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# The Bear Facts

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## 300 Attend Open House

Over 300 friends of DMACC - Boone Campus attended a rededication and open house Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on campus.

The event was co-sponsored by the Boone Campus Foundation and Boone Campus Employees' Association.

The open house was held in celebration of the completion of the \$400,000 remodeling project.

George Silberhorn commented the evening went quite well.

"We heard a lot of good comments from the visitors about how nice and up-to-date everything looked," he said.

The rededication began in the auditorium with remarks by Lloyd Courter of Boone, member of the DMACC board of directors.

Dr. Wayne Rouse, president of the Boone Campus Foundation, also spoke, prior to recognition of special guests and dignitaries.

Campus tours were given, with refreshments served in the Campus Center.

The open house committee, George Silberhorn, Doris Wickman, Vivian Brandmeyer, Kriss Philips and Donna King, termed the evening a success.



The play cast for the Boone Campus fall play, "Hooray for Girls," is, first row, from left: Eric Nelson, Mary Rhodd, Andy Nelson, Tami Porter, Kay Mueller. Second row: Gina Battani, Paul Shedd, Amy Corso. Third row: Amy Warnock, Nicole Engelby, Tim Rose. Have an entertaining night out by attending Dec. 4-5 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. -Bear Facts photo

## Transfer Info Sessions

Do you know how your credits will transfer?

Have you decided on the college you plan to transfer to?

When should you apply for admission?

Do you know how and when to apply for financial aid?

What kind of housing is best for you?

Join Julie Hughes from the office of community college affairs, University of Iowa, and Jane Warner from the admissions office of Cornell College for an informal discussion and information session about transferring to a four-year school.

They will be in the Boone Campus auditorium Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

If you can't attend the entire session, stop by and pick up admission applications, brochures, etc.

In addition, Drake University representative Mary Mackenzie will be on campus Wednesday, Dec. 2. If you are interested in speaking with her, set up an appointment through your counselor.

## Book Buyback Announced

by JOHN MURPHY

The Boone Campus bookstore will conduct a book buyback Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22.

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. The buyback list will soon be posted outside the bookstore door.

Currently, all backpacks are 25% off at the bookstore.

Come in and see some of the great things the bookstore has to offer you!

## Singers Perform

The Boone Campus Singers will present a performance in the Campus Center Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m.

The group, under the direction of Jim Loos, will perform music of the Christmas season.

So stop in, enjoy your lunch, and get into the Christmas spirit!

## 'Hooray for Girls'

by ERIC NELSON

"Hooray for Girls," a tremendously funny, fast-moving play that takes a positive look at teenagers, is this year's Boone Campus fall play production.

Performances will be held Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. both evenings in the Boone Campus auditorium.

The cast includes: 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; Mr. Smithers, Eric Nelson; and Carol, Justine Shriver.

Kay Mueller, Boone Campus speech and theater instructor, is director.

The play begins with 19-year-old Greg buying an old, dilapi-

dated resort with the idea of fixing it up and turning it into a profitable business venture, according to the script. Greg seems to have plenty of courage.

But, after viewing the ruins, Greg's fiancée, Lola, insists that he give up the resort as it looks like such a hopeless mess.

Greg's closest friend, Bill, agrees with her.

Barbra, an 18-year-old counselor at a nearby camp for girls, and Miss Farnsworth, director of the camp, are the only ones who have faith in Greg and they try to help him.

Things really start to happen when a sudden rainstorm brings uninvited guests.

Lola accidentally falls through a secret trap door and disappears.

Later, her whereabouts are vividly reported by a small town radio announcer in a wild-

ly hilarious scene.

Then, Bill's three girlfriends decide to attend the grand opening of the resort - all at the same time!

In the meantime, Bill has fallen in love with May, another counselor at the girls' camp, which adds complications.

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

"Hooray for Girls" is an immensely funny play with suspense and more than its share of romance.

Tickets are available to students and faculty for \$2 each, and to the general public for \$3 each.

For an enjoyable evening of entertainment, you are encouraged to attend "Hooray for Girls," a comedy in three acts as presented by the Boone Campus theater students.

