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Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Koch

seeking a Peaceful break

Instructor embarks on protest mission in El Salvador over spring break

By Cainon Leeds
Editor-in-Chief

Statistics instructor Mary Ann Koch will be travelling over spring break to El Salvador to protest the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

She will be leaving on March

15 with 24 other protesters with the U. S. Army School of the Americas Watch organization to visit sites where El Salvadorans had been murdered and petition the El Salvadoran government for peace.

According to Koch, SOA Watch is working to shut down WHINSEC, which was originally called the U. S. Army School of the Americas, a subdivision of the United States Department of Defense, and persuade other nations not to send their military person-

nel to train at WHINSEC.

The SOA Watch has claimed that WHINSEC has been training its students to assassinate, torture and set up dictatorships in South and Central America. "It's not made up things," said Koch, "There's a story of one woman...she was taken from her courtyard. She was in the courtyard of her house and someone came along and took her and tor-

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DMACC wrestles with news of Olympic cut

By Kolby Vetter
Staff Writer

DMACC Ames staff member and former Iowa State wrestler, Jeff Kelly believes wrestling needs to pin down its marketing to fans worldwide, but supports Terry Branstad and many top names in their fight against the International Olympic Committee's decision to drop wrestling from the field.

In mid-February the IOC held a meeting and voted to cut wrestling from the Olympic games moving forward starting in 2020. After it was announced, much of the response was negative, with many people in disbelief that such a thing could happen.

Kelly, who last year was inducted into the Iowa High

School Wrestling hall of fame, has been around wrestling for most of his life. Kelly grew up in Britt, Iowa, where his dad also a former wrestler taught him the ropes.

"I had five brothers that all wrestled as well, so it was more of a family thing," Kelly said.

After high school Kelly continued his wrestling career by attending Iowa State University from 1985-1990, and was part of the 1987 national championship squad. After his competing days were over, Kelly then became head coach at Valley City State University, a NAIA school in North Dakota.

When Kelly heard the news that the IOC voted to take away wrestling, he was surprised.

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Photo courtesy of Jeff Kelly

DMACC staff member Jeff Kelly, far right, was named to the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame last year.



Kelsie Berke

Michael Ryndak

Jocelyn Anderson

Teresa Albertson

Tim Bergin



"Going to play golf in Kansas. They have hard courses."



"Probably just going home."



"Hopefully going to the Women's Basketball Nationals, if not I'll be hanging out at home."



"I used to live in Vail, Colorado, so I'm taking my family back to go skiing."



"I'll probably visit Kansas to see my parents and my wife's family."

What will you be doing for spring break?

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To the rescue

EMS students learn to save lives



Photo by Colin Chinery

Mailey Timm in front of one of Story County Hospital's ambulances in Nevada, Iowa.

By Josh Stevens

Staff Writer

Current and former students say they feel DMACC offers fulfilling, exciting and challenging career choices for students interested in their Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician courses but warn the choice isn't for everyone.

"A paramedic takes a particular type of person. It takes an adrenaline junkie with the ability to think critically and react quickly," said Jessie Gaumer, who graduated last year from the EMT program at DMACC and now works as an EMT in Belmond, Iowa.

Mailey Timm, a Boone DMACC non-traditional student, current paramedic and teacher in her field said, "EMS or emergency care workers are kind of the misfits who fit. We are [thought of as] a half bubble off plum. I think more than anything it came from feeling helpless and now you want to help."

Timm, a graduate of the DMACC paramedic program in 2000 is currently enrolled in school, working on getting her Physicians Assistant degree, she spoke about her reasoning for a change in position, challenges of a paramedic and its rewards.

Timm explained her switch, "Now I can do the same work at 72 degrees, with good lighting and at waist level, instead of upside down in a creek in the dark during the dead of winter."

Timm spoke about one of her most rewarding experiences. She was working in the lab and got back lab results that showed

that the patient had high sugar levels. She right away told the doctor that the patient was diabetic but the doctor explained that the sugar "dump" was a sympathetic system response to the accident.

Several years later she had responded to an emergency where a baby was seizing. They knew right away that the story they were being in told was not consistent with the injuries the caregiver was telling had happened. They removed the baby from the scene.

A few days later Timm received a call back from one of the detectives who was trying to find the abuser of the child but the child had been in the care of nine different care providers in the last three days. The Children's hospital could only narrow it down to the past three days but Timm held the key to prosecute the perpetrator of this crime. As she walked out the door of the interview she said, "It was like this light bulb."

She turned to the detective and said, "I have your answer." She had done a blood sugar test on the baby and the baby had been seizing for over a half an hour, he should have used up all his energy and should have had a low blood sugar. At the scene Timm had ran a blood sugar that was high but the hospital that received him the level was back down. This information directly resulted in the conviction of a child abuser.

DMACC offers five different paramedic programs, the Paramedic AAS, Paramedic Certification, Paramedic AAS-Clinical Emphasis, Paramedic AAS-Fire Science Emphasis, and Paramedic AAS-Public Administration Emphasis.

The AAS classes prepare students with the knowledge to become paramedics upon passing of the certification exam known as the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (NREMT-P)

this leads to National and State Certification. The Paramedic Certificate Course is a short-term program meant to be a tune up session for those already in the field.

DMACC's EMT certification is a 6-credit course but an individual must have CPR certification through the Red Cross Professional Rescuer or a American Heart Association Health Care Provider.

Gaumer spoke about the course's preparation, "They did extremely well preparing you with the knowledge end of things but nothing can prepare you for the types of situations you face."

Timm and Gaumer agree, life of an EMT or paramedic is not a typical one.

Timm said, "We are really warped we have a really dark sense of humor." During her last 24-hour shift she had three calls. "90 percent of the time we sit around with our thumbs up our ass the other 10 percent of the time we can't get a thumb up our ass."

Gaumer explained the dark humor; "Dark humor is due a form of stress management as it makes the difficulty of situations a bit easier to take."

The fulfillment of helping others in their time of need resonates with these two DMACC Grads.

Timm spoke about the thought process of EMS personnel, "If you can make someone else's worst day a tear drop better then you've done something. I love it."

Gaumer spoke about her first response, "My first call ever was to the fairgrounds in Des Moines an older gentleman who had collapsed and didn't remember he was. He was scared but had no pain so all I did was hold his hand. As we drove to the hospital he began to relax and once we had got there he thanked me for being by his side."

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Transferring can be tricky



Illustration by: Stacy Walker

By Jessica McNeecce

Staff Writer

DMACC student Sierra Pilk was accepted into the Iowa State transfer program this year, but she has yet to hear if she will be admitted to the university.

Pilk said she applied to ISU two weeks ago but has failed to receive an acceptance letter or an email from the school.

"I have had problems getting in contact with advisors at my four year school. I know they are busy but no one has even sent me an email or replied to my emails," she said. This makes it hard for Pilk because she has questions about classes, scholarships, majors, finances, and much more. "I am hoping to get in touch with someone soon," Pilk said.

Pilk is not alone in her struggles with the transfer process. Other students also find the path to moving on to a four-year school isn't always smooth.

DMACC Advisor Jocelyn Anderson has had many students come in who are ready to transfer but they find their credits won't transfer, they need to take a class before they transfer, or other obstacles with transferring.

Even though Pilk has her plans all set -- she will go to ISU for her bachelor's degree and then attend the veterinary medicine college for her master's and doctorate degrees -- it is hard to keep moving forward when the transfer process is so difficult.

"I have yet to get my student I.D. number there and sign up for an email for ISU. I have applied for admissions also and am waiting to hear back. I have decided my major and minor," Pilk said.

Anderson said she has several recommendations for students to make the transfer process easier.

"Sophomores who are planning to graduate need to first narrow down their options between schools," she said. The next step is contacting the schools to see if specific courses are needed.

"Then set up an appointment with a DMACC advisor to

make sure that you are on track."

