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Bear Facts

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Des Moines Area Community College

"The Voice of Boone Campus"

New Bear Facts survey reveals

Student housing unresolved issue on Boone Campus

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

An overwhelming 75% of students questioned in a recent *Bear Facts* survey feel that the lack of student housing is a decisive factor in whether or not students choose the Boone Campus as a place to study.

Des Moines Area Community College in general has many things to offer students. But once you break down the campuses individually, you begin to see the strengths and weaknesses of each.

For example, the Boone Campus is the home for DMACC athletics. The campus supports men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball. Many of these athletes are recruited outside the state, meaning finding housing may be difficult. The larger Ankeny Campus plays no supporting role in the sports program.

DMACC Executive Dean, Kriss Philips, agrees saying, "The need has grown and is greater now more than ever."

However, the Ankeny Campus does offer student housing for Ankeny students called the Campus View Apartments, privately owned by the Randall Corporation. With these ideas in mind, it is understandable why here on the Boone Campus, questions have been raised concerning the need for student housing.

Past surveys initiate interest
This is not the first or the last time problems verbally circulate within each new group of students. In 1986 DMACC whole-heartedly began investigating the concept of student housing. The Office for

Policy Planning and Analysis did this by conducting a student housing survey for the Boone Campus. The results questioned the importance of this issue because only 46% of those surveyed were interested in private housing within walking distance of the campus.

In 1991 an identical survey done again by the Office for Policy Planning and Analysis found that Boone Campus students favored private student housing within walking distance by a majority of 55% for, 37% against.

Over time the Boone Campus has grown, and with this growth the interest in student housing has blossomed. DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean, Kriss Philips, agrees saying, "The need has grown and is greater now more than ever."

Bear Facts survey results

The recent *Bear Facts* survey of 80 Boone Campus students attending both day and night classes showed that 70% agreed that student housing is an issue on the Boone Campus. When asked the question, "Do you feel there is a need for student housing here on the Boone Campus?" 70% answered "yes" and 30% "no".

Philips totally agrees with students that there is a need for student housing. He realizes that it is a fact that the Boone Campus loses students because of the lack of housing.

Student Services Director/Counselor, George Silberhorn, stated that, "In some cases student housing is a factor for future students. Everyone knows someone who didn't come here for one reason or another."

In a related question, "Should family student housing be offered on the Boone

Campus?" 67% responded "yes" and 33% said "no."

Another question asked, "Do you feel the lack of student housing is a decisive factor to possible future students?" Seventy-five percent responded "yes".

To the question asking students "Are you a commuter?" 46% responded "yes" and 52% "no". However, according to Philips, the Boone Campus is considered a commuter college. Students drive over 50 miles to attend classes here.

"Once in a while we are successful in finding places for students," stated a Johnson & Son's realtor

Since there is no form of student housing for the Boone Campus, the alternative route is renting a house or an apartment off campus. Sharon Blaskey, secretary in the Boone Campus main office, is head of aiding students in finding housing. Blaskey keeps a list of housing available to all students.

Five Boone realtors contacted

The other option students have is to contact Boone Realtors for their available listings. Student housing available in Boone is in short supply already, and the chances of finding affordable student housing by contacting a realtor is slim to none.

Johnson & Sons Realty, one out of five contacted, said, "Once in a while we are successful in finding places for students." The other four had no services to aid students in finding housing.

If and when the Boone

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Photo by Angela Cherryholmes

DMACC basketball player Chris Larson, second from right, was honored at a reception after his signing to play Division I basketball. Also pictured are his parents Gerald and Deb Larson, with Coach Russ Jones.

First Division I player in 25 years

Larson to play Division I

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Des Moines Area Community College men's basketball player Chris Larson from Boone has signed a letter of intent to play Division I basketball for Northwestern State University, in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Larson is the first DMACC basketball player since Roger Martin in the early 1970's to sign a letter of intent to play Division I basketball.

This honor comes as no surprise to Larson's coaches, family and peers. A variety of schools from across the nation had shown recruiting interests in Larson from Seattle to Orlando.

Contributing factors in Larson's decision to play for Northwestern State were their high ratings in the field of education, which he is majoring in, the beautiful campus, and his overall impression of head coach, J.D. Barnett.

"It has been Chris' dream to play Division I basketball since he was 8 years old, and he had the potential to do it," said

Chris' father Gerald. He also added that anyone who knows Chris realizes he is a quiet person but his father believes deep-down Chris is "tickled silly."

He expanded saying, "He worked hard for it, he deserves it, and he made it on his own."

Chris' mother Deb is tremendously proud of her son's accomplishment, but is mostly proud of his type of play. She feels good sportsmanship has been a major key to Chris's success. "I'm proud of his type of play without the ego problem some privileged athletes develop," stated Deb.

Larson's former varsity basketball coach from Boone High School, Tim Olson, believes Larson has been instrumental for both Boone High School and now here at DMACC. "Chris is a great representative of the community and an important role model to follow," Olson said.

Olson also feels the qualities that set Larson apart from other

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Science on-line with Project BIO

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Wednesday, November 15 Dr. Karin VanMeter's Health Science Microbiology class had the chance to go on-line. The class visited the home-page for the new biology arrangement between Iowa State University, the Community Colleges of Iowa, and the high schools across the state, known as Project BIO. This project has been funded by a grant from the Harold Hughes Medical Institute.

Three members of the Iowa State Staff that helped to bring this program into existence came along to give a little more of the history about the program. Dr. Tom Ingebritsen is the head of the committee, and a professor in the Department of Zoology and Genetics at ISU.

This program was set up to allow biology programs across the state to become uniform. It is an excellent way for the biology teachers in Iowa to stay up to date in their area of study. The main objectives of this project are to provide proper training for instructors in this field, have the biology teachers throughout the state work together, and most importantly a place to share information.

Project BIO has three main goals that it wishes to accomplish. First being to improve the biology offerings at the three state universities. (They want to make the biology courses and programs at UNI, U of I, and ISU more student friendly.) They would also like to improve the facilities at the Iowa Lake Lab which is controlled by the three state universities.

The second goal is to share the resources that ISU has with

the community colleges in the state. They are accomplishing this task by getting all community college biology instructors on-line by January 31, 1996, so that there can be a direct line for communication. They are also sharing the competencies and syllabi of all classes offered at the different schools across the state, on-line, so that it will make the transfer process easier on the students. ISU will also provide a list of the equipment that they no longer need and offer it free of charge to any instructor who wishes to use it. This way someone will benefit and the equipment won't be taking up space in a warehouse. The final goal is to get high school instructors involved in the project so that students will have a general knowledge of the subject area before they enter college.