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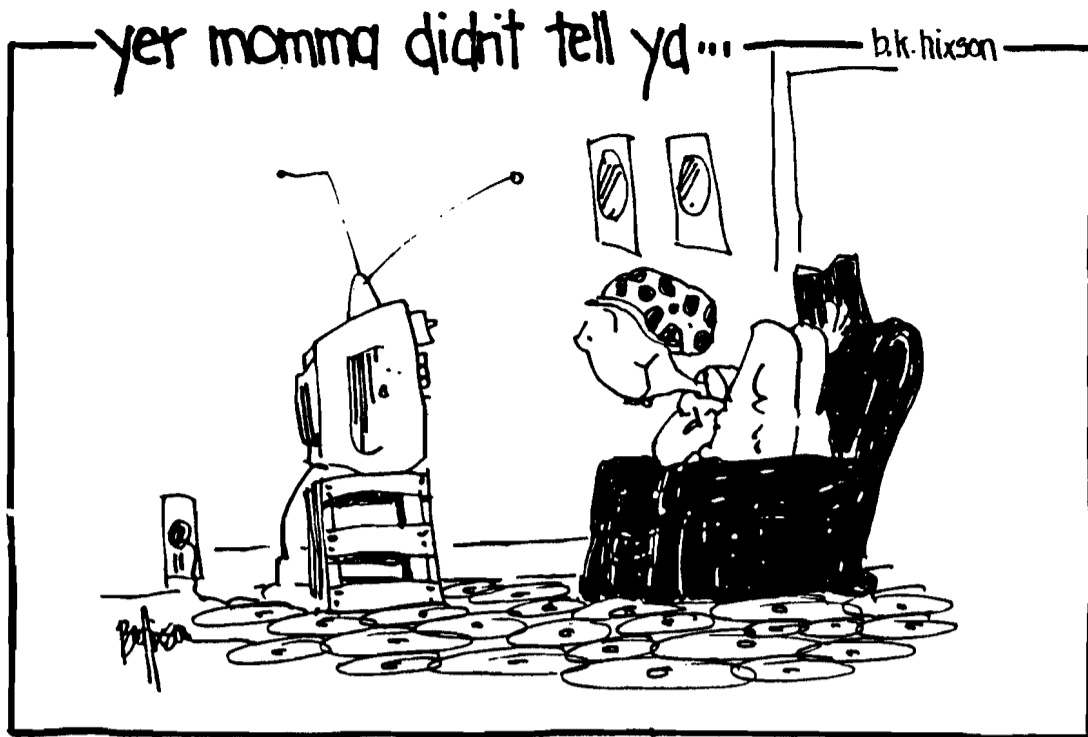
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# Campus View

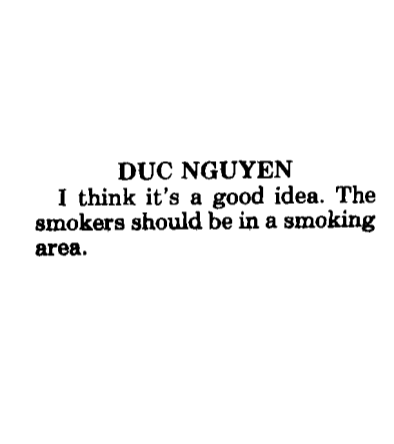
by ANDY NELSON

**QUESTION: How do you feel about designated smoking areas on campus?**



**JAMIE JOHNSON**

If I didn't smoke, it would be great. I hate running all the way to the lounge to smoke. Maybe they should have an ashtray at one end of the second floor hallway.



**DUC NGUYEN**

I think it's a good idea. The smokers should be in a smoking area.



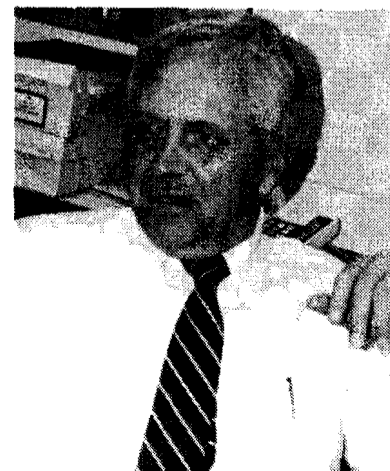
**JANE REILING**

I'm a smoker, but I don't mind; it's only fair to non-smokers.



