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Photo courtesy Kay Mueller

Dana Hesser, Brooke McKnight, and Tim Rose "star" in the weekend production of "Play On." Directed by Kay Mueller, Boone Campus drama director, the show runs Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Campus Theatre and is free to DMACC students.

Admission free to DMACC students

"Play On!" opens Friday Boone Campus Theatre

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

Dana Hesser is ready to play on. Hesser has experience with previous plays at Boone Campus. Last year she was involved in the plays *Barefoot in the Park* and *The Butler Did It*. Hesser says the most fun thing about thing *Play On!* is that "It is a really good cast that is fun to work with," The most difficult thing so far Hesser says "Is trying to hold the giggles in while the other actors and actress's do their lines." Hesser's character in the play is Gerry, a community theatre director.

Amos Angkasa who has been involved with three plays in Indonesia is in his first play at Boone Campus. He enjoys the play because "It is a lot of fun." Angkasa plays Loui Perry a technician.

Play On! is a comedy of a play within a play, so things get very complicated--and funny!

The cast consists of 10 actors and actresses. Six females and four males make up the cast: Kathleen Brice, Hesser, Derrick Gorshe, Angie Doddema, Tina Smith, Tim Rose, Joe Sipple, Brooke McKnight, Angkasa and Greg Hager. The cast has been preparing everyday from 3:00 to 5:30. "It is time consuming, but he payoff is worth it," says Hesser.

The play premieres Friday November 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The second show will be Saturday November 9 at 8:00 p.m. If you are a student at DMACC there is no fee. All you must show is a library card. If you do not have card, you can go to the library and get one for free, allowing you the chance to watch the play.

Time to think about spring registration

DMACC spring/summer schedules are now on campus. Students are encouraged to pick up schedules from the Main Office and begin planning for spring and summer classes. Students may register in person, by telephone, mail or fax. See page 2 of the registration schedule for numbers and addresses.

Although all students on the Boone Campus can preregister by contacting George Silberhorn or Rich Finnestad in the Main Office, official registration begins November 18. Silberhorn, academic counselor said, "Students need to get in and get registered early. There are

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DMACC's first Brain Bowl to be held November 18

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

"I'll take Roman History for a hundred, Alex..." Do you watch Jeopardy? Do you watch it so much that you find yourself yelling at the contestants when they don't know the answer? Well do we have something for you!

On November 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Boone DMACC campus theater, the 1st annual DMACC Brain Bowl will be held. The Brain Bowl, which was created by Terry Jamieson, Boone DMACC athletic director and educational advisor, will be a traditional yearly event. It is a student event based on the same format as the ever popular Jeopardy game show.

Each DMACC department, for example, psychology, biology, journalism, nursing, mathematics, athletics, etc., will have the opportunity to chose a team to compete. Each team will consist of three people. There are ten teams from various departments as of now, and almost every department has submitted at least one team.

To start the event off, there will be a one-hour qualifying session for all the teams. Then, once your team has qualified, you will move on to the finals. The questions will be broad, trivia type questions, that will be submitted by each of the Boone DMACC departments. Faculty members will serve as judges.

A trophy will be awarded to the winning team and will remain in the winning team's department until it is won by a different department. Additional prizes, donated by Sports Page in the North Grand Mall in Ames, will also be awarded.

Students wanting to participate who haven't been contacted are asked to talk to their instructors about forming a team. There will be free admission for spectators, and the public is invited to watch.

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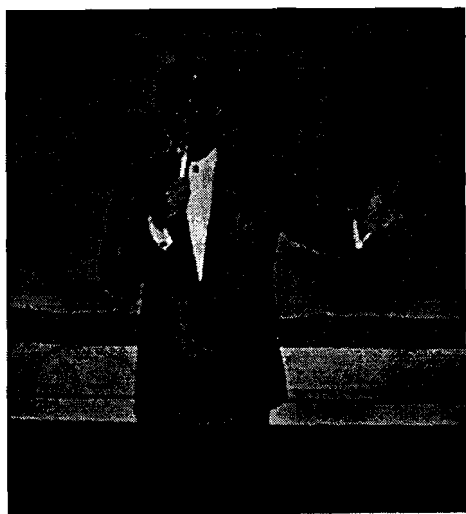
Bill Byrne speaks to a full auditorium

By Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff

Taco Johns CEO, Bill Byrne, an award winning business writer with a book and video series entitled "Habits of Wealth" spoke to Boone Campus students and staff last week.

Byrne's background includes growing up an Iowa farm boy. He studied at Iowa State, worked at WOI and KGGO radio and a radio station in Omaha. He went into the investment business and got a job working at Dain Bosworth in Minneapolis and at the same time started a franchise called Taco Johns.

Byrne spoke on the challenge of get-



Bill Byrne

ting along with, working with, leading, and understanding other people. He also spoke on integrity. He said if he could leave people with one thing it would be "trust." "You've got to be trustworthy. Do you tell the truth? Do you talk behind others' backs? Are you a different in a person's presence than you are when they're not around?"