Another advantage of this program is the ability for the instructors to get continuing education. There will be seminars offered on the different state university campuses, and they hope to put many of them on the computer so that all that want to will get the chance to learn from it.

This is the only such system that has been established on the Internet and ISU, the community colleges of Iowa, and the high schools of Iowa are doing groundbreaking work on what is most likely to become a very important field.

On the web-site, the Project BIO Description stated, "We believe that Project BIO will have an international impact on biology education as a model program for university outreach to community colleges and high schools. The materials developed in Project BIO will be available world-wide on the internet."



Monday, November 20, the Student Action Board served a Thanksgiving lunch available to all students. Donations of cash and non-perishable food items were accepted. Over 200 students were served, donating more than \$120 and many food items were collected. The SAB has made arrangements to give the proceeds to the County Food Pantry.

Many chances for students to travel

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

Over the next year students at DMACC will have the chance to go on a number of trips to foreign countries. Four of the trips that are coming up are discussed below. Three of the four are trips that aren't correlated with a class, but one includes spending an entire term in England studying.

FRANCE
COST: \$2,165

The trip to France will depart on May 11, 1996 and return on May 20. The trip will leave from Des Moines and the cost of the program is expected to be \$2,165. The cost of the trip will include the air fare, accommodations, full time bilingual tour director, some transportation, and various types of insurance.

All eight nights will be spent in Paris, France. You will have the chance to visit the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral as well as many other impressive Parsian sites. There will be a number of structured tours as well as time on your own to explore the city. There will be a boat ride along the Seine as well as a visit to the Versailles.

For more information on this tour please contact Maura Nelson on the Ankeny Campus at Extension 7032.

ITALY
COST: \$2,300

There will also be a trip offered to Italy in the summer of 1996. It will be a ten-day trip which will cost in the area of \$2,300.

There are a number of things that will be done on each day of the trip. On the second day of the trip upon arrival to Italy there will be a visit to Italy's largest lake, Lake Garda. The third day of the trip will be spent in Venice. On the fourth day the trip will go into the heart of the Renaissance of Italy. The fifth day will be spent in the town of Florence.

On the sixth day there will be time to visit a fourteenth century medieval town. The seventh day will include a visit to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. The eighth day will be spent enjoying the great sites of Rome. The ninth and final day will be spent enjoying more of the beautiful sites in Rome.

For more information about this trip please contact Randy Jedele on the Ankeny Campus at extension 6417.

YUCATAN
COST: \$2,000

There is a trip being planned to the Yucatan in December of 1996. The official title is, "The Yucatan--An Adventure in Archeology, Anthropology, and Ecology for Students, Staff, and

Friends of Iowa Community Colleges."

The plan is to leave the Eppley Airport in Omaha on December 27, 1996 and return on January 8, 1997. The flight will go to Cancun.

Some of the attractions during the trip include a bus trip through the three Yucatan states of Quintana Roo, Campeche, and Yucatan, a visit to Mayan archeological sites, and a day in Izamal which is the "City of Three Cultures." There will also be time to visit street bazaars in Merida, examine restored 16th Century haciendas, and spend several days in the newest and largest national park in Mexico.

It is estimated that the trip will not exceed \$2,000. Lloyd Miller is in charge of the trip and he may be contacted at the Ankeny Campus extension 6435.

ENGLAND

COST: \$3,450

For the 1996 Fall Semester DMACC is offering a study abroad program for students. The term will be spent in London and Cambridge.

Yoshiko Swift on the Ankeny campus is the contact person for this project. She may be reached at extension 6848. The airfare for the trip will be \$645 round-trip from Des Moines to London. The fees will total \$3,450, which doesn't include tuition, textbooks, airfare, and other fees.

For those interested there is a possibility for financial aid. There are a number of loans and grants available to help finance the trip to London. A student must contact the DMACC financial aid office and say they are interested in the financial aid and state that they may be a potential student in the London program.

The flight will depart on September 12, 1996. The stay in Cambridge will begin on September 13 and will end on October 20. Then, the group will visit London. The visit in London ends on November 3 and it is back to Cambridge. Classes will end in Cambridge on December 6 and students will return to the U.S. on December 7.

Students will have the choice of living with a host "family" or sharing an apartment or studio. There will be a chance to explore the British culture and observe their social activities. Those on the tour may also want to volunteer or work at an internship. There may even be opportunities for students to spend a weekend in the home of a British family to see how customs are different.

For more information, contact the people listed above or look at the brochures hanging outside of the Bear Facts room.

Writing club to meet Thursday

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Tuesday, November 14 the DMACC Creative Writing Club met in the Courter Center at 12:30 p.m. with Martha Griffiths, Club advisor. They first discussed what the members wanted out of the group. This included feedback about their writings, motivation for further writings, and information that

will help to build and fine tune their skills.

It was determined that they will meet every other week. With the next meeting on Thursday, November 30 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Courter Center. All the people who plan to attend the next meeting are to bring a piece of writing to share with the members of the group.

The new club also discussed suggestions for future guest speakers.



From where I sit

By Audrey Burgs

The things people do in their cars can annoy the hell out of me. Have you ever noticed that drivers will do things as they are cruising along next to you that they would never do if they were sitting next to you in a room?

These people act as if their windows are like one-way mirrors. They seem to think that while they can see out, other motorists cannot see what they are up to.

The activities these drivers participate in include the most disgusting of personal habits such as nose picking, bra-strap adjusting, or finger licking after the car's occupant has shoved down a Big Mac in three or four bites. The more bold and nasty of this group will roll down their windows, cough up a wad of multi-colored phlegm and spit it out on the street next to you.

I think that most of us were taught to take care of personal hygiene in the privacy of the bathroom. From the number of women I see applying makeup and fluffing their hair in car mirrors, I am beginning to believe that good grooming habits have fallen by the wayside.

The people that truly amaze me are those who find it necessary to read the newspaper while zipping down the highway at 65 MPH. I thought I was mistaken the first time I saw someone with a newspaper folded across the steering wheel. I tried to tell myself that it had to be a map this fellow was reading. When I sped up to double-check, I got a good look at the driver and his *Des Moines Register*. Silly me, I thought the big round thing in on the dash was a steering wheel and not a prop for reading material.

