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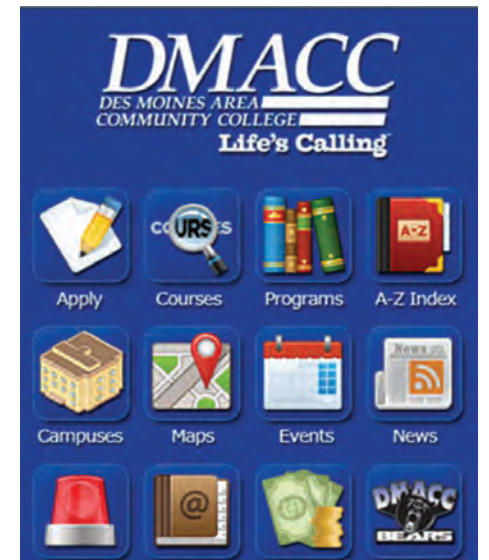
Your Life, Your Campus, Your News



Photos by Kevin Langel and Stacey Walker

Progress is being made with the new apartment building on the east side of the Boone Campus. A fifth apartment building will house 32 students. Construction is expected to be completed before the beginning of the fall 2012 semester.

Homepage goes mobile



By: **Jessica Kinnetz**
Staff Writer

The DMACC mobile website has been converted into an app form better suited for smart phones.

The mobile website is now set up to resemble icons you would see in an App Store.

“We chose a platform that looks similar to a smart phone app because that’s what people are used to seeing and comfortable using. It’s an efficient way to display all of our features.” said Tonya Wheeler, DMACC’s Webmaster and mobile website project manager, in a press release.

There are 16 main icons receiving the most attention on the website as of right now. They range from Blackboard, to financial aid to offered courses and an emergency button just in case a student needs security or medical assistance.

“We were going to launch with the just 12 icons but at the last second we added four more,” said Wheeler. “We are also thinking about adding a lot more. Right now webmail is getting worked on. Also another neat feature is by accessing the Continuing Education button, workers

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New building will house 32 for fall

By **Lacy Stevenson**
Staff Writer

Construction has started on a fifth apartment building that will neighbor the four that sit just east of campus.

The apartments first will be offered to students who are accepted into the honors program.

“President Rob Denson announced that DMACC would be the first community college in the state of Iowa with a full comprehensive honors program,” said Tom Lee, provost of the DMACC Boone Campus.

The apartments will be ready for the 2012 fall semester, Lee said.

The building is expected to cost \$1.3 million and will house 32 students.

The first floor of this building will be configured differently than the other apartments. Part of the reason is that there is no place on campus that is strictly for honor students.

Lee and Jan LaVille, director of Honors Program, took into consideration

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Requirements for honors students

For a current student who wants to be accepted into the honors program, an application and information is available at www.dmacc.edu/honors.

Jan LaVille, DMACC director of honors, said deadlines would be posted soon for the honors program.

Requirements for college students are as follows:

- Complete nine college credits (course level 100 or higher or equivalent transfer) at any accredited college, earning a cumulative G.P.A of 3.5
- Complete one college math and one college English class (course level 100 or higher or equivalent transfer)
- Complete an application essay
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a college professor
- Complete an interview with Director of Honors or honors professor
- Students accepted into the honors program with 30+ credits (100 level or above or equivalent transfer) may graduate with honors by completing 10 credits of honors, which must

include HON 101 and HON 250.

“Even if some requirements aren’t met, don’t be hesitant to apply for the honors program,” LaVille said. She explained that students maybe admitted while working toward meeting the requirements. For example, if a student hasn’t completed one college math class, he or she may still be eligible for honors while taking the class.

Decisions on admittance could be made on a case-by-case basis. While all acceptance requirements are important, “faculty recommendations and the student’s desire to be in the honors program is equally or more important than test scores and GPA,” she said.

For fall, about 11 honors courses will be available at the Boone Campus. Students can choose what classes they want to take. For example if one student excels in the science area and isn’t focusing on English, they can choose to take the honors courses for science and not English.

