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## NEWS BRIEFS

### BRANDMEYER TO ANKENY CAMPUS

Vivian Brandmeyer has been appointed as the Acting Dean for the Business Department on the Ankeny Campus effective Spring Semester. Brandmeyer has been on the Boone Campus for the past 20 years serving as chairperson of the Business Department, teaching most courses in office occupations.

### BOONE CAMPUS LIBRARIAN TO MOVE TO ANKENY

Jayne Smith, Boone Campus Librarian, will become Director of Media Resources on the Ankeny Campus effective second semester. Smith has been on the Boone Campus for several years as Head Librarian, more recently being appointed head of the Star Schools program for distance learning at the Boone Campus.

### HEAD CUSTODIAN RETIRES

Delbert Peter, Head Custodian and Supervisor of Building and Grounds for the Boone Campus, will retire this Friday. He has been employed on the Boone Campus since 1985.

## Spring term to begin Jan. 18

By Kate Tyler  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Registration for the spring semester is well under way. According to Boone Campus counselor, George Silberhorn, over 700 students have already registered for spring classes. While growing numbers of classes are beginning to close and/or be canceled, students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. Some of the classes that have already been closed include:

- \* 1 section of Hum. Sexuality
- \* 1 Writing Skills class
- \* Several nursing sections
- \* Several Comp. sections
- \* 1 General Chemistry section
- \* 2 Leisure Studies sections
- \* Some Algebra sections
- \* Some Statistics sections
- \* Some Gen. Psych. sections
- \* Some Off. Occup. sections
- \* Some Interpersonal Speech
- \* 2 Computer Lit. sections

So far there has been one class cancellation, and it is "C" Programming. Three Computer Science classes have been added. These are; COMS 112 BA, COMS 126 BA and COMS 176 BA.

Finally, there have been some class changes. These changes are as follows:

- \* BIOL 132 BB M and W 6:30pm
- \* ENGL 120 BA Ends 3/1-1/94
- \* HIST 125 BB to 1:25 - 3:15 T and Th
- \* PHYE 133 BA Ends 12:30 pm
- \* PHYE 163 BA 1/19/94 - 3/9/94
- \* PSCH 101 BF to 11:05 - 12:40 T and Th



Photo by Duanna Vinchattle

**Nursing Students sponsor Santa's visit--Nursing Students United, a club made up of DMACC Boone campus nursing students recently helped Santa make a visit to the Evangelical Free Church Home in Boone on Tuesday, December 7.**

## New specialist Ron Erickson looks forward to changes

By Terri Wolff  
Bear Facts Staff Reporter

DMACC has hired a new Local Area Network (LAN) Equipment Specialist for the Boone Campus. Ron Erickson, of Ames, is replacing Alan Schmidt, who has accepted a position on the Ankeny Campus. Erickson formerly worked at Harmony Systems in Ames for a year and a half. Being the LAN Specialist, his job is to keep the computer network system running correctly. He will also offer support to staff and students with computer problems. Erickson hopes to maintain a

properly working system here in Boone.

Erickson is the third person to fill this position in three years. He said, "This job might be a stepping stone for advancement in other areas at DMA-CC."

Erickson is continuing to live in Ames. He is single and enjoys photography and building stereo equipment.

When asked about the new computer lab that will be part of the expansion this spring, Ron said that tentatively there will be 30-40 computers established in the new lab. The lab will be in what is now the student center.

Access to the lab will probably be through the library. Considering the library is open later in the evenings and for security reasons, this seems logical. The lab will be built to accommodate classes but will also be sectioned off for open use.

Another addition to DMACC, Erickson spoke of, is the Wide Area Network, currently being installed on all the campuses. But, the biggest difference that students will see is that they will be able to access the card catalog in the library from a computer terminal. This can be done by subject or author. Changes are being made on the Wide Area Network so it is not yet available for use.

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## The Old Codger

*Grass is for mowing and other tidbits*



to mention, not being able to save the money I don't have to put into those senior citizen accounts at the bank! However, being the somewhat semi-positive person I am and having only a partially negative attitude, I will continue to seek out the advantages to being 55, (FIFTY-FIVE, THAT IS!)

**I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER...**

Speaking of being old enough to remember when DIRT was young, one of my fellow students recently gave me a really cute list of things that really brought some memories. I will share it with you....

If you were born before 1945, you are a survivor! Just think about all the changes that you have seen during your lifetime. You were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen food, xerox, contact lenses, frisbees, and the Pill. You were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. You were before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

You got married first and then lived together. Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Fast food was what you ate during Lent. "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam. Pizza, McDonalds, and instant coffee were unheard of.