Byrne then opened the floor for questions and answers. One of the questions asked was "What is meant by Workplace of the Future?" His answer was that the most important resource of the future was going to be the human resource. He went on to say that leadership was divided into two parts: the numerical, (the stuff you learn in school, accounting, business management, etc.) and the soft stuff (human relations).

When asked about the importance of an accountant, Byrne said that of eighty-two applicants, he chose the most expensive one and he was worth it. He then asked his accountant Jeff Brahms to speak. Brahms said that accountants need to come out of their box. They need to look beyond the debits and credits and begin thinking how they can provide solutions.

Vicki Tronchetti, DMACC student said, "What the accountant said was timely for me." She plans to call her brother, who is a business owner, and tell him he needs to better utilize his account-

DMACC's Business Administration and Office Technology instructor, Mary Jane Green said, "It wasn't what I expected. I was hoping to gain more information about the workplace of the future. I don't feel we got to the issues with his question and answer format."

SAB Update--

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

Student Action Board met Tuesday, November 5 at Godfathers and October 30 in the Courter Center. SAB members Joel Cox and Stacy Strovers volunteered to put together a Thanksgiving meal for DMACC students. People who eat will be asked to donate either a canned good or a money donation.

Terry Jamieson, SAB co-adviser announced that all athletic events will be free to everyone.

SAB discussed putting on an area-wide talent show and a Christmas party in the planning stages for area elementary school children.

Campus Cafe

Because of the lack of student interest in the Campus Cafe, the SAB is looking into buying a fryer, which would allow the cooks to create more of a variety. Since the Campus Cafe committee met after the Nov. 5 meeting, this was put on hold.

Opening the Campus Cafe during student events and for the benefit of clubs and special interest groups was also discussed. The SAB members thought this might bring in more revenue, not only for the Campus Cafe, but also for the groups using the cafe.

Cable TV

The SAB discussed the student center television, which only gets four channels. According to George Silberhorn, SAB advisor, running cable to the Boone DMACC campus has been tried before. The SAB decided to look into getting a satellite dish, or a mini-satellite dish system. Amie Herrick, SAB secretary, volunteered to get the information.

Herrick talked to Tim Jones, PrimeStar representative and DISH Network representative, Larry Kelly. DMACC is currently negotiating prices offered by these two firms.

ATM Machine

ATM machine accessibility on the Boone DMACC campus was discussed. Chris Abbott, and Dana Hesser, SAB members, volunteered to get the information needed from the local banks.

After the October meeting, Abbott contacted Mercantile Bank that said it would contact George Silberhorn or Jamieson, SAB advisers.

The SAB members discussed individually talking to the instructors that are club or special interest group leaders about sending their delegates to the Board.

Members attending the October meeting included, Theresa Johnson, SAB president, Amie Herrick, SAB secretary, Chris Abbott, SAB member, Dana Hesser, SAB member, Charles Whiteing, Bear Facts SAB delegate, Terry Jamieson, SAB advisor, and George Silberhorn, SAB advisor. Members not in attendance were elected members Joel Cox, and Stacy Strovers. All were in attendance at the November meeting.



Dean's Comments

I'm glad to be back on campus after being gone for a week in California. Traveling out west made me appreciate the "friendliness" of Iowa people.

I'm anxious for the fall activities to begin: the drama production on Nov. 8 and 9, and the upcoming men's and womens' basketball season.

It is unfortunate that the bus that was operating between Ames and the Boone campus had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Only three people were taking advantage of the transportation.

Students attend conference in KC

By Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff

Two students, Stephanie Buenting and Tracy Nowlin, both in DMACC's Leisure Studies program attended the National Parks and Recreation Convention in Kansas City on Thursday, October 24.

"Leisure Studies," said Bill Alley, "is designed to provide skills necessary for graduates to construct and conduct recreation in a variety of settings. Settings include municipal parks and recreation, therapeutic recreation and commercial and resort recreation."

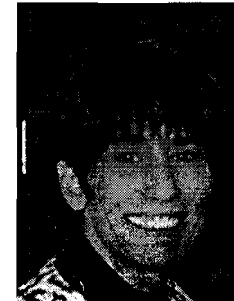
Buenting's goals include a career in Parks and Recreation and Resort. Nowlin is interested in Tourism and Resort.

Buenting said of the convention, "One of the best things was the internship selection. However, the prices were steep for the conference and the presenters should have been more organized."



Stephanie Buenting

Nowlin said, "It was a great experience. It will be better, I hope, next year. I don't think it's geared to students. The educational booths were wonderful."




Tracy Nowlin

Photos by Melinda Gorman

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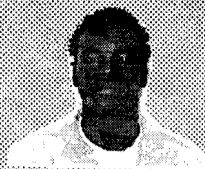
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THE DAILY GRIND

By Moses Lueth

Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening. With all those formalities aside, I would like to delve into some issues that make me speculate daily on why things are so. It is most obvious that we live in a very strange country and only here in America can such things happen:

Only in America can a cross dressing, nail painting, hair dying, head butting power forward of the Chicago Bulls have his own TV show. Only in America can the birth of a baby by a diva be consider a national news event. Only in America can people such as the unabomber, the freeman, and the Michigan Militia be your neighbors and you have no clue.

