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The Bear Facts

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Des Moines Area Community College, Boone Campus

May 6, 1987

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DMACC also has job placement services, counseling and tutors for its students.

Boone Campus, formerly known as Boone Junior College, consists of two buildings located at the south edge of Boone. One building contains classrooms, the library, learning center and bookstore, a student center, auditorium and stage and offices. The other building houses a gym and athletic facilities.

In order to better serve its students, Boone Campus is undergoing a vigorous \$300,000 remodeling project designed to make more efficient use of the facility. The project includes renovating and adding classrooms, expanding the bookstore and learning center and remodeling the typing and computer rooms.

The remodeling project is a move in the right direction for Boone Campus, as a means to

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Kevin Knight, DMACC student, surrounded by area high school students on campus for the PBL workshop held in April.

We're Your Source For Voc. Ed.

Des Moines Area Community College, with campuses in Ankeny, Boone, Carroll and Des Moines, recognizes the importance of vocational educa-

tion and invites the public to find out about vocational educational programs available.

DMACC offers more than 70 career-oriented programs in

business and management, industrial technology, health, and public and human services. During the fall semester 1986, there were approximately 7,000 non-credit students, and 4,385 students enrolled in credit occupational programs. Over 58% of those students in credit programs were women. The average age of full-time vocational students at DMACC is 24, and part-time vocational students average 31 years of age.

Of the vocational students enrolled at DMACC last fall, 98% were Iowa residents and 88% resided within DMACC's 11-county district. Seventy-five percent of all 1986 career program graduates looking for employment were employed at graduation or soon after. Another 7% elected to go on to further education. Of those graduates who were employed, 96% were employed in Iowa. The average starting salary for 1986 graduates was \$13,218.

For more information on local vocational programs, call Des Moines Area Community College at 964-6241 or toll-free, 1-800-362-2127, ext. 241.

Graduation is May 6

Motivational Lecturer, Gross, Is Commencement Speaker

Approximately 120 students graduated at the DMACC - Boone Campus graduation exercises May 6 at Boone Campus gym, Boone.

The guest speaker for the 59th annual event was Prof. Herbert I. Gross of Needham, Mass. He is currently a professor of mathematics at Bunker Hill Community College and a senior lecturer at MIT's Center for Advanced Engineering Study, Boston.

Gross is particularly known for being a motivating force in

the community college movement since 1958 when he became a founding faculty member at Corning Community College in New York.

In 1986, he was named the Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees.

Widely known as a motivational lecturer, he travels the country while maintaining a full teaching load, talking to groups from all walks of life.

Following Gross' speech, Boone Campus Dean Kriss

Philips introduced the Class of 1987, with Lloyd Courter, board member, presenting the diplomas.

Graduation Breakfast

The DMACC - Boone Campus Alumni Association hosted a graduation breakfast May 6 at The Colonial House, 823 Keeler St., Boone.

Mike Hope, Class of 1975 and assistant marketing director for WHO Broadcasting, addressed the group.



HERBERT GROSS
Commencement Speaker

Enrollment at Boone Campus Increases 19%

by JUSTINE SHRIVER
Staff Writer

Des Moines Area Community College credit student enrollment increased 18% this spring term when compared to spring term 1986.

"The enrollment increase of 18.9% at the Boone Campus is a record number for the spring," said Dean Kriss Philips.

"I'm real pleased with it," he said.

In the spring of 1986, the enrollment for full-time students (making up 45% of all college students) at the Boone Campus was 392.

This spring term there are 412 full-time and 293 part-time students, making a total record increase of 18.9%.

This year, 8,599 students have enrolled in credit classes at one of the four DMACC campuses. Ankeny Campus increased 14.4% with 6,305 students; Urban Campus grew by 25.5% with 1,236 students; and the Carroll Campus grew 78.3% with a total of 353 students.

DMACC offers credit classes in career education, career option, and college parallel programs.



