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Bear Facts

Des Moines Area Community College "The Voice of Boone Campus"

Johnson named DMAACC teacher of the year

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Harold Johnson, biology/zoology instructor and athletic director here on Boone Campus has been honored with the DMAACC Foundation 1995 Distinguished Teacher Award. The award was presented during DMAACC's President's Day activities marking the beginning of the spring semester.

Johnson was nominated for the award by fellow teachers on all DMAACC campuses. Johnson is only the second Boone Campus instructor to have this honor, following Bob Taylor, psychology instructor, DMAACC's selection a couple of years ago.

"Instructors of DMAACC make the nominations. I have them to thank for it. It was very thoughtful on their part," Johnson said.

Johnson feels having a good relationship with his students and being able to communicate have been keys to his success. Simply working with his students is the biggest reward he could ask for.

"The award is well deserved and long overdue."

*--Kriss Philips
Campus Dean*

Mike Boten, a former biology student said, "He is a good teacher. He presents everything and makes it sound logical. You knew what would be on the test from your notes."

Another student, Albert Fields, feels that, "If you help yourself, he will help you."

Karin Van Meter biology/physiology instructor has worked with Johnson for three years and says, "It's a pleasure working with him in the department. He has a good sense of humor and is helpful in the lab when needed."

Not only does Johnson teach 80 students daily but has responsibilities as athletic director as well. "It takes more time being athletic director than teaching," said Johnson. Scheduling of games, hiring officials, and managing concessions are just a few of those responsibilities.

The coaching staff at DMAACC-Boone Campus also speak highly of Johnson. "Harold is an easy guy to work for. He listens to his coaches and backs them 100%. He is important to coaches and instrumental for scholarships," said Coach Dick Criner.

Dean Kriss Philips said, "The award is well deserved and long overdue. Harold is well respected and liked by everyone." Dean Philips' son was a former student of Johnson and considers him also to be "the best teacher."

Harold Johnson had considered retiring after this year, but has decided to stay at DMAACC for one more year. This gives students one last opportunity to take a Johnson course. Keep in mind Johnson's classes always have a waiting list, so get your name in early.

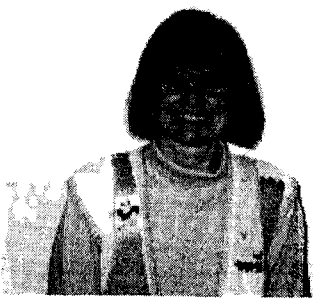
"I'm glad he will be here next year," Dean Philips concluded.



Harold Johnson, Boone Campus science instructor and athletic director, was recently named DMAACC teacher of the year.

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How has the construction affected you?



Ann Watts

The construction has caused "fruit basket upset". I lost my office, equipment storage and student traffic increased 80%. But, I am thinking positive to when it is done.



Ana Paula

The food offered in the vending machines is very sweet when available and the lunch menus are very fattening.

Sandi Johnson

I have tuned out the construction noise because I know it will get better.



Amy Bartsch

It is a pain in the a--.



Karen Wagner

I lost my office and I don't know where my new office will be. However the move gave me a chance to clean out my desk.



Photos by Sandra Hayes

Need a conversation partner?

By Joe Meyers
Bear Facts Staff Writer

DMACC strives to make education its top priority. One way of doing this is by having a room on campus called the Academic Achievement Center (AAC). This area serves the student in many ways. One way is by offering tutorial services.

The AAC provides students with free tutoring for their college classes. The AAC staff can help students with reading comprehension, study skills, test taking techniques, and course content in math and English areas.

It can also provide students with a peer tutor for specific courses if they need more extensive help. This is a free service. If any student knows of a student having capabilities to become a tutor, please let the ACC know. The student must have received an A or a high B in the course he or she expects to tutor, have instructor approval, and qualify for work study in order to be paid. Many of the tutors have had eight hours of training and are nationally accredited by the College Reading and Learning Association.

Students can also take make-up tests in the AAC. The AAC does not allow students to take any material into the testing room if they are not known by someone on the staff without a picture I.D.

The AAC is now offering a conversation-partner program. This new service is being initiated for the ESL students to help them with their conversational English.

The person in charge of this new program is Jeanne Roth.

