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WIFI improves

Boone Internet tech says connections are better, but more work will be done

By Lester K. Mwirichia
Staff Writer

Students have noticed improvements with the WIFI on campus lately, thanks to the work of DMACC's information technology technician over the last four months.

Michael Le was hired in the fall as the Information Technology Technician here on the Boone Campus. Le, a DMACC grad, Upper Iowa University Grad, and having over 12 years of experience in the Information Technology (I.T.) field.

Le has been working to improve the servers, and the WIFI range these past months, and students have noticed.

DMACC student Keith Snider said: "I can catch up with my Netflix series in between classes. The WIFI has been a lot better here on campus these last few months."

Student Jennifer Gorman added, "The Internet is easy to connect to."

Library Specialist Elias Simpson said, "There have been fewer internet complaints from students in both the library and the computer lab."

Simpson complimented Le, saying "Michael is doing a great job and we enjoy having him here."

The Courter Center has been a focus of Le's for some time. A majority of students spend time there and connect to the Wi-Fi with their laptops, iPad's, Tablet, and other mobile devices there. "Wireless does not go through a brick wall so easily," Le said.

The student housing is another one of Le's focus points

this year. For example, the Honors Building is where a lot of student athletes spend time studying and doing homework after campus hours.

Student housing resident in building 1301 Max Bauman said, "The WIFI will connect sometimes, but will also randomly kick me off." Bauman enjoys playing Xbox Live on his free time, but isn't happy when the

WIFI signal in his room is weak.

Building 1305 resident Rachel McPherson said, "It was hard to connect to the server at the beginning of the fall semester." McPherson mentioned that the WIFI was slow and she had to refresh her web page a lot. "Sometimes the connection is not as good in the my bedroom so I

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Photo by Lester Mwirichia/Banner News

Jeff Munoz spends time on his laptop in the Courter Center. DMACC Officials have been working to improve WIFI on campus this semester, especially in areas where students hang out. The inset photo shows the massive amount of wires that help power the system.

Students give input via evaluations

By Trevor Gutknecht
Editor in Chief

If you attended DMACC last semester you received emails to complete evaluations about your classes at the end of the semester. Among all DMACC campuses there were 23,187 evaluations received, according to Joe DeHart, executive director of institutional effectiveness.

"It's my hope that students will take the time do to those surveys," said Boone campus Provost Tom Lee. "It provides us constructive feedback from the students."

This is the first year DMACC has gone with the digital surveys, the college is now evaluating each class, each semester and DeHart says "the more data the better."

Although they are not required, contrary to belief, they are highly recommended.

"It's a tool that we use to try to improve," said Lee. "I get a copy of every one of them. I take time to go through those and I take time to read those. I use those [results] as discussion points with our faculty. If there is a common [trend] through all of those classes, then it provides me with things I need to to address."

The results are not open to the public. "The [collective] data and the anonymous text responses are released to faculty and their supervisors," DeHart said about what happens with the surveys.

As for changes that come from these evaluations, Lee said, "Oh I think so, probably more so for your newer teachers than your more veteran teachers. But I am hopeful that the teachers take the time to look through the results and reflect."

"I talk to the faculty all the

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what you said...

Who will win the Super Bowl and why?

Brad Christensen



"Broncos because they have Peyton Manning."

Kallie Webber



"Broncos because I'm from Colorado."

Ethan Beatty



"Broncos because of their sweet orange jerseys."

Tim Bergin



"Seattle because of their defense."

Mary Heiller



"I don't care because I am a Vikings fan."

Week in review

3 killed in Maryland mall shooting;

(MCT)

BALTIMORE _ Gunfire shattered the Saturday morning bustle at The Mall in Columbia, a gathering place for many in the planned suburban community in Maryland, scattering panicked shoppers as two store employees were shot fatally by a man who police said then killed himself. Howard County police said Brianna Benlolo, 21, of College Park, Md., and Tyler Johnson, 25, of Ellicott City, Md., co-workers at the skate shop Zumiez, were killed shortly after 11 a.m. Police did not release information on the identity or a possible motive of the gunman, who was found with a shotgun and a large amount of ammunition just outside the store on the mall's second floor above the food court. Five people, including one who was shot in the foot, were treated at Howard County General Hospital and released. The other four were not shot but were injured during the chaos after the shots rang out.

'Whiplash' wins at Sundance Festival

PARK CITY, Utah _ "Whiplash," Damien Chazelle's debut feature about a fraught relationship between a teacher and student at a New York music school, was the big winner at the Sundance Film Festival on Saturday night, taking the top audience and grand jury awards in the U.S. dramatic competition. Sony Pictures Classics acquired "Whiplash" _ which stars J.K. Simmons as an abusive instructor and Miles Teller as his prize drummer pupil _ at the festival and aims to release it this year. This is the second year in a row that a single film scored the top two U.S. dramatic prizes; last year, "Fruitvale Station" took those two honors. On the U.S. documentary side, the grand jury gave its top award to Tracy Droz Tragos' and Andrew Droz Palermo's "Rich Hill," about a family in small-town Missouri facing intense financial hardship, while Michael Rossato-Bennett's Alzheimer's documentary "Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory" won the audience prize.

