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Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus

Career Academy by day, College campus by night



Saige Heyer
Banner Staff Writer

The DMACC Career Academy Hunziker Center, located at the junction of Highway 30 and I-35, isn't like any of the other DMACC campuses.

This building's purpose is to serve as a facility in which high school students can learn valuable skills in the programs they're interested in. Therefore, there aren't any college students taking classes here until 3 p.m.

The classes the high school students take are not for college credit but they do prepare them enough in the certain area they are studying to be able to go out into the work force without having to take classes at DMACC.

The high school students who attend the Hunziker Center come from the seven school districts in Story County. These districts include Ames, Nevada, Roland-Story, Gilbert, Ballard, Colo-Nesco, and Collins-Maxwell. Some of the programs offered for these students include manufacturing and information technology, automotive collision and



Career Academy Hunziker Center, at the junction of I-35 and Hwy. 30.

Photo: Contributed

technology, building trades, criminal forensics, culinary arts, and health.

Even though this is a separate building, the Hunziker Center shares administrators with the DMACC campus in Boone. Students sign on to the website and select classes with "Ames" listed as

the location. They may pick up their books or order them online from the bookstore in Boone. Rita Davenport, counselor, drives between Boone and Ames. She said "It has been hectic, but it usually is at the beginning of the school year."

Students report on tough classes

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

DMACC students find professors challenging but also rewarding. After choosing classes for this semester, students discuss the good and the bad of teachers and class work.

Sophomore Robert Sproule said that Microbiology was the most difficult class he took. "There were a lot of nursing students in Microbiology and people going into dentistry. It's a lot of reading and notes."

Sproule also said that Mary Beth Hanlin is a good teacher. "She looks for success in each student," he said. "It was a great class."

Freshman Cindy Wright said, "Health Science Anatomy is the hardest course because there's a lot to do." Wright also had some good things to say about her teacher. "She [Hanlin] puts everything in a way that relates."

Sophomore Aloma Foley said Physiology was her hardest course. "It can be difficult if I don't study," she said. She also notes that Interpersonal and Small Group Communication with Kay Mueller was another hard course. "You have to get up in front of people," she said.

A common feature among all the students was the respect they have for their instructors. Even the difficult classes were important to the students.

First Amendment celebrated at DMACC

Boone Campus Events

8-8:55 a.m. Bob Eschliman, former editor-in-chief of the Banner and founder of the American Exponent in Madison, Wisconsin. "Life as a New Conservative in Liberal Madison" Live from Boone, Webcast to other campuses

9:05-10 a.m. Jim Coppoc, ISU lecturer performs "Howl" by poet Allen Ginsberg Live from Ankeny, Webcast to other campuses

10:10-11:05 a.m. Ben Stone, Executive Director of the ACLU of Iowa "The 'Battle' within the 'War': Stopping the Abuse of Power"

11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. Festival on the West Patio Open Mic/Soapbox speeches

Free Pocket Constitutions and Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) Guide to "Free Speech on Campus"

Banned book readings

One Book, One Campus, One Community activity

Voter registration

Free burgers and hot dogs sponsored by Iowa National Guard and Boone SAC

Saige Heyer
Banner Staff Writer

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." - First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, the six DMACC campuses will be celebrating the First Amendment in honor of Constitution Day. There will be food, guest speakers, and significant documents passed out to students. The schedule of events for each campus is listed below.

According to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Constitution Day Implementation Guide, the U.S. Department of Education released a Notice of Implementation on May 24, 2005 regarding Constitution Day because Senator Robert C Byrd (D-West Virginia) thought that the country's youth lacked knowledge in the United States Constitution. This notice announced that any and all educational institutions who receive federal funding are required to observe the United States Constitution by providing an educational program on Sept. 17. This date was chosen because the Constitution was signed Sept. 17, 1787. However, if Sept. 17 falls on a Saturday,

Sunday or holiday, the observance must take place within a week before or a week after Sept. 17.

The Boone campus will also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Banner/Bear Facts. Bear Facts was the school paper for Boone Junior College and it kept its name after DMACC took over. The name changed to the Banner September 2001, when Michele Thamke was editor of the paper.

Alex Watts, a recent graduate of DMACC, archived every issue from the past 50 years using a grant that covered the cost of an oversized flatbed scanner and Watts' salary. It took him over six months to complete the project.



September hosts two major religious observances

Ramadan, the month of blessing

Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

The "Month of Blessing," otherwise known as Ramadan is marked by prayer, fasting, and charity for Muslims around the world. One of the only non-commercialized holidays, Ramadan focuses only on self sacrifice and devotion to Allah (God).

Ramadan takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. They use a lunar calendar, which means each month starts with the sighting of a new moon. This year Ramadan will begin on Sept. 24.

Muslims believe that during the month of Ramadan, Allah revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. Around 610 A.D., Muhammad was met by the angel Gabriel, who told Muhammad he had been chosen to receive the word of Allah. In the days that followed, Muhammad found himself speaking the verses that would be transcribed as the Qur'an.

The five pillars of Islam include Shadadah, the testimony of faith, Salat, practice of the five daily prayers,

Zakat, charitable giving. Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca and Ramadan, is a time of fasting.

Fasting, one of the five pillars lasts for the entire month of Ramadan. Also called Sawm, this practice lasts from sunrise to sunset. Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink as long as the sun shines. In Muslim areas of the world, restaurants are closed during daylight hours for the month of Ramadan.

The hunger from fasting all day is to remind them of the poor that are starving every day and to make them appreciate what they have. It also helps them practice self control and cleanse the mind, body and soul.

Families will get up early for Suhoor, which means the meal before sunrise. Each day is spent feeding the poor and contributing to the needs of the community.

Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr, which means "breaking the fast." This year it takes place on Oct. 24. They decorate much like we do at Christmas and dress in their best while the children beg for treats.

Happy Rosh Hashanah

Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

Similar to the resolutions made by Americans on New Years, during Rosh Hashanah the Jewish spend all day at the synagogues looking back on mistakes made over the past year.

Rosh Hashanah means "head of the year," and occurs on the first and second day of Tishri. This year the holiday lands on Saturday, Sept. 23. In the month of Tishri, there are a total of 13 days of religious significance and work is not permitted for seven of them.

Rosh Hashanah is considered one of the most holy days of the year. They are not allowed to drink or party like we do for our New Year's celebration. They spend all day at the synagogue worshipping God and planning a better new year.

In Judaism they celebrate many different "new years." In August they celebrate Elul 1, the new year for the tithing of the animals. Shevat 15 is the new year for fruit trees. At this time they gather in February to determine when to harvest. Rosh Hashanah is for counting the years.

The Shofar, or rams horn, is blown like a trumpet and sounds one hundred notes a day during the Rosh Hashanah celebration. The sound of the Shofar is a call to repentance, making it one of the most important observances of Rosh Hashanah.

Eating apples dipped in honey is definitely the sweetest part of this holiday. The Jewish use this practice as a symbol of their wish for a sweet new year.

Arabic gets the boot for now

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

DMACC cancelled Elementary Arabic a few days before this semester began after the instructor left for a new job. Professor Dr. Walid Hawana took a principal position at a school in Austin, Texas late this summer, and DMACC had no one to take over for him. Without an instructor the students signed up for Arabic had to find another course to take.

Brian Green, associate provost said, "We don't want to leave students hanging. We'll try to have a second level class for students who took Elementary Arabic and bring ISU students here."

One of the problems with the class was getting enough students to take it. Only five registered for the two classes of Elementary Arabic this fall.

Green said, "We thought we were going to get Iowa State students. They had more than they could handle at ISU."

The future of Arabic instruction at DMACC is still a little hazy, but Green said that classes will resume in the spring semester if DMACC can find a professor. DMACC plans to have a second level class for the students who already took

the Elementary Arabic course. In addition DMACC wants to bring ISU students to Boone.

"We'll try to have a second level class for students who took Elementary Arabic and bring ISU students here."

Jan LaVille, group leader and instructor of English said, "We don't want it [the Arabic course] to die." She said that they might have someone for the spring semester.

One of the reasons that it is so difficult to find an instructor is that people who can speak the Arabic language and are skilled in English are rare in Iowa. Green said, "We need to find a competent, qualified instructor."

DMACC started the class because the National Guard approached them about it. Green said even from the beginning the class had low attendance and the school lost money on it.

Divinity O'Connor, former student and now instructor, said she really enjoyed the class and its professor. "I encourage anyone to take it," she said. "It's not as hard as you think."

To complete the competency for Arabic, students need to take two consecutive semesters.



Photo: Tim Larson

Students Jason Munday (left) and Josh Marker play bocce ball at Wild Wednesdays.

Wednesdays go wild

Tim Larson
Banner Staff Writer

Wild Wednesdays kicked off this week with bocce ball, bongo ball, and the caricature art of Steve Baier and Jen Thacker. The events will continue throughout the semester in the Courter Center on Wednesdays from 11:15 – 1:15. This Wednesday's event is Intramural Volleyball Serving.

Wild Wednesdays are the brain child of women's basketball coach Steve Krafcsin. Coach Krafcsin got the idea for Wild Wednesdays from his time as an assistant coach at Loras College in Dubuque. Loras College held intramural events on their campus over the noon hour.

Coach Krafcsin noted that as a commuter campus DMACC "Has trouble with intramural sports." Wild Wednesdays "Offer people a chance to be involved [in intramurals] without a major time commitment," said Krafcsin.

As an added incentive for participation, students who compete in four or more events, regardless of their scores, will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information on Wild Wednesdays visit www.dmacc.edu/boone/boonewellness.asp.

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School and community to read 'Night'

Richie Monk
Banner Staff Writer

Don't let the name of the program, "One Book, One Campus, One Community," turn you off to it, there is more to do than just read. This program is currently underway at the DMACC campus and will have activities that will appeal to most of the students.

Currently, the program is basing its activities around the book "Night" by Elie Wiesel. There will be book discussions that will begin Sept. 19, but there will also be a lot of other things that will be happening during the semester. In November two movies will be shown for free to all students. "Hotel Rowanda" will be shown Nov. 5 and "The Pianist" will be shown Nov. 6.

If movies aren't your thing there will also be three contests. An essay contest, a poster contest, and an art contest will all have a deadline of November 28. The winner of each of these contests will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the DMACC book store.

On Oct. 27 there will be a traveling museum coming to campus. According to Rebecca Funke "Students will be able to walk through a bus and learn about German POWs in the Midwest." If you want more information on the traveling museum you can go to www.traces.org.

Some of you may already know about this program because the instructors at DMACC were given the opportunity to incorporate this program into their classes.

Funke said, "There are 16 instructors using this book in 34 classes. Some may just read it and then have discussions and others are doing assignments incorporating the contests."

All of the activities for "One Book, One Campus, One Community" are free to DMACC students. If you want to pick up your free copy of "Night" or want more information, contact Rebecca Funke.

