enrollment in this course.
- Challenge test credit cannot be used as a course retake.
- A student cannot Challenge a course that is a prerequisite to a course that has been successfully completed.
- A student may take a specific Challenge test only once.
- Credit earned by Challenge testing is entered on a student's permanent record only when that student has earned 12 credit hours at DMACC. The grade earned is a "T" and is not included when computing grade point average (G.P.A.)
- For challenge test forms contact Janny Silberhorn in the Academic Achievement Center (RM 102).

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# JOURNEY TO DMACC

By Patrice Harson  
Bear Facts Staff

In 1922 my Grandmother, Amalie Galm, left the familiarity of her German home and journeyed to America with her recently wed, John.

As Amalie boarded the ship bound for a bright future, she may have found comfort in realizing that--before returning to Germany to collect his new bride--my grandfather had spent nine years establishing their home in Iowa. Still, there were many unknowns and an understandable fear must have worked its way through all that excitement.

Any butterflies in her stomach were soon replaced with nausea as the high waves of open sea gave Amalie her first taste of the hardships yet to come. Spending the majority of the ten-day crossing sick in her honeymoon cabin must have given her plenty of time to contemplate all that had transpired and all that lay ahead. With the exception of two nephews in the United States, she was leaving behind her primary family, language, customs and well-acquainted soil.

Amalie may have felt panicked at this moment and the urge to abandon ship may have been strong. If so, I'm sure my grandmother did what she continued to do in the 71 years that followed--she focused on the haves rather than the have-nots. And what she possessed in great abundance was irrepressible faith--faith in her loving God, in her new country, in her honorable spouse and, most importantly--faith in her courageous self.

Life's course was not an easy one for Grandma Mollie. Her conviction was tested many times. I shiver when I try to imagine what went through Amalie's mind and soul when first given news that a cross had been burned in her neighbor's field across the road. The Ku Klux Klan's prominent message was against my grandparent's catholic religion--displeasure of foreigners was the organization's secondary communication. A trusted acquaintance to Amalie and John was involved with this Klan activity, but he later recognized his error. Rather than selecting the deceit and discontent that is often associated with fighting fire with fire--my amazing grandparents chose forgiveness and kept the identity of their reinstated companion hidden.

When our nation's economy plummeted in 1929, my grandmother had already been acquainted with the term "depression." Her personal encounter with this emotional illness was, at times, debilitating. But John stood by his beloved and together they surged forward.



## Daily Grind

By Lueth Lueth

Hello, all my young and restless children. How are the days of your lives? My days are snow packed and gray skied. So did you like the wonderful trick that mother nature and father time played on us?

Remember the week before the snow storm, the weather was all nice and sunny and the snow was almost gone? Everyone went to the car wash and nicoholics(smokers) could actually go outside and finish one cancer stick without having to coming in the building to warm up. Anyway, my point is that we got set up real nice. The weather turned quicker than Benedict Arnold, and before anyone knew we had a substantial amount of the heavy white stuff (no, not Roseanne, snow) 7 plus inches of car-in-the-ditch, 2-hour-school-delaying, stuck-in-the-house, forced-to-watch-soaps snow.

Confined to my house by knee-high snow, I did my best to play couch potato and eventually found myself immersed in the deep plots of soaps. So what is going on? Do these people have jobs? And why do some of the moms look the same age as their offspring? One has to follow the show from the beginning to understand. Oh well, at least the school delay became a cancellation.

For learning sake, I am going to furnish you, the reader, with a little moral to this meandering column. Snow sucks and disrupts people's agendas for the day. Not to mention shoveling that leads to back strains, sprains, and pulls. Which in turn leads to an outrageous hospital bill with lots of zeros. And soap operas? Well, they serve as something you can watch during snow storms and be mislead into thinking that Ridge was the father of Laura's baby when it was really Victor who is married to Laura's sister who is having an affair with Ridge who thinks the baby is his. Absolute trash.

Before I depart, I have one final question? Why is not Merry Halloween and Happy Christmas? Catch you on the rebound. @

Then came World War II and the immense internal battle that must have been waged with concern for loved ones in Germany. Fortunately, the war was near its end when Amalie's son, Herman, joined the allied forces. He spent the majority of his tour on a ship off the U.S. coast. Yet, I found myself asking--if my grandparents hadn't come to America, would my uncle have fought for Nazi Germany? I shared this wonder with my sister. She responded in calm confidence and Galm pride that until that moment had escaped me; "I choose to believe he would have refused." Choice--now I understand.

