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Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus

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Spring Break almost here

Many students staying closer to home this year

Hannah Quinn

Copy Editor

Along with saving money by substituting cars and trucks for bikes and buses, dining in more and going out less and working longer hours, students have found another way to preserve their funds – no more spring break.

In the past, students have spent the week of spring break traveling to warm, tropical places with friends, but a large number of those same students have decided to stay home this year.

"In the past, I drove to Florida, visited the Mall of America, went to Disneyworld and Sea World in Florida," said Kelsie Milburn, 19, of Boone.

What are her plans for this coming break?

"Nothing," said Milburn.

Another student who is also sticking around Iowa this year is Benjamin Liggett, 19, of West Des Moines.

"I've been to Florida,

gone to Cancun and went on other trips. I don't think I have ever stayed at home on spring break. This year I will be working while the rest of my family goes to our beach house in Naples, Florida," said Liggett.

In fact, most students who are sacrificing their spring breaks will be missing warm weather and traveling and instead working and sleeping.

"I'm staying around here to work and catch up on sleep," said Josh Larson, 19, of Boone.

Larson has also been many places in the past for spring break, including Iowa City, Minnesota, Aspen and Branson.

Some students will be heading home to spend their week with family and friends.

"I'm going home, visiting family and working. I don't have money to go anywhere else," said Monica Winter, 19, of Little Rock, Iowa.

While students who have gone places for past breaks may be bummed about sticking around Iowa this year, many will take

the time to reconnect with family from out of state or friends they haven't seen since high school.

"I'm going to Nebraska for about five days because my family lives there, and it's better

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than Iowa," said Kaitlyn Goudy, 19, of Carlisle.

"I will be going home with high school friends. I will be there for the whole week to bring back old times and good memories and just catch up on things," said Nathan Neville, 19, of Odebolt, Iowa.

There are those who are going to be lucky enough to make it out of Iowa and the Midwest for break, including two

DMACC sports teams.

"I'm going to Arkansas with our golf team for a tournament we are in for four days," said Dani Grantham, 18, of Fontanelle, Iowa.

Another team that will be taking its players out of the state is the baseball team.

"We are going to Dallas, Texas, to play baseball. We will be gone for a total of 11 days," said Jamie Kissell, 18, of Plymouth, Minn.

"We are going to get in some games in warm weather," said Nick Elioff, 19, of Apple Valley, Minn.

Of course, there is also a

group of students who will be holding true to the spring break tradition and traveling south to tropical climates and nice, warm weather.

"Me and five other girls are going to Panama City. We are going to have a fun break!" said Jordyan Archibald, 19, of Indianapolis.

Archibald is no stranger to vacationing for spring break, having been to Mexico, Florida and Jamaica in the past.

"For spring break I am going on a cruise to the Bahamas for four days," said Clayton Gogs, 21, of Treynor, Iowa.

In the past, spring break has brought on thoughts of beaches, sun, sports and a much-anticipated vacation from classes and routine. So while some students have been spending the past month or so buying plane tickets, booking hotels and getting out their summer wardrobes, more and more will be spending spring break 2009 working, sleeping and visiting family.

Dates to Remember

March 9
Summer Registration

March 16-20
Spring Break

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 21
First day of spring

March 28
PTK food drive

March 29
Disaster Training

April 1
April Fool's Day

April 5
Palm Sunday

April 12
Easter Sunday

Housing choices for Boone Campus students

New apartment complex for fall 2009

Greg Laraia
Assistant Layout Editor

Hammering, sawing, buzzing and whirring - these are all sounds that can be heard around campus during the day. The reason? The new apartment building that is being built for students to live in for fall semester of 2009.

The new apartment building is being added to the existing Borgen Square apartment complex located off Hancock Drive. The new complex is modeled like the existing apartments across the street from campus. Plans are to have it finished in the upcoming months before the fall semester.

These apartments are for full time students if they are not able to commute to school due to their homes being in distant cities. DMACC is currently taking applications for prospective students who want to live in the apartments.

"We are currently taking application for housing for next year. The new building will be

to students on a first come basis. If students would like to submit an application they can either go on-line or obtain an application from our bookkeepers," said DMACC Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee.

Shawn Fensterman, a freshman, is a resident of the 1305 Hancock Drive apartment building. This building is located directly behind the new apartment building being constructed.

"The construction after semester break woke me up in the mornings," said Fensterman.

Construction on the new building began right before winter break.

"I came back from winter break and there was a new apartment building right outside of my window. It was quite a shock," said Fensterman.

As many people might think, this new apartment building will be quite costly.

"The cost is approximately \$750,000," said Lee.

DMACC owns the already existing three apartment buildings in Borgen Square, which were purchased over a year ago.

"The money will come from the sale of bonds by the college. The income from students living

there will cover most if not all the cost. The bonds will be sold and the college will pay back the debt over a period of either 15 or 20 years. We will not take possession until the apartment is completely done," said Lee.



Stimulus for college tuition

Hannah Quinn

Staff Writer/Copy Editor

President Obama's new stimulus plan will not only inject almost \$8 billion into the economy, but is also designed to help some families pay for college.

