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THE BEAR FACTS

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Clinton Wins in Mock Election

CLINTON 81

BUSH 30

PEROT 5

ERA YES 41

ERA NO 10

By Stephanie Snyder
Staff Writer

On October 6th at 8 a.m. the polls opened as the mock presidential election began. A total of 134 students and faculty turned out to vote. "Some had never had the experience of voting and because of the mock election, they may actually vote in the real election in November," said Bruce Kelley who was in charge of the experiment.

The results Democrat, Bill Clinton had eighty-one votes, while Republican, George Bush had thirty. Candidates nominated by petition were Ross Perot, independent, who got five votes. From the Libertarian Party was Andre Marrou scoring two votes. Running

for the America First Party, Bo Gritz, tallied up one vote. The candidate for the Socialist Workers Party, James Warren, won two votes.

Grassley Wins

Not only could presidential candidates be voted for, but also others running for offices including the United States Senate. Charles Grassley won that race but only by two votes over Jean Lloyd-Jones.

One of the issues that was also voted on was the Equal Rights Amendment, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender. Forty-one voters agreed that the amendment should be passed while only ten rejected it.

Eight people registered to vote at the mock election, one of these, Linda Smith, said, "The voting ballot format was confusing, but I did register to vote, too." Carrie Ohlendorf said, "The election was a good idea, but remember in November it will be equally as important to know about the local candidates."

Kelley said, "It wasn't a scientific poll and the results are not scientifically accurate--it's really no indication of how people in the area will vote, but it was a good chance for experience in voting."

Check Out Those Videos!

By Staff Writer
Stephanie Snyder

I always like to have some fun in an inexpensive way. The most recent way I've found is to visit the campus library! No, not to check out my favorite book but to find a great movie! After entering the library, Kathy Kirkegard, who works in the library, quickly showed me the vast assortment of new movies. She said, "the library

recently got about one hundred movies." In the selection, I found some old movies like Doctor Zhivago and Macbeth or if you like old musicals, there's Oklahoma! Newer movies included are Dances With Wolves, Platoon, and Out of Africa. If you have children, keep them busy at night when you study with Winnie the Pooh, The Velveteen Rabbit, or 101 Dalmations. Informational videos range from

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By Penni Kuhl
Staff Writer

What do you want to be when you grow up? My six-year old niece's definitive answer is "a ballerina." Her big brother wants to be a train conductor, although last month it was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. While the answer to this question is as fluid as our moods when we are young, as we age, the answers become increasingly more complex and difficult.

What type of work am I suited for? How much education will I need, where can I get it, and how much will it cost? What is the earning potential and availability of a career choice? These are just a few of the things to consider when planning your future. The Academic Achievement Center (A.A.C. formerly the Learning Center) may be able to help answer these questions.

The A.A.C. has available a computer information system known as "Discover." This program will help you identify your interests, abilities, and experiences. It can give you detailed information

"Discover" Yourself

on over 1,200 occupations and even aid you in selecting a college that meets your personal guidelines.

You initially answer a series of seemingly unrelated questions: Do you like refinishing furniture? Do you enjoy working outdoors? Would you enjoy a TV program about the geographical formation of the earth? The program then tabulates and classifies your responses and produces a list of possible career choices. (Being an accounting student, I was relieved to see accountant as one of my suggestions, but was rather startled to learn I'd make a good funeral director).

You can then access detailed information on a particular job. You will discover what tasks are required (a roustabout does the general physical labor around oilfields), what tools and materials are commonly used, and what training is needed. There is also data on salary potential (stunt performers made \$42,000 to \$63,000 in 1991), the demand for new workers, the physical demands (why does an accountant need to be able to adjust to darkness?), and the potential for advancement.

Another feature of the "Discover" program is planning your education. This module contains a list of all of the vocational-technical schools, two- and four-year colleges, and graduate schools in the United States. By selecting guidelines concerning tuition limits, geographical locations, majors, etc., you narrow this file down to a list of personally applicable schools. You can compare aspects of one school to another, see what sports programs are available, and even find the ratio of men to women (DMAAC Boone is 35% men to 65% women).

The "Discover" program is available to everyone, student or not, but you need to make an appointment with the staff in the A.A.C. Depending on the information you need, it can take from ten minutes up to six hours to go through this program.

I spent some time utilizing the "Discover" program and found it to be extremely user-friendly. This valuable tool is both informative and entertaining and I would highly recommend it to anyone. What do I want to be when I grow up? Ask me when I grow up.

Audio Books

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"Hear"

By Melinda Baker
Staff Writer

There is a new addition to the DMACC library, Audio Books. The books are chosen from a list which the Library Journal reviews.

You can find books from many popular authors such as Agatha Christie or Stephen King. You can also find works of Mark Twain and Shakespeare.

The books can be checked out for the same time period as regular books.

The library is looking forward to the addition of more books to their collection.



Photo by Steve Scheideman

Kay Mueller directs Michelle Burke in rehearsals for fall production, *Guest Cottage*. Production dates are October 29, 30, and 31 in the DMACC Boone Campus Auditorium. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door the nights of performance.

Inside Looking Out

A View of The Ames City Jail

By Pete Frangos
Freelance Writer

The Ames City Jail wasn't what I expected. It is exploited in the movies and on television. These media draw a desolate picture: a room with bugs crawling in and out of a drain, a constant echoing when water drops hit the concrete floor, one drop at a time from a leaking, overhead pipe, and giant iron bars that leave rust marks on a person's hands.