Roth said that the program involved pairing up an international student with an American student for an informal conversation to help understand assignments, help in their pronunciation for speeches, and also to ask questions concerning the American culture.

Any international student can participate. Most of the tutors are work-study students, but one student is participating on a volunteer basis. The partners can meet wherever both of them agree to a time.

Roth went on to say, "International students improve their language skills. This gives them an opportunity to meet an American, and the tutor an opportunity to meet an international student." This new program just started this semester.

This program hasn't attracted much attention yet. Roth said that they would like some more students because they only have three international students and four tutors. Any international student interested in this program should stop in at the Academic Achievement Center. Times are flexible any where from one hour to six hours a week.

Construction moves into front offices

From the Dean's office

Kriss W. Philips, Executive Dean, Boone Campus has announced that Phase III of construction is expected to begin February 27.

Phase III consists of eliminating the present downstairs restrooms and a total revamping of the main office areas (business/financial aid, admissions, registration, student services, counselors, faculty typist, dean's secretary, and dean's office).

This area will no longer be accessible to anyone except the contractors. The above mentioned offices will be relocating in the new offices previously known as the Campus Center. Therefore, the main office will be closed February 22nd and February 23rd to prepare for and move into the temporary offices.

Philips thanks Boone campus employees and students for their continued cooperation and patience during Phase III of the remodeling process.

Completion date for the entire Boone Campus expansion is still set for early May.

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Old Codger...



Why celebrate Black History Month?

Alexander the Great meets Roddy McDowell

Fibula, Tarsal, Ganglia etc.

"Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones. The leg bone connected to the hip bone..." and so goes the song from yesteryear. It seems there is a news-flash that isn't getting much attention by the general public. Some people who dig holes in the hot, sweaty, dirty desert have excavated a grave in Egypt which by most indications could be the last resting place of Alexander the Great!

They aren't really sure at this point but seem to feel from the texts that led them to the spot and the markings on the inner tomb that there is a really good chance they have come upon what remains of one of the world's most famous ego-genetically enhanced conquerors.

If, in fact, this is what they have accomplished how much better off will the world be for the discovery? It will keep history book writers and rewriters busy for a long time just fitting and refitting this particularly misunderstood historical figure into the neat little niches we tend to put important people in these days. Why, just imagine, we may even find out more about Cleopatra! She was the ambitious Egyptian bimbo who helped start the fall of the Roman Empire by enticing Richard Burton to think he might aspire to the glories of Alexander the Great until he ran up against Roddy McDowell who led Roman legions into those same sweaty, dirty deserts to prove he deserved the mantel of the Imperial Caesars.

The Flea and the Elephant

But, I digress from the subject at hand. If it turns out to be the grave Alexander the Great, for real, we will have some concrete evidence that he actually existed. There are so many things, now a days, that we are told to be true but cannot quite prove, it will be genuinely refreshing to know for fact for once!

On a lighter note, I see from the papers that Presitending Clinton is going to punish

Communist China (Oops, it's not Communist China anymore, it's The People's Republic of China!), with a trade embargo or a high trade tariff or some other slight slap on the wrist because they won't stop copying and selling Prince and Madonna's latest erotically suggestive discs.

You know there is cause for worry about the seemingly perceived proportional perspective of some of our elected leaders when they think they can slap the wrists of over a billion people just because they are doing what so many of the almost 300,000,000 Americans are doing here at home with those low priced Communist Chinese (Oops, I did it again, made the same mistake...) electronic dubbing machines to copy the same musical disc selections to tape so we can play them in our "Trade-Deficit-Enhancing" Japanese cars because we can't all afford to have disc players in our automobiles!

Any President, Be He Republican or Be He Democrat

Notwithstanding, that I heard on the C-Span channel the other day, the debate going on in the House of Representatives on the bill that would give a President (don't worry, not just Clinton) stronger "Line-Item-Veto" digression. It seems the Republicans are some what seeming to look at themselves as Cleopatra wanted Richard Burton to look at himself

because they appear to want to give the President (ANY PRESIDENT) power to line-item-veto any line in the budget without giving the Congress, that is either the House of Representatives or Bob Dole's Senate, the power to approve or disapprove that same line.

