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Now is time to spring into summer job search

By Devon Greer
Staff Writer

As summer approaches, the job market tends to expand for students.

"Most students are willing to take anything," said Dave Reimers, DMACC student employment specialist.

The best time to search for employment is March and early April, he said.

Job listings are posted at the Boone campus on the blue bulletin board next to entrance 18 on the west side. Examples include At-Home Care and landscaping. Also listed are apprenticeships and travel jobs.

The central location for DMACC students seeking employment is located at Ankeny campus. Student Employment Assistance Department is in building one. Jobs are listed in a binder in the career office center. They are open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The website is go.dmacc.edu/student_services/jobplacement.

Summer jobs tend to be part-time and seasonal. "Most employers are willing to fit the

hours to work around your schedule," Reimers said.

Boldt has noticed certain trends in summer jobs. The "most popular seasonal summer jobs are recreational park, commercial horticulture, nanny, and there are a lot of opportunities for counseling for example camps."

Jobs that are specialized or career oriented require more experience. "Students may find it difficult to find jobs without skills and experience or 2 years vocational experience," Boldt said.

To help students compete in the job market, the Student Employment Assistance Department offers assistance with resume writing, interviewing techniques, salary information, and referrals to full-time jobs.

Other resources include Iowacareer.net and Iowaworkforce.org to help individuals find jobs.

For additional help students can contact Student Employment Specialists Boldt at jlboldt@dmacc.edu at 964 6215 or Reimers, ddreimers@dmacc.edu at 964-6463.



Photo by Daniel Ginger

Chief Warrant Officer, 2nd Class, Jason Hendricks and his family are all smiles after being reunited at the DMACC Gym on April 6. Iowa Army National Guard members celebrated their homecoming during a ceremony at DMACC after a year-long mission in Kosovo.

Home sweet home Iowa National Guard soldiers return

By Danny Ginger
News Editor

DMACC's gym was packed on April 6 as the Boone community and members of the public welcomed back the troops of the Iowa Army National Guard.

The atmosphere was thick with excitement at 2 p.m. when the soldiers marched through the aisle. Thunderous applause rang out as the 67 men and women of the 2nd Battalion 174th Aviation Wing arrived home after one year

in Kosovo.

Father Dick Dahle shared a brief prayer. Then a representative for Gov. Terry Branstad welcomed the troops back by reading a letter from the governor. Next, Major General Tim Orr said a few words. "The 174th has put in 2,400 flight hours with no major accidents or injuries," Orr said. "We are proud to have our troops home at a full 67 strong."

The troops were in Kosovo for a peacekeeping mission. After Orr spoke, Dahle gave the benediction. Then the troops

were released from active duty.

The love in the room as the soldiers were reunited with their families was enough to bring tears to one's eyes. Children cried as they were swept into the arms of parents they haven't seen in over a year.

When asked how he felt about the ceremony, DMACC student Nick Jackson said, "It was pretty cool DMACC did this for them. I was proud to see them come home. It was great DMACC did this for both the soldiers and their families."



Photo by Kevin Langel

Members and advisors of the Tau Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the DMACC - Boone Campus attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Conferences last week in Seattle, Wash. From left to right: Alex Carlstrom, Jennifer Spry-Knutson, Kevin Langel, Tina Hardy and Stacy Amling. This picture was taken at the top of the Space Needle. Please turn to page 6 to read more about the trip.

Boone provost honored by Phi Theta Kappa

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College and the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees each received awards at the 2011 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Seattle, Wash. on April 8.

DMACC Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee received a Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. IACCT Executive Director M.J. Dolan also received the State Community College Director Award of Distinction at the international convention. The Shirley B. Gordon Awards are named for the President Emeritus of Highline Community College, now serving as chairman of the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors.

Lee received this award for providing extensive support and a variety of resources for the DMACC Boone Campus Tau Phi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The DMACC Boone Campus

annually hosts the PTK Regional Conference in February. Provost Lee has provided numerous welcomes and keynote addresses at PTK Chapter induction ceremonies.

"PTK's mission of recognizing academic achievement and encouraging personal development is important to me and to our students on the Boone Campus," said Lee. "It's an honor to receive this national award and to help PTK serve our students."

Dolan is instrumental in organizing a legislative day at the Iowa Capitol every year, where PTK members and advisors have an opportunity to meet with their area legislators. She also is active in the PTK's annual All-Iowa Academic Team banquet.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, has recognized academic excellence since 1918. The society is comprised of



Photo by Kevin Langel

Tom Lee (right) and his wife Georgeann stand in the convention center in Seattle, Wash., where Lee was honored.

more than 1,250 chapters at community, technical and junior colleges throughout the world.

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Dead Giveaway: A “killer” performance

By Austin Leeds
Staff Writer

“It’s amazing what the dead... give away,” says Dr. Hugh Bernard, his pistol aimed at police officer Angie Bowles.

By the time all is said and done, the body count in “Dead Giveaway” comes out to seven—every single character in the story. With such a tragic ending, you’d think it’d be hard to call “Dead Giveaway” a comedy—but if you were among the lucky people who attended the April 1 and 2 performances, chances are you found it hilarious. I know I did.

Between death scenes flowing with more melodrama than blood and a plot that refused to untwist itself until the very end, “Dead Giveaway” was a runaway success, eliciting peals of laughter, loud applause for the audience’s favorite actors and actresses and a standing ovation on its opening night.

Central to the production’s success was its colorful characters—and the equally colorful cast who portrayed them.

