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'No Time Like the Present' in production



Photo by: Edén Hinrichs

Edén Hinrichs
Executive Editor

The latest play "No time like the present" by Karen Roggenkamp is set to hit the stage on Nov. 7 and 8 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Roggenkamp's play is set in modern times with the main character and writer Ben Randall reluctantly looking to sell his house while his fiancée, Sheila (played Wendy Sunberg) wishes for him to sell the house. Yet, an attraction to a portrait of long forgotten starlet (played by

Noelle Brockhoff) startles Ben's willingness to sell. It appears that the two lives will clash as one is lost in time while the other is lost in life.

As the cast prepares for their November play date they are eager to take the stage. "It's a very good script," said Brockhoff who plays the starlet, Veronica Chamberline, who is lost in time.

"There is a lot of physical movement." Brockhoff, a former native to California has a background in professional opera and is now performing in her second

play at DMACC. "You just can't argue with a script that allows you to wear pretty dresses through the entire play!"

Among the actors are Nick Gaston who plays Kingsley Langsford Harrington III "I love my [top hat and tails]" said Gaston who plays the snooty boyfriend to Veronica. He models his top hat and coat as he recites his lines with Veronica. The cast's excitement is contagious as they express their enthusiasm on stage. "It's a good script," said Brockhoff. "I enjoy it greatly!"

Obama press conference addresses student financial aid concerns

Craig Vandevanter
Staff Writer

Barack Obama gave a national press conference on Oct. 4, 2008 addressing four of his deepest concerns and promises about the upcoming election if he is elected President. Obama addressed the nearly 10 million 18-24 year olds in the U.S. who are still not registered to vote in November for the election.

He addressed the creation of a new tax credit program available to all Americans seeking forms of higher education, a new Community College success partnership, and just how important it is for U.S. citizens to get registered and vote. His proposed

creation of the New American Opportunity Tax Credit would provide up to 4,000 dollars of federal grant money to students who need financial aid to afford any higher education.

The proposed qualifications for the Tax Credit are based upon the previous year's tax data and some of the current information required for receiving any sort of grant money from the Federal Government. Students will have options on how they want to pay their grants back to the Federal Government. If they cannot pay back the amount they owe students can choose to do any of three options.

First of the three options is complete 100 hours of community service in 12 calendar months. The second option is to serve their country with their participation in the Armed Forces and lastly students can participate in work study programs designed to benefit and enhance their desired career outcome.

"The complexity and hassle of the old system of applying for Financial Aid will be flipped on its side and will become drastically easier for Americans," said Obama. He also included that the tax credit would be fully-refundable to those families who can't pay taxes, making them eligible and making their idea of college more affordable.

The grant from the Federal Government would also be "advance-able" in order for families to receive their benefits when their tuition bills are due. The decision of making his proposed tax credit fully refundable to Americans makes his system financial aid much more versatile than the current federal financial aid for students.

The Community College Partnership Program will encourage Community Colleges to focus on the Strengths of their



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students and their overall success in receiving the best possible education from their respective institution. This Partnership Programs provides federal grants as incentives to the colleges upon their student's performances in the classroom. The purpose of the program is to decrease the number of Americans failing to complete their college education and to increase the number of Americans that consider going on with their education by enrolling themselves in a college.

Obama concluded the press conference with discussing the importance for all Americans, young and old, to get registered and vote in the upcoming election regardless of which party they vote for on Nov. 4, 2008. He feels that participating in our Nation's Government is a tremendous right for citizens, and they should fulfill their responsibility to vote and help make decisions for the future of the United States.

"I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington...I'm asking you to believe in yours" said Obama when asked the question of what his views of the power of the American people poses. "It is imperative for the success of the United States as a nation to overcome its most recent shortcomings and to get back up on its feet and be successful"

Nick Gaston's Kingsley poses for the "lowly photographer" as he contemplates have more champagne with his lovely starlet Veronica Chamberline

Yom Kippur-- Day of Atonement

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

For the students and instructors who believe in Judaism, Yom Kippur is coming up on the ninth of this month! Yom Kippur is called the Day of Atonement. It is a day to pray for forgiveness of sins and an opportunity to begin anew. The New Year in Judaism starts on Rosh Hashanah, which was on September thirtieth.