As Officer Shawn Phipps escorted me to Cell 2, a prisoner being released complained that he didn't have his rights read to him. Officer Phipps said in her authoritative voice, "If you're not being interrogated while in custody, we don't have to read you your rights."

Officer Phipps was of medium build and height. Her short blonde hair and her freshly pressed, dark blue uniform gave her a professional look. She was in good shape and looked as if she could handle herself in a fight.

Officer Phipps opened the door to the cell. As I walked in, the first thing I noticed was a fresh smell. It smelled like a bathroom that had been recently cleaned with Vanish.

"It smells good in here," I said.

"The cell is sterilized every day," Officer Phipps replied.

Officer Phipps left the cell and walked back to the dispatch room leaving me alone. I walked to one of the seven beds against the wall and sat down.

The beds looked as though they grew from the floor. The top three inches of the beds were smooth concrete; the rest was made of cinderblock. The beds reminded me of the vaults or tombs that people are buried in above ground. On most of the beds, lying flush with the concrete, were foam mattresses about two inches thick. The mattresses were a light blue-green vinyl. They felt like the mattresses in a baby's crib or something that is put under a sleeping bag when camping.

The cinderblock walls were painted a glossy enamel white. The room was about the size of a class room found in a high school. Attached to the right wall was an intriguing device. It was a toilet-sink combination.

This system was made of stainless steel and looked like a drinking

fountain seen in a hallway of a building or school with the exception of a toilet seat attached to it. In the opposite corner of the cell was a wide angle camera.

"Do you monitor people in the cell all the time?" I asked Officer Phipps in a conversation we had later.

"Police monitor prisoners 24 hours a day from the dispatch room using the camera installed in the cell," she replied.

"What about suicidal prisoners?" I asked.

"Suicidal prisoners are moved to another cell by themselves, tagged with a red dot about the size of a dime on the front of their shirts somewhere and are checked-up on every 15 minutes," she replied.

"Police monitor prisoners 24 hours a day from the dispatch room using the camera installed in the cell."

stated Officer Shawn Phipps

Only two windows existed in the cell. They were located on the front wall and spaced apart by about four feet of cinderblock. The small windows looked like they belonged on the front door of a house. The glass was about an inch thick. On occasion, police officers would walk by and look in through the windows.

The cell was empty and any movement of my feet on the smooth, gray painted, concrete floor, made an echoing sound. On occasion, I would hear police officers talking and police radios going off in the background.

If it got cold in the cell, a prisoner could bundle up in one of the two wool blankets lying on one of the beds. The blankets, like those seen in the military, were olive drab and had "U.S." stamped in big bold black letters in the middle of them.

After leaving the cell, I walked down the hall to where Officer Phipps was sitting. I asked her how much it costs to hold prisoners for 24 hours. She said to spend the night it costs about \$60.00, which pays for the prisoners food, the electricity for the cell, and toiletries they use.

She sounded like she was quoting hotel rates. I could think of better places I would rather spend the night.

By Cheryl Lingelbach
Staff Writer

The number of crimes occurring in the United States are increasing at an alarming rate. On July 1, 1992, Iowa passed a law prohibiting stalking.

Boone County was the first in Iowa to make an arrest under the stalking law. The case is still pending at this time.

What is Stalking?

"Stalking is the act of a person who, on more than one occasion, follows, pursues, or harasses you, and makes a credible threat against you."

"Harasses" means repeated, intrusive, or unwanted acts, words, or gestures intended to lessen your safety, security, or privacy.

"Credible threat" means a threat that is intended to place you in fear of death or bodily injury, by a person with the apparent ability to carry out the threat.

To be convicted of stalking under Iowa law, the crime must meet all three requirements of (1) following, pursuing, or harassing, (2) making a credible threat, and (3) occurring on more than one occasion.

Who do stalkers target?

Anyone could be targeted by a stalker. Often, stalkers are former spouses or partners. A stalker might target a public figure or celebrity, a child, casual acquaintance, or complete stranger.

Victims have said that stalking has changed the way they live their lives. A stalker may intrude by following a victim to and from home, work, or social activities. A stalker sometimes intrudes by watching the victim's home, making harassing phone calls, or sending threatening mail.

What are the penalties for a stalking conviction?

A first offense of stalking is a simple misdemeanor, with a sentence of up to 30 days or a \$100 fine. If the first offense occurs in violation of a protective order, it is a serious misdemeanor, with a sentence of up to one year and/or \$1,000. A second offense is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years and/or \$5,000. A third offense is a Class "D" felony, punishable by up to five years and/or \$7,500.

A stalker may be released on bail before the trial is held. If convicted, the stalker is eligible for bail unless the conviction is for felony stalking. One of the conditions of bail or probation can be to prohibit the stalker from having contact with you or your family.

What steps should you take if you are a victim?

* Call the police or sheriff

This is the first thing you can do when stalking incidents occur. Explain exactly what happened and what threats were made against you.

* Keep a notebook or calendar

Record all of the detailed information about each encounter with a stalker. Your notes can refresh your memory later, should you need to speak with police or testify in court. Be sure to include the date, time, location, full description of the person, words spoken, actions taken during the incident, actions you took afterward, and names of witnesses. You may wish to tape record threats made over the telephone or other encounters.