I've been unsuccessful in marriage twice. First, widowed by an abusive husband; then divorced by a man who, unlike my Grandpa John, just couldn't deal with his wife's depression. My partner of 16 years really did give it his best shot, though. Through mutual yet painful decision, our two children live with their father now. I am so very proud of my daughters. It is difficult not having them under my roof--to wake and greet each morning and to kiss goodnight--but they are happy and they know they are loved.

It's been said before and I agree. A house is a structure. A home is a place of assurance and stability. An extension of who we are found through people we need, supporting us through the good and the bad. Although Nicole and Kristine are not with me as often, when we are together, they're "home."

Complications of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder continue to keep me from being where I want to be at a given time. And in the height of occasional depres-



Amalie Galm

sion, I ask what good are dreams if you have no special someone to share them with. I've found that at moments such as these, a healthy dose of humor softens these temporary attacks on my sanity, and I call upon the compassion of certain precious others to lend clarity to my misguided condition.

On our journey we experience events that are forced upon us and, for a time, we may feel out of control. But then most of us reach a juncture, and the opportunity to transform our state from that of victim to survivor presents itself. When I reached my crossroads last May, I realized one significant mistake I had been making all of my life. I had tried to find

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## To the editor

### Student wonders how Iowa will vote on the proposed ERA amendment?

Does anyone know what the term, selective memory refers to? Simply put, it means we remember what we want to.

I encountered a very good example of this when I did the last "Talk Back" for the *Bear Facts*. The question asked was "Do you think that President Clinton should go to trial for sexual harrasment charges against him while he is in office?"

Five women responded although one did not want her picture in the paper. Out of the six men who were asked the same question, two knew nothing about it, three were too busy to respond, and one didn't know enough to respond.

Should we conclude by these figures that women read more than men or watch and listen to the news more? Could we also make the assumption that perhaps men use "selective memory" when it comes to questions involving subjects "close to home."

*Sexual harrasment and sexual abuse of women has been around for a long, long time.*

Sexual harrasment and sexual abuse of women has been around for a long, long time. It is not something new. What is new is that the legal system and the enforcement system has been forced to pay more attention to it. In some states, there are still laws on the book which make it entirely legal to beat your wife for anything she said and did that you didn't like.

In just a little over a half a century, women have gone from being "legal property of men" to being persons in their own right. What will the state of Iowa do when the 1998 November election comes around and they are allowed to vote to put

into writing "All men and women are by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights - among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness"?

Let's hope that by that time there will be enough enlightened persons to make this truth of men and women being equal a reality "in writing" and not just something that is taken for granted.

There's a new day coming when women will have just as much opportunity to participate equally in the government and operation of this nation as do Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich!

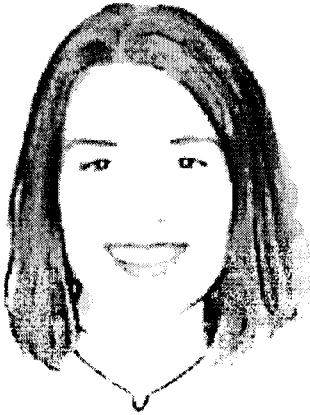
Lorraine Powell  
DMACC student



## Talk Back

### What do you think about the two different outcomes of the trials of O.J. Simpson?

Text and Photos  
by Lorraine Powell



Shauna Pregitzer

*I think it was probably because of media - he was in the public eye. Now they are doing something about the child custody.*



Archie Bell

*I think it's stupid and a waste of time. It's old news and nobody cares.*



Sandi Johnson

*To cut down people saying it was racial, they should have had an equal amount of racial distribution on the juries. Another thing I'm disturbed about are suspects other than O.J.*



Greg Brumm

*I have no idea. I haven't followed it. I don't even care. It's just that he's got so much money and everyone knows him and the media is making a big deal about it.*

## DMACC announces fall term scholastic honor rolls

### President's List

DMACC--Full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade point average last semester include the following Boone Campus students: **Adam M. Bates**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Kathleen A. Brice**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Joshua C. Dodd**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Shane P. Moe**, Liberal Arts, Gilbert; **Sarah L. Roberts**, Liberal Arts, Madrid; **Tuan H. Trinh**, Liberal Arts, Perry; and **Nathan C. Welch**, Liberal Arts, Boone.

