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The Bear Facts

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200 Enjoy Fall Play

Approximately 200 people attended the Boone Campus fall play, "Hooray for Girls," in two performances Dec. 4-5.

Kay Mueller, director, commented she hopes the audiences were pleased, as she feels she had an excellent group to work with.

"I had a good cast. It's really been fun. They did a superb job," she said.

"Hooray for Girls" by Robert Orth, is a funny, fast-moving play that takes a positive look at teenagers. It begins with 19-year-old Greg, played by Andy Nelson, buying an old, dilapidated resort with the idea of fixing it up and turning it into a profitable business venture.

One fast-moving situation after another falls beautifully into place as the play builds in laughs and suspense.

The cast included Barbra, played by Tami Porter; May, Nicole Engelby; Greg, Andy Nelson; Lola, Amy Corso; Bill, Paul Shedd; Miss Farnsworth, Mary Rhodd; Announcer, Scott Farris; Mr. Bromfield, Tim Rose; Mary Lou, Amy Warnock; Jessica, Gina Battani; and Mr. Smithers, Eric Nelson.

Extras were Joe Rhodd, Ben Ostlund, Jon Rhodd, Scott Farris, Sheri Klemmer, Susan Miller, Randy Priest, Dennice Svaleson and Bernice Kitt.

Ted Hawkins was in charge of sound and Ray Merrill, lights.

Congratulations to all those involved in the production!



Hooray for Girls

During the opening scene of "Hooray for Girls," Andy Nelson, as Greg, and Paul Shedd, as Bill, discuss the possibilities of remodel-

ing the old hotel into a grand resort, although Nicole Engelby, as May, seems to be doing most of the talking! More photos inside.

Bear Facts photo

Look What \$1 Will Buy You at Boone Campus!

A \$1 bill will buy you a gallon of gas, about two-thirds of a Big Mac, or a quart of eggnog.

But the Boone Campus Learning Assistance Center is offering you a lot more for your buck through a series of one-stop workshops spring semester.

You may register in the Center now for one or all of the workshops including math review, English review, PFS/Write, and test-taking skills.

You guessed it; the cost is \$1 per session.

"To be of better service, we are offering some one-hour workshops at various times of the day and night in subjects or skill areas where students need a fast brush-up or just a seg-

ment of knowledge," Sunny Powers, director of the Center, said.

Here is the one-stop workshop schedule. Each time period is limited to 10 people, so if you're interested be sure to stop by the Learning Center soon to get signed up.

Math Review

A math review will be held the weeks of Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. The workshop includes review of fractions Monday at 10:10; decimals Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.; word problems Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; metric system Thursday at 3 p.m.; and math anxiety Friday at 10:10 a.m.

English Review

An English review will be held the weeks of Jan. 25, Feb. 22 and March 28. The workshop includes a review of subject/verb agreement Monday at 9:05 a.m. and 7 p.m.; pronoun agreement Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.; verbal phrases Wednesday at 10:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; clauses Thursday at 2:30 p.m.; and punctuation Friday at 12:15 p.m.

PFS/Write (Computer Word Processing)

Sessions in word processing will take place the week of Feb. 1 and will be repeated the week of April 4. The times are Monday at 10:05 a.m.; Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednes-

day, 12:15 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; and Friday, 11:10 a.m.

Test-Taking Skills

A test-taking skills review will be conducted the weeks of Feb. 8, Feb. 29 and April 18. The workshop includes review of objective tests Monday at 9:05 a.m. and 7 p.m.; essay tests Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; studying from notes Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.; studying from a text Thursday at 11 a.m.; and test anxiety Friday at 10:10 a.m.

For more details about any of these workshops, see Sunny in Room 105.

(Please note that evening workshop times given above are repeats of the same workshop given earlier in the day.)

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not required for graduation — b.k. hixson



THEY'RE THE PERFECT COUPLE, THEY EVEN HAVE MATCHING G.P.A.'S.

What Do You Want This Christmas?

by GLEN SIEROSLAWSKI

As Christmas approaches, people are sharing laughter, eggnog, and Christmas cheer!