Anderson said the next step is to apply to two or three schools and send transcripts. "Last of all, look into scholarship opportunities, deadlines might pass."

DMACC also has partnership programs to help make the transition to a four-year school easier. Advisors help set students up with these programs to help them stay on track.

"We have partnership programs set up with big universities and private schools. It allows you to talk to advisors at the transfer school. We also have a lot of transfer agreements with schools that show what classes will transfer over," Anderson said.

Joanne Temple in the Financial Aid Office also knows that students struggle with FAFSA and student loans when transferring.

"Make sure you know the date the school you want to transfer to has set for the FAFSA information to be done by," she said.

Students often tend to forget about dues owed or loans, which causes problems when they are not at DMACC anymore.

"Just double check with financial aid that you have everything paid," said Temple, "If you have student loans, make sure you have a deferment form for any loans at your previous school. It will postpone your loans till you are done with school and can pay them off."

Under the Transfer Program tab on the DMACC website there are tips to a successful transfer, including taking a Transfer Planning course (SDV 165).

"SDV 165 class has helped a lot of people that are willing to take it," said Anderson.

Advisor Offices are open Monday-Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Walk in and scheduled appointments are both welcome.

"The biggest thing is to come in to advisors and talk to them if a student has questions. You would be surprised how many people don't come in to talk about their transfer plan," said Anderson.



Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Koch

DMACC instructor Mary Ann Koch, second from right, will travel to El Salvador over spring break to participate in a peace protest. Koch, who is the director of the Academic Achievement Center, has joined in other demonstrations over the years such as the one pictured above on Oct. 2, 2011, at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha.

Koch travels south to seek peace

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tured her for 24 hours and did horrendous things. And then she escaped and goes about the country telling her story of what happened, and that was an American."

According to Koch, the woman was able to identify her captors as being associated with WHINSEC and that the story is "quite substantiated."

Koch and her group will also visit the site of Archbishop Romero's grave and church while in El Salvador. According to Koch, Romero, who was outspoken about the disappearances and assassinations in the area, was assassinated after delivering a sermon on March 24, 1980. WHINSEC, on the other hand, has published on the Department of Defense website that, "Closing WHINSEC because a very small fraction of the tens of thousands of past attendees of the former SOA were accused and convicted of criminal acts and or human rights abuses would be tantamount to shutting down other universities because those entities may have alumni accused and convicted of criminal activity."

Moreover, WHINSEC said, "WHINSEC students seek only to better serve the budding democratic processes and civil-military relationships in their respective countries."

DMACC history instructor Charles Irwin said that in many modern conflicts, "One person's freedom fighter is another person's terrorist."

Koch said she has protested several causes over the years, but always in English speaking countries.

"I've never been in another culture before," she said.

Koch said that, although she can't speak Spanish fluently, some members of the group can translate.

According to a 2010 Washington Post article, Koch and her group of protesters may have more to worry about than a branch of a government being out of control and communicating with the natives. The article ranked El Salvador as the second most violent nation in the world. Only Honduras had more homicides.



"It takes courage to go into these areas."

-Charles Irwin, history instructor

"I'm really not afraid. I'm not fearful of it," said Koch.

"They told us to not go out by ourselves from the hotel. They told us to always go in groups of two or more," she said.

"If I was in downtown New York, depending on where I was, I wouldn't go out by myself either," Koch said, "And I've been in St. Louis, which you know is a large city, and I've been downtown in an area that I walked rather quickly through."

Irwin said, "It takes courage to go into these areas."

The number of protesters for protests against WHINSEC has also raised some concern. Compared with the thousands of people who protested the WHINSEC headquarters at Fort Benning, Georgia in years past, 25 protesters is a small number.

Some on campus believed that, no matter the size of the protest, Koch's position, work and dedication will not go unnoticed

by everyone.

Political science instructor Bruce Kelly said, "I don't think people should engage in an activity necessarily because they think it will be successful, but because they think it is morally right or wrong."

Koch spoke to the Honors Service Learning class about her experience with community service.

DMACC Honors student Taylor Baggett, who was present at the class, said, "If this group of 25 people that goes down there has their message organized well, I think they could be just as effective as a larger group."

Koch explained that SOA Watch split its protesters over different areas to cover more ground. She said that another group will be protesting in Washington D. C. later this spring.

Koch plans to return to DMACC from her trip on March 26.

A (bitter) sweet cause

Developmental psych class organizes bake sale for local girl with anemia



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Benjamin, Elizabeth and Emmalynn Matthies in the engineering wing

By Cainon Leeds

Editor-in-Chief

DMACC students will be hosting a bake sale on March 14 for Emmalynn Matthies, a local 3-year-old girl with a rare form of anemia. The money from the bake sale will help pay for expenses related to her treatment.

Students of Jane Martino's, a psychology instructor at DMACC Boone, have chosen to participate in the bake sale. According to Martino, all of her developmental psychology students, which she estimated to be around 90, have helped Emmalynn as part of their projects.

"In developmental psych, I encourage, I don't demand, I encourage people to take on a project. And you can earn different amounts of points toward your in class points by participating and or leading a project," Martino said.

"All I do is each semester I say, 'I want you to find something that you can feel strong enough about that you can participate,'" she added.

The bake sale will be held in the Courter Center from 9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. or when all of the items have been sold.

A cookie sale to help Emmalynn and her family was held in the Courter Center on February 12 and 13 as well.

"We had the cookie sale, and we made a smidge under five

hundred bucks," said Martino.

Martino's students also spent time raising money for Emmalynn last year.

"Some of the kids got together and through the softball team they did fabulous stuff. They sold t-shirts. They made over a thousand bucks," Martino said.

She also spoke of students' responses to the bake sale class projects from last year. She said that, for several students, passing by the bake sale for Emmalynn was difficult.

"It's hard to look at this darling little girl who's running around here and say, 'I'm not going to do anything for you,'" she said.

Brett Young, one of Martino's students, said, "I wanted



Photo by Kyndra Sundell

Photography
Emmalynn Matthies

to be part of this because I have eight nieces and nephews, and if they had to go through something like this, I'd want people to help them out."

"I didn't even know we were able to get points for it," he added.

Martino said, "Not only did the family appreciate the financial support, but to know that you are still loved and still being cared for when you don't know if your kid is going to make it the next month."

"She has been a real gift to this community. I think she's helped our students learn how to give in love," she said.

The money from the bake sales will be used to help pay for Emmalynn's medical expenses.

According to her parents, Elizabeth and Benjamin Matthies, Emmalynn was born with Diamond Blackfan Anemia, which prevents her from producing red blood cells and causes her body to produce too much iron, negatively affecting some of her internal organs.

"The most common kind [of anemia] would be a deficiency in producing iron. Emmalynn is producing too much iron," said Ben Matthies.

At five days old, Emmalynn was unofficially diagnosed with DBA. She was officially diagnosed with it when she was three and a half months old.

Martino said that Elizabeth, a former student of hers, knew that something wasn't right with Emmalynn when she was born. Martino said she trusted Elizabeth's motherly instincts.

"I listened to Elizabeth, and I

"She has been a real gift to this community. I think she's helped our students learn how to give in love."

Jane Martino,
Psychology instructor

just encouraged her to trust what she knows," she said, "It's the same thing I do with any student. If you think it needs to be checked out, it needs to be checked out. I trust your judgement."

Elizabeth and Benjamin said she was also born deaf, which is a side effect of DBA.

"The first thing they did was check hearing, and that was not good, not good at all," said Martino.

Emmalynn underwent surgery and received cochlear implants, which would allow her to hear.

Elizabeth said, "We chose for her to do cochlear implant surgeries. She had two of those. She had her first one when she was 15 months old and her second one a year later and as you can tell, she definitely thrives in the hearing environment. We've chosen what they call the listening and spoken language approach for her."

She explained that the listening and spoken language approach combines lip reading, sign language and listening skills to enhance listening performance.