### Dean's List

DMACC--Full-time students who earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average in the fall semester include the following Boone Campus students: **Shelli G. Aden**, Education Prep, Nevada; **Jeffery T. Alfred**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Carmen S. Andrews**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Nathan A. Ante**, Liberal Arts, Story City; **Chad R. Behn**, Business Administration, Boone; **Archie L. Bell**, Liberal Arts, Pilot Mound; **Corey R. Bierl**, Liberal Arts, Carroll; **Jason D. Bowles**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Benjamin G. Bravard**, Business Admin., Boone; **Sara A. Britson**, Business Admin. Prep, Ames; **Stephen R. Coil**, Liberal Arts, Jefferson;

**Jeana J. Crouch**, Accounting Specialist, Pilot Mound; **Robert O. Dodd**, Nursing Prep., Boone; **Larry A. Donahue**, Liberal Arts, Perry; **David W. Doran**, Business Admin. Prep., Boone; **Joanne K. Dudgeon**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Laura L. Elsberry**, Nursing Practical, Boone; **Andrea L. Fester**, Liberal Arts, Ogden; **Eugenia M. Garcia**, Office Technology, Ames; **Casey R. Garman**, Business Admin. Prep., Boone; **Courtney N. Hall**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Lisa L. Hatfield**, Veterinary Medicine, Churdan; **Linda L. Holdorf**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Tia M. Jackson**, Liberal Arts, Coon Rapids; **Joanne M. Johnson**, Nursing Practical, Ames; **Theresa M. Johnson**, Nursing Practical, Boone; **Jeremy A. Kaeding**, Engineering Prep., Boone; **Jennifer D. Klehm**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Hien T. Le**, Liberal Arts, Nevada; **Leah J. Meadows**, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ames; **Alison T. Milani**, Nursing Prep., Madrid; **Rebekah Mrizek**, Education Prep., Laytonsville, MD; **Debra L. O'Brien**, Social Work Prep., Ames; **Linda C. Osborn**, Nursing Practical, Newton; **Ya-chin J. Ou**, Engineering Prep., Ames; **Marcy**

**M. Patterson**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Rachel L. Patzner**, Nursing Practical, Ames; **Kimberly K. Pepin**, Accounting Specialist, Ames; **Yordy Purnomo**, Business Administration, Ames; **Troy J. Rivard**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Brandon D. Rockow**, Liberal Arts, Ames; **Joann C. Seeman**, Liberal Arts, Woodward; **Melissa N.**

**Starling**, Liberal Arts, Boone; **Jill A. Sturtz**, Education Prep., Boone; **Angie D. Thompson**, Accounting Specialist, Nevada; **Hoan M. Trinh**, Liberal Arts, Perry; **Kari J. Vickers**, Education Prep., Boone; **Kellie J. Woods**, Education Prep., Ankeny; **Sarah M. Wright**, Business Admin. Prep., Nevada.

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# Melinda's Musings



*From Melinda to her sweetheart!*

A married couple of 16 years drove into the car wash. They were on the way to pick up their three children and stopped to wash the car on the way. The light in the automatic car wash turned red. The water started. He turned to her and said, "We've got five minutes if you want to neck awhile."

This same couple just by being married for 16 years has broken the rules. What rule? The one that says if you have a whirlwind romance that the relationship is doomed to fail.

They met in December 1979. They went on their first date in January of 1980. They were engaged in March of 1980. They were married in August of 1980.

The naysayers said, "It won't last." Ha, ha, the jokes on them!

In 16 years a person learns something about relationships, a little anyway. Three of the more important musts in a relationship are trust, acceptance, and a sense of humor.

It's not certain which is worse, a woman who doesn't trust her man or a man who doesn't trust his woman. In either case all parties even friends and neighbors are miserable.

WARNING! to couples heading for the aisle. If future plans involve molding your partner into an expected image, forget it. Think, "Can I live with this person exactly as they are?" if not, think again. And for heaven sake, don't refold the towels after they've been folded or it will be a long time before there is help with the laundry.

A sense of humor will get most through the days when the colicky baby is squalling, the bills add up to more than the income, and all you both want is a good night's sleep. These are the times when it's either laugh or bawl louder than the baby.

By the way old married couples still date. This couple looks forward to their three each year.

Happy Valentine, Hen  
Friend forever. H.T.