**HAROLD JOHNSON**

I think we do need a designated smoking area. Until we find a better place than the lounge, it is satisfactory.



## The Bear Facts

THE BEAR FACTS is the official student publication of the Boone Campus of the Des Moines Area Community College. The staff welcomes suggestions and contributions, which should be submitted to the editor. The newspaper is published nine times a year and is distributed free to the students, staff and friends of the school.

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## AA, AS Degrees Explained

by ERIC NELSON

An informational meeting to discuss requirements needed for AA and AS degrees was held Oct. 21 by George Silberhorn and Rich Finnestad, counselors.

The meeting was for all Boone Campus majors, including business, liberal arts, etc.

Another meeting was held Nov. 20, after presstime, for interested students.

The meetings are beneficial for those students planning to graduate and/or transfer to another college or university, according to Silberhorn.

For more information on the meetings or on graduation requirements, contact Silberhorn or Finnestad in the main office.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Rotaract Activities

The DMACC-Boone Campus Rotaract Club recently conducted election of officers.

Officers for the 1987-88 year are Allen Gilbert, president; Becky Johnson, vice president; Yvonne Farrand, secretary; Phillip Edwards, treasurer; Duc Nguyen, publicity; and Doug Philips, historian.

Activities this year have included planting a garden around the DMACC sign, and the food drive for the Boone Food Pantry, currently underway. If you wish to donate a canned food item, leave it in one of the boxes found in the academic building.



The 1987-88 officers of the Boone Campus Phi Beta Lambda chapter are, in back from left: Shelia Goepfinger, secretary; Michelle Christensen, reporter; and Hazel Peterson, historian. Front row: Lisa Dobney, treasurer; Vicki Reece, president; and Deloris Good, vice president. Not pictured is Wendi Herrick, parliamentarian. -Photo by Andy Nelson

## Time to Register

It's now time to register for classes at Boone Campus for spring semester. 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.

A special date for new arts/science students to register is Tuesday, Dec. 8, for full or part-time students.

The payment due date is Jan. 6.

Classes for spring semester begin Wednesday, Jan. 13.

## Placement Report Good

Approximately 91% of the students graduating from DMACC last year who wanted to find a job found one, according to Dorothy Thornton, DMACC's placement advisor.

Thornton said in an article in the *DMACC Bulletin* that 92% of the graduates elected to stay in Iowa and work.

The average salary earned this past year was \$14,367, up about \$1,000 from what DMACC grads earned the previous year.

## Board to Meet

The DMACC board of directors will meet Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Ankeny Campus.

## Christmas Dance

The Boone Campus Christmas dance will be held Thursday, Dec. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Elks Club. Students, faculty, staff and their guests are invited. Watch for posters with more information.

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## Watson Elected To Association

Cynthia Cummings Watson, director of the Boone Ericson Public Library and part-time instructor at DMACC - Boone Campus, has been elected to the executive board of the Iowa Library Association.

Watson has been director of the Ericson Library since 1978. She teaches library instruction at Boone Campus.

Watson said one of her greatest professional concerns is library involvement with literacy and new readers.

"This is a fast-growing area, and one which libraries must recognize as affecting each community, large or small.

"I am also interested in expanding the options for multi-type library cooperation and service that cross old barriers between different types of libraries," she added.

Watson received a BA in library science and English from Upper Iowa University and an MLS from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Congratulations, Cynthia!

## PBL Installs Officers

Phi Beta Lambda, Boone Campus business club, installed officers for the 1987-88 school year recently at an Ames restaurant.

The officers are Vicki Reece, president; Deloris Good, vice president; Shelia Goepfinger, secretary; Lisa Dobney, treasurer; Michelle Christensen,

reporter; Wendi Herrick, parliamentarian and Hazel Peterson, historian.

This promises to be an exciting year for the group. Anyone who has an interest in a business career and is interested in joining should contact Reece or Mary Jane Green, faculty advisor.

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## Students May Lose Money

DMACC students and those from other Iowa area community colleges may lose federal loan money because of the high default rate of student loan payments, thanks to a new rule issued by William Bennett, U.S. education secretary.

An article in the Nov. 8 *Des Moines Register* stated that beginning in 1991, post-secondary schools with default rates higher than 20% will face a variety of sanctions, including a cutoff of student aid assistance.