* Contact your county attorney's office

Some counties have victim witness coordinators who can be

helpful to you and keep you informed about your case if charges are filed.

* Seek a domestic abuse protective order

If you are being threatened in a domestic abuse situation, you may want to seek a protective order through a private attorney or the clerk of court. Protective orders are court orders intended to keep the stalker away from you by making it illegal for the person to have contact with you. They can be issued separately or with a civil or criminal domestic abuse case. A person who violates a protective order can be found in contempt of court and jailed or fined. To find out what type of protective order you can apply for, contact a private attorney, legal aid or legal services, the county attorney, or the clerk of court.

* Call a local domestic abuse program or the Iowa Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-942-0333, if your stalker is a former spouse or partner.

Should you be taking any extra precautions?

It is very hard to prevent crime, but you may be able to reduce the risk by taking extra precautions. Your first defense against stalking is to have a heightened awareness of what is happening around you. You may want to tell others about the threat as well-neighbors, family members, and work mates. Ask them to keep an eye out for strange occurrences. Other steps you can take are to lock your home, preferably with dead-bolt locks. Lock your car while you are driving and when you park. Check to see that no one has hidden in your car before you get in it. Park in well-lit, secure areas. Avoid walking in dark areas at night, or in isolated areas at any time of the day.

What if the stalker is a former spouse or partner?

If you are being stalked in a domestic abuse situation, there are domestic abuse programs throughout Iowa that may be able to help. These programs also offer advocacy with the criminal justice system. To find the domestic abuse program nearest you, contact the Iowa Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-942-0333, which is answered 24 hours a day.

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BOONE CRIME PREVENTION

FOR HELP CALL

432 - 2525

24 HRS. A DAY

SPOTLIGHT

The Responsible Choice

By Joan Swanson
Freelance Writer

The 24th of June 1992 was no ordinary Wednesday. It was a day which could have had a huge impact on the rest of my life. I had a little butterfly in my stomach as I called the ISU student health center and asked for nurse Lynn. After I gave her my confidential identifying number, she informed me the results of my HIV test were back but could't be given over the telephone. As I drove to the center, I repeated comforting things to myself about how I am not in any high risk group. I am a monogamous female, I don't have casual sex. None-the-less, in the back of my mind there lingered a nagging "what if?" As I entered the building, the nervous flutter in my stomach became a fist of anxiety. You can imagine my relief when nurse Lynn said the result was negative.

I had myself tested because earlier this year a friend of mine volunteered time to the Story County Aids Coalition. She helped raise funds to bring the well known Aids quilt to Ames. She often donates her time to charitable organizations, so I wasn't surprised she was doing this. I was surprised, however when she herself was tested for HIV, and then urged me to be tested also. After she showed me the facts and figures, I was alarmed.

Steady Rise in Need

The AIDS Coalition of Story County reports a steady rise in the need for their services. In 1982 there were two reported cases of AIDS in Story County. At present there are over forty persons in need of the coalition's services in the central Iowa area. "These people repre-

sent professionals, students, homeless and internationals. They are women and men from Ames, Story City, Cambridge, Nevada, Fort Dodge and Marshalltown. The age range is 19 to 65." (AIDS Coalition of Story County) These facts, of course, represent only known cases of HIV infection, an infection which may show no symptoms for ten years. Actual numbers may be much higher. This

incurable, ultimately fatal disease is being passed from one person to another every day. It could be avoided.

"Three quarters of all infected adults acquired their infection heterosexually"

--Reader's Digest

Any loss of life to a preventable disease is tragic. Cost in dollars is not important compared to the physical and emotional suffering caused by this disease. Imagine living under a death sentence; imagine knowing that a friend or a member of your family was suffering from the slow death caused by AIDS. This nightmare could come true, sooner than you might imagine.

Not Homosexual Disease

AIDS is no longer a disease of only homosexual men. The outbreak into the heterosexual community has health officials worried. Women and straight men are not safe or immune from this virus. Scientific American reports that, "On a global scale, among more than 10 million people who are infected with HIV, approximately one in three is female." Readers Digest warns that "Three quarters of all infected adults acquired their infection heterosexually." Women's magazines like Redbook also warn that "This year the disease is expected to rank among the five leading causes of death for U.S. women of child bearing age." Even my daughter's Young and Modern, a magazine for teens tells them that "You

can get AIDS the first time you have sex."

Some people propose mandatory testing. If everyone who had any type of unprotected sex were tested, we could stop or at least greatly retard the spread of this disease. But how can we select such a group? Rather, we should make the responsible choice to have ourselves tested.

Confidential, Free

Having yourself tested is convenient, confidential, and free. You do not need to be an Iowa State student or a resident of Story County. You go to the ISU student health center, and ask for nurse Lynn or Jackie. The nurse will take you into a private room and will explain the testing to you. She will not ask your name, but will attach a confidential number code to your blood test. HIV tests are more accurate than ever and show infection within seven months of contact. In one to two weeks, you return to the center and are told the test results. The staff at the center is supportive and respectful.

If you have a HIV test and the results are negative, you can then make plans to remain healthy for the rest of your life. If you have a HIV test and the result is positive, you could save the life of someone you care about by not exposing them to the disease. Even if you have a positive test, you can improve the quality and length of your life. You wouldn't be alone; the Story County AIDS Coalition would help you.

