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Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus

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New ruling on tobacco procedures

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Assistant Layout Editor

The state wide smoking ban across Iowa has affected every citizen in some way. DMACC has been tobacco free since July 1, 2008. Tom Lee, Boone Campus Provost said, "Knock on wood but it is going really well. Students seem to be following the rule and are not smoking on campus." DMACC has instigated a new policy that has been in effect since Jan. 1, 2009.

Jacob Anderson, DMACC freshman said, "I don't really smell smoke around the building anymore and I like that. It's nice not to have to see the litter of the cigarette butts outside of the door, and it's good that the smokers have to smoke across the street from the school and apartments." The new tobacco free policy involves three steps. The first step is

the procedure of having a warning letter sent to the student's home to notify their parents or legal guardian of the situation.

Lee said, "The new policy is different from the old one because there is now no smoking allowed on DMACC's campus at all. The old policy allowed students to smoke once they were 25 feet away from any doors leading into DMACC." For the second violation, the student will have to attend a mandatory meeting with the Provost, Assistant Provost and Judicial Officer. During this meeting the student will discuss with the authorities his or her second violation of the DMACC Tobacco Free policy and how it was broken.

The third violation and further violation of the policy after that will require the student to pay a \$50 fine for each time they are caught smoking on DMACC property.



Lee says, "We aren't standing outside of the doors waiting for people to smoke. We usually hear about students smoking by word of mouth. If there is an incident then we take charge of the situation."

If students are seen smoking on DMACC's campus, they should be reported to an administrator. Anderson suggested, "Administrators can have specified shifts where they take casual walks around the campus to look for anyone smoking on the prop-

erty. The shifts could change every so often. The checks could also be random so students would not know when an administrator is going to be walking around." The students should also be asked for their full name and student identification number so the office can keep the violation in their files.

Anderson said, "If I saw a student regularly smoking outside of the building I would probably report them. But if I saw someone smoking I probably would not report them. If I witnessed the same person smoking day after day I would report them. I don't think other students will report anyone for smoking. We all have somewhere to go that we don't have time to report them". The website for this new policy is <https://go.dmacc.edu/tobaccofree>. A full list of information and FAQ's also can be found there.

Lee commented, "I would like to thank everyone for abiding by the law by not smoking on and around DMACC's Boone Campus. I appreciate everyone's effort to make this work."

Former editor takes awards

Greg Laraia

Assistant Layout Editor

At the 2009 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention & Trade Show former Banner News editor, Eden Hinrichs, was the recipient of 3 awards for stories she had written the past semester.

Once a year the Iowa Newspaper Association holds a convention and trade show in Des Moines. The convention, which was sponsored by the Iowa Newspaper Foundation, was on Feb 5-6 at the Marriott Hotel. During the 2 days there were instructional seminars, guest speakers, technology tips, and an award ceremony.

Former Banner News Editor in Chief, Eden Hinrichs, was not expecting to win any awards during the Iowa College Media Association Awards Ceremony. To her surprise she walked out of the awards ceremony claiming 3 awards.

Eden was awarded 1st place for an article she wrote about the 1st Amendment from Constitution Day 2008. Hinrichs also won a 3rd place certificate for Best News Story and Best Profile. All in all Hinrichs articles were a large success at the convention.

Play auditions held Monday

Hannah Quinn

Staff Writer

Will it be "A Book of Murder" or "Seeing Stars in Dixie?"

Kay Mueller, professor of speech and communications, has narrowed the choices for the spring play down to two, with a possible third choice still in the works.

"A Book of Murder" is a straight up murder mystery," said Mueller.

The play begins by revealing the murder of a man and is told through flashbacks of his life, according to Mueller. The audience can follow the clues and try to figure out who-done-it.

The second option, "Seeing Stars in Dixie," is a comedy set in the '50s and has minor references

to a movie of the time, "Rain Tree County."

"It has people from that time period including Elizabeth Taylor," said Mueller.

"Seeing Stars in Dixie" evolves around a tearoom owner who takes the advice of a down-and-out actress as she prepares to audition for a movie.

