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Grassley presents Ag forum at Boone Campus

By Traci Vote
Staff Writer

United States Senator Charles Grassley presented an agricultural-based forum for Iowa farmers and DMACC students Monday, March 15, at the Boone Campus.

This is his first year of being senator under the direction of a Democratic leader and he has already seen some drastic changes in deficit costs and tax increases.

Grassley started out his presentation by discussing the Farm Bill that is passed every five years. We are currently under the 1990 Farm Bill, and the Senate will start working in 1994 for the 1995 Farm Bill.

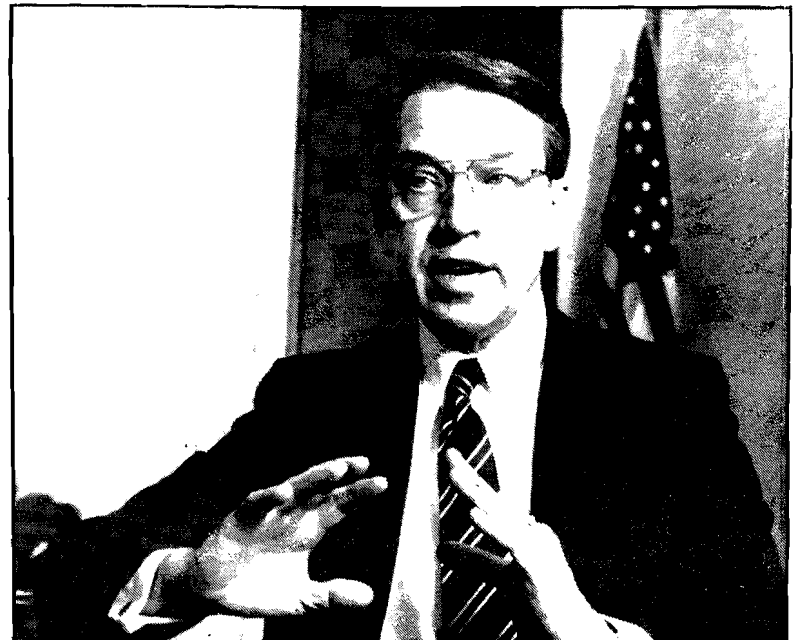
The main purpose of the bill is to ensure economic health of agriculture, especially since the sense of uncertainty in farming in the state of Iowa is so high. With the soaring federal deficit is the controversy about the use of Ethanol or the natural gas based MTBE gasoline continuing to concern many Iowa farmers.

Also discussed in the hour-long forum was the tax increases and the price cuts proposed by President Bill Clinton. By the end of Clinton's term we will have a three million dollar federal deficit, which is bigger than Reagan or Bush ever had. The main concern that Grassley shares is the BTU tax increase on agriculture. One of the main

purposes of this bill is to reduce dependence on petroleum. Grassley stated the cons of this bill as it would make people of this country pay higher energy taxes, and it would not reduce the federal deficit. Grassley said, "For every dollar Congress brings in, they spend one dollar and fifty cents. You just can't tax high enough to please Congress."

The budget allows 1.6% to be spent on agriculture, but is cut 4% every year. Since 1986, the agriculture department has been cut 50% while other departments in Congress haven't been touched.

The EPA has targeted agriculture for new regulations. In-



Senator Charles Grassley speaks at Boone campus

stead of enacting further legislation directed at easily monitored point sources of pollution, such as factories, Grassley feels that the EPA is directing its efforts at agriculture. He believes that industry has pressured the EPA to shift blame for ground water pollution onto agriculture.

This year Iowa has only five Congressmen instead of six due to population changes. The number of senators has remained

steady. Grassley states, "Not all Congressmen and Senators are as worried about agriculture as some are simply because they don't even have dirt in their districts." Grassley is a Republican from Butler County, Iowa, and received his master's degree

in Political Science from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. He has served in the House of Representative and Legislature and has been an Iowa Senator since 1980.

Weather affects student attendance

By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

This winter has been unusual, to say the least. Fog has blanketed the state for days on end, precipitation has fallen either in torrents of rain, sheets of ice or more snow than in recent history. All these combined has made getting to class, to home, or to appointments a clash of wills--us against Mother Nature.

