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News Briefs

Adult learners to meet today at 12:10

Boone Campus-- Ellen Fairchild, Coordinator of the Office of Adult Learner and Commuter Student Programs for Iowa State University, will be the guest speaker at a special meeting of the REZOOMERS CLUB Wednesday, April 17, at 12:10 p.m. in the conference room east of the L.W. Courter Center.

Tour offered of ISU

Boone Campus-- A school van will leave from DMACC's southwest door at 2:30 p.m. today for a tour of ISU. If you would like to participate in the tour, please contact Maggie Stone in Room 124 by noon April 16. The van will return to DMACC at approximately 4:30 p.m. All who are interested are encouraged to participate in the tour.

Time to register for summer

DMACC-- Students planning to attend summer school may begin formal registration Monday. Most summer school classes begin on May 22, but some accelerated classes are being offered this year on the Boone Campus.

Newspaper leading Earth Day cleanup

Boone Campus-- *Bear Facts* staff is sponsoring a clean up for Earth Day, April 22, 1996. All students, faculty and staff willing to spend an hour picking up litter on the east access road, are asked to meet in the Courter Center at 9:05 a.m. Rotaract, a Boone Campus service club, will provide refreshments after the cleanup in the center.

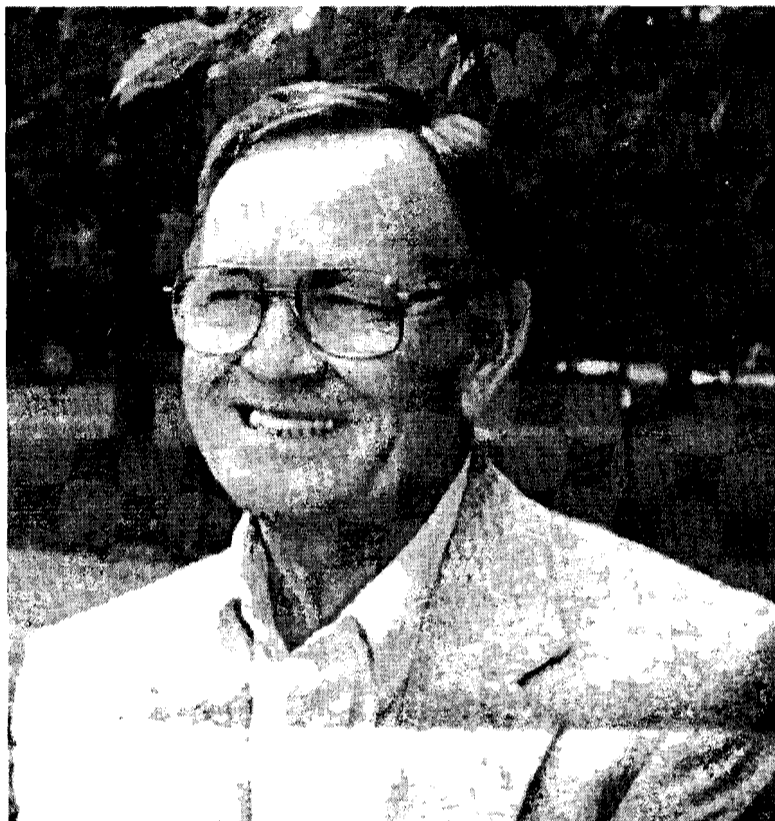


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"The Voice of Boone Campus"



Michael O'Brien, second term Iowa House of Representatives, will speak at DMACC Boone Campus graduation on May 10.

O'Brien to speak

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

This year's graduation ceremony will take place on May 10, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boone Campus gym.

Approximately one hundred students will be participating. Michael O'Brien, second term Iowa House of Representative from Boone will be the speaker. Rep. O'Brien has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Northern Iowa and

has done graduate work in American history at Iowa State University. He taught government/history for 28 years at Boone High School and is currently serving as social studies department chair. Rep. O'Brien and his wife, Ronna, have eight children.

The ceremony will begin with the presentation of colors by the Headquarters Company of the 34th Brigade, Iowa National Guard. David Howell is this year's organist and Jim Loos is the soloist. Angela Cherryholmes and Audrey Burgs will give the welcome from the students. Dr. Joseph Borgen, President DMACC, will introduce the speaker. Announcement of awards will be done by John Peterson, President, Boone Campus Foundation. Dean Kriss W. Philips will confer the degrees with presentation by Wayne Rouse and Richard T. Johnson, both Members Board of Trustees, DMACC.

Talk Back

What are you doing to preserve the environment for your grandchildren?

I don't throw my cigarette butts on the ground. When I am camping I field strip them. I also recycle my cans and newspapers.

Leah Canon
Ames

Bronner wins writing competition

Samantha Hutcheson
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Donna Bronner, a Boone Campus student, won the category of best overall in the DMACC Creative Writing Competition this year. She submitted several pieces of work that she wrote in the creative writing class she took last semester with Martha Griffiths, who encouraged her students to send in their work.

Bronner's entries included two poems, 'Kittens First Christmas', and 'Death of a Middle Child'; a creative non-fiction story, 'Sewing Lessons'; a children's story, 'Mystery in Squirrel Theater'; and a short story, 'Humanity in Increments'.