What a swell place! From sea to shining sea, I predict by the year 2000 that Montana is going to be the haven for all of America's fanatics. As a result of this, Montana will secede from union and become a separate country. The Michigan Militia will become the Montana Militia, the freemen will finally be free and the unabomber will be pardoned on the condition he create a new super bomb for the military. Rodman and Rupual will get married and live crazily ever after and Madonna will have three more kids all by different fathers.

This land is your land. This land is my land. From the Redwood forest... To the gulf stream waters... This land was made for you and me. So long, bye bye, and all that good stuff.

Good things here to stay at DMACC

By Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Writer

We seem to live in a world of doom and gloom sometimes. Everything is working against us, and no matter how hard we try, nothing good happens. However, just take a look around and you will be surprised at what you find.

DMACC has a lot of things to offer, and a lot of them are free for students. The cost for these activities has been paid for by our activity fees. If you've already paid for something, why not take advantage of it?

The fall play, "Play On," is being offered free to students on November 8th and 9th at 8 P.M. This would make a great night out for you and that special someone. You'd even have money left over for a pizza after the play. I can't think of a less expensive night out on the town.

If theater isn't your cup of tea, on November 24th at 3 P.M. the men's basketball team goes up against the Australian men's team. This world class team is coming to DMACC, and guess what, it's free to students. You can't see a game at ISU for this price, even if you are a student there.

On a daily basis, we have some of the least expensive and best tasting food on a college campus. There are rumors that the cafe might be closed do to lack of patronage, but I see a constant flow of traffic while they are open. Good food at an inexpensive price just can't be beat.

On a down note, we have lost the shuttle bus service between Ames and Boone, but at least we tried. Maybe someday in the future we can make the bus service a reality again. Major things of this nature are hard to get started, and with government cut backs, will cost us more in the future, but are still worthy of our efforts.

The next time you have the feeling that the world is against you, just look at some of the good things around you. You are bound to find that "silver lining" without to much effort.

Speaking of "silver linings," we here at the Boone Bear Facts have a free T-shirt to give away. The 10th person to E-MAIL me at MHW2001 will win a free WOI T-shirt. This is the classic tan WOI T-shirt, in a size large, and it is pre-shrunk to fit. Good things do happen to DMACC students.

"Big Fella" hits it big

By Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Writer

A life of mythic proportions comes to the big screen in "Michael Collins." This film may well be this years best movie.

"Michael Collins" depicts the mythic life of the father of the IRA. Veiled in mystery, his life and efforts are only now becoming clear. He was secretive in a way that even the British had no idea what he looked like until he went to England to sign the treaty.

Unlike last years choice for Best Picture "Braveheart," this film stays closer to its historical reality. Much about Michael Collins is unknown, but what is known has been kept intact. Where "Braveheart" played fast and loose with history, "Michael Collins" hits the mark. Some may have a problem with this history, but keep in mind this was a time of much descent.

Starting with the dismally planned Easter Rebellion, the movie chronicles the lives of those involved with the Irish Revolution, focusing on Michael Collins (Liam Nesson) and his cohorts. The gorilla warfare that brought about England's decision to formulate a treaty, is the center of the story.

The revolution is lead by Eamon de Valera (Alan Rickman), until he is captured and jailed. He is later freed in a jail break. He then sails to America to gain support for the free Irish state cause.

Harry Boland (Aidan Quinn) is Collin's best friend and confidant. They live and fight together, and even fall in love with the same woman, Kitty Kiernan (Julia Roberts). After the treaty has been signed, Kitty accepts Michael's marriage

proposal. Harry breaks with his best friend and joins the opposition led by de Valera.

The film ends with Michael's death. Fatally wounded by a sniper in an ambush out side of his home town, in the county of Cork, Collins dies. Ireland is once again thrown into turmoil. The final scenes are of the actual funeral procession for Michael Collins.

Liam Nesson plays Michael Collins with the same force and presence that he brought to Oscar Schindler. He makes "The Big Fella" come to life, and makes him real to those who know little of his life.

The supporting cast is excellent. Most notable are Julia Roberts, who plays Kitty so quietly and understatedly that you believe you are watching the real Kitty, and not a Hollywood actress. Quinn is marvelous as Collins friend. And Rikman, who at times is to understand with his heavy accent is magnificent in his portrayal of de Valera.

Director Neil Jordan ("Crying Game," "Interview With A Vampire") has written and directed one of this decades most powerful movies, ranking with the likes of "Schindlers List." Jordan does admit to taking some liberties with the story, but has kept it as historically accurate as possible.

Of all the movies I have seen this past year, I would recommend "Michael Collins" above all others. In my opinion this film definitely receives a ☺☺.

Ratings

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| ☺☺ | -Excellent | ☺☹ | -So-so |
| ☺☹ | -Very Good | ☹☹ | -Bad |
| ☹☹ | -Average | ●* | -Bomb |

"Big Fellas" at the movies

1. *Ben-Hur* ☺☺

Grand scale epic.

2. *Braveheart* ☺☺

Men in skirts, oh boy!

3. *Excalibur* ☺☺

Man, myth, or legend, you decide.

4. *Hoffa* ☺☺

Nicholson is the best thing in this movie.