So, we offer *Bear Facts* readers season's greetings and yuletide cheer as well as ol' St. Nick reading the list of "What do you want for Christmas this year?":

Rick Hornsby: What I want for Christmas is for everybody to know the real meaning of Christmas.

Launie Kupke: A million dollars, tax free.

Doug Phillips: A piece of mind.

Gary Pigney: To get a one on one with Copi and Doug Phillips.

Rhonda Pendleton: A wad of money, no toys and clothes.

Tim Crooks: A 12-pack and a pear tree.

John Murphy: Some Star Trek episodes, some Star Trek comic books, Star Trek paperback books, new Star Trek posters and the new Star Trek model of the new Enterprise NCC1701-D, from the new series, 'Star Trek, the Next Generation.'

Jeri Ahrens: I want lots of money, a new car, good grades,

and a really nice man with a great personality.

Greg Gangler: Vanna White.
Chris Matteo: Porsche 930 Turbo.

Tim Kloewer: A winning season.

Karla McClain: A new tooth.
Mark Moorhead: I want to be like my idols, Tip O'Neal and Ronald Reagan.

Sabian Brown: To have my tuition paid.

Karen Hayes: A new car.
Paul White: My two front teeth.

Steve Fell: A teddy bear.
Eric Nelson: A partridge in a

pear tree.

Paula Schneider: I want a new car.

Andy Nelson: I have what I want.

About Your Letters . . .

The Bear Facts will accept signed letters to the editor from students, faculty and staff pertaining to issues of concern to them. Place letters in *The Bear Facts* box in the main office.

Unsigned letters will be discarded.

Have You Registered?

Boone Campus students are reminded it's now time to register for spring semester classes.

Open registration will be conducted through Jan. 12, 1988, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the office. A schedule of classes is available there.

Students should note that as of presstime, these class sections were closed:

Econ 102, BA, Engl 118 BC, hist 122 BA, mgmt 101 BA, offc 206 B1, offc 301 B1, offc 309 B1, psych 101 BB, acct 101 BA, psych 103 BA, data 101 BA, psych 101 BA, chem 131 BA and math 115 BA.

Campus View

by ANDY NELSON

QUESTION: How is your school year going so far?



SCOTT FARRIS

It's going all right. This is a new school for me, and I have to get adjusted. I hope that next semester will go better.



ANNETTE CHUCHE

It's been pretty easy; the instructors are nice. It's easier than going to school in Africa.



LONNIE COCHRAN

It's been fun; I've met a lot of new people. It might be a different story after finals week, though!



COACH LARRY HUGHES

It's been just super, but it's going by so fast. I enjoy all the students and hope that more will sign up for physical education.



AMY WARNOCK

It's not what I expected. I didn't think that I would have anything to do but study, but I was wrong!

NEWS BRIEFS

Need Toys, Clothing

The Boone Campus Rotaract Club is helping collect clothing and toys for the needy in the Boone area.

Boxes for these items may be found at various areas on campus.

Enjoy the Christmas spirit! Help out someone who is less fortunate than you.

Happenings At DMACC

Finding out the latest happenings at DMACC is now as easy as using your telephone!

That's right. DMACC has a new fast facts phone line for the latest happenings at DMACC.

Simply dial 246-5195 for a recorded message. The phone line is part of Teleconnect's Talking Phonebook service.

The recorded message now includes info about registration, Christmas break and finals. It will be updated regularly and may include information regarding school closings due to inclement weather.

Alumni Assoc. Scholarships

The DMACC Alumni Association has awarded \$3,700 to students for spring semester.

Recipients of \$300 financial grants included Dena Sprecher, nursing student at Boone Campus.

Among recipients of \$100 financial grants is Carol Twisleton, journalism, Boone Campus.

The funding for these scholarships comes as a result of the annual DMACC Alumni Challenge Phonathon.

Coming Up: Finals!

Final exams will be conducted at Boone Campus Thursday, Dec. 17 through Tuesday, Dec. 22.

A final exam schedule may be found on page 7.

Boone Campus offices will be

closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1.

Spring term classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 13. There is a holiday Monday, Jan. 18 so there are no classes and the offices are closed. Midterm is March 8, with spring break March 21-25.

Hours You Should Know

For your convenience, here are the hours of several areas on campus.