"It's about having confidence, going for your dreams and realizing it is never to late," said Mueller.

How will Mueller decide which play to cast?

"It depends on the number of men we have audition," said Mueller.

Both plays have four female roles and "A Book of Murder" has two male roles while "Seeing Stars in Dixie" has one.

Mueller will be casting for

actors and actresses, behind the scenes and production.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading, so no preparation or experience is needed. The students will get a background of the script and read scenes in groups, according to Mueller.

"Auditions are open to all students and can act as a great training ground," said Mueller.

They can sign up for credits or participate as an extracurricular activity.

Auditions were held in the theater on Monday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m., lasting approximately two hours.

The play will show on April 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and is free to students.



Eden Hinrichs, former Banner News editor, won three Iowa College Media Awards. Current staff writer J Parry also attended the ICMA Conference in Des Moines.

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Dates to Remember

February 2 Graduation applications due
February 27 Campus closed in-service
March 9 Midterm Exams
March 16-21 Spring break
March 31 Last day to drop classes
May 7 Last day of class

Drop Dates

February 4 1st 5-week session
February 16 1st half-term session
March 2 1st 10-week session
March 23 2nd 5-week session
April 13 2nd 10-week session
April 20 2nd half-term session
April 24 3rd 5-week session

What's on your mind?

All letters to the editor should be submitted to bannernews@dmacc.edu.

New-age Valentine's Day

Hannah Quinn

Staff Writer

Not everyone will be spending Valentine's Day with a significant other or sending the stereotypical Hallmark card this year. In fact, many students have evolved with the times and have a different approach on what they will be doing and sending out on Feb. 14.

"My friends and I are all going to dinner together because we don't have Valentines," said Jamie Taytum, 19, of Waterloo.

Along with atypical Valentine's Day activities, many students are straying away from traditional, store-bought valentine cards.

"The only valentines I will send out are e-cards to my parents," said Shannon Meyer, 20, of Clive.

Along with electronic greetings, more personal, inexpensive valentines seem to be becoming a trend.

"My girlfriend usually makes me homemade valentines," said Marc Robinson, 20, of Southeast Polk.

In fact, classic valentine ideas are now making the list of "Worst Valentine's Day Gifts to Receive" among students.

"Flowers, because they die too fast. I would rather have something I could hold onto," said Taytum.

"I once got a half eaten box of chocolates," said Meyer.

When asked about the best valentine they had ever received, the students had some very unexpected responses.

"Kenny Chesney tickets," said Meyer.

"My ex-boyfriend gave me a puppy two years ago. I named him Coco, and he lives at home," said Taytum.

Even though students seem to be straying away from the old-fashioned idea of Valentine's Day activities and greetings, what is the number one worst gift to receive?

"Nothing," said Robinson, "because anything is better than nothing."

Introduction to wind energy starts next month

Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC) new "Introduction to Wind Energy" class begins next month on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

"There is great demand for wind energy jobs right now," said Scott Ocken, dean of DMACC's Industry and Technology Department. "Last year the wind energy industry grew by 45 percent. As a result, the industry is seeking people who can build, operate and maintain these giant wind turbines, so our students who participate in this program have a very bright future."

Ocken said starting pay begins in the high 40s and rapidly climbs with a few years of experience. "Wind energy represents green jobs that our state, nation and the energy industry are committed to expanding," said Ocken.

The "Introduction to Wind Energy" class (26581 WTT 103-E1), will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. on the DMACC Ankeny Campus, Building 3E, room 121. Classes start Tuesday, February 17 and run for ten weeks.

DMACC's Wind emphasis is part of the College's Industrial Electro-Mechanical Technology Program that's offered on the Ankeny, Carroll and Newton campuses. In just two years, a student can earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and be ready for wind energy jobs.

To register for classes or to request a free Wind Energy program brochure, please contact Dean Hoffman at 964-6277 or email him at drhoffmann@dmacc.edu.

Foundation provides scholarship assistance

Des Moines Area Community College students who are in need of help with their fall 2009 tuition can apply online for scholarship assistance from the DMACC Foundation at www.dmacc.edu/foundation.