Tax cuts and direct spending will immediately affect families that need it most. With unemployment at its highest since the last time the economy fell in 2001, Americans are working harder for less and paying more for essentials such as health care, groceries, gas and of course education.

"I think (college tuition) is going up because the cost of everything else is going up," said Joe Miensky, 21, of Ankeny.

The government is set to spend approximately \$13 billion in stimulus funds on education tax credits to help offset the cost of college tuition for low- and middle-income families, saving them up to \$2,500.

Another improvement the stimulus bill has on education

is the increase in the Pell grant, which is the largest federal grant awarded to students.

"Both the tuition tax credit and the significant boost in the Pell grant scholarship will be a huge help for low-income and middle class families struggling to pay for college," said Melissa Salzmanowitz, press secretary for the House Education and Labor Committee.

Congress is also making these tax cuts refundable, meaning those who do not make enough to pay taxes may still be eligible for a refund.

An additional upgrade the new tuition tax credit has from the previous Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credit, which was designed for similar use, is that the refund comes at the time of student enrollment. The average Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credit was approximately \$780 and was deducted from the student's tax bill, which came a year after the tuition bill was paid.

Most students were not even fully aware of the intention or use of the previous or current tuition tax credits. In fact, one study

showed that under the previous credit, only about one third of the approximately 8 million students who were eligible for an education tax credit didn't file for it, according to an article in US News and World Report.

Obama hopes the new education tax credits and the increase in the Pell grant will encourage more to pursue a college education. However, some tax experts are saying the tax breaks are "so small, compared to most college bills, and the payoff comes too late," according to US News and World Report.

"If I wasn't able to pay for college in the first place, an \$800 refund would not be enough to get me to sign up," said Miensky.

In addition to the newly effective stimulus plan, DMACC is doing its part to keep tuition costs low. The 2008-09 academic year cost per credit had been decreased by \$3 after the legislature approved a \$9.1 million increase for community colleges, giving DMACC one of the lowest rates for post-secondary schools in Iowa.



Financial aid tips

1. Apply ASAP. Parents with high school seniors should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) *now* to have the best chance of receiving aid for fall, 2009. This instrument is used to determine eligibility for federal aid, state aid and scholarships.

2. Look for scholarships online. Private scholarships offered regionally and locally may help you fill the financing gap. Some of the best-known scholarship search sites include: Fast Web at www.fastweb.org, Scholarships.com at www.scholarships.com, College Board's Scholarship Search at http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp, and DMACC's Foundation at <http://go.dmacc.edu/foundation/Pages/scholarships.aspx>.

3. If you have questions about the FAFSA go to the DMACC HelpLink at <http://www.dmacc.edu/financial.asp>. **Don't hesitate to call** the Des Moines Area Community College Financial Aid Office for information on available aid or for assistance at 800.362.2127, extension 6282. We will answer questions no matter where you may want to go to college.

4. Watch the debt load. Federal loan limits have been increased and parents may be able to find money to finance their child's dream college even in the midst of the worst economic crisis in decades. But think carefully about the consequences of over-borrowing before taking on a huge debt burden just because you can.

5. Students and parents should sit down together soon and plan how they'll accomplish the task of completing the FAFSA, since parents' information has to be included. This time should also be used to discuss the student's goals, a realistic budget while in school, as well as other expectations.

Time to apply for financial aid

Shane Meier

Layout editor

Spring is here and young college students' minds are slowly turning to thoughts of financial aid, and if yours is not, it should be.

The deadline to apply for financial aid is April 1, so those who wish to have their financial aid processed on time should apply ASAP.

Applying for financial aid is simple and can either be done by

phone or by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and filling out a FAFSA form. Qualification for financial aid is based on your income, family size, the number of people in your family who are going to college, and your families' total assets.

It is advisable that you meet the deadline, emphasized Vicki Lauzon, one of two individuals manning the financial aid office on the Boone Campus.

Joanne Temple, another person who works with financial aid added, "If you don't, you will

have to set up a payment plan, be processed later, or have to pay out of [your own] pocket"

In addition to filling out the forms and getting them processed, due to the recent economic recession, the government has increased the Pell grant to aid college students with their financial aid. Because of this you can be entitled to an additional \$500 to your grant.

"This may help with books and tuition provided that they [DMACC] don't raise tuition," said Lauzon.

Possible Assistance for Single Parents & Displaced Homemakers

Single parents and displaced homemakers (those who are separated, divorced, widowed, or whose spouse is disabled) may qualify for financial assistance through Iowa New Choices, the Single Parent / Displaced Homemakers Center on the DMACC Boone Campus.

There are limited funds available to assist qualifying students with transportation and child care costs.

Stop by Room 124 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday to visit with Iowa New Choices Coordinator Maggie Stone to see if you qualify.

You may also phone 515-433-5037 to ask questions or to schedule an appointment.