Learning Center: Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Library: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Main office: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Writing Clinic: Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bookstore: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Soc. Class Takes Trip

by ERIC NELSON

The DMACC-Boone Campus courtship, marriage and the family class recently toured the Beloit Family Services facility in Ames.

Lee McNair, instructor, accompanied the group.

Beloit Family Services is a branch of the Lutheran Social Services of Iowa. It is a residential program for children, ages K-12, with emotional problems.

The tour was hosted by Mrs. Knutson, Beloit Family Services. She took the Boone Campus sociology class through the cottages where the children live.

McNair commented the only reason the Boone group was allowed to see the cottages was because the children were in school.

"Otherwise," said McNair, "we would have interrupted their privacy and broken confidentiality."

In taking this field trip, McNair hopes his students gained a better understanding of children, their families, and the problems they have.

Also, McNair said he is hopeful members of his class can learn how to deal with such problems.

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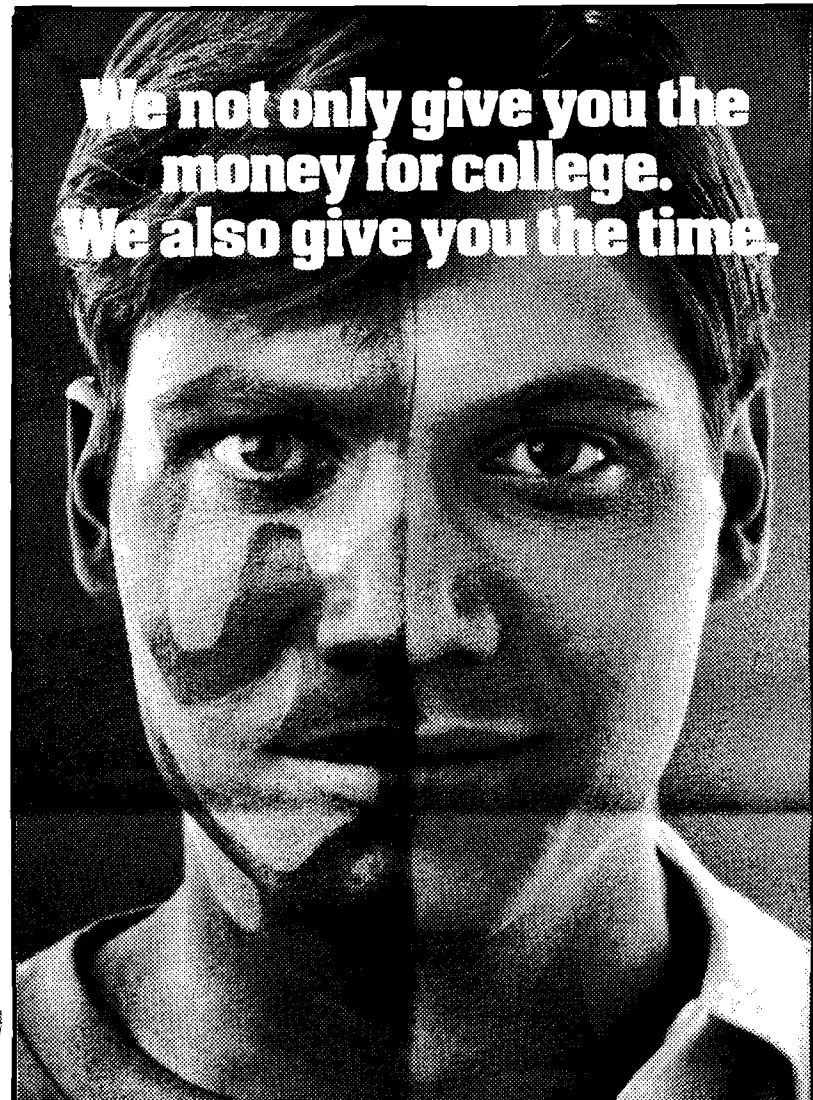
The Boone Campus bookstore will conduct a book buyback Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22, according to Doris Wickman, manager.

The buyback hours are Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Watch for the buyback list, which will soon be posted outside the bookstore.