Submitting one online application will place a student under consideration for many DMACC Foundation awards for which they may be eligible depending on criteria such as grade point average (GPA), program or campus.

All students who have at least a 2.0 GPA and are taking a minimum of six credits hours at DMACC in the fall of 2009 are

encouraged to apply.

"The DMACC Foundation helps support hundreds of students annually with tuition support critical to the student's educational goals," said DMACC Foundation Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat.

"These scholarships are made possible with the support from over 1,400 individuals, corporations and foundations that support our fundraising efforts."

The deadline for applying is April 1. Don't let financial hardship prevent an education. Help is available. Connect to your dreams.



Photo by Derrick Roffman

Thanks to the support from Godfather's Pizza of Boone, some DMACC students and community members are a bit richer after last week's Dash for Cash. During halftime of the men's basketball game, those whose numbers were drawn were able to compete for up to \$250 in cash.

Over the Limit
Under Arrest

Iowa Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau
and Your Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Horoscopes

Aries: In regards to your friends and family, keeping the peace and making sure everyone is happy may begin to occupy more of your time. Just make sure you are not the one going unnoticed.

Taurus: An upcoming trip or event makes it easier to stay optimistic and save your funds. However, keep your excitement in check because there may be a few more obstacles before your departure.

Gemini: Several complications or confrontations give your week a bumpy start, but they can be easily solved by taking care of the '800-pound elephant' in the corner of the room.

Cancer: Something in your life is off, yet you are not quite able to put your finger on the problem. Stop looking so hard, it may end up to be a blessing in disguise.

Leo: Something you have been dreading or working hard for seems to come surprisingly easy and sooner than you thought, giving you more time to enjoy the good things this week.

Virgo: Work and school seem to be giving you more headaches than you bargained for, but a new friend or hobby will give you something to look forward to on the weekends.

Libra: Too many outings and party invitations seem to make you prioritize more than usual. This is a good problem to have.

Scorpio: Your usual friends bail on some long-term plans, giving you something to be angry about. But when you don't let it bother you and associate with another group, it is your flakey friends who are sorry.

Sagittarius: Even if you don't have spring break plans yet, you are grateful to be out of the same old routine. Don't give up yet, though, an unexpected invite could make its way into your schedule.

Capricorn: A long-forgotten visitor brings back bad memories or sour emotions, but don't let them get to you. Holding grudges only make things harder on you and gives them satisfaction.

Aquarius: Studies show that pretending to be optimistic can actually put you in a better mood. Try it out and see for yourself.

Pisces: Nothing is worse than seeing your team lose. However, seeing them lose on the new big-screen you or your friends could suddenly afford makes things not so bad.

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Mind Teasers

What common name or expression is listed below?

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Eden's Enigma

After heaven, the earth, grass, and all animals were created. The snake, which was very smart, decided to make its own contribution.

It decided to lie every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. For the other days of the week it told the truth.

"Eve, dear Eve, why don't you try an apple?" the snake suggested.

"But I am not allowed to!" said Eve.

"Oh no!" said the snake, "you can eat it today since it is Saturday and God is resting."

"No, not today," said Eve, "maybe tomorrow."

"Tomorrow is Wednesday and it will be too late," insisted the snake.

This is how the snake tricked Eve.

What day of the week did the conversation take place?

Thursday. Since the snake said today is Saturday and tomorrow is Wednesday, the snake is lying. The day had to be Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Tuesday or Saturday would mean the snake was telling the truth.

Coffee Time

I am going to make you a bet: On this folded piece of paper I have written down the prediction of something that might or might not happen in the next five minutes. Put it in your pocket. On this blank piece of paper, write "YES" if you think that it will happen and "NO" if you think it will not happen. I'll bet you a cup of DMACC Boone campus coffee that you cannot guess right. What have I written on the paper? (It is something that can be proven)

The paper reads, "You will write the word 'NO' on the paper." If you write "NO," you say it won't happen, but it has happened. If you write, "YES," you say it will happen, but it won't. No matter what you write, you won't get it right.