Workshops for Study Strategies

Free in Room 204 from 1:25-2 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 13

"Success in Test Taking I: Note Taking and Reading Skills"

Wednesday Sept. 20

"Time Management"

Wednesday Sept. 27

"Decreasing Stress and Procrastination"

Wednesday Oct. 4

"Success in Test Taking II: Objective and Essay Exams"

Presented by
Study Strategy instructor
Nancy Marks and the AAC

Not taking advantage of health resources

Jason Munday
Banner Staff Writer

Jennifer Spry-Knutson and Steve Krafcsin will be leading an effort to inform students at the DMACC Boone campus of some of the resources the campus offers as part of the Boone Wellness program but are often overlooked.

Through the program, they hope to encourage students to be active, to have

fun and to meet new people on campus.

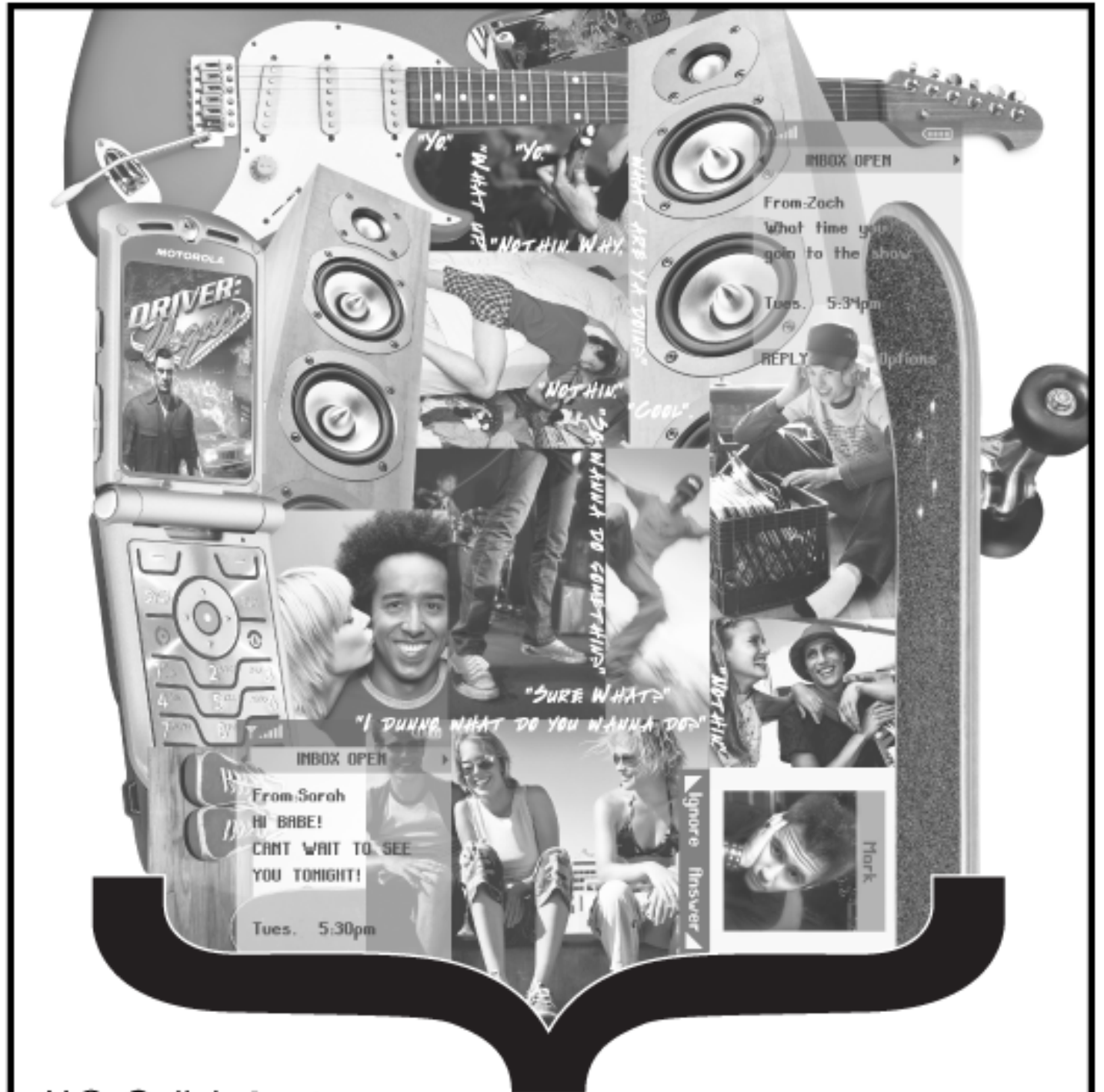
Students have not been taking full advantage of programs and resources offered on campus. A yoga class, which begins Sept. 25, and the fitness room are just two of opportunities for students which are commonly overlooked.

This is the second year the fitness room has been open to students, faculty and staff, although a good portion of students aren't aware it even exists.

While pursuing your own wellness this

semester, be aware that body fat and blood pressure tests are often available in the fitness room.

Hours for the fitness room, located past the gym on your left, are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The schedule for events will be available on the web at www.dmacc.edu/boone/boonewellness.asp. Flyers will be available on campus during the semester.



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CIETC, Investment Board grant bid to DMACC

Denson: We need to generate positive results

Des Moines, IA — Immediately after the Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium Boards awarded the bid for Fiscal Agent and Service Provider to DMACC last week, DMACC administrators began taking steps to assume management and training services by Oct. 1.

Rob Denson, President of DMACC, said the college will begin working out final agreements with the Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Local Elected Officials (also known as the CIETC Board). Both organizations will continue their oversight responsibilities.

“We have a lot of work ahead of us, but my hope is that a new era in Central Iowa workforce training will start very soon,” said Denson.