Martino said, "Em has had two cochlear transplants and she now says that she puts in her ears in the morning, and she had those before age two and a half, so really young, which will minimize the impact of the severe hearing loss."

Because of her anemia, Emmalynn required a bone marrow transplant last year. However, Emmalynn's body rejected the transplant, and she will be returning to the hospital to receive another one this year. According to

Elizabeth, the first operation cost around two million dollars and insurance covered about 70 percent of the cost.

"She has insurance, but there are expenses related to the bone marrow transplant that are not covered by insurance, such as the cost of relocating, for our living in Minneapolis for four to six months is obviously not covered by insurance," Elizabeth said.

Elizabeth also said that she quit her job in order to better take care of Emmalynn as a "full time mother."

According to Elizabeth and Benjamin, Emmalynn's hair began to fall out after chemotherapy. They described finding "long blond hairs" on the floor, on furniture and "interwoven" into clothes. Her hair has been kept short and she wore a band around her head, which, according to Martino, is meant to keep her cochlear implants from falling out while she plays and practices gymnastics.

"She had to get home because she had to get back into gymnastics, and she had to play with her cousins. She had a lot of things to do," said Martino.

Martino also shared her opinion on Emmalynn's self-consciousness of her condition as she ages.

"I don't think this kid will ever see herself as a person with a disability. I think she will always see herself as differently able," she said.

"Every day you've got with a kid is a miracle. I don't care who the kid is," she added.

Bear Briefs

ALICE Training

On March 13 there will be ALICE training taking place in the Auditorium. It is an active shooter response program. Students who participate and fill out a form will be eligible for a \$50 Fareway gift card. Faculty members that bring their classes will be given a \$10 Café coupon.

Hy-Vee Grocery Tours

March 13 there will be a tour of the Boone Hy-Vee at 3 p.m. Individuals will learn how to navigate the store with NuVal and discover new food choices. If you are interested in attending the tour contact Jolynne Carlson at jmcarlson@dmacc.edu

Foundation Scholarship Application Deadlines

The deadline for the summer 2013 semester Foundation Scholarship is 4:00 p.m. on March 15. The deadline for the fall 2013 semester Foundation Scholarship is 4:00 p.m. on March 29

Spring Break

March 18 to 23 will be DMACC's Spring Break. There will be no classes but offices will be open.

Summer Classes

Students can now begin registering for summer classes. Classes start May 21.

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Abandoned no more

African orphan finds home in Pella with former Boone family



Photo courtesy of Jen Diers

Lucy Diers, 6, was born in Africa. She has been adopted by former Boone residents Jen and Doug Diers, now of Pella.

By Kolby Vetter
Staff Writer

Fours years ago, life must have seemed hopeless for little Lucy.

At the time she was probably 2 years old, although her actual date of birth is unknown, abandoned on a beach in western Africa. No family, no food, no water. Nothing.

Fast-forward four years and here she is in Pella, Iowa, Lucynda Princess Diers, now age 6. She has a family, lives in a home, has brothers and sisters -- all the things that were missing in Africa.

Her family is headed by Doug and Jen Diers. The Diers lived in Boone five years ago. They said they felt called by the grace of God to take in Lucy as a part of their family. They now look at a little girl with enthusiasm, a youngster who never stops smiling, and just loves life.

Jen once was an education professor at Iowa State and taught an adjunct class here at the Boone campus, while Doug coached boy's basketball at Boone High School and started his own basketball camp called Shoot-it Basketball Academy to help younger kids with their game.

The Diers, who now live in Pella, have four children with the addition of Lucy. Jen said her three kids: Kobe age 14, Luke age 11, and Faith age 10, have been so much help and without them things would be tough. All of the kids have taken Lucy under their wing and treat her as their sister.

on the ground that day, I think I erased it from my memory," Diers said.

Jen said she remembers walking away that day feeling like would never see Lucy alive again.

She was wrong.

Abby Brincks, who is friends with the family, looks at Lucy and immediately thinks of a miracle.

"When I think of Lucy, the first thing that comes to mind is pure joy, and how lucky we really are," Brincks said.

Although the orphanage doesn't have the exact age of Lucy, they believe she was born around six years ago. In Sierra Leone it's common in the culture to label a kid as cursed if they have an abnormality and Lucy fell into that category, Jen said. Lucy was told she would never be able to talk; she would never be able to go to school, never be able to learn like the rest of the kids.

Lucy was eventually brought to The Raining Season, an orphanage in Sierra Leone where she could receive excellent care, she could interact with people who loved her, and most importantly be a kid.

Back on Iowa, there was a bond that was tugging at Jen's heart.

She couldn't turn back; Diers said she knew God had something in store for them.

One year later Diers went back to Sierra Leone. Lucy needed a family and the Diers family was the perfect match. Jen knew she couldn't leave without her again; and she said Lucy received a medical visa which is a grant to receive medical attention in the

United States and was on her way back to America, where she could receive more care than ever before.

With the help of many occupational, physical, and speech therapists, Lucy is making progress, and now even is in kindergarten. Lucy has gone from no hope to hopeful in four years. Having brothers and sisters to play with, smiling constantly, as if she never even lived in one of the most poverty stricken countries in the world.

And as of Jan. 23, Lucy is no longer considered an orphan; she was officially adopted into the Diers family.

"She is a miracle," Brincks said. "All my worries are thrown out the window when I'm around her knowing where she comes from and where she's at."

As Lucy continues to grow, beating the odds that were thrown at her, the Diers family said they can't help but smile and realize they have been truly blessed.

For one 6-year-old, life is no longer hopeless. She is now about as far away from being alone on a beach in Africa that a girl can get.

Kolby Vetter is a first-year student at DMACC, studying journalism. He wrote this story as part of a human interest assignment in his Newswriting and Reporting class in fall 2012.



Photo courtesy of Jen Diers

Jen Diers met Lucy at The Raining Season orphanage during a trip to Sierra Leone in 2007.

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Victory and defeat for women's season



Photo by Cainon Leeds

Sophomore Maci Robeoltman, 45, emerges from her Iowa Lake opponents to make a shot during the women's regional quarterfinals. The Bears won 72 to 59.

By Jessica McNeece
Staff Writer

The DMACC Women's Basketball team fell short in the Regional semifinals on March 8 to the Iowa Central Tritons. The Bears lost by two points with the score being 58-56.

Freshman player Carlee Schuhmacher led the team in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots. She scored the team high of 13 points against ICC.

"They made practically every shot and we simply just didn't play to our potential. We fell asleep in the first half and by the time we woke up it was too late. We spent the entire second half digging ourselves out of a hole. If we would have started the game hot and had a healthy point guard, there's no way we could have lost," Schuhmacher said.

Beating ICC two times previous to the regional tournament Head Coach Steve Krafcsin also agrees with Schuhmacher that the team didn't play their game.

"I thought we didn't play our game the first half and we were down 34-21 at half. When we played more our style in the second half, we were much more successful," Krafcsin said.

The Bears just didn't have anything going their way. Schuhmacher fouled out with 7 minutes in the game and Jasmine McCoy couldn't play in the second half due to an injury.

"Those two factors didn't help our situation, but I always tell our team: Blame no one, expect nothing, and do something. We just didn't play well enough, long enough to win the game" Krafcsin said.

With the team finishing sec-

ond in their conference with a 24-8 record, the team is ready for another excellent season for next year. There are 13 freshman coming back and three sophomores that will be graduating.

"I am very proud of our team coming together to finish second in the region (12-4), to have Carlee be voted player of the year by the coaches, get Jas,

Taryn and Kelsey named to second team all region, with Jalissa third team all region, and be ranked nationally most of the year was a tremendous accomplishment for our team. This team worked hard and was "all in to be the best we could," Krafcsin said.



Photo by Dick Kelly

Sophomore Darry Jones, 1, dodges a Kirkwood opponent in the final game of the season.