Donna is considered a non-traditional student due to the fact that she all ready has three other degrees. When asked why she choose to come to DMACC, she says, "DMACC has what I need for creative

writing classes; it's inexpensive next to ISU, and it's close to home."

The awards were announced at a luncheon at the Ankeny campus on March 13. All of the participants of the contest and some instructors were in attendance. The winners of the categories Poetry, Short Story and Best Overall received different types of awards, money, scholarships and certificates. Donna received a \$500 scholarship, which is tuition reimbursement, that can be used at any of the DMACC campuses.

Martha Griffiths said, "I wasn't surprised when she was given the award. I enjoyed her work when I read them in class."

"I always wanted to turn ideas into stories, and this class (Creative Writing class) gave me the opportunity to do that. Taking the risk of entering the contest paid off," said Bronner.

The contest was open to all DMACC campuses, and Bronner was the only Boone campus winner.



Photo by Samantha Hutcheson

Donna Bronner, from Boone, sits in the library working on her next creative writing piece.

McNair's classes go on the road

Amy Davis
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Learn about homeless

"There are more than 1800 homeless people in Iowa, and at least half of them are children," Lee McNair, sociology instructor, said. That is just one of the many things his Social Issues class learned at the Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless.

They also found that there are many factors to overcome before they can get a job and work their way out of homelessness. Some people have mental illnesses that hold them back, some have a substance abuse, and some need to get a GED before they can get a job.

This same class also went to the Hawthorn House. The Hawthorn House gives a home to homeless women and their children.

A trip to the past

Lee McNair's Anthropology class went to the Boone County Cultural Museum and the Mamie Eisenhower Birthplace on April 3. While at the museum they learned about the pre-history of the county and how the Indians lived.

They also learned how the county developed with the coming of the railroad, and the many new industries such as coal mining and brick making. Mamie Eisenhower would be 100 years old this year. Her home here in Boone shows how she would have lived and has many original pieces from the family. The basement of the home shows the career of both Mamie and her husband Dwight Eisenhower.

Sociology field trip

Did you know that the only industry that has more government regulations than nursing homes is that of nuclear power? Lee McNair's Intro. to Sociology learned that when they went to the Ledges Manor Nursing Home. They also learned how the staff has to work together to meet the needs of the patients and the government.



Connie Booth, DMACC Director of Nursing, presents Anita Dargy with a scholarship check.

Student successful despite challenges

Audrey O. Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Assuming the responsibility of being a full-time student and raising a family at the same time requires tremendous commitment.

Three years ago, Anita Dargy decided that she wanted to get a nursing degree. What she did not know at the time was that her husband's health would start to decline.

Dargy's husband, Frank, was stricken with diabetic renal failure and received a kidney and pancreas transplant in October of 1995. In addition to keeping up with her studies and children, Dargy took on the responsibility of helping

with her husband's care.

Despite many obstacles, Dargy has kept her scholastic achievement at a high level. She has been awarded a \$700 scholarship from the Iowa Organization of Associate Degree Nurses. This is the second year that she has won the award.

Dargy lives in Dayton, but will be moving to Harlan this summer with her husband and children Chad, 15, Maggie and Marissa, 8, and Nicholas, 5.

The scholarship will allow Dargy to work on her BSN from Midland Lutheran College. The school is located in Fremont, Nebraska, but the classes are taught over the ICN at Jenny Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Breakfast free for May graduates, families

Amy Davis
Bear facts Staff Writer

is free to graduates and their families.

The Thirteenth Annual Graduation Breakfast Buffet, sponsored by the Boone Campus Chapter of the DMACC Alumni Association is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 1996 at 7:30 a.m. in the Courter Center. The breakfast

According to George Silberhorn, Boone Campus counselor, reservations must be made no later than May 7. Tickets are now available and reservations may be made in the main office.

Graduation will be held in the campus gym beginning at 10 a.m. (see story page 1)

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It's a girl!

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Robin's Nest



Robin L. King
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Those of you that read my column in the last issue may recall that I wrote about how children deal with death. This column is an update. My eight year old son's grandfather passed away sooner than anyone imagined. When the news came to me I realized that I was going to have to tell my son that grandpa had died. What a job I had ahead of me.

When my son came home from school I sat down with him on the couch and thought for a moment before speaking. I said, "Remember how grandpa was sick? Well, today grandpa went to the hospital and he died. Grandpa has gone to heaven."

My son looked at me and I could see the fear, the anger, the grief, and the pain. I knew the next few days were going to be long ones. I tried to answer any and all questions my son had. I also encouraged him to talk about things, anything at all.

In the days before the funeral my son and I spent a great deal of time with the family, (my ex-in-laws). My son needed to be a part of everything and insisted on attending the services, the viewing and the funeral. Was I to tell him no? How could I? My instinct was to protect him from the reality of death but yet I knew that if he felt ready then I needed to let him do this. It was time for my son to face death and the reality that no one lives forever.

My son's cousin, his mother, my son, and I all went to view grandpa the day prior to the public viewing. We thought the children should be allowed a private viewing considering their ages. Before going to see their grandpa they both picked a carnation out. At the funeral home each of the boys placed their carnations in their grandfather's hands and felt his skin and even touched his face.