“This is an exciting time for workforce development,” noted Denson. “This transition is an opportunity for Central Iowa to benefit from a new, more collaborative and effective workforce training system. We need to generate positive results soon.”

DMACC’s President credited CIETC workers with doing a great job assisting Central Iowa’s unemployed and underemployed throughout the recent turmoil. As a result, he said Iowans receiving workforce training through the new DMACC organization shouldn’t notice much change, but Denson stressed that we will look for continued

improvements behind the scenes. Some include more efficient use of public dollars, better coordination of services and more opportunities to serve those who really need the services.

“We shouldn’t settle for anything less than excellence and an organization dedicated to creating a world class workforce,” promised Denson.

Dave Reed, chairman of the CIETC Board of Directors, said the CIETC Board voted overwhelmingly for DMACC as Fiscal Agent, and both the CIETC and RWIB Boards selected DMACC as the Service Provider for Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs.

“We believe DMACC has the tools and resources to move CIETC forward and focus on what’s important, the customer who needs our services,” said Reed.

DMACC will also launch a search for a new executive director to run CIETC. The position will report directly to Doug Williams, DMACC’s vice president for Business Services, who has been overseeing CIETC on an interim basis.

CIETC receives county, state and federal dollars to provide worker assessment, training and placement services to Iowans in eight counties that include Polk, Story, Jasper, Dallas, Madison, Warren, Boone and Marion. CIETC currently has 37 employees located at 430 East Grand Avenue in Des Moines.

Fall TV Preview

Sink or swim? Hit or miss? Here’s a look at some of the new shows premiering this fall.

Erick Ude
Banner Staff Writer

ABC



“Brothers & Sisters”

Calista Flockhart returns to TV with the new drama “Brothers & Sisters”. The show follows the lives of five drastically different adult siblings and their struggling relationship with their parents. Sally Field plays Calista’s mother. Premieres Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m.

“Ugly Betty”

Ugly Betty is a “Devil Wears Prada”-type drama that focuses on Betty’s job as assistant to the editor of a fashion magazine despite the fact that she knows nothing about the subject of fashion. Starring America Ferrera (“The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants”) and executive produced by Salma Hayek. Premieres Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7p.m.

NBC

“30 Rock”

“Saturday Night Live” alumnae Tina Fey and Tracy Morgan star in this new comedy about the life of a head writer of a comedy-variety show, much like the concept of Studio 60. The role should be familiar to Fey, who recently resigned as writer for “Saturday Night Live.” Premieres Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

NBC



“Studio 60: On the Sunset Strip”

“Studio 60” is a new drama starring Matthew Perry as executive producer of a sketch comedy program. The show centers around the behind-the-scenes happenings and backstage events that keep the sketch comedy on air. Also starring Bradley Whitford. Premieres Monday, Sept. 18 at 9 p.m.

The CW

The WB and UPN, two stations on the low-end of the ratings, have joined forces to form the CW in hopes of challenging the top networks.

The CW is not premiering many new shows this fall. The share of their ratings will come from popular shows “America’s Next Top Model”, “Gilmore Girls” and “One Tree Hill”.



“Runaway”

“Runaway” is about a family of fugitives who are now hiding out in a small town in Iowa. Paul Rader, the father, was falsely accused and convicted of a violent crime, but before he can gather enough evidence to clear his name he’ll have to deal with the real murderer. Starring Donnie Wahlberg. Premieres Monday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

FOX

“Justice”

“Justice” is Jerry Bruckheimer’s (executive producer of “CSI” and “Without a Trace”) new hope to further control the primetime ratings and make even more money. Four lawyers band together and take on some of the biggest cases in the country. Starring Victor Garber and Kerr Smith. Airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

FOX

“Til Death”

“Til Death” is a new comedy about a couple that’s experiencing their share of ups and downs with a marriage that’s over 20 years old. And when newlyweds move in next door, the comedic differences in the two marriages are apparent. Starring Brad Garrett (Everybody Loves Raymond) and Joely Fisher. Airs Thursdays at 7 p.m.



CBS



“Shark”

Sebastian Stark is a high-profile defense attorney who after receiving a job as head of the Los Angeles District Attorney Crime Unit finds himself switching sides. He’s now in a sticky situation because of the fact that he has to work with his former adversaries. Starring James Wood. Airs Thursdays at 9 p.m.

“The Class”

A new comedy about eight people who were once in the same third grade class takes a look at these peoples’ lives 20 years later when they are all start interacting once again. The next “Friends”? Starring Jason Ritter and Heather Goldenhersh. Premieres Monday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

“Survivor: Cook Islands”

The latest edition of the reality hit “Survivor” is probably the most controversial new show of the fall. “Survivor: Cook Islands” has four tribes this season, and they are all separated by race. Caucasians, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and African Americans will compete against people of another race. Premieres Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

Meet Marina Pessoa

Liz Jay
Contributing Writer

Imagine yourself going to school in another country. How do the people treat you? Are they patient with you? Do they treat you with respect? Marina Pessoa has found all the answers to these questions to be positive.

She has found the people here to be very friendly and that she really likes it here. The people are patient with her and will repeat things if she doesn't understand.

Coming from Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil, Pessoa, 20, moved to Boone to play volleyball for DMACC. She found out about DMACC through her coach.

Pessoa loves marine animals. She wants to study biology and become a vet because she loves working with animals.

One of the biggest changes for her has been the weather. She is very excited to see snow for the first time this winter. She said she misses the beaches back home but that it is very comfortable

here because only a few homes are air conditioned in Brazil.

Pessoa's city in Brazil is very big and has lots of tall buildings. It is very different from the small town of Boone. She said it's very green here and she feels safe.

Pessoa walks around town and exercises when she is not busy studying or practicing for volleyball.