Nostalgia Overcome By Pride

Oh, and I took the opportunity the other day to take a private tour of the new decorations and rooms and halls of some of the addition we're all experiencing. Wow! that's all I

can say is WOW! From a nostalgia view point I almost cried to see what had been done to my old **SMOKING ROOM** not to mention the old **Student Lounge** where so many wonderful gatherings took place.

It was simply amazing how something so well remembered could be brought up-to-date and look so nice and inviting. I was truly impressed with all the work that had gone on already and am anticipating even more in the coming months. You just wait until it is all unveiled for your own first view! Those of the present generation and generations to come will be proud to apply for entrance into the academic world of **DMACC-BOONE**.

Well, those are the thoughts of this Old Codger for now. Yes, **Mid-Terms** are coming. They haven't decided to do away with them yet, so get prepared each and every one of you! Now, if we could just smell the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee wafting through the air!

And, rumor has it that there was some opposition to the Fund. Well, Yes, we should all have our lives straightened out before the Clouds open up for us. However, that presupposes a knowledge of the Predestination in store for us doesn't it? **KEEP UP THE GOOD THOUGHTS AND GOOD INTENTIONS LINDA!**

**THERE'S NOTHING
MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD
AMERICAN
CANCER
SOCIETY**

By C. Brooke Mc Knight
Bear Facts Staff Writer

"My only concern was to get home after a hard day's work." So said Rosa Parks after receiving international recognition in 1955 for refusing to move to the back of the bus. This courageous act provided the catalyst for America's civil rights movement.

It is now 40 years later and though many laws have changed, the struggle for equality remains. To raise American consciousness and focus on the history, culture, and achievements of African Americans, Carter G. Woodson created Black History Week in 1926.

Woodson selected the second week in February for the fact that the week contained the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. As the celebration grew, the week turned into a month-long event.

Black History Month is in honor of the hard work by unsung heroes who worked in fields in blistering heat when the ground was hard with no rain and laborers were few. Throughout these days, the African American slaves and sharecroppers were told they would never succeed and segregation would reign forever. Despite all the pain, African Americans pushed on with hard determination for freedom.

Soon, great leaders such as Nat Turner and Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X spoke to the African American people telling them how to overcome. The ground

gained by African Americans today is evidence enough that the leaders' words and actions rang out loud and clear.

Black History Month should

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare it today.

--Malcolm X

be celebrated by African Americans and others. Black History Month is the time when everyone must read and celebrate, slaves and sharecroppers, victims and martyrs, marchers and rebels. We must relate these images to the challenges and opportunities of our own lives, or we shall learn nothing and remember nothing.

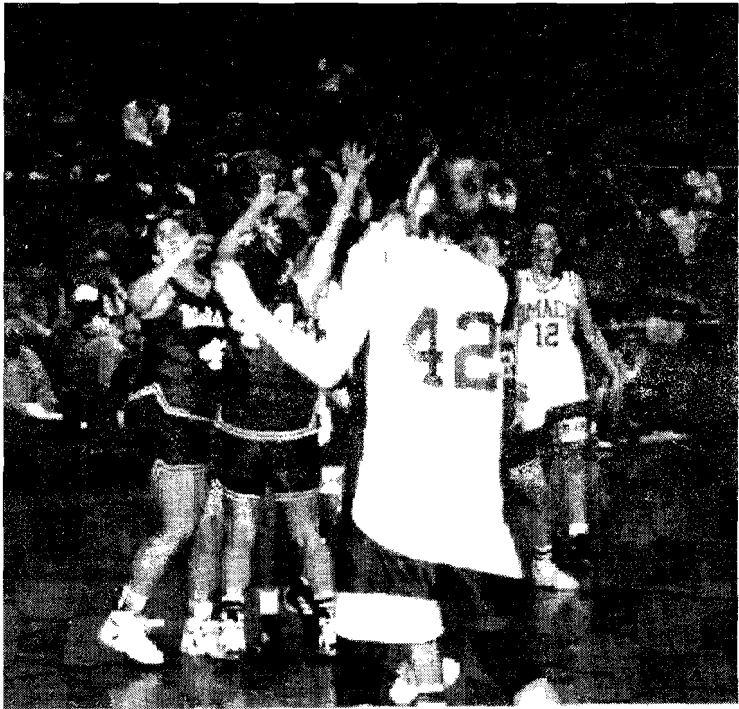
For in the end the real question is not what the great leaders of the civil rights movement did but what everyone is prepared to do to ensure that they did not live and die without leaving this world with something to work on for a better tomorrow.