What is special about the grid below and what is missing from it?

UROW
ONGT
FIEH
XVSR

The numbers one through ten can be spelled by moving from letter to adjacent letter, except for the number three.

Strength in Numbers

Frogs, turtles and snakes are playing tug of war. If the first two tug of war contests shown here are ties, which group will win the third contest, or will it also be a draw?

S = Snakes; F = Frogs; T = Turtles

1. S + S = F + F + F
2. T+T+T=S+S+S+S
3. F+F+F+F+F (?) T+T

The frogs win the third round. 4 frogs would tie the two turtles.



Photo by Derrick Roffman

Memorial honors students

Derrick J Roffman
Page Editor

On Feb. 6 a memorial was held in the auditorium for Michael Odikro and Shakena Varnell, two DMACC students who were murdered on Dec. 6, 2008.

Along with some faculty and staff about 3-dozen DMACC students showed up to hear two teachers who knew both Michael and Shakena.

In the introduction by Dr. Jane Martino, she talked about the Boone campus being a community and that when you are a student at DMACC, you be-

come an extended family with the people here.

In the hallway chairs lined up along the hallway signified all of those people who have died due to domestic violence in Iowa in the past 10 years. Each one of them had a story of the person who had died and where they were from.

Susan Smith, a representative for ACCESS, a local program to aid victims of domestic violence, was in the Courter Center, giving out materials to raise awareness of domestic violence.

Sean Taylor, Boone Campus psychology instructor, men-

tioned that while "Amy" was a victim of domestic violence, nobody said anything about the violence happening in her home.

"Just because we're embarrassed or even if we love someone, it's never a good excuse to overlook domestic violence," said Taylor.

For more information on ACCESS, call toll free 1-800-203-3488 or write: Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support, P. O. Box 1429, Ames, IA 50014.

For an immediate crisis, call 515-292-5378.



Photo by Derrick Roffman

Tammie Foltz, Boone instructor, talks about the day Michael Odikro didn't show up for his final exam.



Photo by Derrick Roffman

Boone Campus students pass by chairs set up to memorialize Iowa victims of domestic violence.

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Fire burns Boone businesses

Craig VandeVenter
Editor in Chief

Benjamin Ziegenmeyer was confirmed dead in a fire that began early Tuesday, Feb. 2 in Boone. The downtown district on Story Street remained shut down as firefighters continued to work on the fire Tuesday.

The smoke from the fire could be seen from the DMACC Boone campus parking lot, as it belled into the sky all day.

The Boone Police were called to 803 Story Street around 4:20 a.m. Firefighters from Ames, Boone, and Ogden all worked together to subdue the blaze. Mother Nature did not cooperate at all in helping put out the fire. Icy winds and below freezing temperatures made battling the blaze incredibly difficult for firefighters.

Nearby trees bowed under the weight of their ice-laden branches from the water.

“It’s a bad deal and we’ll miss it that’s for sure, especially the Chinese place. I used to go there a lot with my grand kids.”

Ash from the fire was strewn across the scene of the fire, creating a thin white blanket of ash on surrounding buildings.

Investigators believe the fire started in one of the apartments inside the building. The building housed more than apartments; it was home to Hong Kong Chinese Buffet, Iron Horse Antiques and the Iris Tea Room.

Lloyd Tagesen, a frequent visitor to the restaurant said, “It’s a bad deal and we’ll miss it that’s for sure, especially the Chinese place. I used to go there a lot with my grand kids.”

Despite the freezing temperatures, Tagesen still made it out to watch the event. He later said, “These kinds of things always seem to happen when it’s so darn cold out.”

Nathan Morgan, of Boone, said, “This sucks for some people, but this really doesn’t affect me in any way. I hate Chinese food. I never went there anyway.”



Above: Boone Firefighters prepare to enter the burning building.

Photo by Craig VandeVenter



Photo by Craig VandeVenter

Above: Boone Firefighter battles fire from atop the fire engine’s ladder.
Below: View of the scene of the fire from 7th and Story street.