My son has begun to cope with his loss. After the funeral was over and we were driving home my son looked at me and said something I will always remember. He said, "At least I knew him for eight years instead of not at all".

Graduation time causes concern

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Reaching a milestone in your life and not having your family or friends there to support you, is what some Boone Campus students may face this year.

DMACC-Boone is the only campus that has its graduation on the Friday after finals are over and at 10 in the morning.

While a lot of our student body is from out of town or even out of state, how is it possible for families to take off work to attend the ceremonies?

Scheduling depends on student demands

George Silberhorn, a counselor at DMACC-Boone said, "We'll schedule commencement exercise when it is best for the students and participants. If enough students demand or suggest a Saturday service, then our committee will most certainly consider it."

In 1994, a student on the Boone campus ran into this problem with graduation. Rose Zimmerle, now at Iowa State University, was going to be graduating but couldn't attend along with her family because of the time of graduation. "This was a milestone in my life. I wanted my family to share this with me and I couldn't do that because of the time the ceremony was sched-

uled," stated Zimmerle.

Zimmerle suggested a solution for this problem is, try having the service the weekend before or after finals, or the weekend after so families can attend.

After this conflict arose, Kriss Philips, DMACC-Boone Campus dean surveyed the student body, and the responses he received was leave graduation it alone and move it to Saturday. But a survey had not been done since three years prior.

As a result in 1988 and 1989, DMACC did have graduation on Saturday, but numbers then dropped to only having 100 students attend.

Every year, the student body is different, so they all have different needs and want different things, so a survey should be done every year as students enter DMACC, so this problem doesn't keep reoccurring.

While the numbers of graduating sophomores is about the same in the years past ranging up and down about 20 students, the number of graduates attending graduation is a little down. In 1995, 201 people were eligible for graduation and only 120 students attended the service. This year, 180 students are eligible to graduate and only 100 students have signed up for graduation.

Philips makes the final decisions on graduation dates and other dates concerning the

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Talk Back

What are you doing to preserve the environment for your grandchildren?

Photod and text by Audrey Burgs



I take my recyclables to the drop off site. I try to keep my daughter in a healthy environment so that she will have healthy children in the future.

Ann Nervig
Slater



I recycle cans. I know I should recycle more.

Gloria Meiborg
Boone



I recycle plastic milk jugs and soda cans to hold down the amount of garbage that I produce.

Alan Gossel
Story City



I recycle cans and newspapers. I reuse my plastic bags when I make a trip to the grocery store.

Michelle Mims
Cedar Rapids

Letter to the Editor

Former student speaks out on sports coverage on Boone Campus

In the March 13, 1996, issue of the *Bear Facts* there was a letter to the editor addressing the sports coverage of the previously named newspaper. I would now like to take some time and express my opinion on this matter.

I feel that *Bear Facts* is a newspaper for the entire student body, and it should address a majority of the activities that take place at that institution. When I last attended DMACC-Boone Campus, I believe that ALL of the students were there for an education. It only seems right to me that a majority of the paper should have an academic theme.

The letter that I am referring to stated, "Some students (about 50-60) are here to play sports." After researching previous *Bear Facts* issues, I came up with a total of 67 student athletes. (In the November 8, 1995, issue the men's and women's basketball teams were in the paper, and there appeared to be 12 women and 14 men. In the March 13, 1996, issue the rosters for the baseball and softball teams appeared, and there were 11 females and 31 males.) In the January 31, 1996, issue of *Bear Facts*, it was stated that total Boone Campus enrollment was at 1,000. It seems that athletes make up 6.7% of the student body and students make up 100%.

There are usually 8 pages per *Bear Facts* issue, and often one page is dedicated to sports. That means that the paper dedicates 12.5% to sports and the other 87.5% to other activities on the Boone Campus. Those numbers seem to show that a small group does get a fair share of the news print.

I would now like to make a quick comparison between DMACC and the University of Minnesota. The *Minnesota Daily* is a paper that is published five days a week by students at the university. This university has over 20 Division I NCAA athletic teams and is a member of the Big 10 Conference. Today, April 15, 1996, 4 of the 28 pages in this paper are dedicated to sports. That works out to 14.2% of the total paper. It has been my observation that this is pretty average for *The Minnesota Daily*.

The University of Minnesota has over 5 times as many athletic teams as DMACC, but I haven't heard any complaints about coverage from the student athletes at this institution. I am sure that about the same numbers are true for any other institution of higher education in the US.

The following quote was taken from the previously mentioned letter to the editor: "My suggestion to the staff is to take the section seriously because many students are here just for sports." I always thought that most people go to college to get an education, but I now stand corrected. If these students are there "just for sport," then why is the college giving these students scholarships to pay for their coursework?

I truly admire the student athletes because they have the ability to concentrate on both school and athletics, but I don't think that these students should have half of the newspaper filled with information on their particular extracurricular activity. I remember seeing a front page story in the November 29, 1995, *Bear Facts* about a student athlete signing a Division I letter of intent to play athletics. I don't recall ever seeing an article about an average student, like myself, going off to a major university to accomplish great things getting the same type of coverage.