"Care team volunteers provide emotional support by listening..."
I.S.U. Health Center

As well as offering education about the spread of AIDS, the Coalition provides a program on caring for persons with HIV/AIDS. They have the most current information on medical updates, and alternative medications and

treatments. A person who has tested positive would be assigned "Care team volunteers, who provide emotional support by listening, providing companionship, telephoning and home and hospital visits. The volunteers are not counselors, but people who offer dependable, consistent friendship, information and support." (AIDS Coalition of Story County) If you find yourself in need of their services or wish to volunteer, call (515) 232-6590.

Karpin "Cleans Up" DMACC

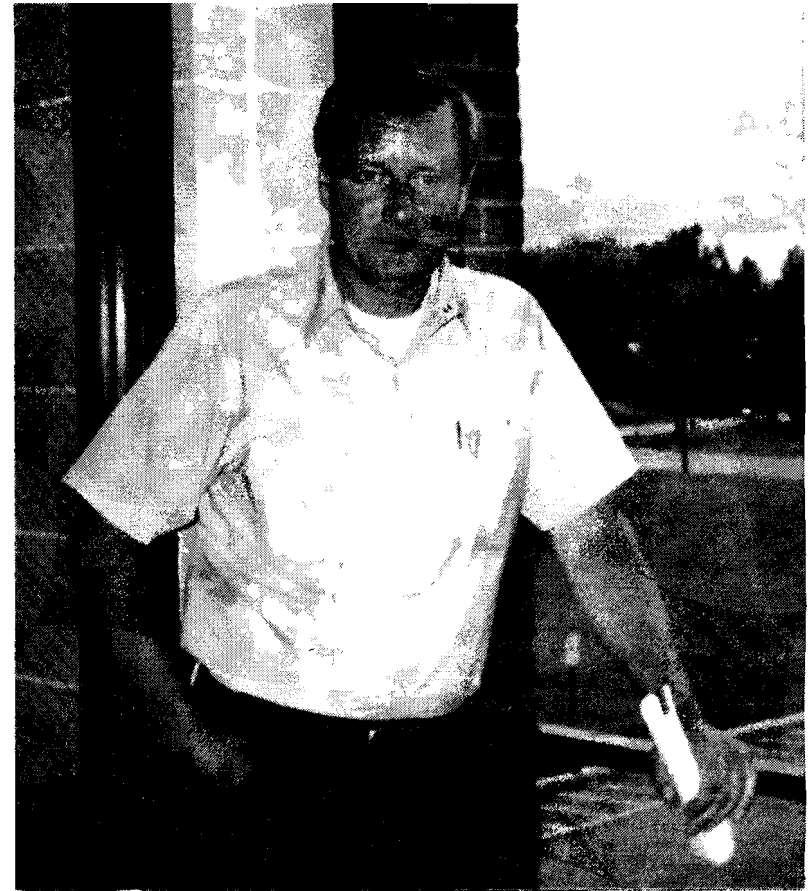


Photo By Duanna Vinchattle

By Kathie Cook
Staff Writer

Have you noticed the friendly smile and helpful attitude of our janitors? One of those new daytime faces belongs to Rich Karpin, who was formerly on the night shift here at DMACC. According to Delbert Peter, head custodian, "Rich is a good worker with a good personality. He likes to work with people. Everybody is his friend, and he tries to be a Christian friend to everybody. When Rich does a job, he likes to see that it's done right."

Besides cleaning and

maintaining the buildings at DMACC, Rich is a radio station operator and announcer on Sunday nights for KFGQ, 1260 AM or 98.3 FM on your radio dial.

Rich has a son, Kenny, who is a senior at Boone High School. Rich attends the Assembly of God Church where he is a children's church teacher. He likes to read his Bible in his spare time and states, "The goal in my life is to glorify God in and through the person of Jesus Christ." Rich enjoys his job and being a Christian influence on the students here in the college environment.

Raising children can sometimes be as rewarding as trying to nail a poached egg to a tree. "Nolo Contendere" is a legal term meaning, "I didn't do it judge, and I will never do it again."

GODFATHER'S COUPON

LUNCH BUFFET -- \$3.39
(MON. - FRI) 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

TUESDAY NIGHT -- \$3.59
BUFFET 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUFFET -- \$3.59
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

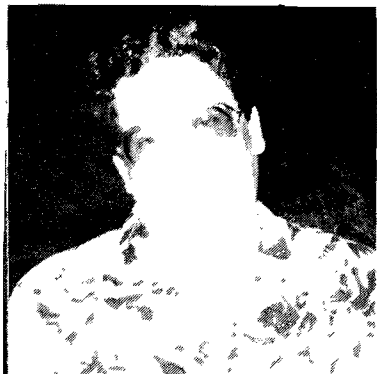
Godfather's Pizza
Boone, Iowa

ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS VIEW

TEXT & PHOTOS BY DUANNA VINCHATTLE

"DO YOU FEEL THE MEDIA OR OPPOSING CANDIDATES SHOULD BRING UP PERSONAL LIVES OF THEIR OPPONENTS? DOES IT REALLY MATTER?"



Julie Keech
Student

"Right now the race is getting really dirty and Bush is panicking. So I don't feel it should be brought up. It's water under the bridge. People change, we all make mistakes. Nobody is perfect, especially politicians."



