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THE BEARIFACTS

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February 24, 1993

Career counselor here to help you

By Jennifer Kellen
Staff Writer

It's that time of year when graduation is just around the corner and if you are like thousands of students who have no idea what to do with their degree, DMACC can help. This semester DMACC has been lucky enough to receive assistance in career counseling from Iowa State graduate student Cheryl Chopard.

Cheryl is here at DMACC to offer her services as a career counselor. She is working in the classroom with Vivian Brandmeyer, in the office with counselor George Silberhorn, and in the Academic Achievement Center helping students on DISCOVER. This is a computer program that explores stud-

ents' interests in hopes of finding them a suitable major or career.

Cheryl is here for any student who seeks career advising. You can find her around the campus on Mondays and Fridays, but her schedule is flexible. If you need to meet with her at another time, just leave a message with one of the secretaries and Cheryl will get back to you.

"I don't think that enough students know that I am here to help them," Cheryl said. "I can be here pretty much anytime and would love to help."

Counseling isn't a new field for Cheryl. Her previous education and background experiences include a B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa, working

as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Therapist in private and state hospitals, and in a juvenile jail.

"From working in the juvenile jail I found myself counseling many young people who didn't know what they wanted to do with their lives. This is where my interest in career counseling developed," said Cheryl.

Cheryl is also working here at DMACC to set up a mini workshop to help people get focused on their goals in the classroom and out in the work force. Tentative plans are set for the second week in March. If you are interested or have questions, contact Cheryl, Vivian Brandmeyer, or leave a note in the front office.



Cheryl Chopard, Career counseling intern

DMACC releases President's Dean's list

The following part-time students were named to the President's List: Denise M. Bjelland, Pamela J. Crise, Jennifer L. Frisk, Linda Manatt, Thomas K. Massey, Valerie J. McIntyre, Mark G. Minnick, and Julianne Selden.

The following full-time students were named to the President's List: Kent B. Baker, Jamie P. Brant, Richard A. Burgin, Lori L. Coyle, John F. Crouse, Leanne K. Dally, Gary D. Dose, Norma J. Fast, Terry A. Feldmann, Larry L. Ford, Jr., Grace A. Gibbs, Patricia C. Herrick, Chad G. Kaminski, Cal V. Kirby, Penni M. Kuhl, Shawn M. Latimer, Lisa A. Paskach, Cynthia A. Quinn, Sandra E. Russell, Patricia L. Seeman, Dawn M. Stumbo, Ken Summerfield, Amanda L. Svec, Ed J. Touney, Rebecca R. Turbes, and Rosella M.

Zimmerle.

The following part-time students have been named to the Dean's List: Judith A. Carter, Aaron Finch, Richard N. Gustafson, David W. Huling, Klarice A. Jones, Vandana S. Kothari, Nancy J. Kothrade, Kevin R. Kurtz, Shelley J. Kurtz, Russell L. Meadows, Linda L. Mosman, Debbie A. Nelson, Donna M. Ryherd, Sonja R. Steenlage, Wendy M. Tjelmeland, Debora L. Todd, Srimathi Venkatagiri, Roberta L. Warren, and Tara M. Wirth.

The following full-time students have been named to the Dean's List: Paul T. Ackerson, Bradley S. Anderson, Brenda K. Backman, Wesley D. Bass, Karolyn K. Bennett, Teresa L. Blackburn, James D. Brick, Steven R. Buck,

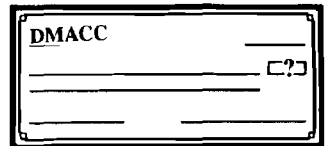
Lula Bucklin, Michelle M. Burke, Denisse C. Chance, Karen Coons,

Jeffery J. Craigmile, Traci L. Dickerson, Lydia L. Eberle, Sylvia A. Ethington, Carla M. Grimm, Dawn E. Hales, Wendy L. Hennick, Edith Marie Hunter, Kristine L. Jones, Akiko Kawai, Michael J. Larson, Marci A. Malone, Andrea J. Martin, Timothy C. Meals, Shellie A. Moran, Daniel J. Olena, Nathaniel J. Oppedal, Bridget V. Pickens, Christine A. Riese, Thereas L. Riker, Jason T. Rima, Daniel A. Schau, Steven C. Scheideman, Kelli R. Sherwood, Kori L. Sinram, Jodi R. Slight, Deborah A. Sloss, Jill E. Smith-Foster, Deborah A. Summerfield, Joanne M. Venema, Timothy R. Wells, Patricia S. Wilson, and Susan M. Wilson.