Jamie Lowe Jamie.R.Lowe-2@tc.umn.edu

“A two-degree change in the temperature of the earth will move our farming economy way to the north.”

Ken Frazier speaks out

Environment educator discusses water, hog lots, and global warming

Audrey O. Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Ken Frazier has been involved with science education for over thirty years. In his time he has seen many alterations to the environment. The change that concerns him most is the pollution of the water supply.

One gets the sense when talking to Frazier that people take their most valuable natural resource for granted. In his words, “You simply can’t live without fresh water.”

The following is an interview conducted with Frazier to get his views on some of the most pressing environmental issues.

Audrey Burgs: What is the most serious environmental issue that we face on a global scale?

Ken Frazier: Pure water. I think we have to find ways of transferring pure water from where it is and not needed to where it is not and is needed. We also need to find ways of convincing people to be more careful in how they pollute water--ground water especially.

AB: Is there a problem already with water in Iowa?

KF: Yes. We have water pollution in our ground water in Iowa that has come from farm fields originally. The underground water in Iowa has a high concentration of nitrates. These nitrates are not found in

high enough concentrations in most cases to be harmful to adults, but it can be harmful to newborn children.

AB: Is it true that wars will be fought over water in the future?

KF: Definitely. Even in the past in the Old West of the United States we had wars fought over water rights. That’s one of the reasons why water rights have been established in the West but they have not been established east of the Missouri River. There will be some countries where water will become very critical.

AB: What countries are those?

KF: Israel, Syria and Jordan are three countries that share a common water supply. Egypt has built a dam on the Nile that has affected people both upstream and downstream from them. We have a situation there where you simply can’t live without fresh water. So if you get a country that is not able to supply their own, then they are going to go to war over it.

AB: There is a lot of controversy about large hog lot operations here in Iowa. The smell is a nuisance, but what is the real risk to our environment from the operations?

KF: The biggest risk was illustrated several times last summer when lagoons escaped their barriers by breaking their liners or due to a heavy rain they overflowed. The biggest danger there is pollution of the water supply in Iowa. We have several cities in Iowa that actually have water in their public systems that is on the verge of not being approved as fit for human consumption by government regulation. A lot of this comes from hog feces. The thing that people don’t think about is that hogs give off about three times the amount of feces that humans do. Here we have a city of 15,000 in Boone and we’re required to put in a whole septic system, but somebody can raise ten or fifteen thousand hogs, and all they are required to put in is a lagoon.

AB: What steps can we take to ensure that we will have potable water in the future?

KF: Find out just what the situation is in your community. You need to be able to talk or write to your legislator in a knowledgeable way. Being informed is the most important. The best way to take action is to find one of the environmental organizations that fits your picture and get involved with that group and then get that group involved on a larger scale. The more voices that you have the louder that you speak.

AB: What about global warming? Some people, Rush Limbaugh for example, discount that global warming is actually happening.

KF: I am usually a fan of Limbaugh’s, but I don’t agree with him on this issue. I do believe that there is global warming, and I think that the trends over the past fifty years have shown that we have a slight increase in the temperature of the earth. One must realize that it doesn’t take much of a change. A two degree change in the temperature of the earth will move our farming economy way to the north. I do believe that it is coming and not only due to fossil fuel emissions, but we are getting additional warming due to the breakdown of the stratosphere. The ozone layer is located in the stratosphere, and as it breaks down it allows more ultraviolet rays to come in, and as those rays come in, they have more energy so they heat the earth a greater amount.

AB: What should a college student do to help protect the environment?

KF: They should learn as much as they can about the environment. They should increase their vocabulary to the point where when someone starts talking about it, they have at least some knowledge of what they are talking about. Those that discuss freely are going to make the best environmentalists. They also need to be willing to give up some time to do some things.

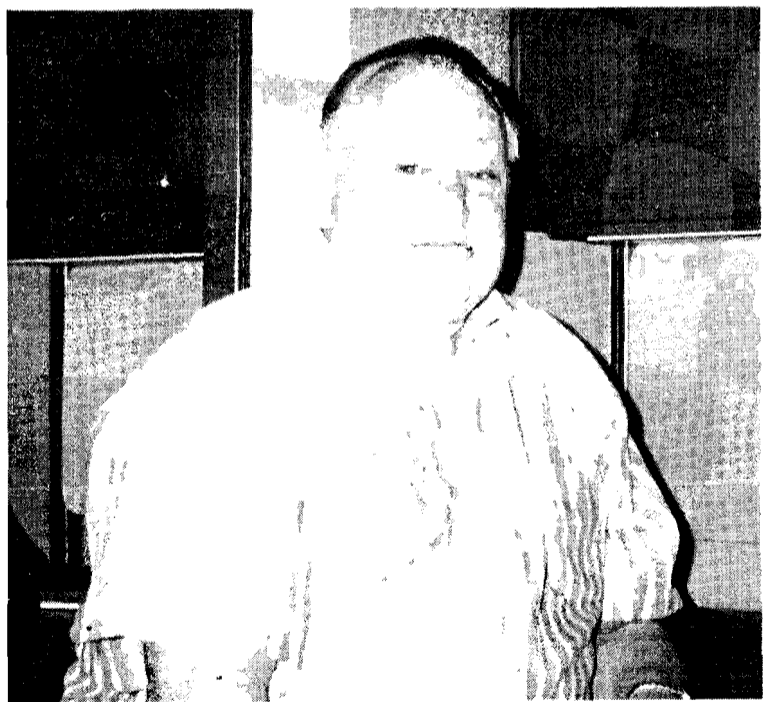


Photo by Audrey Burgs

Ken Frazier Environmental Educator

Education: BS degree in Education from Nebraska Teacher’s College, Wayne, Nebraska. MA in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado. Postgraduate work at Drake University, Iowa State University and the University of Iowa.