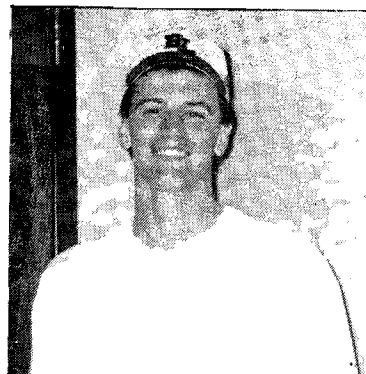
Nancy Woods
Math Instructor

"Yes, it matters! A candidate's personal life will influence the way he/she performs on the job. How a person acts in his/her personal life directly correlates with their attitudes, actions, and honesty on the professional level."



Dean Poindexter
Student

"It depends upon what it was. If they were involved in serious illegal activities that should be known, but as far as marital affairs or military records are immaterial to the problems of the nation."



Andy Williams
Student

"No, I don't think so because everybody but me does stupid things when they're younger and we can't judge their political potential based on their actions earlier in life."



Andi Alexander
Student

"No, I don't think it should matter because of people like Andy Williams. Who do stupid things when they are young. What you do when you are younger shouldn't influence your political ability."



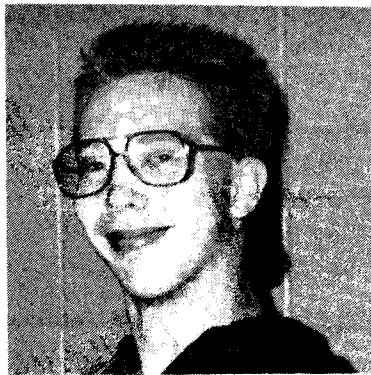
Vivian Brandmeyer
Business Instructor

"No, I don't think we should base our decisions on their personal lives. We should judge their performance."



Matt Lyle
Student

"No. People have the right to withhold anything they feel no one should know, and I agree no one should invade the privacy of others. Judge them as you know them."



Steve Lind
Student

"A lot of times they just use it to undermined their opponents. They don't do it constructively; they just do it to cut their opponent down."



Cindy Flugstad
Student

"No, that doesn't tell us how they will run the country. They never do what they say they're going to do anyway."



Barb Warrick
Student

"That's the only way Bush can win. I don't think anyone that's running is worth voting for."

Candidates Forum To Be Held

By Kathe Cook
Staff Writer

A candidate forum will be held on October 20 at 7 p.m. in the DMACC auditorium. The Chamber of Commerce will be host the event. The candidates participating will be Ron Fehr and David Huntley for sheriff; Philippe Meier and Mary Bilden for auditor; Jack Blanshan, Bob Lind and Dave Reed

for supervisor; Mike O'Brien and Kevin Gorman for representative; and Al Sorensen and Don Riemen-schneider for senate.

The following is the procedure that will be used for the forum. The Chamber of Commerce will have a drawing to determine which candidate will speak first and last in

each group. Each candidate will have one minute for opening remarks. Ten minutes will be allowed for questions and answers (supervisors will have twelve minutes). A candidate will have 60 seconds to answer a question. Because of the number of candidates, they will strictly adhere to

the rules. At the conclusion of the question and answer period, each candidate will have three minutes for closing remarks. This is a forum and not a debate. Questions will be submitted to the candidates on a rotating basis. The moderator will have the option of asking the opposing candidate for his/her view

on a question that has been asked.

The public will be given a chance, when they come in, to write down any question they might want to see asked. The committee will review the questions, and if any are pertinent, they will be passed on to the panel.

Bush/Clinton Face the Nation in Debates

By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

For the past few months President George Bush and challenger Bill Clinton have been in the throes of their respective campaigns. Accusations have been flying back and forth between the two camps of the unsuitability of the "other guy." The American people are being asked to take these sound bytes at face value. Time and time again this information, being presented as the truth, has been proven to be slanted towards the best interest of one party or the other.

George Bush was "rumored" to have had a long-standing intimate relationship with a woman on his staff. This "fact" (never proven) was, supposedly, stated by a now deceased individual. Obviously it will be difficult to question the man about the validity of the statement.

Bill Clinton has been accused of instigating numerous tax hikes as governor of Arkansas. An ad, currently running, states Clinton raised sales tax by 33%. This does seem like an enormous hike, until we realize that an increase from 3 cents to 4 cents is 33%. (By this formula, Governor Brandsted raised Iowa's sales tax by 25%.)

We need to be informed voters, but only relying on T. V. ads is not the way to garner much real information. The newspapers and certain news programs (like CNN's "Inside Politics") have information that can be assimilated in a way that will help you make an educated decision.

DEBATES SET

The candidates have taken a step in the right direction by finally agreeing on a series of three debates. The agreement was reached October 2 to hold the three debates over a nine day period.

In the first debate held October 11, there was a panel of reporters asking questions, in the format George Bush sought. In either the second (Thursday, October 15) or

third (Monday, October 19) debate, a single moderator will be used in Clinton's preferred format.

The two vice-presidential candidates, Dan Quayle and Al Gore, will also have a chance to show the American public their stuff. A debate was schedule between the two of them on Tuesday, October 13.

Both the Bush and Clinton camps stated that on again-off again candidate Ross Perot would be included in the debates, if he wished to take part.