5. *Malcolm X* ☺☺

Spike Lee at his best

6. *Nixon* ☺☺

Subtitled "A Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue"

7. *Patton* ☺☺

Old "Blood and Guts" at the movies.

8. *Spartacus* ☺☺

Lend me your toga.

9. *The Ten Commandments* ☺☺

Great story, great cast

10. *Wyatt Earp* ☺☹

Over done, over long, over Costner.

Partying leads to conviction

Still paying for it today!

Writer tells story in hopes that others will learn from his mistakes.

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

It all started on a beautiful, warm summers night when I was nineteen years old. Some friends of mine, and myself, were camping and doing some fishing. Of course, the later it got, the fishing started to dwindle and the drinking became more important. We were having a good time, listening to the radio, talking about old times, and passing the time with our "profound" drunken philosophies, when all of a sudden we had a major crisis on our hands. We ran out of beer!

Although I was not old enough to purchase liquor, I had connections. I volunteered to run to town, and save the day by getting us more beer. One of my buddies opted to come with me.

In my rear-view mirror I saw the lights of the police car race towards me.

Everything was coming together just fine. We made it to town, we got the beer, and we were on our way back to the campsite when, in my drunken excitement, I ran a stop sign. In my rear-view mirror I saw the lights of the police car race towards me. There was nothing I could do; I was caught.

I pulled over and decided to face the officer like a man, or maybe a scared little

boy. I was "busted." The police officer pulled me out of the car, made me go through those embarrassing sobriety tests, handcuffed me, read me my rights, and took me to jail. How demoralizing. I felt like a criminal. I just wanted to cry.

When I got to jail I felt even more demoralized. They searched me, they fingerprinted me, they even took my mug shot, then to top it all off, I had to wear one of those unflattering, bright orange jump suits. I was then placed in a holding cell with a colorful bunch of assorted derelicts and deviants, where I would spend the rest of the night. Well, I had plenty of time to think, because I sure wasn't going to go to sleep.

I wasn't going to call my parents; there was no way.

What was I going to do? I wasn't going to call my parents; there was no way. My buddies! They wouldn't fail me, they would come get me come morning. Besides, I was the one who had got them more beer. Well, to make a long story short, a very long story, my buddies came and got me, my parents of course finally found out, and I got to experience the next demoralizing part of driving drunk, going to court to be sentenced.

I was convicted of OMVI, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, but I had an "ace in the hole," I had a great lawyer. He cut a deal with the courts, called a deferred sentence. This means that I would lose my license for six months, spend one year on probation, and would have to attend alcohol treatment classes.

But after these requirements were met, the OMVI would be off of my rec-

ord. This was great, I was getting a second chance.

Well, I soon blew my second chance. It wasn't but three months later, I was out partying and having a good time, okay, maybe getting a little drunk, when all my friends decided that it was time to go home. I wasn't ready to go home. I still wanted to party. "Let them go home, I'll find another party," I thought to myself.

I was on my way to suffering the same humiliation that I had vowed never to experience again.

My friends dropped me off at home, and even though my drivers license had been suspended, I rounded up my beer, climbed into my car, and in my invincible state, started on my quest to find a party. Not but twenty minutes later I was pulled over, and by the same officer who pulled me over the first time. I was on my way to suffering the same humiliation that I had vowed never to experience again.

When I went to court the second time, they were not quite as lenient on me. They dropped my deferred sentence and charged me with the first OMVI.

I wouldn't see my license for at least two years, I would be on probation forever, I had to serve forty-eight hours in county jail, and I would be in alcohol treatment programs until I was of legal age to drink.

They then charged me with a second OMVI, and to top it all off, they charged me with driving with a suspended license. I was in a world of hurt. I wouldn't see my license for at least two years, I would be on probation forever, I had to serve forty-eight hours in county jail, and I would be in alcohol treatment programs until I was of legal age to drink. I ask you, was it all worth it? Well I guess it

was because I continued to drink. I just didn't drive.

My parents became very worried, but what could they do, I didn't live at home anymore. I had a good job, I was making good money, and I was the fun guy. Everyone wanted to party with me because I knew how to have a good time, or was it just because everyone likes to laugh at a drunken fool?

All I knew was that I was having fun. I flunked out of school, but I didn't care, I had a good paying job. But if that was the case, how come I could never pay my bills?

My parents, being very worried, decided to invade my privacy for my own good. They went through all of my returned checks, and found that I had written over \$2,000 worth of checks, in one year, to liquor stores and bars. Of course, that's not counting what I paid for in cash.

I spent my time in A.A., and in alcohol treatment classes, but I still kept drinking. Then one day I met this girl, and something happened.

I turned.....responsible. The more this girl and I started to see each other, the more my bills got paid, and I started to have more money. I couldn't figure it out at first. I wasn't making anymore money than I had before. Then it dawned on me. I wasn't drinking as much. My A.A. and alcohol treatment classes even started to become more important to me. It seems that my partying was taking a back-seat to this girl.

Now I don't know if it was because my priorities changed, or because I was growing up, or if it was all those alcohol education classes finally soaking in, but what I do know is that I married that girl, I went back to school, and I started to straighten my life out. But what I also know is that it has been three years since I was in trouble with the law, and I am still paying for it today.