DMACC's default rate, according to the Department of Education, is 25% (at the start of the government's 1985 fiscal year). Rates exceeded 20% at 13 area community colleges.

Bennett was quoted as saying the government cannot tolerate default costs of \$1.6 billion a year, triple the amount of five years ago.

State and DMACC officials have disputed the figures. They say it is possible a new federal methodology has inflated the numbers.

## Comments by The Dean

by KRISS PHILIPS

I fully anticipate an exciting basketball season this year!

The Lady Bears and the Bears need all of our encouragement and support to help them have a rewarding and successful basketball season.

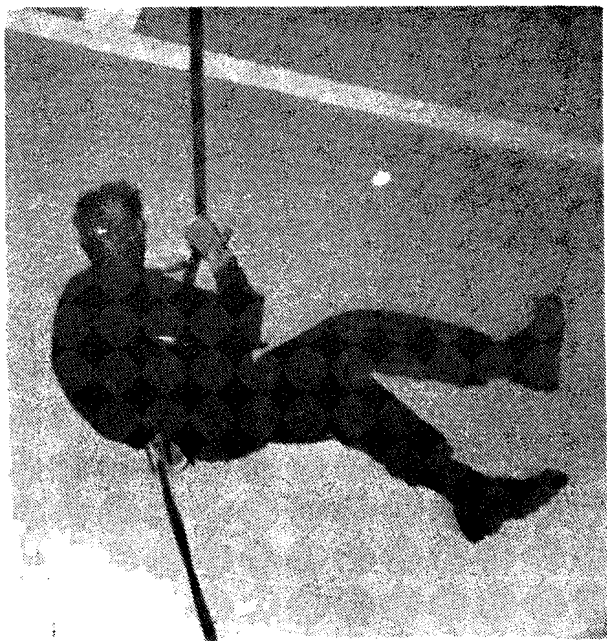
We plan to continue with our past practice of encouraging students and Boone Campus employees and their families to attend all home ball games.



# SPORTS

## HEADQUARTERS

# Atkins Visits Boone Campus



## Rappelling from the Rafters!

In November, the Boone division of the Iowa Army National Guard came to the Boone Campus to demonstrate the basics of rappelling to students and faculty. Many participated in the event. -Photo by Andy Nelson

## Volleyball in December

by GLEN SIEROSLAWSKI

Rec Break highlight sport of the month for December will be volleyball.

Participation in Rec Break in November was less than expected, according to Larry Hughes, coordinator. He said that may be partially due to the relatively good weather.

He also said the Rec Break time of 12:15 to 1:10 may conflict with schedules.

Any student who wishes to discuss a change in the time for Rec Break to make it more compatible with your schedule may see Hughes in the p.e. office.

## Pig Roast Is A Success

by JOHN MURPHY

A pig roast and dance were held at DMACC - Boone Campus Center Tuesday, Oct. 27. The event was sponsored by the Student Action Board and Phi Beta Lambda.

Originally, a hayride was also scheduled for the same night, but was cancelled for liability purposes. Instead, Boone FM radio station KZBA came through with great music and a dance that went over well.

There was an excellent turnout with over 300 people being served. About 200 people stayed for the dance. Overall, the festivities lasted four hours.

The next activity for Boone Campus students is a Christmas dance at the Elks Club Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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This Christmas Season

by GLEN SIEROSLAWSKI

U.S. Congressman Chet Atkins (D-Mass.) visited DMACC Boone Campus to campaign on behalf of the Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Approximately 15 were present.

Atkins commented that Dukakis "has the strength and character for America's future."

One of his strengths is "a reputation for total honesty," he said.

Another is being known as one of "the nation's most effective governors," Atkins said.

When becoming governor of Massachusetts in 1975, Dukakis took a troubled economy and created 170,000 new jobs in four years, balanced the budget and turned a \$500 million deficit into a \$200 million surplus.

When asked about military spending, Atkins said, "His (Dukakis') view is that we need to have a strong national defense, but a smart national defense."

"Right now we are just throwing money at that problem. We've spent a trillion dollars in defense buildup and that's been the increase in the last seven years under Ronald Reagan. It hasn't bought us much security," Atkins said.