Photo by Craig VandeVenter

I Hate Valentines Day

Shane Meier

Layout Editor

I hate Valentines Day. I do not understand why we celebrate such a pointless holiday in the first place.

Valentines Day was originally a Roman festival known as Lupercalia. Traditionally the festival was dedicated to the Goddess Juno; she was the queen of all Roman gods as well as the protector and guardian spirit of all females. This celebration is just one of many saint-days that were celebrated during the middle ages.

There was a time when Valentines Day actually had a meaning amid all of the celebration and festivities. Back in the 19th century Valentines Day was second to Christmas in terms of holiday popularity and significance.

In this day and age the corporate conglomerates have turned the holiday into nothing more than a giant commercial scheme to boost sales and revenue for such companies. It is like Christmas, except Christmas still has significance and meaning for some people.

The true Valentines Day meaning and celebration have all but vanished, never to see the light of society.

We no longer painstakingly create unique valentines for the special people in our lives; instead we purchase generic insignificant ones from a store, not to mention the cheap stuffed animals and the disgustingly cheap candy that we now associate with Valentines Day.

What happened to taking the time and effort to make your own valentines and candy?

The kindness and caring of Valentines Day has disappeared without a trace. To make matters worse, some people give out the same valentine to everyone they know, helping to spread the disgusting commercialized cheer to all their friends.

Fortunately, there is hope for a different holiday in February. I feel it is more worthwhile to celebrate Groundhogs Day.

At first a seemingly pointless holiday, it can actually be a lot of fun. It has its own unique mythology attached to it as well.

The annual ritual of waiting to see Puxi Tawney Phil's prediction is much more meaningful to me than sending generic cards to the people you know.

The non-federal holiday of Groundhogs Day is truly a loved American tradition.

So why don't you take my advice and skip all of the Valentines Day garbage and join me next year in celebrating Groundhog's Day on Feb 2.

Facebook friend or foe?

Derrick J Roffman

Page Editor

Many of us see Facebook on the screen of the computer next to us every time we log on to a computer or when sitting in the Courter Center. It seems to be growing at a large rate, so much so that even my mother is my friend on Facebook. It keeps people in touch with their friends and acquaintances whom which it is very hard to keep in contact. You can even chat now, which makes it more personal than MySpace because you can see when your friends are on and say, "Hi."

However, on the other hand, if Facebook is something that's always being loaded during school or even class, can it be a distraction? For the first few weeks of class every time I went to a computer, I'd pull up Facebook and leave it on for the duration of class, just waiting to see if anybody wanted to chat. I would check every few minutes to see if someone had come on or I had an update. Recently I realized I was

spending hours on Facebook and not very much time in real life talking to the people around me or trying to make new friends.

Chelsea Larson, Boone Campus Student, said she uses it to keep in touch with high school friends. "I pay attention more than I should be," Larson said.

Something that came with the internet is the internet society, which means we can have friends that we talk to all of the time with similar interests half way across the world or just across the United States, but does that mean we've given up talking to new people around us? Do people judge their new friends by interests on Facebook?