Poll: Most Latinos want action on climat

LOS ANGELES _ Latinos overwhelmingly favor government action to fight climate change, voicing a level of support exceeded only in their views on immigration reform, according to a new poll commissioned by an environmental group. Nine in 10 Latino voters surveyed said it was important for the U.S. government to address global warming and climate change; 80 percent favored presidential action to fight carbon pollution that causes it, according to the nationwide survey funded by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Other polling has shown that Latinos by wide margins back action to curb pollution, climate change and other environmental problems. The latest poll found even more intense support for policies to counter global warming.

Sept. 11 museum's fee stirs some anger

NEW YORK _ When the 9/11 Memorial Museum opens in mid-May, it will have shards of the fallen World Trade Center towers, walls covered with portraits of the nearly 3,000 victims, and the watch worn by Todd Beamer when he declared, "Let's roll," and helped launch an attack on the Flight 93 hijackers. It will have a burned-out ambulance and helmets of firefighters. It will also have a \$24 admission fee, which directors say is needed to maintain the site, a cost that critics say undercuts the idea of ensuring that all the world can visit and learn from the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

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Lunch & Learn

Are you drowning in your clutter? Need advice? Drop in on the next Lunch & Learn at the Boone/DMACC Campus on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in Room 156. The guest speaker is Bonnie Slykus, coordinator of Lean Implementation. Slykus is an expert in organization. This session is sponsored by Fitness & Sports Management & the Student Activities Council.

Attention Spring Grads

Are you graduating this Spring 2014?

You must submit a graduation application to receive your degree, diploma or certificate.

Deadline: February 1, 2014

Information and Applications are available online at dmacc.edu - <https://go.dmacc.edu/handbook/graduation/pages/application.aspx>

If you are a Summer 2014 graduate and plan on walking at the Annual Commencement Ceremony, please submit the graduation application by February 1, 2014.

Childcare and**Transportation help**

A program called Iowa New Choices offers assistance with childcare and transportation for qualifying single parents and displaced homemakers (separated, divorced, widowed or spouse disabled.) For information, contact, Erin Neumann, Room 124, eaneumann@dmacc.edu. Or call 515-433-5037.

Avoid Email scams

Email scams often enter the DMACC email system. You may get a message claiming to be from some type of system administrator from DMACC asking for your username and password, or requesting that you click on a link to re-activate your account, increase your mails quota, or reset your email account.

These are scams. DMACC Tech Support will never ask you for your password and you should never share your password with anyone, or click on suspicious links inside emails that do not go to valid DMACC web addresses. If you receive this type of email, delete it immediately. This is only

an attempt to gain access to your email account so it can be used to send out more spam.

If you have responded to an email with your username and password, please contact the Help Desk at 515-965-7300 to have your password reset immediately.
-Systems Integration

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges. PTK will host several informational meetings on the Boone campus. Students are invited to attend to find out more about joint PTK. For more information, contact Nancy Woods, nawoods@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5061. Or Stacy Amling, slamling@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5089.

Writing Center open

Writing Center consultants are available to help with any writing assignment, during any part of the writing process. With their experience in different types of writing (technical to creative writing) and a broad range of life experience (journalism, firefighting, novel writing, Hawaiian culture, literature, and veterans affairs), you're sure to find someone that "gets you." Stop by any time during our hours. No appointments are necessary for this free service. For more information, contact Krystal Hering, WC coordinator, klhering@dmacc.edu. Or visit <http://go.dmacc.edu/boone/writingcenter/>

HiSET replaces GED

Since 1949 GED has been the test of choice to determine whether a student has acquired the equivalency of a high school diploma. Starting January 2014, Iowa, along with other states, will begin using the HiSET test in place of the GED test. It will be similar to the GED with Reading, Social Studies, Science, Writing Skills, and Math tests.

All DMACC campuses, including the Boone campus, will begin to offer classes in January to help students prepare for HiSET testing. The first session is Jan. 13 through Feb. 27. The second session will be March 3 through April 24. A summer session will be offered also. For more information please stop by the AAC or call 515-433-5095.

Differences United (LGBTQSA)

Differences United (LGBTQSA) is a student organization that started up last spring semester to support students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning, and their straight allies. We invite you to meet the organization's faculty advisors. Let us know you're interested in getting involved. Make your voice heard! We'd love to hear your suggestions and ideas for making this a great support and resource for DMACC Boone Campus students.

Contact Krystal Hering, klhering@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5212.

Honors Program seeks applicants

The DMACC Honors Program is seeking highly motivated students to apply for honors. With nearly 20 students graduating from the Honors Program this year, there are openings for current DMACC students who want to challenge themselves further and graduate from the Honors Program.

If you have completed one college-level English and one college-level math class or are currently enrolled in them, will have completed a minimum of nine (9) college credits and fewer than fifty (50) credits at the end of summer with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, you are eligible to become a DMACC Honors Student. Besides receiving Honors credits on your transfer transcript, enjoying an Honors Lounge on each campus, and attending exciting events (current Honors Students traveled anywhere from Ames, IA to New Orleans, LA last fall), you'll be eligible for up to \$1,000 in merit scholarships each semester you remain in the Program.

To read more about Honors, find out what current DMACC students have to say about Honors, and submit your online application, go to www.dmacc.edu/honors and get started on your way to a rewarding, challenging educational opportunity—right here at DMACC. Contact the DMACC Honors Director at honorsdirector@dmacc.edu with any questions.



