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"The Voice of Boone Campus"



Photo by Kay Mueller

Shannon Daniel and Dana Hesser rehearse for the Boone Campus Dinner Theatre.

The cast of *Barefoot in the Park* will present its first performance tomorrow, October 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theatre. This final dress rehearsal of the show, before opening to the dinner theater audience on October 27, is open to all students, faculty, or staff not able to attend the weekend performances. Ticket sales for the two shows ended last Friday with sales going primarily to students, parents, senior citizens, and faculty, according to Kathy Kirkegaard, ticket-sale coordinator for the two shows.

The Communications faculty will act as servers for the dinner theatre and the play is being directed by Kay Mueller, Boone Campus speech and drama instructor. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday with the show at 8 p.m.

NCA approves accreditation through 2005

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Wednesday, October 18, the Boone Campus received word that the accreditation of the institution was granted for ten years. There will be no need for reports or focus visits over the next ten year period.

Nancy Cox DeSombre, president of Harold Washington College in Chicago and team chair of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) visit to DMACC, stated, "We are recommending that the next comprehensive evaluation be held in 2005-2006. Congratulations!"

The NCA had five major strengths and four primary concerns that they expressed to the administrative personnel, faculty, and staff. The strengths include: academic instruction and support services for students, business/community/industry partnerships, educational services cooperation, resources, and board of directors. The concerns were the implementation of the plan for the assessment of student academic achievement; institutional research; access for the urban students to occupational/career programs; and comprehensive statement of general educational philosophy.

Kriss Philips, Executive Dean of the Boone campus, said, "I am very pleased that the NCA evaluation team approved our accreditation until 2005-2006. This demonstrates that DMACC is providing quality education and services to our students. I am proud to be associated with the Boone Campus."

NCA Meeting with Students

On Monday, October 16, Dr. Karen Nagle of the NCA committee meet with students to dis-

cuss their comments, criticisms, and concerns about DMACC. There were student representatives from the Student Action Board, the Nursing Program, and the *Bear Facts* newspaper. Dr. Nagle described her position as President of Rochester Community College in Rochester, Minnesota and what the accreditation process includes.

Dr. Nagle asked the students various questions in order to try and find out more about DMACC's Boone Campus from them. The issues addressed during this meeting included services provided to the students, the diversity among the student body, computer availability, scholarships, health care, and the Student Action Board.

Also addressed were complaints that students have, the post-secondary enrollment option, tuition costs, intramural sports offered by the college, and student housing.

Dr. Nagle's meeting discussed reasons for attending this establishment, night classes, class selection, availability of jobs, internships, the Academic Achievement Center, and ACT and ASSET testing. She was also interested in knowing firsthand what students thought about the accessibility to the Internet, class sizes, and the number of international students attending this campus.

After asking the questions the, students then offered their opinions and shared their feelings.

The information learned in this meeting plus what the NCA personnel observed during their visit was compared to the self-study published by DMACC. The committee was looking for accuracy and lack of distortion in the self-study.

Cox voted in as SAB president



By Anna Steele
Bear Facts Staff

The first meeting of the Student Action Board (SAB) was held at 8:50 A.M. on October 13, in advisor, George Silberhorn's office.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect a president. Joel Cox received a unanimous vote.

As president he plans to get SAB more organized. "Right now SAB is not very organized, but we hope to start scheduled bi-weekly meeting that will be open to entire student body. In order for everyone's voice to be heard, we encourage anyone to attend the meetings."

The meeting concluded at 8:56 A.M. after briefly talking about the NCA meeting to be held that following Monday (October 16).

Money for displaced homemakers

By Maggie Stone
Contributing Writer

If you are a single parent, displaced homemaker (divorced, widowed, or your spouse is disabled), or a single pregnant woman, and if you fit the financial and educational guidelines, you may be eligible for assistance with your child care and/or transportation expenses while attending classes at DMACC. Check with Maggie Stone in Room 124, Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., to obtain additional information. Phone: 515-432-7203, Ext. 1090 or 1-800-632-2127, Ext. 1090.

The Displaced Homemakers Center was established nine years ago to assist single parents, displaced homemakers, and single pregnant women to prepare for employment to enter or re-enter the workworld. Services include career assessment and counseling, academic, pre-enrollment, financial aid counseling, and the financial assistance toward child care and transportation expenses.

DMACC writing contest worth \$500 scholarship

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

Rick Chapman, Communication/Humanities Instructor at the Ankeny Campus, announced the start of DMACC's yearly creative writing contest. Works may be submitted beginning now until midnight Monday, December 4, 1995.

Guidelines

To be eligible a student must be registered for the Fall '95 term. Those entering are only allowed one prize. The cash awards include \$100 apiece for the best story and the best poem and \$50 each for the runner-up in the above named categories.

The best overall writer will receive a \$500 scholarship (\$250 from the Student Action Board at the Ankeny Campus and \$250 from the Ankeny Campus Foundation). The Best Writer Runner-up will receive a \$250 scholarship (\$125 from Ankeny Campus Student Action Board and \$125 from the Boone Campus Foundation).

The manuscripts that win or those that receive honorable mention MAY be published in *EXPRESSIONS*.