My brother is a good example of the type of driver that I find hard to tolerate. He has his car wired for booming sound. Pull up next to him at a traffic light and you are sure to pull away with permanent hearing loss. His evaluation of a vehicle consists of seeing how many additional speakers he can force into the available trunk space. The true test for him that everything is in working order is if the bass level causes the car to vibrate when it is at a complete stop.

Okay, I will confess that I have a weird car habit. I sing along to James Brown's music while I am driving. I bounce around in my seat and scream right along with James, but you will never catch me doing something as tacky as picking my teeth.

The next time you are driving around in your car, check out what's going on in some of the other vehicles. You may find the goings on as irksome as I do.

Math logic helps solve problems

Letter to the Editor

Numbers and letters are pieces of the big puzzle. Together numbers and letters combine to complete the entire picture of a problem. Counting is not the only use of numerics. For example, businesses frequently are concerned with profit predictions. Personal budgets are numerically grounded. Students who believe that numbers and letter have nothing in common mathematically could not be further from the truth. With the invention of VCR's came an instant appreciation of a good mixture of alpha characters and numerics. Are VCR's and all of those other "high tech" machines to be avoided? We think not.

Do students really believe that they have no use for algebraic formulas? It should be "obvious to a casual observer" that this is one application of algebra which has fundamental importance. For example, if you need to drive 200 miles before 3:00 p.m., it is through the use of a formula that we can calculate a reasonable time to depart. Another everyday example of formula usage lies in the calculation of our electric bills. The electric company uses a base formula to calculate the cost of the energy which each household uses. This is a formula which we, as consumers, have access to in order to check the validity of our bills. Is there a need for us to elaborate on the fundamental importance of graphing, equation solving, inequalities, and application problems? We think not.

A liberal arts education implies that you have become a more well rounded educated person. This means that English majors must take math. This, on the other hand, also means that

math majors must take English! As a matter of fact, this is usually the time that math people learn not to never mix no double negatives grammatically as well as mathematically. Should students not be required to take classes outside of their areas? We think not.

The future of our world as a whole is becoming more and more technical. In our own lifetimes calculators were birthed, computers were invented, and the information highway was opened! All of these inventions were developed in response to people's need to do things faster and better. Who was responsible for the answers to these problems? Was it a math illiterate person? Was it a person who believes numbers have nothing in common with letters? Was it a person who did not believe in mathematical logic? Was it someone who preferred personal infliction of pain before solving a math equation? We think not.

Logic gained from taking math classes helps to solve everyday problems. Although not all of life's problems are centered in mathematics, the logic that it takes to accurately solve any problem is rooted in mathematics. If for no other reason than this, students should take mathematics and learn to appreciate the intricacies of its logic in order that they may someday hope to help young people (perhaps their own children) who are struggling in their math classes. It should be our hope that next generations will be more successful, more inventive, more literate, and more inquisitive than we ever dreamed possible.

Nancy Woods
Janis Dixon
DMACC Instructors

Reader objects to language used in horoscope feature

Letter to the Editor

I am disgusted by the horoscope section of your newspaper. This is the first time this year that I have read the *Bear Facts*. When I first sit down to read the paper, I looked at what the horoscopes have to say. I usually enjoy what they have to say, true or not, but this time I did not. I feel that I do not have to see such smut in the paper as, "You may be the King of the castle, but

belching and farting are not seen as complimentary to the cook in this country. . . ." I feel that there are better things to put in a horoscope reading, even if it is for fun.

What I am asking is please clean it up or do without the disgusting remarks in your horoscopes. Some people do take them seriously.

A. S. Wile
DMACC Student

Gambling good for Iowa

By Steve Coil
Boone Campus Student
Guest Editorial

I pulled into the parking lot and slipped into an open stall about two hundred yards from the front door. It was five o'clock, I had four hundred bucks, lots of time, and I was feeling lucky--really lucky. I walked around the casino until a machine called out to me. There it was--Sizzlin' Sevens. The machines on either side were empty, and there was a cherry in the far right position. This was the machine. I sat down and started to play.

I was doing all right for the first twenty minutes, and then it was like somebody threw a switch. The machine sucked in almost all of my money. Ah, but I still had my lucky dollar. I broke into a cold sweat as I put my lucky dollar in the slot and slowly pulled the handle. Seven, seven, bar. "Shit!" I yelled. I walked away from the machine mumbling to myself and wondering how I was supposed to buy diapers and pay the rent. I glanced back at the machine that before held so much promise, and I saw an old lady sit down at it. I bolted for the exit because I couldn't bear to see what I knew was going to happen. I hope she enjoys my money.

Actually, my trip to Prairie Meadows didn't happen like that, but the opponents of gambling would like you to think it did. The opponents of gambling like to paint a picture of devastation and people seriously out of control. I look at it another way. For most people gambling is not an out-of-control problem, it's just a good night's entertainment. In fact, casinos can greatly benefit a community and its citizens.

In an article entitled "In The Land Of The Jobless, The One-eyed Jack Is King" that appeared in *Business Week* just such a situation is discussed. The Mashantucket Pequot Indians have recently opened a casino in Connecticut. It has been critical in helping the local community in two key areas: employment and the economy.

Critical for economy, employment

In the area of employment, the casino has helped to reduce the pain the area has been feeling since the collapse of the defense industry. Many of the people who were put out of work because of plant closings have been rehired by the casino. The casino employs 2,800 people, and with plans to expand on the horizon, they hope to employ a total of 4600 full-time employees.

The casino also helps the local economy. It pumps over half-a-billion dollars yearly into the area. It spends thirty million dollars locally on food and supplies each year and another sixty million dollars annually on salaries to its employees.

With such large amounts of money being spent and people employed, it's no wonder that small towns are now seriously considering gambling as a viable way to deal with their economic and unemployment woes. But opponents of gambling say that while casinos appear to help a community on the surface, underneath there are some serious problems that come with it.

What opponents claim

Opponents claim that with the rapid spread of casinos in the Midwest, there has been a serious rise in the number of people who have become addicted to gambling. Since the opening of Prairie Meadows, the number of people calling gambler's hot-lines has skyrocketed. Last year Gambler's Anonymous hot-line--1-800-BETSOFF--received 1,131 calls. These people's lives have been destroyed by gambling. They've lost entire paychecks, they've lost their homes, they've lost their spouses, and some have even taken their own lives--all because they couldn't control their gambling. These sad facts, according to the opponents, justify banning gambling.