Time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood; hardware meant tools, like hammers and saws, and software wasn't even a word.

In your day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, pot was something you cooked food in, rock music was grand-

ma's lullaby, and aids were helpers in the principal's office.

No wonder there is so much confusion and such a generation gap today. But, you survived, what more reason do you need to celebrate?

(The above is condensed from an Elks Lodge Bulletin of McCook, Nebraska.)

**AH, THERE'S GOOD NEWS TONIGHT!...**

Oh, and for those of you who have been nice enough to ask I will be writing for the *Bear Facts* this coming semester. And for the one who left the note for me, "When are you going to graduate from here so someone else has a chance at some space in the paper?", the answer to that is hopefully two more semesters will do it. I recently checked with my advisor and found out there is not a class called "PROFESSIONAL STUDENT 101."

I sincerely hope the entire population of DMACC-BOONE has plans to visit family over the holidays. My family and I will be doing just that. We'll be visiting my wife's sister, The Teacher, along with my wife's other sister, The Doctor (the one, incidentally who is taking my wife along to the medical convention in Hawaii this January!) You know, it's nice having a teacher and a doctor in the family, but I prefer what I have...THE WIFE, THE MOTHER, THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMAN, and the FELLOW STUDENT in my house!

Keep in mind that there are only TWO ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS SPORTS in the world. One is Bungie Jumping and the other is Skydiving...BOTH THE MESSSES ARE EASY TO CLEAN UP--WITH A SPONGE!

And lastly, before I forget, it wasn't "ET TU BRUTE" that was said it was, "ARS SCRIBENDI NON FACILIS EST". All of you have the best possible Christmas, Happy Hannuka, and a safe and Happy New Year!

Here we are only a few days from the end of the semester, Christmas just barely around the corner and looking into a new year fast approaching. I can handle the end of the semester. I won't find it too hard to participate in Christmas. However, the coming of the new year will cause all sorts of unwanted stress on yours truly! You see, in 1994 this OLD CODGER will arrive at the ripe old age of 55, (That's FIFTY-FIVE!)

**WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN, IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR...**

Looking at the positive side of being 55, I came up with some information recently. First, I will be able to take advantage of discounts given by restaurants and grocery stores. Second, I can receive a discount at the movie theaters along with the discount extended by the concession stand in said theater! I think banks extend something in the form of a discount for their depositors and, of course, there will be the prizes for opening new accounts in the senior citizen's section, not to mention the discounts for traveling to warmer climes during the winter months.

There are, naturally, some disadvantages to being 55 I also found out. Probably the single most important of all these would be not having the money to go out to eat, or buy food, or afford to go to the movies, not

## Movie Review

# Carlito's Way

by Adam Clarke  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

*Carlito's Way* was an excellent movie about a small time hood who was put in jail and then released early on a technicality. Carlito, played by Al Pacino, vows to keep himself out of trouble with the help of his lawyer played by Sean Penn. As the movie progresses, Carlito decides to buy into a night club that is also partly owned by his lawyer. Carlito's intentions are to make enough money to move to the Bahamas and sell used cars. As this is going on, Sean Penn's character begins to dig himself a hole by using cocaine and drinking heavily.

Towards the end of the movie Penn's character has become so corrupt that he basically transforms into a gangster. Seeing all this take place, Carlito decides that it is time to leave and move to the Bahamas with his girlfriend played by Penelope Anne Miller.

The movie ends as it begins, which disappointed me more than anything. The acting was good, just as you would expect from Pacino, and Sean Penn does a good job as well. Overall *Carlito's Way* was a very good movie, but I feel it could had a better ending.

Letter to the Editor:

I am not here to condemn you, but to show you how to stop smoking. Yes, Hallelujah, there is a way to stop. Not long ago, I smoked two packs of cigarettes a day. I'd attempted to quit a number of times in the past, and my record was three months almost to the day. Unfortunately, I started again.

I am a Christian person, love God and have respect for myself, and didn't want to abuse my body. I had to ask myself a serious question: Why did I still smoke? I knew that it was dangerous to my health, could possibly harm others around me, and was becoming more socially unacceptable.

- 1) Was it because I was physically addicted?
- 2) Was it because I was mentally addicted?
- 3) Was it because my desire to smoke was greater than my desire to quit?
- 4) Or was it that, deep down, I was just not willing to stop?

So I then had to examine myself. If I carefully studied the four questions, I found that all four were true, but especially #4.