The judging will be done by DMACC personnel. The judges and coordinators reserve the right to decide if prizes will be awarded in all categories. The entries will be judged anonymously and will NOT be returned.

Manuscript

The contestant must submit at least three original manuscripts and may submit up to five. This is done so that the best writers are selected and not the best works.

The works must be poetry, short fiction, or personal essay. The personal essay may only be single, sustained narratives and NOT arguments, analyses, or expositions. For those who are interested in publication: the shorter the work, the more likely the publication.

The manuscripts must be typed (double-spaced) and accompanied by a single cover

sheet that includes: the titles of the pieces, the author's name and social security number, college program, home address and phone number; and a signed statement as follows:

"The following pieces of writing are solely, my own work. I am currently a student at DMACC (if you're interested in the scholarships, add that you plan to be enrolled fall, 1996). I do not object to the publication of my writing if it is properly acknowledged."

Title each piece at the top of the first page, but the name should be left off because entrant numbers will be given to ensure anonymity.

Please send your work to:
DMACC Creative Writing Contest
R.W. Chapman, Contest Coordinator
Sciences and Humanities Department
Bldg. 2/ Ankeny Campus
2006 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50021

Call Chapman at 964-6535, if you have questions. If he's unavailable, he requests that you leave a message on his answering machine.

Second year nursing students learn about crack babies

By Lou Blanchfield
Contributing Writer

On Friday, September 29, ten second-year nursing students accompanied instructor Lou Blanchfield on a field trip to Des Moines. Their agenda included a presentation by Dr. Riswan Shah, a pediatrician at the Family

Ecology Center, whose practice is almost exclusively caring for infants and children who are victims of abuse and chemical dependent children; and a tour of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Blank Children's Hospital.

The students agreed that "the experience was an enlightening and educational event." Those attending were Jim Andersen, Shannon Daniel, Rhonda Dittmer, Denise Haugland, Julie Hull, Matt Knobbe, Kathy Krafa, Kris Maahs, Sherilyn Rittgers, and Jodi Scanlan.

In preparation for the day's activities, the students researched some of the possible effects of maternal drug use on the fetus. Research indicated that intrauterine exposure to cocaine or crack (even second-hand crack smoke) can have devastating effects on the baby. Newborns in this situation exhibit jittery muscle tone, incessant crying and increased irritability; which can lead to seizure activity, respiratory depression and death. They may also exhibit life-long developmental problems, including delayed motor and psychological

skills, and hyperactivity with a tendency toward irrational violent behaviors.

Dr. Shah reported that statistics for Iowa show that 1 in every 3 females and 1 in every 5 males are faced with some form of abuse during their lifetimes. These abuses could be physical, emotional, or sexual in nature.

During the tour of Blank Children's Hospital, an NICU nurse explained some of the extensive, year-long training given to their nurses to prepare them to care for compromised infants. The students were able to observe a nursing assessment of an infant born prematurely at 24 weeks gestation (40 weeks is normal). This baby weighed one pound at birth, but on the day of this visit weighed only 14 ounces. The baby would have fit into the palm of an adult's hand. He was being sustained with oxygen, feeding tubes, and IV fluids.

The students were informed that babies born this early are unable to tolerate much external stimulation, so their environment in the hospital is kept dark and quiet to minimize any overstimulation that could cause them any additional problems.

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By George

So, what do you intend to do for the rest of your life? What will you do after you graduate? Sound familiar? Pursue the career of *your* choice; study the college major *you* really want; choose to follow your heart.

Get after it. Don't wait for an inspiration or someone's permission. Act on your best instincts. It's certainly okay to be cautious, to be reasonable, but aiming for what you believe best reflects who you are. Consider your happiness and personal satisfactions.

What do you do about it? Look for something safe and secure? There are few totally secure careers. Your success and career happiness will greatly depend on how well you respond to each new problem as it occurs.

Mistakes are unexpected events that cause you to proceed toward a positive solution. Capitalize on "mistakes". React with the intelligence, resourcefulness, and ability to be a survivor. Don't hide from mistakes, don't fear them. Deal with them.

Weigh your cautions in pursuing good career ideas. Each will have merit and is rooted in reality. But do explore your ambitions and deal with your cautions. The worst that could happen is that your parents will disown you, kick you out of the house, cut off financial support; or maybe Great Aunt Leona will take away your inheritance.

The best that will happen in your career pursuit is that everyone will recognize the mature manner you used in charting your course. Gather your information, ask questions, weigh possibilities, and be willing to cope with uncertain outcomes.

What's the worst that could happen to you if you *don't* find a job -- any job -- in your major area of study? Use the college planning and placement office for help. Are you being competitive? Be persistently motivated. Be geographically flexible. Be willing to continually improve knowledge and skills.

While you're preparing and following your career path, ask yourself if you have what it takes in order to be ready for *your* career. ability.

Vittles with Vern and Virginia

Chit-Chat offers homestyle food

Want to eat some homestyle food in a hometown atmosphere? Then go west young person and try the Country Chit-Chat Restaurant located in downtown Ogden at 413 W. Walnut Street. It's on the south side of the old Lincoln Highway across the street from Coast-to-Coast Hardware.