But how can you justify banning something because a fraction of the people who engage in it have a problem? Last year over 100 million people visited casinos. The number of people who felt they had a serious enough problem to seek help constitutes a very small percentage of that number. But opponents still say that the fact that there are people having problems with gambling justifies banning it.

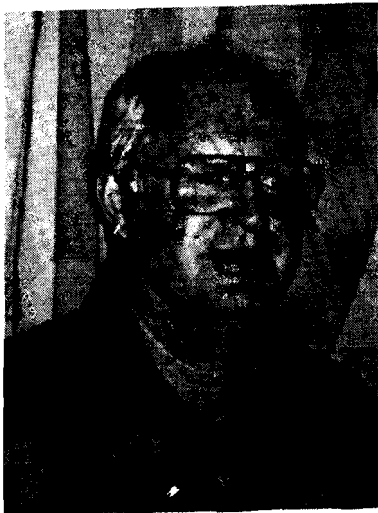
However, if you used this logic, you would have to ban things like cigarettes, alcohol, and even food. Could you imagine banning Ding-Dongs because some people overeat and have heart attacks? I wouldn't think so. Just as I can't imagine banning gambling because some people have a problem with that.

So, next time you see a commercial for a gambler's addiction program or hear someone on TV putting down casinos, just remember that while it's true that gambling does pose a problem for some in our society, for most it remains entertainment. Also remember that gambling can help communities tremendously. It can give area residents jobs, pump money into the local economy, and show you a pretty good time--which reminds me, how did I really do at the casino last night?

I played for about four hours, lost twenty bucks, and had a pretty good dinner at the buffet. All in all, I had a good time. And I did it all without ever breaking into a cold sweat.

Some spend extra time listening

Text by Robin King
Photos by Tricia Whitcher



Rich Finnestad

Rich Finnestad, Coordinator of Student Services/Counselor, had been employed by Des Moines Area Community College for the past 25 years, since 1971.

Working with the students and his colleagues are what he likes most about his job. He said, "It's very satisfying to see students complete their degrees or even just a course."

If the Boone campus were to provide daycare services and student housing, Finnestad feels this would benefit a great deal of the student population.

Finnestad does many things for the Boone campus including counseling students for career planning and enrollment and heading up the Foundation Scholarship Committee. He also helps students with course selections, transferring of credits and degree requirements. In addition, he heads up the Advising Program for the campus.

In his opinion, everyone at DMACC is very helpful because they are all in this together. "It's very interesting work," he adds.

His favorite part of the campus is the new student center. It not only gives the students a more open area to socialize and congregate but it also gives them a place for other activities such as the dinner theater that was held last month.

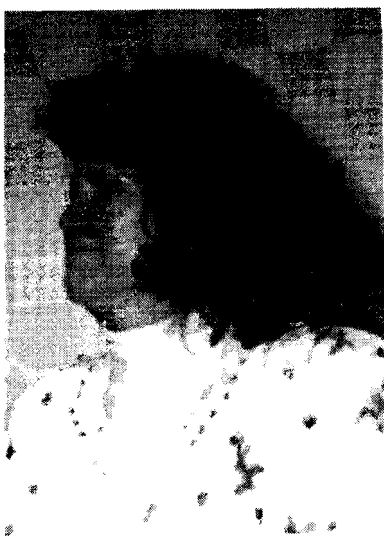
Finnestad has many interests and hobbies that he enjoys during his spare time. Some of these include golf, fishing, hunting, and traveling. He also enjoys being with his family and his grandchildren.

Together with his spouse, Carolyn, they have four daughters. Two daughters live here, one lives in Florida, and one lives in Oklahoma. He also has four grandchildren.

If he were to be given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for one day, he would go to Stavanger, Norway. Most of his relatives as well as his grandfather's farm are there. He states that the Finnestad family originated from there. Outside of Stavanger there is even a little town called Finnestad.

If granted any three wishes of his choice his first wish would be for Criner and Jones and the basketball team to go 27 and 1. His second wish would be for his good health to continue. For his third wish he would ask for the continuing good health of his family.

Finnestad is available to talk to students Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. During registration time it is best to make an appointment to see him although he is available for walk-ins.



Ivette Bender

Ivette Bender has been employed by Des Moines Area Community College for 16 years since the fall of 1979. She is the evening counselor but also teaches classes.

Part of her job as counselor is to help students register for their classes, change their schedules, and add or drop classes. She also talks with students about career decisions and about their personal problems.

Bender does spend more time with the new students and sometimes their parents

discussing the programs available at the Boone campus.

Her favorite part of the job is working with all age groups of students and to help them with their schedules. Not having enough hours in the evening for the students is what she likes least.

During her spare time she likes to do mainly one thing and that would be anything that has to do with the Nebraska Football team. "I'm a HUGE Nebraska football fan," she says.

Her spouse, Lyle, is a colonel with the Army National Guard and is also the State Director of Army Aviation. Together they have two sons. Their oldest son and his wife are working on their doctorates at the University of Georgia.

The younger son has attended both the Boone and Ankeny campuses before transferring to Northwest Missouri State.

Her favorite part of the campus is the Courter Center. She likes all the windows and seeing the students enjoy it.

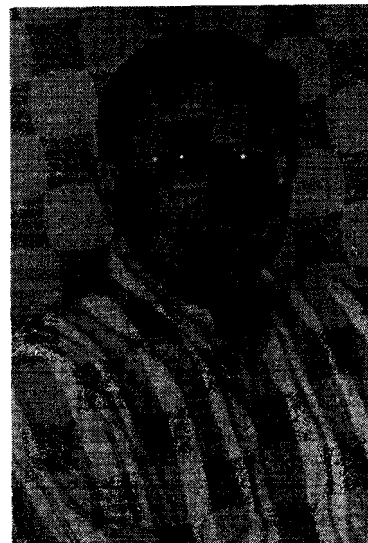
Bender feels that a daycare center would be beneficial to the campus but that the campus is also fortunate to have the daycare center located across the street.

One thing that she feels would be a benefit to students on campus would be for there to be more students activities. She feels that it is important for the students to socialize and do activities together.

If she were given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for just one day, she would definitely go to Lincoln, Nebraska, "preferably on a game day but any day would do."