♥♥♥

Love and Kisses  
for my Valentine!  
A M H

You are the Sweetest!  
All My Love  
D T H

♥♥♥

To: The Girls B-Ball Team,  
KC Lovin is all we need!  
Come on girls and do the deed-WIN!  
Good Luck girls!

♥♥♥

Dear Maggie (Stone)  
In the marble game of life,  
your my best Aggie!  
Thanks for your support  
and friendship! S. H.

♥♥♥

Dear Samuel, Moses, Elizabeth,  
Ruth and Caleb,  
Some day it will be worth it all  
When you can all stand up tall  
And you can carry the ball  
To honesty, truth and justice for all.  
Your Loving Mom

♥♥♥

Dearest Sis Yen,  
An advertisement just for you,  
to tell you how I love and miss you!  
Happy Valentine's Day! Sis Kay

♥♥♥

Thank you for being a  
wonderful friend to me, Julia.  
I wish you all my best wishes. H.T.

♥♥♥

To Coach Jamison  
He's a Cool Cat!  
If you tell him you  
don't spend every waking  
hour thinking about DMACC  
he'll say, "Scat!"  
Thanks for the Brain Bowl!  
We appreciate your leadership  
and your friendly smile!  
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♥♥♥

♥Melinda♥  
When you're a rich and famous  
published author I can say,  
"I knew her when!"  
Happy Valentines Day!  
From: Your giggle partner.  
(hee-hee!)

♥♥♥

Of Little Women  
I have studied the course of fairest love,  
and though I have failed every quiz given to  
me  
and every test my heart has endured,  
I come back eager and ready to begin again.  
Nicole Harson  
12/20/96

♥♥♥

Nikki and Kristi,  
Although I am not eager and ready to begin  
again, I will concentrate on your beauty and  
wisdom, fair daughters, and continue course.  
Love, Mom

♥♥♥

For those of us with unrequited name,  
A little jest from the Hallmark Hall of Fame...  
Like nailing Jell-O to a tree for instance!  
(There, now I feel better.)

♥♥♥

Helmie!  
Your friend from IOWA  
Wishes you a  
Happy Valentines Day!

♥♥♥

Lorraine and Sharon  
1 Negative and 1 Positive  
= Equals =  
One Whole Rechargeble  
Friendship BATTERY!

♥♥♥

To my computer genius!  
Love, Mom

♥♥♥

Reviewer highly recommends Des Moines show

## Phantom strikes Civic Center

By Mark H. Williams  
Bear Facts Staff

At long last, "The Phantom of the Opera" has arrived in Iowa. The wait has been well worth it.

After over two years of anticipation and six months of major construction, the Des Moines Civic Center unveils a tour de force, night after night, on the audience through the first of March. Yes, it is worth every cent of the \$60 to see this show.

From the opening note until the last sound is heard on the stage, the audience sits spellbound by this mesmerizing show -- a treat for the senses for all who have seen or will see this show.

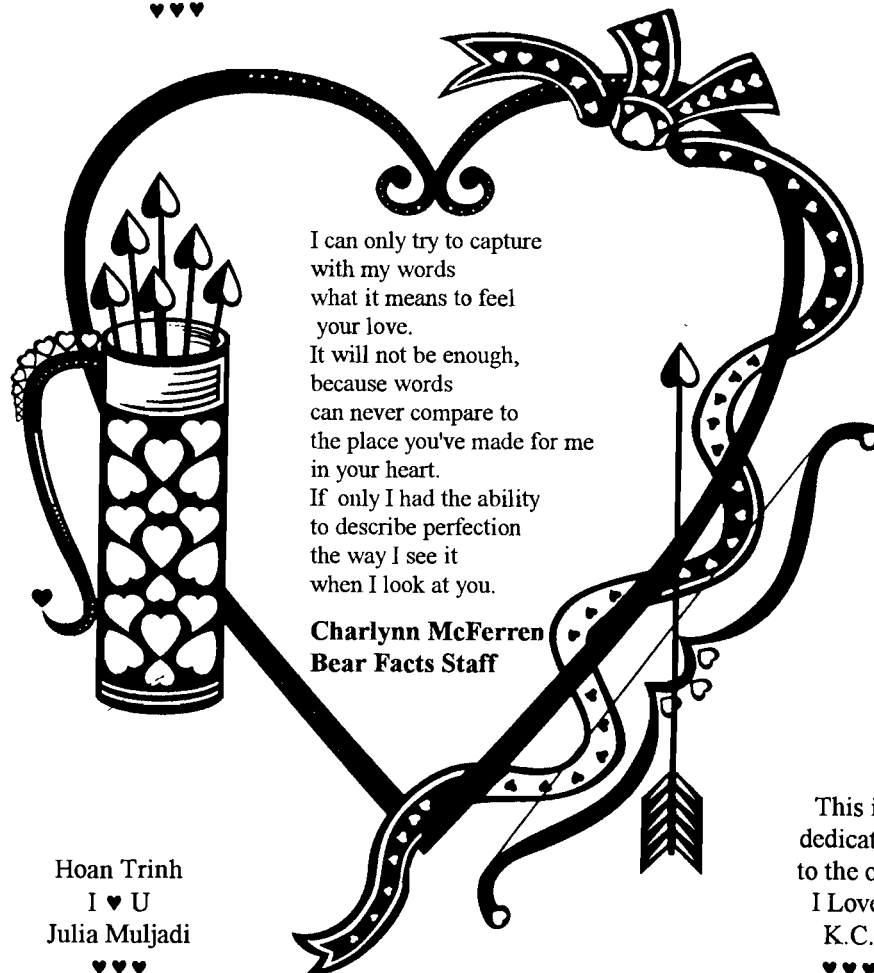
The show begins five years after the story, at an auction of the effects from the opera house. As the overture begins, the stage is transformed into the dress rehearsal of "Hannibal," five years prior. That sets the story in motion.