Iowa New Choices Sponsors Iowa Legal Aid

Iowa New Choices, the Single Parent / Displaced Homemakers Center of the Boone Campus of Des Moines Area Community College is sponsoring a legal aid attorney who will be present in the Boone Campus Student Center on Tuesday, March 24th from

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Iowa Legal Aid assists eligible clients with "civil" or non-criminal problems. Students may stop by the Lloyd Courter Student Center with questions regarding such issues as:

- Family law including child support issues
- Housing and landlord / tenant problems
- Tax controversies / questions
- Foreclosure
- Debt issues / bankruptcies
- Unemployment benefit issues
- Employment
- Government benefits
- Individual rights

Iowa Legal Aid helps clients who meet income and asset limits, based on household size. Some Iowans in need of legal assistance, including those who are 60 and older, may be exempt from financial guidelines. Iowa Legal Aid does not charge a fee for services. However, there may be filing fees for court papers or other such costs of representation. For questions, you may contact Maggie Stone, Coordinator, in room 124 Monday through Thursday or call 515-433-5037.

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Horoscopes

Shane Meier

Staff Writer

Aries: You currently have plans to build a large tower. Don't do it because you will screw up everyone's language, and no one will understand each other.

Taurus: Take heart little brother, for your favorite team will do better next year, maybe.

Gemini: Tristem says smelly monkeys taste like butter.

Cancer: Saying that you're angry is out dated; the proper word to say now is irate.

Leo: Do not drink green beer on St Patrick's Day or your skin will turn green.

Virgo: This spring break, you best just to stay home, for that hot girl you'll meet is really a guy.

Libra: Remember, don't thank me for the horoscopes. You should be thanking Ershin. Thank you, Ershin.

Scorpio: Remember to shoot into the air this week or you'll kill the invisible man.

Sagittarius: Despite things you have read about the product, DON'T DO IT! It's a plot into a mindless zombie.

Capricorn: Unlike what you have heard, Mario is not role model for kids, due to his shroom abuse.

Aquarius: This month you are called by your primal barbarian instincts. You should sate them by invading Madrid.

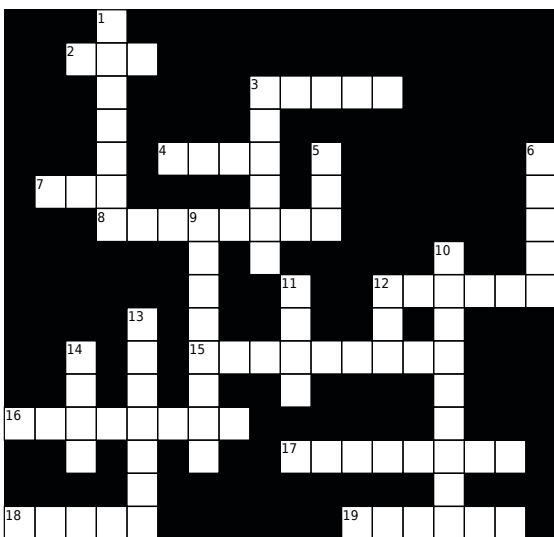
Pisces: Never trust traveling salesmen who sell rodents, for he will sell two males.