Ellen Arkovich, part-time

instructor, said "[It is] a chance to get a clean slate and start all over again." Yom Kippur starts at sunset on Wednesday Oct. 8 and ends at sundown on the following Thursday. A feast is eaten before sunset and a fast is observed the following day. While fasting is observed by most healthy adults, those who are pregnant, nursing or suffer a medical condition are excused.

During the day services are attended, involving ritual and

prayer. White is often worn, symbolizing purity. The culmination is the tashlich, which is a ritual involving the casting of bread crumbs into a natural, moving body of water. This symbolizes the casting away of sins.

Yom Kippur will be observed by the Ames Jewish Congregation, founded in 1961. Services will begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 9.

Arkovich will give her classes an out-of-class assignment in lieu of canceling class.

Prospective students 'Discover DMACC' program

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

On Friday Sept. 26 students looked on as pair of men were spotted filming the Courter Center. The reason for their presence was that they were filming a segment of a program known as Discover DMACC.

The two cameramen, Bill Kuhn and James Piper, said that it is a thirty minute program that will be shown on the school monitors and on channel 16. Its purpose is to show potential students the benefits and attractions that DMACC has to offer in an attempt to persuade them to come to DMACC.

They were looking for different angles of student life. Bill Kuhn said "[They were shooting a] segment on international students in the athletics department." The reason for picking this subject was that DMACC is unique in that there is a high concentration of international students involved in the athletics programs.

Recycling bins hit Boone campus

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

All six DMACC campuses have recycling bins to further the 'Going Green' campaign that started in September. The recycling bins keep recyclable material separated by categories. These categories include white paper, magazines/colored paper, cans, bottles and non-refundable containers.

Dean Hatch, Buildings and grounds supervisor, Boone campus said, "It has been indicated that we [the Boone campus] are doing as well or better than the other campuses." The recycling bins were paid for through the Operation Green institutional grant. The total cost was roughly \$1,800.

Nancy Woods, Green Team representative, Boone campus said, "I actively remind others of

recycling. I try to 'make a stink' about it [when I see others ignoring the bins]." The Boone staff encourages students to follow the directions clearly written on the bins. They can be found in the Courter Center, in offices and in the hallways of our campus. Hatch said, "When in doubt, its trash."

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DMACC celebrates banned book week

Eden Hinrichs
Executive Editor

Banned book week took place Sept. 27- Oct. 4, 2008 across the country to commemorate and inform people of books that have been and are currently banned from libraries all over America.

Michelle Tedrow, DMACC Boone campus librarian said, "The real shame is when a book is successfully banned. It's a slap in the face to the First Amendment."

The first step in banning a book is to raise a complaint to the governing body of the institution and then they decide whether to ban the book or not. "Most of the time the library will just pull the book to keep away from controversy."

Every library is different and has different policies that books

are judged by. Some libraries have their code of conduct posted on a website. Even if a book is banned in a library, it doesn't mean that it will be banned in stores. "After [a book is banned], book sales will go nuts," said Tedrow.

Most people who have complaints usually complain about sexual, political, discrimination, insensitivity, ethical and cultural view points. "They think they

"The real shame is when a book is successfully banned. It's a slap in the face to the First Amendment."

-Michelle Tedrow

are doing a service." Tedrow said there are underground book burning groups who will go through a banned book list, or books they find offensive, steal them and destroy

them. "The bigger question is do we have the materials to allow people to be the judge, or do we allow [other] people to judge for them?" asks Tedrow.

According to ALA the top ten most banned authors

1. Alvin Schwartz wrote "scary stories to tell in the dark." It was banned for being too graphic
2. Judy Blume wrote "Are You There God? It's me, Margaret." This book was banned for religious content.
3. Robert Cormier wrote "The Chocolate War." This book was banned due to the language and sexual references.
4. J.K. Rowling wrote the Harry Potter series. These books were banned due to religious content.
5. Michael Willhoite wrote "Daddy's roommate." This book was banned due to homosexual content.
6. Katherine Paterson wrote "Bridge to Terabithia." This book was banned due to the addressing of adult issues.
7. Stephen King is a renowned horror author and many of his books are banned because of violent themes
8. Maya Angelou is renowned for her poetry writing but her novel "I know why the caged bird sings" was banned due to sexual content and racism.
9. R.L. Stine is a renowned horror author whose books are banned due to violent themes.
10. John Steinbeck wrote of "Mice and Men." This books was banned to violence, offense language, and racism

Most challenged books of the 20th century (2000-2005)

1. Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling
2. "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier
3. Alice series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
4. "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck
5. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou
6. "Fallen Angels" by Walter Dean Myers
7. "It's Perfectly Normal" by Robie Harris
8. "Scary Stories series" by Alvin Schwartz
9. Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey
10. "Forever" by Judy Blume

SAC budgeting

Craig VandeVenter
Staff Writer

The student activities council's budget for 2008-2009 school year is 11,120.00 dollars. That money goes towards activities that the council votes upon to bring to the Boone campus. This can be anything from musicians to hypnotists.