DEFICIT--MAIN PROBLEM

The candidates have both been tiptoeing around what many people believe is the main problem in this election year--the deficit. Both candidates have taken stands on family values, health care, education, civil rights and drug education, but there is seldom a word about the deficit, or how to reverse its alarming trend of increase. On the CBS Evening News Campaign 92 Reality Check (October 2) it was reported that the deficit "soared during the Reagan years and has doubled under George Bush to a record \$333 billion." If during the debates either candidate is willing to take a firm stand, this may be the catalyst that will put one or the other into the White House for the next four years.

THE FINAL DECISION

We, the voters, are the only ones who have the power to make the final decision. Register to vote, get as much information about the candidates as possible, then make an educated decision about who you would like to run our country. It only takes a few minutes of your time to vote. Some people feel it is a waste of their time to vote, but our nation was founded on the rights and the will of the people. Voting is not just a right, but also a privilege. One person can make a difference.

The Old Codger on Politics

Well, I see from the television that Mr. Ross, "Maybe, Perhaps, Oh well, I guess I will, But, Could be I won't," Perot is running again for President...And again, and again...Word around the campus is that he has a fair chance of losing...at least from the people I've talked to lately. Sure would be nice if he'd make up his mind as to what kind of campaign he thinks he'd like to run so my friends can make up their's about whether to vote for him...or even to vote at all!

Times were when it was pretty easy for us voters to make a decision. Now we have a choice of the "Good the Bad or the Ugly". It's sure not like when "Give 'em Hell" Harry (Truman) or "I Like Ike" Eisenhower or "I'm Not a Crook" Nixon or even... "Ask Not, What Your Country Can Do For You" J.F. Kennedy were pursuing the voters for the privilege of hearing "Hail to the Chief" to be played in their honor as President.

Telling the truth, this time even I'm not sure who to vote for. One of our featured speakers recently told her class there are three things a speaker doesn't talk about--Sex, Religion, and Politics...but not necessarily in that order. However, I've got to tell you talking about politics used to be fun. Now when you start a conversation about politics or politicians you draw a blank stare from the other person...Or they walk away from you laughing. People just have more important things to worry about now a days than who's going to be President (that is until a war comes along...or, his wife starts showing some signs of a past illness...or, and, but, and-so-forth).

But, you know, I can't really blame the "good" politicians for not wanting to run for the office...We, as a people, seem to kill off the strong candidates either with a bullet or with innuendo so that, like all of us having something to hide, they'd rather be alive and working at something than be dead or in disgrace wishing they were dead!! God willing, maybe after another generation gets into their mellow years, someone will come out of hiding and try to put us on the right track, even if we all have to suffer a little for the good of the future. I question, though, if it will take only one generation.

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Serving Midwest Families For A Century

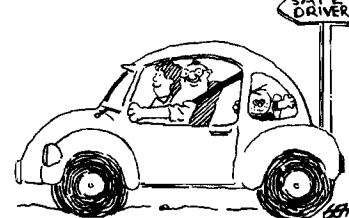
Overnight
Photo
Processing

Drive-Up
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childbirthing to introductions of WordPerfect, Lotus and dBase. Self-help videos, for example, one for quitting smoking or stress management, just to name a few are two videos available for check out. Of course, I've only touched on a few of the videos, to get a real idea of everything the library has you'll have to go see for yourself.

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EDITORIALS

Baby, It's Light Out!

In the October 1, 1992 issue of *The BEAR FACTS*, we ran a letter to the editor entitled, "Baby It's Dark Out." The letter spoke about the lack of lighting in the northern parking lots. This paper is pleased to report that yesterday Delbert Peter, one of DMACC's custodial staff, said that the lighting problem is being corrected. Currently, there are 400 watt bulbs in the pole lights. These will be changed to 1000 watt sodium bulbs that will make a considerable improvement in the students' ability to see their surroundings and make it safer to walk to cars after night classes. Walkway lighting will also be improved.

Part of the lighting problem was a short in the wiring on the top of a light pole in the east lot. The electrician has been here and the problem has been fixed. As always, *The Bear Facts*, appreciates readers' opinions and editorials so, remember to tell it to The BEAR.

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This Little Piggy
Went to DMACC

This little piggy went to market this little piggy stayed home, this little piggy went to DMACC and ended up converting the T.V. room into a pig sty.

The fantasy turns to reality everyday in the student center T.V. Room. The few people who monopolize and trash this room reflect poorly on the majority of the responsible students on this campus.

Who would want to be the one to clean this room? These students don't even have the courtesy to use the wastebaskets and the pop can boxes. Need a nap? Check out the bean bag bed in the corner!

The Bear Facts talked to a woman with five kids who said, "My kids who range in age from 14 to 4, would never leave a room looking like that. They wouldn't have T.V. if they did."

Maybe, it's time to turn on the lights in that room and move the T.V. to some other room. The smokers haven't had the T.V. for quite some time. Let's let them watch the "soaps." If moving the T.V. isn't an option, maybe a babysitter would be appropriate.

It's time for the students who use that room to grow up and clean up after themselves. After all, everybody in the T.V. room is an adult and maid service doesn't come with your student activity fee!

Time for Change

By Melinda Baker
Staff Writer

Do you remember the Murphy Brown vs. Dan Quayle controversy? How about the potato scandal, or when early on in Bush's term he nearly went into cardiac arrest at finding we were using scanners in grocery stores?