Crossword

Mixed Up Numbers

J. Parry

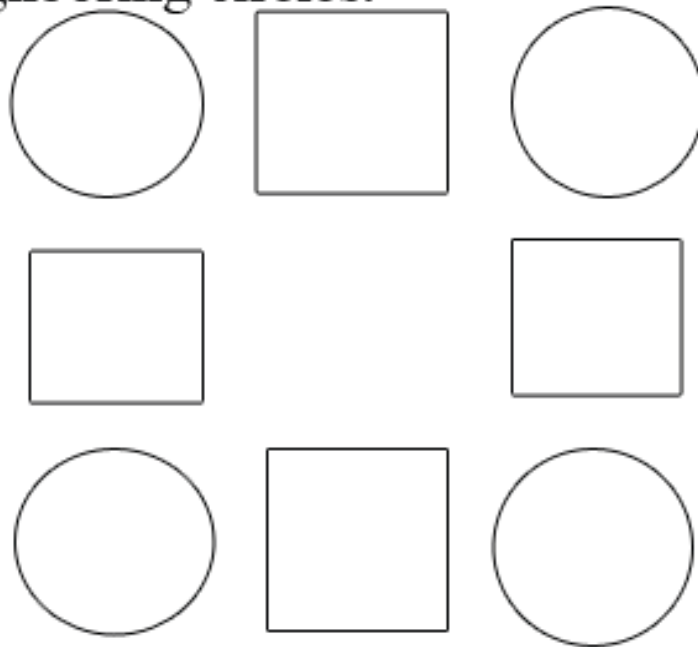
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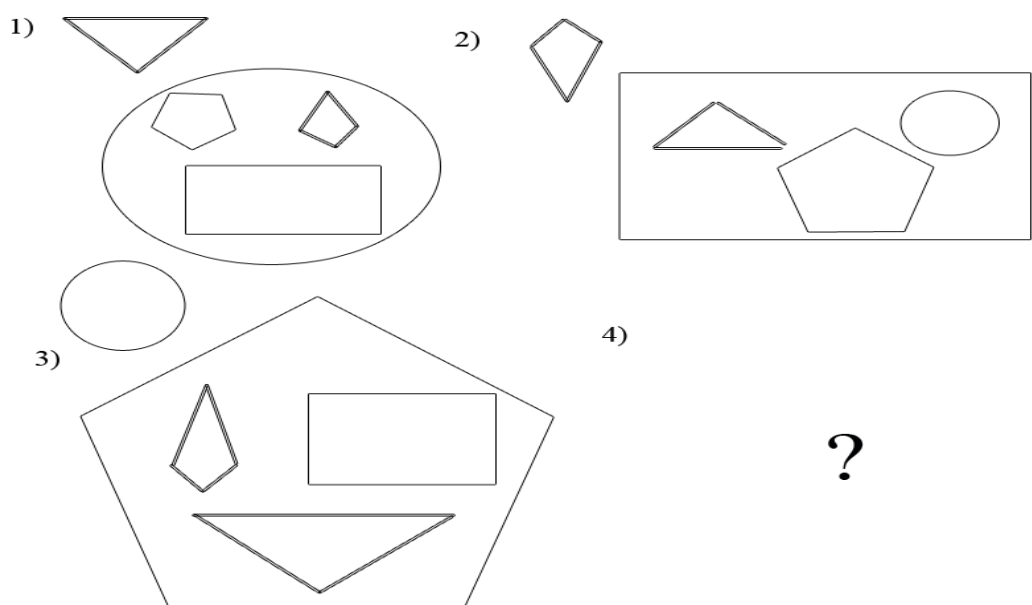
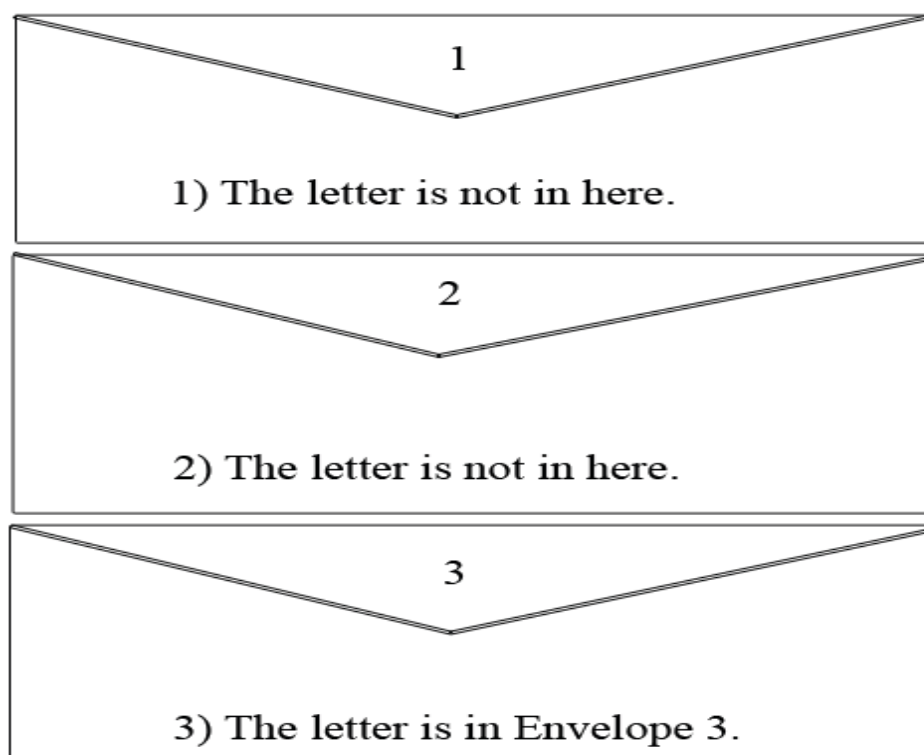
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Puzzles

Using the numbers from 1 to 8, place one in each shape with one condition: The number in each square has to be the sum of its two neighboring circles.



In the three envelopes shown, the statements on one of the three are both true, the statements on another are both false, and the remaining envelope has one statement that is true and one that is false.



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Snakes Alive!



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Brandi Hill allows an American Alligator to sit on her lap. She smiles while petting it.



photo by Derrick Roffman

Lori Hancock wraps a python around herself. The python is used to being handled by people and takes pleasure in exploring.



photo by Derrick Roffman

Unidentified DMACC student holds and pets the American Alligator while its teeth are bared.



photo by Derrick Roffman

Alex Kirby gets a closer look at the python as it tries to explore.

Derrick J Roffman
Page Editor

Boone Campus students were wary, walking through the Courter Center, Wednesday, Feb. 25 as Tom Kessenich, owner of the Snakes Alive Company, displayed his pythons and American alligators.

Students had different reactions; many cuddled and held what they originally had expected to be slimy, scary animals while others held them with fear

until they had enough and asked to have the animal removed.

Kessenich was trying to involve people in different ways by walking the alligator around by the tail and having a 4-year-old hold the alligator all by herself.