If she were granted three wishes of her choice her first wish would be for a balanced federal budget. A return to our character and work ethic that our country was founded on would be her second wish. For her third wish she would ask for, in George Bush's words, "a kinder and gentler nation."

Bender is available in the main office from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday as well as from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Students do not need to make appointments but can if they desire to. She adds that drop-ins are welcome anytime.



George Silberhorn

George Silberhorn has been a counselor at the Boone campus for the past twenty-three years. He began his employment with Des Moines Area Community College in August of 1972. As a counselor, Silberhorn does many things for students such as coordinating activities.

"I'm here to listen and help in any way that I can," he states. He helps students with their personal problems, sorting out their financial problems, and with transferring of their credits to other colleges. He also adds that he is here "to cater to your every whim."

The favorite part of his job for him is the students. There is something new everyday. He also adds that there is never a dull moment. Not being able to keep everyone happy is what he likes least about his job.

He likes the Boone Campus because he says, "People are close here. Everyone recognizes everyone else and everyone is friendly. It's a nice family."

There are many services that Silberhorn feels that the Boone campus should provide for the students that would benefit them: student housing, daycare services, a transportation system from Boone to both Ames and Ankeny, and an Educational Advisor to be available to the students four nights a week.

Together with his spouse, Jinny, who works in the Academic Achievement Center, they have three children.

During his spare time he enjoys being out in the yard and taking walks with his wife. He also likes hunting, fishing, riding

Photos by Trish Whitcher

his bike and playing tennis.

If given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for just one day, he would go to New Zealand. Everything that he has ever read or seen about New Zealand has intrigued him.

If he were to be granted any three wishes of his choice, he would wish for happiness and success for his children. His second wish would be for there to be peace in the world. For his third wish he would ask for a long and happy retirement, even though it will be at least ten years down the road.

Silberhorn is available to students from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are fine, but he encourages students to walk in anytime if they need to see him. "After all, I'm here for them," he says.



Maggie Stone

Maggie Stone is the Coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Center. She has been employed with the Boone campus for nine years.

She helps displaced homemakers, single parents, homemakers, and single pregnant woman with career assessment and counseling. She also does pre-employment counseling, referrals to appropriate agencies that can assist, personal and career development workshops, and financial assistance towards transportation and daycare costs.

She helps students with their personal problems and is there to listen and make recommendations for the students. She can also provide students with support and encouragement.

Stone . . .

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Meeting a lot of "neat" people is what Stone likes best about her job. She also likes watching people start school and seeing them progress through the years and through all the changes in their lives. Paperwork is what she likes least about her job.

Stone thinks that the Boone campus should have student housing available because it would benefit the students who are currently in need of housing as well as bring more people to the campus.

Daycare would be another beneficial service that she feels the campus should offer to students.

Her favorite part of the campus is the new computer lab. She says, "It's fantastic."

Stone is married and has three children. During her spare time she enjoys being outside with her

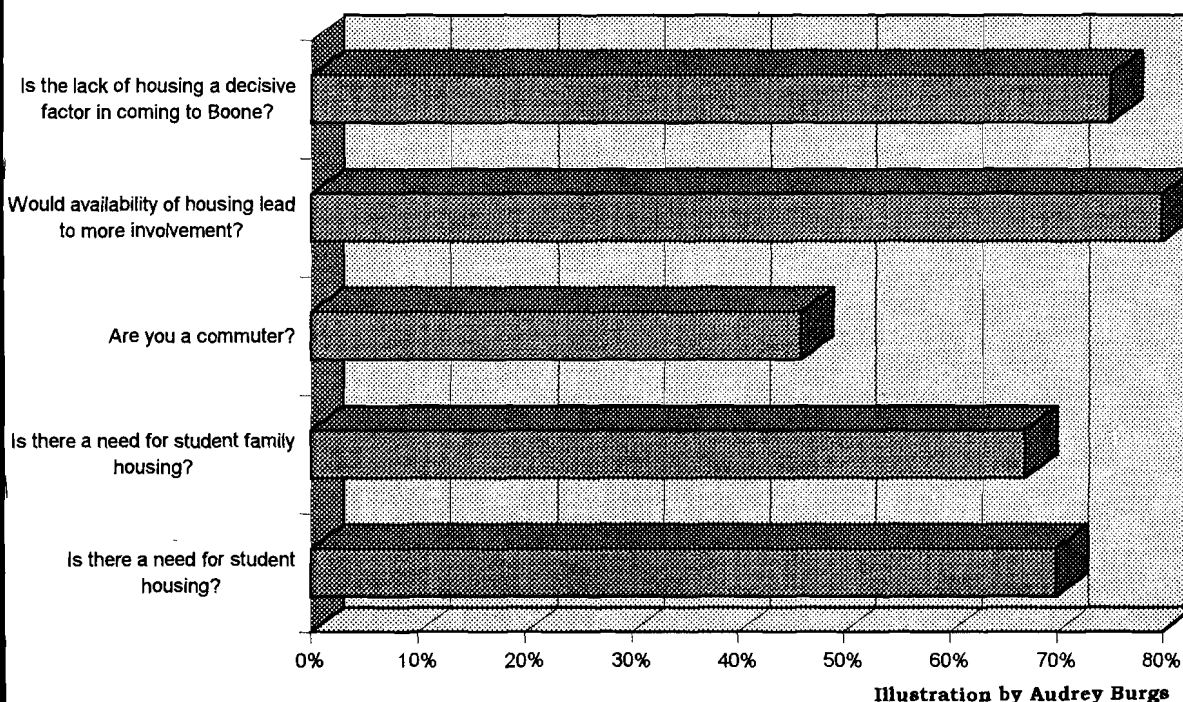
family on their acreage. She also enjoys her thirty-one year old horse who is in her opinion, "Quite a character."

If she were to be given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for the day she would go to Alaska because she has never been there before, and it looks like a pretty place to visit.

If she were to be granted any three wishes her first wish would be for good health for her family. For her second she would ask for peace in the world. Happy and fulfilling lives for her children would be her third wish.

Stone is available to the students Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Appointments are not necessary but can be set up with her. She adds that students can stop by her office anytime and if she is currently busy that you can schedule an appointment with her for later.