Students angered



over Perkins cuts



By Linda Smith
Staff Writer

Were you counting on a Perkins loan to help with child care, car expenses, or play catch up with all the bills that never go away? If your answer is "yes," you are not alone. A total of 240 DMACC students won't be getting the full amount of loans promised them through the Perkins program. A Perkins

loan, at five percent interest, has a six-month deferment period. Uncle Sam gives about \$50,000 to the loan program.

When asked whose fault it was that these loans were being cut, Laura Kelly-Benck, Financial Aid, Ankeny Campus, said, "The government did its share." She went on to say, "DMACC contributes 11 percent in match-

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Editorial

The Old Codger



"AWED" IN PUBLIC!

So far this past two weeks or so I have had the pleasure of reading some really well thought out Comp papers put together by a couple of my fellow students. I was awed to say the least at the insight presented. There are some interesting ideas being put forward on a wide variety of subjects that I didn't think a lot of students here were concerned about. Congrats, and thanks to both the Comp instructors who are stimulating the students to expression, and to the writers of the pieces I've read. **MORE!**

Speaking of stimulation, (now, there's a nice word!), one of my friends stopped me in mid-puff the other day to get right in my face and tell me he really disagreed with what I had

written in our paper, Bear Facts, about Presidenting Clinton. He told me I couldn't be more wrong about this man who's vote-leasing the White House. He even went further. He said, "Clinton was the best Democratic President we've had since Jimmy Carter!" First, **YAWP!!** Second, **A..HUH!** Of course, I asked for it, because I asked him if he had read the latest Bear Facts issue, so I've got nobody but myself to blame. But, I've got this to say about the man in the White House (probably soon to be Blue, if the colors Hillary chooses to wear most of the time, means anything), he doesn't have to go to Congress to reduce the amount of money the rich have by way of taxing them. All he has to do is leak some of his budget proposals and the Stock Market will do the rest!...**GOING DOWN, ANY-**

ONE?

Is anyone else having trouble getting it together studying these days besides me? **COME ON SPRING BREAK!** I looked at the calendar the other day, then outside the window, then went down stairs to unwrap my fishing poles from the warm blankets I have them in and sat looking at them wistfully thinking if I decide to go to summer school I could stop on the way home, after class, to dip my line. I rewrapped my poles, went up stairs and looked at the Income Tax book on the table and said..."Yeah, Right!"... Got to figure out how to keep the worms cool in the car while I'm sitting in summer school waiting for class to be over!

By the way, for those of you students who have families who love you, who want you to succeed in your endeavors at school, who desperately want you to participate in family life when you're not sitting in class, who try not to disturb your studying with the banging of dishes, vacuuming, etc., try something I did the last weekend...*Put two hours to the books then close the suckers* and go play with the kids, the dog, or someone else around the house...Take mamma out to dinner and a movie! It'll do wonders for your attitude!

Well, we got a Li'l Codger now! I can't lay claim to him, folks. He's saying he will present the younger students' view of what's going on; will address issues of the day from a different perspective (a.k.a, younger). **GOOD!** Welcome aboard the A-train. I hope you enjoy the ride!

Oh, **STUDENTS**, On April 8 the Attorney General for Iowa will be here on campus to discuss "Rape." Please, let's have a big turnout for this important event. This is a subject that you really can't kid about. It's too serious! Well, those are the ruminations, (God, I do love that word!), of this Old Codger for now.

The school's Administration failed in its duty recently by not informing the student body of all the facts at its disposal!

The case in point concerns the incident of one of our fellow students contracting **MENINGITIS!** We feel it was the *responsibility, not to mention the obligation*, of the school's administration to inform the student body of the facts surrounding this event as quickly as possible. It has been brought to our attention that the persons in charge of the institution were informed by family members of the student having come down with the illness immediately following the diagnosis.