Career: Over thirty years of experience in education from the elementary to postsecondary level. Produced and published filmstrips and booklets on the flowers and birds of central Iowa. Numerous honors and awards from professional organizations, such as the Conservation Education Association.

Family: Wife, Fran. Three sons, Ed, Mike and David. Two stepdaughters, Julie and Angie Patterson.

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Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Earth Day is approaching on April 22, are we at DMACC-Boone Campus doing all we can to preserve our environment?

We have paper recycling boxes only in the computer labs and in the library. In the Lloyd Courter Center and in the hallways, there are containers set out to place emptied aluminum cans in for recycling.

The custodial staff takes care of the recycling of paper in our building. During a recent

Celebrate the Earth!
 Bear Facts staff in the Courter Center
 April 22, to keep our campus clean.



involved in recycling

interview with Gary Johnson, the head custodian here at DMACC, he stated that the reason we don't have recycling bins in every classroom is because it's not a high recycling area. The high recycling areas that are placed with bins are the computer labs, faculty offices, Bear Facts office, the library, the academic achievement center, the bookstore and the teachers' work room.

"I feel that the student body and staff are doing a good job recycling," stated Johnson.

An average of 7 bags of recycled paper is compiled

weekly and is picked up every Friday by work activity people in Boone.

While DMACC is taking part in recycling we still need to take it a few steps further by placing bins in every classroom, even if collection is minimal, it still is saving our environment. The Lloyd Courter Center needs to have a recycling bin placed there due to the fact that a lot of the student body sits in there to do homework, leaving papers to be discarded and put in our environment instead of being able to recycle them.

Nevada, Iowa-- Environmental leader

Wind energy: Practical alternative

Lorraine Powell
 Bear Facts Staff Writer

With utility costs going up and up what Iowans are wondering is why doesn't someone take advantage of the natural sources of energy; namely, wind, sun and water. All of these sources are very plentiful in Iowa and particularly, wind. Iowa is one of the twelve central states that are considered the best for wind generated energy. According to a study done by Battelle Pacific Northwest Labs, Iowa possesses the wind resources to produce more than six times it's own energy needs. Winds in Iowa average from 10 to 12 m.p.h.

Evidently, some Iowans have thought about this matter and have done something about it. Spirit Lake, Iowa, became the first school district to install a wind generator in the summer of 1993. Then, later in 1993, retired banker, Harold Fawcett and his wife, Marjorie, of Nevada, and his sister, Josephine Tope of Arizona, donated two wind generators to the Nevada school district at a value of \$255,000. Mr. Fawcett had been fascinated when he found out about the generator at Spirit Lake and he wanted to do the same thing for the Nevada schools. The first generator, a 250 KWH machine, was started up December 21, 1993. The second, a 200 KWH, on August 1, 1994. Mr. Fawcett donated a third tower to the city of Nevada for the benefit of the Story County Hospital. This wind turbine produces the electricity to run the Nevada waste water treatment plant.

The turbine towers rise 140 feet in the air and each weighs 39,735 pounds. The towers have internal ladders with lights under the platforms. The head of the turbines sit on top of the towers and are controlled by a yawing system. This yawing system, activated by an electric wind vane, rotates the entire head in order that the blades always face into the wind. With the average wind speed in the Nevada area being about 12m.p.h., this is enough for potentially 300,000 kilowatts of electricity per year. It is estimated that together the

two turbines save the school district between \$40,000 and \$50,000 each year.

The key to the greatest success of the generators is the design of the blades which affects higher power conversion efficiency, lower weight and lower noise emission. The blades will turn but will not start the generation of electricity until the wind speed reaches 9m.p.h. Maximum electricity output will come when the wind speed is at 35 m.p.h. When the wind reaches 56 m.p.h., the automatic braking system will kick in and begin to slow the turbine. The turbines are expected to last about 20 years.

There are also now five 65 kilowatt turbines located on land owned by George Braak-sma, Jr., south of Allendorf, Iowa. The five turbines produce enough electricity to power about 100 homes. Mr. Braak-sma, as landowner, receives a guaranteed royalty in the sale of electricity which is estimated at \$800.00 per year for each turbine and also gets to farm all but a few acres of his land leased for the equipment. The Allendorf wind farm is another pilot project which is hoped will prove wind energy's reli-

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were located in Iowa. However, wind power declined with the advent of rural electric cooperatives and large centralized coal-fired plants. There was a brief renewal of them in the 1970s but it did not take off due to poor technology, high costs and changing federal policies.