Men close season with tight loss

By Jessica McNeece
Staff Writer

The DMACC Men's Basketball season came to an end in the Regional quarterfinals against Ellsworth on March 6. The Bears lost 59-57.

Head coach BJ McGinn struggles with the loss because his players fought so hard.

"We were able to hold a team that averaged 79 points a game to 59 points, 20 below their average. We missed a shot late and they made 2 free throws on a blocking call with 2.9 seconds on the clock. We went the length of the floor and were unable to get a good look. It was a tough game," McGinn said.

The game was tight the whole way through. The Panthers led the Bears at halftime 29-24.

"The first round region game was a well played game. It was without question one of the best defensive games that we played this season. I felt like our game plan was very good in terms of switching the hand-offs and flat hedging the hi-ball screens," McGinn said.

McGinn is looking forward

to next season and the improvements he plans to make for the team to succeed.

"As we move forward, you always want to evaluate your program and determine what areas can be improved in order to get better. One of the things that we will be taking a specific look at will be defensive rotations and what we can do to maintain consistency with that aspect for the entire season," McGinn said.

With all the incidents that the team went through this season Coach McGinn has kept a positive attitude throughout the season and it still remains for the following season.

"I am definitely very proud of the perseverance that our players and coaches showed this year amidst a lot of different things that were beyond our control. The members of our program were definitely very tough minded and continued to put forth an excellent effort regardless of illness, injury, and so forth that many would have taken the easy way out and quit. DMACC can be proud of the young men that represented them this season," McGinn said.

DMACC Sports Calendar

- Softball**
- Mar. 16 @ St. Louis CC 12:00 PM
 - Mar. 18 @ Volunteer State 1:00 PM
 - Mar. 19 @ Dyersberg State 1:00 PM
 - Mar. 20 @ Jackson State 1:00 PM
 - Mar. 23 @ Ellsworth 1:00 PM (H)
 - Mar. 24 @ Iowa Central 1:00 PM (H)
 - Mar. 27 @ Marshalltown 3:00 PM (H)

- Baseball**
- Mar. 16 @ Southeast (NE) 2:00 PM
 - Mar. 23 @ Southwestern 1:00 PM (H)
 - Mar. 24 @ Southwestern 1:00 PM
 - Mar. 26 @ Muscatine 2:00 PM (H)

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DMACC Baseball: Upward Trend

Under first year coach, Bears off to fast start



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DMACC looks to win conference for sixth straight year.

By Kolby Vetter
Staff Writer

The 2013 junior college baseball season is in full swing, with DMACC already 10 games into the early season the Bears are off to a 11-2 start.

DMACC has constantly been one of the top programs in the junior college ranks, rounding out with Iowa Western with the most wins of any other junior college over the last five years, and this year the Bears are looking to get back to Nationals.

First year head coach Kyle Hanna, knows what the Bears need to do once again to be successful.

"Every year is different but we always have the same approach, and that is to get our guys to understand that fundamentals wins baseball games," Hanna said.

Hanna, a former player and assistant, replaced head coach Dan Fitzgerald in July and said things have been going great and that DMACC is a special place. He credits the success so far this season to his team's eagerness to stay focused.

"I tell the guys that we need to be completely focus on what we have to do and not worry about anything else, and so far the guys have done a good job with that," Hanna said.

Aaron Overbeck, a sophomore third baseman for the Bears feels that for them to succeed they will need to get better everyday and not look ahead and take it one game at a time.

"As the season gets underway we are trying to continue the tradition and out-work everyone else," Overbeck said.

The Bears have gotten help on both offense and defense. From the plate they have been outscoring their opponents by over twenty runs and hitting as a team a .284 avg. Edwin Medina who Hanna called one of the best players in the country is hitting an



Photo courtesy of Eric Ver Helst

Led by first year coach Kyla Hanna, the DMACC Bears look to get back to Nationals after finishing last year 51-15. The Bears return 10 sophomores from last year's squad.

eye-popping .655 batting average.

"He makes a tough game look far too easy. He's a great teammate and great person and he understands it's all about the team," Hanna said of Medina.

On the mound the Bears have led the way with a 3.40 earned run average, while holding opponents to a .218 batting average.

Cody Williams, a 5'8 centerfielder for the bears, feels that the Bears should be scoring more runs than what they are already.

"Yeah we score 8 [runs] a game maybe, but we feel like we should be putting up 15 game in and game out," Williams said.

As DMACC continues their run through the season, with 10 sophomores the leadership will need to continue. While Hanna, Overbeck and Williams agree

that there isn't much vocal things going on, the older guys lead by example and have a winning mentality that younger players look up to.

"We are quiet and that's not a bad thing, we like to show our leadership through our hard work and dedication," Williams said. "Hopefully these freshman notice that and are willing to follow."

To start the season off the Bears were given the opportunity to play at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. The guys played three games, winning all of them. Williams said even though the stadium wasn't packed, the atmosphere was awesome. Being able to play in a fair weather climate also was a plus.

"It's a fun experience. Probably one of the biggest things for me is to know we can get games

in. I get as excited as the players do to play games so its a sure fire way to know the weather won't interfere," Hanna said.

As the end of March nears and the non-conference games come to a close, DMACC will begin playing league games in what Williams says will be a battle. The Bears have won the conference title for six consecutive years.

"We always have a target on our backs, but we never see it as a challenge," Overbeck said.

So as the season progresses, the Bears hope to continue their long line of success and eventually achieve the ultimate goal, which is a championship.

"We just need to stay true to ourselves and play our game, if we play to our capabilities we will always have a chance to win," Hanna said.

Wrestling won't go down without a fight

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"At first I thought it was a mistake, there is no way they could drop something like that, wrestling is one of the most original sports in the game," Kelly said.

Bobby Degnan, a student at DMACC, grew up wrestling and the sport holds a very special place in his heart and couldn't believe the news.

"When I first heard about Olympic Wrestling being cut I tweeted, "Having a hard time breathing this morning finding out the assassination of Olympic Wrestling." I was heart-broken," Degnan said.

While Kelly does agree that the IOC made a mistake, he feels that wrestling maybe needs to do a better job marketing itself for the fans of the sport. He also said that maybe the IOC felt the interest wasn't there worldwide and wasn't expecting this response.

"I have thought over the past couple years watching, that you almost need to be a competitor or coach to know what's going on," Kelly said.

Wrestling has been part of the Olympics ever since the ancient games back in 708 BC and was even included in the first modern games in 1896 in Greece. Wrestling is a very popular sport throughout the world and right in the states; with it being one of the top three medal winning sports for the US. Wrestling's rich tradition and history is what have many people confused with this vote to end Olympic wrestling. Iowa has one of the richest traditions of all the states when it comes to wrestling. Dan Gable and Cael Sanderson are some of the few names that made their mark at the Olympics, both of whom are from Iowa and played there collegiate careers at Iowa State. Gable and Sanderson both went on to win gold medals at the Olympics.

Both Universities have had outstanding success on the mat. The University of Iowa has won 23 national championships, which is second in NCAA history, while Iowa State has won eight. Sports Illustrated named the Hawkeyes one of the top sports dynasties of the 20th century.

Kelly can see it hurting not just Iowa State and Iowa, but wrestling schools around the country because when they are done competing there is no where else to go.

"You cannot kill one of the oldest sports known to man."

Bobby Degnan,
DMACC student

"Iowa is one of, if not the most popular sport in Iowa high school sports, this tragedy hits the state of Iowa hard in the heart," Degnan said.

Some of the states biggest names have stepped up to take action. Dan Gable, Governor Terry Branstad, and Tom Brands who is currently the head coach for the Hawkeyes have gotten involved. "Bottom line is wrestling is good for the economy, when you're good for the economy you're going to survive," Gable told the Washington Post.

On March 5 Governor Branstad along with 33 other governors signed a petition to the IOC to add back Olympic wrestling to its field. The next step for the IOC will be to hear the presentation by the wrestling federation in May and make a final decision in September.