At the end, while he was packing up, Kessenich fed his corn snake, attracting another smaller audience.

Kessenich travels all over the across the country offering a hands-on, educational experience. He has been a hands-on

herpetologist since he was a kid and has made his love of animals into his job.

Kessenich can also provide services for small parties, educational programs, and festivals.

Overall this activity seems to be popular every year. Snakes Alive was another activity funded by the SAC.

If you want to give your opinions on activities like this, you can attend an SAC meeting and become involved in how your money is spent.



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A corn snake being fed by hand.

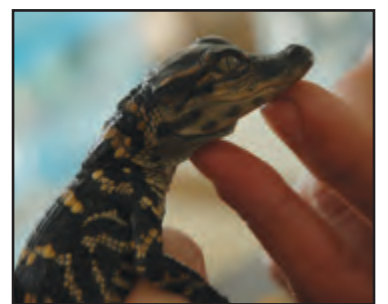


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One of the baby alligators gets a pet under the chin.

Masa Katsu Dojo
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DMACC students take a semester in London

Angela Lopez, Boone Campus
Caitlin Hug, Ankeny Campus
& Ames Center

London Correspondents

When visitors come to London, there are many popular walks to take. One could be with such characters as Jack the Ripper and Charles Dickens, but the one that drew our attention was a walk with Charles Darwin through the London Zoo.

Located in Regents Park, the Zoo is an exciting and educational experience for all ages and cultures. Pulling people in with their special exhibits, like the aquarium and the butterfly paradise, the London Zoo is an exciting adventure.

The Zoo not only brings exotic wildlife to the heart of England, but it also connects a famous controversial theory, Darwinism, to all sorts of animals. Throughout the whole zoo, visitors can find plaques that go along with the animals to show how they evolved.

In the Bug Exhibit, Darwin presents himself in historical dress, greeting all of us as his family friends. After telling us about himself and his richly led lifestyle, he explains more about his past and his schooling.

He attended Cambridge University, where it was a competition to collect beetles among the boys. Darwin tells when he was out collecting beetles. Finding one, he picked it up, and then found two more and only having one fist left he stuck one in his mouth.

As the whole crowd at the Zoo laughed, he explained that when a beetle gets frightened, it releases a stinky brown liquid for defense. He never did that again.

The tour progressed to the Blackburn Pavilion, where many

wild birds are housed, some roaming free.

Telling more about his tour upon the *HMS Beetle*, Darwin explained that they stopped at the Galapagos Islands just off the coast of South America, where he discovered many things. One discovery was that the top of the mountains have sea shells on them, meaning that at one point the mountains used to be under water.

Another discovery is that the beaks on many birds, he noticed, were different and birds ate different foods using their beaks in different ways. Describing that this happened over millions of years, he said that the birds' beaks adjusted to how they got their food.

Darwin captured several different species of birds from these islands and sent many back to England to an ornithologist. Expecting a wide variety of birds, the ornithologist was surprised when he got a small piece of paper saying "finches." This led Darwin to more research into his growing theory of evolution.

Darwin also clarified that his theory never did include "the survival of the fittest." Paraphrasing him, the Zoo guide said Darwin's theory did involve the theory that the more adaptable the organism is to its changing environment the more likely for survival.

As a side adventure, this trip to London for us is sort of like his theory; we must adapt quickly to our surroundings and the culture here. It is our time to thrive and evolve among the people of this society; for example, living with our families here is a major change. However we have proved to adapt well and enjoy our time in this brilliant cosmopolitan city.



Shown above is the entrance to the London Zoo.

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DMACC students Angela Lopez (left) and Caitlin Hug (far right) pose inside the London Zoo with their guide "Charles Darwin."

Study abroad in London, England

Offered to students every spring semester

The Study Abroad Program to London allows students the chance to take select courses during the spring semester for 10 weeks in London, England, with a DMACC professor.

The courses available will be announced once the accompanying professor is selected. Students are also offered the opportunity to take "British Life and Culture," from accomplished British scholars and professors.

Courses include essential lec-

tures and class discussions, tours of museums and historical sites and also attendance to theatrical events. To be able to experience British culture and living to the fullest, students will attend classes at the University of London and reside with British families.

Students who are enrolled in the spring semester can sign up for the program, taking 12 credits, which may include independent studies, online courses and internships. Financial aid and in-

ternational scholarships are also available.

For more information about the Study Abroad Program to London, students should contact program coordinator Sharran S. Slinkard at ssslinkard@dmacc.edu or 515-964-6549. Additional information including scholarship information, applications and videos on the DMACC web site at www.dmacc.edu/studyabroad.

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Editorial

Students using the wireless internet in the Borgen Square apartment building 1305, are once again having major difficulties accessing the internet. Previously in the school year students had problems with getting on to the DMACC school website, but now the problem is even getting connected onto the Internet. Technological difficulties have been just one of the few things student residents have had to put up with during this school year.