Meanwhile, be thinking about that special person on your Christmas list with a gift from the bookstore! Printed sweat-shirts and T-shirts, DMACC pens and an array of gift items are available.

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SPORTS

HEADQUARTERS

Poor Shooting is Hurting Boone Bears

by GLEN SIEROSLAWSKI

For the Boone Bears men's basketball team, it has been a season of "if it's not one thing, it's another," en route to a 1-7 start (as of presstime).

Coach Larry Hughes said, "The thing that is hurting us right now is our shooting."

"Our rebounding and shooting are not too bad," he said, "but we can't connect on enough of the shots."

Hughes said the problem is a combination of ill-advised shots and taking the quick shot.

"We need to play with a little more patience and let our defense get us a shot," he said.

Boone Bears player Tim Kloewer said he's a little disappointed right now.

"We could just as easily have a better record if we were playing the best we could," he said.

Hughes said, "We've played well in several games. The record doesn't show that."

Earlier in the season Hughes said he was disappointed with the defense.

The problem is not in the talent of the players, according to Hughes.

"We match up in quality with most of the other teams. Going into the season, I thought rebounding was going to hurt us, and it has," he said.

"Opponents always seem to get two or three more shots. We have to make them feel like they have just one shot," he added.

Also attributing to the Bears' slow start is the number of games over a short period of time. The Bears played their first six games in 10 days, with four on the road.

"It's something the players will have to get used to," Hughes said.

One thing Hughes could get used to is more wins like the double overtime win against Marshalltown, 97-94, in the Bears' home opener.

Leading the charge was Kevin Taylor with 22 points and Chet Love with 21.

For the season (through eight games), the Bears are averaging 76 points per game. They are shooting 41% from the field and 68% from the line.



After the Game

George Silberhorn, director of student services, serves up some goodies to fans of the Boone Bears and Lady Bears in the Student Center following the games Saturday, Dec. 5. -Bear Facts photo

Lady Bears Progressing

by GLEN SIEROSLAWSKI

An all-around effort has brought the Lady Bears their first two victories in six tries.

"With every game, we're going to get better," said Coach Dick Criner.

He said the strength of the team is that "everybody contributes in one way or another."

A strong inside game by Lisa Mescher, Tawni Cox and Sheri Mosman, coupled by good shooting from the outside with Rhonda Pendleton, Joan Grote and Terri Bappe, gives the Lady Bears a well balanced offensive attack, he said.

Defensive standouts are Beth Mescher and Deann Clark.

Clark is averaging six to seven blocked shots per game.

"Clark is playing defense very well and when she is in there, nobody goes down the middle," Criner said.

All-around play is better for the Lady Bears, but Criner said mistakes are still being made.

Another encouraging fact is the point production this year.

"We are scoring 55 to 60 points a game and that is much better than last year when we were only scoring 45 points. Our defense was giving up 70 points per game and now our defense is giving up 60," said Criner.

"But to get over the hump and win a few, we have to turn that around a little," he said.

Criner said, "The next two games we would like to play well to get our confidence up."

"Every game will be tough," Criner said. "We're going to have to fight, but we can be a 500 team."

Lady Bear Pendleton said, "We started out with a winning season, and we are going to end with a winning season."

