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## DMACC Bear Cub, Kyrie Miskell



Photo: Molly Lumley

5 month old Kyrie Miskell practices making faces at the camera.

**Molly Lumley**  
Managing Editor

DMACC's mascot is no longer a bear; it is a cub.

Meet Kyrie Miskell, five month old daughter of Stephen Miskell and Hope Burket. Ever since her birth on Sept. 25 2007, Kyrie has kept pretty busy. She commutes with her parents everyday from Ames to Boone, goes to class with her mother, and spends time in the Courter Center everyday being admired by those who walk by.

Her parents bring her to school with them because they can not afford a babysitter. Along with their class loads, both of them work at the Italian restaurant, Lucullians, in Ames, along with Miskell's job at Pizza Hut and

tutoring on the side. Miskell also volunteers with his father's, Kevin Miskell's, congressional campaign against Tom Latham. Also, Burket's family lives in Davenport, and all of Miskell's relatives either work during the day or are in high school. "They can't bring her to school with them," said Miskell. "Nobody has time to watch her."

Despite Kyrie's reputation for being quiet, some teachers on campus won't allow the couple to bring her into the classroom. "I had no problems last semester, but nobody will let her into class," Miskell said. "I guess the teachers think she'll be a distraction." The only exception is Burket's Developmental Psychology class with Jane Martino.

Because Miskell and Burket

often sit in the Courter Center in the afternoons, many people walk by just to coo at Kyrie. She's always being passed around to anybody who sits with her parents, but Burket said she doesn't mind passing her baby around. "I know some moms who are "don't touch her, don't pick her up," but I want her to be social, not shy."

"Expect when Jane walks up and takes her," Miskell joked.

When Kyrie was born, the couple only had to miss a few days of class. "I had her on a Tuesday and we we're back on Friday," Burket said. "We we're back here the day after she got out of the hospital," Miskell added.

Burket, who is Korean-American, said nobody has criticized Kyrie for being bi-racial. "Nobody has said anything to our

faces," she said. "They'll look at her and say she looks like me, but they say that she looks like her dad too."

Miskell and Burket met in 2002 at a freshman track meet. "I dated three of her friends before her," Miskell said. "It was a mess." Miskell went to the track one evening to meet with one of Burket's friend, but she never showed up. Miskell spent the rest of that evening talking to Burket instead.

"It took about a month of talking and finally she ended up going out with me," Miskell said.

The couple is engaged to be married in May of this year in Story City after Miskell finishes his A.S. degree in Business Management at DMACC.

## College fair informs students about education opportunities

**Molly Lumley**  
Managing Editor

On Feb. 22, a variety of different colleges visited the Boone campus as a part of Phi Theta Kappa's spring convention. The convention was held at the Boone campus.

The Courter Center was packed with students as they discussed their education options with the representatives of several different colleges. Along with many colleges from Iowa, there were a handful of colleges from out of state, including Nebraska, Missouri, and Minnesota.

Many of the colleges were offering online courses. Some schools, such as Ashford University, Peru State College, Bellevue University and Buena Vista University offer entire degree programs online. According to Peru State representative Wende

Bergmeier, Peru has students talking courses in Afghanistan and the Philippines.

"Our online program has grown by leaps and bounds," Bergmeier said.

Other schools offer unique features such as Cornell College's one course at a time program. The school year is broken up into nine blocks, in which students take only one class during each of those blocks. According to a Cornell representative, this system works better for students who are taking an internship.

Students looking to study abroad can check into Central College. "It's an easy opportunity for students to study overseas," said a Central representative. Over half of the students at Central participate in the study abroad program for at least a semester, sometime more.

Overall, students from the



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

College representatives met with students in the Courter Center.

Boone campus and those who were visiting for the PTK convention enjoyed visiting with the various colleges' representatives. "I just thought it was really nice for all of these college's to be here and talk to students," Liberal Arts student Wendy Sundberg said.

"It a great opportunity to have students explore other colleges," said Academic Adviser Shelby Hildreth. "I think it was a lot smaller this year. We've had it before where it was overwhelming for the Courter Center."