However, the two greatest steps made by the wind power industry in the past decade is the almost 75% decline in cost and the dramatic advancement of wind technology. With the greater knowledge that has come about in aeronautical and electrical engineering and with helicopter rotor designers, recently developed wind turbines have close to a 98% reliability figure.

The real boost to the development of the alternative energy industry in this state has come through the alternative energy law and the energy efficiency law. By these laws, power companies are required to buy a certain amount of their power from alternate energy sources. This law was put into place to foster development of these alternative energy sources which will someday be highly technologically advanced enough to provide us with enough power to run the state. When fossil fuels have run dry and when the government decides this earth has had enough pollution, and utility companies are required to buy from these alternative energy sources in greater quantity, then Iowa will have energy produced by wind, sun and water.

Sources of Electricity For The United States

- ⇒ 70% Fossil fuels including coal, oil and natural gas
- ⇒ 21% Nuclear power
- ⇒ 9% Hydroelectric power using energy from flowing water
- ⇒ Less than 1% Other energy sources including solar, wind power and plant and animal waste

Source: U. S. Dept. of Energy 1991

ability and economic viability in Iowa.

The history of the wind industry is nothing new. There

were six million wind systems sold in the U.S. in the 1920s through 1940s. You could buy a



Butler teases Boone audience

Melinda Gorman
Contributing Writer

DMACC's production *The Butler Did It*, directed by Kay Mueller, had the suspense a Thursday night *Mystery* watcher might expect.

The audience was teased always wondering when Natalie (Dana Hesser) would die. She appears to die three times before two real attempts are made on her life.

Performers playing actors was a nice twist used to create the illusion of confusion. Sam (Greg Hagar) playing a Columbo-imitation Detective Mumfort created confusion and a sense of panic when the rest of the cast thought Natalie was dead and then not dead and dead again.

The vampish Natalie starts the real suspense in the middle of the play by blackmailing Anthony Lefcourt (Tim Rose), the desperate director/producer of the play, *The Butler Did It*.

Two attempts on Natalie's life are foiled when first she doesn't drink the coffee at rehearsal because she is furious with Robert (Curtis Neff) for forgetting his lines. The second attempt also fails when she doesn't drink from her favorite cup during a toast.

Suspense is heightened when Claudia (Tina Smith) and Michael (Adam Wile) almost drink the poison.

Natalie's method of blackmail was hard to believe, but Hesser and Rose made it seem possible. A mystery for some isn't only who done it but how and why. It's still unknown which Butler did it in the play within the play. Most people like loose ends tied up.

The set was one of the highlights of the evening. The nicely upholstered furniture and paintings on the wall made the set look like a real living room that could be found in any home.

A few incongruities during Saturdays performance were distracting. The one that screamed the loudest was the fact that mistletoe berries are white, holly berries are red. Another bothersome detail was the book cover that obviously did not read "Matters of the Flesh." With all the detail that went into the set, would it have taken long to design a book cover?

The biggest disappointment of the evening was not the incongruities but the empty seats. So many have said, "There's nothing to do in Boone," but when there was, the audience was sparse. Perhaps their statement's not true, just an excuse.

Some Reforming Thoughts

1. *Birdman of Alcatraz* ☺☺
Prisoner goes to the birds.
2. *Brubaker* ☺☺
Redford uncovers corruption in southern prison.
3. *Caged* ☺☺
A look at women behind bars.
4. *Escape From Alcatraz* ☺☺
Eastwood breaks out of prison.
5. *In Cold Blood* ☺☺
A gripping and terrifying look at killers.
6. *Midnight Express* ☺☺
Torture in a Turkish prison for drug smuggling.
7. *Papillon* ☺☺
Hoffman and McQueen visit Devils Island.
8. *Reform School Girls* ☺☺
B-movie at its best, with Wendy O. Williams.
9. *The Shawshank Redemption* ☺☺
How one man redeems himself.
10. *White Heat* ☺☺
All time great prison movie, Cagney at his best.

Mark H. Williams

Hollywood examines death penalty

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

An honest and compassionate look at the death penalty is presented in the film *Dead Man Walking*. Director, Tim Robbins, has made one of this decade's best film.

Everything about this movie clicks. The acting, the script, and the directing are some of the best that has been seen from an American film in recent years. Robbins has subtly crafted a film with such power and depth, that the audience leaves the theater in contemplative silence, only to discuss later, the ramification of the death penalty.

This even-handed look at the death penalty, will probably not sway those on either side of the issue. What it does do, though, is presents each side in a fair and non-judgmental way.

Based on a true story of a Louisiana convict, who has been sentenced to die for the rape and murder of two teenagers. Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn), the convicted murderer who writes to the Catholic Church, asking for spiritual guidance. Sister Helen Prejean (Susan Sarandon) answers his letter, and soon visits Poncelet in prison. This is her first time consoling a convicted felon.

With six days left until the scheduled execution, Sister Prejean tries to help Poncelet win a stay of execution. With an election coming up in a few months, the governor is not in any hurry to grant the stay. The governor uses this case as a campaign media event for his "tough on crime," agenda.