100 percent of all the funds that the Council has to work with are generated solely by the students. The SAC falls short of athletics 21,265.00 dollars budget but overtakes Phi Beta Lambda and the Banner Newspaper which both have 3,866.00 dollars in their budgets.

Steve Krafiscin, SAC advisor,

does not allow any sort of fundraising to take place; the funds are raised by the students paying their activity fees at registration.

"Ideas are what help keep us running"

Steve Krafiscin

The ways in which the SAC markets and promotes itself to students is the same way as any other club or organization on campus, by flyers.

Most SAC events take place on campus and students have the opportunity of witnessing firsthand the events in action. Krafiscin said "Ideas are what help keep us running"

FREE FINANCIAL LITERACY DAY PROGRAM AT DMACC

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is offering a Financial Literacy Day Program on Thur., Oct. 9 at the DMACC Ankeny Campus in the Bldg. #5 Stage area. There will also be video-conferences of the program's sessions at DMACC's Boone Campus in Room 162, Carroll Campus in Room 165, Newton Campus in a room to be determined, Urban

Campus in Bldg. #4, Room 122 and West Campus in the Edison Room. This program is free and open to the public.

"DMACC is concerned about student loan indebtedness, and as a result, the first district-wide Financial Literacy Day was scheduled to address excessive borrowing and other financial literacy issues," said DeLores Hawkins, DMACC District Director of Student Financial

Aid. "One of the goals of the program is to introduce to the DMACC community helpful financial literacy information and resources."

The agenda for Financial Literacy Day will run as below:
Morning Sessions

- 9 to 9:10 a.m. **Welcome**
- 9:15 to 10 a.m.

"Understand the Money Habits of Generation Y Students" presented by Heather Norris, Financial Literacy Officer of Iowa Student Loan

- 10:05 to 10:40 a.m. **"Cautionary Tales of Student Debt Crisis: Students Tell Their Stories and Offer Advice"** video produced by Dr. Virginia

Blackburn of Iowa State University

- 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. **"Fundamentals of Financial Literacy"** presented by Kathy Martin, Branch Manager of Greater Iowa Credit Union

Afternoon Sessions

- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **"Perspectives That Will Sink Your Financial Ship"** presented by Jim Garnett, Director of Education for Consumer Credit of Des Moines
- 1:45 to 2:35 p.m. **"Fundamentals of Financial Literacy"** presented by Kathy Martin, Branch Manager of Greater Iowa Credit Union

- 2:45 to 3:35 p.m. **"Understand the Money Habits of Generation Y Students"** presented by Amy Gaffney, School Relations Manager of Iowa Student Loan
- 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. **"Cautionary Tales of Student Debt Crisis: Students Tell Their Stories and Offer Advice"** video produced by Dr. Virginia Blackburn of Iowa State University

For more information, contact DeLores Hawkins at (515) 964-6514 or dwhawkins@dmacc.edu or Laurie Wolf, Executive Dean of Students at (515) 964-6437.



THE VIEW FROM THE STANDS

ISU v. Kansas game

Zach Harder
Sports Writer

Don't worry Iowa State fans, the Cyclones football program appears to be moving in the right direction despite their recent loss to Kansas.

Last weekend, the Iowa State Cyclones started the first half with a 20 to nothing advantage over number sixteenth ranked Kansas, but that lead quickly dried up as the Jayhawks would manage one of the third-biggest comebacks in school history with a 35 to 33 victory.

Most Cyclone fans are upset about the fact that the team was unable to win the game despite the 20 point advantage, but there seems like little for the fans to be upset about.

The Iowa State program is finally making some big steps in the right direction since the arrival of head coach Gene Chizik. One game showed that Iowa State has made a tremendous improvement after one week off despite suffering a 34-31 loss against UNLV. They've finally found out that one quarterback is better than two and look like they can be competitive, even with some of the best teams in the Big 12.