"I believe the important thing is for us to understand where our real national defense is and that it is the strength of our people. That means education, that means research and development and that means health care," he said.

On the issue of education, Gov. Dukakis, as president, will establish a national teaching excellence fund to recruit and retain outstanding teachers for America's schools, according to Atkins.

The fund will be financed with a first year investment of \$250 million.

The new fund would supplement efforts already underway at the state and local levels to recognize the work of our best teachers and to provide incentives that will attract top students to the teaching profession.

Gov. Dukakis will also take

three major steps to increase college opportunities:

- End the current administration's assault on Pell Grants and college work loans.

- Use every tool available to the White House to encourage state governments to create college opportunity funds and tuition prepayment plans that will make it easier for families to meet required tuition fees.

- Initiate a thorough review of the existing federal guaranteed student loan program.

Some programs Gov. Dukakis has already worked on and has received national recognition for include good jobs for those on welfare, cracking down on tax cheats, protecting people from drunk drivers, and encouraging students to say no to drugs.

Another program Gov. Dukakis would like to begin deals with the problems of foreclosures of farms in Iowa and the surrounding states.

Atkins said, "We need a national farm policy that is oriented toward the family farmers and not toward corporate agriculture."

"We need to do things to make low interest loans available for farmers, and we need, as a country, to realize that farming is not just a business, it's a way of life," he said.

Atkins said the campaign has been going well.

"Mike is doing very well all over the country," he said.

## It's Time to Register

by JOHN MURPHY

Early bird registration for the spring of 1988 started Monday, Nov. 16 at Boone Campus. The last day to register is Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1988.

Have you registered?

For over 350 students, that answer is yes.

According to George Silberhorn, student services, registration is going far better than it did last spring.

About 750 people are expected to register for the upcoming spring term. If you haven't registered, do so soon as classes are filling up quickly.

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# Do You Like Sign, Flags?

by JOHN MURPHY

As many people have noticed, the DMACC sign on Hancock and Story Streets was recently redone. In addition, many new, colorful flags now adorn the light posts on campus. Both the sign and the flags are the focus of various opinions, which is the subject of this issue's reader poll.

**Question:** Have you seen the new DMACC sign and flags and what is your opinion of them?

**Kevin Taylor:** Yes, I've seen both. I think the sign is real nice with good background and lettering. It's eye catching and in just the right spot. The flags are all right, but I don't like the color.

**Robyn Neese:** Yes, I've seen both. I don't like the way DMACC is lettered; it looks like a six-year-old wrote it.

**Chuck Denton:** I think Boone Campus should have saved money and put it toward scholarships.

**Marc Morhead:** Yes, I've seen both. The sign makes the school more noticeable. I like the flags because now when people drive through, they realize this isn't the University of Southeastern Boone, but that it's DMACC.

**John Claggett:** The sign and flags add vitality to DMACC.

**Bruce Youngblood:** Yes, I've seen both. I like them; they put DMACC in the public eye.

**Scott Kinne:** I think they enhance the appearance of the college, and it's a good way to draw attention to future DMACC students.

**Tami Porter:** Yes, I've seen both. They look like a little kid wrote them, not like something you would expect a college to have.

**Ted Hawkins:** I've seen both. They could be improved.

**Jim Merritt:** I've seen the flags, but not the sign. I like the flags because they are colorful.

**George Silberhorn:** I've seen both. I definitely like the flags. They will be changed with the seasons.

**Carla Condon:** I think they are nice; they add color to the area.

**Patty Pietz:** I haven't seen the sign, but I've seen the flags. I like them; I think they add to the atmosphere of the outdoors.

**Annette Tordornath:** Yes, I've seen them. I think they're a waste of money. They are nice, but I don't think they are necessary.