Vern says try the daily specials which tend to be "farmer-type" meat and potato meals. The roast pork and the beef and noodles are scrumptious. In addition customers will find an abundance of sandwich choices. Unfortunately, weight-conscious selections are limited.

Desserts are good too. Virginia's favorite is a dish of soft vanilla ice cream topped with a packet of apple butter from the jelly rack found on the table. "It's heaven!" She adds, "It's the only place I've ever found apple butter in the jelly selections." The homemade pies are especially tasty with many delectable choices.

Like so many Midwestern cafes, the Country Chit-Chat caters to the breakfast and lunch clientele.

Service is friendly and efficient. Seating is very ample as is parking. Prices are reasonable because meals cost less than five dollars.

Rating: ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

--CLIP AND SAVE--

WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If weather conditions in the early morning hours warrant, Executive Dean Kriss Philips plans to arrive at the decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather no later than 5:30 a.m. As soon as a decision has been made to cancel Boone Campus classes, the announcement will be called into the radio stations listed below as well as recorded on the Boone Campus telephone system.

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KCIM-AM(1380)Carroll
KKRL-FM(93.7) Carroll
KDLS-AM(1310) Perry/Jefferson
KDLS-FM(101.7) Perry/Jefferson
KLSN-FM (98.9) Jefferson
KEZT-FM (104) Ames

The announcement on the telephone system can be accessed by dialing 432-7203 directly or by contacting the Boone Campus through the toll free number 1-800-362-2127.

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

--CLIP AND SAVE--

Staff Editorial

As you're sitting in class, or in the Court reading *Bear Facts*, right now, just take a look around the room. You may see some of your friends, teammates, peers, and some others you may know. But what about that person in the corner you never really noticed, or didn't want to talk to because of their dress or looks.

As I sit and observe the campus, we have our own little cliques or groups that we feel comfortable in--just like any other campus and life in general. But it's a problem with our nation and our society. Why do we look upon others because they wear different clothes, or have a different body shape?

I know that it's a problem everywhere and this editorial may not help, but would it actually hurt people to say "hi" to someone they don't think that their friends would accept? It is a form of prejudice that few people think about.

The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines prejudice as "an adverse judgment or opinion formed beforehand or without knowledge or examination." Some person you haven't approached yet, may be the best friend you will ever have.

For the *Bear Facts* Staff

By Tony Stewart

Ask Audrey

Dear Audrey,

Do you think O.J. is really guilty?

Signed, TL

Audrey Says:

O.J., O.J., O.J. I am in O.J. overload, but since you asked, here it is. It doesn't really matter what I think about O.J. Simpson's guilt or innocence, because a jury of his peers has acquitted him. I do have a bit of advice for Simpson's girlfriend Paula Barbieri: Watch your back, your front, but most of all your neck.

Should dress codes return?

By Tony Stewart
Bear Facts Staff

Across Iowa, many high schools and junior highs are going to be installing dress codes. What does that mean to you, a DMACC student? Not much really, but it may mean something to your little brothers or sisters, or dare I say it, your children.

In August of this year, the Des Moines city council voted that schools may install and enforce dress codes. At first it was believed to stop the wearing of gang related clothing. But it has been expanded to include Co-Ed Naked T-shirts, shirts depicting alcohol, ripped jeans, and in some instances any sports teams.

They say that Co-Ed Naked shirts promote sex. Now a days,

what doesn't? It's everywhere. But should it be banned? A Budweiser shirt with a couple frogs on it doesn't mean that that person is an alcoholic or even drinks. And when was the last time a drive by shooting was over someone wearing a San Diego Chargers jacket in a Houston Oilers neighborhood?

I believe that there are some inappropriate clothes out there for children or high schoolers to wear but not any of these. Anything depicting an illegal substance, or anything showing offensive language, yea, may be deemed unsuitable.

What's next? Calvin Klein clothes, or you can't wear a Cleveland Indians hat because it may offend the Native-American population? America needs to pay more attention to what goes in our heads than what's on it.

Campus Cafe and custodial staff serve DMACC-Boone's primary needs

Photos by Trish Whitcher



Gary Johnson

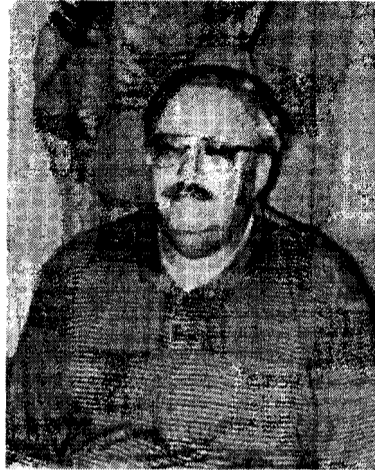
For the past year and seven months, Gary, has been the Building and Grounds Supervisor. The diversity of his job makes it enjoyable. While, trash on the grounds is an annoying aspect of his job. He has yet to find any bizarre or unusual things that were forgotten by any of the students.

Together with his spouse, Diane, they have a daughter, Lori. They also have a grandson named Jimmy.