PHOTO BY SHERYL TAM

The Boone Campus nursing department staff is, from left: Cindy Cory, Patricia Cox, Sandy Chacko, Sharon Blaskey, Connie Booth, Brenda Hoshaw and Nancy Handley. Not shown is Joan von Grabow, director. The DMACC associate degree nursing program received accreditation by the National League for Nursing this past summer. -Photo by Sheryl Tam

Nursing Program is Accredited

Des Moines Area Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program received accreditation by the National

League for Nursing in February, 1987. It is the only nursing program in Iowa to attempt and receive national accreditation. The program is accredited through 1993. It has already received state accreditation by the Iowa Board of Nursing.

According to Joan von Grabow, director of DMACC's nursing program, "Accreditation enhances the status of the school or department since the public and the profession regard it as evidence that the school is meeting national criteria for quality education."

DMACC's PN and ADN programs are offered at the Ankeny, Boone and Carroll campuses. Currently there are over 250 students enrolled in the program.

National accreditation will also help after college courses

are completed, von Grabow said.

"Graduation from a nationally accredited school is sometimes a prerequisite for graduate study, commission in the Armed Forces, and employment in VA and community health organizations," von Grabow stated.

Recent placement figures show there is a renewed demand for nursing graduates. Over 90% of DMACC's most recent nursing graduates are working in a related field with an average starting salary of more than \$18,000.

"Our graduates have a good reputation not only in Iowa where the majority choose to stay and work, but also out of state. The national accreditation will also be a plus in placement," said von Grabow.

PBL Excels at Conference

Members of the DMACC-Boone Campus Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda placed in several events at the 41st annual State Leadership Conference at Wartburg College in Waverly March 20 and 21.

Members from the local chapter joined 200 business students from throughout Iowa in competition to represent the state at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in July.

There were chapter events, team events, and individual events of competition, including local chapter annual report, outstanding project, community service project, achievement in business advocacy, national advisory council leadership awards, and Lloyd V. Douglas Chapter of the year.

Boone Campus PBL brought home the following awards:

- First place: DMACC - Boone Campus, local chapter chartering or reactivation of greatest number of chapters.

- First place: Sandi Mullins, support personnel - secretary.

- Second place: Linda Ingram, support personnel - secretary.

- Second place: Jackie Souder, management.

- Second place: Tami Wirth, support personnel - typist.

- Third place: DMACC - Boone Campus, communication award.

- Fourth place: Sharon Frampton, support personnel - typist.

- Fourth place: Lesa McCurdy, job interview.

- Fourth place: Vicki Reece, information management.

- Fifth place: Hazel Peterson, payroll accounting.

Other recent activities of PBL included helping with the annual career workshop for high school students April 16, conducting a bake sale in the student lounge April 17, sponsoring an Easter egg hunt April 18, attending a secretaries' breakfast in Boone April 22, taking a field trip to Des Moines April 22, and a graduation tea April 29.

The National Leadership Conference will be held in California in July.

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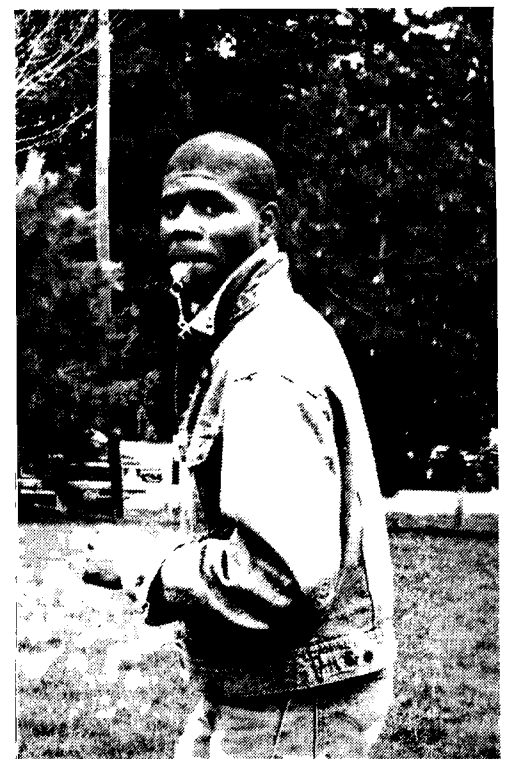


Getting tips on Frisbee golf from a nationally ranked competitor in preparation for Spring Fling '87 at Boone Campus.