Katie Sandquist played the attractive and seemingly innocent undercover cop Angie Bowles. In an attempt to get her hands on a valuable tontine, secretly guarded by the aging former members of the Lambda Beta Chi sorority, Angie signs up as a cook... I mean, “domestic engineer,” for the ladies. Too busy mistrusting each other, none of the ladies suspects that Angie knows about their treasure.

Sandquist’s performance was excellent, keeping the audience unaware of her true motives until the very last minute. Her climactic death scene was especially well-played, exchanging pistol shots with Dr. Bernard in a duel that claimed both of their lives.

Portrayed by Kevin Langel, Dr. Hugh Bernard is a local family doctor who hires Angie to spy on the ladies. He is unaware that she is really a double agent working with one of the ladies, Beryl Chartres, to keep an eye on him. In the course of the play, Dr. Bernard murders five characters: Katie (shot), Evelyn (shot), Dinah (stabbed), Fiona (shot), and Beryl (posthumous—poisoned). No one except Angie and Beryl suspects Dr. Bernard—and only at the very last moment.

Unlike Angie, Dr. Bernard’s behaviors are more suspicious, and Langel balanced both of Dr. Bernard’s personas—the kind doctor and the ruthless killer—very well.

Having starred in the last three DMACC theatre productions, Rachel Davis is a talented actress—this time around, she played the polite but scheming Fiona Standish, whose obsession with writing her “story” makes everyone suspicious. In reality, Fiona’s story is her autobiography, detailing how she is planning to kill off all the other ladies and take the tontine for herself.

As one of “Dead Giveaway’s” comedic trio (Catherine, Dinah, and Fiona), Davis kept up the fast-paced humor and provided a moment of dark humor as she taunts a dying Catherine. Fiona’s death scene, however, was far too short for her larger-than-life character.

Beryl Chartres, the owner of the house in which all the Lambda Beta Chi ladies live, was played by Sarah Swift. Swift’s portrayal of Beryl was that of a somewhat cantankerous old woman, whose dangerously crafty mind nearly wins her the tontine all for herself. After every other character has been killed, Beryl reappears on stage, admitting that she had faked her death—a key part of



Photo by Dan Ivis

The cast of “Dead Giveaway” poses for their cast photo. Back from left to right: Austin Leeds, Chris Shannon, Danny Ginger, Katie Sandquist, Sarah Swift and Connie McIntyre-Ferguson. Seated from left to right: Rachel Davis, Kevin Langel and Beth Christianson.

her plan to win the tontine—then relishes in her victory by drinking a glass of Fiona’s poisoned lemonade and taking Dr. Bernard’s poisoned pills. She is the last person to die, slumping to the floor as the stage lights fade out.

Swift’s reappearance was one of the most shocking moments during “Dead Giveaway,” and the audience let out a knowing “oooooh” as she went to take her pills. The interesting family dynamic between Beryl and Angie (who is secretly her daughter-in-law) was also well played by both actresses.

Danny Ginger played Evelyn Harrigan, a retired actress whose antics while testing Fiona’s “murder theories” later contribute to the mistaken belief that she is the one murdering all the ladies. In reality, Dr. Bernard shoots Evelyn late in the first act and dies in the

dining room early in the second act.

As the only male playing a female in “Dead Giveaway,” Ginger was surprisingly believable as Evelyn, more believable than Davis’ and Swift’s portrayals of their characters—mostly on account of his high, scratchy vocal quality.

Connie McIntyre-Ferguson and Beth Christianson played Dinah Boxburrrough and Catherine Meers, respectively. Dinah, a senior-citizen Hell’s Angel, and Catherine, a horticulturalist, are the two other members of “Dead Giveaway’s” comedic trio, contributing most of the humor, alongside Fiona, throughout the play. Along with Evelyn and Beryl, Catherine and Dinah never actually kill anyone, though Dinah threatens Dr. Bernard with a cleaver at one point (which Dr. Bernard promptly uses to murder

her offstage). Catherine drinks some of Fiona’s poisoned lemonade, killing her near the end of the second act.

Connie and Beth were clearly crowd favorites, bringing in wild applause and laughter. From Dinah’s noisy arrivals on her motorcycle to Catherine’s perfect witch cackle, these two were really the stars of the show. Their death scenes were both very dramatic—Dinah emerges stabbed from the kitchen, then collapses on the couch, taking one last loud gasp for air before expiring, and Catherine claws her way towards Fiona, dying just as she reaches her.

Overall, “Dead Giveaway” was a killer performance, and I look forward to seeing what next semester’s play has in store.

I give this production 5 out of five stars.

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If your income was less than \$49,000 last year, call to schedule an appointment for free income tax help:

Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the DMACC Boone Campus, Feb. 4 through April 15. Call (515) 433-5029 to schedule an appointment at the Boone Campus.

Bring last year's taxes, W-2s, and Social Security cards, as well as any other tax documents you have.

This is a free service for those who qualify. Please come early; only a limited number of clients can be seen each day.

The service will not be available during DMACC's spring break, which occurs March 14-18.

Additional Scholarship Assistance

Don't miss out on additional grant assistance. The following scholarships is available from the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. You must complete the Iowa Financial Aid Application (links below) to apply.

You must complete both the FAFSA and the Iowa Financial Aid Application, if you wish to apply for the scholarship below at <https://apps.iowacollegeaid.gov/common/default.aspx?cmd=wizInfoView>, select "Undergraduate Student."