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Rotaract members discuss their upcoming elections. From left to right are Joanne Johnson, Matt Tedrow, Derrick Gorsche, Jaelyn Kelly, Courtney Hall, and Advisor Lee McNair.

Rotaract serves community with leadership

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

The Rotaract Club is sponsored by the Boone Rotary Club. Its advisor is Lee McNair, Boone Campus sociology instructor. The club is in the process of organizing and having an election of officers. Its main purpose is to provide service to the community and leadership training for its members.

Any college student is eligible to participate. Any person interested in joining should know that he/she is not obligated to attend every meeting or to serve on every project. What is appreciated is to perform what you say you will do.

Club membership, at this time, is made up of three or four returning members and about five new prospective members. The club is interested in any new members.

Several possible upcoming projects

include a food drive, a coat and mitten drive, a toy drive, and an outreach to the River Valley Residential Services.

The Rotaract has already helped on the voter forum held on campus and has had a recruiting table set up on campus to hand out literature.

The Rotaract bases its goals on five principles, which are also the goals of the Rotary Club:

- Developing friendships in order to provide service
- Promoting high ethical standards in business and the professions
- Using one's job as an opportunity to serve society
- Doing community service
- Advancing international understanding and peace

The club also provides opportunities for socializing. It meets every other week. Watch the hall posters for the place and time.



Now that the Bear Facts is up and running again, I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of those who sent cards of well-wishing and happiness to me while I was in the hospital during the first week of April this year. You will never, never, know what the messages meant to me lying there all alone in my room, when they were delivered by the mail person, who brings such joy and uplifting to a person in the condition I was in at the time.

Seeing them pinned on the board facing my bed each day brought the thought that I was neither forgotten nor alone in my trial at the time. Unless you have been in a hospital bed in a pleasant but prison-like room unable to get out of bed and have the freedom of movement, as I was for so many days, you will not even come close to appreciating how much seeing those bright, hopeful cards and letters meant to me. Thank you one and all of my former classmates and especially the staff of DMACC-BOONE for taking the time and making the effort to comfort a former student.

I am home now and am feeling as fine as is possible under the circumstances of my condition. I simply wanted to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you there at my school of growing up.

Yours Sincerely,
Robert Plumb

(former Bear Facts columnist, "The Old Codger")

The year 2000 headache

By Tuan Trinh & Helmi Jazem

Bear Facts Staff

It is just three years ahead that we will begin with the twenty first century. Things around us will change very fast; computer technology will be beyond the imagination, much better and more advanced. Along with that, the 21st century might bring us the 2000 computer bug or headache. And if businesses are not careful about it, their computers will turn the milestone to millstone.

The computer, bug is not really a bug. It is a computer failure to recognize the year 2000. By the year 2000, when the clock turns to 12 a.m., January 1, we will celebrate the beginning of the 21st century. The computer, however, will celebrate the beginning of the 20th century. While the calendars will read Jan 1, 2000, computers will jump back word from 31-12-99 to 01-01-00 instead.

Back in the 1960's and 1970's, computer programmers wanted to minimize data as much as possible because the computer storage and memory was so limited and valuable. As a step to do that, the date in the computers was written in the form mm-dd-yy. That means that the first two digits of the year, 19, were not written. The year 78 meant 1978. Since then, computers have recognized the year by its last two digits. Since then, most, if not all, computer programs have been written to recognize the date by the two year digit.

Programmers in those days did not think of what would happen to computers or how the computers will respond to the year 2000. You might ask yourself what is the problem here? Just take a good look and you will find that the two tiny zeroes can make disasters for businesses and individuals.

No one knows for sure what exactly will happen when the clock reaches 12:00:01 a.m. on January 1, 2000. But if businesses do not do something, analysts predict that consumers will see all sorts of computer-generated gremlins. For example, in 2000, a boy born in 1984 is applying for a driver's license. Does the computer read his age 16 or 84?


Another example, suppose you pay the utility bill for the current month every beginning of the following month. On January 1, 2000, the computer will show that you have not paid for 99 years, from 12/31/99 to 01/01/00. Assume that you are making a long distance call two minutes before midnight of 2000. When you receive your bill, you will figure out that you are charged for a call that lasted for 99 years, from 1/1/00 to 12/30/99.

Suppose you make a claim in 1999 on an insurance policy that started in '98 and expires in '00. Depending on the computer arithmetic, it may conclude that you had a 98-year policy that expired in 1998, making the 1999 claim invalid. Finally, foods that are brand new in the market are shown in the computer to be expired since 00, 1900.

The problem seems so easy to solve. Just change the program of the date from two digit year to four year digit. Actually, it is more difficult than we think. It is costly, too. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the Gartner Group, a Stamford, Connecticut, consulting firm, estimates that it will cost \$600 billion to overcome this problem and finding a solution to the problem will cost \$600 billion worldwide to be solved. Computer programs, payroll programs, bank statements programs, social security programs, stocks and bonds market programs, insurance programs, telephone companies programs, and every device that contains the date program in this planet is to be tested against this failure before the end of the century.