## Dooley, student government president

**Jessi Smith**  
Executive Editor

Student Aaron Dooley was elected as the new Student Activities Council student body president.



Aaron Dooley

Dooley is a freshman majoring in business administration. Dooley got involved in the SAC after running into Steve Krafcisin in the Courter Center one day. "This is my first year [in SAC]. I started in the fall of '07," said Dooley.

\$1.05 is taken out of each student's tuition per credit hour, which is currently \$102 per credit hour. The SAC, as a council, decides how those funds will be divided among the clubs. The division is based upon needs of each club and each club's previous spending. Dooley says that the Boone campus SAC is not in charge of the funds that come from the Hunziker Center. Students who want to have some say in how the money from Boone campus students' tuition is used can attend SAC meetings or join the SAC to ensure that their voice is heard.

Dooley plans on promoting more activities for students to participate in. "I hope to bring some fun activities for students," said Dooley. "Also, [I] want to encourage SAC and increase awareness." Students who want to get more involved with the student government or help plan the student activities around the campus should consider joining SAC.

Very few students are involved with the Boone campus SAC. "None of the students even know what it is," said Dooley. "A lot of the members don't even attend the meetings. I really want to try [to] get more people involved."

SAC is informal and open to all students who are interested. "For this position I did not go through leadership training, but I have been president or served in high offices for several clubs and organization that have put me

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# Snakes and lizards and turtles, oh my!



Photo: Molly Lumley

Brady Homer, Boone Campus student, checks out a snake during Snakes Alive in the Courter Center.

**Shane Meier**  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Boone campus was treated to a return of the Snakes Alive showcase presented by Tom Kessenich.

The showcase began well before 11 a.m. with Kessenich setting up his display and getting his "critters" out.

As Kessenich set up his exhibit, a crowd was already gathering. The reaction from the crowd was varied ranging from those who wish they were somewhere else to one guy who insisted on carrying Billy the Boa Constrictor on his shoulders.

Kessenich has been exhibiting his animals for six years and brought eight of his scaly friends with him to the show.

"I really like animals and I wanted to allow people to experience reptiles," said Kessenich.

Kessenich has never had any problems with students or organizations complaining about the reptiles or his treatment of them.

Kessenich wants the students to learn from the display of reptiles. "They're not scary," said Kessenich.

The reptile showcase showed off only a small variety of the 8,225 species of reptiles alive today. Kessenich brought an American Alligator named Lil.

American Alligators inhabit the American southeast.

Kessenich also brought a Tegu Lizard which is from South America, and another lizard called Mortimer which was a Savannah Monitor from Africa.

Several species of snakes were also shown. Simba the black rat snake, Cornball the Corn Snake, and Viper, an albino Corn Snake, were a few of the snakes present.

The largest creature available for show was Billy the Boa Constrictor.

A Red Footed Turtle from South American that was found by a camper in Wisconsin was also brought along.

## Boone campus draws 35 units of blood in drive

**Fiona Flatt**  
Staff writer

The Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 21 was a mass effort on the part of the Boone campus. Out of the 43 people who offered to donate, only 35 were actually able to do so. While this was short of their goal of 45 donations, the event was still a great success.

The theme for this year's blood drive was 'Power of One' because one person's donation of a pint of blood has the power to help three different people. This means that with the 35 units of blood donated, 105 people can have their lives changed.

Nancy Woods coordinated the blood drive with the Red Cross and says she is really looking forward to working with them again next spring.

Students that had never donated blood before say their experience was a little scary at

first, but not bad. "Students should remember to eat a good breakfast and drink lots of water before they donate" warns Woods.

For anyone who missed the last blood drive and would still like to donate, the SAC is sponsoring a blood drive with the Blood Center of Iowa on March 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone over the age of 16 that weighs more than 110 pounds can donate blood.

If someone has been regularly donating plasma, it is not recommended that they donate. People of a certain height and weight can 'double dip.' This means that they can donate twice as much as normal.

"Red Cross is really great to work with, and if there are any other clubs or organizations that wanted to do something like this, I think it would be a great idea," said Woods.