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Task force will target campus sexual assaults



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By Jason Felch
and Larry Gordon
Los Angeles Times

(MCT)

President Barack Obama launched a federal task force on Wednesday to combat sexual assault on college campuses, telling the estimated one in five women who are victims, “I’ve got your back.”

Flanked by senior members of his Cabinet at the White House, Obama said he expected recommendations from the group within 90 days. He credited an “inspiring wave of student-led activism” that has cast a spotlight on the issue in recent years.

Obama called on men to get involved in the fight and “summon the bravery to stand up.”

“We’ve got to keep teaching young men in particular to show women the respect they deserve and to recognize sexual violence and be outraged by it, and to do their part to stop it from happening in the first place,” the president said.

The East Room meeting was part of a series of events that the White House has held in the last couple of months to highlight the president’s ability to focus

attention on specific issues, often by getting groups outside the government to work on them. It’s a way of moving forward on policy goals at a time when there’s little chance of getting legislation through Congress.

The White House released a report finding that 22 million women and girls in the United States have been sexually assaulted, the majority by men they know.

The report, by the White House Council on Women and Girls, identified college as a particularly risky place for women, noting that campus rapists are often repeat offenders. Obama called on college presidents across the country to do more to prevent the assaults.

Wednesday’s announcement was seen as a victory by many college activists, who have organized online in recent years to file federal complaints against administrators.

“Having Obama come forward in such a public way is demanding a public shift,” said Alexandra Brodsky, a law student at Yale University who co-filed a Title IX complaint against the school in 2011.

“With one report, one pub-

lic statement, and the power of his office, President Obama just changed the course of sexual violence on campus,” said Caroline Heldman, a politics professor at Occidental College — Obama’s alma mater — who has helped student activists organize.

“We have a long way to go in this struggle, but campus administrators will no longer be able to drag their feet, retaliate against survivors and enact superficial instead of actual changes,” she said.

The presidential spotlight comes amid a significant rise in federal complaints filed by students across the country under Title IX, an anti-discrimination law that requires impartial investigations of assault allegations, and the Clery Act, which mandates accurate reporting of campus crimes.

There were 30 Title IX complaints involving sexual violence in 2013, up from 11 in 2009, according to the Department of Education, which enforces the law.

In California, students have filed federal complaints against USC, Occidental College and the University of California, Berkeley alleging the schools discouraged victims from reporting their assaults and bungled the investiga-

tions required by the anti-discrimination law. Administrators have been more focused on protecting their public images than their students, the complaints say.

In September, Occidental came to a monetary settlement with at least 10 women who were part of the federal complaint.

State legislators have proposed new reporting laws for public campuses. In November, state auditors launched a review of four California campuses: San Diego State University; California State University, Chico; UCLA and UC Berkeley. Amid the scrutiny, evidence has mounted that colleges have failed to comply with the federal laws.

Last fall, USC and Occidental acknowledged they had neglected to report dozens of sexual assaults in their annual crime reports in 2010 and 2011.

In December, a Los Angeles Times review found an additional two dozen or more sexual assaults that Occidental failed to report in 2012, a likely violation of the Clery Act.

As Obama spoke, UC Berkeley junior Sofie Karasek was telling a San Francisco meeting of the UC regents about her sexual assault at an off-campus event in

2012.

She said it took eight months for the university to conclude its investigation, and that she was only told that her assailant had violated the conduct code.

“How do you sleep at night, knowing that while you are busy sweeping rape under the rug, your students are being assaulted because of your inaction?” Karasek said during the public comment period. “How would you feel if one of your children or someone you know went through this utterly useless, demeaning process?”

UC President Janet Napolitano told reporters later that “the basic question is, and what each chancellor needs to be sure of is: Are our campuses safe and, if an incident occurs, is the victim taken care of and is the perpetrator identified and punished accordingly?”

Similar stories to Karasek’s have surfaced on campuses across the country.

The task force created by the president calls on federal agencies to coordinate their response to the complaints and crack down on schools who fail to comply with federal law.

Obama, the father of two girls, noted parallels with the ongoing controversy over sexual assaults in the military, saying, “sexual violence is more than just a crime against individuals. It threatens our families, it threatens our communities; ultimately, it threatens the entire country.”

The White House report also called for changes in how law enforcement handles sexual assault cases.

Only 12 percent of campus assaults are reported to police, the report noted. When they are, they rarely lead to convictions. Among the reasons: Survivors can be too traumatized to come forward and police and prosecutors can be biased, doubting the credibility of victims or are reluctant to take on the difficult cases, the report said.

The report also called for faster processing of rape kits, which collect evidence that is vital to many prosecutions.

“In order to put an end to this violence, we as a nation must see it for what it is: a crime,” the report said. “Not a misunderstanding, not a private matter, not anyone’s right or any woman’s fault.”

Surveys provide course feedback

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time. Education is the only business that we can be in that we get a new start every semester. So we have a chance to look at what we did right and we have a chance look at what we did wrong. And I think that’s really valuable,” said Lee.

Lee wants students to know that the results are anonymous, grades will already be in and the class is over with.

“We want to make sure students feel safe, comfortable and answer them in a sincere manner.”