And Mother Nature has landed some very well-placed

punches. Making it to DMACC from out-of-town is a major dilemma for many students. Bad roads and poor visibility due to the fog and blowing snow have kept many students from attending classes. Several out-of-town students expressed the feeling that instructors don't understand the problems students have getting to DMACC.

Pam Winebrenner, DMACC student from Grand Junction, remarked, "I've missed three days due to bad weather." Some students, worried that a

missed day might pose a problem for them, are braving the weather to get to DMACC. As Jeri Knode, DMACC student from Perry, stated, "I'm not scared to drive in bad weather, but my riders are! I don't want to miss anymore than I have to, so unless they call DMACC off--if it takes me an hour to get here, it takes me an hour."

Iowa's state climatologist, Harry Hillaker, said that this winter has been the coldest in seven years, "The temperature

has been a little lower than normal, but but only by an ave-

rage of less than one degree." Hillaker went on to say that the last time Boone reached the 50 degree mark was on November 16, 1992. There have been only two other years, in the past 120, that this has been recorded.

This winter we have also seen the most precipitation, in the form of rain, ice and snow, in the past 61 years. Hillaker remarked, "It's not that there has been so much snow this season, it's just that in recent years we haven't had very much snow. There has also been no mild weather to melt the snow that is already on the ground."

In February, the sunshine during the daylight hours was down by an average of 38 percent, and November, 1992 was the cloudiest month in 120 years, since the weather service began keeping records. That may account for DMACC student, Lori Kline's, remark, "It would be nice if the sun would shine! I want spring to get here."

In Iowa, one of the few things you can count on is the unpredictability of the weather. As the old adage goes, "If you don't like the weather in Iowa---wait five minutes."

Hillary Clinton at Ankeny DMACC

By Rose Zimmerle and Jennifer Kellen
Staff writers

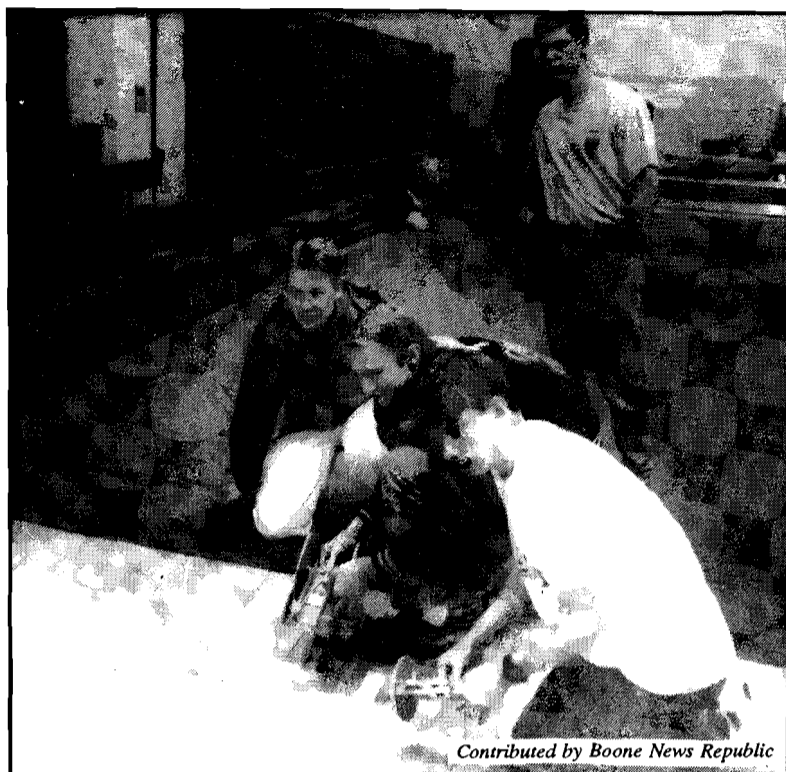
Monday, March 15, Hillary Rodham Clinton attended *Conversations on Health: A Dialogue with the American People* held at the Ankeny campus of the Des Moines Area Community College. Dr. Joseph Borgen, President of DMA-CC, opened the meeting, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, with a greeting to the First Lady and Dr. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services. Dr. Stephen Schroeder, President of the foundation, was moderator for the forum.