Photo: Contributed by Barb Gano

DMACC second-year nursing students went to the Iowa Nursing Association & Iowa Nursing Federation Legislative and Policy Days in Des Moines on Thursday, Feb. 21. There, they listened to speeches from Gov. Chet Culver, as well as the director of public health and the director of the board of nursing. They discussed policy making in the morning and then went to the Capitol to contact representatives or senators from their area.

## Winter car maintenance tips from Bud's Service Center, Elmquist/Decker's

**Patrick Hamm**  
Contributing Writer

Winter is hitting full force and students need to take special care of their cars during this cold weather season.

Since DMACC students do not live in the sun-belt, Iowa's cold winter weather affects cars so much that special precautions need to be taken to ensure vehicles do not end up in a ditch somewhere on the way to school. For students who do not already know what to do, the mechanics at Bud's Service Center and Elmquist/Decker's offered a few



Winter causes special problems for your car.

tips that should prove helpful.

**Gas tank-** Keeping the gas tank

at least half-full prevents moisture from freezing in the fuel-line.

Pouring a bottle of de-icing fluid into the tank once a month can also help prevent this.

**Windshield washer fluid-** Make sure the reservoir is only filled with washer fluid to prevent freezing but make sure it has de-icer in it.

**Wipers-** Windshield wipers are like your car's glasses when it is snowing. They need to be in tip-top shape to handle the beat-down of winter. You might want to look into replacing them if they are getting old. Using a razor blade to carefully scrape off any particles that might get stuck on the windshield is also recommended for

whatever the wipers miss.

**Antifreeze-** This can help protect your car during winter. Make sure the level is not only full, but also that the mixture of water and antifreeze is close to 50-50 but no more than 70 percent.

**Tires-** Your tires are probably one of the most important things to maintain during winter.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Board, tire treads need to have at least 2/32" of depth to be safe.

An easy way to check this is called "the penny test." Place a penny, with Lincoln's head facing down, into your tires treads. If Abe's head is fully visible your tire is not ready for winter and legally must be replaced.

**Frozen lock-** For a worst case scenario, the heavy alcohol content in waterless hand sanitizers can help break down that ice in the lock. All you have to do is squirt some into the lock.

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### Dooley SAC president

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though leadership activities," said Dooley.

The SAC wants to get more students involved with the student government. "Next year we are planning some sort of 'financial' incentive," said Dooley. "We are

going to try to post signs and find reliable people."

"I can meet people and gain connections to help me later," said Dooley. "I also think it will help me to be more responsible and communicate better."

### 2008 Region XI DII Women's Basketball Tournament Schedule

<b>(1) KIRKWOOD</b> Tuesday, March 4 Cedar Rapids, IA 7:00 PM	<b>(8) SOUTHEASTERN</b>	Friday, March 7 Boone, IA 10:00 PM	<b>(4) MARSHALLTOWN</b> Tuesday, March 4 Marshalltown, IA 7:00 PM	<b>(5) IOWA LAKES</b>	Saturday, March 8 Boone, IA 1:00 PM	<b>Region XI Champion</b>
<b>(3) DMACC</b> Tuesday, March 4 Boone, IA 7:00 PM						
<b>(6) ELLSWORTH</b>	<b>(2) IOWA CENTRAL</b> Tuesday, March 4 Fort Dodge, IA 7:00 PM	Friday, March 7 Boone, IA 8:00 PM	<b>(7) NIACC</b>			