Instead of being as astute as administration is to provide competent teachers, fine equipment for student use, and guidance for the students in their career planning, the Administration appears to have been frozen into inaction. Not so the Boone Republican, our local city newspaper! It provided a report to the city of Boone, which was promptly posted around the school and hi-lited by some concerned person in the school's office.

This community of students and teachers has the right to expect that the school's leaders will make every effort to keep us informed of what it knows **DIRECTLY** affecting us as community members. It cannot take it up on itself to develop a program of inaction in cases where the information is so important to dispel frightening rumor!

We would suggest that when in doubt, our administration, takes a leaf from the handbook of elementary and secondary school manuals. Many precious hours of school attendance and anxiety could have been saved if a memo were typed up in the office, xeroxed, and both posted in prominent places **AND** read in class by the staff letting the student body know the facts!

Don't let us hear rumors or unknown or surmised information about a situation that similarly reared its ugly head at a larger college just down the road, **THEN**, go home and read in the local newspaper what we knew was happening at our own school but didn't have concrete information about from our own leaders!

To the editor...

Reader calls parking concerns "trivial"

After reading the editorial on campus parking in the last issue, I find myself quite irritated. Surely there are more important issues confronting the students of this institution than parking lot etiquette. Whether you want to believe it or not, most colleges in this state have more students than parking spaces. During the course of a week, I leave the building anywhere from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm and have yet to ever see the DMACC lots full. It appears to me some students are simply too lazy to walk. I have attended classes at this campus for over a year and have yet to cross paths with someone who could not benefit from a little exercise. I have a strange suspicion that the same students that are not ambitious enough to take an 8:00 class also expect DMACC to provide limousine service to and from their doorstep. As for the staff parking in lots other than the faculty lots, **GET REAL!** If you get out of bed in the morning and watch people park, you'll find the number of staff members in student available parking is minimal. Since I became a student here at DMACC, the faculty and staff have done everything possible to help and encourage me to achieve my educational goals. I think it is a slap in the face to bother these people with such a trivial and unfounded issue. The next time you decide on an editorial topic, pick something that has some real relevance in the lives of DMACC students like the dwindling computer lab space or the recent change in the DMACC Perkins loan. If parking is your most important concern, **GET A LIFE!**

Richard A. Burgin
DMACC student

Lil' Codger

Political correctness confusin'



After my first column in last week's paper, I was asked a couple of questions summed up as, "Who are you?. Why are you here?" I am a sophomore here at DMACC, getting my AS degree. I have been here roughly three semesters. I decided to start the "Lil' Codger" because I thought there was a need to have a column portraying the "younger" view of issues in contrast to Gramp's, the Old Codger, in the Bear Facts.

Last week a couple of my friends and I were talking about some different social issues regarding all of us today. After talking a while, an annoying problem arose. This problem was the labeling of Americans.

In the United States today, there are the terms Afro-American, Asian American, Hispanic-American, Native American, etc. I be-

lieve that it is harmful, useless, and confusing, to use these labels. Generally, whenever one of these labels is used in discussing a particular topic, a stereotype or generalization is associated with it. This could be alleviated by not using these labels.

Another reason for stopping the use of labeling Americans is it really has no purpose. If you were born in the U.S. and live in the U.S., you are an American. There are no if's, and's, or but's about it.

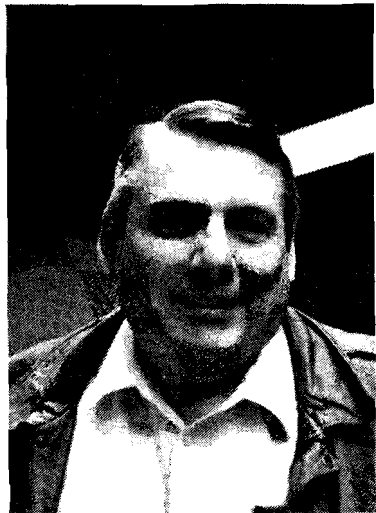
Still another reason is in most cases the Political Correctness Movement becomes involved, causing alot of confusion. A specific case is the labeling of "African-Americans". In labeling this particular group, the correct label has gone from Negro to Colored to Black to Afro-American to now the politically correct African-American. I personally find myself having to stop and think of the

correct term, when I have to use one of these useless labels.