He who starts behind in the great race of life must forever remain behind or run faster than the man in front.

--Benjamin E. Mays

Cast your vote for new audio/visual entertainment.
Student Action Board wants to know....
What's your favorite movie for your VCR?
What's your favorite music CD?

Place this ballot in the can on the library table.



Casy Jones (42) and Erin Harker (12) played in the Bears loss to Waldorf on Saturday.

Cherryholmes & Sprecher reign over Boone Campus Homecoming

Photos by Tony Stensland



Courtney Arringdale, unidentified female and Nichole Feeney relax at the dance after playing in the afternoon game against Waldorf College.



King Mike and Queen Angela share a dance.



Courtney Arringdale (44) and Angela Cherryholmes to the basket during Saturday's game.



Shown above are the 1995 Homecoming basketball, and cheer squads on the Feeney, Mike Sprecher, Gina Hoffi Arringdale, Christie Ahrens, Angel Heller).

Thanks

Bear Facts would like to take this opportunity to thank the Boone Campus SAB for purchasing the HP Scanner now located in the library. Without this new piece of technology, there would be no homecoming pictures in this issue.



Dean Kriss Philips crowns Mike Sprecher homecoming king as candidate Scott Ballinger looks on.



Dan and Kimberly O'Lena dance the night away.



Stacy Beal (left) Nichole Feeney and Gma Hoffman (right) look on as Boone Campus Executive Dean, Kriss Philips places the crown on the head of Angela Cherryholmes, 1995 Homecoming Queen.



Although Homecoming '95 wasn't acknowledged by many, those who got involved in Spirit Week, came to the games in the afternoon and then partied in the evening at the Boone Country Club with fellow students, faculty, and staff seemed to have a good time helping build a sense of community on a campus torn apart by remodeling, construction, and ... apathy.

10) look



Coach Russ Jones discusses strategy with the Bears during a timeout in the Homecoming game with Waldorf College.



Homecoming candidates nominated by the baseball, softball, Boone Campus: (bottom row, left to right) Stacy Beal, Nichole Feeney; (second row) Scott Ballinger, Malcolm Holman, Courtney Cherryholmes, and Chuck Krom. (Absent: Matt Young and Ed ...)



DMACC cheer squad does its best to encourage the players during the recent homecoming game against Waldorf College. Squad members from left to right include Jeff Scott, Carolyn Anderson, Gena Hoffman, Becky Matthews, Andy Watz, and Michelle Moreland.

Grace "a rainbow of sound"

By Tony Stensland
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Jeff Buckley, a 27 year old singer/songwriter from New York City, has released his second album, entitled *Grace*. An eclectic album with a variety of influences, *Grace* is a rainbow of sounds spanning an entire spectrum of musical genres. Ranging from gospel to rock to folk to blues, Buckley throws in an intriguing twist by singing near falsetto throughout the album.

Buckley stirs up images of Led Zeppelin on the song "So Real" with unmistakable chords and bridges. He reaches into the world of blues on "Lover, You Should've Come Over". On "Eternal Life", he adds a hard rock edge, sounding like an angry Matthew Sweet when he screams "Where is happiness, where is life, where is peace/ When will I find the strength to give me release."

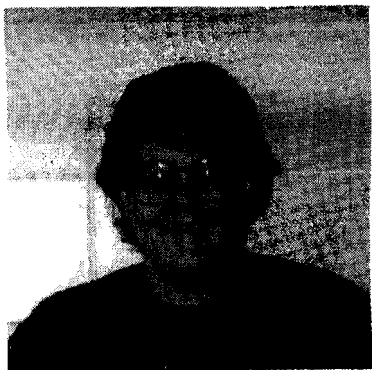
For those of you who remember or know of Tim Buckley, the great New York troubadour of the 1960s and 1970s, he is Jeff's father. Tim died in 1975 of a drug overdose when Jeff was eight. Because of Tim's brief marriage to Jeff's mother, Mary, Jeff never knew his father.

Grace is both an appreciation of past musical influences and a welcoming of new ideas. Within the album's ten tracks are three covers, including a beautiful version of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah".