There is no specific solution for the dating problem yet. Computer companies and corporations, even competitors, are working together to find the remedy. Corporations in US, India, and Ireland are connected with each other so that the operations run 24 hours a day. Moreover, programmers have to come up with the solution no alter than 1998 so that they have a one-year period to test, adjust, and apply the solution to the business world.

If anyone is interested in this subject and want to get further information, he or she could go to the CNN web site, <http://www.cnn.com/...2000.bug/index.html>



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Extra-curricular activities Priorities dictate involvement

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

How involved are students on this campus in campus life and in extra-curricular activities? This question has arisen at various times on campus and has been asked by both students and faculty alike.

As a part time student here, I knew what my limitations were in becoming involved in activities. However, I wanted to know how other students and teachers saw this issue.

"It's a different world today than back when I was going to school. Students today are focused differently and their priorities are different. There are more students today who are older and have decided to come back to school to pursue a career change. These students are much more likely to be married and have children."

Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Dean

In talking with Dean Philips, he stated, "It's a different world today than back when I was going to school." Students today are focused differently and their priorities are different. There are more students today who are older and have decided to come back to school to pursue a career change. These students are much more likely to be married and have children. Philips also believes that things go in cycles. "Today's students are generally in a cycle of being mainly satisfied." They want to better their status in life and improve their opportunities.

When asked about the possibility of dormitory living at the Boone Campus as altering involvement, he stated that "dormitories might make a difference." It might encourage younger students living on campus to be more active.

George Silberhorn, academic counselor, thinks that the Boone Campus has "good participation." In fact, he believes that it has better participation than other DMACC campuses. The S.A.B. (Student Action Board), even though it needs to be more exposed to the student body, has had a history of being pretty viable. Silberhorn believes that the interest in student government can be stimulated again.

Silberhorn agreed with Dean Philips that the composition of the student body has changed over the past 25 years. In 1972, when he was first involved, there was a much younger student body coming directly out of high school.

Today there are more older students juggling work, families and school. Of those that are serving on the S.A.B., everyone works more than 20 hours a week. Silberhorn believes that the Boone cam-

pus is unique in that it tries to offer to students what they are interested in. For example, the international students have rallied to the new badminton set up in the gym. He is certain that the new intramural and athletic director, Terry Jamieson, has brought new enthusiasm to the athletic program. "His energy is rubbing off on everyone - especially during the day," Silberhorn said.

In speaking with Terry Jamieson, he believes that intramurals and athletics on the Boone Campus are "out of this world." He does not believe that they had been taken seriously for a long time. In fact, intramurals was basically nonexistent when he arrived. He said "It boiled down to me deciding I wanted it to work or I didn't."

Jamieson is a strong advocate of the work ethic. "You must work to get things done." One of his favorite mottos is "Some people dream of success, other people wake up in the morning and work at it."

Jamieson believes that there are very few people who really want to do the "leg work." He appreciates the front line workers such as the secretaries at the front desk, who really deserve the credit.

"Leaders need to stand up for what they believe."

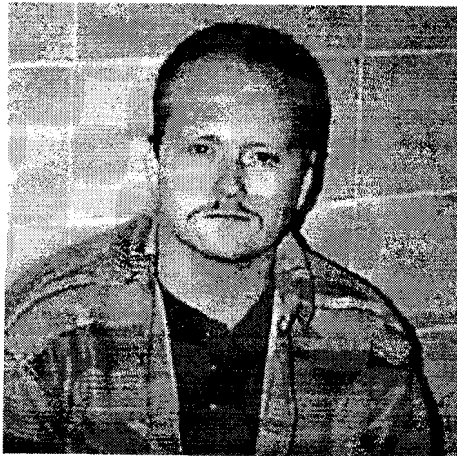
Terry Jamieson, athletic director

Jamieson believes that the secret to "being involved" is to "wake up with goals in mind." He says he gets frustrated with young people who are not responsible for their actions. In his dealings with students, he believes that they still want the guidelines for discipline and old fashioned values. "Leaders need to stand up for what they believe."

In speaking to various students on campus about being involved in activities, there were wide ranges of responses. Many of them had to do with priorities. Apparently, there are a good deal of students on campus who work and they have to balance classes and work. Then there are students who have families that they must work their school life around. There are students who are wanting to do their best academically and do not believe they can afford the time to join outside activities. There are also the students who have not been able to organize, as yet, their priorities.

One thing is sure, however. If there is a desire on the part of a student to be involved in extra-curricular activities, they exist here on the Boone campus. There are plenty of intramural and athletic opportunities.

In conclusion, the best advice to students seems to be as follows: Organize your goals, set your priorities, and then discover where you want to fit in.



Jason Bowles

I'm not and it's because I'm working 40 hours a week and trying to get back into Iowa State.