The fact that students are taking online classes on the Boone campus and cannot connect to the Internet is frustrating. How do teachers and the administration expect students to get their work done if they can't? As long as the technological difficulties persist throughout the campus

students will not be able get their homework done. For as many times that students tell teachers and administrators that they could not access their online information, you'd think that the problem would be quickly assessed and corrected. But it has not.

As long as the problem persists students will not be able to do their homework and complete assignments should not differ teachers and administrators. The technology that students use everyday for their homework changes all the time and the technological department at DMACC should be able to cope and make changes. Until changes are made at DMACC and at Borgen Square apartments student's grades will continue to suffer and will not improve.

Relationships In Real Life



Derrick J Roffman
Page Editor

We all want someone someday to be our partners in life to be a companion. First we have to find someone with those traits that we feel can be an asset. You want someone who challenges us to be a better person. Someone who can still be there when you show the worst side of you.

Sometimes before you can find anyone, you need to find these same traits in yourself. Once you can love yourself someone who's worth your time will notice and appreciate you for who you are.

The dating scene is full of pain, anger, and short periods of euphoria it would seem. You go into it completely naïve about how people work and what their motives are. After a few broken hearts one would hope to wise up. I find many people try and blame all of the problems on their ex. I think it's always worth looking into your behavior, even if the break up wasn't your fault. I find that analyzing myself and trying to get better at dating makes me feel more confident. Having more tools and abilities gives anyone confidence in any

task in life.

The first thing I think I got wrong with my dating was to let myself trust too early. When meeting someone you don't know it is important to not let yourself feel too much and try and make something bigger than what may be there. I've heard many a story of the "psycho" chic/guy that you meet a few times and he starts making you feel like he/she is stalking you. He/she may be trying too hard and it's making you uncomfortable. Start slow, there does seem to be a series of conversations that will let you know where you stand. Starting off with basic info is a good feeler: where do you work, go to school, etc.

Easing yourself into it will allow you time to get to know the person and see if they are someone worth your time. It's better to have more friends than to have a series of people you tried with who don't want to hang out with you because you've alienated them.

If you do start dating someone and you want to start making it a relationship it's always good to be open and honest with them as to what your intentions are. It may seem hard to talk to them about this, but it is

very important for people to be on the same page with each other when entering a relationship. Also keeping your partner updated on how you feel will help them realize boundaries and whether or not they can accommodate you or if you ask too much of them and they should end it right away without a lot of time going by, leaving the heartache that much more hard to deal with.

It can be hard to break up with someone, but if it is for your own health it's for the best. Also, think about the time you spent with someone trying to make it work while you could've been in a more healthy relationship bonding and growing with someone who might fit you really well and make you feel good about yourself.

Overall remember that it is healthier to be on your own for a while than to just pick the first guy/girl that comes around if you're looking for something special. Working on you is something that is positive for your personal health regardless of whether or not you are looking for a relationship or you are fulfilling life goals. It is always worth it to make yourself happier in the end.

DMACC--Boone Blood Drive!

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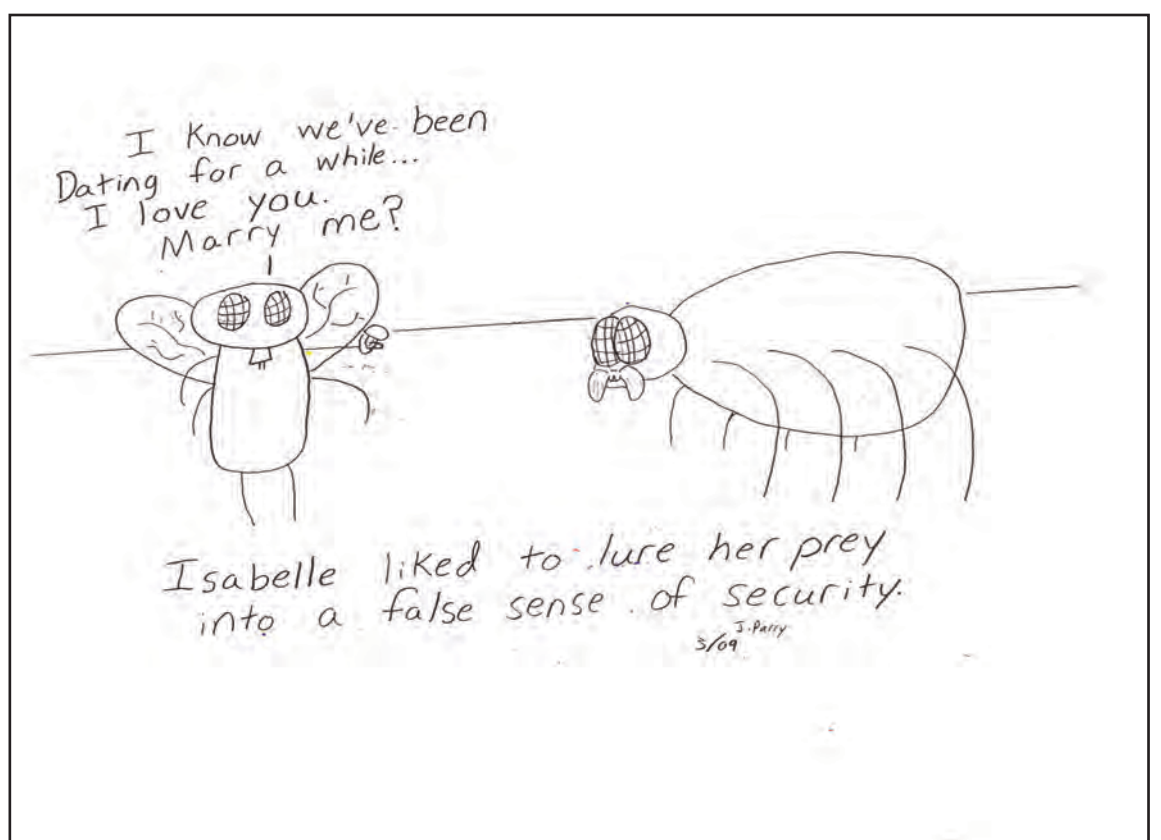
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ICCAC ruling ends women's season early

