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DMACC HOMECOMING '93

By Traci Vote Staff Writer

BRASS BULLIT is the name of the hot new band from Chicago that will be entertaining you, Thursday, at the Homecoming Dance. The group performs at all the hottest night spots and universities throughout the Midwest. BRASS BULLIT performs under the NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) and happen to be one of the most booked groups under the Association. They have performed anywhere from Quebec, Canada to a 35 day tour in Japan.

Throughout Homecoming Week there will be activities during the noon hour. Try your luck at Twister, Hula Hoop, or a number of other games. The Cheerleaders will hold their auction at noon on Friday, February 12, in the Student Lounge.

Don't forget to attend the basketball games Saturday, February 13! The Lady Bears

hit the boards at 2pm and the Bears take over at 4pm. Come and show your support for these two great teams!

BRASS BULLIT will be strutting their stuff at the Home-coming Dance, Thursday, February 11, from 8:00 pm - 12:00 am at the Boone Golf and Country Club.

The Student Action Board will be providing snacks, and a Cash Bar will be available (so bring your wallet).



New CDs Rock the Library



By Linda Smith Staff Writer

Been to the library lately? No, not to study, to get some culture. No. farm boy, not agriculture, music culture. The

DMACC library just bought around 100 new C.D.s for your listening pleasure.

So what are you into? Michael Jackson's Dangerous or maybe you've got a slight case of metal mani-ous. Guns &

Roses Appetite for destruction might be just right.

However, if you're nearing the crest of the hill, a different kind of music could be more of a thrill. Relax in a Yellow Submarine on an lowa Three Dog Night, with your Ma Ma's and

your Pa Pa's and your brother sweet baby James Taylor, but if your grey-haired granny is crusin' into town, another type of music can also be found.

Perry Como, Eddie Fisher, and Judy Garland too have been cataloged next to Iron Maiden and The Grateful Dead for you.

Now remember students, the key to a well rounded education is culture, and that starts with the library.

COMMENTARY

Editor's Note: As part of their Comp. II assignment, the following students wrote collaborative pieces on their postions concerning the child whose future custody is currently being decided in the courts.

Custody struggle

By Mark Ryken, Jason Hauser, and Ron Bentz

We are writing this paper to show what the Schmidts have in favor for them in this custody battle to try and regain their child.

Cara Clausen gave birth to Ann Lee Jacqueline in Cedar Rapids on February 8, 1991 at 7:02 p.m. Before Jacqueline was born her mother told the doctor that she was thinking about putting her child up for adoption. At this point Gary Robinson, the DeBoers lawyer, was contacted. He then contacted Jan and Roberta Deboers as potential adoptive parents.

According to lowa law the birth mother must be allowed 72 hours to recover from giving birth. Robinson didn't do this.

At the time of the birth Cara was confused as to who the father was. She first named Scott Seefeldt as the father. She signed away her parental rights along with Scott at this time.

We felt that she named Scott as the father because of the pressures of work and coming from a small town where everyone, including herself, assumed that Scott was the father. On February 27 she named Dan Schmidt, a former boyfriend, as biological father. After confronting the courts about this, the courts under Article 600A.B. made both men take blood tests. The results showed a 99.9% probability that Dan was the father.

At this time Dan was given custody under Article 600A"1". Both parents had to sign over parental rights to make the adoption legal. Because of this, the adoption was terminated and the court ordered custody of the child to Dan.

Dan and Cara were married. Since Cara gave up her parental rights, she had to appear in front of the Iowa Supreme Court to get them back.

Jacqueline Miller, the Schmidt's lawyer, said that the Schmidts did not want the news media to get involved. They did not want their daughter to someday read about this problem that they went through to get her back. Also they didn't want the public's personal feelings to help persuade the court's decision. Sharon Mellon, an Iowa City lawyer, who specializes in family law, said that custody issues that arise in cases like this are emotional mine fields that leave behind badly wounded victims, unless it can be proven otherwise. The courts feel children should be kept with their biological parents. There is a strong societal bias to keep children with their family of origin.