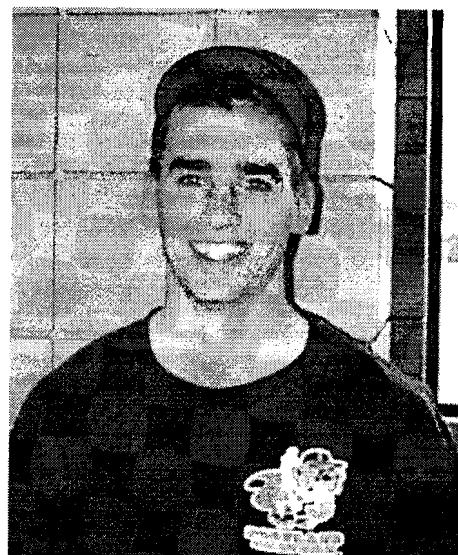
Julia Muljadi

I'm not into any of them right now. I would like to get involved. The beginning of this semester, I just couldn't handle too many things at one time.

Talk Back

Text and photos by Lorraine Powell

Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities at DMACC this semester?



Kevin Selway

I'm on the baseball team. I play on intramural flag football. I volunteer on a regular basis for school events.



Jennifer Kaltanheuser

I don't belong to anything. I'm trying to concentrate my first year here on studying.

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November 15-16 Men's team travels to Indian Hills for opener

By Jason Pugh
Bear Facts Staff

The men's basketball team has been busy practicing and scrimmaging helping them prepare for the upcoming season. The team has also been doing a little traveling.

They have traveled to Missouri to see how they would handle playing an opposing team for the first time this season. In Missouri, the team was matched up against a tremendous amount of talented Division I schools, and they also played the defending Division II national champions. Head Coach Marv Bouillon said, "The objective of playing in Missouri was to get a look at the players for the first time against an opposing school and also to see how the team would play with each other."

Coach Bouillon also added that the Bears played extremely hard and played well considering Missouri was their first scrimmages.

Another pre-season scrimmage saw the Bears take on a Division I team from Iowa Western as they traveled to DMACC October 24. According to Coach Bouillon the main objective again

was to see how his players were improving and to watch them against a good competitive team.

Coach Bouillon talked about Iowa Western. "They were well conditioned and had seven or eight players that could possibly go to the next level and play for a Division I university." Bouillon also added that "considering that only 14 players dressed for the game, they played very well and seemed to be improving."

On November 15 and 16 the Bears will be playing in the Indian Hills Invitational Tournament at Indian Hills Community College. The Bears will be the only Division II team competing in the tournament.

The Australian National basketball team will be paying a visit to DMACC to take on the Bears in a pre-season match up. The game will take place on November 24 at 3 p.m.

Coach Marv Bouillon commented on the upcoming season. "It will be a very competitive season. We play a tough Indian Hills team along with a good Council Bluffs team. I think that what we accomplish by Christmas will be a good indication of how things will be for the season."

DMACC MENS BASKETBALL 1996-97

November 15&16	Indian Hills Tournament	TBA (A)
November 20	Kirkwood	8:00 pm (A)
November 24	Australian National Team	3:00 pm (H)
November 30	Carl Sandburg Classic	TBA (A)
December 1	Illinois Central	3:00 pm (A)
December 4	Marshalltown	8:00 pm (H)
December 7	NAICC	4:00 pm (H)
December 9	Ellsworth	8:00 pm (H)
December 11	Indian Hills	7:00 pm (A)
January 8	IW Clarinda	7:00 pm (A)
January 11	Iowa Lakes	4:00 pm (H)
January 15	Clinton	7:00 pm (A)
January 18	Waldorf	3:00 pm (A)
January 22	SWCC	7:00 pm (A)
January 27	ICCC	8:00 pm (H)
January 29	Ellsworth	8:00 pm (A)
February 1	Iowa Lakes	7:00 pm (A)
February 3	NIACC	8:00 pm (A)
February 5	William Penn	8:00 pm (A)
February 8	Waldorf	4:00 pm (H)
February 10	Marshalltown	8:00 pm (A)
February 15	Kirkwood	4:00 pm (H)
February 17	William Penn	8:00 pm (H)
February 19	Clinton	6:00 pm (H)
February 22	IW Clarinda	2:00 pm (H)
February 24	SWCC	8:00 pm (H)
February 26	ICCC	8:00 pm (A)
February 29	Regionals-NIACC	(?)



Women play as team Open November 20 at Kirkwood

By Jason Pugh
Bear Facts Staff

The '96-'97 edition of the Bears womens' basketball team has been getting ready for the upcoming season. Scrimmaging Council Bluffs has helped them for the preparation.

New women's coach, Terry Jamieson commented on the game with Council Bluffs. "We played well, especially in the second half. We don't have the most talented team, but we work well together and we play extremely hard."

Coach Jamieson also added that this years' team is a very good group of young women, and it is very easy to become attached to them.

Dottie Ausborn, player for this year's

team commented about the upcoming season: "I think we all play as a team and most of all we have a lot of fun. Coach Jamieson is going out on the limb for the team, so we will bust our butts for him all season."

Ausborn also commented on the team's scrimmages. "I don't believe we played to our potential although we did figure out we can be as good as we want to be. I guess I would chalk it up as a very needed learning experience and a fun road trip."

The team was supposed to travel to Kansas City to play another pre-season scrimmage but lack of participating schools canceled the trip.

The women's team opens season play at the end of November.

Press Day Saturday

A press day has been announced on the DMACC Boone Campus for Saturday, November 16, at 11am. The public is invited to meet the new players of the newly organized program.