But to dwell on Buckley's voice, his variety of musical influences and his famous father is to miss the point of his music. *Grace* is about spirituality and faith; it is a wonderful record from an emerging talent. Buckley is sure to be around for a long time, so check him out whenever you get the chance.

Student published

By Sandra Hayes
Bear Facts Staff Writer



Deb Sloss

Deb Sloss, student at DMACC - Boone runner-up for best story entry has her story "Night Excursions" published in *Expressions Sixteen*. This story was a composition assignment that earned Deb recognition for her word weaving ability and a \$250.00 scholarship prize. The book is a tool to showcase talented students such as Sloss.

A selection from an Iowa writer or artist is featured. This edition showcased a short story of Ruth Suckow entitled "Mrs. Vogel and Ollie." Ruth Suckow was accomplished in poetry, short story, novels, journalism and gained a reputation as one of Iowa's best writers of fiction and a major American author. In the introduction, it is revealed that she worked with Robert Frost.

In an interview with Rick Chapman, he expressed the need to applaud the greatness of Iowa talent. He said, "We have much to be proud of once we get rid of the notion that all Iowans have a s--- on-their-shoes

heritage. Iowans have contributed to state, national and the world culture". Chapman works very hard at projecting a positive image of Iowa talent.

The book is published and distributed to each campus library in the spring term. The entries are from the previous year. Creative writing entries received in December 1994 will be judged and considered for publication in *Expressions Seventeen* along with additional short works of students as space permits. Chapman suggested, "If you want published, write short selections."

"I was in charge of taking the trash out, and the solution to my problem occurred to me while I was doing my morning chore. I gathered up several Campbell soup and green bean cans and cleaned them with the water hose behind the barn.



I decided to tie the cans together and hang them on the inside of my bedroom door. When I opened it, the sounds of the cans would surely wake me up."

By Deb Sloss - *Night Excursions*

Review

Boys on the Side

By Linda Smith
Bear Facts Staff Writer

One of the latest "girl" movies to find its way to the big screen is *Boys on the Side*. The lead trio of Whoopie Goldberg, Drew Barrymore, and Mary-Louise Parker, after finding themselves thrown together, take it on the road and across country to start a new life in Arizona.

Never having been a Barrymore fan, I found her role of ex-girlfriend of a drug pusher/pregnant woman a little "twitty" even for her. However, Parker, in her role as a successful real estate broker, who happens to have AIDS; and Goldberg, a semi-pro

musician/lesbian, who eventually plays a few numbers with the Indigo girls (Emily Saliers and Amy Ray), are successful in their roles. All of those voice lessons Whoopie had for *Sister Act* are paying off.

The story line not only moves well, it is moving. The women who find themselves involved in the death of an East-coast drug dealer by default are forced to rescue Barrymore when her bedroom confessions to her new lover, a policeman, land her in jail.

Yes, there are boys on the side! Really, there are. Go see who they are and how they possibly fit in with this odd assortment of women.

Country Kitchen Great service, good food

Beginning this semester the Bear Facts staff will be reviewing Boone area restaurants. Country Kitchen in Boone was our first stop for a series of reviews.

The Bear Facts staff, consisting of six people, enjoyed a relaxing lunch. The service was excellent. Our waitress was very helpful, keeping our coffees, ice water and soft drinks filled while our lunches were being prepared. The food arrived shortly after it was ordered.

Although the meal was more

costly than what college students may usually pay to the daily lunch vendors, the amount and quality of food was superior.

The only complaint would be the volume of the music during our lunch conversation. Although Country Kitchen is comfortable for lunch meetings, due to the loud volume, it was difficult to hear the person across the table.

Overall, our visit to Country Kitchen was excellent. The service, food and atmosphere deserves an A.

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Softball team planning bright season

By Tony Stensland
Bear Facts Staff Writer

It's February, there's snow on the ground and it's cold outside; but inside the DMACC gym, the softball team is starting a fire that they hope will guide them to a bright season.

With a strong sophomore class and an exciting group of freshman, DMACC is planning on nothing less than a trip to Kansas City for the National NJCCA Tournament in March. Head coach Catherine Schroeder feels her team has that potential, "If everything goes right and we stay healthy, we have a very good chance to go to nationals."