Some of his hobbies and spare time interests include hunting and fishing. Computers are also a pastime. Spending time with his grandson is a pleasure. Macaroni and cheese ranks high taste buds for him. He enjoys the fall time of year. Dogs are his most liked animal. For his favorite actor he chose Jerry Lewis. For actress he decided that all women are good actresses because they all like to act.

The knowledge that he has gained over the years enables him to do a wide variety of tasks. This aspect is what he feels makes him unique.

The tobacco free environment here at the Boone campus is what he most enjoys. Now he no longer has to clean up the tobacco spit in the restrooms. Nor does he find pop cans and cups with tobacco spit in them.



Harold Hagaman

During his four months of employment here on the Boone campus, as night custodian, Harold has found that he enjoys keeping his assigned area clean. He most dislikes people who don't read the signs and obey the rules. Overall, Harold has found the entire campus interesting. He has yet to find anything that was unusual or strange that one of the students left behind. He recalls one of his most embarrassing moments to be going into the nurse's lab room in the dark for the first time and finding a mannequin seated in one of the chairs.

Days of Thunder and *Forrest Gump* were his favorite movies. He also enjoys Chinese food and the Mandarin restaurant. The colors red and blue are included in his list of favorites. He enjoys the fall season. Demi Moore is his favorite actress, while Tom Hanks is number one for favorite actor.

During his spare time he likes to go to the stock car races. Fishing and camping are enjoyable pastimes.

A good sense of humor is one aspect that he feels makes him unique. However, he would change his gray hair back to his regular color.

If he were granted three wishes of his choice they would be for health, happiness, and good fortune.

Australia would be his destination if he were able to go anywhere in the world for the day. He would like to experience the culture as well as see what it is really like there.

Bud Schwartz

Custodian
Did not return questionnaire



Arnie Egeland

Payday is the best part of this custodian's job. Even though he has only been employed for six months, Arnie, has learned to dislike the bees and wasps that he often comes into contact with. The common's kitchen is his favorite part of the campus. He feels that it helps him to keep up his image.

His spouse, Sharon, is 29 and holding. His son Dan, 23, was recently married to Patsy. Dale, 20, is eligible for someone smart and good looking.

He describes what makes him unique as being his ability to be a jack of all trades. Changing one thing about himself would be to have a full head of hair with more brains under it. In his opinion, looks are only skin deep, but ugly and stupid go clear to the bone.

Trail riding, horse shows, rodeos, and auctions are some of the things that Arnie does in his spare time. Sirloin steak is his favorite food. His favorite actor and actress are O.J. Simpson and Marcia Clark.

If he were to be granted any three wishes of his choice his first would be for good health and longevity for his family. Secondly, he would wish for fifty of the best horses ever born. Finally, for his third wish, he would ask for a cattle ranch with an auction barn. He would like to be an auctioneer there.

Arnie would like to go to Nebraska if he were to be given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for the day. He has three children there.

Arnie discovered something unusual on campus that the computer just wouldn't accept. It was a fake fingernail. Even though he admits to being shy he is not too easily embarrassed.



Joy Bartley

At the present, Joy's hometown is Boone, Ia. For six years she has been a part of the lunch staff here on the campus. Most of their customers make her job enjoyable. The grouchy and snotty customers are what she least likes about her job.

Joy is married with three adult children and five grandchildren.

The Loyd Courter Center is her favorite part of the campus. She feels that it adds some class to the Boone Campus.



Aaron Hemstreet

Custodian
Did not return questionnaire

Jody Newbold

Photo not available

Jody's hometown is Boone. She has been employed here at the campus for five years as part of the lunch staff. She enjoys being around the students.

Bill, her husband works for Pacific Railroad. Together they have four children and four grandchildren. In her sparetime she enjoys finishing antique furniture.

Her favorite part of the campus is the Loyd Courter Center because it has all the windows.



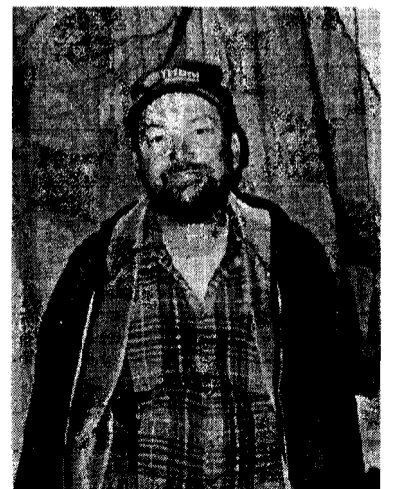
Rosemary Stuckey

Talking with the students makes Rosemary's job as part of the lunch staff enjoyable. She has been employed on the Boone campus for five years. The new Loyd Courter Center is her favorite part of the campus.

During her free time she enjoys cooking and reading. Fall is her favorite time of the year.

Her spouse, Denny, is a Line Foreman for IES. Todd, one of their two sons, lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his wife, Jodie. Their other son, Scott, is a student at Iowa State University.

Having been to Hawaii twice in the past, Rosemary would go there if she were given an opportunity to go anywhere in the world for the day. However, she suggests that you take two weeks instead of one day.



John Hilsabeck

John is one of the custodians here on the campus. He has been employed here for six months.

Blue is John's favorite color. As for animals, he favors dogs. He also likes the fall season.