-Lacy Stevenson

If you could meet any influential African American, who would it be and why?

Michael Williams



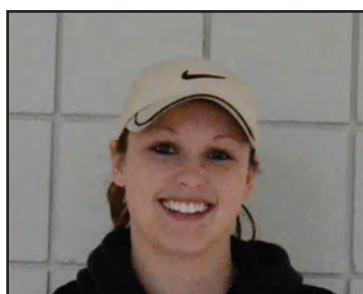
George Washington Carver---because he had a big impact on agriculture.

Edwin Medina



Michael Jordan--- because he is the best, he can fly! And I love watching space jam.

Heather Conklin



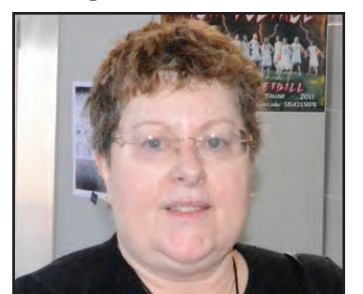
Martin Luther King Jr. --- because his journey was very incredible and succesful.

Rita Davenport



Condoleezza Rice--- Because she rocks! She was the Secretary of State.

Jane Martino



Ida B. Wells--- She was a suffragist and had beautiful leadership. She never gave in.

February is Black History Month. For more information on the African Americians named above, turn to page 2

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Documentaries in the Dark presents...

By Stacey Walker

Editor-in-Chief

DMACC is holding Documentaries in the Dark once again this semester.

Features will be held at 7 pm one Monday each month. Showings are located in the auditorium of the Boone campus.

All showings are free of charge and open to the public.

The documentaries shown are chosen by recommendation from the students and faculty that attend viewings.

This semester's first selec-

tion was *When I came Home* and was followed by *Sunshine*.

The next showing will be on Monday, March 12.

"We try to give our selections variety so that we can interest all majors and age groups," said Tedrow.

Snacks and beverages are available at each showing.

"Each documentary is about 90 minutes long, the rest of the time depends on how long our discussion is afterwards," said Tedrow.

While a new selection is shown for each viewing, students can find past documen-

taries available in the library.

Some instructors have given extra credit to their students for making it to the shows.

Film instructor Kendra Breitsprecher had her students participate in one event last semester.

"While I only offered extra credit for one showing, lots of my students continued attending just for the enjoyment," said Breitsprecher.

Students or faculty with any questions can feel free to contact Michelle Tedrow, Jan LaVille, Stacy Amling, or Krystal Hering.

Influential African Americans

Five people on campus were asked if they could meet any influential African American, who would it be and why. These are the individuals that were selected and information about them.



Michael Jordan

*Two time Olympic gold medalist (1984, 1992)
*14-time All-Star



Martin Luther King Jr

*African American clergyman; ordained a Baptist minister at 18
*Advocate for direct action non-violent protest



Ida B. Wells

*well known Journalist
*her main successes were in the fields of anti-lynching and woman's suffrage



George Washington Carver

*bestowed an honorary doctorate from Simpson College in 1928
*received the Roosevelt medal for restoring agriculture in 1939



Condoleezza Rice

*reopened nuclear negotiations with North Korea
*crafted the terms of a United Nations resolution to investigate war crimes in Sudan.

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which would be more effective for students: having a designated honors classroom in the college, which would require an addition, or providing living quarters with a classroom. After comparing the cost and considerations of each project, Lee and LaVille decided the living quarters were the most beneficial.

Lee also said, "From a college standpoint we provided the opportunity for athletes to live together as a team and now we are giving honors students the opportunity to live with other students

who are also a part of the honors program."

On the first floor there will be one apartment for the residence assistant, and the remaining space will be split into three areas: a lounge area, a quiet study room and an honors classroom (only available for the honor students.)

Anyone living in DMACC's apartments will be able to go to the lounge and quiet study room. The lounge area will be furnished with a vending machine, microwave and a TV. The quiet study area will have six hard-wired

computers.