Steve Fox

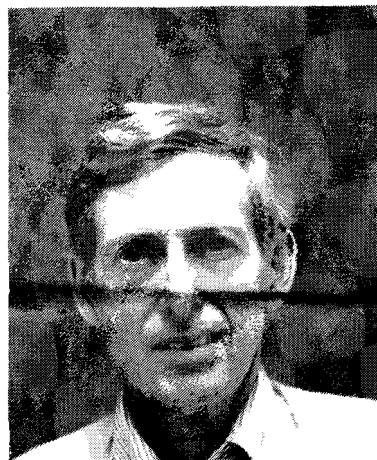
"The cancellations have definitely affected us. During the winter it would be better to break the class into two sessions instead of a single four hour class.



John Clark

"The students will only lose about two hours real class time, but the biggest impact has been absenteeism for other reasons."

Evening part-time teachers respond: How has the weather and cancellations affected your classes?



James Griffiths

"I have had to compress some of the material because those three hours are lost forever, but I can't really deviate from the material."



Judy Paulsen

"The students have to work a little harder. They know how much they are required to complete, so they may have to come in on their own time.



Mark Gilbert

"The cancellations haven't affected my class because we use a workbook, and I have good students who were able to catch up."

NOTICE...

again and again and again

By Jeff Craigmile
Contributing Writer

They're everywhere. They won't go away. They're the biggest waste of space one can possibly imagine. And you, the responsible Boone campus student, have it in your power to make them go away.

The nuisances being referred to are those old left over announcements cluttering the otherwise perfectly good bulletin boards on the DMACC walls. Old, outdated announcements regarding people and events long gone are still tacked up around the halls of our fair institution of higher learning. Cheerleading Auction, Tavco refunds, Valentine Dance posters, and an article concerning the "flu bug" are among the many articles littering the walls.

Whose job is it to clean up, after the people leave announce-

ments on the walls? After all, the custodians have more pressing matters to attend to than chasing old news releases left behind on the walls. Clearly, the responsibility lies with the person who put them up in the first place. Rotaract publicity people and select members of other groups should be commended for their efforts. Others, well. . . .

Catholic retreat

Men college age and older from the state of Iowa interested in the Roman Catholic Priesthood are invited to attend the IOWA DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR PRIESTHOOD set for March 12-14 in Carroll, Iowa. Sponsored by the four Catholic dioceses of Iowa, this weekend will give participants time to learn about the priesthood, ask questions, and meet others who share an interest in the priesthood.

This event will take place at the Carrollton Inn of Carroll beginning on Friday evening, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for registration is March 5, 1993. Questions and registration should be directed to Rev. Dan Guenther, Director of Vocations, R.R. #2, Box 37, Scranton, Iowa 51462, or call 712-652-3448.

I S U transfers take note

Every year Iowa State University holds early registration and orientation sessions for transfer students. These sessions are held in April so that transfer students can register for summer and/or fall semester classes at the same time as their currently enrolled classmates.

This year Early Registration/Orientation will be held on the following dates:
College of Agriculture and College of Business: April 7 and 9
College of Design: April 9, 12, and 15
College of Education: April 5 and 12
College of Engineering: April 5, 9, and 15
College of Family and Consumer Sciences: April 9 and 12
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: April 5, 9, 12, and 15

Transfer students who have been admitted will receive a letter of invitation to these programs early in March.

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ing funds based on projected loan payback payments." The problem started when someone realized the projected payments, totaling \$18,000 hadn't come in, and totals were \$10,000 instead.

People Deferring longer

Students have been faithful when it comes to paying their Perkins loans. Last year the default rate was only five percent. According to financial aid directors on the two campuses, after completing studies at DMACC, students are transferring to other schools and continuing their educations, so they are just deferring their payments longer. Cuts in Perkins loans will affect students this semester, and there will not be any Perkins loans for the summer term.

The Boone financial services office was as surprised as the students to hear about the loan reductions. Chris Carney,

Boone Campus Financial Aid Director, stated, "All the promissory notes will be redone and signed when the checks arrive February 24."

Students, of course, are the ones who will be suffering the consequences. Deb Sloss, DMACC student, said she was counting on the Perkins money to pay for her day care, and she may now need to drop a class to cut expenses.