Yes, Saturday was a disappointing loss, but at least Austin Arnaud appears to be the right man for the starting quarterback job. Arnaud went 27 for 45 for 268 yards with 3 touchdown passes. Despite a costly interception to Kansas defensive end Maxwell Onyegbule,

Arnaud nearly had a perfect game. With Arnaud leading the offense with weapons like R.J. Sumrall and outstanding freshmen Darius Darks and Sedrick Johnson, the Cyclones offense looks tough to shutdown and

that's without a consistent running attack.

Iowa States ground game appears to be a weakness as they only ran for a measly 97 yards but remember Kansas' defense is one of the best in the Big 12. Kansas returned 8 defensive starters from a defensive squad that ranked 12th in the nation in total defense and 4th in scoring defense only allowing 16.4 points a game and Iowa State without a running game managed 33.

Iowa State's offense suffered major losses when Todd Blythe and Bret Meyer left, but with some good recruiting and Arnaud taking the reigns, the offense can only get better as they find some sort of a running game

The defense had a shaky second half, but we all knew Kansas' offense would score sooner or later. Look at the silver lining, with Alvin Bowen gone lets face the facts, the defense consistently forces turnovers and Kansas also ranked 1st in the country in turnover margin and in Saturday's game turned the ball over a total of 4 times.

So the Cyclones have lost 3 straight now, but the schedule seems to soften up a bit for the next three weeks. With a winnable game at Baylor next week and home games against struggling teams like Nebraska and Texas A&M, if the Cyclones bounce back and play tough like they did last week they look poised to possibly win all three games.

Now don't get me wrong because it won't be easy games to win without some sort of a running game, but with Arnaud improving as a quarterback and leader they could possibly be 5-3 at the end of October, if Chizik plays his cards right.

Reviving winning tradition

Blake Anderson
Contributing Writer

The 2008 baseball season was a dream season for the DMACC Bears and the first year for head coach Dan Fitzgerald. The Bears finished the year with a 48-18 record and also made a trip to Millington, Tenn. for the National Junior College Athletic Association's College Baseball World Series.

In the 2009 season, the Bears will look to make a repeat as Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Champions and make a return trip to the NJCAA College World Series. NJCAA All-American first baseman Jake Astor said, "[the Bears are] more talented than last year and every player is good at every position."

The Bears have 18 players returning in 2009 with playing experience from last year's 48-

18 team. Some of the key players returning are two NJCAA All-Americans Tyler Robbins (.394 20 HRs 57 RBIs), Astor (.442 9 HRs 72 RBIs), Jose Ramos (.395 2 HRs 54 RBIs) and some of their key pitchers like Eric Holmes, who pitched 69 innings last year and Mitch Moorman, who had over 52 innings of work off of the mound, according to the DMACC athletic website.

The Bears are participating in a fall baseball league. Starting catcher Tanner Adam said the key to repeating their success this coming spring is "not worrying about how other teams perform and just play their game." The Bears have 68.3 percent of their hits returning, 66.1 percent of their runs and 75.6 percent of their home runs from last year returning, so expect them to make some noise at the plate this upcoming spring.

From the mound the Bears return six guys with pitching ex-

perience. They are retaining 38.5 percent of their strikeouts and 64.6 percent of their wins. Carter Smith, a utility infielder for conference rival Ellsworth Community College, said, "Their pitching staff has looked darn good in fall ball." Smith expects the Bears to be one of the top teams in the conference. Astor and Adam also expect incoming freshman Brashad Johnson of Minnesota, to get significant playing time this upcoming spring.

This winter, the Bears will be working hard by hitting at their indoor facility located at the Boone County Fairgrounds and working out. With all of the experience returning and a talented group of freshman coming in, fans can look forward to the Bears repeating as ICCAC conference champions and make a return visit to the NJCAA College World Series to contend for the National Title.



Photo Craig Vandeventer

Winners are from left to right:(row 1) Will McConnell, Jesse Ayers, Pat Charron, Tyler Lust (row 2) Kris Edwards, Mike Becke

Team Shenanigans win DMACC wiffle ball tournament

Craig Vandeventer
Staff Writer

Three teams of DMACC Boone campus students competed in Thursday's first night intramural wiffle ball tournament in the attempt to win first place's prize of a Papa Murphy's gift card. Team Shenanigans defeated team D.M.A.C.C. in the final game of the evening eleven to zero.