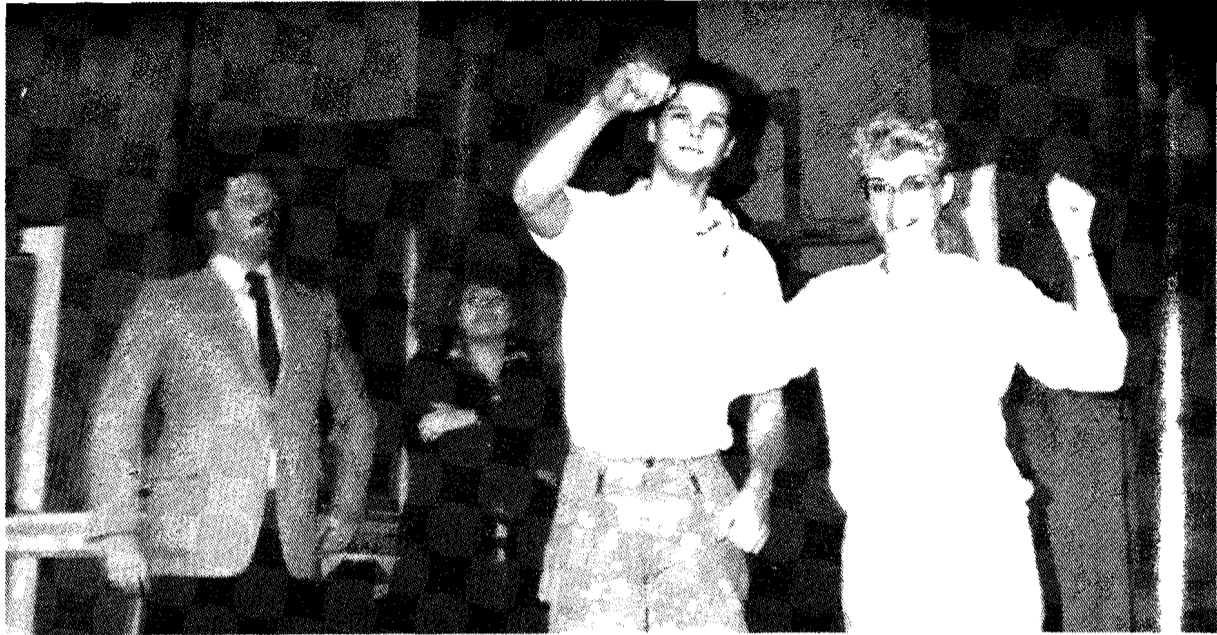
**Jeff Heddens:** I've seen the flags, but not the sign. I think something was needed.

**Sherri Paul:** I like them. They are a definite improvement and add class.

**Dave Goetz:** I've not seen the sign, but I saw the flags. They look all right.

**Jill Peterson:** I've seen the flags, but not the sign. I like the flags, though. They add to the surroundings.

**Curt Hill:** Yes, I've seen both. They are all quite attractive, but will the flags last through the winter?



## Practice Time

Here's a scene from "Hooray for Girls." From left: Tim Rose, Amy Corso, Andy Nelson and Tami Porter. Performances are Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. -Bear Facts photo

## Boone Campus Offers Class in Movies Spring Semester

"America in the Movies" - Is this really a college credit class? It sounds like too much fun to be so!

The answer is yes; it is a humanities course that fulfills the core requirement of three credits in humanities for those who want the associate degree.

Each time it's offered, the course focuses on different movies. This year the students will be viewing Western films, including some of the

"classics."

Sunny Powers, who will be teaching the course, described it as focusing on "the theme of the hero" in literature, except the audience will be viewing it on the screen rather than reading the printed page.

The following films are scheduled to be shown during the class time (Thursday evenings, 6 to 10 p.m.):

Jan. 21, *Silverado*; Jan. 28, *Cimarron*; Feb. 4, *Stagecoach*;

Feb. 11, *Destry Rides Again*; Feb. 18, *Oxbow Incident*; Feb. 25, *Duel in the Sun*; March 3, *Shane*.

March 10, *High Noon*; March 17, *Fistful of Dollars*; March 31, *Little Big Man*; April 14, *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez*; April 21, *Tom Horn*; April 28, *Outland*.

Faculty, staff and other students are welcome to come view the films if there are any empty seats left after registration.

## Students: Put Your ID Card to Use!

by JOHN MURPHY

What is required for checking out library materials and getting into student activities?

Your student ID card, that's what!

At this point, students should have their ID cards. If you didn't receive one or have

lost it, see Chris Carney in the office.

The ID cards are good for all activities from sporting events, to the play, "Hooray for Girls," to the Christmas dance.

Now dig through your old mail, find your card, and support DMACC by coming to the student activities!