How "evil" is Halloween?

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

Halloween is a holiday that is celebrated by many people. Most see it as a holiday of costumes, trick-or-treat, ghosts, goblins, and pumpkins, but few realize that it has a religious connotation behind it. Today in many schools there is a controversy as to whether or not the holiday should even be celebrated.

According to the book, *Anniversaries and Holidays*, Halloween is a Christian fall harvest festival that was established in the seventh century. It is also the celebration of the pagan New Year holiday. The two have been combined in different ways to celebrate what we call Halloween.

The people would build a bonfire on October 31 to keep away evil spirits. While gathered around the fire, people would tell scary stories and this is what later turned into the ghost story telling concept that many people still observe today.

In the book, *Celebrations: The Completed Book of American Holiday*, the origin of Halloween rituals were discussed. Many believe that some of the customs that we still observe today, including trick-or-treat, can be traced back to their religious beginnings. It was thought that ghosts would come into homes of the living and would be served large banquets for the pagan New Year feast.

After the great meals the living folks would put on masks and

act as souls of the dead to lead the ghosts out of town. In Christian beliefs, children would parade through town on All Soul's Day Eve (October 31) and would offer to fast in exchange for money or an offering.

It has been assumed that the trick portion of the holiday comes from that fact that people would play practical jokes and would blame them on ghosts and fairies. According to the *Anniversaries and Holidays* book, in early America this practice was very common and by the World War I and WW II era some of the events became downright rowdy. This tradition is still carried on today by teenagers across the country.

In a *Des Moines Register* article, by Kevin Thompson, he sees Halloween as a holiday that is corrupting our ability to become a "truly pluralistic and democratic" world. Symbols such as witches, vampires, devils, skeletons, and ghosts don't only point directly to death, violence, and evil, but they also are detestable to God. He feels that ALL religious celebrations should either be allowed or banished in our schools in order to obtain the "truly pluralistic and democratic" world.

The pumpkin carving ritual dates back to the Irish people who carved rutabagas, turnips and potatoes as stated in the *Celebrations* book. There is an old Irish story about a man named Jack who tricked the Devil. Upon his death he was not allowed into Heaven or Hell.



While wandering the earth to find an eternal resting place he was eating a turnip and the Devil threw him a hot coal straight for the fires of Hell. Jack then put the coal in the turnip and has since traveled the Earth with his "Jack-o'-lantern."

According to the *Celebrations* book, goblins and fairies are believed to really be kings and heroes with a touch of divinity. It has been said that when Christian bells toll and the ghosts are sprinkled with holy water they shrink to become these creatures of the night.

According to the same *Des Moines Register* article Thompson states, "What few people seem to know is that Halloween is as much a religious holiday as Christmas and Easter. The only difference is that the people who celebrate its true meaning do so in an underground fashion."

Rezoomers: Good way to get acquainted

By Maggie Stone
Contributing Writer

If you've been out of school for a few years and are resuming your education, you may want to check out the REZOOMERS CLUB. The club is a good way to get to know others, share information, and get better acquainted with the college system. Meetings are held twice monthly, generally the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the conference room just east of the Lloyd Courter Center, Room C-111. Students are encouraged to come and go as their class schedule permits. Programs of interest are held periodically. On October 11, Jinny Silberhorn from the Academic Achievement Center, shared techniques on how to take the anxiety out of test taking. Other programs of interest will be presented throughout the year.

Horrorscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) Resist the urge to hollow out your hard head this Halloween season. A hobgoblin comes out of hiding and into your heart.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) Cast aside your usual conservative nature and take a walk on the wild side this October 31st. Be on the lookout for a reveler in a black cat suit.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Your two-faced characteristics are especially useful at this time of year. Don't waste any money in a costume shop, simply go out trick-or-treating as yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You can cover up your S&M fetish by claiming that the whips and chains are really part of your Halloween costume. A masked man will come begging for treats at your door.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Your scary roar is too much for most to handle. To attract that special someone, try purring for a change.

Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22) The sweet and innocent act is getting old. Get over it. Break out the hoochie mama hot pants and have some Halloween fun.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) Your annoying habit of weighing both sides of an issue is beginning to bore people. Change your ways before you find yourself alone and BOO-hooing.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) A secret admirer likes everything about you except your stinging personality. Hold your sarcasm in check on the last day of this month.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Sorry, the thigh reduction cream will not work in time for the party. Dressing as a belly dancer is definitely out of the question now. You still have time to reserve the potato outfit.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your ex-lover has not won a prize at a masquerade ball since your break up. Suit up in the front half of the goat costume and show up at the biggest Halloween bash in Boone. Your lover waits there.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) A potential lover lies in wait at the pumpkin patch. Make the trip to choose your jack-o-lantern early.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) Your homemade *Dead Fish Head Fred* outfit is unusual, but smelly. Opt for an ensemble that will attract fewer flies and more mates.

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Following a roast for ABC News anchor Carole Simpson, Bear Facts reporters Julie Cronin and Angela Cherryholmes, congratulated Simpson.



Michael Gartner, editor of *The Daily Tribune* in Ames, photographed here with Bear Facts reporter Audrey Burgs at the SPJ convention.