Since I knew I wanted to stop, but discovered that I was not willing, I

found myself in an impossible situation as well as a frightening one. I now know and realize the horrible predicament I was in.

As a Christian, I knew that it was not expedient. Even if I would have been a non-Christian, the health reasons alone would have been reason enough to stop, not to mention the money it took to support the filthy addiction. I wanted to be free from the horrible bondage that had bound me so completely. So, what was my problem?

After praying about this and discovering that I was not willing, I prayed this simple prayer: Dear Lord, I am willing to be made willing. Please, Lord, be gentle with me. Amen.

In the morning, I discovered the Good Lord provided me with the grace I so desperately needed. Amazing grace, wouldn't you say? And that was almost five years ago.

This is my Christmas present to you: Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

**Boone Campus  
Former Smoker**

P.S. Incidentally, it works for drinking or any other addiction you might have, too.

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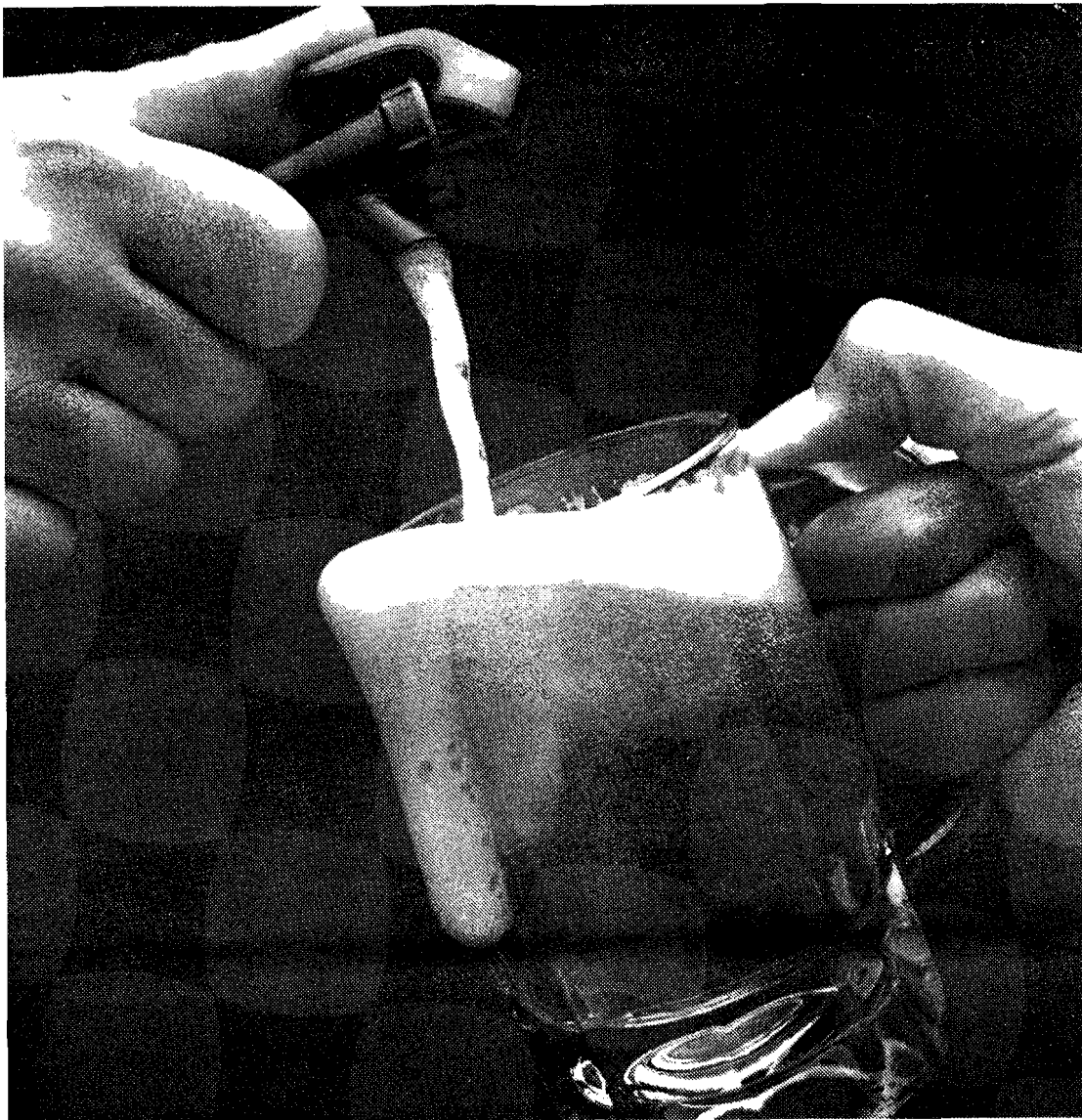
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## A lot of campus rapes start here.