At home she has four younger siblings. They are Ricardo Jose, 18, Carlos Eduardo, 17, Pedro Iago, 14, and Helena Karina, 12.

She said she misses Brazil very much. She is not sure if she is going to stay in the United States after she is done with college. "I don't know because I have a boyfriend and friends at home. I have to decide," she said.

Pessoa said she likes the many opportunities offered in the United States and she would describe life here in her native Portuguese as "vida boa," which means "good life."



Marina Pessoa

PBL--Not just for business students

Pamela Holt
Contributing Writer

For students interested in business or ones that have ever purchased anything, the Boone campus has a great opportunity for you.

One of the things that your student fees pay for every year is the existence of clubs on campus. One of those clubs is Phi Beta Lambda.

Most students have heard of Future Business Leaders of America in high school. PBL is the college version of FBLA. The goals of the organization include fostering an understanding of American business and helping students establish career goals.

For students who are concerned about the cost to join the club, Linda Plueger, the faculty advisor on Boone campus, would like you to know that there is no cost to you. Simply contact her and let her know that you are interested in the club.

PBL offers many benefits to students who join. Among them is the opportunity to acquire leadership skills. Every year there are three leadership conferences. The Spring State Leadership Conference includes competitions from which the winners go on to the National Conference to compete. Many members also enjoy the opportunities to make new friends, participate in activities and learn more about business careers.

PBL meets during the lunch hour in the Courter Center every other Thursday. The first meeting was held on Sept. 7, but that doesn't mean you've missed your opportunity to join. PBL meets next on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 12:30 in the Courter Center.

Plueger, when asked what she would like the students of Boone to know about PBL, said, "Get involved. Pick an activity on campus and try it. Everyone buys things and you don't have to be a Business Student to benefit from PBL."

Scholarships Benefit PTK Members

Woods: There is a scholarship for every student

Pamela Holt
Banner Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two year colleges, honors those students who have worked hard to maintain good grades throughout their college careers.

What are the benefits of joining this honor society? Scholarships, recognition, scholarships, opportunities to enhance your leadership skills and volunteer, scholarships, a notation on your official transcript, scholarships, travel opportunities, and scholarships. Nancy Woods, one of Boone campus's three advisors for PTK says, "There is a scholarship for every student" – it's just a matter of finding it.

Many students who have joined PTK have used it as an outlet for things that they already love to do or think are important. One can start a readership program or food drives or create a link between your social life and your volunteering. The "Books for Africa" boxes that can be found in various places on campus are only one of many PTK programs.

The Boone campus currently has three advisors for PTK. DMACC is honored to have the longest continuously serving advisor in the PTK international community, Sandi Johnson, who can be found at the front office. In addition, Jennifer Spry-Knutsen, the chair of the Fitness & Sports Management program and Rebecca Funke, the Librarian for the Boone campus serve as advisors to local students who are members of PTK. Nancy Woods, the PTK Regional Coordinator for the state of Iowa, is also the faculty advisor for PTK on the Boone campus.

To be eligible to join PTK, a student must have completed 12 community college credits from any community college, and have a cumulative

GPA of 3.5 after the completion of those credits. The good news for older students is that any grades older than five years do not have to be included in the GPA requirements.

Once a student has joined PTK, he or she will have the opportunity to participate in the induction ceremony. This year's induction ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 3 in the Theater. The keynote speaker will be the President of DMACC, Rob Denson. Iowa State University will be at the reception following the ceremony to offer the new inductees scholarships.

Iowa State University is not the only University that acknowledges a membership in PTK, however, and is not the only one to offer scholarships. Members of PTK have the ability to search for scholarships by university or by state to find the school that has the best scholarship for them. Many of the scholarships that universities have available for members of PTK go unclaimed each year while students continue to leave college with huge amounts of debt.

The joining fee for PTK is a one-time fee only of \$70. The fee registers your membership in Phi Theta Kappa at the local, regional, and international levels of the honor society. It is fully transferable between two-year colleges and appears on your official transcript after graduation. For example, if you join PTK at Iowa Central Community College, then transfer to DMACC, you do not have to re-join the society. You are a full member of the DMACC chapter of PTK, just as you were a full member at Iowa Central. The one-time joining fee may seem a little steep to college students, but if money is what keeps you from joining, Woods would ask that you come speak to her or one of the other advisors on campus.



Photo: Kristine Fenton

Kayla Richter (in the bear suit) and Monica Hernandez, DMACC basketball players, participate in the Pufferbilly parade, held last Saturday in Boone.

Shut-up already

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

When does censorship start to cross the line? Is it when you can't say what is on your mind? Is it when you are forced to take down religious based decorations from your business in case someone is offended? How about when you are forced to change your shirt because it says something that may make people uncomfortable?

I, for one, am sick of it. I am tired of walking on eggshells in lieu of offending someone because of a slip of the tongue. I am tired of having people tell me what I can or can't do and say just because they don't agree with my opinion.

Every person who has the ability to think has an opinion. If we aren't allowed to express it then what do we become? We, as a society, even try to tiptoe around certain topics that may cause some discomfort; such as religion, war, abortion, the death penalty, and sex. If you walk up to a random person on the street and ask if they have an opinion about abortion, they most likely will say yes. But will they elaborate on the subject? Probably not. Most people would rather eat their right foot instead of discussing abortion with another human being.

It is not because they are afraid the other person will just disagree; it is because they are afraid the other person may be an extremist and try to make them feel as terrible as possible since one opinion may be different from the other.