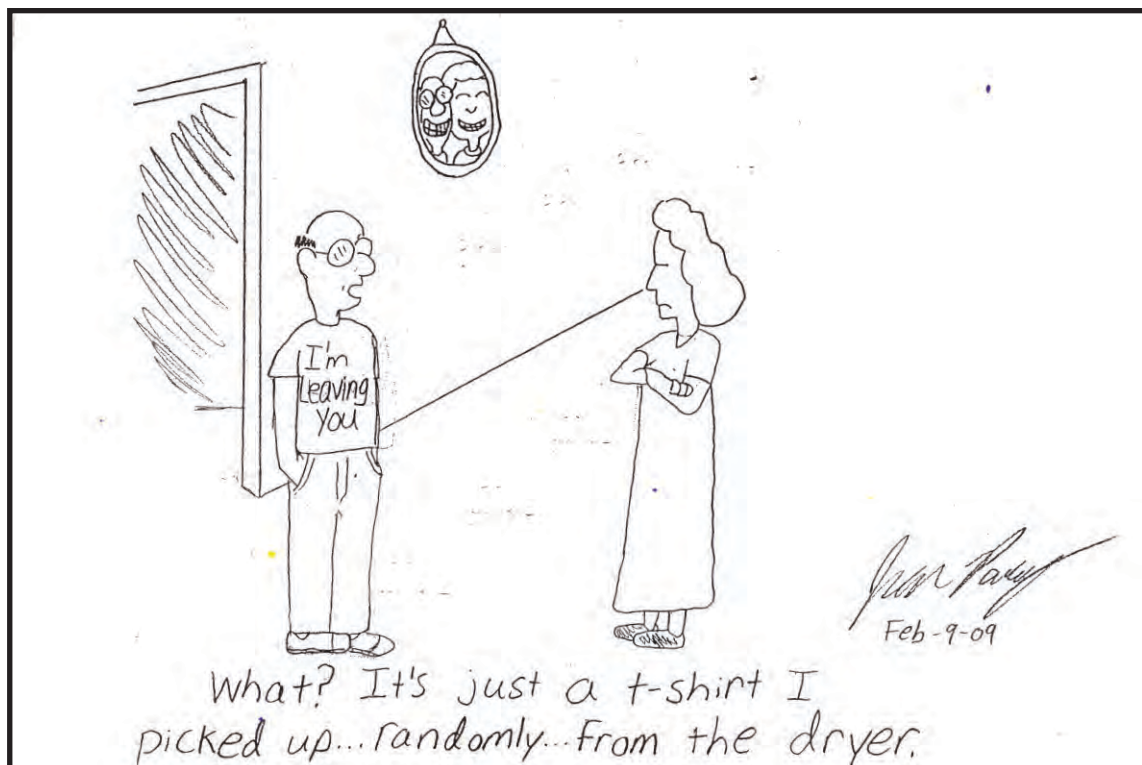
Dr. Tim Bergin, the biology professor at DMACC said, "I meet people face to face. I don't want people to know everything about me without meeting them in person."

Perhaps our society is losing valuable sociable skills to the Internet. Something you're going to need in life if your job means working with other people is the ability to communicate and



get along with coworkers. Is our society breeding a new generation of people whose idea of an introduction is a friend's request? How many of us have gone up to a new person that looked like a nice person to hang out with and just introduced yourself or started talking? How many of you get to know the people around you at DMACC? These are skills that mark a peaceful society.

So looking at Facebook's pro's and con's and how it affect you. Is it something that can take over your computer, perhaps stopping you from concentrating on your homework? Or is it just a tool to help network friends and family? What are your opinions? Please send comments to bannernews@dmacc.edu.



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Banner Editorial

Boone campus students very seldom read the Banner News.

They take one glance at the front cover and then at that point decide whether or not they will venture into the mysterious abyss that few travel.

Despite being easily accessible for students to pick up from newsstands around campus, few students actually read through the paper in its entirety. It is a shame that students choose to represent their school and demonstrate their school spirit by supporting sports, but do not have enough respect to take the few minutes time to pick up a copy of the paper and read it.

We are disappointed at the reaction, or the lack there of, of all students and faculty who do not take the time to read the paper, nor write a letter letting the newspaper know what's on their minds.

Without letters to the editor, newspapers have a much harder time trying to satisfy and cover all the interests of their readers.

Students should spend less time in front of a screen or monitor and more time behind books and other reading materials. Positive effects that can benefit readers are that their awareness of the happenings around them increases instead of taking the easy way out and doing nothing.

Students should take the time to read the DMACC Daily that is sent to all students every day. They would be more aware of special events and special opportunities that they can benefit from. Becoming more aware and participating starts will reading through the DMACC Daily, bulletin boards in the halls as students walk to and from classes, and glancing over the newspaper.

If students would take the time to do these little things, they would be amazed at how much all three can do for them and reward them.

The bottom line is that students are taking the easy way out, and if they continue to do so, they will spend their time at DMACC as brain-dead couch potatoes. The more students read the more they help themselves. The importance of being aware of ones own surroundings helps us to succeed in life, the more aware we are of the things happening around us the better off we will be.