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Sam Donnellson, ABC News reporter and SPJ president Reggie Stewart converse with members following the Simpson roast.

Along with leading national journalists...

Six DMACC-Boone students attend SPJ national convention

By Bear Facts Staff Writers

Discussing news stories from O.J. Simpson to local school-board issues, journalists from all over America met in St. Paul, Minnesota for the Society of Professional Journalists' '95 Convention on October 11-15. Over half of the Bear Facts staff from Boone Campus traveled to St. Paul, to meet with world-renown journalists and attend workshops covering subjects from how to cover disasters in your community to ethics for journalists gathering information on the Internet.

Those attending the convention included Jan LaVille, Bear Facts advisor, Angela Cherryholmes, Bear Facts Editor-in-Chief, and the following staff members: Audrey Burgs, Tony Stensland, Julie Cronin, Tony Stewart, and Jamie Lowe. Students had this to say about the trip:

T. Stensland: My highlight for the trip was hearing Michael Gartner speak. With his ideas on adding what he called, "tomatoes" to a newspaper, I began to gain an understanding of what is important in journalism. Mr. Gartner's definition of "tomatoes" is the information that people are interested in reading: items such as school lunch menus, bowling scores, election results. These are stories that are read and ones that often end up on refrigerator doors and discussed over coffee.

Michael Gartner of the Ames Daily Tribune impresses many students with his humor, practical advice, and outlook for the future.

The convention gave me a new respect for the importance of journalism and the professionalism that is needed in the field. I learned that doing the job well, reporting the facts and keeping the readers interested, is both difficult and rewarding. The role

of the journalist is to inform, the convention taught me, and that is a very necessary role.

A. Burgs: I am interested in editorial writing. I most enjoyed a session during the SPJ convention that showcased award winning editorials. One of the winners was Greg Shandley from radio station KUNI at the University of Northern Iowa. Shandley won his award for the production of radio commentary done by volunteers from his community.

The winner who made the greatest impression on me was Tim Redmond of the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*. He was fiery and passionate. Redmond won his award for a series of editorials that have brought attention to shady dealings between the National Park Service and real estate developers in his area. I left his session feeling inspired and with a better understanding of what a good editorial should convey.

Hearing Michael Gartner speak on the final evening tied everything I'd learned over the weekend together. He admonished the assembled journalists to remember that their job is to report the news and give the facts. I'll remember that.

J. Lowe: I enjoyed the opportunity to hear so many opinions on the many vast subjects discussed. It was interesting to think about how much of the information that was shared at the convention could really apply to any career or area of life. There were opportunities to hear a speaker in every area from the very technologically advanced fields, such as the vast information that can be obtained from the Internet to the common and practical uses of research. There was something there for everyone to learn from.

Interesting to learn that the problems we have in central Iowa are indicative of those experienced throughout the United States.

The thing that fascinated me the most was the realization that many of the problems that we face on our small campus and in our small communities are the same thing that people face all over the United States. Many of the students and journalists there attended much larger schools or resided in much larger communities, but they seem to have the same problems as we do.

A. Cherryholmes: I had so many different highlights from the SPJ convention it is difficult to pin-point it down to one. The most important to me was Michael Gartner's speech, but a close second would be the broadcasting session, dealing with live segments.

This interested me because, considering the field of broadcast. The most captivating portion of this session was delivered by a news director from an Oklahoma City station. She discussed the bombing and how her station dealt with the tragedy both professionally and emotionally.

J. Cronin: The highlight to my weekend at the SPJ convention is hard for me to determine.

We heard from the "best of the best--the cream of the crop."

When you've got the best of the best, the cream of the crop together, it's hard to have just one stand out. I think one of the things I enjoyed the most was the session on public relations and how it comes into position for journalists getting a twist on their job. I also enjoyed and loved the luncheon they had for Carole Simpson. She was a wonderful person who has really succeeded yet has fallen down a lot and gotten back up to get there. That really made me think because I don't hear a lot of success stories like that.



Photo by Tony Stensland

Feeney two-sport athlete for Bears

By Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff

Nicole Feeney
Position: Guard/Shortstop
Height: 5'2"
Hometown: Boone, Iowa
Major: Paralegal

Nicole Feeney, a sophomore at DMACC-Boone keeps herself very busy, participating on the women's basketball and softball teams.

Has several role models

Nicole went to Boone High School where she was coached by Mr. Etringer for basketball and Mr. Dighton for softball.

She has received numerous awards while in high school, not only for athletics but also academics. Nicole received awards for being on The National Honor Society, All-Mid Iowa Basketball, state cheerleader, first team all-conference for softball and MVP for basketball.

Played for DMACC last season

Nicole has carried her success not only in the classroom but also in sports to DMACC. Her averages for basketball last year, for the 1994-1995 season were, 10 points per game, 10 assists per game and she shot 80% from the free throw line. Her softball stats for the 1995 season included a .514 batting average and .900 above fielding percentage.

These stats were compiled as Nicole played shortstop, center field and left field.

Education is very important in this day and age for anyone to succeed and Nicole wants to continue her education and sporting career. "I want to go to Drake or Iowa, or somewhere to play softball and also to pursue my career in law."