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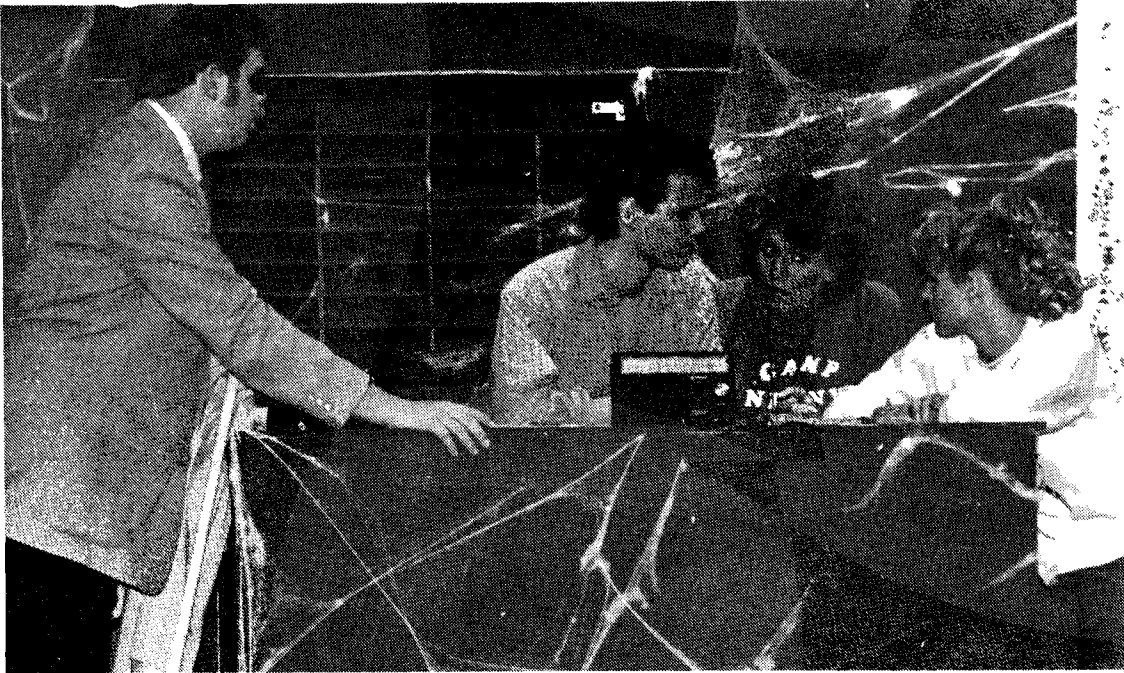
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Here, Tim Rose, Andy Nelson, Mary Rhodd and Tami Porter anxiously listen to a radio newscast in hopes of finding out what happened to Amy Warnock, who disappeared through a trap door of the old building.



Amy Warnock, as Mary Lou, and Paul Shedd, as Bill, get comfy on the sofa when she arrives for the open house weekend at the hotel.

Scenes From 'Hooray for Girls'



Nicole Engelby, as May (left), and Tami Porter, as Barbra, check out the dilapidated hotel after hearing it was purchased and is to be remodeled. The two are counselors at nearby girls' camp, Ninny Nu Nu.



Kay Mueller is demonstrating how to apply makeup to the theatre productions class recently. Eric Nelson is the guinea pig! The class worked behind the scenes during the fall play, "Hooray for Girls." -Photo by Andy Nelson



Kay Mueller, director, accepts a bouquet of roses from the cast, following Saturday night's performance.



From left: Andy Nelson, as Greg, tries to talk Eric Nelson, as Mr. Smithers, into keeping the hotel open for the big open house weekend, despite the fact it has been condemned as unsafe due to the secret trap door.

Christmas Is Coming!

by JOHN MURPHY

Christmas break is coming and now is the time to plan your vacation! When asked, "What are you doing for Christmas break?", the following students and faculty members had these responses:

- Ted Hawkings: Sleeping!
- Dawn Zimmerle: I'm going to my relatives' homes. I'm going to about five different Christmas gatherings.
- George Silberhorn: I'm spending time in Boone with grandparents. In addition, my daughter is going to have a tonsillectomy.
- James Merritt: I'm working and visiting relatives.
- Dennice Svaleson: Moving and spending a lot of time with my kids.
- Jeff Jordison: I don't know; I want to go to Florida.
- Bud Schwartz: I'm not going to do a darn thing!
- Randy Priest and Amy Corso: We're going to sun our buns in Florida, with the family, of course!
- Kevin Taylor: Naturally, I'll go home, visit the family and exchange gifts on Christmas. I'll eat, and then do a little workout to prepare for basketball.
- Doris Wickman: I'm just going to be with my family.
- Janann Meyer: I'll spend a lot of time with my boyfriend from UNI, my family, and my dog.
- David Phipps: I'm spending time with my girlfriend from Boone Campus, my family and my dog.
- Connie Ware: I'll be spending time with my kids because they're on Christmas break, too!
- Jane Rieling: I'm going home to Coon Rapids to spend time with my family and will also donate time to the Salvation Army.
- Scott Stumbo: I don't know.
- Gary Swanson: Same as Scott.
- Wendi Herrick: I'm staying home to be with my family and my boyfriend.
- John Vachris: I'm going back to New York City to see a "real" play.
- Kirk Johnson: I'm going home to terrorize my family.
- Jill Burkhart: I'm going to spend time with my family and take lots of pictures of my daughter Jenna, celebrating her first Christmas!