Although DMACC should be an excellent hitting ball club, Schroeder feels it's pitching that will carry the team. "I don't see too many people as strong as us for pitching." Led by the lethal triumvirate of Suzette Miller, Christie Wilber and Tina Stuldryer, Schroeder will be able to utilize their pitching talent effectively throughout the course of the season.

With the help of new assistant coach Jerry Mosely, who's volunteering his time and efforts to the program,

Schroeder has set the foundation for her plan to make DMACC a softball dynasty, in only her third season.

Her team will get a test on its potential early in the season when they travel to Texas over spring break. There they will take on perennial powerhouse Ranger. Still, Schroeder is confident about her team's chances, "(Ranger) is going to get a big surprise when they see these kids."

Even with last year's second team All-Regional center fielder, Cherie Schuttler out for the season with a knee injury, Schroeder feels there are still three or four possible All-Americans on the DMACC squad.

When asked to describe her team, Schroeder was able to sum it all up with one word, "Determined." DMACC's home opener is March 28 against NIACC. Be sure to come out and support the Bears throughout the season because things are heating up for the DMACC softball program.

Ask Evans about health

By James M. Evans
Executive Director/Heartland Health Center



It's hard to think about the future when you are young. Sure, you think about what you would like to be someday...perhaps about marrying and having a family and living happily ever after. For the most part, though, you are mostly concerned about the present, and that's the way it should be because what you do now will largely determine the future anyway. This is particularly true with fitness.

Most young people don't concern themselves with fitness because they think they are going to live forever. You look in the mirror and believe that nothing is every going to change. Other people will grow older, but not you. Your skin will always remain firm and un wrinkled and your body always slim and youthful. You can eat what you want, drink what you want, carouse all night long, and generally abuse yourself physically, and nothing will happen because you are young - WRONG!

Perhaps more than anything that you will ever do in your life, the manner in which you take care of yourself now will have the greatest impact on your future. Your fitness level will affect your ability to make the future a reality or, more precisely, it will determine the **quality** of your future.

ONE THIRD OF ADULT POPULATION IN IOWA OBESE

For example, more than one third of the adult population in the United States is currently obese. Iowa ranks in the top five per cent of obesity in the country, and you happen to live in Iowa. Your parents probably live in Iowa too, and whether you like it or not, you are strongly influenced by your parents and their habit patterns. If your parents are overweight and out of shape, you will probably be overweight and out of shape too when you reach their age. "No," you say, "it won't happen to me. I'm different." They probably said the same thing when they were your age.

If you gain just two pounds a year, you will have gained 20 pounds in ten years, and you are well on the way to becoming just like your parents. And it starts right now. Overweight people are prone to a number of different health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease...all of which can influence the span of your life but, more importantly, the quality of your life. Life is not all that it can be when it is affected by health problems, and the habits that you form now to protect your health and physical well-being will last you a lifetime. Which is the purpose of this column....

SO, WHAT CAN I DO?

Let's talk about fitness. Let's talk about exercise. Let's talk about nutrition. Let's talk about all of these things and discover how you can protect your most important investment...your health. Write to me with your questions and let's cover some of the concerns that young people have about health and fitness. Remember, if you have a particular question, someone else is probably thinking about the same thing too but might be too embarrassed to write, so we can help a lot of people this way.

Write to me c/o Heartland Health Center, 608 Carroll St., Boone, IA 50036, and I will look forward to answering some of your questions in the next issue of the Bear Facts. All names will be held in strict confidence.

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Intramural activities begin

By Tony Stensland
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Intramural basketball and volleyball began last week in the DMACC gym. This year, the Heartland Health Center in Boone has joined the DMACC intramural program to offer leagues with a combination of students and Boone city league participants.

This has been very helpful for the intramural program this semester as more students are

now interested in taking part in the activities. George Silberhorn, director of intramurals at DMACC, is pleased with the turnout. "In the past, interest level has waned, but it's a pleasant surprise that we have this much interest."

According to Jim Evans, Heartland Health Center director, the center is trying to reaffirm the relationship between Heartland and DMACC.

"We're excited about this plan. We would like to do even more with DMACC."

Heartland offers students many items, including the use of the track, gym, weight room, aerobics room, whirlpool and many other services. Students can purchase a reduced price membership fee at the Heartland Health Center. It is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday, 7:30 am - 12:00 noon.