The classroom will have about 15 hardwired computer stations.

The other two floors of the building will be living quarters.

This new addition is a "nice step for the Boone campus," added Lee.

Six and half years ago when Lee started here there were less than 30 students living in the apartments and 1,600 students enrolled.

Today there are 3,400 enrolled at Boone, including on campus, online and at the Hunziker Center in Ames, and 132 students living on campus.

"Lansink Construction, which is head quartered in Johnston, started working last Monday, January 30th on the new apartment," said Dean Hatch, the buildings and grounds supervisor.

Hatch said about 48 new parking spaces will be put in place with the addition of the building.

"I am happy to see the project is underway," he said.

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Bear Briefs

Wii Deal or No Deal

The Student Activities Council is hosting another round of Deal or No Deal in the Courter Center on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Before you get your hopes up, Howie Mendell won't actually be on campus; the tournament will take place via Nintendo Wii.

Singer, Kelsey Nord

Fans of cool, indie-pop set your make time on Feb. 16. Omaha native, Kelsey Nord will be playing in the Courter Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Acoustic sets can be expected, with occasional backing by band members. Nord lists a couple of her influences as Colbie Caillat, Lady Antebellum and Miranda Lambert.

Jacks Contest

A Jacks Contest will be held in the courter Center from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 22. Winners will receive a free SAC t-shirt.

Student Activities Council Meetings

There have been some slight changes for the SAC meetings. Please note that all meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203 on Mar. 8 and April 5.

In Service Work Day

Boone Campus will be closed on Feb. 17 due to an in service work day. The library, book store, cafe, etc, will be closed the entire day.

4 on 4 Volleyball Contest

After the success of the basketball league the SAC is hosting another tournament. The 4 on 4 volleyball league will begin at 9 p.m. on Feb. 20 and will take place in the gym. The league will continue at the same time and place on Feb. 23 and Feb. 27.

Free Income Tax Help

The Boone Campus is offering free income tax help from now until April 13 on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. DMACC accounting students who have been certified by the Internal Revenue Service will help prepare federal and state income tax returns for qualified residents. There is no cost to eligible taxpayers for the service. For questions or to schedule and appointment, call (515) 433-5029.

Technology for Writers

This free class will take place on Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Writing Center (Room 170). English instructor Teresa Albertson will facilitate the course. For more information, please contact Krystal Hering at (515)433-5212.

New York City Trip

The NYC trip, originally planned during Spring Break, has been postponed. The new dates are from May 7 through May 11 with the same itinerary. Some funding is possible. Students who have already contacted will be notified and other students may request information from Reggie Sinha at rsinhaa@dmacc.edu

Spring Enrollment Record

Another record has been set by Des Moines Area Community College for spring semester enrollment. The record is proceeded by twelve consecutive records set each year. The final tally for this semester rings up at 24,580 students taking 206,698 credits. The one-year increase of 3.73 percent over the last year represents 884 more students. Over the past five years spring enrollment at DMACC is up nearly 40 percent.

4 on 4 Basketball Winners

The 4 on 4 Intramural Basketball winners were: Javier Morales Hernandez, Edwin Medina Rosa, Kelvin Correa and other teammates. Congrats to the team on an undefeated record of 8-0. Also, if the winners haven't received their prizes yet, please collect them from Steve Kraficisin's office (188d) located by the gym.

Sports Blurbs

DMACC men's basketball team falls to Ellsworth, 68-62

DMACC - The Ellsworth Community College men's basketball team took advantage of poor shooting by the Des Moines Area Community College men's basketball team and handed the Bears a 68-62 loss February 1 at Iowa Falls.

Coleman's lifts DMACC women's basketball team by Ellsworth, 69-58

DMACC - Sophomore Joscelyn Coleman of Shenandoah scored 26 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Des Moines Area Community College women's basketball team to a 69-58 win over Ellsworth Community College February 1 at Iowa Falls.