PBL Bowl-a-thon

Hazel Peterson bowls a lane during the PBL bowl-a-thon at Imperial Lanes in Boone Tuesday, Nov. 24. PBL was raising money for the American Heart Assoc. -Photo by Eric Nelson

Now You See It, Now You Don't!

by JOHN MURPHY

Is there a "Welcome to DMACC" banner in your room? Do you have the flags from the Boone Campus flagpole?

If you do, you have committed a crime and defaced the school grounds!

Seven of the original decorative flags and one special Christmas banner have been stolen recently. The flags from the flagpole in front of Building 1 have also vanished.

According to Del Peter, head custodian, disappearing flags is nothing new here.

"It has been an ongoing battle in the past. Since the 'Welcome to DMACC' banners are new this year, they are posing a new problem," he said.

There are no leads as to the whereabouts of the flags or the culprits.

If anyone has found a flag or banner, please return it to the school.

Dean Is Back On Campus

by ANDY NELSON

Dean Kriss Philips is now back at the helm at DMACC - Boone Campus, following a 12-day hospital stay at the Boone County Hospital.

The hospitalization was the result of an infection apparently caused by kidney stones.

During his absence, Philips stayed in daily telephone contact with the campus and his secretary, Donna King, to be informed of the daily happenings on campus.

Philips was first back on campus Monday, Dec. 7 for a couple of hours to get back into the swing of things.

On doctor's orders, he will need to take it easy for a week and limit his regular routine.

Overall Dean Philips said he was pleased with the way things went during his absence and was delighted with the excellent care he received at the Boone County Hospital.

Philips also gives a special note of thanks to the staff and friends for the cards and flowers he received during his hospital stay.

Party Is A Hit

by ANDY NELSON

Wow!

It was the social highlight of the year for the Boone Campus, and of course, we waited for it all year. And, of course, if you didn't go, you missed it!

What was it? Well, let me tell you. It was the annual all-campus Christmas party held at the Elks Club, Dec. 10.

The organizers for this dance felt the turnout was great, and felt that it was as good, if not better, than last year's party.

Parking Rules Enforced

All Boone Campus students, employees and campus guests should take note that all areas designated as "no parking" in the fire lanes will be stringently enforced.

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Bowl-a-thon for Heart Assoc.

by ANDY NELSON

Recently 26 members of the Boone Campus PBL got to try out their bowling techniques in a bowl-a-thon.

The bowl-a-thon was held Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Imperial Lanes in Boone. All proceeds are going to the American Heart Association.

The exact amount raised has not yet been calculated, but the highest amount raised by an individual was Barb Bishop with \$59.47.



Student Spotlight

by KIRK JOHNSON

Beginning with this issue, *The Bear Facts* staff will take a look at an outstanding student of the Boone Campus.

With that in mind, I would like to introduce you to Susie Ballantyne.

Susie is a native Boone resident, in her first year of college here. She is the youngest of five children and lives with her mother, Martha, who works in the main office at the Boone Campus.

In her spare time, Susie enjoys shopping, loves to talk, likes to have fun, and be with friends. She also works at the Tic Toc Supper Club in Boone.

Susie is involved in extra-curricular activities such as being a member of the Student

Action Board and a basketball cheerleader.

Her classes this semester are sociology, speech, Comp. I, finite math, and library instruction.

When asked what she thought of the Boone Campus, she replied, "I like it here at DMACC and because of the size of the campus, you have an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know the other students."

Her plans are to attend the University of Iowa to go into medicine or modeling.

Expand Your Horizons!

What is the magazine with the largest circulation in the U.S.?

Why is *USA Today* successful?

What was the first television show to contain color?

What was involved in the making of the movie "Gone with the Wind?"

The answers to these questions and other interesting information pertaining to magazines, books, newspapers, radio, TV, movies and advertising are all a part of the JNAD 120 - introduction to mass communications class offered at Boone Campus spring semester.