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To be of better service next semester, the Center personnel are working on plans to offer some one-hour workshops at various times of the day or night in subjects or skill areas where students need a fast brush-up or just a segment of knowledge.

The tentative schedule calls for the following subjects to be covered on these dates:

Math review: Jan. 18-22 and Feb. 15-19. M - fractions; T - decimals; W - word problems; Th - metric system; F - math anxiety.

English review: Jan. 25-29, Feb. 22-26, March 28-April 1, April 4-8. M - sub/verb agreement; T - pronoun agreement; W - verbal phrases; Th - clauses; F - punctuation.

PFS/Write (word processing): Feb. 1-5. Classes will deal with this word processing method Monday through Friday.

Test-taking skills: Feb. 29 - March 4, April 18-22. M - objective tests; T - essay tests; W - studying from notes; Th - studying texts; F - test anxiety.

If you are interested in having some other subject covered, please contact Sunny Powers in Room 105.



## Bake Sale

Nursing Students United held a bake sale Tuesday, Nov. 3 to raise money for the Boone Campus nursing students. Pictured here are Maria Conard and Al White, both nursing students. -Photo by Andy Nelson

## 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. Please include your name, phone number and major.

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## Writers, Take Note!

An innovative attempt to give recognition to student writers has been unveiled by the English department at the Ankeny Campus.

Called *Ventures* and edited by Dayna Pittman, it is a collection of writing done by students for their composition classes and deemed by their instructors worthy of being shared with other students.

Volume I, Number 1 was published this semester and is being sold in the Ankeny bookstore as a supplementary readings book for only \$5.25.

A second publication is now underway, and selections for inclusion in this volume are being sought. Anyone who wishes to contribute a writing for consideration should see one of the composition instructors or ask Sunny Powers, Room 105, for more information.

No money is received for the contributions, but there's always the prestige of being published and having all the other composition students read one's writing!

## Writing Contest Underway

Works may be submitted for the annual DMACC writing contest beginning Monday, Oct. 7, according to Rick Chapman, communications/humanities, Ankeny Campus.

Papers will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 7, 1987.

Any DMACC students enrolled this fall may participate.

### Awards

The awards include a tuition scholarship of \$250 for fall term, 1988, by the Ankeny Campus Student Action Board (the contest's chief sponsor).

Cash awards include \$100 for best story and \$50 for runner-up.

"We feel that all students, those returning, as well as those graduating or transferring, will feel welcome to enter their work," Chapman said.

### Publication

Award-winning manuscripts and those receiving honorable mention may be published in *Expressions*.

### Judging

Judges from DMACC will evaluate the manuscripts and award the prizes. They and the coordinator reserve the right to determine if prizes will be awarded.

Entries will be judged anonymously, for each contestant's work will be number-coded during the evaluation process.

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### Manuscript Standards

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# News from Other Campuses

## SAT - An Option?

Schenectady, N.Y. - Findings of the 14-page Report of the Task Force on Admissions support the belief that by making the Scholastic Aptitude Test optional, Union College had much to benefit.

According to Dean of Admissions Kenneth Nourse, "We have no intention of allowing this to diminish the quality of the educational standards here. If we get any indication of such, adjustments will be made."

A study to give some sort of indication as to the impact that the new admissions policy will have on the first graduating class is scheduled for 1992.

Chairman of the Task Force Professor Francis L. Lambert noted that the College's admissions committee recommended the following, besides the new SAT-optional admission policy:

- Establishing student projects awards that would present up to \$2,000 for independent research to each of eight outstanding applicants (four pairs of two intended majors from each division);

- Establishing book awards that would award up to \$200 "to outstanding juniors in high schools from areas which are being emphasized in our recruiting network;"

- Establishing the Garnet Scholar which would be awarded to high school students graduating in the top 10% of their class and who meet other specified requirements so as to receive aid in the form of jobs and grants; and

- The approved changes in admissions.

The fourth recommendation, besides the establishment of SATs as optional, called for an encouragement of applicants to submit a written or creative piece of work that was prepared for a school assignment and graded.

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## Retention Standards

Tuscaloosa, Ala. - A three-part proposal to increase retention standards for University of Alabama students will "signal to students that just getting by with Ds is not good enough," according to Dr. Arthur Thompson, chair of the Faculty Senate's academic affairs committee.