Nicole has many mentors. She looks to her father; Mr. Dighton, her high school coach, and a high school teacher Mr. Wells. "They all taught me to be the best and never quit."

Nicole comes from a big family from whom she gets a lot of support. Her mother and father Ed and Marilyn and her three brothers Jim, Larry and Joe, her three sisters Lori, Lisa and Jenny all play an important role in her life.

"Always give 100%, and never be a quitter."

Advice Nicole would give to young athletes or kids growing up today is, "Always give 100% and never be a quitter."

Men on the road

By Aaron Wright
Bear Facts Staff

With the men's basketball team coming into focus for the 1995-96 season, the DMACC Bears traveled to Grand View College on Thursday evening for a scrimmage. The Bears lost both games to the Des Moines-based NAIA school by a very close margins.

"Right now we are just practicing for the season. We are able to put in different line ups to see how they look. There's a couple of things we could brush up on," said Coach Russ Jones.

On Sunday, the men were back on the road again taking a four-hour trip down to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. In the JUCO jubilee, DMACC won one game, but fell in two by three points or less.

"This is a learning experience. It gave my team a feel of the competition that is out there," said Jones.

Teams in Warrensburg included Kemper Military, Penn Valley, Western Iowa, Creston, and others. DMACC opens at home on November 11th in the Boone Campus Gym.

NBA Preview Magic over the Spurs

By Tony Stewart
Bear Facts Staff

In less than two weeks the squeaks on the floors, the sweet sound of it going in, the ecstatic, sweaty heart pounding feeling is back. No, not an outrageous after hour's party, but the start of the NBA season, of course. Last years season was tremendous. The Houston Rockets came out of nowhere to capture their second straight title. The Orlando Magic showed a glimpse of the future, the Boston Celtics unfortunately could not relive their past. The "Airness" himself, Michael Jordan, unretired after a not so gracious attempt at baseball.

Last year I picked the Magic, and the Suns to battle for it all in the finals. One of them let me down, but aside from that, I had pretty decent predictions. Here are my predictions for the 1995-96 season.

In the Atlantic Division, Shaquille O'Neal, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway and the rest of the Magic got a little taste of the NBA elite last year. After being swept by the Rockets in the semi-finals, they look hungrier than ever.

The Washington Bullets, with their talented, young front court

will squeak past the Knicks to have the second best record. Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Rasheed Wallace, and a healthy Mark Price, may even be strong enough to dethrone the Magic.

Say good-bye to the sophisticated Pat Riley era, who took his showtime and Armani suits to sunny Miami, and hello to Nellie-ball. Don Nelson takes over an old, sore, broken down team, and it seems that Patrick Ewing may retire without a nice diamond on his finger.

Rounding out the conference will be the Miami Heat, with Riley installing some needed discipline into scoring machine Glen Rice and second-year point Khalid Reeves. The New Jersey Nets with one of the most talented teams in the league. Derrick Coleman and Kenny Anderson are terrific young superstars, but are deemed uncoachable. It is to be hoped that all around nice guy, number one pick Ed O'Bannon doesn't follow. The 76'ers with Clarence Weather- spoon, and stud-child Jerry Stackhouse will finish sixth. While the Boston Celtics, have a whole lot of rebuilding to do. General Manager, M.L. Carr wanted a real coach after firing Chris Ford, so he hired himself. No excuse for not winning now.

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Plans for Year of Nigeria underway for five campuses

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Monday, October 23, a meeting on the ICN about the year of Nigeria here at DMACC was attended by representatives from the Carroll, Boone, Ankeny, and Urban campuses. Bruce Kelly represented the Boone Campus.

The main discussion was centered around guests who will be visiting in November. Dr. Bello Iman and Dr. Picta Agbese, political scientists, will visit the various campuses on November 8 and 9. They will be talking about the political and economic base of Nigeria. The exact time and date for their Boone campus appearance has not been decided.

Four men who were supposed to have visited in October were having visa problems and unable to come to this country. It is hoped that they will be arriving in late November and make a presentation during the month of December.

These men have been working on two projects with DMACC since 1993, researching a small bank in their African state and trying to set up a business incubator/continuing training center at the Ibadan Polytechnic School.

The polytechnic research and set-up is in the process of being funded by a grant. Two of the men are economists with Ph D.'s, one is the head of the small business administration, and one works in the fine arts department at the Polytechnic. Information will be passed along as soon as it becomes available.

Also discussed at the meeting were the posters advertising the Year of Nigeria and the T-shirts and sweatshirts that will be sold. It is speculated that t-shirts will sell for between \$6 and \$8 and sweatshirts will go for \$12.

A seminar will be held on the Ankeny campus during the spring with a Nigerian focus, and the committee members hope that they will be able to tie it in with the Year of Nigeria offering it as a three-credit course. It is questionable as to whether or not it will be offered over the ICN.

The next meeting about the Year of Nigeria is set for Thursday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the ICN room. Any DMACC person interested in helping plan the Nigeria activities is encouraged to attend.

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With the "Human Highlight Film" Dominique Wilkens and The "X" man, Xavier McDaniel gone to Greece, it will be hard to reach the playoffs this year.