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Lady Bears dominate Simpson

By Jennifer Kellen
Staff Writer

The Lady Bears dominated the second half of last Tuesday's game against Simpson JV to come away with a 94-64 victory. The Bears trailed at half time with a score of 42-37 with three of their starters benched with foul trouble.

"We were being knocked around a lot on the inside the first half and had some dumb fouls," said sophomore Dana Wernimont. "We weren't rebounding or being aggressive

enough."

The lack of aggression was definitely made up for in the second half. The Bears came out and slowly began to pull away from Simpson with an early 10 point lead. Sophomore Jennifer Kellen and Freshman Stacy Beal combined for 55 points in the game. Kellen lead with 35 points and Beal followed with 25, including 6 three pointers. The glass was dominated by Wernimont who pulled down an belligerent 15 rebounds.

With 7:00 left in the second

half, the Lady Bears aggressive play started to pay off when two of Simpson's starters were whistled for their fifth fouls. With under 3:00 to play Simpson sent Freshman Sherry Anderson to the line who connected for both of her shots giving the Bears a 16 point advantage. Simpson kept the fouls coming as they sent Kellen and Wernimont to line four times with under 1:00 of play

left on the clock. These fouls left Simpson with only four

players on the court. The Lady Bears sealed up their twenty point victory with Wernimont's two free throws with :12 left on the clock. Wernimont finished the game with 14 points.

The Bears are now 8 and 10

on the season with four big games left against Kirkwood, NIACC, Central College JV, and ICCF Fort Dodge. You can catch the Lady Bears in action for their last home game on Saturday, February 27 at 6:00 in the DMACC gym.

Bears come up short against Clinton

By Chad West
Staff Writer

It was a barn burner last Tuesday night when the mens' basketball team took on the Husker of Clinton Community College. This was no ordinary night for the Bears though. Clinton is rated 14th in the nation and the Bears were up to the challenge. In the first half the Bears were executing nicely and playing good defense, keeping the score close in fact holding the lead for most of the half. With 12:55 left in the fist half Dorian Trent provided the highlight of the season, with a super-duper, high flying, hang on the rim, in your face, dunk on his

defender. After the spectacular dunk the Bears were leading 10-6. Tim Biegger hit a 3 pointer, part of the 5-0 run by the Bears and they led 21-18. The lead was short lived when Chad Settle turned his ankle and had to leave the game for a few minutes, but those few minutes were all Clinton needed to come back and take a 24-23 lead. This half alone saw six tie scores and five lead changes. At the half the Bears were on the wrong end of a lead change down 33-30.

The Bears opened the second half with a 12-4 run taking a 42-39 lead with 16:20 left in the half. Clinton was able to run out an 8 point lead

but Biegger and Ton LaValles hit two 3 pointers and shared the lead to just 2. Everytime the Bears would get close Clinton would pull away, and it didn't hurt their cause any that the zebras were seeing double. With the game on the line the Bears had to start fouling and send Clinton to the free throw line. That is here the game was won as Clinton stretched its lead to ten 75-85. With Clinton hitting all of their free throws Shawn Finnister's 3 pointer at the buzzer just wasn't enough and the Bears lost a tough one 87-96. Tony LaVallis lead the team in scoring with 22 points with four 3 pointers. Dorian Trent, the dunking man had 20,

What's your opinion?

The *Bear Facts* will be starting a weekly Point/Counterpoint section. We want **your** opinion on contemporary issues that affect us as students, and as members of society.

Essays should be approximately 250 words in length and be on one side of the issue or the other.

You may hand over your article to any staffer, or place it in the *Bear Facts* postal box in the office.

We reserve the right to edit for length.

The topic for the next Point/Counterpoint will be: **Should Iowa reinstate the death penalty?**

Computers available in ACC

There is a real crunch at certain times for use of computers by students in the Computer Lab. The Academic Achievement Center (AAD) encourages students to utilize its computers for writing their papers, doing homework, and improving computer skills. However, the ACC only has one computer that is capable of using high Density disks, so students must have a **double density disk** to use the other three available computers. Double density disks are available in the Campus Bookstore for \$1.05.

OOPS...WE GOOFED!

The names of Nikole Dufelmeier and Brad Summy were incorrect in the last issue. We regret any problems this may have caused.

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