Women to open regional play against Ellsworth Tuesday on the Boone Campus

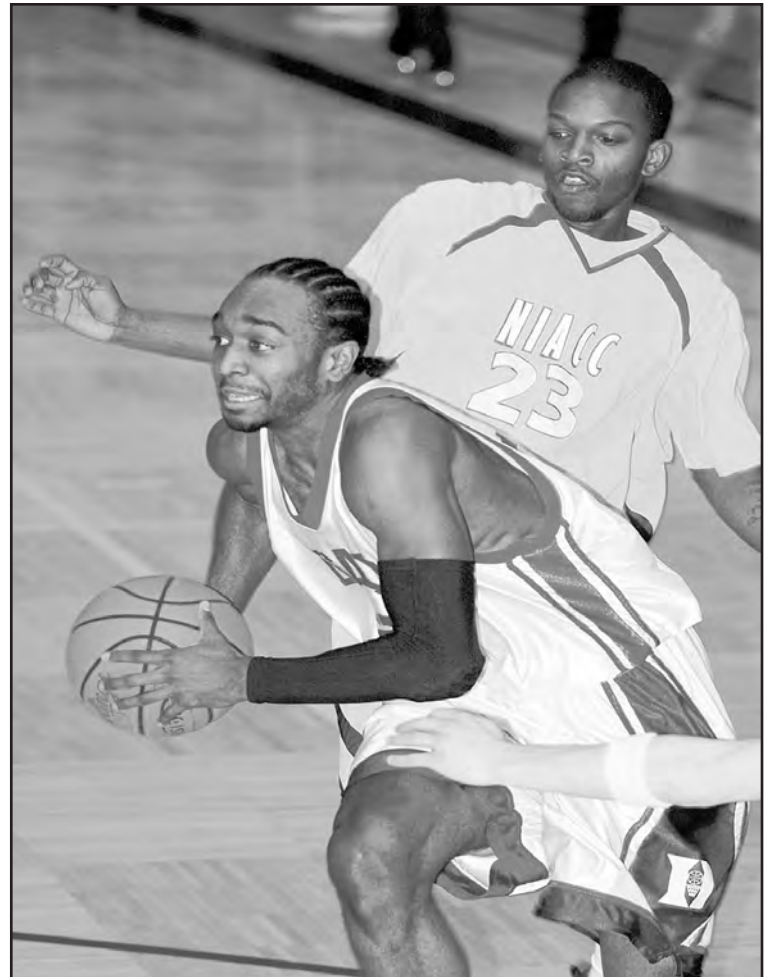


Photo: Contributed by Eric Ver Helst

Brent Jackman makes a break in DMACC's win against Iowa Lakes Community College during Regional play.

### 2008 Region XI DII Men's Basketball Tournament Schedule

\*1st & 2nd round game times are tentative  
\*Each game will start 30 minutes after the previous game

<b>(3) ELLSWORTH-72</b> Saturday, March 1 Estherville, IA 12:00 PM	<b>(6) IOWA CENTRAL-59</b>	Sunday, March 2 Estherville, IA 7:00 PM	<b>(3) ELLSWORTH</b>	<b>(2) DMACC-77</b> Saturday, March 1 Estherville, IA 2:00 PM	<b>(7) NIACC-58</b>	Wednesday, March 5 Cedar Rapids, IA 7:00 PM	<b>Region XI Champion</b>
<b>(1) KIRKWOOD-98</b> Saturday, March 1 Estherville, IA 4:00 PM							
<b>(8) CLINTON-59</b>	<b>(4) IOWA LAKES-47</b> Saturday, March 1 Estherville, IA 6:00 PM	Sunday, March 2 Estherville, IA 9:00 PM	<b>(1) KIRKWOOD</b>	<b>(5) SOUTHWESTERN-72</b>			




Photo: Contributed by Eric Ver Helst

Grant Burns maneuvers around a North Iowa Area Community College player during DMACC's win in Regional play over the weekend.

Men end season with loss to Ellsworth during Regional

# SAC to disburse additional \$20,000 this fall

**Fiona Flatt**  
Staff Writer

The Student Activity Council met on Feb. 13, where they discussed the changes for next year's budget.

Each semester the SAC decides how over \$20,000 will be distributed among DMACC clubs and organizations.

For the 2007-08 fall and spring semesters, the budget totaled over \$44,000.

In past years 44 percent of that money has been going to athletics, but after this year that will no longer be the case.

The SAC budget will no longer be going toward the athletic department, which will free up al-

most \$20,000 to be distributed to other clubs and organizations.

Each club and organization will be notified on April 10, 2008, that they will need to have a member present on April 24, to discuss how the extra funds will be distributed.