From that point on, the theater is filled with a feast for the eyes and ears. Some of the key props used in this performance are a 1,000 pound chandelier that contains over 35,000 crystal beads. A 1.5 ton staircase is used for only one, but in a pivotal scene. Five hundred and fifty pounds of dry ice, per performance, is shipped in from New York. For the underground lake and phantom's hide-a-way, over 213 candles are used. There's even an elephant to entertain the audience.

The cast, lead by Brad Little as the Phantom, Kimilee Bryant as Christine and Jason Pedworth as Raoul, command the attention of a full house, performance after performance.

My only complaint, which is minor in this case, is, as in many of Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber's works, the music becomes repetitive in the second act. He seems to find a musical theme and then repeats it once too often.

The heat from this show can be felt, not only from the pyrotechnics, but from the entire show. A must see at any price show, worthy of a ☺☺ rating -- and then some.



I can only try to capture  
with my words  
what it means to feel  
your love.  
It will not be enough,  
because words  
can never compare to  
the place you've made for me  
in your heart.  
If only I had the ability  
to describe perfection  
the way I see it  
when I look at you.

Charlynn McFerren  
Bear Facts Staff

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Kay Mueller

# Designing woman

By Moses Lueth  
Bear Facts Staff

When the non-teacher population thinks of teachers, they believe that teachers lives consist of meetings, grading tests and papers, and consuming a profuse amount of caffeine.

That is a common misconception and one particular teacher who shatters those commonly held beliefs is Kay Mueller, speech teacher at Boone Campus.

Mueller, you might say, is "renaissance woman." She is involved in many activities. Outside of teaching at DMACC, Mueller is active in theater. She directs and acts for the Ingersol Dinner Theater. She also acts with Des Moines Playhouse, Actors in Ames and Boone Theater. In addition, she teaches and directs the drama program at Boone Campus and is taking an Advanced Directing class at Iowa State.

With so many things to keep her busy, she still has time to make her own clothes. Mueller's mother sewed, and as child, she picked up the skills from her mother. She learned by making clothes for her Barbie dolls. As she became older she started making clothes for real people.

Mueller makes her clothes at home or at her mother's house. There are an assortment of tools she uses: Bernina sewing machine, Burnett surger, Ginger scissors, tape measures, and pins and needles. Most of the clothes she makes are for her, but sometimes she makes things for her family on special occasions. She helped in making the dress of the bride for a wedding when she was a bridesmaid and she has made outfits for her nieces and nephews for holidays like Christmas.

"I can not even recall," said Mueller about how many clothes she has made over the years. She has made swim wear,



**Kay Mueller**

suits, coats, and costumes for plays. Mueller says that the theater has some influence on her sense of style, and she definitely likes to dress well. "Dress matters, whether it is in theater or real life," said Mueller. "A lot of first impressions are made from one's appearance."