Knowledge is power, and the only way students will reach that power is by exerting themselves and actually caring and trying on something other than video games and such.

All letters to the editor will be considered for publication and should be sent to bannernews@gmail.com or bannernews@dmacc.edu.



Jacobsen lead Bears to rout of Central JV

Justin Mitchell

Sports writer

In their most lopsided victory of the season, 89-41 over Central JV, Keisha Dotson finished with 13 points and 4 rebounds. The Bears (18-5) won their fourth game in five tries and Marni Jacobsen started her dominating performance by scoring 17 of her 20 points in the first half.

Jacobsen shot a blistering 72 percent from the field on 8 of 11 shooting. Head coach Steve Krafacisin praised Jacobsen's performance, "She looked really good, she was ready to play and she set

the tone early." The Bears shot 50 percent from the floor and a scorching 50 percent from the 3-point line.

The Bears came out with a lot of energy and focus. The lead at halftime was 46-20 and from there they never looked back, with the lead ballooning to as much as 49 in the second half. "We didn't want to go through to motions just because we were playing another JV team. In our game plan we preached playing efficient 4 minute segments" said Krafacisin.

The Bears had very few problems implementing that game plan on Tuesday. They out

rebounced Central JV 45-37, including 14 offensive boards; they caused 26 turnovers, blocked 6 shots, and they outscored Central JV 34-8 in the paint.

Great bench play was also working in the Bears favor, Cassie Nauholtz added 11 points and Brittney McKowen added 13 and 5. Tiara Mays scored 4 points, added 4 rebounds and 3 blocks in 8 minutes of efficient play.

The Bears next home game comes at 5:30 on February 11th against Iowa Central community college. The Bears will look to sweep the season series against the Tritons after beating them 72-69 on Jan. 14.



Photo by Craig Vandeventer

Marni Jacobsen is ready to sink her free-throws against Central JV Tuesday night.



Photo by Derek J Roffman

Bears forward Scott Windom hustles after a loose ball in the 2nd half Wednesday night against the Kirkwood Eagles. Windom led the Bears in scoring and rebounds.

Bears can't overcome the rival Kirkwood Eagles

Justin Mitchell

Sports writer

The rivalry between the Kirkwood Eagles and the DMACC Bears is that of fierce competition and staggering outcomes. The battle between the DMACC Bears and the Kirkwood Eagles on Wednesday Feb 4 was exactly that, an intense and fierce competition.

Tension filled the air of the DMACC gymnasium as the game played out. Bodies fell to the hardwood diving after live balls. Coaches from each team paced back and forth watching their players wage war out on the court. Needless to say the player's emotions helped determine the overall outcome just as much as the overall score did. The Kirkwood Eagles (19-4) beat the DMACC

Bears (15-7) 70 to 62.

The intense Bear defense caused serious problems for the Eagle's offense, holding them to a terrible night of shooting at 33 percent from the floor. Bryce Brunz led the Eagles with 16 points and Rashad Basey added another 11 points as well. Where the Eagles failed with weak field goal percentages they made up with timely free throw shooting and clutch rebounding. They out-rebounded the Bears 41-31 and shot 78 percent from the free throw line. Jarvis Williams turned in a dominating performance scoring 12 points and snatching up 14 rebounds for the Eagles.

The Bears shot much better from the floor than the Eagles, but their dismal 45 percent free throw percentage really hampered their comeback in the second half. The Bears were down 52-36 with 9:14

left in the second half but Scott Windom and the rest of the Bears did not back down. They would go on a 13-0 run capped off by a Mark Lacey 3-pointer to pull the game within 3 points with 28.1 seconds left in the game. Windom led the team with 15 points and 7 rebounds but missed some crucial free throws from the free throw line. Those missed foul shots would eventually seal the Bear's fate and ice the win for the Eagles.

This is the second win Kirkwood has had against DMACC this season. Resulting in the Bear's second consecutive loss this season to the Eagles. The Bears look to rebound from a difficult stretch of losses with their next home game, Wednesday Feb 11 against the Tritons of Iowa Central Community College.