Another topic that was discussed in the meeting was the lack of parliamentary procedure. The SAC has always had a problem with getting clubs and organizations to participate in the meetings. Ideally each club and organization would send a representative to each meeting; however, this is not the case.

Not all of the SAC members attend regularly either. At this particular meeting Student Body

President Aaron Dooley and Secretary Vickie Spears were both absent.

For the SAC to get things done on campus, it needs club representatives to be present when it votes on decisions.

Events that the SAC has coordinated for March include free sundaes on March 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a blood drive on March 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also suggested by a SAC member was another attempt at a formal dance, if the budget allows.

Many DMACC students may not completely realize what it is that the SAC does.

According to an SAC hand-

out provided by advisor, Steve Krafcsin, "The Student Activates Council on the Boone campus is the primary student representative body responsible for promoting college spirit, providing a focal point for discussions between students and college staff, and giving students a representative voice in college affairs."

"The government body is responsible for the assessment and disbursement of student activity fees. With these funds, the council plans activates to enhance the social, personal and professional life of the DMACC students."

"In addition the council funds a variety of services and organizations including campus clubs and peer tutoring."

# Campus taking measures to protect students

**Molly Lumley**  
Managing Editor

There is no school on March 7. For those who plan on spending the day relaxing or out having fun, it should be a comfort to know that the staff and instructors are having an in-service day at the Ankeny campus to discuss safety and security measures in case of a crisis at the school.

"The whole meeting is centered on safety and security policies and measures," said Assistant Provost Brian Green. "We've had a lot of questions about what we're doing [about security]. I want to let people know that there are plans in discussion. We're all in agreement about what procedures to take in case of a shooting or something like that."

In light of the recent campus attacks, such as the Virginia Tech shooting last April, DMACC officials have been taking measures to ensure campus safety, such as hiring a Safety and Emergency Planning Consultant Ned Miller. Miller assists Judicial Officer Kari Hensen and Physical Plant Director Rod Clark with safety and planning procedures.

Green wants to assure students that there is a plan in place in case of a crisis situation. He said the first step for instructors to take would be to assure that students stay in their classrooms and not go into the hallways. The police and FBI would be notified immediately.

"They would try and reduce the amount of room that the shooter could use," said Green.

There are plans being made to quickly notify students in case of an emergency. There are talks of a text messaging system that would send all students with cell phones a text message to let them know if there was a crisis going on. Green said the Carroll campus has a system set in place that utilizes this feature, but it hasn't been adopted at the other campuses yet.

"It will probably be a year or two down the road," Green said. "But it's probably something that will happen."

Green said that due to the small size of the campus, there haven't been many issues involving security. "You hear all about these [incidences] on other campuses. We want to make sure we're being proactive. We have to be ready to react and respond. It always seems like it happens to everyone else until it falls onto your campus."

On March 5, the new speakers on the Boone campus and the phone system will be tested in the afternoon.

# Eden's easy sweet banana bread recipe

**Eden Hinrichs**  
Staff Writer

Stuck inside and want to do something fun that won't take up an entire day? Then our Banana bread recipe is for you. It is the perfect recipe to use for either a gift, company or just a nice treat.

What you will need:

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1-teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup butter  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup of powdered sugar  
Two eggs, beaten  
2 1/3 cups mashed overripe bananas  
Two table spoons of nutmeg  
1 teaspoon of ground clove

How to:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a



9x5 inch loaf pan. You can gently flour the greased pan to allow the bread to come out easier when it the banana bread is done or you can use Pam flour spray to save mess and time.

2. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together

melted butter and brown sugar. Then stir the eggs and mashed bananas gently into the butter and sugar mixture until well mixed. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture and pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

3. Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick

inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes.

4. When the Bread is done you can sprinkle on the powdered sugar for a wonderful ascetic's look. It also sweetens the bread with out being too over powering.

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# Diversity requirement to be added to curriculum

**Jessi Smith**  
*Executive Editor*

Course requirements will have an added diversity concept next fall for students who are getting their AA or AS degrees. The diversity requirement will not add more classes that students are required to take in addition to regular degree requirements.