The Wiffle Ball tournament was put on by the Boone campus Intramurals. The participating teams were competing for three five dollar gift cards to Papa Murphy's Pizza and Intramural tee-shirts for their entire team. The wiffle ball tournament is the start of the new Night Intramurals activities taking place over the course of this school year.

The event started at nine p.m. and ended shortly before eleven. There were three individual teams: Team Shenanigans, Team D.M.A.C.C., and Team DMACC

Women's Basketball showed up to participate.

The victors, Team Shenanigans, consisted of Jesse Ayers, Mike Becke, Pat Charron, Kris Edwards, Tyler Lust, and Will McConnell. Team Shenanigans managed to edge out Team D.M.A.C.C. by eleven to zero. In four innings of wiffle ball Team Shenanigans managed to pull ahead of Team D.M.A.C.C. by eleven points. During game one Team Shenanigans beat Team Women's Basketball by seventeen points.

The second game of wiffle ball between Team Shenanigans and Team D.M.A.C.C. resulted in a much more enjoyable game with an end result of Team Shenanigans winning six to four. But the third and final game between Team Shenanigans and Team D.M.A.C.C. resulted in the eleven point gap that made Team Shenanigans the overall victor.

Second place was awarded

to Team D.M.A.C.C. which was made up of Jerry Dorscy, Kathleen Miller, Abinia Nazarova, Brooke Person, Tim Schafer, Taylor Sibenaller and Loreazo Wilson. Team D.M.A.C.C. came prepared to play and their matching red uniforms helped accentuate their positive team moral.

The third place team was composed of members of the DMACC women's basketball team. The girls from the basketball team that participated were; Danielle Daniels, Marni Jacobsen, Kayla Koeppen, Dani Lang, Tiara Mayes, Cierra McGaughy, Cassie Nawholz, and Ellie Ritscher.

Students who attended the tournament as spectators got to enjoy the free entertainment. DMACC Boone campus student and Team Shenanigans player Tyler Lust said "No single highlight stood out for me, I had a good time and that I enjoyed getting the extra exercise."

MEDICAL RECORDS ABTRACTOR

McFarland Clinic PC, has openings for partial part-time Medical Records Abstractors to assist in the abstraction of medical information into the EPIC database. Abstractors will be responsible for manually entering data from paper charts into the electronic medical records. The data to be abstracted will include allergies, medications, immunizations and some specific data needed in certain specialties.

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Angel Food Ministries helps people

Shane Meier
Staff writer

Many students are deeply in debt and struggle to make ends meet. Fortunately, there are organizations that can help them including a group called Angel Food Ministries.

Angel Food Ministries is a program started in 1994 by pastors Joe and Linda Wingo of Monroe, Ga. to help families get the food they need. The organization buys

food in bulk from suppliers, then sells it to people at a lower price. When students and needy families want to purchase food, they can buy 70 dollars worth of food for about 35 dollars.

Sharon Collins and Elisa Huss from Open Bible church were invited by Tammie Foltz, a philosophy teacher DMACC Boone campus. Collins said she was working with Angel Food Ministries because, "We went to a church convention [and] saw the

program."

Collins and Huss said they sold 250 units last month and that their goal for this quarter was \$500. The purpose for the first session was to hand out the menu. The actual ordering took place on Oct. 1 2008. Angel Food industries encourage student's involvement. Collins said, "Anybody can do it." All they have to do is sign up and call or order online at angelfoodministries.com.

Celebrate Halloween with Circle K

Torrey Smith
Staff Writer

Circle K is an international organization that is a college form of the Kiwanis. It shows student leadership skills and shows the rewards of services throughout a community. The Circle K at DMACC has been running for two years. The DMACC campus in Boone is the only campus with Circle K.

Jane Martino, advisor of Circle K, said, "We are grateful



that our students are so supportive of our mission and our activities." Circle K has twenty active members and can have up to sixty projects per year. Each month, Circle K picks one projects in service to the campus, community, and international.

In Boone, there are Circle K programs such as the Milk Program which deals with giving milk coupons to Maggie Stone, head of Iowa New Choice at Boone DMACC Campus who gives the coupons to single parents in need so they can buy one gallon of milk for their families.

During Halloween this year, Circle K will be taking preschool kids throughout the community and taking them trick-or-treating. "Anyone who wants to help can be involved in the Halloween event. It is so fun," said Martino.

In December Circle K will be buying eight new toys for the kids associated with Maggie Stone's Programs.