The forum was divided into three sections. Part One: Controlling Costs, dealt with the rising cost of health care. Part Two: Peace of Mind, featured several speakers who have had illnesses, and due to the quality care they were given, are in good health today. Part Three: Rural Health, was divided into three topics. The first, Distance and Distribution of Providers focused on the problem of finding a health care provider in rural areas. The second topic, Provider Burnout dealt with stress related problems in the medical profession. The final topic, Rural Health Systems, concerned the problems that arise in rural health areas. For each of the topics, a different panel of participants was brought in to speak.

This forum, which began at 10:30 a.m. and concluded at 4:00 p.m., was the second in a series of four group meetings that will be held to examine the issue of health care reform and its affects on the people.

Club Secretaries...

If you would like your meeting times, or club notes published in the *Bear Facts*, please turn them in to one of the editors, or place them in the *Bear Facts* Room, #210.



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Shalin Kowake, winner of the Mousetrap Car competition, prepares to race his invention.

Science Fair at DMACC

By Linda Smith
Staff Writer

The 1993 Science Fair was a huge success, according to Nancy Woods, with eight area high schools competing for a plethora of prizes. These schools: Boone, Ogden, Odebolt-Arthur, Colo-Nesco, Roland-Story, Martensdale-St. Marys, and Basics and Beyond from Fort Dodge sent a total of 350 students to compete in 13 categories. Science Fair helpers were from the Education Class and Biology 154 classes, they included Bev McPhillen, Dan Olena, Lisa Dyckes, Rich Burgin, Greg Hager, Alex Banks, Dale Butterfield, Michelle Burke, and Connie O'Brien.

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Job Fair coming to DMACC

By Brad Gutz
Staff writer

People often think Job Fair is not for them, or they may WANT to attend but don't know what to ask or what to do at the Job Fair. We hope that the following pointers will be helpful and that you will plan to attend.

- If you are graduating soon and going into the work force, or if you are unemployed, go properly attired and take copies of your resume. Stop at the booths and find out if the company you are interested in is hiring, what positions they are hiring for, and if they will accept your resume now. If a hospital that is at the job fair is seeking nursing personnel only and your skill is in the computer area, for example, ask who you should send your resume to for the computer employment possibilities. These recruiters will not be offended by your questions, they know a lot of people and are willing to help!

- Stop at all booths, as you may pass up an opportunity you hadn't thought about. Did you think about hospitals needing clerical staff, accountants, computer programmers, electronic techs, and maintenance staff, as well as the health professionals?

- Are you unsure of what you want to do with your life? Ask recruiters what they see as "hot fields," skills they are always needing and what their

job projections are for the future.

- Have you thought human resources (personnel) would be something you might enjoy, but you're not sure what the work entails? Ask Angie Bormann, Assistant Human Resource Manager at Donnelley Marketing, or any of the other human resource reps of the companies in attendance for assistance.

- If you are in a particular field of study (computer science, for example, find out all you can about that particular field by asking recruiters about programs, languages and skills necessary. Do they want experience, and if so, how much?

- If you are a student interested in a particular company, now is the time to start networking and find out who, what, when and where about that company. Ask for company literature, the person in charge of a specific area, and how to go about applying when the time comes. If you are in an office education program, ask which skills are in the greatest demand. Perhaps there is a particular course you should take to make yourself more marketable.

- If you are interested in opportunities in the Des Moines area or want general career information, stop and visit Kris Winter from the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Workforce Center.

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The Old Codger

Only two days 'til BREAK



Speaking of signs catching the eye (not to mention the imagination), I saw one on the library's back door that said "NO ADMITTANCE AFTER HOURS." Those who know me can just see the gears turning in my head! First, I wondered what goes on behind this door that requires a sign saying you can't come in after hours. And second I wondered if I should stick around after hours to find out just what does happen behind "the green door!"

One thinks of the library as being one of those places you seek peace and solace from the rigors of being groped by the masses. In fact, I've always thought of the library as being the very essence of conservatism, except for a play or two by Norman Mailer. That reminds me of a librarian I once knew-----but, that's another whole column!

Anyway, if I wasn't so infected with the general malaise prevailing in the halls, like the ghost of Macbeth's ol'lady, I would more than likely just go into the library, lean on the desk and ask outright, "What am I missing when I don't come here after hours?"