In the Central Division, the Indiana Pacers up tempo offense will shut down the Michael and Scottie Traveling Chicago Show, and challenge for the title. Reggie Miller and Rick Smits proved they are big time stars last year and will try to prove it.

In Chicago, Jordan and Pippen, welcome "The Worm" Dennis Rodman to the Windy City, but like last year, Coach Phil Jackson will miss Horace Grant's scoring, defense, leadership, and come up short.

The Charlotte Hornets will be stung again by underachieving and desintion. A powerful, young, team, with Alonzo Mourning, Larry Johnson, and Scott Burrell, welcome back Kendall Gill, who, if they can coincide, may reach deeper into the playoff pot.

The Milwaukee Bucks, with "Big Dog" Glenn Robinson, one of the most underrated players today, Vin Baker, and Michigan State scoring sensation Shawn Respert may surprise everybody.

The Cleveland Cavaliers, the team most likely to have shed a tear when Jordan came back, is getting old, and new Coach Mike Fratello may have decided to leave NBC a year too late. The Detroit Pistons, with Grant Hill, the drafting of Theo Ratliff, and the addition of Otis Thorpe may be a championship caliber team once more. The Atlanta Hawks should just think of a lottery pick and wait for a few more years. With Steve Smith and Spud Webb, the highlight film will be exciting, but the seson will be a bore. The expansion Toronto Raptors, with point great Isiah Thomas as General Manager, drafting Arizona's Damon Stoudmeir at the point, will win more than three or four teams but will take their knocks before they are respected.

The World Champion Houston Rockets hail from the Midwest and don't want to relinquish that title. NBA Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year, Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon, Robert Horry, and Clyde "The Glide" Drexler have the talent and heart to repeat.

Brian Hill's San Antonio Spurs, waved good-bye to four time rebound champ and All-League headache in Rodman, but have the leagues most versatile center in David Robinson, but Houston proved how to stop "The Admiral." Let him shoot and make his teammates step up. If Sean Elliot, Avery Johnson, and Terry Cummings do, be prepared for a party in San Antonio next June.

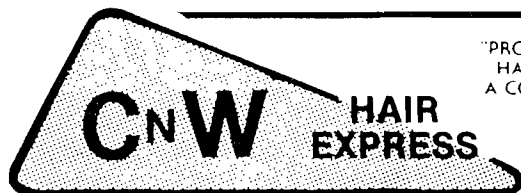
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The up and coming Dallas Mavericks, with an awesome nucleus of Jason Kidd, Jimmy Jackson, and Jamal Mashburn may upset the big boys. The Lone Star State is loaded with potential champs.

Karl "The Mailman" Malone and John Stockton are two of the greatest players ever but their championship hopes may have faded last year. The Utah Jazz may never have a title shot again but can still manage 45 wins.

The Denver Nuggets with Dikembe Mutombo, draft day steal Antonio McDyess, and a healthy LaPhonso Ellis are a force to be reckoned with in a couple of years. In Minnesota, the Timberwolves drafted high school sensation Kevin Garnett and have a bright future. Isiah Rider, and Christian Laettner, may rival the Nets for whining, but Tom Gugliotta and new T-Wolf Terry Porter may change that around. After seven years in the NBA, the T-Wolves look like they may win every once and a while. The other expansion team, the Vancouver Grizzlies have a decent draft of veterans and drafted Okie State's "Big Dork...County" Bryant Reeves. It looks a little premature, but Acie "Slinky Man" Earl may win the starting job, so it looks like a long season.

In the perplexing Pacific, The Seattle SuperSonics are loaded with talent. Shawn Kemp is overrated and may never reach his true potential with the Sonics. But with Gary Payton, Hersey Hawkins, and Detlef Schremph, the Sonics will make the playoffs, have the best record in the Pacific, but will they get through the first round?

The Phoenix Suns will miss

Danny Ainge, but "Sir" Charles, Kevin "Little Train" Johnson, a healthy Danny Manning, and Wesley Person, whose three-point shooting made Dan Majerle expendable, are intimidating.

The Golden State Warriors are as perplexing as they are talented. With the overall Number One pick in the draft, Joe Smith, this team is awesome. Latrell Sprewell, Tim Hardaway, Donnie Marshall, and Chris Mullin are great but the ugly relationship between "Spree" and Hardaway, and last years dismantling are still to be seen.

The Sacramento Kings surprised the league last year, by winning 39 games, their most since moving from K.C. in '85. Brian Grant, Walt Williams, Michael Smith, Mitch Richmond, draft pick Corliss Williamson. This team is stacked and on the move.

The Portland Trail Blazers are trying to regain their prestige of their NBA Finals team of only four years ago.

It looks like I've saved the worse for last. The Los Angeles Clippers could lose to a lot of college programs. They are in horrible disarray. Last year besides owning the worst record (17-65) and home record (4-37) they traded the number two pick in draft to Denver for rookie Brent Price and unproven Rodney Rogers. This team is a CBA team on the road to futility.

Well, there are my picks. It is sure to be an exciting season, and keep checking back every once in a while to see if I'm full of air. The Magic will win it all against

the Spurs. So remember, get your laces tied up and keep your pivot foot firmly planted.



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