Whenever there's drinking or drugs, things can get out of hand. So it's no surprise that many campus rapes involve alcohol. But you should know that under any circumstances, sex without the other person's consent is considered rape. A felony, punishable by prison. And drinking is no excuse. That's why, when you party, it's good to know what your limits are. You see, a little sobering thought now can save you from a big problem later.

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## The End Is Near ! Final Exam Schedule - Fall 93

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1993 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

<u>Class Time</u>	<u>Exam Time</u>
8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.....	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.....	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.....	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec 17 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or more classes)

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

Monday, Dec. 20 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or more classes)

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

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

<u>Class Time</u>	<u>Exam Time</u>
6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.....	6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.....	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.....	11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.....	2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

### Evening Classes

Monday.....Dec. 20	Thursday.....Dec. 16
Tuesday.....Dec. 14	Monday/Wednesday..Dec. 20
Wednesday.....Dec. 15	Tuesday/Thursday..Dec. 16
	Saturday.....Dec. 18

## Does color matter?

By Todd Randall  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

"You will find absolutely no one who will say there is a better place for a child than a same-race home," says Zena Oglesby in a Time magazine interview.

Statistics on adoptions are unknown. One figure places it between forty and fifty thousand per year. What is known is that a large percentage of adoptions are of white couples and white children, but an increasing number are of interracial adoptions are taking place. Certain organizations oppose such arrangements when it

comes to placing black children in white homes. They favor legislation that would require a bias in favor of same-race adoptions.

Black children (with other non-whites) are placed into a "special-needs" category along with those who have physical or developmental handicaps and those who belong in a sibling group. This is done because the children in the "special-needs" are labeled "hard-to-place." Since they are "hard-to-place," specialists in adoptions think they need to be adopted as soon as there is any couple willing to adopt, to avoid problems resulting from a difficulty to place them.

## Congratulations to the winners of the \$200 Harold Cunningham Scholarship

*Lora Shreve, J.F. Crouse, and Becky Clark*



## Mulder sets goal for himself

By Duanna Vinchattle  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Jeff Mulder came to DMACC to play basketball because, "I was working, not planning on going to school, when Coach Dunham called and offered me a scholarship to come play."

In his freshman year for DMACC, Jeff's average was eleven points and eight rebounds a game. This year, so far, his high game has been 20 points and 12 rebounds. Jeff has set a goal for himself this year to average 10 rebounds a per game.

Jeff is a Nevada High school graduate. He is a sophomore at Boone DMACC where he is in the liberal arts program. Jeff is unsure yet as to where he will continue his education, but he does know that he wants to go into marketing and that he would like to play basketball wherever he decides to go. After college Jeff plans to move to the Sioux City area.

When not in school or play-



Jeff Mulder

ing basketball, he is busy at work at County Seat in the North Grand Mall in Ames. But even with his busy schedule, Jeff has time to watch his girlfriend, Jennifer Kellen, former DMACC basketball player, play

basketball at Briarcliff.

When asked what his favorite pastime was, he said, "Most of all I enjoy spending time with my younger brothers, Greg who goes here and J.J. who is an 8th grader."

## Bears win big 115-94

The DMACC men's basketball team broke a five game losing streak Tuesday, November 30 against William Penn Junior Varsity team with a score of 115-94.

Pedro Ellis led all scorers with 23 points followed closely by Brad Douglas with 21 and Jeff Mulder with 20. Other scorers were Muhammad Jackson with 11 points, Mike Sprecher and Chad Schlepp each had nine points, Craig Williams with eight, Corey Goehring and Jim Mollison with six each, and Jamil Simmons with two. Douglas had two three-pointers, Goehring, Schlepp, and Sprecher each had one.

The Bears out rebounded William Penn, 49-19. Mulder had 11 followed by Ellis and Jackson with seven apiece. Schlepp had five rebounds, and Williams, Simmons, and Mollison had four apiece.

Schlepp led the Bears in assists with four and Douglas had the most steals with four.

## Injuries limiting Bears

DMACC's women's basketball team lost to William Penn's junior varsity squad by a 71-59 margin.

William Penn led at halftime, 31-22. The Bears were down by 25 points in the second half then they rallied to within five points. The Bear's then ran into foul trouble and William Penn was able to pull away again.