Justin Mitchell
Sports Writer

The Bears women's basketball team officially ended their 2008-09 campaign with a 74-69 loss to Iowa Central Community College on Thursday, Feb. 26 but because of an administrative ruling you could say their season ended a lot sooner.

The rule in question required the Bears to forfeit all the games in which an ineligible player played, nine of which were conference games. The ruling changed their conference record to 4-14 instead of 13-5, which disqualified them from playing in the regional tournament.

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The player was deemed ineligible when her status as a full time student came into question. Her schedule shows she was a fulltime student with 14 credit hours but because of some half-semester class starts, she was taking fewer than 12 credits when the season started.

Iowa Community College Athletic Conference committee worker, Nick Scandrett, explained the rule, "When the regular season for your sport starts, you must be taking 12 credit hours."

DMACC athletic director Orv Salmon on behalf of DMACC appealed the decision, but the appeal was overturned and they were forced to forfeit.

Scandrett also explained why the appeal failed: "NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) bylaws require that all the classes be taken by your school's end date in that particular sport." This means that the player in question would have needed to have started all of her classes by the end of the Bears' regular season.

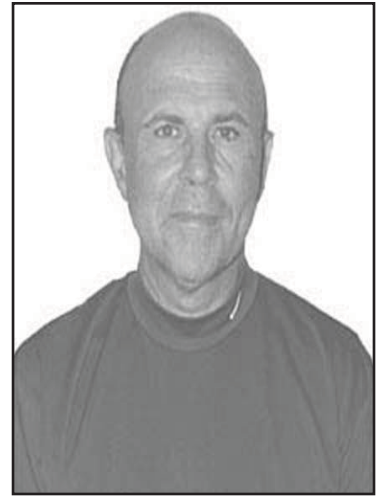
Scandrett said that the team did nothing wrong and blames everything on a misinterpretation of an executive rule.

Sophomore guard for the women's team, Ciera McGaughey, didn't like the ruling but stands behind her team and Coach Steve Krafcisin. "It hurts a little bit more because of my injury and

me working so hard to come back and play, but we dealt with it and for the most part we're over it," said McGaughey who suffered from a torn ACL the first half of the season.

This ruling, which abruptly ended the Bears' season, has to hurt some players more than others. For many sophomores on the team, this was their last season of basketball at any school. Fortunately, McGaughey, who will go on to play basketball for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee next season, doesn't have to worry about that.

Had the appeal gone the Bears way, they would have finished with a record of 24-6 and a 4 seed in the tournament.



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Overturf to play volleyball for DMAACC

DMACC--Central Springs High School senior Mikayla Overturf of Nora Springs, Iowa has signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball for the Bears.

Overturf, a 6' 0" middle hitter/blocker, was a four-year letter winner at Nora Springs-Rock Falls High School and at Central Springs High School. She recorded 275 kills and a 3.3 kills/game average during this past volleyball season. She also had 103 digs, 134 blocks and 31 ace serves. She recorded nearly 1,000 kills (961) during her high school volleyball career. She also had 273 digs, 291 blocks and 180 ace serves in her four years on the volleyball court.

She was a unanimous First Team All-Corn Conference selection both her junior and senior years and was named to the Second Team All-Conference as a sophomore. She was also a two-time All-District selection. Over-

turf was named to the All-State Honorable Mention Team during her senior year and to the All-State Special Mention Team during following her junior season.

Overturf was also a three time letter winner in basketball and a four-time letter winner and three time state qualifier in track in the long jump, 200 meter dash, 4 x 100 relay team and distance medley.

She is a member of the National Honor Society while holding a 3.6 cumulative grade point average. She also earned All-State Academic team honors in volleyball as a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior.

"I'm impressed with her athleticism," said DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison. "I look forward to having her on the team next fall because she can contribute in so many ways."



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Mikayla Overturf signs her national letter of intent to play at DMAACC as her family and DMAACC coaches look on.

Golfers to head to Arkansas for Spring Break

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The DMAACC men and women golf teams have commenced their spring season. Each spring, the DMAACC golf team takes a trip down south to Arkansas to hone up on their skills while there is still snow on the ground in Iowa.