DMACC women's basketball team improves to 18-4 with 64-43 win

DMACC - The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball team ran its season record to 18-4 with a 64-43 win over Marshalltown Community College (MCC) February 4 at Marshalltown.

Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball
Feb. 18 1 p.m.
Kirkwood at Boone

Women's Basketball
Feb. 22 5:30 p.m.
NIACC at Boone

Women's Basketball
Feb. 25 1 p.m.
SECC at Keokuk

Women's Basketball
Feb. 29 5:30 p.m.
ICCC at Fort Dodge

Men's Basketball
Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Kirkwood at Boone

Men's Basketball
Feb. 22 7:30 p.m.
NIACC at Boone

Men's Basketball
Feb. 29 7:30 p.m.
ICCC at Fort Dodge

Baseball
Feb. 19 1 p.m.
Southeast at Beatrice, NE

Baseball
Feb. 25 1 p.m.
Neosho County at Chanute, KS

Baseball
Feb. 26 1 p.m.
Neosho County at Chanute, KS

Baseball
Feb. 18 1 p.m.
Southeast at Beatrice, NE



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The halls are alive with the Sound of Music



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Students were given the opportunity to listen to Jabali Afrika, a thrilling performance of authentic African music mixed with an afro-rock sound and other modern styles, on Feb. 8 in the Courter Center. This event was sponsored by the Student Activities Council of the Boone Campus.

Snakes Alive visits DMACC again



Photos by Lacy Stevensen and Stacey Walker

Students, faculty and staff got to see many different types of reptiles during Snakes Alive on Feb. 6 in the Courter Center. Many got to hold different types of snakes and different types of lizards.

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can renew their certifications” or get information on how to enhance their current job skills.

Accessing the site on a phone has the advantage of offering a larger format to make

what would otherwise be tiny print easier to read.

Wheeler said the one goal is for high school students to look at the website and see what classes and degrees DMACC offers.

Second, “It’s for current students and to keep everyone informed on campus.”

The website should work for all smart phones with internet. If not, it may be the provider or internet connection.

Student Jenn Hays said she thinks the mobile site is a good idea. “It makes DMACC more resourceful.” Hays has not used the site because she does not have a smart phone.

Student Daniel Vanderploeg said he would use the site but he doesn’t have a smart phone either.

“I think it would help if students were more aware of what’s going on at DMACC.”

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New Recruits



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Des Moines Roosevelt High School’s Breonnhia Bailey, second from the right in the front row, has signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Shown with Bailey in the front row from the left are her brother, Joshua Winters, her mother, Adrienne Williams, and her father, Willie Chism. In the second row from the left are DMACC volleyball coach Patty Harrison and Des Moines Roosevelt assistant volleyball coach Andrea Ruddy.



Photo Provided

Carroll High School’s Brad Christensen, front row center, has signed a national letter of intent to play golf at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Shown in the front row with Christensen are his parents, Kirk and Diane Christensen. Show from the left in the second row are Carroll High School boys golf coach Kevin Rasmussen, DMACC men’s golf coach Larry Briley and Carroll High School athletics director Keith Stribe.



Photo Provided

Carroll Kuemper High School senior Tanner Ludwig, front row center, has signed a national letter of intent to play golf at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Shown with Ludwig in the front row are his parents, Randy and Jodi Ludwig. From the left in the second row are Carroll Kuemper boys golf coach Larry Clark and DMACC men’s golf coach Larry Briley.



Photo Provided

Taylor Baggett of Avoca A-H-S-T High School, seated second from left, has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Seated from the left are DMACC softball coach Bob Ligouri, Baggett’s parents, Jadie and Jeremy Dea and Baggett’s sister, Jadie. Standing behind the group is A-H-S-T softball coach Jamie Bramman.

DMACC baseball team splits season opening series with DCTC

DMACC - The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) baseball team opened the 2012 season with a double header against Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) Feb. 12 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn., and split the two games. The Bears took the opener, 10-0, before dropping the nightcap, 4-3.