Sherry Anderson was the leading scorer for DMACC with 16 points. She also had 10 rebounds. Lori Scholl and Jeanette LaFoy followed with 10 points apiece. LaFoy was four out of four in freethrow attempts. According to Coach Criner LaFoy has made her last 23 out of 24 attempts at free throws.

DMACC is still having problems with injuries School is playing on a sprained ankle and Steph Silberhorn reinjured her ankle early in the game. She will be back in action sometime after Christmas.

## Jackson as coun

Muhammad Jackson (Big Time) is a transfer student from Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama. He is a sophomore majoring in business administration. Muhammad graduated from high school from the South Shore Academy in Chicago where he played basketball and football.

When asked how he got from Chicago to Birmingham to Boone, Muhammad stated, "The Grandview basketball coach talked to my coach at Lawson who talked to Coach Ryan. Coach Dunham had tried to get me last year, so Coach Ryan tried again. He called me last



Muhammad

## Beal--local graduate



Stacy Beal

Stacy Beal enjoys playing basketball and softball for DMACC. In basketball she plays guard-forward. Last year she averaged 13 points and five rebounds a game.

When asked why she likes playing sports at DMACC, Stacy stated, "It's relaxed, not so stressful as a lot of other schools. It's more fun than always having to worry about winning. I would like to finish over .500 this year. It will be tough because we've got ourselves in a hole, but I think we can do it."

Stacy is a 1992 United High School of Boone graduate. She is a sophomore at DMACC in the Nursing Program, she plans to transfer to Grandview to get her bachelor's degree in nursing. Stacy wants to work in either obstetrics or medical-surgery after she completes all of her schooling.

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summer and asked me to come play and said that our team needs help, so I said I would come and try. It's a long story but that's how I got here."

During his summers, Muhammad works at the Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago as a counselor for boys who get into trouble in the intercity. He said, "It's hard to come out of there without being shot at or not getting locked up. If you do, you're lucky."

Muhammad spends his spare time in the summer participating in Chicago's Pro Amateur Basketball League.



Jackson

## Bears lose heartbreaker

The DMACC Boone campus men's basketball team lost by only one point Thursday, December 2 to Westmar College Junior Varsity, 82-81.

Westmar was ahead 40-28 at the end of the first half. But in the second half DMACC came back and outscored Westmar 53-42 for a near upset.

Chad Schlepp led the Bears with 19 points, 15 of which were made in the second half. He was followed by Pedro Ellis with 14 points, Brad Douglas with 13 points and Muhammad Jackson and Craig Williams with 11 points each.

The Bears out rebounded their opponents again 35-27. Jeff Mulder led in rebounds with nine, Ellis had seven and Jackson and Williams had five rebounds apiece.

## Turnovers hurt Bears

The DMACC men's team had another close game on Saturday, December 4, but they just couldn't quite pull it out. The Bears lost by only two points to Iowa Western Community College of Clarinda, 77-75.

DMACC trailed 46-33 at halftime but came back and rallied in the second half. Chad Schlepp and Pedro Ellis both had a great second half. Schlepp had 10 points and Ellis had eight of the 42 points scored in the second half by the Bears.

Brad Douglas led Boone in scoring with 17 points. Also in double figures for the Bears were Schlepp with 16 points, Ellis with 12 points and Craig Williams with 10. Other scorers for DMACC were Jeff Mulder with eight points, Mike Sprecher with six, Muhammad Jackson with four, and Corey Goehring with two.

The Bears out rebounded Clarinda 41-37. Leaders on the boards for DMACC were Mulder with 11, Ellis with nine and Schlepp with five. Schlepp and Ellis also had three assists and two steals apiece.

DMACC hit 36 of 68 shots from the field and was 3 of 4 from the free-throw line. They also committed 19 turnovers.

## Sherry Anderson leads scoring against Ellsworth

The DMACC Boone campus women's basketball team lost Monday, December 6, to Ellsworth Community College, 60-35.

The Bears have been suffering with injuries by several of their players.

Sherry Anderson was the leading scorer with 11 points followed by Danielle Dix with six points. Jeanette LaFoy, Stacy Beal, and Karen Ziemer each had five points.

Coach Dick Criner has two of his players in casts Stephanie Silberhorn who is a point guard is out until after Christmas and Lori Scholl is in a removable cast that hampers her playing time.

## Jones replaces Ryan

Craig Ryan has served for the past two years as a volunteer assistant men's basketball coach at DMACC, Boone Campus. DMACC anticipated that he would be officially appointed as the head coach this year. However, he was involved in a serious car accident this summer which prohibited him from completing the necessary requirements for coaching certification. Therefore, DMACC has appointed Russ Jones as the head coach of men's basketball. Coach Jones has worked at the Boone Campus as a volunteer assistant coach and was in charge of Boone Campus intramurals. Currently, Coach Jones is employed by DMACC, Ankeny Campus in the Recreation/Wellness department.