2011-2012 Iowa Financial Aid Application available for students applying for the following program:

*Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program (NGEAP) (priority deadline of August 31)

It's time for FAFSA 2011-2012

Complete the 2011-2012 Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) for school year beginning August 25, 2011 at www.fafsa.ed.gov by DMACC's priority date of April 1, 2011.

When you complete the FAFSA you are asking to be considered for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Student Direct Loans, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants and Federal College Work Study.

Application deadline for fall 2011 scholarships

Just more than one week remains for students who are looking to be considered for a DMACC scholarship to submit their application for the fall 2011 term? The District-wide General Scholarship application is currently open to all students who have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA. Fri., April 15th, is the last day to submit an application. Direct students to check out this great opportunity at <http://go.dmacc.edu/foundation/Pages/scholarships.aspx>.

Singer to Perform

Singer Caleb Hawley will be entertaining audiences on April 13 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Courter Center.

China Year Gourmet Dinner

DMACC -- Join the celebration to commemorate DMACC's China Year 2010-11 at the China Year Gourmet Dinner on Thursday, April 14 at the Iowa Culinary Institute, Bldg. # 7, on the DMACC Ankeny campus. Chef Darrin Miller and a team of first and second-year culinary students will prepare and serve a special five-course Chinese meal. The meal will include an appetizer, fish course, intermezzo, meat course and dessert, along with matching wines. The cost is \$65 per person. Pre-dinner champagne will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Cindi Barton at 515-964-6655 or at cabarton@dmacc.edu.

China Year photo presentation

DMACC – A presentation by Professor Curt Stahr in recognition of China Year is planned for Thursday, April 14, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Room 162. The title is "Two Decades of China in the Eyes of a Professional Photographer." As a professional photographer, Professor Stahr has traveled to China nine times between 1991 and 2009, first as a photographer with friends and then at the invitation of the Chinese government. Curt journeyed its capital city Beijing, its capital city in its history for 2,000 years Xi'an, and then Mongolia. He has taken over 4,000 photos of the Chinese people and its country, a few of which are displayed in Bldg. #2 on the Ankeny campus. He will give a PowerPoint presentation about his collection of China's photos and his adventurous trips to China.

Technology scholarship

Thanks to a gift by Des Moines businesswoman Connie Wimer, students in the Women in Technology program have a scholarship opportunity to launch their studies. Wimer, chairwoman of Business Publications Corporation, has given DMACC a \$10,000 gift to create 10 scholarships for women who are studying in technology-related fields. DMACC's Women in Technology series features 20 degree programs that focus on technology needs for businesses in growing career fields. Some of these include health information technology, digital forensics, graphic technologies, electronics, robotics and automation, microcomputers, telecommunications and manufacturing technology. Go to www.dmacc.edu/witrg.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

- Limit your riding to durable surfaces. A properly ridden bicycle has almost no effect on a packed, well-designed dirt trail.
- Riding in mud is bad. Your bike carries more of it away, digs deeper into the earth, and can create big gouges and speed up the process of erosion. If you do come upon a muddy spot, walk across it. Don't ride to the side, which will widen the trail.
- You can ride through a stream if the bottom has a rocky or sandy surface.
- Ride in the center of even the narrowest single-track trail. If you ride the edges, you contribute to wear that eventually will widen the trail.
- If you approach something you can't ride through, such as a big log, waterbar or tough rock field, get off your bike and walk across.
- Don't create new trail markers, cairns or other signposts unless you're part of an approved trail crew.

HORSEBACK RIDING

- Move waste off the trail. Do not let your horse do its thing near any water sources or campsites.
- Hold horses 200 feet from lakes, streams and camping areas.
- Stay on established trails and areas open for horse use.
- Don't cut switchbacks or take shortcuts; doing so can destroy vegetation and cause others to use the unauthorized route.
- Whenever possible, use existing campsites designated for horses.
- Avoid damaging vegetation when tethering horses.
- Do not tie horses to trees, small limbs, saplings or shrubs. Use a highline for tethering.
- Use yards, paddocks or hitching rails where provided.
- Use the proper feed for your stock animals.

NATURE'S CALL

- Use established outhouses when available.
- If no toilets are available, dig a hole at least 6 inches deep that is at least 200 feet away from all water sources, campsites and trails. Cut a divot out of the soil. When you are finished put the divot back in place. Do not dig a group latrine.
- Burning toilet paper, when done carelessly, can result in wildfires and is not recommended. In popular areas, toilet paper should be packed out in double plastic bags with a lockable closure.
- Car campers using undeveloped campsites should use a port-a-potty and dispose of the contents in an RV dump. River runners should pack out human waste.
- Carry out all plastic or cotton feminine hygiene products. Do not bury them.

OTHER STUFF

- Leave stones, artifacts, shells, petrified wood and other stuff you find so that others may enjoy them.
- Do all you can to prevent the spread of non-native plants and species when camping or boating. Make sure any seeds or seed pods aren't attached to your boots, tents or other gear. Clean your waders and boat.

STEP LIGHTLY

THIS EARTH DAY, LEAVE NO TRACE BEHIND

Take only photographs and leave only footprints. We've all heard the mantra. Well, in honor of Earth Day, and regardless of your chosen outdoors pursuit, it's time to walk the talk. Here are some tips from backcountry rangers with the Sawtooth National Forest and the Leave No Trace organization.