Tug-of-War

If some of the people watching would help pull, it would make it a lot easier, at the tug-of-war contest during Spring Fling in April.



Jesse Broome

Boone Campus Writing Lab Serves Writing Needs of Students, Faculty, Staff

at the center in 1976. Powers, who has a master's degree in English from Iowa State University, worked alone at first.

"It was very hectic," she says.

In the beginning, the center helped community residents earn high school equivalency diplomas or brush up on skills to get into college courses. Then the center began to grow.

Powers, a true academic jack of all trades, started tutoring DMACC students in English and algebra. In addition to its original functions, the learning center now has four staff members who teach a full range of adult education classes.

Powers says the learning center programs have increased as the DMACC student population has doubled. She's also seen changes in the population that the learning center serves, with more older students using its services. Many have decided to change directions in their careers after a major change, such as divorce or death, affects their lives, she says.

Mature individuals are more willing to ask for help.

"They know what they want and recognize the inadequacies in their background. We find out where you are and develop those skills to where you want to be," she says.

"Everybody lacks something in their background. You can't be 100% knowledgeable on every subject in the world," Powers adds.

In an average month, the learning center sees about 250 persons, primarily students who need extra help in their college courses. Powers divides the biggest chunk into two main categories: those learning secretarial skills and pre-nursing students who need high school biology and chemistry.

"They can still hold a job and aren't constricted by classroom schedules," she says about learning center visitors. "They can work at their own speed."

However, the most popular course is one in short stories in literature "because they can read them quickly and go on to the next one. That's the appeal," she says.

The learning center staff would like local residents to become a bigger part of the center's monthly menu.

"When we get into the new center, we want to be able to invite more community people who need high school diplomas or need their skills upgraded to get into college," she says.

During spring semester, six persons took adult education classes and 17 worked on either a high school diploma or GED.

Powers has a larger vision for the learning center, citing an example set by Iowa Western Community College, which has an extensive volunteer staff. Volunteer instructors there felt they were involved in an individual's life and when their students succeeded, they also felt successful, she stated.

(Story courtesy Boone News-Republican.)

A service to help Boone Campus students, faculty and staff spring semester started when the Writing Lab began operation in the central section of the library.

The Lab offers free, one-to-one help for writing problems and questions, ranging from choosing and focusing on a topic to how to proofread.

The Lab serves all students with writing needs for their courses, but the service is also available to instructors and staff seeking advice on such writing tasks as the preparing of letters, papers, and reports.

Communications/Humanities Chair Beatrice Clupper explained the need for "a professionally trained writer" to provide direct and immediate assistance when a student has a problem with a written assignment for any course, not just a writing class.

"Many instructors teach very heavy loads or have additional commitments off campus. Their students can get help in their writing needs from the Writing Lab," Clupper said.

But she pointed out the Writing Lab exists to "serve the multiple needs of people - faculty and staff as well as students - in education."

She added faculty and staff should feel free to come to the Lab for help for their professional writing needs.

Jim (Jay) Judge, DMACC alumnus, conducts the Writing Lab. Judge's background includes scripting educational audio-visuals and promotional motion pictures. As a graduate student at ISU, he worked in the English department's Writing Center, a job he says gave him experience handling writing problems one-to-one.

"Not only that," said Judge, "but my work as a teaching assistant gave me a chance to organize and classify a lot of my insights about sentence structure so I have a fair amount of self-designed materials to share with clients here at Boone Campus."