The IOC made the decision based off global participation and popularity according to the USA Today. IOC spokesman Mark Adams said that they were in a process of revamping the Olympics and that it wasn't what's wrong with wrestling but what is right with the 25 other core sports.

Kelly added that after college wrestling there isn't really a professional league for the sport besides the Olympic games, and said he thought it was a bad idea to even make the decision with that alone in mind.

Degnan said he feels he inspired his twin cousins to wrestle, and now is something they always think about. He said that they want to win everything from state, NCAAs, and the Olympics.

"They are having dreams taken away along with every other little guy in the wrestling across the world," Degnan said, "Young kids may see this as wrestling is done forever and will kill the sport completely."

One of the most alarming facts is that none of the 15

members of the IOC Executive board have a wrestling background, which many thing may be the reason the sport may be packing its bags for the 2020 Olympics.

"If any of them had any part of wrestling in their pasts I know they would have not have voted to end wrestling, the IOC needs to take another look and put themselves in the wrestlers shoes," Degnan said.

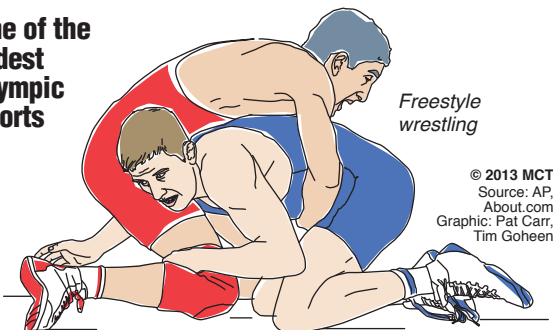
As 2020 rolls around both Kelly and Degnan believe that wrestling will be alive and well, stating that wrestling around the world most notably USA, Russia, and Iran, is way too important to them to let them (IOC) get away with it.

Degnan said, "You cannot kill one of the oldest sports known to man."

Olympic wrestling goes down

The International Olympic Committee has voted to eliminate wrestling from its list of 26 core sports, beginning in 2020.

One of the oldest Olympic sports



Freestyle wrestling

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1896 Greco-Roman style, with no holds below the waist and no using legs to gain points, is a sport at first modern Games

1904 Freestyle, which uses leg holds and most other standard techniques, introduced as a second wrestling event

1920 Standardized rules for both events initiated

1924 Time limits on matches imposed after an 11-hour match at the 1912 Games

2004 Women wrestlers compete for the first time

2012 In London, 344 athletes compete in 11 events in freestyle and seven in Greco-Roman

2013 After 2016 Games, wrestling will join baseball/softball, karate, squash, roller sports, sport climbing, wakeboarding and washu in vying for a single spot

BAR 101: Tips from the king

By Brian Osborn
Staff Writer

I have been a bartender for nearly five years. It has been a long and interesting road that has given me the opportunity to meet interesting people, make new friends, have great conversations, learn things, teach things, and just have a good time with people. I love my job, but for every great person that you meet, there will always be the ones that make you question your faith in humanity. So for those of you about to turn 21 or who are but happen to be socially inept, class is now in session for BAR101.

Lesson 1: Don't be rude-

What a lot of people don't realize is that in a bar, the bartender is king. When I started bartending, my manager told me that when I clock in, this is my bar and my rules are the law. And just like in monarchy England, the fastest way to get yourself beheaded (get

thing done except annoy me.

Also, don't come in thinking that you are awesome and deserve special treatment just because you come in a lot. Like I said before, the title of "special" is earned and it is earned by people who are courteous, fun to hang out with, and come in on a regular basis. If you get up to that point, I would be happy to buy you a drink or a shot or go above and beyond for you. But if you come in expecting and demanding that I "hook you up", you're probably going to leave a sour taste in my mouth.

Lesson2: Be self-aware-

One of the first things anybody should do when walking into a bar is take a look around and get a feel of what is going on. If you walk in a the place is packed, you should realize that you aren't the only one in the bar and you might not be getting drinks as fast as you may like.

Most bartenders are happy to be there and want to provide the best service possible, but there is only so much a person can do. If you see your bartender running around looking like he or she just got done running a marathon, you probably should give him or her a little slack and show some patience.

I know your mother probably told you that you were very special person and that you deserve the best, but guess what, I have 100's of "very special" people come through my bar daily, so

Lesson3: Be smart-

There are many different aspects in this section. First off, you should definitely get a basic knowledge on the drinks that you like to drink. If I say Jack Daniels on the rock and you think it is some guy's relationship status or if I say a perfect Manhattan and think of an alternate universe's new york city, you probably shouldn't be ordering drinks with those terms, especially if it was only because you heard it in a movie.

Figure out what you like to drink and what about that drink you like. It gets annoying sometimes when I have to just sit there and stare at someone who comes in my bar not having any idea what they want.

I understand that people want to try new things and I love trying new things, but when you don't understand what you are ordering or getting yourself into, that can lead to an unpleasant experience.

I once had some girls come into my bar wanting to try something new. I asked them what they liked and what they were into and they replied with, "Oh we can drink just about anything, just make us something fun." So I whipped them up some drinks for them and I ended up having to dump 90% of it down the drain which is 2nd degree alcohol abuse.

Another aspect of this is knowing your limits. If you are



a bad reputation) is by being rude to your king.

If your drink isn't strong enough, tell me and I will take it into consideration for the next drink that I make for you. The politer you are with how you tell me, the more likely I'll give you an extra count. If you come up and complain and demand that I put more alcohol in your next drink, guess what, your probably just going to get the same amount.

Don't complain to me about the price of a drink either. It's not like I am sitting behind the bar as you walk up and thinking, "Ha I am going to get this person good by charging them a lot for their rum and coke." We charge what we are told to charge. If it is too much for you, get a different drink or go somewhere else, simple as that. Complaining and yelling at me that I am "ripping you off" is not going to get any-

don't think that you are entitled to anything special. That status is earned with your bartender. Showing patience and understanding is the quickest way to become that special person with your bartender.

Another part of being self-aware is when you see that the bar is busy; don't come in acting like your part of the Sex and the City posse and order up something "fun." It's alcohol, it's all fun.

Don't get me wrong, I love making martinis and I am pretty damn good at it, but when I am busting my butt trying to take care of a bar full of patrons, whipping up a drink that takes five minutes to make can really get annoying. If you want something fun that isn't going drive your bartender crazy, rum and vodka with any kind of juice is a wonderful choice. There are also many sweet liqueurs out there like Chambord that taste awesome.

a lightweight, slim boy or girl, throwing back six shots within a fifteen minute time frame is a bad idea.

A lot of people don't realize this but as soon as you walk into a bar, the responsibility of taking care of yourself moves from you to the bartender. If you leave a bar and drive drunk and kill someone, not only are you going to be in trouble but the bar and the bartender that was serving you could be slapped with a huge fine. Know your limit and stick to it.

If a bartender cuts you off, don't get angry about it. He or she is just trying to look after him or herself so that they don't get fired or fined.

Well hopefully today's lesson has taught you something. In summary, be smart, respectful, and self-aware and your bar experience can be amazing.

**New weapons needed to fight online pirates**

(MCT) - The new Copyright Alert System that went into effect two weeks ago is a weak response to the rampant Internet theft of music, films, games, and television programs. But it's better than doing nothing to combat the wrongheaded assertion that intellectual property should be free to anyone who can grab it.

Artists deserve to be compensated for their efforts, and so should the companies that take risks to promote and distribute their work. Stealing songs and movies to pass among friends or to sell in a black market robs the originators of their incomes.

Online file-swapping has so damaged the music industry that this is the first time since 1999 that it has seen a tiny increase in revenue. More than a decade ago, the industry shut down Napster's free file-sharing service and created inexpensive and easily downloaded music files. But it hasn't fully solved the theft problem.