— Pete Zimowsky, McClatchy Newspapers

BEFORE YOU GO

- Plan ahead and know the regulations in the area you will visit.
- Don't visit an area during high-use times.
- Repackage your food in smaller Ziploc plastic bags to prevent waste and more garbage. Dried backpack meals that allow you to eat out of the container, and boil-in-the-bag meals reduce the number of dishes and pans you have to wash at camp.
- Take any new camping gear out of the package before going to the mountains.
- Carpool to the recreation area and conserve on fuel.

HIKING

- Stay on designated trails and walk in single file in the center of the path.
- Don't take shortcuts on switchbacks. It creates new trails and erosion.
- Stay off trails when they are muddy or wet. If you come upon a section of muddy trail, hike through it. If you walk around the mud, the trail will widen, lose its single-track characteristics and become a bigger muddy area.
- If you're traveling cross-country, hike on durable surfaces — such as rock, sand, gravel, snow or dry needles — to prevent vegetation damage and erosion. Avoid meadows.
- If you're in a group, spread out if you're off-trail so that new trails aren't created.
- Navigate with a map, compass or GPS. Don't leave ribbons or rock cairns as markers. Tree blazes are not allowed.
- Wear as light a boot as possible for the conditions. Heavy boots with deep treads compact the soil more and tend to tear up trails.
- Pick up trash that others may have missed or that was dropped by accident.

CAMPING

- When you can, choose a location that others can't see very well.
- Know in advance where campsites can be found on the trail. Consult a guidebook or other experts.
- Respect areas that are off-limits to camping. They may be closed because of vegetation rehabilitation.
- Camp in established spots so you won't beat down vegetation in other areas.
- Camp 200 feet away from a water source.
- Use biodegradable soap sparingly and never in streams or lake. Do all of your washing at least 200 feet away from all fresh water supplies. Better yet, use alternatives to soap for washing, such as unscented baby wipes. You can avoid dish soap and just wash your dishes in hot water for a few days out on the trail.
- If your wastewater contains food particles, filter them out in a kitchen strainer and put the residue in the trash.
- Broadcast the remaining water in an area away from any campsites.

CAMPSITE ETIQUETTE

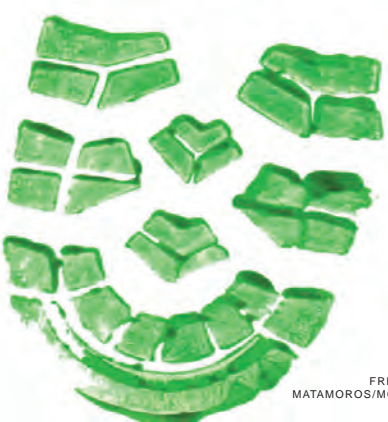
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Keep your gear and clothing off branches, bushes and rocks, and keep your equipment organized and packed away as much as possible.
- Choose gear items that use natural, subdued colors rather than bright, easy-to-spot ones.
- Camp and travel in small groups. They are quieter and do less damage.
- Don't crowd other campers unless no other choice exists. Don't set up your tent in a spot that spoils a view other people came to see.
- Keep trash stored in refuse bags. If you leave it on the ground to pick up later the wind might blow it away or a critter may leave with it.
- Keep noise to a minimum, especially after sunset. Talk in a normal voice at all times, and leave your radios at home.
- If you do bring a pet, keep it on a leash and under control at all times. This includes barking.
- Pick a sleeping spot that is already flat. Don't dig or scrape the ground to smooth it out. Do not build trenches around your tent.

CAMPFIRES

- In campgrounds and other recreation sites, build fires only in fire rings or grills. In undeveloped areas where fires are permitted, use an existing fire ring if possible. If you have to build one, dismantle it when you are done.
- Build your fire on a fire blanket or in a fire pan if there isn't a fire ring.
- Use dead wood lying on the ground. Don't cut live trees or break off limbs from standing trees, even if they're dead.
- Collect firewood far away from your site to leave the site looking as natural as possible.
- Use small wood. Thick pieces rarely burn through and are left behind. Move embers to the fire's center to burn them completely.
- Burn pieces of trash only if they can be fully consumed by fire and turned to ash. Do not attempt to burn plastic, cans or foil.
- Make certain your fire is dead out. Drown it with water, stir and drown again. You should be able to put your hand in the ashes.
- Pack out any trash found in your fire pit. Take any of the charcoal pieces left inside your ring and carry them away from your site. Crush the chunks, then scatter the remnants and dust throughout a broad area. Bring a trash pack for recyclables.

CAMPFIRE ALTERNATIVES

- Use a fire pan on river trips.
- Use a fire blanket when backpacking.
- Instead of using a fire, do all your cooking on a gas stove.
- Use a candle lantern or gas lantern for light instead of building a campfire.



FRED MATAMOROS/MCT

DMACC softball adds two more commitments

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College softball coach Bob Ligouri has announced two more additions to the school's softball program.

Carlee Grunder of Wilton High School in Wilton and Kaili Wells of Shawnee Heights High School in Tecumseh, Kan., have signed national letters of intent to join the program. Grunder is a third baseman and Wells can play a variety of positions, including third base, first base and the outfield.

With the addition of Grunder and Wells, 14 players have now committed to the program.

Grunder hit .459 for the Beavers last season. Her 39 hits included three home runs, five triples and four doubles. She drove in 23 runs and compiled a .689

slugging percentage. Grunder had an on-base percentage of .537 and is a two-time all-conference selection.