The three-part proposal includes the following:

- A grade of C or better be required in core curriculum courses which are presented for graduation requirements. Currently, a grade of D suffices. Students could take the same core curriculum course no more than three times in order to earn a C or better.

- A grade point average of 2.25 be required for graduation.

The current university-wide minimum is 2.0, though some schools and colleges have higher standards.

The calculation of the 2.25 requirement would be based on the highest grade earned in the course presented to meet graduation requirements; a 2.0 would be required on total hours attempted.

- A 2.5 grade point average be required in junior and senior-level courses in the student's major field of study.

The calculation of the 2.5 GPA would be based on the

highest grade earned in the courses, not on total hours attempted.

Figures presented by Thompson revealed that 515 of the 2,922 seniors as of Sept. 1986 had GPAs between 2.0 (the current minimum) and 2.25 (the proposed minimal GPA required for graduation). However, because some schools, colleges and programs already have GPA graduation requirements ranging from 2.2-2.5, the total number of seniors who would be affected were the standards in effect now is ap-

proximately 315.

Several Senate members expressed concern over the possibility that grade inflation might be occurring in some core courses.

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## Requirement Dropped

Oberlin, Ohio - In a reversal of its spring decision, the Oberlin College faculty recently voted against a foreign lan-

guage proficiency requirement. The faculty voted in favor of the requirement in March, but according to Robert Haslun, college secretary, many faculty members have had "second thoughts" regarding the effects of the language requirement.

Proficiency in a foreign language may now be included as part of the newly-proposed distribution guidelines. The guidelines divide the curriculum into eight, rather than three, distribution groups.

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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.



# Teacher Feature

by ERIC NELSON

Every day is just "business as usual" for Mel Holthus, business instructor at Boone Campus.

As a business instructor, Mel teaches such classes as financial math, accounting principles, and management of accounting on micro computers.

Mel received both his bachelor's degree and master's degree at the University of Northern Colorado.

Interesting enough, his teaching career started right out of college, on the Island of Guam.

Mel came to DMACC in 1975 and began at Iowa State University in 1985.

After leaving ISU in 1985, Mel traveled to Europe, taught at the University of Maryland and then returned to Boone Campus in the fall of 1986.

Mel resides in Boone and his family includes his wife Judy, a daughter at ISU and a son who will graduate in chiropractic medicine in December.

Mel seems glad to be back at Boone Campus as a faculty member.

"I enjoy DMACC because of its small size. It also enables a person to interact with people with various degree programs," he said.

Other than teaching at DMACC, Mel enjoys playing tennis, reading, and going to the dog races.

### The Smokeout

Mel participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Nov. 19. The smokeout is to encourage smokers to kick the habit, or at least cut down that day.

Mel was "adopted" by George and Jinny Silberhorn, who supported him throughout the day and encouraged him not to break his pledge.

Boone Campus' Connie Booth



MEL HOLTHUS

was local coordinator of the event.

How did Mel do?

Well . . . he hasn't had a cigarette yet!

George Silberhorn commented he and Jinny gave Mel carrots, pop, candy and other items to distract him from tobacco Nov. 19.

"We also took turns visiting him throughout the day and en-

couraged others to visit him, also," George said.

Mel said he is still not smoking, although he sometimes feels the urge to do so.

"I've smoked off and on for years, and am glad to have finally quit!" he said.

Mel also enticed six Boone Campus students to join him during the smokeout.

Congratulations, Mel!

# These Courses Offer You the World

Did you ever wonder why people listen to country western music?

Who ended his newscasts with "and that's the way it was . . .?"

Did Pulitzer or Hearst win the yellow journalism newspaper battles of the 1800s?

What was the first movie to contain sound?

Who was "the master of suspense" in TV?

The answers to these questions and other interesting bits of 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 will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at

11:15. So go ahead, sign up for a class that really interests you!

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.

If you would like to write stories, sell advertising, take pictures and be in the know about what's happening on campus, JNAD 123 is for you! This class would be a plus for your resume, too!

For more information about any of these courses, see Jill Burkhart, instructor, in Room 110.

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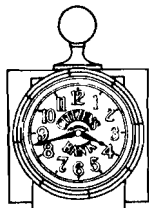


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