It is the exact same when trying to voice your opinion in writing. Read the editorial pages in newspapers for examples of what I am talking about. People will write in and blast these writers just for writing what they believe in. Some people may even get mad at me for things that I write. In fact, I know people get mad at me for it. But I think it is time for everyone to stop being scared and voice exactly what they are thinking. If you disagree with someone, say you

do. Then ask why they feel that way. Then state how *you* feel. This is called a healthy debate. There doesn't need to be any yelling. There doesn't need to be any life-altering changes. There is no right or wrong.

No one needs to tell you how you should feel. However, if they offend you, tell them you have taken offense and why. Then leave it at that. There is no need to start a vendetta. Life goes on, and so should you.

Obituary: The untimely death of Pluto

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Pluto, 76, died August 24 of being just too darn small. Pluto lost its place in our solar system as a planet and was to be the first of a new classification, "dwarf planet."

Many people gathered last week in memory of Pluto, including Al Tombaugh, whose father discovered Pluto, while scientists continued to argue over why a dwarf planet would not still be considered a planet.

Just before Pluto's relatively short life as a planet came to an end, the spacecraft New Horizons was launched, in 2006, with Pluto's surface as a goal by 2015.

Pluto is survived by father Jupiter, mother Neptune; brothers Uranus, Mars and Mercury, and sisters Venus, Earth and Jupiter. Pluto will be missed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Kuiper Belt.

Services will be held tomorrow night at the ISS, International Space Station at 9:00pm.

Horoscopes

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – It's your birthday and you will cry if you skip class to shop. Missing points this early will leave you behind all year.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) – Your desire for greatness will keep you on track for the next few weeks, keep this up and you won't have to drop any classes this semester.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Keep your pants on, the only true side effects to sex are STD's and babies!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Wrinkles belong in your sheets not on your clothes, folding or hanging them will alleviate your problem.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Friends come and boyfriends go, remember that when making important decisions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Use your daily planner; your mind obviously can't handle everything you are scheduled to do.

Aries (March 21-April 19) – So far so good! Perfect attendance is in your future, this is just one more way for you to achieve perfection.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Being stubborn at this point will make your teacher hate you. This is not a good way to pass your classes.

Gemini (May 21- June 21) – Bid the blues farewell and find some new friends. For polite and intelligent friends look for girls wearing pink!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – You think of yourself as the ultimate second-in-command because you are extremely supportive. When asked by your teacher, volunteer and you might someday become first!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Think before you drink! Do you really have enough brain cells to spare?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Your falling in love with the sound of your own voice! Your message is important, but if you don't know how to sell it, it will pass everyone by.

Transfer students: Making the most of your stay at DMACC

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Many students come to DMACC straight out of high school to get a good start to their college career and find out exactly what they want to do with their lives. Other DMACC students are here to take one or two classes they need to get their degree at another school or to raise their GPA because of academic problems in the past. I, like many others at DMACC Boone campus, fall into the second category.

The easiest thing to do as a transfer student who is probably commuting is to drive to Boone from Ames, Nevada or other surrounding areas, attend class and head back home, and experience no other part of the college. DMACC Boone campus is a good school that does a great job of offering many different organizations and activities to make your stay a fun and beneficial one. So why not make the most of it?

One thing special about the Boone campus is that it is the only campus with a sports team. The Bears compete in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf and volleyball and have had a lot of

success in recent years competing against other community and junior colleges.

Wednesdays are always a day full of exciting activities on campus. Everything from intramurals to "Wild Wednesdays" events take place. What better way to use your break in classes than to compete in intramurals or listen to a guest speaker. There are also Boone Wellness activities at the fitness room that include classes you can take as well as different fitness events.

There are many other extracurricular activities to keep you busy throughout the semester including Bear Crew Dance Team (who perform at the home basketball games), pep band, the Rotaract Club, and theater. Also, there's a business organization, Phi Beta Lambda, an honors society, Phi Theta Kappa and a Fitness & Sports Management Club.

With all the activities offered to the students, why not try some of them out? Attend a game or join a club and make the most of the semester and the experience. Information about any of the activities or organizations mentioned can be found at www.dmacc.edu/boone/activities.asp

Hints to help new students

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

These tips will benefit those who are new to the Boone campus. First, never show up late to a class without first explaining in detail to an instructor where you are in an email or in a phone message. Attend class regularly and communicate with the instructor and students. The more people you know, the better your chance to be successful.

Do not just tuck away that syllabus. Instead browse over assignment due dates and make sure you know what the instructor expects from you. If, in the case of a conflict, you cannot attend a class, let the instructor know and be honest (they'll know).

Avoid partying overnight if you have an exam or quiz the next day. Also never come to class tipsy or with a hangover. The instructor may deduct points from your participation grade.

In the case that a class is not to your liking or conflicts with your schedule, drop it immediately. Go to the front desk; they will assist you. Scholarship and financial aid assistance information is also available through the financial aid window.

Mary Elizabeth's tips for successful semester

- Allow plenty of time between classes and other activities, don't rush yourself
- Don't cram too many things into your schedule
- Keep an organizer or a planner
- Keep a budgeting system and don't forget to put some money aside for entertainment
- Make a list before you go to the store and stick to that list
- Get a part-time job that makes tips, you make much more money in less time that way
- Don't procrastinate when it comes to tasks, such as homework or paying bills
- Make time for hobbies or activities you enjoy
- Take up a stress reliever such as running, writing, or getting a facial
- Don't be afraid to ask for help! Teachers and parents are always more than happy to help if you need it



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Bears come out of hibernation to play fall baseball schedule

Jesse Blackwell
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The only baseball that is played in the fall is the fall classic, also known as the World Series, but the DMACC baseball team's season starts this fall. The Bears will play a schedule of ten games this fall in preparation for this year's spring season. Head coach Travis Wyckoff, said "The fall season gets our players on the same pages as the coaches, and also builds good team chemistry."