Upcoming Bear Basketball Home Games

Women/Men double header versus Iowa Central Feb. 11 at 5:30 pm

Men versus Central JV Feb. 17 at 5:30 pm

Women versus Southeastern Feb. 18 at 6:00 pm

Women versus AIB Feb. 21 at 2:00 pm

Bears baseball ranked # 1 in preseason poll

DMACC---Des Moines Area Community College is ranked number one in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association Preseason Division II Baseball Poll.

The DMACC Bears have six returning starters, including three preseason All-Americans, on the team. They finished the 2008 season with a 48-18 record and a trip to the NJCAA Division II College World Series under first year Head Baseball Coach Dan Fitzgerald.

The Bears welcome back 2008 First-Team All-American infielders Tyler Robbins (.394 BA, 20 HR, 57 RBI, 18 SB)

and Jake Astor (.442 BA, 9 HR, 72 RBI, 7 SB). They also return pitcher Mitch Mormann (52.2 IP, 59K, 3.76 ERA, 4-3), who earned Third-Team Preseason All-American honors. "We have a solid nucleus returning from last year's World Series team to go with a group of very talented freshmen," said Coach Fitzgerald. "Practice has been going really well, and we are really looking forward to the start of our season."

The Bears open the season with a four-game series at Fort Scott (Kan.) Feb. 27. "It's really exciting, but obviously it hasn't won us a game yet" added Fitzgerald.

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Latin-American players represent Bears in Boone

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Latin-American DMACC athletes Willi Estrella and Hector Ponce represent the Boone Campus on this basketball and upcoming baseball season this year.

Estrella, a 6'7" strong forward sophomore from Santiago, Dominican Republic and the only athlete out of five brothers is a general education major aspiring to transfer to South Dakota University, University of Central Arkansas, or Northwest Missouri State and become an international business graduate.

The Dominican born player was a vital piece to the men's basketball team this season averaging around 14 points and 17 rebounds per game as a starter for the Bears.

Unfortunately about a month ago, Estrella was sidelined for the rest of the 2008-2009 season due to a stress fracture on his left foot. He still feels that his presence on the bench helps the team step up and move forward towards a great finish this year.

Meanwhile newly recruited freshman Hector Ponce is keeping his skills sharp at practice and looks forward to do great this upcoming Baseball season. Ponce, a Toa Baja, Puerto Rico native and Florida resident Center Fielder for the Bears, thinks that Head Coach Dan Fitzgerald keeps great chemistry within the team.

"It is a definitely and edge to have such a dedicated team of coaches and players in this ball club. Most of last year's World Series roster is back this season and it helped on my decision to come to DMACC and become part of the Bears" Ponce stated.

As a prospect in Puerto Rico, Hector moved to Florida to play High School baseball for Timber Creek High in the Orlando area

Bears Injury Report

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Women's Volleyball

- Bobbi Jo Bayer
Shoulder Rotator Cuff
Limited game time
- Justine Young
Sore left knee
Limited game time

Women's Basketball

- Brittany Ward
Torn ACL
Out for the season
- Danielle Daniels
Torn ACL
Out for the season
- Ciara McGaughy
Torn ACL
Will be back next month
- Tiara Mays
Inflamed aquilles tendon
Day-to-day
- Lindsey Volz
Car Accident
Limited game time

Men's Basketball

- Willi Estrella
Stress fracture on left foot
Out for the season
- Tavaryus Grey
Sprained left ankle
Limited game time

and worked out with the Arizona Diamondbacks Major league team. He was also offered a contract but refused with the thought of having a college education as one of his primary goals. Scouts from the Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, and Colorado Rockies have also contacted the DMACC center fielder for his services with their minor league affiliates. Ponce is preparing for

the Bears spring break road trip to Texas and hopes to gain big Junior College experience in the baseball department.

Both players enjoy being part of DMACC Athletics and living in the town of Boone. The only thing so far they have struggled with is the harsh temperature of winter. Their mutual goal is to represent DMACC wherever they go like great sportsmen do.



Hector Ponce



Willi Estrella

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