The Writing Lab provides help on a first-come, first-served basis. Clupper and Judge determined the Lab's trial hours - late morning and

early afternoon, Mondays and Wednesdays, and Thursdays - to best accommodate class starting and dismissal times.

The hours are Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Clupper and Judge emphasized that Writing Lab assistance is provided as needed; a client can come only once, use the service on an ongoing basis, or use it whenever there is a need.

The service is available at no charge to all members of Boone Campus. Clients receive no academic credit for using it.

Judge, who taught a Boone Campus composition course spring term, sees his job as Writing Lab instructor as "taking away any fear people might have about writing situations, making the path to effective writing well-lit."

"Please make use of the service I provide, whether you are

an instructor or staff member with a writing need, or an instructor seeking a place to direct students in need of extra help with written work, whatever the course," Judge said.

Clupper added, "The Writing Lab is intended to make the students' work and that of the faculty easier."

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Bears Travel To Oklahoma

by SHAWN DUGAN
Staff Writer

The Boone Bears baseball team began its 1987 season in Oklahoma during the DMACC-Boone Campus spring break.

Despite winning only two games out of seven, the team showed some great effort and competitiveness against some larger schools.

Shortstop Mike Olson said just getting out and playing against somebody other than an intrasquad game was great.

The weather in Oklahoma was not very cooperative, with five or six games rained out.

All in all, it was a fun trip and a good tuneup for the important conference games ahead, players said.

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King and Queen

Melanie Monen and Jim Duncan, both of Boone, were honored by being named DMACC - Boone Campus homecoming queen and king at festivities following the basketball games Wednesday, Jan. 21. Melanie is a sophomore majoring in liberal arts. "I'm glad we had such a good turnout for homecoming," she said. Jim, also a sophomore, is studying in the education field. He commented, "We really enjoyed ourselves. I think everyone had a good time." The Boone Bears were victorious over Council Bluffs, 91-83. The Lady Bears suffered a loss.

Boone Campus Student Body Changes With Record Enrollment

by MARILYN VAUGHAN

In 1981, the Des Moines Area Community College board of directors met to discuss whether to close its Boone Campus.

Today, the Boone Campus is coping with record enrollment and adapting to both the enrollment increase and changes within its student body.

Of the more than 700 students enrolled at the college spring semester, 54.7% of the full-time students are women. Among the part-time students, women are also in the majority, making up 67.9% of the student body.

Dean Kriss Philips says the ratio of men to women was not nearly that high five years ago, attributing the change to increased educational opportunities for women.

The international or minority students have also been increasing, given Boone's closeness to Ames, where most of them live. They made up more than 8% of the student body in fall semester, 1986.

Overall, the part-time student population has taken a large leap forward this semester, with 45.8% more part-time students this semester than at the same time last year. Officials say the Boone campus has more part-time and female students than many other small colleges throughout the state.

Full-time students increased by about 5%, according to the spring 1987 head count.

"The number one reason is more people locally are attending college (at DMACC)," Philips says.

Local high school counselors are indicating that this trend will continue.

Another factor, he adds, is the tuition, which the law mandates must be lower than the state universities. Philips notes that financial aid "is not as plentiful as it once was. There's still a lot available, but (the students) have to look more carefully and diligently."

The Boone Campus is taking the lead statewide in dealing with the needs of the part-time student by "unstructuring" or "unblocking" its program. Philips says. This allows part-time students to take only a portion of the regular load, rather than having to take a full-time load as one unit.

Says Lloyd Courter, a Boone attorney who is a DMACC board member, "One of our concerns as directors is that our board made a conscious decision that it wanted to open up the program to part-time students. We felt that is a particular role for a community college to carry out."

"We have many farmers, wives of farmers, and many women in our society who are now looking for a way to get back into the work market, and they don't have the training or the skills to do so."