Grunder participates in four sports at Wilton. She is an all-state golfer and an all-star basketball team selection. She is also an honor student.

"We are very excited to have Carlee Grunder join our DMACC softball program," DMACC softball coach Bob Ligouri said. "She fits the mold of a DMACC softball player. She is a great athlete, an honor student and a leader in her school and on her teams. She is a winner on the field and in the classroom."

Wells has earned all state, all-city and all-conference honors during her high school career. Wells, who also plays club softball

for the K-State Techno Cats, hit .489 last season with 10 home runs and 30 runs batted in. She has a .537 on-base percentage and a .804 slugging percentage.

"We're very excited to have Kaili Wells join our DMACC softball program," DMACC softball coach Bob Ligouri said. "She hits with power, can run and can play a number of

different positions. She has solid leadership skills, a strong work ethic and is an honor student."

DMACC announced in November that it is adding softball to its intercollegiate athletic program and named Ligouri as the head coach. DMACC will begin softball action with the 2011-12 school year.

Sport Briefs

Cordova, Borman help DMACC split with Southeastern

Sophomore Hebraim Cordova of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, hit two home runs and drove in five runs and sophomore Sean Borman of Minnetonka, Minn., had a home run and three RBIs to lift the Des Moines Area Community College baseball team to a 15-3 win over Southeastern Community College in the second game of a double header March 27 at West Burlington.

The Bears dropped the opener, 9-5, and now stand 13-10 overall and 1-1 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference.

Schmit drives in four runs to lead DMACC past Southeastern

Freshman Blake Schmit of Eden Prairie, Minn., collected three base hits and drove in four runs to lead the Des Moines Area Community College baseball team to a 12-0 win over Southeastern Community College in the second game of a doubleheader March 28 at West Burlington.

Southeastern took the opener, 4-1, as DMACC closed the day at 14-11 overall and 2-2 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference.

DMACC men finish at Simpson Spring Invite

Freshman Taylor Eichinger of Huxley fired a five-over-par 76 to lead the Des Moines Area Community College men's golf team to a fifth-place finish March 30 in the Simpson College Spring Invite at Indianola.

The Bears concluded the 18-hole tournament with 313 strokes. Central College won the team championship with a 298 total. Central's Alex Huyber took individual honors with a one-under-par 70.

DMACC takes two from Grand View Junior Varsity

Freshmen Alex Lashomb of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Alex Lee of Prospect Heights, Ill., drove in one run apiece as the Des Moines Area Community College baseball team rallied for two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and defeated the Grand View University junior varsity 3-2 in the second game of a doubleheader March 31 at Boone.

The win in the second game gave the Bears a sweep of the two games. DMACC won the opener 12-2 behind a pair of home runs and three runs batted in by sophomore Hebraim Cordova of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

DMACC stretches win streak to seven with four-game sweep

Freshman Jesus Navarro of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, drove in three runs with a single and a double and sophomore Hebraim Cordova of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, added a two-run double as the Des Moines Area Community College baseball team defeated Longview Community College 5-2 in the second game of a doubleheader April 3 to sweep four games from the Lakers.

The win was the seventh straight for the Bears, who won the opener by a score of 9-3. DMACC, which also won a pair of games from LCC on April 2, stands 20-11 for the season.

Bears hit seven home runs in 22-14 win over Indian Hills

The Des Moines Area Community College baseball team pounded out seven home runs in a 22-14 win over Indian Hills Community College April 5 at Centerville.

Freshman Gabby De Varona of Pembroke Pines, Fla., hit three home runs and drove in six runs in the contest and sophomore Sean Borman of Minnetonka, Minn., had a pair of home runs. Borman had five hits in the game.

Freshman Hebraim Cordova of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, and freshman Alex Lee of Prospect Heights, Ill., also homered as DMACC improved to 21-11 for the season with its eighth consecutive victory.

DMACC women place second in Grand View Tournament

Freshman Staci Hillygus of Marshalltown finished sixth in the individual competition and the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's golf team placed second in the team competition at the Grand View Spring Viking Classic April 3 and 4 at Ankeny.

Hillygus shot 18-hole scores of 82-97 for a 36-hole total of 179, leading the Bears to a two-day total of 749. Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) won the team championship with 700 strokes. Danielle Bellet of DWU took medalist honors with a 162 on rounds of 77 and 85.



Photo by Austin Leeds

The soccer fields on the west side of the Boone Campus were a busy place on Sunday, April 10. Mother Nature provided excellent weather on Sunday, with temperatures reaching into the upper 70s.

Go Bears!

DMACC's Katlyn Wood named Third Team All-American

DMACC - The National Junior College Athletic Association has named Katlyn Wood of Monroe, a sophomore forward on the Des Moines Area Community College women's basketball team, a third-team All-American.

The honor caps a sophomore season for Wood that included being named to the Region XI All-Region First Team and the Region XI All-Tournament Team.

"That's awesome," DMACC women's basketball coach Steve Krafcsin said of the honor. "We're really happy for Katlyn."

Wood led the Bears to a 22-11 record in 2010-11, includ-

ing an 8-8 record in the Iowa Community College Athletic



Katlyn Wood

Conference. The Bears reached the semifinals of the Region XI Tournament where they saw their season end following a loss to Iowa Central Community College.

Wood averaged 13.4 points and 8.5 rebounds a game this past season, leading DMACC in both categories. She made 165 of 375 shots from the field, including 21-of-71 from 3-point range, and was 92-of-117 at the free throw line. Wood finished the season with 281 rebounds.