We see how the families of the teen-agers have been ripped apart by this tragedy. Each telling their stories with emotions that range from sorrow, to contempt and hatred. Even their emotions of the execution are mixed, though they all are in favor of it.

As the end approaches, Poncelet begins to realize the inevitable out-come of his actions, his execution. He begins to own up to his mistakes, and while strapped to the table, attempts to make amends for the horrible things that he has

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Horoscopes

By Audrey
Astrologist to the Ordinary

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) You are a pioneer, but have trouble finishing what you have started. At this point in the semester you need to avoid the impulse to procrastinate. Hang in there.

Taurus (Apr 20-May20) You are doggedly stubborn and capable of pursuing a task in the face of all odds. Stay calm when others panic as the time for finals get closer.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Your dual nature allows you to see both sides of every assertion. Aim to stay focused in the last weeks of this semester.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) To end the semester on a positive note, try retreating into your emotional shell over the next few weeks. Otherwise, you will be easily distracted by a love interest.

Leo (July 23 -Aug 22) Your need for acknowledgment is so great that you have taken credit for the labor of another. You are about to be exposed. Prepare for the consequences.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) You have put forth the effort and built a firm foundation this semester. Expect to reap the payoff during finals week.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) A difficult classroom situation faces you. This is not the time to be a stickler for fairness. Circumstances will dictate the correct choice.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) Do not let your enormous ego get in the way of actual achievement. Ask for help before it is too late.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Your inability to settle down and concentrate is your undoing. This is not the time to seek adventure and freedom from restraint. Keep focused.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) By staying organized you will avoid stress. Make studying your focal point in these last few weeks of school.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) As the semester ends, you find yourself riding high. Your special aptitude for intellectual pursuits will pay off.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) A compassionate professor is pushing you toward your goals. Do not deviate from your plans for wealth and wisdom in the future.

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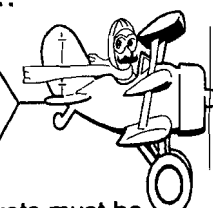


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Rahfeldt previews pro-ball season

Bob Rahfeldt
Contributing Writer

March Madness has finally ended and now it's time for the Major League Baseball season to get started and time for the players to win back the fans. Last year's attendance was down at virtually every ballpark, basically the fans' reaction to the strike of 1994. This year, however, it looks like the fans are ready to forgive and are looking forward to another season of America's favorite pastime, baseball.

Like every year, players are switching from team to team so fast that it's hard to know which player is on which team. Some of the major signing or trades this off-season include Roberto Alomar and Randy Myers signing with Baltimore, Julio Franco and Jack McDowell inking with the Cleveland Indians, and Shawn Dunston leaving the friendly confines of Wrigley Field to play with the San Francisco Giants. Ryne Sandberg came out of retirement this year and will be a big help to the Cubs, who were unable to resign Dunston and move him to third base like they had hoped.

The Cleveland Indians seem to be the team to beat in the American League as they sired up their pitching staff with the acquisition of Jack McDowell to go along with the most potent offense in the baseball. The AL East has a couple of teams that could challenge the Indians, namely the Baltimore Orioles and the Boston Red Sox. The Orioles' off-season acquisitions have the people of Baltimore thinking World Series. And Why not? Randy Myers led the National League

in Saves last year and Roberto Alomar hit .300 for the woeful Toronto Blue Jays. Those two, along with proven hitters Bobby Bonilla, Rafael Palmeiro, and Ironman Cal Ripken Jr. could give the Orioles a chance to make their first World Series appearance in over a decade. Boston also has high hopes for 1995 with the 1-2-3 punch of Kevin Mitchell, Jose Canseco, and Mo Vaughn. The pitching staff is the key to their success. If they get good outings from their starters, they could be tough. Who will win the AL West is anybody's guess. California, Seattle, and Texas all have solid ball clubs. Texas is off to a fast start, but it seems like they are every year and then cool off when crunch time comes. The team with the least amount of injuries will most likely come out of this division. The American League Central will be all Cleveland. The only question is if they can pass their 30 games winning margin of last season.

The premiere team in the National League is again the Atlanta Braves. They have the best pitcher in baseball in Greg Maddux, who has had three consecutive years with an ERA under 2.00, and three other top-notch starters. The bullpen is questionable but if closer Mark Wohlers can get his 95-mph fast ball over the plate, they could be tough to beat. The Los Angeles Dodgers are a team that have high hopes and feel they are good enough to surpass the Braves. Many pre-season publications have the Dodgers to beat the Braves and go to the World Series. They have the past four NL rookies of the year and with sure handed Greg Gagne playing

Predictions

AL West Champions-Texas Rangers
AL Central Champs-Cleveland Indians
AL East Champions-Baltimore Orioles
AL Wildcard-Boston Red Sox

NL West Champions- LA Dodgers
NL Central Champs-St. Louis Cardinals
NL East Champs-Atlanta Braves
NL Wildcard-Chicago Cubs