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One of the teachers stopped me in the hall the other day to say they don't get a Spring Break like we students. "We still have to prepare for you when you get back. We have grades to turn in and books to read, and tests to make up, and many other academic chores to perform!", this teacher said in a lamenting tone. Having caught me on a day when I had left my attitude at home, I answered, "I'll tell you what. I promise to think of you at least once a day while my fishing line is in the water when I'm on this more-than-well-deserved break." I thought that was the least I could do.



Yeah..., right! In my dreams!

The buzz around campus is that Mrs. Clinton (you remember her husband was elected President) visited the Ankeny campus. I'm not sure just when she was there, or for how long, but, I know we sent some representatives from Boone all the way to Ankeny to see her. Buzz also has it that Ankeny had to spend some money from the slush fund to spruce up the place. I hope someone at Ankeny remembered to clear those bulletin boards of all the little scraps of paper pinned on them. Now I've been to the campus down south, and can tell you from personal experience, first, it's not easy to get to and second, you can use a tank of gas just finding a place to park! You think we have it bad here? **BELATED WELCOME, MRS. CLINTON!** I hope you found a parking spot!

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Well, those are the ruminations (God, I do love that word!) from this Old Codger for now. Look on the bright side...the weather's warming up, the fields are flooding, the ground is thawing out and we get a long parole during the summer recess. Remember the word for the day...**COME ON SPRING BREAK!**

Job Fair continued...

- Ever seen the NEWS (National Employment Wire Service)? All DMACC campuses, except Boone, currently have this fascinating job search computer system in place. (Work is underway to get it here.) Stop in and visit with Mike Anderson, a representative of National Employment Wire Service. Let him show you how to find out about that "Dream Job."

- Networking is the name of the game in the job market, so take along your best manners and begin your networking system on March 31, anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

- A number of students are wanting part-time jobs or summer jobs. Stop in at the Adventureland theme park booth. This is a good opportunity for that summer prospect.

- Sometimes you can create a job for yourself by knowing what you can offer to a particular company, employer, etc. Sell yourself on how you could make a difference for that organization.

- Have you thought about the military as a career option? The military branches will be manning their booth with plenty of good information for you to consider.

- Does your program require an internship? You might ask recruiters who to contact about internships.

With the tight economic times and job market, DMACC-Boone is fortunate that so many recruiters will give of their time to be on our campus. They are coming to see you, so don't let them down. See you in the gym, Wednesday, March 31, sometime between 9 and 1. Have a great time, and if you have any questions about the Job Fair, stop by Ms. Green's or Mr. Holthus' offices.

Editorial

APATHY--WHO CARES?

Are we becoming more apathetic to what we deserve in our lives? We have the right to "life, liberty and happiness." But are we willing to do what is needed to insure these rights? Are we content to "get by," or do we try--really try--to succeed? The indifference shown by many students (and some instructors) could be attributed to the "winter blahs;" but to lay all the blame on the weather is only making excuses. And the apathetic person is a master at making excuses.

Are we accusing the instructor for our poor grades? Or are we committed enough to our education to take responsibility for our performance in the classroom? If we show little or no interest in a particular subject, rarely do the assigned work, and fail to show up for class, the poor grade is our fault--not the instructor's. As adults we must accept accountability for our own actions.

Are we happy the money we spent for our education is being wasted by the apathetic instructor? Are we content to be in a class where the instructor is unresponsive to our needs in education? Have we gone to the instructor to voice our opinion concerning his/her teaching methods? Have we gone to the head of the department asking for feedback on what could be done? Have we gone to the dean to request change? Or have we sat, apathetically by, and waited for the "other person" to do something to improve our class?

We can defeat the powers of apathy, but only if we become involved, and concerned, with others. We must begin to visualize the world as we would like it to be, not as we are content for it to be.

Clubs contribute money

By Jeff Craigmile
Contributing Writer

Unbeknownst to most DMACC Boone Campus students is the fact that they have contributed in the relief effort currently underway in Croatia and Bosnia.

On November 11, 1992, a letter was sent to the Boone Rotary Club from another Rotary International Club in Austria. The Austrian Rotary is also a district inclusive of parts of Croatia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, and Hungary. The letter called for help in the form of food, blankets, and bedding for approximately 100,000 refugees from Croatia and Bosnia. Boone Rotary then passed on the letter to Boone Campus Rotaract, who put out the immediate call for further assistance in funds from other Boone Campus clubs.