"We are offering a broad range of courses that can be used to satisfy this requirement, but many

of them will also satisfy other gen. ed. requirements," said diversity committee member Maura Nelson. This means that students won't have to go out of their way to add on another class to their already overloaded schedules.

"We really just want DMACC students to consider the importance of diversity awareness and acceptance, since out world, even here in central Iowa, represents many different cultural, ethnic, and racial groups, as well as

people who differ in their political and religious views," said Nelson.

Due to a rapidly growing student population at the Boone campus, some feel that it is necessary to address the issues of diversity in our schools.

Student Cory Behrendt was not as jovial about the subject. "It's alright, I guess," said Behrendt. "I don't think it really matters. People are going to be the way they are going to be no matter what."

"I feel that multiculturalism

is a key aspect in understanding our society in this day and age, however, there is the basic philosophy of 'you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink.' That being said, the good intentions behind this recent overhaul in our curriculum presumes that our students want to learn [about diversity], but doesn't ask if they will care," said student Eden Hinrichs.

"Many of us don't think about the different perspectives of our

non-traditional or older students, students with physical limitations, our returning military veterans, or students who represent different economic classes," said Nelson. "DMACC wants all students to become more sensitive to these differences, and the best way if for them to consider these issues as part of their academic coursework."

The diversity committee decides which classes will fulfill the diversity requirement.

## DMACC Chef Anderson named ACF Regional Educator of the Year

DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College Executive is proud to announce that Robert Anderson, program chair of the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Careers program, received the American Culinary Federation, Inc. 2008 Central Region Educator of the Year Award.

The award was given at the 2008 ACF Central Region Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo., from Feb. 8-10.

The award pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have given culinary students leadership and guidance for the future.

As this year's Central Region recipient, Anderson will compete for the national title against winners of three other regions at the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas from July 14-17.

In addition, the Iowa Chapter of ACF received the Chapter Achievement Award and the 2008 Central Region Chapter of the Year Award.

Anderson has received both his Certified Executive Chef and Certified Culinary Educator distinctions.

Anderson was selected as DMACC's Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2000, was inducted into the Honorable Order of the Golden Toque in 2004, and is a two-time recipient of the ACF Greater Des Moines Culinary Association Chef of the Year Award.

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# BOOK/MOVIE REVIEW

## ‘The Other Boleyn Girl’ goes to film, but was it worth it?

**Eden Hinrichs**  
Staff Writer

Philippa Gregory sheds a new fictional perspective on one of the most fascinating women in history.

This woman, Anne Boleyn, changed the entire course of history in the short span of 1,000 days. The tragic character of Anne Boleyn is the cause of poetry and fiction alike. She is possibly one of the most misunderstood women who has ever walked the streets of London, but she was not the first choice of King Henry VIII.

The first was the nearly unknown (at least until recently) sister Mary Boleyn who is otherwise known as “The Other Boleyn Girl” and star of the best selling novel.

Mary was torn out of a happy marriage and “shoved under the horny king’s nose” whose current wife and queen, Catherine of Aragon, has given birth to yet another stillborn baby and has begun the changes of life, in other words: no conceiving of an heir.

For you non-history buffs here, this is big trouble. A kingdom without a male heir to the throne leaves an air of uncertainty with overtones of chaos and a slight chance of civil war. I tell you this to wet your tastes for the rest of the review in the hopes that you might share my dismay.

Gregory’s “The Other Boleyn Girl” written in first person from Mary’s point of view, starts out when Anne, Mary and George are all children and King Henry, who is close to the family even refers to the trio of children as “the three Boleyns,” sharing a warm and fuzzy picture of the king.

Mary is taken into court as one of Queen Catherine’s ladies in waiting, winning

her favor and having bonding time with the queen. They become friends and even in the queen’s darkest hour, Mary is chosen above all to keep her company.

After Mary gets married to Sir Henry Carey and her family chooses her to capture the king’s heart, which she does with great success, becomes pregnant by the king and gives birth to first a girl, then a boy. However, this does nothing to raise her above the title of mistress.