With a new coach and many new faces on the team, the Bears are searching for an identity. Ten players return from last year on this year's 36 man roster. When asked how this fall season will differ from the spring season Coach Wyckoff said, "Its helps the young players develop, and gets guys focused on winning when spring rolls around." According to Wyckoff, getting players on the same page is a key to this year's success, along with good pitching and great defense.

Coach Wyckoff comes into DMACC with a hard nose, no nonsense attitude, and he wants this to reflect onto his players. "Each player on the team is key in order for us to be successful," Wyckoff said, "The sophomores need to be leaders for these young kids with no college experience." Freshmen pitcher Steve Cannon talks about the difference between college and high school baseball, "The players don't mess around, and everyone comes to play, and everyone wants to win, and with a great coach that means business players have to come to play everyday."

The Bears kick off their fall season this Saturday, as they travel to Southwestern Community College to face

the Spartans. With a fresh new team and a young coach the fall season should be a great set up to what hopes to be a great spring season for the DMACC Bears.

DMACC Baseball Fall Schedule

Sept. 9 @Southwestern CC	Noon
Sept. 12 NIACC	4 pm
Sept. 16 @Marshalltown	Noon
Sept. 19 Southwestern	3 pm
Sept. 23 @Indian Hills (Showcase)	TBA
Sept. 26 Marshalltown	3 pm
Sept. 30 @Grandview	Noon
Oct. 2 Ontario Bluejays	3 pm
Oct. 4 Grandview	3pm
Oct. 6 Iowa Central	TBA

DMACC Baseball Roster

Luke McDermott	Travis Meiners
Jared Staudenmayer	Eric Zentzis
Mason Duckett	Zach Silvus
Nathan Hilgenkamp	Sam Weber
Justin Hemauer	Jordan Buckley
David Guthrie	Chad Gubbels
Troy Kelley	Kyle Hanna
Scott Airey	Jeff Reynolds
Matt Franke	JaimeDahleim
Phil Bartz	Brian Kuhr
Tyler Paulson	Jaime Schleifer
Josh Voth	Matt Schrage
David Conrad	Nathan Briscoe
Steve Cannon	Cody Davis
Austin Haury	Kris Grimes
Doak Walker	Jason Pezewski
Wyatt Kirwan	Brandon Dye
Robbie Crandon	
Andy McGowan	

Coaches

Travis Wyckoff
Dan Fitzgerald
Matt Goliber
Chad Houston

Commentary Iowa/Iowa State football game

Kal Schuller
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College football is back, and Iowa's most talked about game is on the way. The Cyclones will be defending the Cy-Hawk trophy against the Hawkeyes Saturday, Sept. 16 11:05 a.m. at Kinick stadium in Iowa City. The trophy has been passed back and forth since 1977. The Hawkeyes dominated most of the games throughout the 1980s and 1990s but the Cyclones have gone six for eight in recent years.

With Iowa being discussed as a top five team in the nation, Iowa State will have their work cut out for them. Josh, DMACC student, stated "As good as the Hawkeyes are this year, the Cyclones are being overlooked. I think they'll pull off an upset". Logan, also a DMACC student, believed "The Hawkeyes should be able to win without a problem. They are too strong of a team on both sides of the ball."

Both teams will be lead by their returning quarterbacks; Bret Meyer for the Cyclones and Drew Tate for the Hawkeyes. Regardless of who wins the game you can expect plenty of tailgating and trash-talk very early on Saturday morning.

Bayer named player of week

DMACC—Boone Campus second year women's volleyball player Ashley Bayer of Albia was named the Division II Athlete of the Week by the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference.

In six games, Bayer led the DMACC Bears with 14 kills. She was also second on her team in total digs with 15.

Last year, Bayer was a second team All-Region selection.

Bayer plans to transfer to a four-year university to play volleyball next year and major in Animal Science.



Ashley Bayer

IMCA Super Nationals' results

Saige Heyer
Banner Staff Writer

If you listened carefully, you could hear the roar of race cars from the Boone Speedway on campus Sept. 4-9 because of the IMCA Super Nationals.

Drivers from Texas to New York to right here in Iowa came to Boone to race their Hobby Stocks, Modifieds, Late Models, and Stock cars against other drivers that share their same passion.

The daily results for the entire week of Super Nationals can be found on the IMCA website, www.imca.com. Listed here are the drivers from each day that were able to move toward the final races on Saturday.

IMCA Hobby Stocks

1. Dustin Smith-Lake City, Iowa
2. Kevin Sather-Ankeny, Iowa
3. Ryan Lundy-Knoxville, Iowa
4. Jason Ward-Sioux City, Iowa
5. Wayne Gifford-Boone, Iowa
6. Marcus Fagan-Casey, Iowa
7. Randy Embrey-Granger, Iowa
8. Dale Towne-Avoca, Iowa
9. Pat Mather-Greenfield, Iowa
10. Tim Wilcox-Ida Grove, Iowa

IMCA Stock Cars

1. Brian Irvine-Oelwein, Iowa
2. Brandon Czarapata-Kaukauna, Wis.
3. Justin Temeyer-Independence, Iowa
4. Jay Schmidt-Tama, Iowa
5. Rodney Snellenberger-Pulaski, Wis.
6. Jeremy Christians-Horicon, Wis.
7. Eric Rempel-Palmyra, Nebr.
8. Keith Knop-Avoca, Iowa
9. Jason Czarapata-Pulaski, Wis.
10. Mike Pruitt-Stuart, Iowa

IMCA Stock Car Sunoco Race of Champions

1. Robert Stofer-Jefferson, Iowa
2. Lance Borgman-Beatrice, Neb.
3. Toby Miller-Boyd, Texas
4. Brian Blessington-Breda, Iowa
5. Damon Murty-Chelsea, Iowa
6. Tony Ritterbush-Dunlop, Iowa
7. Ryan Rose-Boone, Iowa
8. Kevin Opheim-Mason City, Iowa
9. Eugene Gregorich-Kewaunee, Wis.
10. Jason Schoenberger-Gorham, Kan.