For a week last spring, Mueller and her mother toured Hong Kong on a trip sponsored by *Sew Magazine*. It was a shopping excursion for her, and she bought a lot of silk. Other than Dana Buchman, Mueller has no particular designers or brands that

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# Black History month

## Celebrating achievements of African-American Women

By Charlynn McFerren  
Bear Facts Staff

February is Black History Month, and I decided to write a tribute to accomplishments made by African American women. While researching, I found that many contributions African American women have made to this country have only been recognized in the past 20 years.

History is full of achievements made by all kinds of women, but documentation is hard to find. I believe that even without proper recognition, African American women will be remembered as pioneers in breaking gender and race barriers during the Twentieth century.

Did you know that ...?

In 1992, at the age of forty-five, **Carol Moseley-Braun** became the first African American woman elected to the United States Senate. She was the fourth African American to serve in the Senate in its history. She was also named to the Senate Judiciary Committee and was not only the first African-American, but also the first woman ever to serve on that committee.

On September 12, 1992, thirty-five year old **Dr. Mae Jemison** became the first African-American woman to travel in space. At the age of sixteen, she entered Stanford University, earned a bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering and African and Afro-American Studies, then went on to earn an M.D. from Cornell university.

After serving in the Peace Corps, she opened a private medical practice and began taking graduate engineering courses. She was chosen out of 2,000 applicants into NASA's astronaut training program.

After becoming the first woman aircraft maintenance officer in the Air

Force, Marcelite J. Harris went on to become the first African American woman brigadier general and became vice commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base in 1990.

She served in the Vietnam War as an aircraft maintenance supervisor in Thailand, won a number of decorations and awards, and was a social aide to President Carter.

In 1993 at the age of forty, **Rita Dove** became the youngest Poet Laureate of the United States. A graduate of Miami University and the University of Iowa, she was the second African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. Her father was the first African-American research chemist to be employed by a leading tire manufacturer. At the time of her appointment, she was a professor of English at the University of Virginia.

**Dr. Jocelyn Elders** was appointed United States Surgeon General in 1993 under President Clinton, after serving as the first African-American woman head of the Arkansas Health Department.

Dr. Elders graduated from college at the age of eighteen, and then joined the U. S. Army. She earned a master's degree in biochemistry, became a pediatrics professor, and was certified as a pediatric endocrinologist in 1978.

Even though she was nominated for Surgeon General in 1992, she was not confirmed until September of 1993 because of controversy over many of her views.

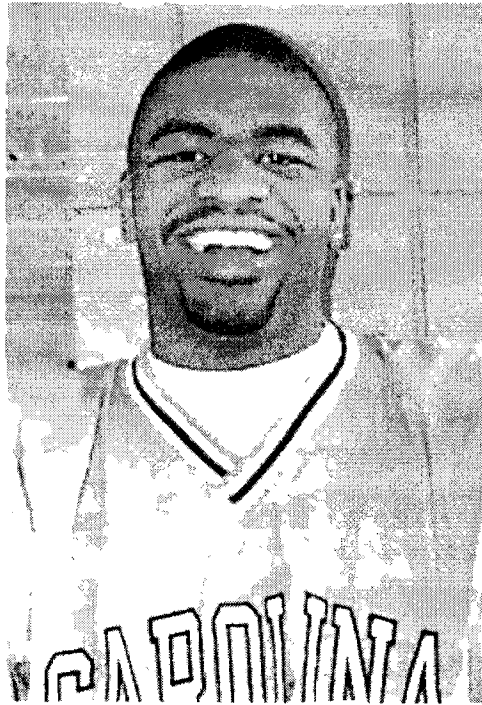
*Information taken from African American Firsts by Joan Potter with Constance Claytor, published in 1994 by Pinto Press in Elizabethtown, NY.*





Basketball updates

# Men need two to qualify Women improving daily



**Rodric West**

By Moses Lueth  
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC men's team is coming to the end of the regular season. The team has a 6-12 record and needs to win two out of the next six conference games to qualify for the post season. The Bears will playing four out of those six games at home.

The leading scorer for the season is Rodric West, a freshman center/forward from New Orleans, Louisiana. West has been averaging around 18 points and 7 rebounds per contest. "It has been a long season-but fun, we are all freshman so we are going to be back next season," said West.

"It has been a pretty good season. We have lost many close games, but we are playing this year as a stepping stone for next year," said Cody Mann a freshman guard from Arkansas.