College president: I regret it. I do regret it.

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. Students are calling for the resignation of Rutgers University's president after he gave a speech in which he said African Americans lack the "genetic hereditary code" to score well on standardized tests.

After hearing the words of Rutgers University President Francis Lawrence, minority students staged a silent protest march on the New Brunswick campus. Rutgers student government organizations, African American student organizations and the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have called for Lawrence's immediate resignation.

Lawrence, however, says he didn't mean what he said. "It is an absolute contradiction of everything I believe, of everything I stand for, and of everything that I have done throughout my life," Lawrence said the day after the speech went public. "I regret it. I do regret it. I certainly regret those comments."

In November, Lawrence spoke to about 30 faculty members on various academic matters. During his three-hour speech, Lawrence said: "The average SAT for African Americans is 750. Do we set standards in the future so that we don't admit anybody with the national text? Or do we deal with a disadvantaged population that doesn't have that genetic hereditary background to have a higher advantage?"

Lawrence's statement didn't receive much attention until late January, when officials for the American Association of University Professors, which represents the university's 2,000 instructors, played a tape of the speech to hear Lawrence's opinions on faculty tenure.

In 1994, Caucasian high school students averaged 938 on the SAT, while African Americans averaged 750. Averages for the ACT were similar: 21.4 for white students, 17.0 for black students.

Critics of standardized test say that the difference in score averages can be attributed to poverty levels, communities, schools and the individual curriculum of each student.

"The SAT is designed to measure skills, not intelligence," said Jan Gams, a spokesperson for the College Board, which administers the SAT. "Students' skills are usually determined by the preparation they've been given."

Lawrence later said that he was trying to say that "standardized tests should not be used to exclude disadvantaged students on the trumped-up grounds that such tests measure inherent ability, because I believe they do not."

But for some minority students, it was too late for explanations.

"People say things like this and then later on they say they didn't mean it," said Cassandra Novel, a junior at Rutgers, where nearly 10 percent of university's 47,000 students are African American. "You would think the president of the university would be someone smart enough to watch what he

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--NAACP

says. But what if he just saying what he thinks? That's the scary part."

The NAACP's demand for Lawrence's resignation stated: "The African American community has grown tired of being insulted and assaulted, given halfhearted apologies and then expected to act as if all is forgiven. Forgiveness is no longer an option. Justice is."

New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman was puzzled by Lawrence's remarks as well. "I know people make stupid statements, lord knows I have myself," she told reporters after hearing about the incident. "These remarks are so troubling, though. That kind of aspersion about genetic inferiority has no place in our society."

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Rutgers president wrong

By Ryan Petersen
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In an age of political correctness and social equality, it amazes me that people, supposedly educated and intelligent people, could ever make a statement such as, they can't do as well because they're black.

A statement similar to this one was made by Rutgers University president Francis Lawrence. He stated that black students are disadvantaged because they do not have the genetic heredity background to do well on standardized tests such as the SAT and therefore can not be admitted into many schools. He then apologized the week after the comments were publicized and stated that he never meant the remark and he believes just the opposite.

First of all, someone in a position such as his should not have made a statement such as this one. Being the president of a university is a position which demands respect and integrity and he lost both of these elements when he made these statements. It amazes me that someone as educated as him would be as ignorant and naive as he was.

Secondly, he stated that he apologized for the remark and then said that he didn't mean it. If he didn't mean it then why did he feel the need to apologize for what he was saying? I have a hard time believing that anyone who would say anything even remotely similar to what he said would believe just the opposite of it.

The protest started when a student walked out onto the court and sat in the jump ball circle during half time. She was then followed by more than 100 other students who held a peaceful demonstration protesting Lawrence's remarks. Fans then began chanting "Get off the court" and "We want hoops" until the Rutgers athletic director Fred Gruninger told the fans that the game was being postponed.

I realized that these fans have the right to watch the basketball game after they paid for their tickets but I don't think they have their priorities straight. Believe it or not, some things are more important than college basketball (that's one sentence that I thought I'd never write). These people need to realize that there is a problem on their campus and that problem is the attitude of their highest official. Something needs to be done and I feel that the students have started in the right place.

The game will resume after the end of the regular season. It will be completed on March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Palestra in Philadelphia.

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