While Mary is giving birth to her son, her “loving” sister takes the reins of her own destiny and gives the king something he has never had before, a challenge. The rest remains as clearly history, a history Gregory captures in a best selling novel. It clearly didn’t make history as a box office hit.

Despite the whirlwind success of this novel, it took only a short time for Hollywood to behead this would be classic. Before even walking into the theater I began to wonder, why cast Eric Bana? He doesn’t look anything like the King Henry VIII! He didn’t even make the effort by attempting to dye his hair the proper color and barely carried the English accent.

However his performance as a sexually tormented male was convincing, as was his cruelty and heartlessness. Natalie Portman played a fairly good Anne Boleyn but was way too stiff and bone thin for me to take her seriously as the ambitious future queen.

The biggest disappointment was that there had been far more screen time for Portman then there was for the main character Scarlett Johansson. The book was written from her point of view!

The movie moves way to fast with out even show-

ing the depth of the characters involved. Anne, in the novel, didn’t forget her hatred for her sister as easily as the movie portrayed. The king gave Mary far more than the movies shows, and Mary was not exactly the first mistress the king had taken.

Originally, Queen Catherine never humiliated Mary; she just simply accepted her husband’s minor excursions with his mistresses because at the end of it all Henry always came back to her until Anne bumped her off her throne.

I didn’t expect for the movie to follow the book to a “T” but I didn’t expect Mary to be causally left out of the story line. It was Mary’s story not only Anne’s and Anne was not the golden child or favorite as the movie leads the viewer to think. Anne spent far more time in the French court than they show in the movie, as well as being far crueler then the movie depicts. I respect Gregory’s work because of the extensive research in this novel to make sure everything, right down to the hoods of the dresses, were perfectly accurate, how do I know this? I checked. This is much unlike our unwitting Hollywood “destroyers”.

If you are a fan of the novel, beware of this movie. You will be in for an extreme disappointment. The director fails to show the depth of the characters, fails to convey the gravity of England separating from the church and finally the power of the implications of being accused of witchcraft, especially after separating from the church. One scene in the movie absolutely horrified me and it wasn’t in the novel! I won’t tell you what was in this scene, but what I will tell you is that if it happened in real life, fine, but don’t add it in for shock



Photo: Molly Lumley

“The Other Boleyn Girl” was recently made into a major motion picture.

value because it’s a lame attempt at casting and a meek demonstration of horror. If you are not a fan, it is an O.K. watch, but it is not Oscar material.

I grew up loving history, especially the Tudor dy-

nasty, but the inaccuracies of this film made me think “When will Hollywood make a decent adaptation?” When I think back at Anne Rice’s “Queen of the Damned” and “Interview with a Vampire” Anthony

Burgess’s “Clockwork Orange”, or Steven King’s “The Shining,” I think that I may just start a movement to keep Hollywood out of the bookstores because they have done enough damage to literature.

### CORRECTION

Paxton Williams’s name was accidentally reversed by the reporter in the Feb. 20, 2008 issue. Consequently, Williams’s name was also reversed in the headline and the photo caption.

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# JUMPING HURDLES



**Eden Hinrichs**  
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Every year I tell myself that under no circumstances am I ever doing this again. What I mean by "this" is that hopefully I will "wise up" and take on a smaller course load and maybe I will stop putting near insane pressures on myself. Yet, as each semester

passes, I seem to take on more than what I need in the hopes of getting ahead. I think that maybe all students have this problem and that maybe I should suck it up and keep forging ahead.

I recently went to Iowa State on a campus tour for transferring students. I made all the appointments with all the advisors I would need to talk to about my double major in journalism and literature.

With bright and hopeful eyes I set out to find what courses I need to become a glorious professor. Alas, my dreams quickly lost their shine as I was informed that the literature field is too full and too competitive. Competition I can handle, but to somehow feel doubt in my self worth is something

entirely different, something that I hoped would pass.

I went to a group sit down with an advisor and others who were interested in going into the same field I had been working in for a little under two years. As I looked at the others who were sitting with me, I became overwhelmed with the sensation that those people weren't passionate about writing or advertising. They were just there to be there.