Brian Caldwell, West, and Mann all expressed thanks to their coach Terry Jamieson. "We love Coach J, and appreciate all the things he has done for us."

By Moses Lueth  
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Women's basketball team is making progress, says head coach Kim Carlson. Although the offense is struggling, the defense is keeping the team in the games.

Over the last two games, Gina Peter a freshman forward from Boone has been averaging around 15 points a game. Although she joined the team late, Peter has been an integral part of the team because of her consistency and attitude said Carlson.

"Although our season is coming to end, we have made improvements and hope to finish the season strong," Gina Peter commented on the status of the team.

The women's regular season will finish at the end of February. The post season begins March 1, but the team will not be in the post season play.



**Gina Peter**

## Riding a thousand dollar horse

By Jon Yanders  
Bear Facts Staff

First you feel a stretch in your arm and shoulder, pulling like it's going to tear your arm right out of the socket. Then you get thrown around frantically, but you still try to hold on for dear life. Finally, you're thrown down to the ground and a wild animal tries to trample you. This may sound like a brutal punishment in some third world nation, but people do this here in Iowa, even here at DMACC, and they pay to do it! That's right ladies and gents we're talking about the rodeo and Nick Vogel of DMACC. Vogel puts himself through this bone crunching ordeal... For fun?

You may be wondering, after the graphic description that I have just painted for you, how does a person get started in such a sport. Well, for Vogel, he was merely given an opportunity. Yes, Vogel was given his first rigging (this is what you hold on to while you're riding) from his cousin. And he decided that he would give it a try. He started riding in his hometown of Leon, Iowa; "It wins the Rodeo of the Year every year." Vogel said. Eventually Vogel made enough money to buy a new rigging of his own.

Oh, but it takes more than just a desire to ride in a rodeo. It also takes money. "It's an expensive hobby. It's just really expensive to get into," Vogel said. "You're not guaranteed any money at any rodeo you enter." The entry fee is \$31 per rodeo and if you ride IRCA, like Vogel, you have to purchase a \$50 membership at the start of the season. But that's not all, you also have to have your own rigging and pad to ride and those aren't cheap. They sell for about \$350. But the real expense comes from travel.

Vogel rides all over the state, "The IRCA goes all over Iowa. There are rodeos up in Sioux City clear down to Keokuk. And that's what winds up costing the most money." The IRCA runs from May to September and holds over 30 rodeos a season. Even without travel expenses added in, that's already over \$1000 in a season. OUCH! Some people find sponsors to help them with the expenses.



**Nick Vogel**

Vogel spent some time working at Stagecoach and this really paid off for him "I met some people (other riders) when I was working at Stagecoach that gave me tips on the horses, like how they bucked." Vogel added, "even though it's an individual sport, no one wants to see anyone get hurt." I would have to say a tip like that could come in handy when you're strapped to the back of a stallion.

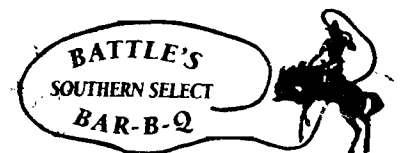
The livestock for the tournaments is provided by the stock contractor. Then the contestants draw for their ride. This keeps it all fair so no one gets too used to the same animal. The payoff all depends on the size of the pot. The average first place pay off is about \$150. The size of the pot also determines how many places will be awarded.

When Vogel was asked if it was a goal of his to ride professionally, he kind of grinned and said, "Well it's really a goal of everyone out there. Hopefully someday I'll be able to, but that's way down the road." Good luck on your "rode" to success.

## End of Schedule BB Games

- Feb 15 Kirkwood (H)
- Feb 17 William Penn (H)
- Feb 19 Clinton (H)
- Feb 19 Simpson (H)
- Feb 22 IW Clarinda (H)
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# Love Forecast

by Charlynn McFerren

## Capricorn

During this time of love and romance, you need to beware of those around you, for they will try to discourage you from new experiences. You will meet an enchanting stranger in a not so enchanting location. Remember, love blossoms anywhere.

## Aquarius

An old flame will appear out of nowhere to try and rekindle a past romance. Keep in mind that there is a reason your relationship did not work out. Meanwhile, a love struck Libra will make you the object of their desires. Could it be your perfect match?

## Pisces

Communication is the key to your success in love this month. Make sure you are sending clear signals to your love interest. The most effective way for you to catch the attention of another is through your body language. Be careful your signals aren't read by everyone, though.