Circle K is paid for through student's college fees by 10 percent, which this year is \$700 in operating budget. This pays for their programs and items around the Boone campus like paying half for the infant changing tables in the four bathrooms. Circle K has done many generous projects throughout the community and is always looking for new members.

Anyone can join the Circle K organization. "Our focus is giving support to our students to be successful. We know that providing a welcoming campus to their families offers reassurance that they are valued," said Martino.

Nursing students present posters

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

The Boone nursing students made posters for a project designed to educate. Then they set the posters up in the Courter Center and passed out flyers for those interested. They also had students checking blood pressure the same day.

The posters were for class credit, in order to promote awareness and educate the students on effective communication to different age groups. Amy Huston, nursing student, said, "[It was] to help us learn how to teach others... in nursing we need to learn to teach different skills."

Other projects include the upcoming Flu Vaccine, which will be available on campus Nov. 11-12 from noon-1:30. They will be available for \$10.



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New DMACC slogan, please!

Over a year and a half ago DMACC decided to revamp its image by allowing all the students to choose what new and improved image they liked the best.

The vague sketches seemed like a good idea at the time but little did we know the redundant tag line that would soon become our beloved DMACC's slogan.

Not only did I take part in this image of American democracy in work but I regret to say I voted for the now slogan of "if it's achievable it's doable." I had no idea how truly awful it would be in reality but as I saw mostly apple cheeked students with glazed over looks of hope in the registration catalog, I knew it was going to be awful.

I didn't quite realize how awful it was until through my cluttered desk came the slogan

staring back at me.

I can't help but think of the redundancy of the slogan, "If its achievable it's doable". Of course you can achieve it if you can do it.

You have two verbs that mean the same thing. Dictionary.com defines "doable" as "capable of being done." It also defines achievable as "capable of existing or taking place or proving true; possible to do." So in retrospect isn't it the same thing?

Maybe they should have used "Forging the future through DMACC" or, "DMACC success is just one step away" or, "DMACC ready to make your dreams a reality."

I feel that the commercials are unrealistic to a student's lifestyle. I am a nontraditional student and I didn't go around carrying letters

before applying to school.

I guess it is suppose to be symbolic of a person becoming a part of the bigger picture but I can't help to think they could have expanded on the better qualities that DMACC has to offer For example, awesome games that our very own Bears win, or the great mentors our teachers become and better yet the friendships we form in our classes.

There is so much more to DMACC than the commercial doesn't show! I say that we as students tell DMACC what we really think of it! What about our friends and the teams that make our school great? Stand up and be counted because this is our school, why not show them what this school really like!



Josh's two cents

Josh Marker
Staff writer

In his last breath-taking speech, Dr. Martin Luther King said these words, "In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the 'unalienable Rights' of 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.'"

Recently a typo was brought to the student's attention, made in the student handbook on Feb. 16 of next year. The typo read, "Lynch and learn." Yes, under Black History month no less. My first reaction to this was to laugh because I knew this was going to be one of those "things" that is blown way out of proportion when all we needed to do was to forget about it and move on.

However, when interviewing a few people, I found out that this was only really a big deal to the higher-ups. When asked, "What is your first impression of this page, how does it make you feel?" Marco Dawson, a member of the DMACC Baseball team said, "That looks like a typo. I don't think it is a huge deal. Someone just needs to double check this be-

fore it goes out. I could see why someone may find

Something like that offensive."

Much like my opinion on this subject Eric Dorr, a DMACC student, was able to put it into words a little more eloquently than I could. "With the way our society is in the present," he said, "it's obvious to see it was a typo and there is no need to take offense. We can't change the past. People were d!@ks back then. Today we are all equal."

Very few people under 35 have been able to say they have been through the terrors of racism. We are even on

the verge of electing a black president. If that doesn't say racism is over in this country I don't know what would.

It is obvious today that America has not defaulted on this promissory note that M.L.K. said we had, insofar as her African-American citizens are concerned. Honoring this sacred obligation, America has finally given black people a good check, a check which has come back marked "Abundant funds available."

Racism is dying if not completely dead. If the person who made that typo was in fact a "Racist" that would just proves how ignorant that person is. Besides, lynching is spelled with a "Y"! Have a good one y'all!

The last classic hero

What did we learn from Paul Newman?

Eden Hinrichs
Executive editor

There are many people who only know Paul Newman from his



line of salad dressing, pasta sauce and wines. Sure, the world knows him as an actor, director, racer and philanthropist but what is he to us? Was he just the smirking face staring back at us while we stuff our faces with salad or maybe just an average guy?