Sophomore Alex Crawford of Wilton tossed a one-hitter and freshman Edwin Medina of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, had three hits to pace the Bears in the first game. Sophomores Sean Moore of Coralville and Blake Schmit of Eden Prairie, Minn.,

and freshman Kelvin Correa of Puerto Rico had two hits apiece in the game.

Five DMACC players drove in one run each in the contest as the Bears took advantage of eight DCTC errors for five unearned runs. Moore, Correa and sophomore Alex Lashomb of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., had doubles in the game.

Crawford pitched a perfect game through the first four innings before allowing his only hit with one out in the fifth inning. He struck out 11 batters and walked one.

DCTC, trailing 3-1, scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to come away with the win

in the second game. Medina again led the Bears at the plate with a pair of base hits, including a double to begin the game and help DMACC to a 1-0 lead. The Bears went ahead 3-1 in the top of the fifth when Moore drove in Medina with a triple and later scored on a squeeze bunt by Schmit.

Sophomore Cody Beam of Coon Rapids, Minn., suffered the loss. He threw four and one-third innings, allowing four runs on six hits. He struck out four and did not walk a batter. Sophomore Blake Reutter of Boone worked the last one and two-thirds innings. He allowed one hit and struck out three batters.

ICCAC honors DMACC women's basketball players Sam Thrapp and Joscelyn Coleman

DMACC - The Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) has honored Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball players Sam Thrapp and Joscelyn Coleman.

The conference has named Thrapp the Scholar-Athlete of the Week for the week

of February 8, and has named Coleman Athlete of the Week for the Week of February 8.

Thrapp, a sophomore point guard from Davenport, averaged 16 points, 5.5 assists and three steals in helping the

Bears to victories over Ellsworth Community College (ECC) on February 1 and Marshalltown

Coleman, a sophomore forward from Shenandoah, posted career highs in points and rebounds in

DMACC's 69-58 win over ECC, with 26 points and 16 rebounds. She had 13 points and six rebounds in a 64-43 win over MCC. Coleman is majoring in liberal arts and plans to continue her

basketball and academic career at a four-year college or university.

The honor is the second for Coleman, who was named ICCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week for the week of January 25.



Sam Thrapp



Joscelyn Coleman

Community College (MCC) on February 8. Thrapp is majoring in psychology and carries a 3.6 grade point average. She plans to continue her academic and athletic career at a four-year college or university.

DMACC women's basketball team too much for SWCC, 68-49

DMACC - Freshman Maci Robeoltman of Rockwell connected on seven of eight shots from the field for 14 points to lead the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball team to a 68-49 win over Southwestern Community College (SWCC) February 11 at the DMACC gymnasium.

DMACC men's basketball team defeats SWCC, 64-54

DMACC - Freshman LaTrell Visor of Aurora, Ill., led three players in double figures with 16 points as the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) men's basketball team handed Southwestern Community College (SWCC) a 64-54 loss February 11 at the DMACC gymnasium.



Photo by Jessica Kinmetz

DMACC sophomore Sam Thrapp goes up for the basket on Saturday, Feb. 11 when the Bears went up against Southwestern Community College. The Bears came out on top with a 68-49 win against the Spartans.



Photo by Jessica Kinmetz

DMACC freshman Nate Mason goes up for the basket on Saturday, Feb. 11 when the Bears went up against Southwestern Community College. The Bears came out on top with a 64-54 win against the Spartans.



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You Should Meet...

Courtney Bunting

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Born and raised in Boone,
single mom, full-time DMACC student,
and part-time employee at McDonalds



By **Jessica Kinnetz**
Staff Writer

DMACC student Courtney Bunting juggles full-time class, a 10-month-old daughter, and a part-time job at McDonalds.

Her daughter Peyton is her life, she said.

"I went back [to school] to better myself and give her a better life and support for the future. My goal is to get a degree in human services and juvenile delinquency." By fall she hopes to have her own place and be in the honors

program.