AL Champions-Cleveland Indians
NL Champions-Atlanta Braves
World Series Champs-Cleveland Indians

shortstop, they should have beavstly improved fielding. They are the favorite to win the NL West, but the Colorado Rockies, who had four players with 30+ homeruns in 1995, will have something to say before the season is over. The NL Central is up for grabs, there isn't a really dominant team like the Braves in it, but they do have a couple of teams with bright hopes for 1996. The St. Louis Cardinals are vastly different team from last year. Tony LaRussa took over the managerial duties and brought along many of his old A's friends with him. Todd Stottlemyre, Dennis Eckersley and others join LaRussa to help the

Cards to the NL central title. The new ownership has been committed to winning and are trying to forget the past few years. The first example of that was changing the playing surface of Busch Stadium from artificial turf to grass. They also have done well in free agent signings. They picked up great players like Ron Gant, Royce Clayton, Gary Gaetti, and Andy Benes to help lead them to their first World Series since Whitey Herzog was in the dugout. The Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs also have good ballclubs and if they get off to a good start, they could contend for the central title or a wild-card berth.

Schroeder makes no team predictions

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

According to the womens' softball coach, Catherine Schroeder, this season's record so far is 2 wins, 7 losses. Her future predictions for the rest of the season were as follows: "Right now I won't predict. Last year I could predict. This year is different. Once the girls start clicking together and playing ball, it's hard to say."

Their strongest opponent to date - "NIACC back to back, it's always in the top three."

The stand out players so far in the season have been Nicole Feeney, Lori Tilley, Meleena Henderson and Tina Stuhldyer.

Coach Schroeder reported also that attendance at the games is getting better. In fact, she said, they even have some spectators watching from their balconies.

Swartwout: Toughest part still ahead

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The DMACC-Boone men's baseball team boasts a current record of 20-9. This puts the Bears in close range of winning the conference.

The team had a 14-game winning streak that came to an end when DMACC was beat by Council Bluffs.

Shawn Swartwout, a sophomore infielder, commented on their winning streak and the season. "It was a good feeling when we were winning, but we didn't play the toughest competition. The toughest part of our season is ahead and that means we have to play better baseball," stated Swartwout.

According to current statistics, the top five batters on the team so far are Clayton Bezuidenhout, Tom Blair, Heath Davis, Shawn Leimbek and Shawn Swartwout.

The top four pitchers are Jason Hall, Dave Herr, Geoff Major and Ryan Ziesmer.

The baseball team has home games all this weekend. On Friday they play Grandveiw J.V. at 2 p.m. and on Saturday they play IWCC-Clarinda at 1 p.m. On Sunday they play IWCC-Council Bluffs at 1 p.m.

The men's last home baseball game is May 5, at 2 p.m. against Simpson J.V.

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Margaret Speke Davison returned to the Boone Campus to attend the Nigerian luncheon. She's sharing Nigerian culture with Dean Kriss Philips and media liaison Dan Ivis.

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Dead Man

done to these families. In the climactic scene, Sister Prejean reaches out for Poncelet, as he is slowly given the lethal injections that will end his life.

This film has received much deserved praise and recognition. It is one of the best and most thought provoking films of this decade. This film is a powerfully and masterfully made film about one of today's most controversial subjects.

Susan Sarandon received a much deserved Oscar for her portrayal of Sister Helen Prejean. *Dead Man Walking* shows the strength of Sarandon's acting abilities. Even in this role as the drab, no frills Nun, she radiates an inner beauty that few other actresses can come close too.

Sean Penn was also nominated for an Oscar. He turns in a performance that not many actors could do. At once you feel contempt and yet caring for this character. At times you may even find yourself wanting the stay to be granted. With more performances like this one, he may someday earn the recognition that he deserves.

For one of this years most powerful movie experiences, I highly recommend seeing this Film. *Dead Man Walking* easily earns a ☺☺.

☺☺-Excellent
☺☺-Very Good
☺☺-Average
☺☺-So-so
☺☺-Bad
☺-Bomb

Ten inducted into honor society

Amy Davis
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Ten Boone Campus students were inducted Sunday during a candlelight ceremony into Phi Theta Kappa, honorary society for scholars.

After a brief welcome by Martha Griffiths, organization sponsor, Joa LaVille spoke to the group about success. LaVille, an ISU graduate, writes for the *Story City Herald*.

The following Boone campus students were inducted into the honor society: Catherine Parker, Laura Elsberry, Patricia Minnick, Audrey Burgs, Ann Vander Martin, Todd Ihlenfeldt, Jodi Welder, Deanna Christensen, Julia Edson, and Tuan Trinh.

Others who joined Phi Theta Kappa but were unable to attend the induction ceremony include the following: Theresa Johnson, Kurt Stotts, Angela Lenz, Ying-Chu Lin, Anita Dargy, and Amy Jo Burton.

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Graduation

school, so talk to him if you want to change the date for next year.

While the date has already been set for this year's commencement and cannot be changed, the student body can make a change for next year. Generally, the administration sets graduation for the Friday during finals week. If the student body wants to change the date for graduation next year, it needs to take a stand and talk to the administration now.

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8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
4:40 p.m. - 5:35 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 1996 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.	6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 1996 (Monday/ Wednesday/Friday or more classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:55 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 1996 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

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

Last Monday night classes	May 6
Last Tuesday night classes	April 30
Last Wednesday night classes	May 1
Last Thursday night classes	May 2
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes	May 6
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes	May 7

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