Lee admitted that the surveys may be a bit skewed based on whether a student was not in class enough or not doing as well as they should have. But at this point the staff believes this is the best way to gather this information due the number of students and getting the information back in a timely matter.

On the subject of the future DeHart said they will have already started working on getting them together for the spring semester. So it looks like this will be the way we evaluate classes going forward.

In closing Lee want to stress one thing -- improvement.

“We don’t use it as a punitive tool, we use these as an improvement tool.”

Computer help available on campus

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have to go to the living room to finish my homework,” McPherson said.

It is important to get homework done on time. Le understands the importance of this concept, and hopes to check it off his to-do list before the end of the year.

“My door is always open,” Le said.

Students have taken advantage of Le’s open door policy.

Hannah Long said Le helped her navigate through BlackBoard on her laptop. “He did a good job and he knew what he was doing.”

Long did not know there was help available on campus. She had asked instructor Jane Martino, who pointed her to Le’s office location on the first floor, room 126.

Long also said, “It is good feeling to know that if you need assistance with your computer, you can find it right here on campus.”

Le has big plans for the campus in the next five years. He would like to upgrade the hardware in the building.

“But that’s up to the big boys.”

Le said he would also like to see the campus “go green” by printing less. He likes when teachers use Blackboard along with the instructor’s website when assigning homework.



Allow me to introduce

From across the pond

Men's basketball player calls England home

In this special feature Banner News staff writer Keith Taylor will introduce readers to a noteworthy member of the DMACC community.

By Keith Taylor Jr.
Staff Writer

Here at DMACC we have recruited quite a few new faces on our men's basketball team. Some of which had to travel quite a ways to be able to join all of the opportunities DMACC has to offer.

One student in particular had to travel all the way from a different country. It isn't often that a community college such as ours acquires an overseas recruit.

For those of you who don't know the 6'9" freshmen who currently plays center, his name is Elliott Defreitas.

To offer a little history about Elliott, it's fair for people to know his whereabouts before he truly became a full-fledged DMACC Bear.

The 19-year-old Englishmen grew up in a town called Essex, which lies just outside the bound-

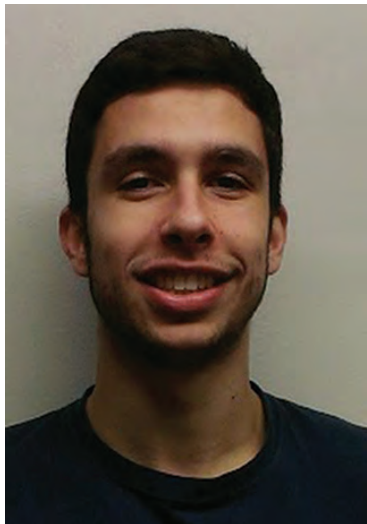


Photo by Keith Taylor Jr.

Elliott Defreitas

aries of London.

The young Defreitas grew up in a single parent home with just his mother, or as he says "Mum", and his younger brother. Elliott's mother was a middle class citizen of the England economy.

During Elliott's high school experience he studied at a prep school in England throughout his senior year. Elliott's team would travel to America to come play against several teams, one of

which was DMACC. The coaches enjoyed Elliott's performance, so DMACC offered him a full-ride scholarship to play on the men's basketball team. Elliott was excited, considering that his parents had not gone to college, so they were proud of his accomplishment.

Soon after Elliott got the offer, his father and brother traveled with him by plane. He moved immediately into the dorms with his fellow teammates in the fall semester of 2013.

When explaining some positive American experiences, Elliott quotes: "The food and the people are the best thing about America."

Moving such a distance as Elliott did, he says: "I miss my family the most."

It didn't take Elliott long to grow accustomed to his new lifestyle as a college student on campus. He often enjoys hanging out with his friends during his free time, but that does not distract him from his main focuses.

Elliott also uses his free time to study for his courses and work out as much as possible.

ASK club has answer for science, tech, engineering, math majors

DMACC BOONE, IA – A new campus club called ASK, Application of STEM Knowledge, is focused on providing its members hands-on opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.

ASK invites all interested students to attend a meeting to find out about exciting opportunities. Meetings are held bi-weekly in Room 223. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 31, at 11:15 a.m.

"ASK wants to connect STEM students, and provide them with opportunities that set them apart from others in their field," ASK President JJ Hu said.

The club is open to competitive and non-competitive projects for which students have a strong interest. The club also strives to help students network with professionals.

ASK will be hosting lunch-and-learn speakers throughout the semester. The club hopes to tap into the rich STEM culture at Iowa State as well as other universities and businesses around the state.

For more information, contact Carl De Vries at cjdevries@dmacc.edu.

DMACC basketball game will go red for Heart Assoc

On Saturday, Feb. 15, DMACC is teaming up with the American Heart Association to host a REDOUT basketball game.

Students and staff can support the REDOUT event by donating \$10 and receiving a REDOUT T-shirt to wear to the game.

Stop by the Courter Center to make your donation and get your REDOUT t-shirt. Then wear your t-shirt to the REDOUT game on Feb. 15 when DMACC faces off against Marshalltown. The women's game starts at 1 p.m.

To learn more about this cause, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLy0onbLTXM>



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Sports Round Up

Hurdle's double-double leads Bears past ICCC



DMACC File Photo

Jamar Hurdle (23) of Milwaukee, Wis., a freshman on the DMACC men's basketball team, scored 25 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked five shots in leading the Bears to a 94-77 win over Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) Jan. 22 at the DMACC gymnasium.