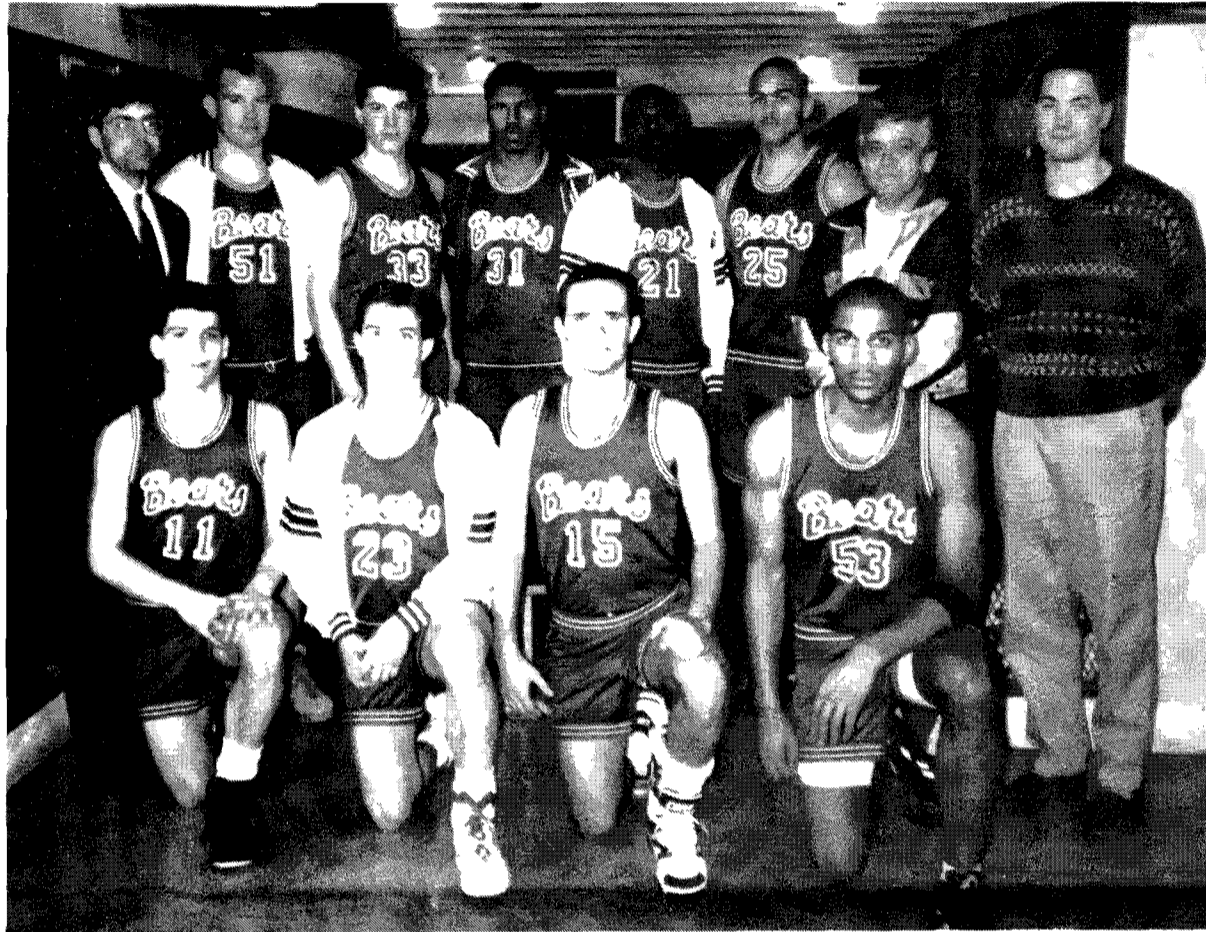
Of the seven clubs sought, including SAB, PBL, Drama Club, and the Athletic Department, only two responded.

Rotaract donated \$60, Rec. Club donated \$50 and SAB matched the combined amount for a total of \$220 sent to Austria on behalf of DMACC Boone Campus.