The Schmidt's lawyer (Miller) said, that this dispute might have been prevented had counseling been provided to the mother at the time of putting her child up for adoption.

COUNTERPOINT

Tepy

Be my baby

By Kelly Plumb, Jeri Knode, and Linda Smith

Will her name be Jessica Ann DeBoer or will it be Anna Lee Jacqueline Clausen Schmidt? The choice is clear. The toddler should remain with the only parents she has ever known, Jan and Roberta DeBoer. It is the DeBoer's who have bonded with Jessica and should be given the right to continue to mold and guide her young life.

Jessica has been at home with her dad and mom in Ann Arbor since she was 2 1\2 weeks old. She has been provided with a secure, loving environment by Jan and Roberta, who have a stable eleven

year marriage, good work record, and a warm family home.

The DeBoer's wanted Jessica from the very beginning, to the extent that Roberta gave up her career as an interior designer to devote her full attention to her new born daughter.

Jessica was born January 8, 1991. Cara had several months to think about her decision, nine months to be exact. January 10th, the third day after Jessica was born, Cara signed a legal and binding document to relinquish her rights as the legal mother to the new born girl. The named alleged father, Scott Seefeldt, also signed away any

rights to the child. That should have been the end of it.

Dan Schmidt may have been the biological father to baby Jessica, but a thimble full of semen does not make him her daddy.

Schmidt has a history of abandoning his offspring. He has two other children. He doesn't pay support or exercise his visitation rights with one child and the other, he doesn't even acknowledge as being his.

Michigan Judge William Ager has agreed to reopen this case and consider what is best for Jessica. Until then, she will remain at home. The judge must come to the same conclusion that is so evident to the majority of this class, Jessica Ann DeBoer must stay with the only parents she's known in her home on Pear Street.

Confessions Of The Old Codger

Boy, I can sure tell it's getting close to Spring! Sitting in the lounge the other day working on an Accounting assignment I was startled when the table moved. I looked up, "when what to my wondering eyes should appear...", but a pair of "Angeli" jean shorts. The face attached to the neck, attached to the torso, attached to the hips, inside the shorts turned around to apologize. There stood a young student who was talking to another student who didn't see the table behind her. Becoming unabsorbed in my assignment I looked around the

room to see a couple of other people in shorts too. I looked outside the window to see all the snow on the ground and the fog hanging on the trees and sighed. Come on March 30th!

But, on a more serious note, Congrats to the sportspersons representing DeeMac this year. There's been some really good and favorable comment in the halls about the efforts, enthusiasın and competitiveness shown by those representing our institution.

Speaking of competitiveness, Don't underestimate those girls behind the counter at the snack bar in the lounge. They put together some of the best looking, best tasting, best served (always with a smile) food for blocks around! They don't just throw the stuff at you they actually hand it to you and ask if you want anything else without giving the meaning "Next!" Thanks girls!

I sure am glad Friday was invented. Friday means I have an evening and Saturday and Sunday to play catch-up on getting my book bag organized, cataloging my class notes and generally getting caught up with my assignments...Hee,Hee,Hee!

Notice, I didn't mention anything about getting ahead. It's not unusual for me to go home on a Friday afternoon, throw my book bag on the chair and walk by it several times over the weekend with every good intention of opening it. I have found out just standing in

front of it and saying, "OPEN, SAYS ME" doesn't work! Course, now that brings up an old saying.."The Road to H--- is lined with good intentions." So, I'm setting out a new leaf. I'm actually planning to open my book bag this weekend (provid-