Bear Facts Student Housing Survey Results



Graph reflects students responding "yes" in recent housing survey

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Housing

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Campus builds student housing, it will be modeled after the student housing on the Ankeny Campus. According to Philips, Boone Campus will continue to own the land totaling 38 acres, and lease it to the developer. This means that the company leasing the land will charge students rent. Boone Campus would not gain from students' rent money.

One major concern of students about housing is if it will effect the cost of tuition.

The two are completely separate. Tuition would remain the same because Boone Campus would not own the student housing complex.

When students were asked, "If there were student housing, how much would you be willing to pay for it monthly?" students had three price ranges to chose from: \$100-200, \$200-300, and \$400-500. Of those surveyed, 61% responded to the \$100-200 range while the remaining 39% chose the \$200-300 budget range. No one surveyed marked the \$400-500 price range.

The first step needed to get the ball rolling on this issue is for an investor to develop a

proposal. Philips would like to get more local groups involved as much as possible. Two groups from Boone have shown interest but didn't carry through. Also two people from Ames, already in the housing business, recently expressed an interest.

Philips stresses the need for student housing. The idea, "not to start large, just a few units," would be a stepping stone toward ending the student housing shortage. Student housing would not only benefit those students attending from rural communities similar to Boone, it would aid in the growth of our academic and athletic programs.

Philips agrees saying that, "Out-of-state athletes and international students are our prime factors in the need to provide student housing."

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Other Jacksons arrive on scene

By Aaron Wright IV
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The next Jackson's have arrived on the latest music industry scene. No, I'm not talking about Soul For Real, but 3T. Who is 3T? Well it's Michael Jackson nephews: T.J., Taj, and Taryll Jackson, whose father is Tito (the second eldest of the Jackson 5).

Their debut album, *Brotherhood*, just recently hit the stores; the first single "Anything" is in the Top 25 of the Billboard charts.

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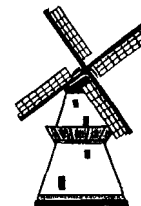
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Reviewing Expressions

By Robin L. King
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Expressions is a publication of Des Moines Area Community College that features the talents of students who entered the DMACC annual creative writing contest. It also features an Iowa artist. This year *Expressions* features Paul Micich, Iowa artist, songwriter, and poet.

Several stories, poems, art work and photographs are featured in Volume XVII of *Expressions*, as well as an in-depth interview with Micich.

The first short story, written by Ann Presley, is entitled "The Gift." This piece was awarded Runner-Up Best Story for the 1993-94 DMACC Creative Writing Contest. It touches on the reality of how one's words can affect people, especially when the one talking does not know the other one is listening. It is a reality check for those who

do not realize that it does not take sticks and stones to hurt someone. Words are just as powerful if not more dangerous.

"Daddy's Closet," written by Taiyon Coleman, was awarded Runner-Up Best Overall Writer in the 1993-94 contest. This story is written about a child's perspective of the world. Its description of what the child sees allows the reader to visualize from a child's viewpoint. It also tells about the way a child looks up to the person she most respects and cherishes in the world, her daddy.

A poem written by Bahria Amatullah, entitled "38 Caliber," was awarded Best Poem. This piece is uniquely compares the consequences of sex to the consequences of playing with a loaded gun. It reminds the reader that it does

not take a weapon to kill you. There are many other ways for people to die in the world today.

It is one poem everyone should read and think about.

"Catfish," a poem written by Mary Biesk was juried for the 1994-95 *Expressions* tells of a small town and of the catfish that are told to be very good there. I found this poem to be confusing.

The interview with Micich was very informative. It details his life, his career, and his work. It is written by Kitty Jacobson, the editor of *Expressions*. It tells of the many talents of Micich which include being an artist, author, and a musician.

The story, "The Fan," by Grace Tripp, is a well-written piece although some might think otherwise, due to the nature of the story. However, people do judge others by their actions or their lifestyles instead of by the person themselves. "Coming out" is the major issue in this story. I recommend the readers decide for themselves.

Along with the writing, the photography and artwork are both fantastic.

Expressions, overall, is an extremely interesting publication. I enjoyed reading the efforts of the talents of people who attend DMACC. However, I would have liked to have known which campus each of the writers were from and maybe a little bit about each.

Horoscopes

By Audrey and Anna
Astrologists to the Ordinary

Aries (Mar 21-April 19) Your finances are in ruins, so defy the urge to spend extravagantly on gifts this year. Now you can find out if people really mean it when they say, "It's not the gift but the thought that counts."

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Stop with the bullheaded act and buy that special gift even though it is expensive. It may prevent you from getting coal in your stocking for Christmas.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) A two-for-one sale may offer good buys, but be careful. Giving duplicate gifts to your family may be more than you bargained for.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Stop being so crabby and nitpicky when it comes to shopping. You will find that perfect gift if you just have patience.

Leo (July 22-Aug 22) You have been very naughty this year. The only thing you will find in your stocking is lint!

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) This year you are writing so many hot checks that your checkbook is on fire. Try balancing your account before you begin that shopping spree.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) You have a tendency to recycle gifts. This year keep a list to avoid giving a gift back to its original giver.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) If you are considering using your credit cards for shopping, think again. Your cards are at the max, and trying to use them may prove to be embarrassing.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 22) Your past generosity will be rewarded this holiday season. Expect a big gift in a small package this year.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Starting your shopping early is a good idea. You will meet your match in the aisle of the local K-mart.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Go ahead and splurge on holiday gifts. Your financial picture looks rosy for the coming year.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) No one ever seems to appreciate the gifts you give, so this year don't bother. Treat yourself to a holiday cruise instead.

Vittles with Vern and Virginia

Bradshaw's gets high family rating

We had one of our most pleasant experiences last week when we ate at Bradshaw's Family Restaurant in the American Inn on South Story Street in Boone. We were seated immediately by a congenial hostess in an immaculate dining area. Our order was taken promptly and we were served soon after.

Two daily specials were available: one was soup- and-sandwich and the other was a plate lunch. We both chose the latter, which was roast pork, mashed 'taters and gravy, and nicely seasoned green beans. The menu had numerous choices for breakfast (served till 11:00 a.m.). Lunch starts at 11:00, dinner at 4:00 p.m. with both available until closing. Virginia immediately noticed the lo-cal plate on the lunch side of the menu.

Bradshaw's also offers an appetizer selection with the usual fare of cholesterol-laden goodies (Vern says "YUM-YUM!!!"; Virginia says "It's not in my diet!") They gladly substituted a baked potato for the mashed spuds and gravy at no extra cost.