These people had no intensions of embracing the joy of writing to people. It seemed to be only a "title persona" that they thought would be glamorous title.

As the advisor began to tell me what the curriculum would entail, I was hit by an entire flood of thoughts asking why this

course or that course is important. I have learned more with my adviser than what these classes claim they would teach me. I was hit with another problem. Was this what I want to double major in? Do I really want to sit in a classroom where they teach me a bunch of stuff that I already know and spend a good couple thousand dollars in the process?

Toward the end of my time at Iowa State I was plagued with self doubt and numerous annoyances. I climbed into my car, weary and mentally exhausted, with an unfamiliar feeling of uncertainty about my future. I kept thinking to myself that if I just wait things will come my way. Then I remembered a disturbing thought. I keep approaching the university

as if it is going to be a door to doing something I love for the rest of my life and make awesome cash.

I thought that if I take this route I will never have to worry about money and the upsetting truth set in, it is never that easy.

So I need to get over my ego and my mass number of assumptions about life. It's been trying, a total headache, if you will. Do I do what I love while living as an obscure writer freelancing my way to the top? Or do I take the safe route and become something that is a shoe in for me to get hired after I graduate? Well one thing is for certain, playing it safe never got me anywhere. In closing, whether I like it or not, this is the price of success.

# DARTH CULVER



**Molly Lumley**  
Managing Editor

I don't believe Governor Culver knows how to properly balance a checkbook. The budget of Iowa has grown from 5.3 billion dollars to 6.4 billion dollars in the last two years, an increase of 1.1 billion. There has only been \$830 million in revenue raised in the same amount of time. Does anybody else see the glaring problem here?

Granted, Culver is trying to

find ways to cover the 350 million dollar deficit, but he keeps trying to cut the budget in ways that will hurt Iowa's future, not secure it financially. Without concern for future generations, Culver is taking money out of the hands of those who will eventually be supporting the state with their tax dollars if they choose to stay in Iowa.

First of all, Culver wants to cut funding to the community colleges. The budget for community colleges was expected to rise by 2 percent over last year, but it is 11.4 million short of what the schools were expecting. This means tuition is going to be increased again. Since Iowa has some of the most expensive community colleges, this means Iowa will be reaching new levels of expensive education.

In addition to cutting community college funding,

Culver doesn't want to increase the amount of funding given to the Iowa Tuition Grant for the 2008-2009 school year. The ITG provides qualifying students with a one time grant up to 4000 dollars in their first year in a four year institution. \$4000 may not seem like much when compared the total tuition, but not having to take out an extra \$4000 in loans will help pay student loans off faster.

The ITG is an incentive to keep college students in Iowa, but cutting them may make students look to other states for a secondary education.

Perhaps Culver doesn't realize the value of community colleges. Maybe he doesn't realize that community colleges offer a secondary education to those who may not have enough money to afford a large university or private school. It is possible that he's not

thinking about the unfortunate people whose spouses suddenly become unable to work for some reason and they have to go back to school in order to get a job to support their family. Maybe he's not thinking about the teenagers who have spent years in and out of foster homes who look to community colleges in the hopes they can better themselves with a decently priced education.

At a press conference at one of the DMACC campus' early this month, Culver said "Our community colleges are more, not less, important to the vitality of our state than they were when Governor Hughes led Iowans to make their initial investment into today's community college system. Iowa's young people deserve every opportunity for a successful future, and our community colleges are helping us do just that." But it doesn't

sound like he cares much about the future of Iowa students if he wants to take money out of their hands.

If that's not enough, last Jan. Culver proposed cuts to public library funding.

If our governor wants to ensure that Iowa is financially secure in the future, he needs to be looking for incentives to keep college students in the state and maybe look for ways to attract out of state students to out institutions.

College students will become tax paying citizens with full time jobs, and if Culver is taking measures to cut educational funding, then over the years, the hole he's made in the budget will only become bigger. College students are the future of this state, and the sooner Culver realizes our value, the closer he will be to closing the budget gap.

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