Personally, I think that he was inspiration in the flesh. There are very few people who could accomplish what he did in one lifetime. He came to a point in his life when he didn't need any more money and devoted his life to others through his charities.

His modesty and easy going nature have made him a lovable character but I think there is more to Paul Newman than the life he

led or the legacy he left. I think there is a lesson to be learned and possibly expanded on. Our society has become so desensitized and very much uninvolved with one another. This silent wall has been pushing a wedge between people and now fear has taken control. No one wants to interfere.

Maybe we can learn from his life and all the hard work he did to make people's lives a little bit better or learn how small changes can save the world entirely. How much does time cost?

We can't take it with us when we go, so why do we make so much out of small things that are only mere sands in the hour glass?

If every speck of sand is a moment and each moment is named for its time spent, what names would they have? Would they be the names of children or people we love? Or would they be empty?

Paul Newman was inspiration in the flesh, showing the world that even just an average guy can make a difference in the world. Can we do the same or was Paul Newman truly the last classic hero?

Manly Troubles

J.Parry

I am Man.

I say it loud with pride.

I have Manly Troubles you wouldn't understand.

Today I was benching some huge number while TIG welding with my feet, when some a** comes up and cuts the lead which stopped my argon flow. Damn ninjas always want to fight when I'm taking it easy. He ran at me sword out and high, the killing blow, like a dubbed 1980's Sonny Chiba kung-fu movie complete with film grain.

Luckily, his blade deflected off my rock hard abs, and I broke his spine with my elbow as he slid past and in to my stack of t*tty mags. Dead.

Time for a beer. Lager.

Now I'll stop by hooters for a family meeting with the wife. She doesn't have many tables but the tips were good tonight.

"What's wrong?" she asks.

I tell her "My knees are bad, and my discs have slipped again.

The hair on my head disappears and returns on my shoulders, ears and neck.

My Genital Brain takes control when it sees cleavage or a tattooed lower back.

My farts smell like broccoli and the Super Duty's cab smells worse.

I hate my swollen prostate.

"Ok. See you at home. I love you. We've got PTA tomorrow."

Then I did the taxes, and took out the garbage.

I have Manly Troubles you wouldn't understand.

I say it all with pride.

I am Man.

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Horoscopes

By Shane Meier

Aries: Despite all your incredible gardening skills it is not possible to grow a sausage tree.

Taurus: You have done something recently that has helped many people and will end up leading to great happiness for all involved.

Gemini: People are confused on who you are and it is causing great distress, but don't despair for there is hope.

Cancer: Be warned for there are witches among you.

Leo: Someone has recently stolen your idea, but do not fear for you will come up with an even better idea.

Virgo: Beware of a guy named Stan who is going to try to sell you timeshares on an island with flesh eating ogres.

Libra: An evil overlord known as Chuckles the silly piggy is going to try to take over the world and only you can stop it.

Scorpio: Gremlins have infiltrated your life and have destroyed your vehicles an exorcist will help you solve this problem.

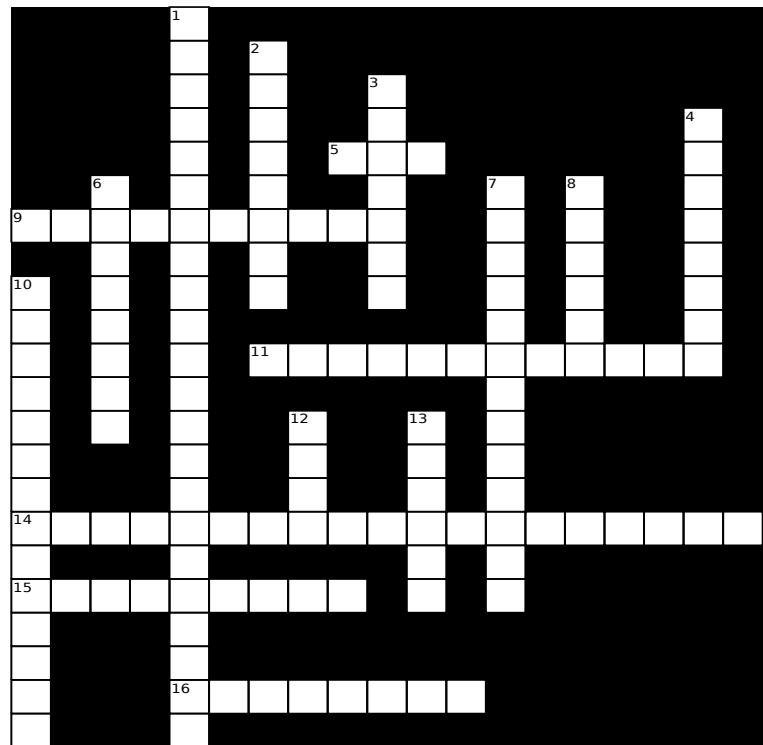
Sagittarius: Be warned for a greedy man will make off with your money and hoard it in his castle.