DMACC - Freshman Jamar Hurdle of Milwaukee, Wis., collected a double-double with 25 points and 14 rebounds in leading the DMACC men's basketball team to a 94-77 win over Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) Jan. 22 at the DMACC gymnasium.

Hurdle was 11-of-14 from the field and made three of his four free throw attempts. He also recorded five blocked shots in the win.

Freshman Trey Sampson of Cedar Rapids contributed 16 points to the DMACC attack. Sophomore Derek Williams of Milwaukee, Wis., scored 12 points and sophomore Brandon Nazione of Howell, Mich., and freshman Aarias Austin of Gurnee, Ill., had 11 points apiece as the Bears improved to 17-4 overall and 4-2 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICAC).

DMACC shot 62 percent for the game, hitting 37 of 60 field goal attempts, including 12-of-24 from three-point range. The Bears made 17 of 28 field goal attempts in taking a 40-26 lead at halftime and were 20-of-32 in the second half.

Women's team falls to Iowa Western 90-49



DMACC File Photo

Sophomore Breanna Hall (34) of Riverside, a member of the DMACC women's basketball team, had her first double-double of the season with 12 points and 14 rebounds in the Bears' 87-82 loss to Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) Jan. 22 at the DMACC gymnasium.

DMACC - Sophomore Carlee Schuhmacher of Watertown, Wis., earned her 15th double-double of the season with 20 points and 12 rebounds as the DMACC women's basketball team dropped a 90-49 decision to Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) Jan. 25 at Council Bluffs.

Sophomore Jalissa Felici of Bellevue, Neb., had 10 points and sophomore Alexis Bunting of Indianola added eight as the Bears fell to 12-9 for the season.

IWCC, ranked 18th in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I poll, had a 53-19 lead at halftime and coasted to the victory in the second half.

The Reivers came away with a 61-39 advantage on the boards with Schuhmacher's 12 rebounds leading the Bears. She also had five blocked shots. Bunting and Felici dished out five and four assists respectively.

Sports

Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | NIACC | Boone, IA | 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | Kirkwood | Boone, IA | 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | Southwestern | Creston, IA | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 | Ellsworth | Iowa Falls, IA | 7:30 p.m. |

Women's Basketball

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| Feb. 1 | NIACC | Boone, IA | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 5 | Southeastern | Keokuk, IA | 6:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | Kirkwood | Boone, IA | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | Southwestern | Creston, IA | 5:30 p.m. |

TWIN CEDARS' BRITTNEY ROBY TO PLAY SOFTBALL

DMACC - Brittney Roby, a senior at Twin Cedars High School in Bussey, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and play softball.

"Brittney is the type of young lady we build our program around," DMACC softball coach Bob Ligouri said, adding the Roby will play in the outfield for DMACC.

"Attending DMACC will help me further myself as a player and help me reach my full potential," Roby said of her decision. "I will have the best people helping me prepare for my future goals. My classes at DMACC will hopefully help me decide what career I'd like to do in the future."

Roby played in the outfield and pitched for Twin Cedars High School and also played club softball with the Outlaws, one of the top club teams in the state.

Roby has led Class 1A in hitting in each of her four years of high school varsity softball and has been the top hitter in the state in three of the past four seasons. As a junior, she batted .634 with 71 hits in 112 plate appearances. Her 71 hits included 19 doubles, 10 triples and four home runs. She scored 64 runs, drove in 29 runs and was 10-of-10 in stolen bases. Roby had a .677 on-base percentage and a 1.089 slugging percentage. She struck out just once and walked 12 times.

As a pitcher, Roby was 15-6 with a 3.05 earned run average. She worked 130 and 2/3 innings, allowing 73 hits and 80 runs, 57 of which were earned. She struck out 176 batters and walked 111. Roby also had a .948 fielding percentage.

Roby said she likes the atmosphere and small class sizes at DMACC.

"DMACC is small enough to know most people, but big enough to give me the college experience," Roby said. "I enjoy my coaches and look forward to playing for them. My future teammates are people I look forward to playing with because I believe they share similar qualities with me. We want to be the best."

Roby said another factor in her decision is the success of the DMACC softball program.

"I believe that DMACC is creating a great softball program and will have great opportunities at being at the top of the pack," Roby said. "On and off the field, I know my coaches require me to be the best I can be and in the classroom. I also know they will help me with whatever problem I might have."

Roby is the first of at least 10 new players Ligouri hopes to sign for the 2014-15 school year.

Submit a letter to the editor
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-or-

Publish your own opinion columns
through the *Banner News*.

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A note from the Editor

New chief shares goals



Dear readers,

My name is Trevor Gutknecht and I have been appointed Editor in Chief of the Banner News this Spring 2014 semester. I want to bring you the cam-

pus news in a clear, timely and concise manner. I have already made some changes to the Banner including the new header and new fonts throughout. We are also looking to become more integrated with the website, to bring you a better news experience. We will also be looking to boost our Facebook page as well as our Twitter account to become more connected with you our readers.

So go to your Facebook page and hit that like button. And head over to Twitter and follow us for more news.