In fact, the Irdeto security firm told the Wall Street Journal that the 5.4 billion instances of pirated content that it detected online in 2009 mushroomed to 14 billion last year. Independent film distributor Kathy Wolfe said she lost more than \$3 million in 2012 as a result of stolen content.

Under the new alert system, the five largest Internet service providers - Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, Cablevision, and Time Warner Cable - will search peer-to-peer sharing websites to determine if copyrighted material is being used without permission.

Other, smaller ISPs are expected to join in. When someone illegally sharing a song or movie is found, he will be issued a series of six warnings aimed at stopping him.

The Center for Copyright Infringement, which is coordinating the new system, says service providers won't monitor users' Internet traffic, which should allay fears about an invasion of privacy.

The warnings start with mild e-mail alerts that assume the violator may not know that what he is doing amounts to theft. If subsequent notices are ignored, a provider can slow down the violator's Internet service for 48 hours. There are no repercussions after that, although it's possible that information provided by the alert system could be used to file lawsuits against content thieves.

The alert system is aimed at educating, rather than punishing, consumers. But the light approach may prove too lenient to be effective. The threat of litigation might discourage massive pirating by large-scale operations. But slowing down a 14-year-old's Internet speed for two days may not be enough to deter him from downloading first-run movies and music on his laptop to share with his friends.

It may be that the real value of the alert system will be to provide enough information to come up with an even better idea to stop theft. Internet pirates keep inventing ways around security systems. Their victims have to figure out how to stay a step ahead.

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Euthanasia, to die or not to die

No mercy for 'mercy death' When life is fate worse than death



By Cainon Leeds
Editor-in-Chief

According to a Reuters news story, 45-year-old identical twin brothers Marc and Eddy Verbessem of Belgium decided to end their lives by lethal injection on December 14, 2012. The twins were born deaf and were becoming blind.

The reason behind the brothers' euthanasia grant according to a UZ Brussel hospital spokesman, was, "It's not simply that they were deaf and blind that they were granted the right to euthanasia. It is that they could no longer bear being unable to hear or see the other."

"Unbearable suffering can be mental as well as physical," the spokesman said. "The brothers were inseparable. They lived together and had the same job."

Dirk Verbessem, the twins' brother, told the Telegraph that, "Blindness would have made them completely dependent. They did not want to be in an institution."

In the United States, less than a handful of states have legalized euthanasia. 34 states have officially criminalized euthanasia.

Even in Belgium, where euthanasia is legal, not everyone who wants to be lethally injected can receive it. Recipients must be judgment-making adults who have serious, incurable and persistent conditions that were caused by injury or sickness.

So why are countries so concerned about controlling euthanasia? Why are we so worried if people are in pain and want to take their own lives with the assistance of a physician so it will be less painful? I'll tell you why.

First off, where does it end? One day people will be euthanised for going blind, the next people will get themselves euthanised because of unbearable cases of depression.

Right now, it seems that the system is well regulated, but how do we know what the future holds? How do we know that

doctors won't start advising people to take lethal injections? I wouldn't put the corruption of that kind of power past anyone. The power of life and death is not something that should be taken lightly.

Like in the case of capital punishment, I think there is a lot of potential for wrongdoing and human error here.

Secondly, why are we, as a society, so hasty to do away with the "undesirables," including ourselves? If a child doesn't fit in at school, he or she must have an attention deficiency disorder. If pregnant women don't want to have their children, they can get abortions. If people get tired of taking care of their parents or grandparents, they put them in a nursing home. Out of sight and out of mind, right?

It saddens me how far we've come psychologically. Why do we look down on suicide unless a doctor is doing it? How can the same society that claims to want to help those suffering depression and considering suicide turn around and say it's okay when we do it in a certain way or when we get the thumbs up from the government? The end result is still the same.

To me, saying euthanasia is more humane than suicide would be like replacing bullets with lethal darts and calling it more humane. If all we're concerned about is the amount of pain people go through before they die, wouldn't it make sense to start allowing people to be lethally injected once they reach a certain age. And if people are taught that a lack of pain and suffering is all that matters, many would probably agree to being lethally injected at that age.

And lastly, what about the other people involved in the person's life? How much wisdom, talent and amazing contributions would we miss out on? What if people like Helen Keller or Stephen Hawking had been convinced that they needed to be euthanised and the state allowed it?

Families would also be stolen of precious time with a loved one if we allow euthanasia to catch on. People would be stripped of family members who believe that they are in unbearable pain, are a burden to society and deserve to die.

"I tried to talk them out of it even at the last moment," Dirk Verbessem said about his brothers, according to a CBS article. The article also said that the family opposed the twins' death request, but allowed the twins to make their own decision.

Let us not throw life away so willingly. Too much corruption, psychological damage and family discord can come of euthanasia. Of all the benefits of the "mercy death," a better society would certainly not be among them.



By Jacob Johnson-Muyengwa
Staff Writer

Not long ago a pair of twins from Belgium opted for state assisted suicide. This is perfectly legal in Belgium, but the case is getting a lot of attention because of the fact that they were not terminally ill. The thing is though, both were deaf, and had recently discovered that they were going blind as well.

Many people would consider this immoral, since they were not suffering from an illness or condition that would have ended their lives anyway. For all medical purposes they were healthy, just short a few senses.

Euthanasia is a touchy topic. Killing people is wrong. Watching a dying man wither away until nothing remains of him except pain and suffering is horrible. In many ways there is no right answer here.

Some people would rather go out on their own terms rather than suffer the fate of fighting a losing battle while doing nothing but getting weaker by the day. Sometimes they choose to end things themselves and save the trouble of making their families watch them die a little more each day, and I don't blame them. But without state assisted suicide the vast majority of do-it-yourself techniques in this situation are gruesome and/or messy.

So why not let these consenting adults who have made a conscious decision to relieve their suffering do so in a humane manner while being overseen by a physician? It's by far a better option than letting them do it themselves, or worse yet, try and fail on their own.

Then there is the matter of the relatively healthy twins and their option to end their lives together. I've never been deaf, but I know a few people who are. For the most part they are healthy, happy, contributing members of society. Many different job options are still open to them, they can live on their own, and they can live out a fairly normal life. In many cases the same can be said about the blind, though there may be fewer job options for the blind. With the exception of Helen Keller, it's almost unheard of for a person who is both blind and deaf to be able to do much. What could they do to contribute to society? There isn't much they could do for work, they can't make their own food, more than likely they can't live on their own, and definitely not without at least having someone check on them. After having lived so long being able to sustain yourself, would you be able to live knowing that the only reason you could do so was because other people went out of their way to help you?

Worse still to me would be the unparalleled and unending solitude. Every day is lived in utter darkness. There is no music, no television, no phone calls. The only time you would actually be aware of another person's presence is if they physically touched you. You could be in a room with 200 other people and never know it. As far as I'm concerned, this is a fate far worse than death.

If someone is suffering so terribly that they choose, with a sober mind and full awareness of their decisions, to end their lives, who are we to tell them that their decision is wrong? I'm not saying that every suicidal person should go talk to their doctor about dying. The depressed but otherwise healthy individuals seeking to end their lives should most definitely be referred to counseling.

Euthanasia is not the right option for everybody, but when someone is truly suffering, it is amoral to tell that person they have no choice but to deal with it until they die of "natural" causes. Why not let them say goodbye to their friends and families while they have the strength to do so, why not let them be remembered as they lived, not as they were in the end of their suffering?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

I read your opinion on the death penalty. You had a good argument, but I disagree. I think if they kill someone, they should hang by the neck in the town square. We have fed and clothed and protected people like Charley Manson for far too long.

If we are sure they killed someone, there should be a limit to extending their lives. I do want to bring some things to your attention.

#1 A dead killer is done killing.

#2 The only reason the death penalty is more expensive is the four or five trials they get.

#3 Yes, the rich have an advantage,

O.J. Simpson comes to mind. Great football player, terrible husband, worse human. The rich do get off, I agree! We have to do something about that.