Courtney hasn't had it easy. She has always had to work for what she wanted in life. In High school she took part in sports. Softball was her love but she had to get a job and always work for

cost of daycare, baby food, clothing, diapers. She got very overwhelmed and decided to move back in with her parents to save money.

Also at this time she admits that she was in an abusive relationship. "It was a very, very bad relationship."

She

said she

learned from life's experiences and has learned to let go.

"Don't let somebody become a priority in your life when you're just an option in theirs."

"Don't let somebody become a priority in your life when you're just an option in theirs."

~Courtney Bunting

the things she want and needed.

When she used to live on her own she would be having a good time living life. She found out she was pregnant and figured out the

Courtney said it's a quote she lives by.

"Yeah, it's hard, very hard to get away from it, but it wasn't healthy and I know I didn't want my daughter to go through that."

She said parenting on your own is not easy.

"Being a single mom is hard work, but just because I'm not in one [a relationship] does not make me a weak person. I believe it has made me stronger, smarter, and wiser."

She is not afraid to speak up in class. "I got picked on in high

school a lot and now I am able to stand up for myself. I don't let people walk all over me anymore. If you don't like what I say, then walk away."

In her spare time she likes to play slow pitch co-ed softball for Westside Wings in Ames and She-nanigans in Boone.

She has some advice for other women in a similar situation: "It's hard to pack up and leave but go with your head not your heart. Leave while you can and don't look back!"



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Rehearsing in 'Earnest'



Photo by Kevin Langel

Cast members rehearse a scene during play practice. From left to right are Matt Beyer, Sean Hanlin, Abby Broywer, and Stephanie Clemons.

By Kevin Langel

Copy Editor

The play has been chosen, the cast picked. The DMACC – Boone Campus Drama Dept. will be presenting their spring production, “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde, on March 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theatre.

The play is under the direction of Kay Mueller, speech and communications professor at the Boone Campus. The assistants to the director are Stephanie Clemons and myself.

The cast list is the following:

***Sean Hanlin** is playing Algernon Moncrieff, the first cousin of Gwendolen. He is a bachelor and the nephew of Lady Bracknell.

***Matt Beyer** is playing Jack Worthing, who is in love with Gwendolen. He is also a bach-

elor and was adopted when very young by Thomas Cardew.

***Nate Andersen** is playing Lane, a manservant.

***Rachel Davis** is playing Lady Bracknell, who is Augusta Fairfax.

***Abby Broywer** is playing Gwendolen Fairfax, who is the daughter of Lady Bracknell.

***Rachel Baldus** is playing Miss Prism, who is the governess to Cecily.

***Kodie Butterfield** is playing Cecily Cardew, who is the ward of Jack Worthing.

***Nick Bassett** is playing Rev. Canon Chasuble, the rector of the church near Jack’s country house.

***Brett Edmundson** is playing Merriman, a butler.

***Chris Shannon** is playing the footman.

“Compared to last semesters play, I think that it is better,”

said Hanlin. “There isn’t as much physical humor as there is verbal humor, which I think is the funniest version of humor.”

According to the script, the plot is, “‘The Importance of being Earnest’ is Oscar Wilde’s most perfect, and most popular play. Since its premiere at London’s St. James Theater in 1895, it has given joy to generations of theatregoers, who, according to Wilde editor Stanley Appelbaum, ‘savor its brilliant lines like familiar music.’”

The play is often called a ‘comedy of manners,’ because in the world Wilde knew and wrote about, late 19 century British high society, manners were everything. In this play, young Jack Worthing and his good friend Algernon find themselves in a ridiculous situation after their fiancées learn they are coincidentally engaged to the same man.

A glorious rendition of mistaken identity, Wilde’s play is sure to get people of all ages and social class grinning, if not realizing themselves the importance of being earnest.

This adaptation is leaner than the original, making the action continuous and fast paced while preserving the major plot points and journeys of the hilarious characters. It runs about ninety minutes, not including intermissions and can be presented as either a long one act or full length.