Wood plans to transfer to a four-year college or university where she plans to continue her education and play basketball.



Phi Theta Kappa students and advisors attend international conference in Seattle



Photo by Zach Murrell

Kevin Langel, Editor-in-Chief of the Banner News and president of the Tau Phi chapter at the Boone Campus, stands on top of the Space Needle in Seattle, Wash.



Photo by Kevin Langel

Dr. Nancy Woods, professor of mathematics and physics at the Boone Campus, receives a plaque from Dr. Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa. Woods was honored for her 10 years of service as being the Iowa Regional Coordinator of Phi Theta Kappa.

Last week, four advisors and five students from the Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter attended the PTK international convention in Seattle, Wash.

Those attending were Nancy Woods, Jennifer Spry-Knutson, Stacy Amling, Sandi Johnson, Anthony Ames, Tina Hardy, Sarah Woods, Alex Carlstrom and Kevin Langel.

Here is a run down of the trip:

We left Iowa around 6:30 a.m. and flew to Denver. We arrived in Seattle around 10:30 a.m. (12:30 p.m. Iowa time). Once we had all of our luggage, we were off to the Sheraton hotel.

Once we were all settled in, it was time to go and look around Seattle. We went to the Space Needle, the fish market, the pier

and drank a lot of Starbucks.

Wednesday was another day to look around. Some of us went to the Space Needle and others went shopping. Some even went to the University of Washington campus. Some of us went up to the fitness center of the hotel and worked out, went swimming or hung out in the hot tub.

The next three days (Thursday thru Saturday) was a time to learn and meet a lot of people and make new friends. We spent Thursday in breakout sessions talking about Honors in Action and listening to author, Paul Loeb, talk about his book.

On Friday, we spent the day in two general sessions. In these general sessions, there were more than 3500 people in attendance. During these sessions, we heard from two keynote speakers and

got to see Tom Lee, provost of the Boone Campus and MJ Doolan, director of IACCT, receive national honors. We spent the rest of the day in breakout sessions and doing more site seeing.

Saturday was our last day in Seattle. We attended more breakout sessions, one general session, the Hallmark Awards Gala, a banquet and the farewell dance. During the Hallmark Awards Gala, we got to see chapters from all over the United States receive honor and awards for their achievements in PTK.

We also got to see the installation of the 2011 - 2012 international officer team. The international officer team is the highest leadership positions that students can achieve in PTK. There are four divisional vice presidents and the president.

During the banquet, everyone got to enjoy a gourmet meal and experience a PTK tradition. During this tradition, people take their cloth napkins and tie them together to form lays. You then go around the room and put the lay around someone that you don't know and get your picture taken with them.

A lot of us attended the farewell dance which ended at 12:30 a.m. Most of us didn't sleep after the dance because we had to be back in the hotel lobby by three in the morning.

We flew out of Seattle around 6 a.m. and were back in Boone around 1 p.m.



Photo by Sandi Johnson

Gabiella Woods (left), Adam Franks (center and from Ankeny Campus) and Sarah Woods (right) during the banquet on Saturday evening. Franks had the cloth lay around his neck.

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Boone students place at PBL competition

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus students were place winners at the 65th annual Iowa Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference recently held Wartburg College in Waverly.

Darla Wise of Boone finished in first place in the Desktop Publishing category, a first place in the Business Communications event and a second place in the Business Math division.

Felicia Albaugh earned a first place finish in the Business Math category. Amanda Hall of Grand Junction received first place honors in the Desktop Publishing event and a fourth place in the Word Processing category.

Lisa Ritchie of Jefferson earned a second place finish in the Project Management event and a fourth place in the Computer Concepts and Public Speaking categories.

Andrea Hansen of Boone earned a second place in the Word Processing Fundamentals event and a second place in the Desktop Publishing category.

Charlene Wilson received a second place in the Desktop Publishing event, a fifth place in the Computer Applications division and a fifth place in the Word Processing category.

Chris Shannon of Boone earned a second place in the Retail Management division and a fourth place in the Sales Presentation category.

Students who finished in first or second place in their events can travel to Orlando to compete at the PBL National Leadership Conference this summer.

In addition, Wilson is a member of the DMACC Boone Campus, which received a second place in the Sponsorship Award category.

DSM Daily offers coupons

By Ciara Schaben
Staff Writer

DSM Daily is a website set to launch April 18 that offer deals promoting local businesses.

Jeremiah Terhark, owner of Webspec Design, which produces DSM Daily, said the concept is similar to sites like Groupon and Living Social, but DSM Daily is different in many ways.

"What sets us apart from competitors is how we

highlight local businesses -- what the business does, what it does for the community," he said.

Terhark said the site will benefit local businesses while helping out the community.

Many competitor sites try to trick customers into getting offers they might not be interested in, he said. "Unlike other sites, we let you pick which offers you are interested in and we don't bug you with other things you 'might' be interested in, but most likely aren't."

What's on your mind? We want to hear about it. Do you have a compliment? A concern? Tell us. Submit letters to the editor to bannernews@dmacc.edu. Remember, all letters must be signed.

Happy Easter from the Banner News staff!!

Ever thought about working for a newspaper or are just wanting to try something new. The Banner News is looking for new staff members for the fall 2011 semester. Work study positions are available. Enroll in Newspaper Production or contact Kevin Langel, Editor-in-Chief, at bannernews@dmacc.edu.