#4 If someone has already killed rehab is ridiculous.

#5 I am doing a report on harvesting organs from killers in prison for Ethics class. I feel they have wasted their time on earth and would be spare parts for good human beings. The only problem is, how to kill them without stressing the organs. I talked to my Anatomy & Physiology teacher and she said the best way was to put them under and cut the organs out. This would save the organs.

Ed Crawford, DMACC student

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'Rumors' has its act, cast



Kodie Butterfield, 21, is playing Chris Gorman. This is her fourth play at DMACC. This is Butterfield's sophomore year and will be graduating in May. She plans on attending Iowa State University and majoring in Education with a focus in mathematics. Butterfield is currently employed at the Boone Hy-Vee. She enjoys reading, writing, making jewelry, and taking random pictures. Butterfield decided to do the play because it has always been a fun experience for her. Her favorite thing is her crazy cast-mates. "This play has a scandal, some massive drinking, yelling, and a surprise twist."



Matt Beyer, 25, is playing Ken Gorman. This is his fourth play at DMACC. This is Beyer's sophomore year and will be graduating in May. He plans on attending Iowa State University and majoring in History with a minor in Anthropology. Beyer is currently employed at the Boone Hy-Vee. He enjoys volunteering at Living History Farms and playing the piano. Beyer decided to do the play because he has loved all of his past experiences. His favoring thing is the amazing cast. "It's a great cast and an amazing script. Hilarity ensues."



Julie Nagel, 17, is playing Claire Ganz. This is her second play at DMACC. This is Nagel's freshman year at DMACC. She is currently majoring in Elementary Education and in May she will be joining the Disney College Program Internship. Nagel is currently employed at Little Caesar's and Rue 21 in Ames. She enjoys hanging out with her cast and acting. Nagel decided to do the play because she loves acting and being with her fellow cast-mates. Her favorite thing about the play is Lenny and Claire's relationship. "I love my character and I feel very lucky to be cast in this hilarious play!"



Brett Edmundson, 26, is playing Lenny Ganz. This is his third play at DMACC. Edmundson is currently in his sophomore year and will be graduating soon. He is majoring in Liberal Arts and after graduation plans on being a Physician's Assistant. He enjoys filling out theater question forms in his spare time. Edmundson decided to do the play because he read through the script and found it hilarious. His favorite thing about the play is that the dialogue is funny and clever. "A quick, funny, witty play that everyone can enjoy."



Mary Rowan, 47, is playing Officer Pudney. This is her first play at DMACC. This is Rowan's freshman year at DMACC. She is currently majoring in Liberal Arts and after graduating from DMACC she wants to become a mental health counselor. Rowan enjoys painting and playing Texas Hold'em. She decided to do the play because she always comes to the plays and enjoys them but wanted to try out for it. Rowan's favorite thing about the play is being able to be a part of it. "It's a great play and a great comedy."



Abbey Brouwer, 21, is playing Cookie Cusack. This is her third play at DMACC. This is Brouwer's sophomore year at DMACC. She is currently majoring in Elementary Education and plans on moving to Boise, Idaho after graduation. Brouwer is currently an intern at Harvest Vineyard Church. She enjoys reading, the League of Legends, and hanging out with friends. Brouwer decided to do the play because it looked like fun. Her favorite thing about the play is the cast. "I think it will get a lot of laughs"



Shawn Ennis, 28, is playing Ernie Cusack. This is his first play at DMACC. This is Ennis' sophomore year and will be planning on graduating soon. After graduation he plans on going to Aurora, Colorado to major in Film Making. Ennis is currently employed at RadioShack. He enjoys basketball, writing, and directing. Ennis decided to join the play this semester because he was in the Intro to Theatre class and it seemed like a lot of fun. His favorite thing about the play is having the part of a guy who is use to controlling the situation and now he has no clue on what to do. "It is great for my first play to be a comedy. Everyone is on top of their game which makes me better than what I really am."



Taylor Baggett, 19, is playing Cassie Cooper. This is her second play at DMACC. This is Baggett's freshman year at DMACC. After graduation she plans on attending a four-year university to continue her education. Baggett enjoys playing softball, watching movies, and singing at the top of her lungs with her friends. She decided to do the play because she enjoys acting and having a change to work with great people. Baggett's favorite thing about the play is the humor because everyone has a great time with all of the jokes and there is never a dull moment on set. "I think this play is really fun to be in and I hope the audience enjoys watching it as much as I enjoy acting in it."



Sean Hanlin, 20, is playing Glenn Cooper. This is his fourth play at DMACC. This is Hanlin's sophomore year and will be graduating in May. He plans on attending the University of Wyoming and majoring in Psychology with a minor in Performing Arts. Hanlin enjoys acting, writing, poetry and enjoying the beauty of nature. He decided to do the play to "make it an even four". His favorite thing about the play is all the yelling that occurs. "This play is crazy!"



Danny Philpott, 40, is playing Officer Welch. This is his first play at DMACC. This is Philpott's sophomore year and will be graduating soon. After graduation he plans on going on to Iowa State University and majoring in Business. Philpott is currently employed with the Iowa National Guard. He enjoys running and cycling. Philpott decided to join the play because he thought it would be fun and he loves acting. His favorite thing about the play is the great actors, great crew, and it is a funny play. "The play is good fun but it is more work than I first thought."



Brett Edmundson helps Matt Beyer with his towel in this practice scene.

March 29 and 30 at the DMACC Boone Theater. Free for DMACC students with their Student I.D. \$5 at the door for non-students.

Entertainment

and crew ready for action



Photos by Dan Ivis

The Boone campus theater department will be performing *Rumors*, a farce by Neil Simon. They will perform on March 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theater. Pictured above left to right: Danny Philpott, Mary Rowan, Brett Edmundson, Julie Nagel, Taylor Baggett, Sean Hanlin, Matt Beyer, Kodie Butterfield, Abbey Brouwer, and Shawn Ennis.



Taylor Baggett flirts with Brett Edmundson as he looks towards his wife for help.



Kay Mueller is the director. She is a speech and theater teacher at DMACC. Mueller enjoys reading mysteries, dating K.C., sewing and swimming. She picked this play because she had been in the play before and it was humorous, it has ten characters, and had a nice variety within the characters. Mueller's favorite thing about the play is the great cast because they are developing into their characters. She has also enjoyed getting the sound effects with Aimee. "Come and see it. Enjoy a night of laughter."



Stephanie Clemons, 20, is the assistant director. This is her fourth play at DMACC. This is Clemons' sophomore year at DMACC. She is majoring in Pre-Nursing and after graduating wants to start building a career. Clemons' currently works at the Boone Hy-Vee. She enjoys scrapbooking, hanging out with friends and family, and shopping. Clemons decided to do the play since it's her last semester and she wants to spend it with her best cast mates. Her favorite thing about the play is that the people and the environment are fun. "A funny exciting laugh."



Julie Nagel and Kodie Butterfield are shocked when Shawn Ennis comes in with his hands burning.



Rachel Davis, 21, is a set worker. This is her sixth play at DMACC. Davis is currently a sophomore and will be making plans for graduation. She is currently unsure of what she wants to do after graduating. Davis enjoys singing and sketching in her notebook. She decided to take part in the play because she is receiving course credit for practicum. Davis' favorite thing about the play was getting to paint her "fancy bar." "This play is flippin' hilarious."



Austin Woolson, 18, is working light and sound for the performances. This is his second play at DMACC. Woolson is currently in his freshman year. After DMACC he wants to be famous in any way possible. Woolson enjoys airsoft, fishing, and rapping. He decided to work the play because he loved the set and the play. Woolson's favorite thing about the play is that it is funny and will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. "It's a really good play. Come out and see it."



Nikole Glauner, 20, is doing make-up for the performances. This is her second play at DMACC. This is Glauner's freshman year and she is currently majoring in culinary arts. She is employed at Papa Murphy's in Boone. Glauner enjoys cooking, singing, and dancing. She decided to do the play because most of her friends take part in it. Glauner's favorite thing is all of the comedy. "I think everybody is doing a great job. I can't wait to see how it comes together."