DMACC WOMENS BASKETBALL 1996-97

November 20	Kirkwood CC	6:00 pm (A)
November 22	Iowa Central Tournament	TBA (A)
November 23	Iowa Central Tournament	TBA (A)
November 26	Graceland College JV	5:00 pm (A)
November 30	Carl Sandburg CC	1:00 pm (A)
December 1	Illinois Central CC	1:00 pm (A)
December 4	Marshalltown CC	6:00 pm (H)
December 7	NIACC CC	2:00 pm (H)
December 9	Ellsworth CC	6:00 pm (H)
December 11	Graceland College JV	5:00 pm (H)
January 8	Simpson College JV	6:00 pm (A)
January 11	Iowa Lakes CC	2:00 pm (H)
January 18	Waldorf CC	1:00 pm (A)
January 22	Southwestern CC	5:30 pm (A)
January 27	Iowa Central CC	6:00 pm (H)
January 29	Ellsworth CC	6:00 pm (A)
February 1	Iowa Lakes CC	5:00 pm (A)
February 3	NIACC	6:00 pm (A)
February 5	William Penn College JV	6:00 pm (?)
February 8	Waldorf CC	2:00 pm (H)
February 10	Marshalltown CC	6:00 pm (A)
February 12	Wartburg College JV	7:00 pm (H)
February 15	Kirkwood CC	2:00 pm (H)
February 17	William Penn College JV	6:00 pm (?)
February 19	Simpson College JV	8:00 pm (H)
February 24	Southwestern CC	6:00 pm (H)
February 26	Iowa Central CC	6:00 pm (A)
March 1	Regional Tournament	TBA



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The Ledges, near Boone, Iowa, offers a contrast in line, shapes, hues, and seasons, as captured here by Kelly Plumb, DMACC photography student. Plumb is taking PHOT105, Principles of Photography, from Bob Person on the Boone Campus this semester. Plumb is a second year student from Jefferson, Iowa.

Registering for classes from page 1

a lot of students to register." Career Education Programs register first, followed by liberal arts.

Classes begin on all DMACC campuses on January 13, 1997. The official end of registration is five days after classes begin in the spring. Classes will again be dismissed in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 20. The last day of classes next spring will be May 8, 1997. Graduation exercises will be held the following day at 10 a.m. in the auditorium.

Summer school begins on June 2, 1997, next year. Students should note that this is later in the summer than classes have previously begun at DMACC.

For those of you planning ahead for spring term, Spring Break will be held from March 24-29, 1997. Also, there will be no classes on any DMACC campus on March 7, 1997, due to an all-staff in-service.

Students are encouraged to read the new material contained in the registration schedule of classes, besides just turning to the Boone section, for a complete explanation of costs, refunds, scholarship information, etc.

Weather Cancellation Awareness

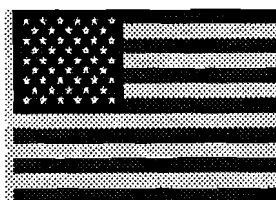
If weather conditions in the early morning hours warrant, the decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather will most generally be made around 6 a.m. As soon as a decision has been made to cancel Boone Campus classes, the radio stations listed below will be contacted.

Listen to the following area radio stations for weather cancellations:

KWBG - AM (1590) BOONE
KCIM - AM (1380) CARROLL
KKRL - FM (93.7) CARROLL
KDLS - AM (1310) PERRY/JEFFERSON
KDLS - FM (101.7) PERRY/JEFFERSON
KLSN - FM (98.9) JEFFERSON
KEZT - FM (104) AMES

Cancellation announcements will also be recorded on the Boone Campus telephone system. The announcements on the telephone system can be accessed by dialing 432-7203 directly or by contacting the Boone Campus through the toll free number 1-800-362-2127 and pressing 3 for Boone Campus.

If the weather conditions during the school day warrant an early dismissal I will make the decision, notify staff and notify the radio station as soon as possible. The decision to cancel evening classes will most generally be made by 4:30 p.m.



Melinda's Musings

To the usually unsung heroines and heroes in America today...

During peace time, the military and veterans since W.W.II are forgotten. Gone are the days that GI dolls are adored by all boys.

Unless, of course, someone is complaining about military spending in the political arena. But would the Gulf War have ended so quickly if it hadn't been for the money for the research and the building of that fancy Star Wars type machinery? The military has developed some pretty cool stuff that later was beneficial to the civilian world. Radar is one example.

It seems those men and women who went to Kuwait in the Gulf War risked more than just their lives. They risked their health. Recently it's come to light that those who were in the Gulf War were exposed to some kind of chemical warfare. When people started to get sick shortly after the war, government officials said there was nothing that could have caused these problems. Was it a cover up? More and more reported sickness, and now they're saying it looks like when places were bombed, those in a certain mile radius were exposed. Not a few, not a hundred, but thousands!

Someone recently said that if it weren't for secrets and trying to cover them up that soap operas wouldn't exist. Secrets make the world go round. And we all thought it was love.

Thank you to those who gave up a portion of their lives to safeguard America in the Army, Navy, Marines, and yes, the National Guard.