All of the dialogue is Wilde’s. We hope this condensed version of Wilde’s classic will leave our audience exhilarated and wanting more.

A Struggling Student

Paying ahead can drain financial aid reserves

By Derrick J Roffman

Columnist



As I’m writing this, it’s been less than a week since I have received my financial aid refund, and all of my money is

gone. Does that mean I am bad with money? Does that mean I am not living “like a college student?”

I’m sure for those of us who get financial aid go through these questions every semester whether we are asking ourselves or whether our friends and family are asking us why we don’t seem to have everything in order. I don’t think we are that bad with money. I think part of what makes money go fast depends on your personal strategy.

When I get my financial aid refund I have had almost 6 months to think about what I am going to spend my money on. I plan and write out and make lists. I think I should state right about now that I have no real income. I have a part time job that I got recently, but get a call every week or two, so my income is largely based on financial aid right now. I don’t live at home. I’m an independent student, who is non-tra-

ditional because I’m over 25. So I plan out my refund to last me the whole semester. I pay ahead on my rent for months, I pay ahead on utilities and I plan ahead for gas and household items.

So when I get my money, I immediately go out and pay all of these things and buy supplies like I’m living in the Arctic Circle and these supplies are needed for the next 6 months. Sure, I spend money on a few frivolities, just like anyone else I need some form of entertainment to keep me balanced and mine just happens to be things that I can play with when I have free time, not movies or going out to eat.

So I am not so bad at spending my money, I just do it in bulk. I don’t hold on to it and spend it every month plus have it supplemented with a job. So when people wonder why I buy a \$200 item that seems unnecessary I don’t feel bad, as it is something I use for my hobby which takes up most of my time and I don’t go out to movies as much.

If you get any flack for not using your money write me and tell me what you think, am I wrong? Do you think like me and get flack for your ideas? Or am I just another college student who chooses to be bad with my money because I get something for (nearly) nothing? Or is it a combination of our social and economic environment?

Hope for Emmalynn



Photo by Kevin Langel

From left to right: Elizabeth Matthies, Emmalynn, Ben Matthies, and Kelli Bennett

Emmalynn Matthies, 2 years old, was born with DBA (Diamond Blackfan Anemia). This causes her body to not make a sufficient amount of red blood cells. Because of this, she has to have blood transfusions often. She has two different donors that she gets blood from.

Emmalynn was born eight weeks early by an emergency c-section and then immediately taken by air ambulance to Mercy in Des Moines. She only weighed 2 lbs. 13 ozs. Emma’s mom, Elizabeth, was transported the next day to Mercy.

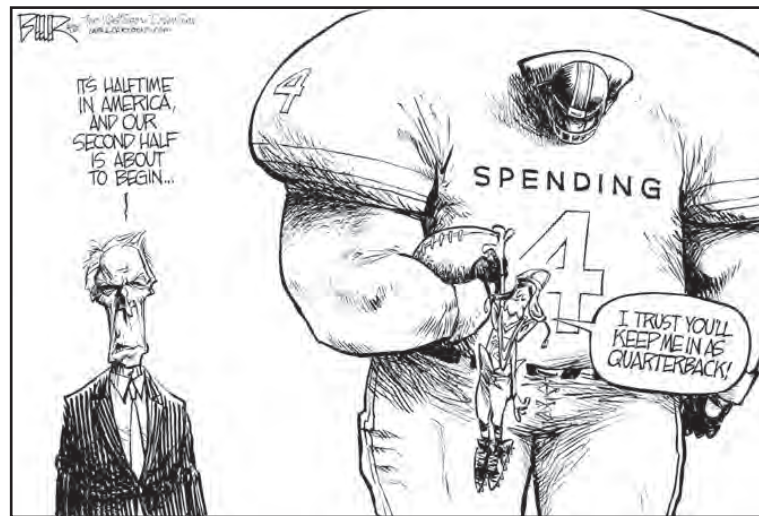
In May, Emmalynn and her parents will travel to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and will have a bone marrow transplant. Before the transplant, she will undergo chemo and radiation treatments. After the transplant, she and her parents will have to stay at the University for about five months.