Capricorn: You've been under a lot of stress lately you should cancel your plans and get some you time.

Aquarius: Avoid the library for a while for the books are angry at you and will attack you.

Pisces: There are a lot of questions in the world but one has strained mankind's mind since the dawn of time. Why did the chicken cross the road?

Election



- Across**
- 5 number of electors that Iowa has
 - 9 state with the most electoral votes
 - 11 president's ascension ceremony
 - 14 amendment that allows women to vote (2 words)
 - 15 votes that determine winner
 - 16 legal voting age

- Down**
- 1 group that picks the in the event of a tie (3 words)
 - 2 blue is their color
 - 3 convention for parties to pick a candidate
 - 4 a politicians political _____?
 - 6 republican mascot
 - 7 president's running mate
 - 8 voting sheet
 - 10 president to be (2 words)
 - 12 election years
 - 13 showdown between the two candidates

Computers

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Jordan Banes spikes the ball

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Stephanie Evans jumps for the ball.

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Amber Boever and Justine Young attempt to block the ball.

Photo by Eric Ver Helst

Bears breeze by Panthers

Zach Harder
Sports columnist

The DMACC Women's Volleyball team hosted the Ellsworth

Community College Panthers last Wednesday and they won with an impressive performance.

The Bears (15-4, 4-0 ICCAC) came out strong, winning the first two sets by scores of 25 to 13 and 25 to 12 as they quickly put the Panthers behind. The Panthers seemed to have little chance of coming back as the Bears jumped ahead in what would become the match's final set with a 10 to 0 lead. A lead that the Bears wouldn't give up as they'd go on to win the final set 25 to 11.

Coach Patty Harrison seemed pleased with the victory and with the team's performance. "We played really well tonight. We always have to come out ready for ICCAC games and that's what we did."

Bobbi Bayer, Justine Young, and Molly Steffens led the way. Bayer had a team high with 12

kills followed by Steffens' 7 and Young's 5. The Panthers just didn't seem to have an answer in stopping any of the three players.

DMACC wins in Parkland tourney

Zach Harder
Sports Writer

The DMACC Bears Volleyball team has improved to a 19-5 record overall and are now 4-0 in the ICCAC after an impressive outing at the Parkland tournament in Champaign, Illinois and a home game against the Southwestern Spartans.

In Champaign, the girls won their first two rounds in three sets each playing two tough teams from Kalamazoo Valley CC and Southwestern (IL). In the third round the Bears played in a hard fought match against Parkland (18-7) as the game would have to be decided in a final fifth set as the Bears would go on to win with scores of 20-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-23, and 15-7.

The Bears went on to face Kishwaukee (30-1) who is the number one team in the country. They played valiantly losing in three sets 14-25, 12-25, 26-28. In the final set the Bears led by three and need one point to win the set but Kishwaukee fought back to

win. Coach Patty Harrison was proud of her team as they moved into tenth place in the NJCAA Division II rankings. The Bears then came back home Wednesday to face the Southwestern Spartans in an ICCAC conference game. The Spartans appeared to be no match for the Bears as they found themselves in a 16-1 deficit in the first set. Katie Heuer served sixteen straight points for the Bears as they went on to win the first two sets 25-9 and 25-11.

In the final set the Bears put their foot down as Steph Evans served 12 straight points to give the Bears the boost they need to put the Spartans away. Kaitlyn DeVries, DMACC volleyball player, said "We had a lot of fun tonight. We didn't want to overlook this game and we wanted to use the opportunity to keep getting better."

The Bears will be home when they will be hosting several teams this weekend for the DMACC Invitational.

Bayer said after the game, "You come ready for game-time and we came out strong, ready to play."



Women's volleyball coach, Patty Harrison, smiles after the team beats Ellsworth.

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