The coffee is especially good, according to Vern, who was also pleased that his cup was never left empty. Virginia is ecstatic that toothpicks were within arm's reach on the table.

Parking is plentiful. Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bradshaw's is definitely worth your time and money. Boone needed a good restaurant with home-cooking and a "homey" atmosphere. Bradshaw's is it...GIVE IT A TRY!!!

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Turn in any Lost or Found items to the
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Rotaract supports Lighthouse Project

By Ken Clark & Lynnette
Linderblood, Rotaract Club

You may still donate blood today, November 29 in the Courter Center.

Rotaract participated in the Great American Smokeout this month. Congratulations to all who participated and allowed their lungs to heal at least for one day.

December 4 is the Lighthouse Program Open House. The Lighthouse Program was initiated by Youth and Shelter Services as a program to open doors to self-sufficient living. The Lighthouse Host Home is a transitional living center for homeless women who are pregnant/or parenting.

Please donate your kids' clothing, christmas decorations, toys for the Lighthouse Project by using the boxes outside Mr. McNair's office near the north stairs.

The next Rotaract meeting is December 12. See Joanne Johnson or Lee McNair for membership.

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Larson

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athletes is not only his scoring and shooting but his ability to play defense and rebound. "Chris was the epitome student: a quiet leader, and above all else has set a high standard for others to live up to," concluded Olson.

Former Boone High School teammate Ryan Peterson wants to travel back in time to their freshmen year in order to remind Larson how far he has come since then. "I started for Chris, the first and only time he was ever benched. He had only scored four points in the previous game," Peterson said. However, Peterson did reveal that the game following, Chris racked up the points.

"Chris plays with intensity and heart. He will never give up. It's about time he realizes his own potential," Peterson remarked.

DMACC Athletic Director Harold Johnson credits Larson as being "a good athlete, and a good student, but to be both is great." Johnson sees Larson as the type of player that makes something happen, and it is positive when he walks out in the floor. Johnson feels he is very deserving of this scholarship.

Johnson and Larson share a

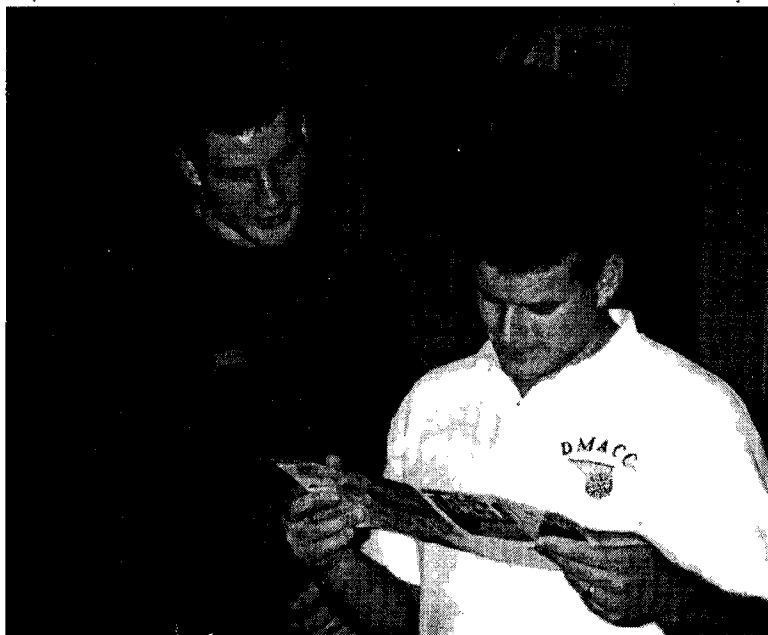


Photo by Angela Cherryholmes

DMACC Coach Russ Jones and Chris Larson discuss Larson's recent recruiting trip to Natchitoches, Louisiana.

common interest in a couple of sports besides basketball; they are both avid hunters and fishermen. Johnson commented saying, "I'm sure Chris realizes the hunting and fishing is better down there versus here in Iowa."

When Larson began his collegiate career here at DMACC, Coach Russ Jones, always thought he was a Division I prospect. In the early stages of this season Larson is putting up All-American numbers. He is averaging over 20 points a game and 15 1/2 rebounds.

"Chris, his parents, and I have worked very hard to get to this point," said Jones. For Chris to sign a letter of intent to play Division I basketball is great for himself as well as the DMACC program. "Chris has made us a better team," remarked Jones. Jones hopes to use Larson as a primary tool while recruiting players for next season.

As Larson completes his JUCO career here at DMACC and continues down the road to play NCAA basketball at Northwestern State University, there is one point made crystal clear by his father, "Don't think he will ever give up, because he

Final Exam Schedule Fall '95--Daytime Classes

Thursday, December 14, 1995 (Tues/Thurs 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.

Friday, December 15, 1995 (Mon/Wed/Fri, or more)

Class Time	Exam Time
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.

Monday, December 18, 1995 (Mon/Wed/Fri/more)

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, December 19, 1995 (Tue/Thurs classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	9:00 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.

Fall '95--Evening Classes

Last Monday night class (Final Exam).....	December 18
Last Tuesday night class (Final Exam).....	December 12
Last Wednesday night class (Final Exam).....	December 13
Last Thursday night class (Final Exam).....	December 14
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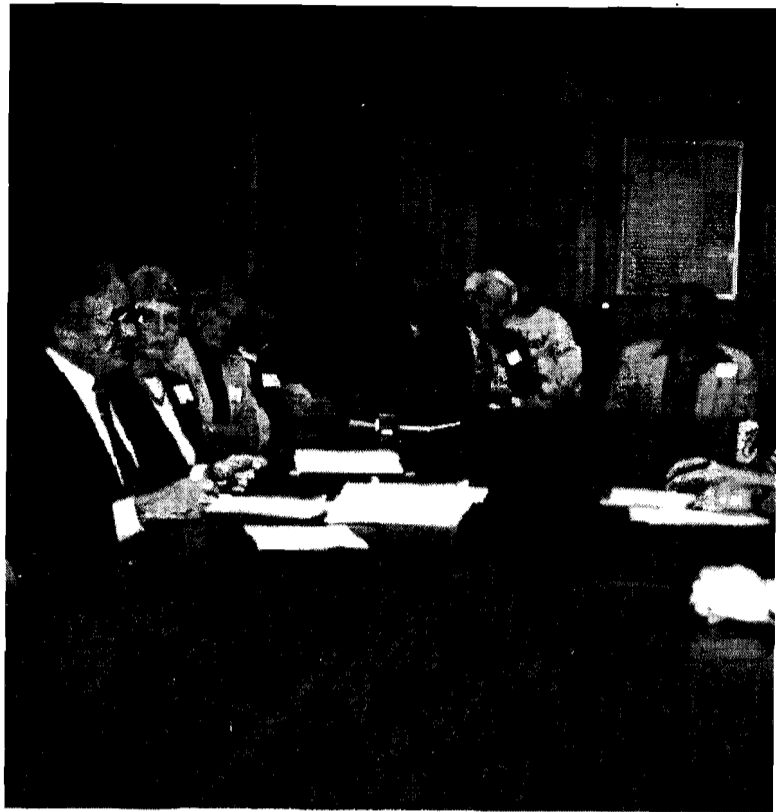
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Senator Tom Harkin, first from left, here at a student forum held on the ISU campus discussed direct student loans. He was joined by Kim Linduska DMACC Executive Vice President, and by George Silberhorn Boone Campus counselor.