# LaFoy to study sports medicine



Jeanette LaFoy

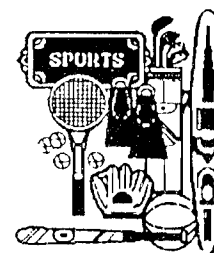
Jeanette LaFoy, a sophomore majoring in liberal arts plans on transferring to a school in Arizona or Missouri to study sports medicine and play basketball. According to Jeanette, "My goal is to be an athletic trainer for the Indiana Pacers because Pooh Richardson is my idol."

Jeanette plays basketball for the Bears. She is a power forward. She also is on the Bears softball team.

Jeanette is a 1992 graduate of Audubon High School where she was a Wheeler. Besides playing

basketball at Audubon, Jeanette was also on the volleyball team, tennis team, softball team, and she was also a cheerleader. In her summers, Jeanette lifeguarded at the local pool.

When Jeanette isn't studying or playing sports, she's busy being a member of the Iowa National Guard. She did her basic training last summer. In reference to the Guard, Jeanette said, "I love it. Basic training made me more responsible and more motivated. It is helping me to reach my potentials in the other areas of my life."



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# Holiday season brings increased violence

By Geneva Evans  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

With the holiday season upon us, people everywhere are busy making and filling their Christmas gift lists. Part of our teaching over the years has been that it is better to give than to receive.

Too bad everyone doesn't have the same conception of what is giving and how receiving can be the most frightening aspect of the season. For these individuals, there is no delightful anticipation, but dread and fear may fill their thoughts instead. The "gifts" they will receive will consist of hurtful words, spoken in anger or from a stupor brought on by alcohol or drugs. But as harmful as the words may be, there are more painful "gifts". Black eyes, bruises, broken limbs, and far worse may await the sometimes unsuspecting recipient.

They may come after a horrifying incident of screaming or yelling about completely unimportant subjects. "Why did you let the children stay up an extra 15 minutes last night?" Not really a world shattering problem. Certainly not worthy of bringing on an argument, but many other just as unimportant incidents may be the only trigger that it takes to begin a fury of anger that will leave scars that may never go away.

Almost more dreadful is the feeling of walking on egg shells all of the time. There is the fear of speaking the wrong words, in the wrong way, or at the wrong time. There may be times when the signs are clear, they've experienced them far too many times, that there is only the waiting for the explosion that they know will soon follow. It is inevitable that a tongue lashing or worse is eminent. There is only the wait.....

What I am describing here is abuse. Abuse can be more destructive to human life than any other possible fear. The most frightening aspect of abuse is that it is being inflicted by a person that is not only known to the victim, but has been a loved one in better times. Nothing can be more fearful than staring into a face twisted beyond recognition with anger and hatred. In better times that same face will be filled with love and caring. How can a person feel comfortable with the good times when they are continually waiting for the next incident?

Many women are fortunate enough to be able to escape the situation before it is too late. Before there is no escape.

Statistics show that the holiday season is a time of increased family violence. You only have to turn on the television on any given day, in any given city, to see and hear of the most dreadful cases.

## "Why so much violence on a holiday?"

This week I heard of a 73 year old woman being locked in a pen that was topped with barbed wire to prevent escape. The pen was outside in below zero temperatures. This act of inhumanity was thrust upon this woman by her own family. This family wasn't just content to abuse only an old woman but

also their children were found to be living in conditions leading to charges of child endangerment.

The day before I heard of a young boy taken from his home so severely malnourished and dehydrated that at five years of age he weighs less than my grandson who is only nine months old and born prematurely. This little boy weighed only 18 pounds when he was removed from his home.

And one last case that no one can forget is the two little girls who were left home alone while mom and dad spent Christmas in Mexico.

Even though the incidents I have just reviewed are dreadful to say the least, the reality is far more fearful. These cases were discovered and help is being administered. There are thousands of women and children who face abuse of one form or another everyday of their lives....and no one is there to help them, or they can't find a way to help themselves.

Why does a holiday filled with religion and family traditions bring on so much violence? Well, there is the stress of filling the Christmas gift lists with a budget that may already be stretched to its limits. There are too many parties or at least too many excuses to have just one more drink. Somehow it may seem more acceptable to drink more, after all it is the holiday season.