In response to the increased part-time population, DMACC has a full offering of evening courses, which it didn't have five years ago, Philips says. It also has expanded its summer school program. About 350 students - a record number - attended DMACC's 1986 summer

Boone Campus Library Updates

A coin-operated copier for students, a 25" color monitor for the VCR for classroom use and new tables and chairs are all new items in the library this semester, according to Louise Payton, library technician.

A coin-operated Savin copier has been installed in the library to accommodate all the copying needs of students. At 10 cents per copy, there will be no more waiting in line when rushing from one class to another or when in a hurry to catch your ride.

The library doesn't make change to use in the copier, but there is a change machine next door in the Campus Center. The faculty and staff will be using a different machine in the equipment room.

A new 25" color monitor to be used with the video cassette player and also to display computer software has been added for classroom use.

The phone book collection has also been updated. Phone books are now available for all cities and towns in Iowa plus many major cities in the U.S.

session.

The college is also feeling pressure to meet the needs of non-traditional or older students. The average age has climbed. There is now almost a decade's difference between a full-time male student, whose average age is 22, and the part-time female, whose average age is 31.

Officials also expect more students to attend DMACC since the state universities are increasing academic entrance requirements. In response to that, the Boone Campus is expanding its learning center.

But, both Philips and Courter say a problem exists for the local college in that DMACC is not getting its fair share of state funding.

The reason is the funding formula, the way students' contact or credit hours are calculated. Philips says there's no uniformity throughout the state in the way that community colleges determine how many contact hours are required to obtain certain degrees.

DMACC's nursing students are one example.

A nursing student can attend DMACC for two years and receive the same degree as a two-year student at another community college, but generate less contact hours. That means that the DMACC student is eligible for less financial aid.

Boone's contact hours have decreased by 8.7% from 1985 to 1986 due to curriculum revisions and deletion of unnecessary courses, Philips says.

"Big, Bad, Mouse" Entertains Audiences

The Boone Campus spring play "Big, Bad, Mouse" thrilled and thoroughly entertained its audiences during two productions March 13-14. Over 200 turned out to see the comedy play, presented by the Boone Campus Drama Dept.

The play takes place in the office of an American cat food company called Chunkibix, located in London.

Characters included the hard-nosed Mr. Price Hargraves (Tim Rose) who heads a group of employees that are too strange to work for most other organizations. There is Miss Spencer (Tami Porter) who believes Hargraves is the best thing since gourmet cat food; Fiona Jones (Amy Corso) a level-headed gal whose over-flowing amorous attraction is aimed at the bumbling Harold Hopkins (Jim Rueber); the whimpy Mr. Bloome (Jon Wright) who is the perennial doormat of Chunkibix employees; Lady Chesapeak (Sheri Klemmer) the chairman of Chunkibix who attempts to bring organization to the chaos and Doris (Bernice Kitt) the niece of Miss Spencer.

Director of the production was Kay Mueller, with Cathy Veale assisting.



The "Big, Bad Mouse" cast and crew.



Jon Wright, left, and Bernice Kitt during a performance of "The Big, Bad Mouse."

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The project is scheduled to be completed by the time classes begin in the fall of 1987.

Concerning campus activities, Boone Campus offers both intramural and recreational sports and an active student government. In addition, drama, chorus, publication of the campus newspaper and other clubs and organizations such as Phi Beta Lambda for business students and a Rotaract club are very active.

Intercollegiate athletics are also a part of Boone Campus student life, with men's and women's basketball and a baseball and softball program. These sporting events tend to add to the excitement and school spirit prevalent at Boone Campus.

Social life on campus is very much alive, with numerous parties, dances, cookouts and other activities arranged by the student development department. The emphasis here is to help the student feel right at home and develop new friendships.

The City of Boone also has something to offer students in the way of recreational facilities including parks, camping, tennis courts, lighted ball field, a golf course and swimming pool. There is also a very impressive downtown shopping area with many other services available. The birthplace of Mamie Eisenhower, the wife of former Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower, is located in Boone.