With this disease, one can have heart and kidney problems, but Emma hasn’t had any.

“If you saw her for the first time, you wouldn’t even know there is anything wrong with her,” said Kelli Bennett, Emma’s grandma and the program coordinator with the TTCP program at the Boone campus.

A fundraiser was held on Sat., Feb. 11, at the Courter Center on the Boone Campus. More than \$3,000 was raised between t-shirt sales, raffle tickets, a bake sale, donations and vendor rentals.

-- Kevin Langel



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Sweet sale for PBL



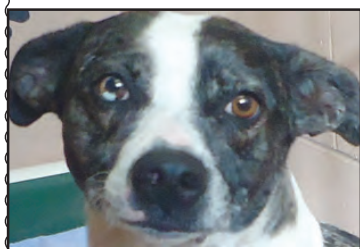
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Amanda Hall and Stephanie Shipley, members of Phi Beta Lambda at the DMACC Boone campus, help with the annual PBL bake sale. All money raised will help PBL with future activities.



Pet Feature

Shy



Shy has come out of her shell and is a wonderful dog! She is so eager to please, just begging to be loved! She is one of our quietest dogs in adoption, rarely barking. Shy is 6 years old and is an Australian Shepherd/Rat Terrier mix. She can be a bit shy at first, but warms up very quickly. She loves to run around outside and be by your side. Shy gets along well with cats and is okay with most other dogs.

Whisper



Whisper is about 4 years old. She was living outside under a house through the very cold winter. She was very scared when she first came in, but with a little patience we got her to come around. She is now just about the sweetest cat at the shelter. She is shy with new people, but once she knows that you aren't going to hurt her she will climb right into your arms and hug you and continuously head butt her face into yours.



"I must admit, boy - that is some excellent digging."

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This week's horoscopes

Today's (02/15/12). Creativity and imagination lead to new responsibilities this year. Expression channeled onto pages, into color and words, not only releases an emotion, but it provides a release for someone else. Reap rich rewards in many senses. 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 6 -- Upgrade your workplace with a little imagination. Financial hurdles are temporary. A partner offers excellent support. Make love and romance a priority.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Go ahead and ask for what you've been promised; the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Keep smiling! You especially appreciate beauty, ambiance and artistry.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- The affection continues. It's as if Valentine's Day never ended. Don't take anything for granted now, and avoid unnecessary conflict. Focus on the love.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Not everything goes according to plan, but you can handle detours by applying what you've learned and adding a pinch of creativity. Patch up any leaks.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Avoid trying to win an argument, or just skip the fight altogether. Choose peace and calm. Practice paying attention to your breath. Joy doesn't have to cost money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Little steps toward organization can go a long way now. Exercise clears your head. Burn off some calories while having fun. Friends can make great partners.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Fall in love with everyday beauty, the kind you normally take for granted. Don't sweat small stuff, and avoid silly arguments. Others speak well of you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Add some passion to your work. Today could be quite profitable, but don't spend what you don't have. Stick to your budget. Be ready for surprises.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Others are depending on you to take action, but there's no need to stress since you're on top of your game. Put some oomph into it. The overall outcome is brilliant.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Keep an empowering context or overview for what you're up to, rather than listening to that old, disruptive voice that wants you to believe you can't.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Increased romance may come with some reversals of fortune. Be persistent to get what you really want. Use your wonderful instincts. Save up for it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Go for what you believe in. Being true to yourself takes you a long, long way. Be grateful for what you have. Wherever you can, build a solid foundation.

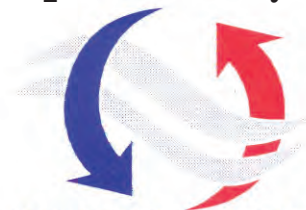
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