The point hopefully being made here, is how ignorant our authority figures are in this country. It's really scary to think that a man who has no idea what grocery scanners are can fire nuclear missiles. A man who cannot spell the word potato correctly, could, if the time ever came, send us to war with a country that earns its main revenue from growing them.

Do we truly want a man who cannot spell the names of vegetables correctly telling us what to do with our children? Who and what are we voting for every four years?

Maybe I can shed some

light on the subject. We vote for visually appealing candidates we hope visit grocery stores on a fairly regular basis. We vote for people we hope will stand up for us and look out for our best interest. People that we'd like to think wake up every morning wondering what it is they can do to aid our society. We blindly choose the representatives we want to rule our country. That is the only thing that we can do.

The cold hard reality is that we, the people, are so confused, our reasoning so muddled, our situations so different that we can never all be satisfied. We can never know who we are really electing as president, what our neighbors are really like, or how those nearest to us feel. We know the masks that we see on the faces around us, we know what guilt, emptiness, and pain feel like. Yet there is so much optimism, so much laughter in this world. It would seem to be in vain.

We are trapped in the bloodied teeth of our own jaws,

cutting ourselves down, pushing ourselves back, and shoving our own very personal, very limited points of view on others. We are driving drunk, overdosing, raping and stealing ourselves into unfeeling oblivion.

Is Murphy Brown *creating a scandal* by having a baby as a single mother? No. Isn't it just slightly scandalous that a man who can make or break American society cannot grasp the technology of a simple scanner. Isn't it about time Dan Quayle gets a life and maybe gets concerned about some real issues such as the homeless or the o-zone layer?

It is about time we took a hard look at ourselves, America. It is time we band together and fight to end the injustices and the ignorance that can be found in every day life. It is time to look at single mothers, abortion rallies, wars, life and death as the serious issues they are and not scoff. It is a time to make decisions. It is a time to change!

Cheers Vs.

Roseanne

The Debate Continues

By Brad Gutz
Staff Writer

The 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. hour on weekdays is a popular viewing hour. Unless you have cable, the choices are limited.

Last week the popular show *Cheers* was replaced by *Roseanne* on the rerun schedule at 6:30 p.m. weekdays on Channel 5. One of the most popular syndicated T.V. shows, *Cheers* was replaced by another syndicated show *Roseanne*.

I was curious to see how people would react to the change. Out of 15 DMACC students asked, 11 said they didn't like *Roseanne*. Derek Fleek, DMACC student, stated, "I would rather have *Cheers* on than *Roseanne*." Pat Thieben, DMACC instructor, replied, "I agree with the change; I think *Roseanne* is more of a family show for that time slot." Cheryl Lingelbach, DMACC student, remarked, "I don't care for either one really."

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Confessions of The Old Codger

By The Old Codger
Staff Writer



Is it polite for a man to offer his hand to a woman when they are introduced? I was introduced to a lady the other day and just as natural as you please offered my hand in greeting...she took it and shook it and we parted friends. A little later in the day I was again introduced to a lady and again offered my hand in greeting until I heard her say, "Oh, you're him."... Well, there I was with that fleshy ham of mine sticking out there in the breeze waiting to see if it would be slapped or ignored or taken in the manner in which it was offered. All the time my computer-like mind was reviewing Amy Vanderbilt's book on etiquette about shaking hands with women when I remembered I had torn that page out and used it for something or other. Well, to make a long story less boring, the lady finally took and shook my hand with all the feeling of someone having just handed her a week-old fish.

So, Ladies, the next time a guy offers his hand to you please...take it and smile as you're squeezing it white and say, "Nice to meet you." That way he won't feel so dumb at not knowing if it's correct to shake with you.

Oh, and someone told me that one of the classes was discussing the installing of lockers at school. The idea was kicked

around with almost everybody coming up with reasons why there should be lockers available to the students, how to pay for them, and where to locate them. Sounded like a good idea to me. It was relayed to me that one of the most common reasons was that not-needed-right-now- books could be put in them between classes. Also that in the winter, lockers could prevent tromping your dirty feet on the bottom of someone's coat. Take note Officials...here's one idea to look at again!

But, of course, with mid-terms and Thanksgiving coming up really quick...I should probably be trying to read those chapters I was supposed to during the first few weeks of classes...and didn't...to try to get ready...for mid-terms, that is. I sure hope and pray that those of you left in the meetings aren't finding it as hard to crack the books when you get home as I am...Seems the minute I walk into the house all the good intentions I had on the way home melt away. Of course, in my case, I think it has something to do with...attention span...or age...or both. Sorry, I forget. Oh, and before it slips my mind...I wonder why we can't have another phone for non-official use? Maybe it could be put in the west vestibule (I really like that word) leading out to the patio that nobody uses.

Well, those are the observations of this old codger for now but, remember..."There are eight million stories in the Naked City, and these have been some of them."...Wake up Tracy, I heard about you!

If at first you do succeed, try not to be insufferable!
Is the dictionary wrong? It says the dumb can't talk.

If the T.V. set and the refrigerator weren't so far apart, some of us wouldn't get any exercise at all.