Comfortable and convenient privately owned student housing is available across the street from Boone Campus. The apartments have two bedrooms, living room, dining room, a complete kitchen and bath. Other housing options are available in the community.

Tuition costs are low at Boone Campus. And because programs are compact, students are able to enter the job market quickly.

Several forms of financial aid are available including grants and scholarships for students in need of financial assistance.

Boone Campus is a comprehensive two-year college that offers programs leading to employment after successful completion, or transfer to a bachelor's degree granting college.



This is the scene beyond the double doors near the main entrance, since the remodeling work began recently. Major work such as demolition of walls and floor leveling is being done near

rooms 101E and 101W. Grabau Construction of Boone was awarded the contract, with a bid of \$410,000. The remodeling will continue throughout the summer.

Remodeling Work Underway

by SHERYL TAM
Staff Writer

Work on the remodeling project has officially begun. The construction workers are concentrating on demolition work at this time. Some interior auditorium walls have been taken down and work has been started in Room 103N.

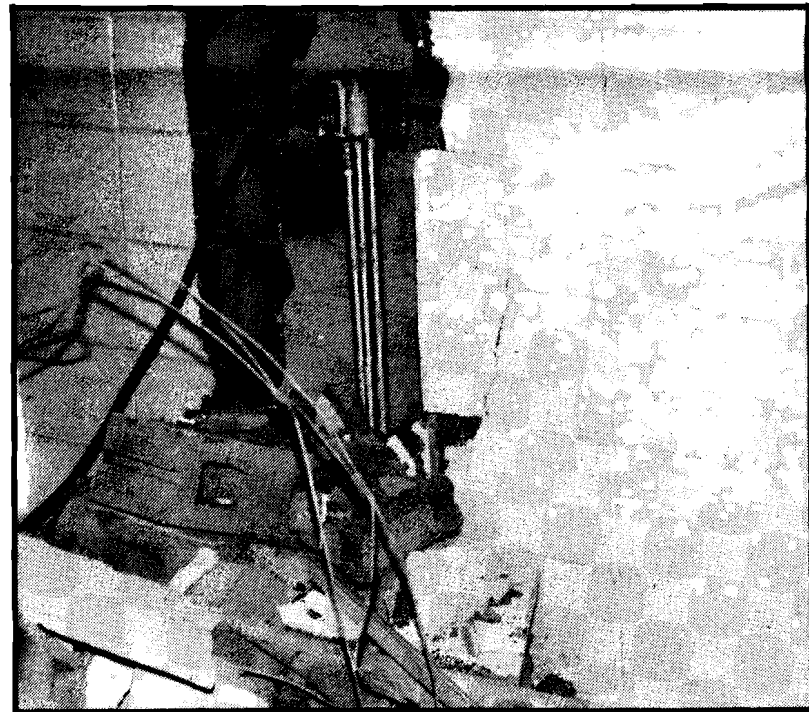
The general contract was awarded to Grabau Construction Company of Boone with a bid of \$410,000. The administration has been assured that work will be completed before fall classes start Sept. 2, 1987.

According to Donna King, the biggest problem so far has been scheduling classes that are being held in the construction area to other rooms. Four classes are being held at the Open Bible Church, south of campus. A few instructor offices have also been relocated. More shuffling may need to be done during the summer.

King said the office will try to stay a step ahead of the workers. Updates of the progress are sent to the instructors and staff to keep everyone current on what work is being done.

Dean Kriss Philips said, "I am very pleased with the positive attitude of the students, instructors, and other Boone Campus employees affected toward this remodeling situation. It has caused a lot of direct and some indirect confusion for a number of people, but everyone appears to realize that with progress there is a certain amount of pain and inconvenience.

"But when we get done, we are going to have a very viable learning center on our campus as well as four new classrooms," he said.



Here is another wall being torn down in the interest of improving Boone Campus during the renovation project.

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