Don't hesitate to get involved with us; this is YOUR campus newspaper. You as the readers are just as important as the staff that puts it together. What's news if there is no one around to hear

it? (Insert snarky joke about a blog post here.)

If there's something you want us to cover let us know, we will gladly take suggestions. Have an opinion about something? Send it in to us bannernews@dmacc.edu and we'll review it and get it in the paper. Do you have an idea for the "person on the street" section? Want to be interviewed for the "P.O.S."? Just get in touch with us anytime and we will gladly take your suggestion.

We're living digital age and we at the Banner understand that picking up a hardcopy paper may not be high on your priority list but we have set out to make it easier to get your Boone DMACC campus news.

Best wishes and good luck,
Trevor Gutknecht

Join the news team



By Julie Roosa
Faculty advisor

The *Banner News* needs you. And you need the *Banner News*.

Here's why.

The *Banner News* is a student-led news team serving the Boone campus. The students on staff aim to cover the campus and deliver the news. No other news source has the inside scoop on DMACC/Boone like they do.

They know what you need to know and what you want to know even before you know you want to know it.

You know?

The *Banner News* is a small but mighty crew as you can see from the staff list on this page. They want that list to grow. They need it to grow because the job they do is big.

And that's why they need you.

You don't need to be a journalism major; training is provided.

In fact, my job as faculty advisor for the *Banner News* is to help students learn how to cover and deliver the news.

The student editor in chief is the boss; I'm the backup.

The students staffers make the decisions; I help identify the options.

I'm the coach; the students are the team. And it's the team that is in charge.

Members of the *Banner News* staff pitch their own story ideas, make assignments, ask questions, write news stories, compose opinion pieces, sell advertising, take pictures, design pages, shoot video, capture audio, present broadcasts, use social

media and update the Web.

In short, they do it all.

And there is a lot to do. It's a big job to produce the *Banner News* in print every other week and online even more often.

So the staff needs you.

Whether you are into computers, science, engineering, writing, nursing, criminal justice, biology, the environment, business, law, foreign language, theater, math, or none of the above, the *Banner News* can use you.

And you can use us.

Use us to boost your resume, giving you that hands-on work experience that will give you the edge in your next job interview.

Use us to improve your writing skills, speaking skills, problem solving skills.

Use us to show you can work with a team. And work independently. You can get along with others. And meet deadlines. You can supervise and take direction.

Use us to show you can write clearly, edit carefully, and argue logically.

Oh, and we have fun, too.

There are three ways to get involved in the *Banner News*:

1. For college credit. Enroll in a journalism class (JOU122 Intro to News Production, 3 credits or JOU142 Journalism Practicum, 2 credits.) Staffers in these classes produce everything you see in the paper.

2. For work study. Several work study positions are available. If you qualify for work study, you can apply at the *Banner News* and get paid for your work. These positions offer flexible scheduling and can often be tailored to your interests.

3. As a freelancer. Volunteer your time and talents in the area you like most, contributing as much or as little as you like depending on your schedule.

Over the years, when I've been in the market for a job, I've noticed a common theme. During interviews, potential employers ask about my work on my college news staff. The fact that I served as editor in chief

at the *Iowa State Daily* was the difference-maker in landing all the positions I've been privileged to have. Not just the journalism jobs, all the jobs.

Sure, I've worked in media, but I've also worked as a law clerk, a judicial clerk, an attorney in private practice, a victim's rights advocate, a manager at a police department, and now a college instructor. Every stop along the way, it's been the college news experience that got me noticed. Not the classes I took. The GPA I maintained. The degrees I earned. The papers I published. The awards I received. Those are important. But the key has been the college news staff experience.

Joining the *Banner News* will do the same for you.

Again, you don't necessarily need to want to do journalism. I have friends from my college *Daily* days that have gone on to do many other things -- several are lawyers, many are published authors, a few are teachers, one is a documentary filmmaker, one is an anchor on CNN in New York, one runs a museum in Washington, D.C., several are in public relations, a few are college instructors, one is an entrepreneur in India, another works in Tokyo.

The common thread?

We all worked on our college newspaper.

Students on a news staff get noticed. They do things. They get involved. They have opinions. They work hard. They get the job done. They are motivated.

If you want to get noticed, now and in the future, join your college news staff.

We need you. And you need us.

For more information on the *Banner News*, to meet the editors, or to schedule a tour of the newsroom, contact me. I can be reached at jkroosa@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5215. Or drop in to Room 115, the *Banner News* newsroom, during our open office hours from 11 to 1 p.m. weekdays.

Meet the Banner News staff



Lester Kwendo Mwirichia

I was born in Nairobi, Kenya. I came to the United States when I was 8 years old. I attended Des Moines Hoover High School. "Go Huskies!"

After graduating, I attended Marshalltown Community College last year, studying broadcast journalism & communications. Then I moved to DMACC in Boone to finish my AA, and I am looking to transfer to Iowa State University to continue my studies.

I'm hoping to use the experience I get from the *Banner News* as a stepping stone to help me reach my career goals. I will be interning with FOX Sports News in the summer of 2014 in St. Louis.

I hope to announce for the Cardinals one day! GO CARDS!

I am a full-time student, but outside of school, I own my own a part-time business doing sales and marketing. I am a people person and enjoy communicating and connecting with others along with volunteering.