Other aspects of the class involve taking polls, listening to guest speakers from the local media and playing Jeopardy to study for the exams.

The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:15. So go ahead, sign up and broaden your horizons!

In addition, the journalism program is offering JNAD 124 - layout and design, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:20 to 1:15 p.m. All aspects of layout and design in newspapers and magazines are covered.

Of course, JNAD 123 - publications production is also available to you. This class is responsible for publishing *The Bear Facts*. Five issues are planned for spring semester. There is no set time for class yet, as a time is set up the first week of the semester to fit everyone's schedule.

All these classes would look very nice listed on your resume!



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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DMACC Fall, 1987

All instructors in all programs are requested to follow this schedule. Any deviations should be approved through the appropriate department/campus dean. Instructors should consult department/campus deans if their classes do not appear to be recognized on this schedule.

Thursday, December 17, 1987 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30--7:50 a.m.	6:30--8:45 a.m.
9:35-10:55 a.m.	9:00-11:15 a.m.
12:50--2:10 p.m.	11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
4:05--5:25 p.m.	2:00--4:15 p.m.

Friday, December 18, 1987 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or more, classes)

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

Monday, December 21, 1987 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or more, classes)

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

Tuesday, December 22, 1987 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:00--9:20 a.m.	8:00-10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.-12:35 p.m.	10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
2:30--3:50 p.m.	1:00--3:15 p.m.

Evening/Saturday classes will have their finals between December 16 and December 22 at the day and time of the regular class meeting.

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Teacher Feature

by ERIC NELSON

Lights, camera, action! We're presenting Kay Mueller, this month's teacher feature!

Mueller is the speech and drama instructor for DMACC-Boone Campus.

Mueller's college education began at Iowa State University in Ames, earning her BA in speech and theater and a minor in English and economics.

After Iowa State, Kay traveled to Purdue University where she received her master's degree and went to the University of Wisconsin until 1985.

After leaving Wisconsin, she came to DMACC - Boone Campus to begin her teaching career.

Mueller's classes this semester include five speech classes, theater production, and drama.

Next semester she will also be teaching what she claims to be a fun and very interesting class called principles of acting.

Kay currently lives in Boone with her very devoted and loyal watch cat, Mugsy.

Kay is from a small town in Iowa called Manly. Her family includes her parents, one older brother, and one younger brother.

In her free time, Kay enjoys sewing, reading and acting in plays.

She is currently attending ISU, studying higher education.



Kay Mueller

Watch Your Driving Habits This Winter

Motorists must change their driving habits with the arrival of winter, says AAA Iowa. This is particularly true for motorists operating a front wheel drive (FWD) vehicle.

Detecting a skid in a FWD vehicle is difficult. The problem is that the vehicle is in a skid before the driver can detect it. There are no early warning cues.

The best advice when the skid is detected is to put the vehicle in neutral (to cut the power to the drive wheels) and steer the vehicle in the direction the driver wants the vehicle to go.

Prevention is the best course. The key to preventing skids is speed control and slowing down before entering turns.

It is imperative to control speed in rear-wheel-drive vehicles as well. If a skid develops, drivers should keep their feet off the brake and accelerator and steer in the direction the rear of the vehicle is skidding.

Skids can result in sliding into a snow-filled ditch or snow-

drift. To get out, AAA Iowa suggests that the driver turn the steering wheel from side to side to clear snow away from the front wheels. While keeping the wheels in a straight line, slowly accelerate.

It may be necessary to remove more snow from around the wheels and to spread sand or salt under the drive wheels. Traction mats or carpet remnants may be used instead of sand. Many motorists rock their cars back and forth rhythmically, shifting drive to reverse, or from second to reverse for vehicles with manual transmissions. Consult the owner's manual for the recommended procedure.

If the vehicle is stuck after several tries to get out, and if the tires do nothing but spin, wait a few minutes for the tires to cool. Hot tires melt snow and simply deepen the rut.

These tips practiced and applied properly will help to keep motorists moving safely and efficiently in Iowa's winter.



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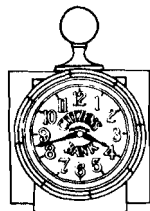
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