The amount of \$220 doesn't sound like much money, but it goes quite a way toward the relief effort. Based on bulk orders, purchased locally (Austria) \$10 will buy a quart of milk, 2 pounds of bread, 2 pounds of fruit or vegetables, and a pound of canned meat. Further, \$20 will buy one blanket and \$50 will buy one full set of bedding. \$100 will feed a family of five for one week.

"Real Happiness is Helping Others" is the motto at the bottom of the letter asking for help and Boone Campus students should feel happy that we had an opportunity to do so. On February 16 a check was sent to a bank in Graz, Austria, for the amount of \$220 on behalf of Boone Campus Rotaract, Rec. Club and SAB.

Bears wrap-up season



1992-93 Bears Basketball team

Front row (left to right): Chad Ryan, Brian Schlepp, Tim Biegger, Shawn Finister. Back row (left to right): Coach Joe Dunham, Chad Settle, Darren Olson, Dorian Trent, Dana Scott, Tony LaValis, Assistant Coach Craig Ryan, James Heintz.

By Chad West
Staff Writer

Looking at the Bears' final record, you would think that nothing could be salvaged from the season. In most cases a 4 and 24 record would indicate a terrible season, but the Bears' season wasn't a total loss. They did improve over last season (when they didn't win any games), were in the top ten in the state for points per game, free throw percentage, and rebounding. While the team averaged 76.3 points per game (7th in the state), teams were able to exploit the height advantage and score 83.7 points per game. Even with the height disadvantage of the Bears, they were able to grab 35.6 rebounds a game, 6th overall in the state. They also shot 66.2% from the charity strip as a team, 7th overall, and team field goal percentage was 8th in the state at 44.5%.

Individually, the Bears had five players in the top ten in various categories. The team's

leading scorer and 8th overall in the state was Dorian Trent averaging 15.6 points per game. Tony Lavallis helped out with 13.0 points per game, and Shawn Finister averaged 12.0 points per game. Trent was also 11th in the state for field goal percent, hitting over half of his shots at 53.8%. Chad Settle and Finister tied for rebounding honors, snapping up 6.9 per game. Chad Ryan led the team in assists, steals, and free throw percentage, dishing out 6.8 assists per game and averaging 2.8 steals per game while hitting 82.1% from the line. Look-

ing to the future, the Bears have a lot of promise, only losing Dana Scott and Settle, providing the Bears with a strong nucleus for next year. Look for your Bears to really tear it up.

Baseball team ready for season's start

By Chad West
Staff Writer

While most of the students at DMACC are able to spend spring break relaxing at home or frolicking on the beach somewhere, some of the student population doesn't get a chance to forget about school. In fact, they leave this one and spend the week at another one. "Who are these guys?" you ask. Its the baseball team. Every year over spring break the team travels to Parsons, Kansas, to play teams from Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas. The Bears are taking 24 of the 28 players on the team and will leave Friday afternoon and arrive at the Hilton in Parsons (better known as the Labett Community College gym) around 10pm Friday night. From that point on it's a baseball bonanza.

Waking up Saturday, the team will head to Fort Scott

Community College in Kansas for a double header. Then Sunday it's N E Oklahoma; Monday, Crowder College in Missouri; Tuesday, Labette Community College in Kansas; Wednesday, Independence Community College in Kansas; and Thursday, Norman Dale Community College from Minnesota (they will be in Kansas at the same time as the Bears). Friday is the ride back here to Boone only to leave again Saturday for Ellsworth Community College

for a double header. The Bears won't have a home game until March 28th.

Although the team is young, having only five players who saw playing time last year, they look good. It looks to be an exciting season with the Bears. If everything clocks for the team at the same time, this team will be good, really good!

The spotlight looks to be on the pitching staff. The Bears lost everyone on the starting staff from last year, but if the

newcomers can step up and perform, the team should do well. The six players who were in the program last year, Tom Shelton, Chad McDonald, Chad West, Josh Davis, Ron Muk, and Frank Elsbecker will have to play hard and show the new teammates how to win at this level. Overall, the team looks

good and has a positive attitude. Most importantly, the whole team is hungry to start playing, which could be the key to a good start and a successful year. Look for a complete wrap-up of the trip south in the next issue of the Bear Facts and come out and support the Bears, March 28th at the Boone baseball field.

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