By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

Rambling Rose

A few years ago I would have done anything to avoid watching a football game. They were long, drawn-out, and boring. But with a son and husband, who are in the truest sense fanatics, I had to learn to at least put up with the games. It has taken me quite a while to even partially understand the rules, although I now know that when there is a pile of players on the ground, the guy on the bottom has the ball. O.K. let's be frank. The only reason for a woman to watch football is for the uniforms. Oh sure, they're colorful and most even have cute little emblems on the helmets, but that is not the main reason to be glued to the T.V. It's the way they fit. Come on ladies, you've noticed the fit. Nothing perks up a lazy Sunday afternoon like a field full of snug football uniforms. Touchdowns are O.K. but you can't beat a cute "tight-end"!

POWER! Everyone wants it, but few ever really attain true power. When you have power, the world looks brighter, flowers smell sweeter, and the blood surges through your veins. Power is elusive to most of us, and in the average household it is reached in only one way--command of the television remote control! With that small, flat device clutched tightly in your little hand-- nothing can stop you! Vanna's smile is just a bit too vacuous, ZAP her! Bart Simpson smarts off one too many times, ZAP him! The Swedish Bikini Team jiggles onto the screen once too often, ZAP 'em! For as long as you hold the power, you are invincible!

In the beginning, God made Phil. And He looked down and said "Phil is good. He should have a mate." So then God made Oprah. And as time went on God thought "Oprah is Phil's equal now. Perhaps they need others." The Heavens trembled--once, twice, thrice, and lo and behold there appeared Geraldo, Sally and Maury. God again looked down and saw all was not as He had expected. Phil was no longer Master, in an attempt to best the others, he had resorted to strippers, male dancers, and sensationalism. God said, "Phil, ye shall not exploit!" And Phil was in awe of God's power, so he replied, "But God, if Geraldo and Sally have strippers and make dancers, why can't I?" "Ye are too pure and should be above the others. They are only jealous of your ways." God said, "Oprah is, even now, ready to wrest the Sword of Command from you." And Phil fell on his knees and prayed to God to help him in this, his time of trial. God turned a deaf ear to Phil, because

Phil was no longer the Chosen One. God knew Oprah was to be His masterpiece. She could cry, and laugh. She was able to be sincere, yet always keep her perspective. She was The One. And yea, though Phil and Sally and Geraldo and Maury all begged for God's intervention in the unknown valley of the ratings, Oprah was triumphant, for she was good.

You have to admire those little kids in Italy, by the time they're two, they all ready know a foreign language.

When you finally reach adulthood, do you get to run with scissors?

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STUDENT LIFE

PICK OF THE LITTER



By Stephanie Snyder
Staff Writer

For this edition of "Pick of the Litter" the Bear Facts will feature a one-and-a-half year old, female cat. She's white with calico markings and is a real sweetie. This cat won't have a name until someone comes to the Boone County Humane Society to adopt her. Located at 228 W. 16th Street in Boone, the Humane Society is still stocked with many loveable pets that you can choose from!

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Women's Softball Back

By Scott Olson
Staff Writer

Welcome DMACC students to softball at the Boone campus this year. That's right, the woman's softball team is back and ready to play next spring. After last year's lack of participation which left the team sort on players, the team has recruited long and hard to make a comeback. They have three returning sophomores and the rest of the team are freshmen. The line-up for the 1992-93 season is as follows:

Sophomores:
Christie Ahrens SS
Dana Wernimont P
Lydia Eberle C
Freshmen:
Stacy Beal 3B
Kelly Temple CF
Bridget Gannon P
Jenny John 2B
Sherry Anderson 1B
Rhonda Meyer LF
Sharisse Brown RF
Coach:
Catherine Lindgren

Christy Ahrens commented about how they recruited seven new players in such a short period of time. "We attribute almost all interest of word of mouth. Most of the girls are from Boone and the surrounding communities".

This year, the softball team is sporting new team shirts and jackets which help add to the new team spirit. The team has already played its two fall exhibition games. Unfortunately, they dropped both games to a very good team, Creston. When asked how the remainder of the season will go, Ahrens said, "We will play good if we can get together as a team and work hard."

The Lady Bears will start practice again in February and are still recruiting new members for the spring season.

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DMACC Women's Softball team are (front row) Stacy Beal, Kelly Temple, Dana Wernimont, Lydia Eberle; (back row) Michelle Hockett, Christie Ahrens, Sherry Anderson, Jenny John, and Coach Catherine Lindgren. Not pictured: Sharrise Brown and Rhonda Meyer.

Photo By Emilee Nystrom



Lydia Eberle, Boone Campus Softball team, looks for a strike.

Photo By Steve Scheidman

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 92-93 SEASON

Lady Bears Return to the Boards

By Brad Gutz
Staff Writer

The DMACC Women's basketball team started practice this week for the 92-93 season.

This year's Lady Bears hope to improve their 12 and 12 record from last season with the help of their two returning stars, Dana Wernimont from Fonda, Iowa, and Jennifer Kellen from Ames.

"I think we have the best scoring potential we've ever had," remarked Harold Johnson, Director of the Athletic Department here at DMACC.

Newcomers to this year's squad will include Stacy Veal from United Community, Tonja Houseman from Madrid, Jeanette La Foi from Audubon, Jennifer Kirk from Roland Story, Cathy Oldaker from Southeast Warren, Bridget Ganon from East Greene, and Sherry Anderson and Jenny John, both from Ogden.

Coached by Dick Criner, the Lady Bears' first game of the season will be at home against Marshalltown on November 13, at 6:00 p.m.

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