Living in Ames, I enjoy hanging out with friends and attending ISU events. GO CYCLONES!

My other hobbies include being a musician. I enjoy all types of music from Country to Hip-Hop, Rock, Classical, Reggae, and all the above. Having experience on a drumset for about eight years has allowed me to perform in many different bands in Des Moines.

I believe that working together with people is the best investment in life because "One of us is not as smart as all of us."



Keith Taylor Jr.,

I am a full-time freshman living on campus. I am currently studying AGS (Associate General Studies). I will major in Environmental Science, which I am transferring to Iowa State University to complete.

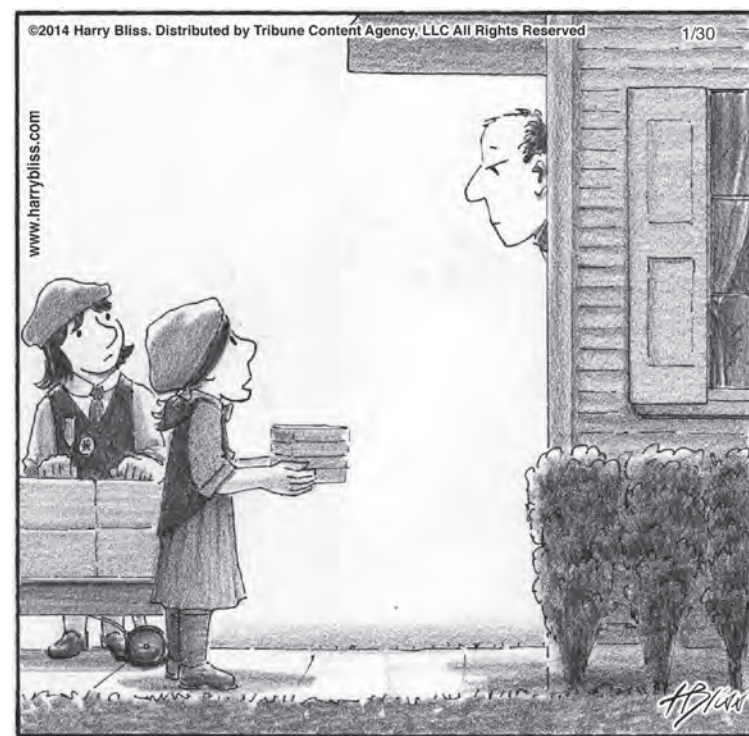
I grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, most of my life, so I'm pretty used to the scenery. I graduated from Lincoln High School, located on the south side of Des Moines.

I enjoy creating canvas art, writing, interacting with different types of individuals, which led me to take part in the *Banner News* team for work study.

I chose Environmental Science for my major because I would like to travel while also making a positive impact in the world. The impact I speak of is helping to preserve our natural resources and endangered species of Earth's life cycle. I believe that if more humans treat the future as a figment of the decisions made in each moment of the present day, they will come to realize their ability to have a positive impact on the planet is within arm's reach.

Not pictured:

Carl De Vries, web editor
Kyla Durr, staff writer
Erica Brown, cartoonist
Brian Osborn, columnist



"Actually, they're Gender-Neutral Scout Cookies."

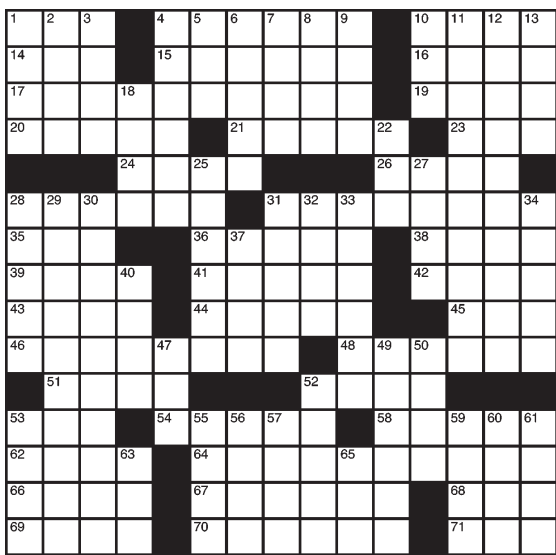
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Fly-by-nighter?
- 4 Hartford market checker's action?
- 10 To be, to Brutus
- 14 Pod resident
- 15 La Quinta rival
- 16 Mocked, in a way
- 17 Boise jewelry?
- 19 Radius neighbor
- 20 Huffington Post piece
- 21 Catches on, with "up"
- 23 Helen Reddy's "___ Woman"
- 24 Signs of approval
- 26 Seek, as a fugitive
- 28 Like Mont Blanc
- 31 Harrisburg loudspeaker network?
- 35 China's Chou En-
- 36 "My Fair Lady" composer



By C.C. Burnikel

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- 1 Mayberry kid
- 2 Unites
- 3 Physical exam tests
- 4 Coloring stick
- 5 "Tic ___ Dough": old TV game show
- 6 Small diving ducks
- 7 City SW of Bogot.
- 8 Lemony drinks
- 9 Cager Archibald
- 10 Evian water
- 11 Broke into small, sharp pieces
- 12 Contest for a seat
- 13 Cheese in a red coat
- 18 Delhi royal
- 22 Hardly outgoing
- 25 Beach town NV of San Diego
- 27 "Semper Fi" org.
- 28 Last Olds model
- 29 Playboy
- 30 Rum-and-coconut drink
- 31 Organ part
- 32 Illegally off base, briefly
- 33 Six-line sonnet section

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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(Photos courtesy Quantrell Colbert/MCT)

Above: Kevin Hart, left, and Ice Cube lead the lineup in "Ride Along." Below: Angela (Tika Sumpter, left) and Ben (Kevin Hart) have a heart-to-heart.