Boone Campus Reflections:

Doors on Campus

By Austin Leeds
Staff Writer



They're so common you wouldn't think about them unless one hit you in the face—which could happen if you weren't looking where you were going. I'm talking about doors, but before you roll your eyes and put down the paper, wait just a second. There are a few doors at DMACC that aren't as they appear...

Door 2—Courter Center

Unless you were purposefully looking for it, you probably didn't notice Door 2 on the west side of the Courter center, right beside the pool table. This door leads out onto the mostly-unused front patio.

This door should be used waaaaaay more often—during the late spring, summer, and early fall, the SAC should host more events *outside* the Courter Center and in the fresh air. Nothing like a little sunlight and fresh air to relieve some of the stress of studying.

Door 4—East Hall

Door 4, located between Room 173 and the gymnasium, really doesn't go anywhere except out onto the front lawn. I suppose it's just there as an exit in case of a fire, but it could really do with a nice walking path over to the tennis court.

On that note, the tennis court is in terrible condition, suffering from large cracks and worn-off paint.

Door 17 and 18—Computer Lab and West Hall

These two doors, part of the former student center that is now comprised of Rooms 128, 129, faculty and staff offices, and the computer lab, open out onto a patio that has fallen into disuse in recent years.

Between interviews with long-time staff and faculty members, and my browsing through the Banner News/Bear Facts archives, I've been struck by how vibrant this campus used to be. The dilapidated patio is just another example of why apathy is the ultimate destroyer.

A Call to Action

Too often, we feel walled in by the heavy brick walls of the DMACC Boone Campus, but we forget—or choose to forget—that there are many doors leading out to better things. I recommend that the Student Activities Council keep the campus grounds in mind when they are planning activities.



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Should I stay or should I go (back home) now?

By Ciara Schaben
Staff Writer



Where you live as a college student makes a big difference.

Moving back home or staying in Ames has been a difficult decision for me the past few weeks. I moved to Ames about a year ago, but now I need to decide whether I'm going to stay there or move back to Des Moines. My lease is up July 31, and my current roommate – my brother – is moving in with his friends to another place in Ames.

It has been a constant struggle between the positive and the negative of each option, and I still haven't decided. Through talking with a few of my peers, moving home might not be such a good idea. The relationship with my parents since I have moved out has been amazing and if I move home all that could change. If I go home, I won't have to pay rent, would be in an environment better for learning, and would be able to have my puppy (without having to use stairs to let her out).

If I stay in Ames, I would be away from home but not too far, and I would be independent. I've lived there for almost a year and am just now getting settled. When I first moved to Ames, all I wanted to do was move back home during the first few months. At the same token if I moved back home I would be back with my parents and our relationship might suffer. I would have absolutely no privacy, and I would once again be a "teenager" and get in trouble by my parents.

But if I stayed in Ames, I would have to pay rent, be farther away from school (I'm attending the Ankeny DMACC campus in the fall), and would have to take my puppy out during the winter. I'd be closer to my job, though, which is in Ames. So less driving back and forth to work to consider.

Right now I'm leaning more toward staying in Ames. If I do stay there, I might want to invest in a more fuel-efficient vehicle considering my car only gets 16 mpg.

What would you do?

Drop me a letter to the Banner News with your recommendation, advice or experience. We may even print them if you'd like. Have you been in my shoes? How did it work out for you? I need to know. Send your letters to bannernews@dmacc.edu.

Either way, when all is said and done I just need to make up my mind and fast. I just hope I make the right choice.

FCC should protect Internet access

(MCT) The following editorial appeared in the Seattle Times on Thursday, April 7:

Even the Federal Communications Commission's timid assertion of rights and protections for consumers on the Internet continues to inspire the wrath of Republicans.

The U.S. House of Representatives cleared the way for a resolution disapproving of the FCC's net-neutrality guidelines adopted in December. Debate and a vote on the resolution, a formal device used by Congress to block actions taken by federal agencies, is pending.

The target: net-neutrality rules that require owners of the Internet's infrastructure to treat all content equally. Even with expected House approval, the resolution should not clear the Democratic Senate, and it is still subject to a presidential veto.

The White House on Monday threatened just such an action, as it raised concerns about a threat to innovation on the Internet and consumer abuses without net-neutrality rules.

Oregon congressman Greg Walden proposed the rule-blocking resolution. News accounts quoted the Republican chair of the Communications Subcommittee as saying the FCC's Open Internet Order would prohibit religious organizations from creating specialized services.

Earlier this month, a lawyer for Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, said they hear from consumers, small businesses, religious organizations and civil-rights groups that open Internet rules are critical to protecting equal access.