Aimee Jacobson, 19, is the sound technician. This is her first play at DMACC. Jacobson is in her freshman year at DMACC. She is majoring in Liberal Arts and after graduation plans on going to Upper Iowa University. Jacobson currently works at the Campus Café. She enjoys camping and throwing softball. Jacobson decided to do the play because she had taken part in them in high school. Her favorite thing about the play is the people. "This play is so funny."



Zach Clark, 19, is a set-worker for the play. This is his first play at DMACC. This is Clark's freshman year at and is majoring in Liberal Arts. After graduating he wants to go start to working. Clark enjoys playing video games, watching YouTube videos, and spending time with friends. He decided to do the play for kicks and giggles. Clark's favorite thing about the play is all of his friends. "It has been fun building the set and seeing things come together."

If students are interested in taking part in the Fall 2013 play and getting college credit you can enroll in DRA945, DRA 946, or DRA 948 or talk to Kay Mueller.

This week's horoscopes

Today's Birthday (03/13/13). Learn and study to get ahead this year. Which dream shall you turn to reality? Home temptations hold you until summer, when friendly winds blow you outside. Close financial management makes all this travel and fun possible. Bring your closest ones along. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- The Moon and Mars are in your sign today. Delight in the moment; you've earned it. Relax rigid viewpoints to enjoy it even more. Try to attain objectivity. Make a commitment you'll enjoy keeping.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Take on managing old problems. Whenever you're stuck, don't be afraid to let your partner take the lead. Provide

emotional support. Listen closely to your intuition.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Not everything is what it seems. Watch out for strange requests; there's no shame in turning them down. A little investment makes a



big difference at home. Renew something that's no longer functional.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Good news and fresh ideas come in from far away. Listen carefully, and keep your objective in mind. It's not a good time for travel yet; wait four days for Mercury to go direct.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take a walk on the wild side (or at least outdoors); it will do you good. Count your win-

nings. Don't let loved ones dip into your piggy bank. It will serve them well to earn their own keep.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Throw yourself into a potentially explosive moment. Controversy could arise, or a brilliant scheme. If it's too wild, it won't work. Stand up for what's right. Improve your living conditions by cleaning house. Study with passion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You have what

you need. Clear confusion before proceeding. Intuition is especially strong now. Use your head and find another way. Relax at home. Ponder someone's advice. Upgrade your equipment, maybe. You could trip over your own feet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- A serendipitous moment of connection occurs. Be receptive to love. Use what you know, and be open to learning. Apply your stamp of power. Intuition steers you in the right direction. Discover another treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You're starting to realize how much you have. It could be in a chaotic moment, with confusion reigning. Keep gathering valuable information. Let go of expectations for how it should be for a brilliant revelation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

-- Today is an 8 -- Take a theory to heart. The possibility of error is high; consider the consequences before acting. More work means more savings. Discipline is required. Make the decision intuitively. Let your work inspire you. Stash away something of value.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Explore new work possibilities. Write it all down so you don't forget. You're immensely popular now. Always apply yourself to your goal. Find out how much it costs, before purchasing. Let your partner lead.

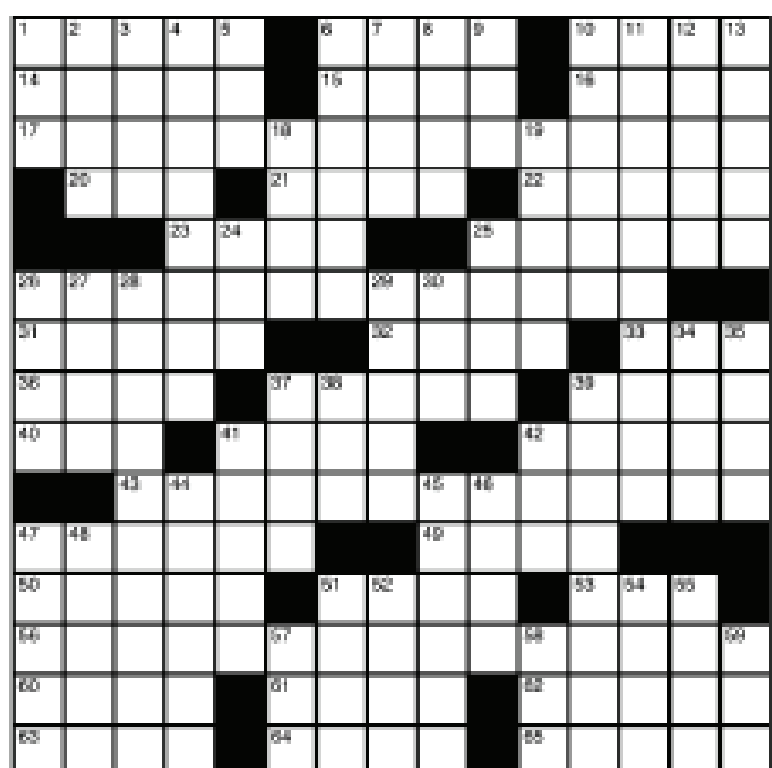
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Go out on a limb. In a blinding insight, make an investment in your career. Associates contribute ideas. Having a meticulous partner helps. Be skeptical, although you're right on the mark. Seek imaginative new revenue sources.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Money under a mattress, e.g.
 - 5 Pose a question
 - 10 Head riles
 - 14 Singer Lena
 - 18 Apt name for a window?
 - 19 Hollywood celeb
 - 17 Cybers earlier
 - 20 Spoiled
 - 21 Fisher's mistake
 - 22 Feral no more
 - 23 Actor highlights at the salon
 - 25 Source of strong chest wood
 - 26 Fly (Cub) hit featured in a Gene Roberts film
 - 31 By surface area, second-largest Great Lake
 - 32 Pinkie-ear shoes
 - 33 Apply daily
 - 35 Letter sung
 - 37 He
 - 39 Gospel singer
 - 40 Meaning no Pa.
 - 41 Late-night Jay
 - 42 College, in slang
 - 43 Esmeralda's middle
 - 47 Shipping acronym
 - 49 Inaugural pledge
 - 50 Samson of "Thelma & Louise"
 - 51 Churned for business type
 - 53 Magna... leads
 - 54 Doctor's documents suggested by the sequence of the last word of 17, 25- and 43- Across
 - 56 End-over org.
 - 57 1,000 miles, briefly
 - 58 Hindu guru
 - 59 Loth of legend
 - 64 "By Jove!"
 - 65 Extremely pale
- DOWN**
- 1 Her subjectivity
 - 2 HotWheels and his hoops
 - 3 Pagan



By Jeff Chen 3/11/13

- 4 Flower that usually blooms in winter
- 6 Playbook founder, for short
- 8 Thundertruck
- 7 Bellow in a frenzy?
- 9 Spock's captain
- 9 Photo's sensor, short
- 10 Legs, rocky insect
- 11 Start of the last word?
- 12 Sily mistake
- 13 Winter acronym
- 16 Help legally
- 19 List components
- 24 Japanese money
- 25 Spiral shape
- 26 Top-top
- 27 Salty, like the
- 36 Forerunner
- 39 Search engine name
- 39 Application after Abz
- 34 Bary in modern diet supplements
- 35 Clear allegory word
- 37 Once
- 38 Pinkie part

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 41 Top of Tom Hest
- 42 Scribble (down)
- 44 Postal purchase
- 45 Drink named for a Scottish hero
- 46 Like some rights
- 47 Character polka-type
- 48 Pygmy glove
- 51 Foreign team members Abz
- 52 The Big Easy acronym
- 54 The Beatles' 5th
- 55 Kid's antihelminthic
- 57 Compete in a election
- 58 Candidate's gov. org.
- 59 Admission in a architectural



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