Then there is the depression brought on by the cold and the miseries of winter in general. Just another excuse to be angry and to take out that anger on someone they love.

Not all of the cases of abuse and battering are alcohol or drug-induced certainly. But they are definitely the largest proportion of cases. For some reason the haze of alcohol seems to make it all right in the eyes of the perpetrator. "I didn't mean to hurt anyone. I just had too much to drink. And besides she said something that made me really angry. So I hit her. What's the big deal?"

Before you lift that glass one more time this season in celebration, take the time to think

where over-indulgence can lead for some people. It may be the young couple next door. It may be your best college friend...It may be you that will be the perpetrator....or the next victim.

The bruises will fade with time, broken bones mend. Hurtful words will decrease in value over time. But the memory or a loved one's face looming so close, twisted in such horrifying anger and hatred, the fear deep in your soul that you may die at the hands of someone you love....Those visions will never go away. I know, I've been there.

## Statistics About Alcohol

\*The son of an alcoholic father has a one in four chance of being an alcoholic.

\*Over 100,000 people die each year from alcohol-related causes. The average number of years which their lives are shortened is 26.

\*Two out of five people in the United States will be in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetime.

\*Successfully treating alcohol problems costs 10 times less than the current cost of alcohol problems to society.

\*In 1990, there were 10.2 million alcoholics and 7.2 million alcohol abusers in the United States.

\*One out of six drinkers is either an alcoholic or an alcohol abuser.

-Substance Abuse Report  
June 15, 1991

## FACTS ABOUT ABUSE

Official estimates from the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect place the number of abused children at 250,000 annually. Even though violence to children tends to diminish with age, approximately 20 percent of reported abuse involves child victims who are in their teens.

One study estimated that as many as one out of four couples engage in at least one violent episode during the course of their marriage. The same study reported that 3.3 million wives and more than a quarter of a million husbands each year receive severe beatings from their spouses.

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# Men work to curb violence toward women

By Claudia Herman  
NSNS Staff Writer

While self-defense and rape prevention classes offer women the means to arm themselves against potential assault, few such programs have been aimed at changing the attitudes and behavior of men. Now some college men are pioneering steps to teach their fellow males that rape prevention is not only a women's issue.

Tufts University senior Tom Penichter has used his leverage on the school's Inter-Greek Council (IGC) to educate fraternity members about sexism.

"If we look at this as a women's issue, then the most you can have is 50 percent of the population supporting you," he said.

At 6-foot-3 inches and 200-pounds, Penichter said it was unlikely that he would ever be the victim of sexual assault, but added that he "couldn't stay blind to the violence against women going on around me."

In speaking to the administration, to student groups and to the IGC, Penichter said he encountered a great deal of skepticism from people who did not understand his commitment to the issue.

"A lot of times I had to defend why I was doing this. I'm a frat--aren't I part of the problem?" he quipped.

Actually Penichter is doing his share to be part of the solution. He and some of his fraternity brothers have worked with troubled boys, teaching them about non-sexist attitudes toward women, and how to curb harassing behaviors. Penichter stressed the importance of being role models for younger kids so that they grow up viewing women as equals.

Together with other Tufts students, Penichter is compiling a resource book for friends of assault and rape victims. Sophomore Becky Harlan, who is working on the book and is

active with the Tuft's Women's Center, said she is happy that men like Penichter are pitching in to educate the campus.

"This isn't a male-bashing issue; it's society's problem," Harlan said. "Men need to listen with an open mind because their sisters, mothers and girlfriends might be sexual assault survivors."

Penichter also plans to serve as an educator on his campus with the federally-funded Mentor Violence Prevention (MVP) Project which trains college athletes in the Boston area to teach their peers about sexism and rape prevention.

The long term goal of the MVP project is "to contribute to a significant reduction in men's aggressive and abusive attitudes toward women," according to project officials.

Jackson Katz founded the anti-sexist men's group Real Men in 1988, and has spoken on campuses nationwide to urge a change in the behavior of men who abuse women, and also those who stand by silently or encourage their friends to hurt women.

"The deafening silence on the part of men is a form of consent," Katz maintained.

Katz's approach is "not pointing the finger and saying, 'you are a bunch of jerks, change your act,' but an appeal to the better instincts and leadership abilities of male students," he said.

In one exercise, Katz asks male members of the audience to list the things they each day to protect themselves against sexual assault. On most occasions the question is met with silence or giggles. When Katz poses the question to women, however, their responses fill an entire blackboard.

"My friends and I are talking a lot more about how women are perceived in our society," said junior Elizabeth Foster after hearing Katz speak.