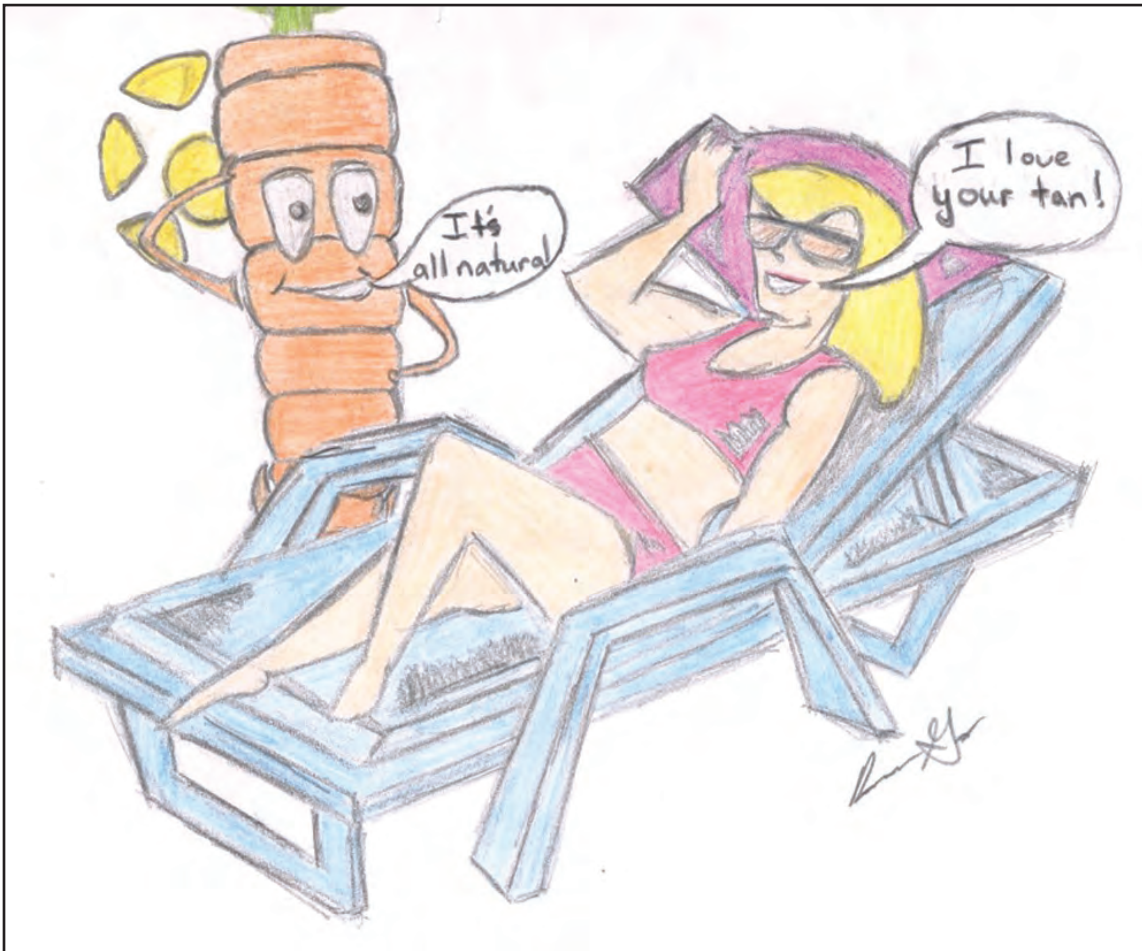
The House is primed to go after FCC rules that should be stronger, not weaker. Broadband providers must not be able to invent tiered rates and tinker with speed and delivery to the detriment of broadband customers.

What's on your mind? We want to hear about it. Do you have a compliment? A concern? Tell us. Submit letters to the editor to bannernews@dmacc.edu. Remember, all letters must be signed.

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Guess This Pic



Photo by Kevin Langel

If you can guess where this picture is at on the DMACC Boone Campus, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Campus Cafe. If more than one person guesses this correctly, each name will be placed into a hat and the winner will be drawn. The deadline for this picture will be Monday, April 25, at noon. Please submit your answers with the specific location clearly identified to the Banner News production room (Room 115) or by e-mail at bannernews@dmacc.edu.

Last Issue's Winner

The winner of the last issue's Guess this Pic was Dylan Thomas of the Bears baseball team. The picture was taken of an arrow pointing the gym at the Boone Campus. Good guessing Dylan!

This week's horoscopes

Today's Birthday (04/13/11). What's on the other side of the rainbow? Your wishes become possible, as you let go of past limitations and invent a future from anew. There are so many possibilities. Don't be overwhelmed. Embrace it all. Even sorrow can be beautiful.

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 7 -- Make sure you know what's required. Keep communications channels open. Find out more. Replenish your reserves. Discover a money machine. Make long-term suggestions. Let somebody else get it for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Listen well to others, to yourself and to your inner instinct. Notice music like you never have before. Think twice before speaking, and then be true to yourself. Love shows up.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Take time to detail your schedule for the next few weeks. Review your budget, and you'll discover savings available.

Set aside time to study with a family expert.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Listen to a friend's romantic advice. They see something in your blind spot. It's a good time to get a message across. Review all sides of a deal before signing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make sure your

loved ones know how much you care. Write any promises down. Your cheerful optimism and strong business ability open doors. Walk right in.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You're beginning to understand, so let your family know. Your entertaining wit keeps them in the loop and smiling. Re-

cord a creative new phone message.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your glass is more than half full, and friends want to hang around. Invent new business opportunities and run with them. People will go along. You're in charge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Complete those

tasks that you've been resisting. This is greatly appreciated. Fire up your financial engines. It's a good time to ask for money. Share your regard for people.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Today is about partnership, even with its glitches. Situations with houseguests may require your very best diplomatic self. Or you may just want to go away for a vacation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- In the middle of the mind storm, optimism reigns. Reveal your dreams or just pay attention, as they may reveal themselves to you. Appreciate your own charm.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Isn't life great? Great music and art bear that out. Patience reaps results. Open your heart to the contribution of your friends. Aren't they the best? Listen for deeper truths.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- It's a good time to get the message across. Send it out with love. New assignments are coming in. Recall a friend's wise advice. Work and home find harmony today.

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