## Aries

Make plans for a quiet evening with candles and wine this Valentine's Day. You will see the calmer, more peaceful side of love during this month. Don't underestimate this side though, because it will have a powerful effect on another. Keep your eyes open.

## Taurus

A chance encounter with someone who has caught your eye for a while will lead to a rather steamy affair. Be careful! Do not let your emotions blind you. This is one fire that will burn everyone in its path.

## Gemini

A distant lover will be drawn nearer to you by revealing a long kept secret. This truth will bring the two of you together, and once again love will flourish. Make sure you keep the path of honesty open, and this is one love that will never again stray.

## Cancer

Your loved one is feeling neglected. This is your month to be totally selfless. A night on the town, a special dinner, or a simple glass of champagne will put a smile on his/her face. Love will reward your generosity, so be prepared for a rather enjoyable surprise.

## Leo

Feisty Leo, you will have more than your fair share of dates this month. Your voracious appetite for love will leave you feeling over-stuffed if you don't slow down. It is a good time for you to look for someone special, instead of just trying to have a good time.

## Virgo

Cupid has his eye on you! There is a secret admirer out there watching you from a distance. You need to pay attention to the signs of affection from a friend. This one has been waiting for you to give the green light, so go ahead.

## Libra

You may feel at odds with love this month, but perhaps you aren't looking in the right places. You need to open your mind and your heart to new experiences. There is someone out there for you, but they are where you may least expect them to be.

## Scorpio

There is pressure coming from a love interest that is making you uncomfortable. Do not further this relationship until you come to an understanding. There is another who will soon enter the picture to complicate matters.

## Sagittarius

You have been granted the opportunity of a new beginning with someone. If you make wise choices in this first stage, you will see that, for you, love will no longer be fickle.

## Journey to DMACC

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self-fulfillment completely through others--not considering the necessary balance between passivity and independence. There is true reward found in giving. The catch is possessing something truly worth contributing. Others may not agree with my decisions--but if these choices are pondered wisely some may, in time, be appreciative.

I did not inherit any lavish treasures when my grandparents passed away. The riches they bequeathed are far more valuable and everlasting. I was gifted the freedom to choose and the ability to recognize error, learn and move on. It took me 41 years to appreciate and utilize this priceless inheritance. But Grandma Mollie, I've finally arrived, and my new land is called DMACC--6,560 square miles of bright future for some feisty souls who like you, Amalie, have always been a bit "nontraditional."

What has life taught you on your journey to DMACC? By viewing the experiences of others, we are given a discerning glimpse into our own. I would appreciate an interview with you. My E-mail address is PMH2101, or you can leave a message for me at 432-7203, Extension 1043.

## Designing Woman

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inspire her. She looks at very upscale clothes and sees the little details. She then sketches them and copies them to her specifications such as size, color, and fabric.

An example of this was when she saw a wool crepe jacket that she liked at Nordstroms. It was priced at \$800. She took note of the details of the jacket, bought the same fabric, and proceeded to make a similar jacket with her own alterations. The cost of her jacket was around \$60.

Mueller said that making her own clothes is more economical, and she can make variations for her size, color, and fabric. This not only makes for a less expensive price, but she can make her own innovations.

Kay Mueller wears many costumes: director, actress, teacher, student, and seamstress.



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## Daffodil Days

### Nursing students to raise money for research

By Woo-Im Jang  
Bear Facts Staff



Daffodil Days were originated by the Canadian Cancer Society and are now being observed by many American Cancer Society Divisions as a kick-off for the nationally designed Cancer Control Month of April.

Daffodils will be offered by local volunteers who call on their neighbors, distributing life-saving educational materials and requesting support for this event. Daffodil Days emphasize the spirit of renewed life and the coming of spring.

Nursing students and faculty will sell the daffodils for a \$5 donation on campus March 18-19. They will be delivered in Boone to homes and businesses.

As emphasized again, daffodils, as the first fresh flower of spring is a bright symbol of the hope that exists today because of advances in cancer research and treatment. According to Patti Burns, nursing secretary, "This is a wonderful program."

Please, call the Boone Campus Nursing Students United (Connie Booth, Nursing Department X1070 or e-mail Burns at [pjburns@dmacc.cc.ia.us](mailto:pjburns@dmacc.cc.ia.us)) to donate for cancer treatment and research and enjoy the beautiful 10 yellow flowers

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