Harkin warns of direct lending cuts

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

The Republicans in Congress have voted to cut nearly \$11 billion in student loans, and they would also like to put an end to the direct lending program that became very successful last year. In a fax from Senator Harkin's office, it states, "In their effort to give \$245 billion in new tax breaks aimed mostly at the wealthy, Congressional Republicans have voted . . ." for the direct lending programs to be cut.

It is estimated that if Congress follows through on their plan that thousands of the students in Iowa and over half of the 38 colleges that now use the direct loan program will be cut out from this venture. It has been discovered that direct loans account for over 57% of the total

number of student loans made in Iowa.

Direct loans are here because they simplify the program for the students. Instead of going through the regular maze to obtain money to go to school, a person who applies for a direct loan goes to their school's financial aid office and borrows directly from the government.

Another advantage of the direct loans is the new type of repayment plan. The plan is income-contingent and it allows for ease of repayment. The program is based upon the varied and changing incomes after a person graduates.

This fax was sent out to the schools that are involved in the direct lending program to let them know what is going on. There was a hearing held on November 10 at ISU to discuss this newest threat by Congress.

DMACC
international focus

Celebrating or mourning Nigeria?

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

This year DMACC is celebrating the Year of Nigeria. Through the speakers and other sources students, faculty, and staff have had the chance to learn more about the country. Last week a frightening side of the country came out. Nine people were executed by hanging. One of those who perished was a Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Due to what occurred the United States recalled the ambassador to Lagos, Nigeria, and will NOT grant visas to Nigerians. This could raise a problem for the guest speakers that DMACC was hoping to have in December.

According to the *Des Moines Register*, "The White House, European government and human rights groups reacted with outrage." Nelson Mandela and John Major demanded that Nigeria be expelled from the Commonwealth of Britain which has a 52-nation membership.

It is believed that Ken Saro-Wiwa, the playwright executed, was wrongly convicted for the death of four men at a political rally in 1994. Saro-Wiwa has stated to the end that he had been framed because he was opposed to General Sani Abacha, head of the Nigeria military regime. Saro-Wiwa also disliked the fact that 80% of Nigeria's income from exportation comes from oil. This fact may have also contributed to his death.

The men were executed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17 and the details of their hanging weren't released until 7:30 p.m. When the bodies were taken for burial the cemetery was surrounded by armed soldiers and tanks.

The Commonwealth was holding a meeting during the execution and is now deciding what should be done with Abacha. Abacha seized power from the elected president in 1993 through a coup.

We'd like to hear from you.
Express yourself in a letter to the editor.

By George

Much more ado about your education

During this decade, a majority of new jobs will require completing post-secondary educational programs. According to data compiled by the U. S. Dept. of Labor, nearly all new jobs created through the year 2000 will be service oriented; many of those will require higher skill levels. More than half will require education beyond high school. More than twenty percent will require up to three years of college. Thus, an associate degree will prove valuable in landing a job.

The U.S. Bureau has data that specifies that persons who have earned an associates degree earn at least 50 percent more than high school graduates. The census bureau's figures indicate that associate degree holders earn an average of \$1,672 per month while those with just a high school diploma earned an average of \$1,077 per month. The degree is more than just two years of college, it is a specific program of study that may be required in order to be licensed or certified for a particular job that often translates into more dollars. In certain fields like nursing pay may nearly be equal to that of a four year college graduate.

As one who has earned an associate degree you'll be able to demonstrate to employers that you have completed your goal-a degree and program. You probably held at least a part-time job while taking college classes, you also probably had some other responsibilities that occupied your time. Also importantly, your grades and specific course work indicate to employers that you are able to learn, can comprehend complex tasks, care about your performance, and can manage time.

While you may have been so busy balancing your classes, activities, and responsibilities that you may not have realized what all you know. Use all the services available to you to help hone skills and abilities. Learn how to analyze, evaluate, and communicate and to market yourself.

(The first person to tell me the title of the last column published will win a gift certificate for a medium specialty pizza at Godfather's Pizza.)

Community colleges offer a variety of associate degrees. If you are about to graduate with a degree intended for transfer you have planned your courses to meet the requirements of the four year institution to which you have planned to transfer.

Five simple steps will lead to a baccalaureate degree. First, select or identify a major area of study. Determine a focus that suits you. Then, choose the college where you'll transfer. Choose what's right for you. *Peterson's Guide* and the *College Blue Book* (in your library) have descriptions on nearly every college or university. Visit that college, ask questions; see if you can be comfortable there. Visit students and staff there, ask about campus life. Peruse college catalogs for the information and answers to the questions you may have. Visit the college placement office and ask where graduates are finding employment, what firms recruit on campus. Next, ask for transfer agreements or an articulation that will show you how your credits will transfer. Know and fully understand the admission process; know deadlines (some colleges require you to submit the application for admission by November of the year before you intend to enroll). Request that appropriate transcripts be sent; don't forget high school transcripts. You may even be asked for recommendations. Then, check for financial assistance.

The transfer process may seem confusing and overwhelming, but the results of the transfer process are worth the time and effort you invest. Ask you counselor or advisor to help. Carefully plan your steps and research. Take one step at a time through the transfer maze. A baccalaureate awaits.

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