At the University of Montana, Katz's talk inspired students to form a new men's group.

"Any man who cares about women should be concerned with these issues," Katz said.

For more information about the MVP Project, call 617-373-4025.




Photo by Duanna Vinchattle

Rotaract members donated Christmas trees and decorations to the Ledges Manor to replace those lost in last summer's floods.

Back row, left to right: Dawn Hales, Bev McPhillin, Dan Olena, Kim Olena, and Arthur Hobson, a Manor resident.

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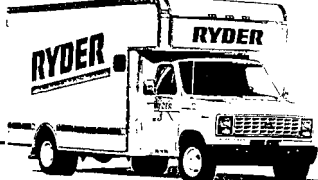
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## 'Twas the day before Finals

By Becca Johnson  
Guest Writer

'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through DMACC,  
All students were stirring  
Even Kriss Philips.  
The decorations were strung  
Down the halls with care  
In hopes that Algebra would be  
Canceled by Sally Tanner.  
The students were nestled  
All snug in their seats  
Waiting impatiently  
For Mr. Bill Alley.  
Jinny Silberhorn in her kerchief,  
And George in his cap  
Had just settled down  
With Richard Finnestad.  
When out in the hall  
There arose such a clatter,  
Chris Rose sprang to her feet  
To see what was the matter.  
Away to the door  
Jayne Smith flew like a flash  
Tripped over John  
And fell with a smash!  
The moon on the breast  
Of the new fallen snow

Seemed to be filling  
All objects below.  
When what to our wondering  
Eyes should appear  
But a smiling old chap  
Dr. Bob Taylor.  
Without saying a word  
We all stop to look  
What grade will be placed  
For us in that book.  
More rapid than eagles  
Kriss Philips came  
And he whistled and shouted  
And called them by name--  
"Now Griffiths! now, Doran!  
Now, Bittner! now Mueller!  
On Holthus! on Brandmeyer!  
On LaVille! and Plueger!  
Out of your classrooms  
And into the halls!  
Dash away, dash away,  
Dash away all!"  
So out of the classrooms  
Everyone flew.  
We had smiles on our faces,  
Bruce Kelley, too!  
A sigh of relief  
Was heard from all,  
As we had finished  
The semester of fall.  
With warm thoughts of Christmas  
Deep in our minds,  
With ease we left  
The halls of DMACC behind.  
As the last student leaves  
Not a soul in sight,  
You can hear echoes exclaim--  
"Merry Christmas to all  
And to all a good night!"

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year  
to all DMACC teacher, faculty members  
and fellow students. May the new year  
bring us back for another prosperous  
year at Boone Campus!-Becca.

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To All DMACC Students and  
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holiday break.  
Duanna Vinchattle, SAB Presi-  
dent


## Attention poets!

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(USA) -- The National Library  
of poetry has announced that  
\$12,000 in prizes will be awar-  
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be no more than 20 lines, and  
the poet's name and address  
should appear on the top of the  
page. Entries must be post-  
marked by December 31, 1993.  
A new contest opens January 1,  
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## World AIDS Day presentation

By Todd Randall  
Bear Facts Staff Writer

On December 1 World  
AIDS Day was observed in the  
DMACC auditorium. Deb  
Bills, DMACC student, coordi-  
nated a reception in the lobby of  
the auditorium which brought  
together students and staff inter-  
ested in learning more about  
AIDS/HIV. A reception includ-  
ed refreshments along with a  
series of pamphlets concerning  
AIDS and HIV infection.

Geisu Springer, chair-  
person, Students Against AIDS,  
opened the presentation in the  
auditorium with an introduction  
of the speakers and information  
about what was going to be held  
in Washington, D.C. that day.

Kay Dreves, of the Story  
County Chapter of the Iowa Red  
Cross, gave statistics on AIDS  
and HIV infection. She urged  
action on the part of the audi-

ence to prevent the spread of  
AIDS.

Dawn Jessie, ISU stu-  
dent, explained the difference  
between AIDS and HIV infec-  
tion. She explained how the  
virus is transmitted.

The DMACC commit-  
tee that worked on preparing  
Students Against AIDS were  
Springer, Bills, Sharon Nowlin,  
Shirley Selleck, and Jan LaVille,  
faculty advisor.

In addition to Students  
Against AIDS, the people who  
contributed to the events were  
Pam Carnine, Story County  
AIDS Coalition; McDonalds and  
Archway of Boone for contribut-  
ing refreshments; Duanna Vin-  
chattle and SAB; Vivian Brand-  
meyer, Kay Mueller, Kriss  
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