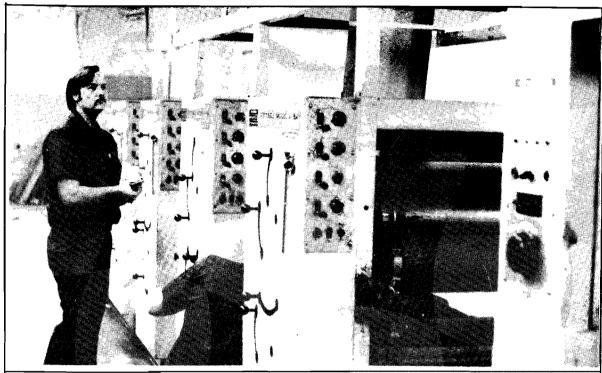
ed...) my brother doesn't come up from Des Moines...My wife

doesn't want to go out to eat each night to break the stress from school...My son doesn't have friends over each day (the same ones he has seen all week long)...or especially if the rivers don't unfreeze so I can go out and make sure the reel on my new pole, "absolutely will not snag."

Well, those are the ruminations, "God, I do love that word!", of this old codger for now. P.S., Keep those cards and letters coming in folks.

ONCAMPUS

BEAR FACTS Meets BOONE NEWS REPUBLICAN



Wednesday, February 3, the Bear Facts staff toured the Boone News Republican to observe their operating procedures. The tour was given by publisher, Robert Schaub. The Managing Editor, Sue Olin, explained how each issue is organized, and how stories are assigned. The first issue of this semester's Bear Facts was going to press as the tour was being concluded. Eldon Cunningham, in the Composing Department, gave suggestions on layout design and has been invaluable in helping the Bear Facts staff in the production of the paper.

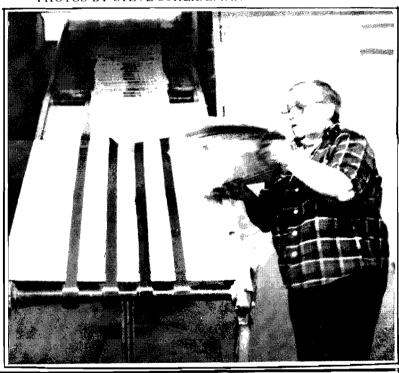
UPPER LEFT: Larry Cunningham (left) and Russ Ostreko (right) are running the first issue of the *Bear Facts*.

LOWER LEFT: Larry Cunningham checks the print quality of the paper, while Robert Schaub and Jan LaVille look over the first issue.

BELOW: Joann Sauer stacks the papers in preparation for delivery.

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All new forms for all scholarships administered by the DMACC Foundation will be produced and distributed in time for students to apply for summer awards. No applications on old forms will be accepted!

The summer scholarship application deadline is April 1. If you have any questions, please call Pat Butin at x6278.

ALTRUSA CLUB GRANT

The Altrusa Club of Des Moines is offering the Margaret Mellor Living Memorial Grant. The grant is for \$500 and is being offered to a mature woman. To obtain an application for this grant, students can call Shirley Shisler at (515) 279-4830. Additional details are available in the Financial Aid Office or the Urban Campus Business Office.

ROY J. CARVER SCHOLAR-

Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust Scholarships are available for DMACC sophomores transferring to four-year institutions in the fall of 1993.

To be eligible, students must be graduates of an accredited Iowa High School, be transferring to one of the three Regents' universities, or one of the 24 four-year private colleges under membership of the Iowa College Foundation; must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and show financial need.

Application must be made through the financial aid offices of the institution to which the student is transferring. The deadline is March 31.

BETA SIGMA PHI SCHOL-ARSHIP

The Xi Beta and Beta Alpha Chapters are sponsoring the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship for a female twenty-five years or older in Boone County going to DMACC in the fall of 1993. The scholarship is for \$200 and can help with tuition or books. The applications can be picked up in Rich Finestead's office with a deadline of April 15, 1993. Mail completed applications to:

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship c/o Shirley Fitch 217 South Greene Street Boone, Ia. 50036

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Student out with meningitis

Last week a DMACC student was diagnosed with viral meningitis. After a four day hospital stay, the student returned home to recuperate.

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stiff neck, nausea, and sensitivity to light.

With flu season hard upon us, be aware that more serious illnesses are also "out there." Don't assume "Its only a migraine/headache/the flu." Have your doctor check it out.

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