This year, five players from

the men's team and five players from the women's team drove down to Arkansas to play three rounds of golf. The trip was from February 21 thru the 24.

"Our spring trip went well, it's hard to compete with teams that have been practicing outside. The weather was good and we gained some great experience," said head coach Larry Briley.

While in Arkansas, the golf

teams played in a tournament with several other colleges.

"The women had two top five finishes which was fantastic. The men, with three new faces, got a chance to see where we need to be," said Briley.

There are three new players on the men's golf team this spring.

"We should be able to compete for spots in the national tournament," said Briley.

Throughout the winter the players practiced in Des Moines at the Longview Golf Center - an inside golf dome.

"It was good just to keep a little rhythm in our swings, but it is not a place to change your swing," said Jacob Anderson, a member of the golf team.

Anderson has been practicing golf inside all winter to make

sure he will have a successful season of golf this spring.

"We have a nice schedule this spring with eight meets before the national tournaments which are in mid May," said Briley.

The spring season will be very busy for men and women's golf. The season lasts from mid-February to mid-May.

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McKowen named basketball athlete of the week

DMACC--Second year Bears women's basketball player Brittney McKowen of Fairbank, Iowa has been named the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Basketball Athlete of the Week.

McKowen was a Second Team All-State selection, a First Team All-District player, a two time All-Conference selection, and the second all time leading scorer at Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank.

During the Bears 83 to 49 victory over Southeastern

Community College, McKowen had 14 points, two assists and two steals. She also had 19 points, three rebounds and a steal in the helping the Bears in their 75 to 27 win against AIB.

McKowen continues to excel on the court and in the classroom. She maintains a 3.75 grade point average and hopes to continue her education and basketball career at a four-year school.



Brittany McKowen

Journalist

Michele Norris

speaks at ISU's

ISCORE

Justin Mitchell

Sports writer

The Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity held their tenth annual forum on issues of race and ethnicity on the Iowa state campus and beyond. This conference has had a positive effect on the minorities attending Iowa State University and the Ames community itself. This year's key event was the Keynote presentation headlined by Journalist, Michele Norris.

Journalist, Michele Norris, host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," delivered a causal and interactive speech to a packed house in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union Friday afternoon. "I feel we as a country need to open up about race and gender," Norris said.

Norris' presentation which was titled "Race, Gender and the Future of Leadership in America", began with light conversation about personal experiences including her meetings of influential figures such as President Barack Obama and actress Queen Latifah. Norris then engaged the audience of students, faculty, and Ames community members in an open forum about race and ethnicity.

The forum was a huge success with topics ranging from Rush Limbaugh, to race and gender portrayal in the media, and people dealing with being multi-ethnic.

Iowa State student, Kaylene Page, a multiethnic female who is attending her second ISCORE at Iowa State praised Norris' presentation. "Her presentation was much more engaging than last years and she actually made the audience laugh which was refreshing," said Page. The office of multicultural student affairs on Iowa State's campus looks to build off of this years positives and make the event even bigger next year, with more activities and influential speakers.



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Michele Norris, one of the hosts of National Public radio's all thing considered

3rd Annual Paris Fashion Photography trip open to college students

LOS ANGELES --Photographic Commerce has announced that it is accepting enrollment from current or recently graduated college students across the U.S. who are interested in a career in fashion photography for its 3rd Annual Paris Fashion Photography Week in Paris scheduled for June 30 -- July 10, 2009. Enrollment deadline is April 20 and limited to 14 students.

This exclusive fashion photography workshop was created by Photographic Commerce in 2007 and offers students the chance to shoot professionally-produced fashion photos for their portfolios, learn first-hand what it's like to be a photographer in the fashion capital of the world, and be a part of the culture of Paris --all under the guidance of Steven Silverstein,

who has shot fashion and beauty there for 20+ years. Watch the video from the 2008 Paris trip to see students in action: <http://www.photographiccommerce.com/video.htm>

Enrollment is open to individual students. Sponsors include Nikon USA, Profoto, high-end studios and top modeling agencies in Paris. Photographic Commerce also has a scholarship program for participating schools.

Photographic Commerce is the creator of PhotoJobsDatabase <http://www.photojobsdatabase.com> -a job-hunting software for emerging quality fashion photography workshops for students with an emphasis on magazine-based instruction, as well as presentation and marketing. Programs are held in Los Angeles, Paris and other locations. Steven Silverstein is

a renowned fashion and beauty photographer who has photographed hundreds of editorial assignments (thousands of pages and dozens of covers) for Elle (French, American, Spanish, German), Italian Vogue, Marie Claire, Vogue Homme, Madame Figaro and other top international publications. Advertising clientele has included a roster of Fortune 500 companies, primarily in the beauty and fashion industries, including L'Oreal, Cover Girl, Maybelline, Yves St. Laurent, and Nine West, among many others.

For more information about the program or scholarship opportunities for your school, please contact info@photographiccommerce.com or (818) 788-9084.

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