Movie review: 'Ride Along'

This review appeared in the Iowa State Daily on Jan. 21. It is reprinted in the Banner News with permission.

By Nick Hamden
Guest Movie Critic

Way back in July, I had to write a synopsis of the upcoming year of movies, from August to April 2014. At that time, barely anything had been listed, so it was mostly a crapshoot. Of the little that January had, I remember thinking that "Ride Along" had the most potential. Two actors whom I tend to enjoy, a buddy cop movie and it is an action comedy. Buddy cop-ish, because only one of them is actually a cop in the film.

As January grew closer and closer, it was still one of the potential bright spots because January itself is where they just tend to dump a lot of bad movies. So I hope "Ride Along" ends up being brilliant, or else I am just stuck relying on Zac Efron to save the month.

In "Ride Along," Ben Barber (Kevin Hart) is a short nobody.



He is a security guard at a high school, but he really wants to be a cop someday and is trying really hard to get into the police academy. He thinks he needs to become a cop in order to finally marry his long term girlfriend, Angela (Tika Sumpter).

But really, all she wants is for him to stop being in a war with her brother, James (Ice Cube), who he might have accidentally set on fire. But hey, now that Ben has gotten accepted into the police academy, maybe James will like him and give him his blessing for marriage.

Turns out James still hates him, but he does agree to give Ben one day to try and change his mind. He will invite him on a ride along, to see if he can make it on the streets, while making his life a living hell.

John Leguizamo and Bryan Callen play other cops on the street, and Bruce McGill as their Lieutenant. Oh, and Laurence Fishburne is in this movie. Yeah, Laurence Fishburne!

You know what I like most about this movie? Ice Cube said that today was a good day. I get that reference. Well done Ice Cube.

I also laughed a couple times at Kevin Hart. More so later on near the end of the movie, but not a lot unfortunately.

For an Action/Comedy, the action was sub par, and the comedy felt extremely sparse. It is a huge shame that I found this movie so disappointing because I really tend to at least find their work enjoyable. Maybe Ice Cube was just too much of a tough guy but really being a bit meh.

The acting was not too great and unfortunately all of the twists and turns you could see coming a mile away.

If "About Last Night" in February does not end up being impressive for Kevin Hart, I might have to rethink actually liking him. Good at stand up, bad at movies.

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Your horoscope for this week



(MCT)

Aries (March 21 -- April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Think up solutions from a new vantage point. New opportunities open up to advance the prosperity of your community. Opposites attract, now even more. Plan actions before taking them. Get into strategy.

Taurus (April 20 -- May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- You don't need to spend to have fun. Play music, draw or write. There's nothing wrong with changing your mind. Take small steps toward your goal. Solve a household problem while you're at it.

Gemini (May 21 -- June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- You can get whatever you need. Let your partner take the lead. Meeting a deadline conserves your good reputation. Finances become more optimistic. Share your gratitude with your team. It does take a village.

Cancer (June 21 -- July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- There's a problem at work, but you can solve it. Create an elegant social event. Being generous doesn't have to be expensive. Let the responses come. Quiet, do-nothing time and meditation allow for innovative thinking.

Leo (July 23 -- Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Continue your good work, and advance to the next level. It starts with the first step. Postpone cleaning house. A mess is fine. Gamble or take risks another day. Celebrate and appreciate a loved one.

Virgo (Aug. 23 -- Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Consider an interesting suggestion from someone beloved. Strengthen your foundation, to avoid losing a deal to another. Have faith, plus a backup plan. Borrow to regain balance. Don't bite more than you can chew.

Libra (Sept. 23 -- Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- New skills make you even more interesting. Take risks with home projects, while willing to accept consequences good or bad. Wisdom prevails. You have more in reserve than you thought. Tally up, then celebrate the results.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 -- Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Select colors and designs. You're very attractive now. Sparks fly, creatively and otherwise, and it's all good. Emotional speeches are par for the course. Limit your spending considerably. Slow down and accomplish more.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 -- Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Decline a party in favor of a private activity. Confirm attendance. Express your true feelings. Do the homework. Anticipate controversy. Let go of how you thought it had to be. Flattery will get you everything.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 -- Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- You can solve a challenging puzzle. Others vie for your attention. Do the homework. The data you're amassing comes in useful later. It's not a good time to gamble. Run a reality check. Postpone having company over. Indulge in mindless diversions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 -- Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Fall in love all over again. Intuition points the way... follow your heart. Keep digging for the best deal, and drive a bargain. A female records decisions. Mean what you say. Circumstances dictate the direction to go.

Pisces (Feb. 19 -- March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Begin a new project, but finish the old stuff first. Don't get intimidated by constructive criticism. Keep more in reserve than in your pocket. Bring excitement to the bargaining table. Insist on complete honesty. Exude confidence.

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-CHELSIE ROHRS '13

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