IMCA Modified Ron Efkamp Race of Champions

1. Al Hejna-Clear Lake, Iowa
2. Rich Lewerke-Garner, Iowa
3. Jeremie Hedrick-Clintonville, Wis.
4. Hank Berry-Sidney, Mont.
5. Mark Noble-Blooming Prairie-Minn.
6. Troy Cordes-Raymond, Iowa
7. Jay Noteboom-Orange City, Iowa
8. Dale Caswell-West Monroe, N.Y.
9. Jerry Phillips-Galva, Kan.
10. Kevin Larkins-Greenwood, Neb.
11. Justin Auringer-Evansdale, Iowa
12. Ricky Stephan-So. Sioux City, Neb.

IMCA Modifieds

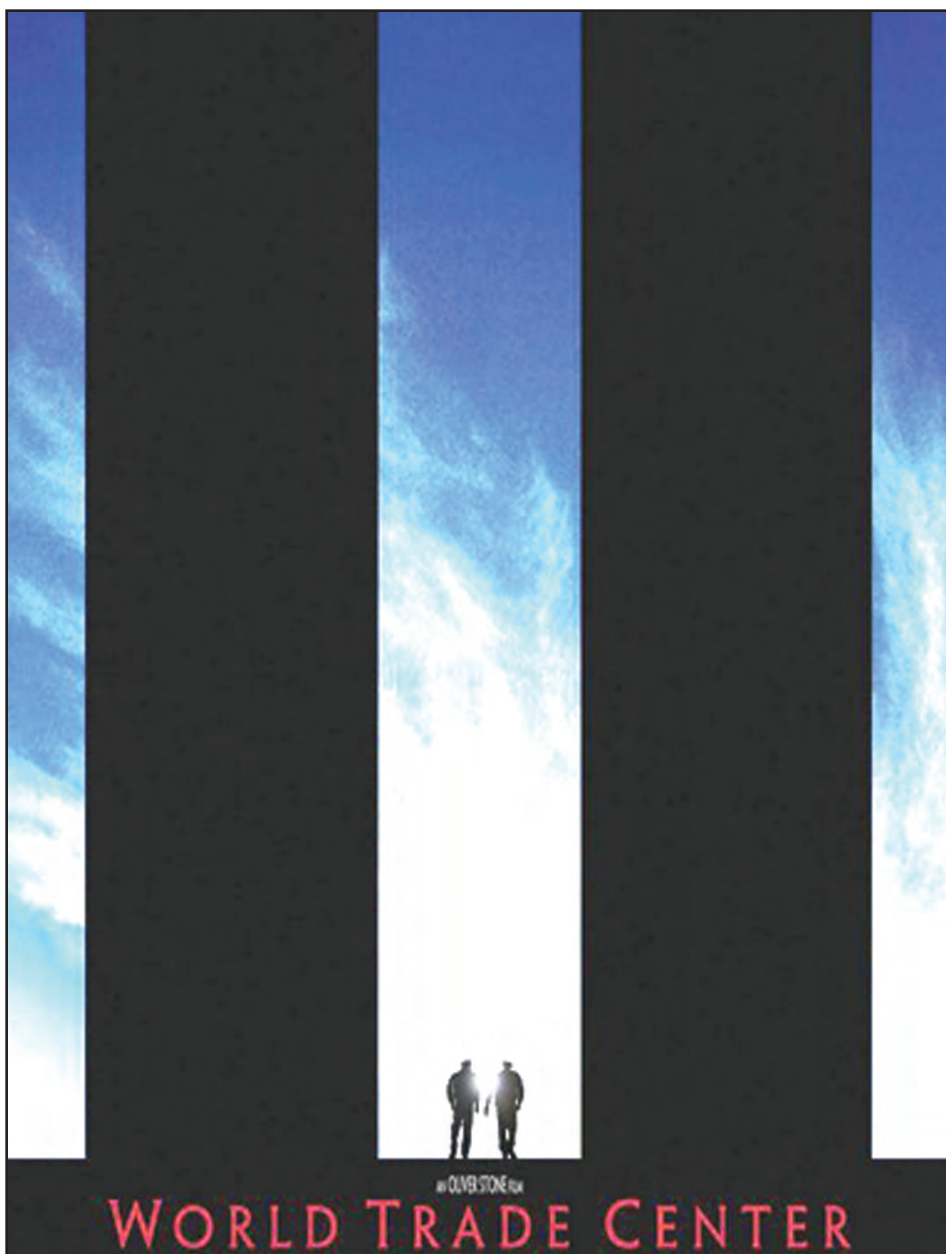
1. Rich Lewerke-Garner, Iowa
2. Mike Molle-Glidden, Iowa
3. Jimmy Gustin-Marshalltown, Iowa
4. Kelly Shryock-Fertile, Iowa
5. Jerry Luloff-Independence, Iowa
6. Jared Siefert-Green Bay, Wis.
7. Mark Noble-Blooming Prairie, Minn.
8. Greg Cox-Altoona, Iowa
9. Todd Dart-Algona, Wis.
10. Jeremie Hedrick-Clintonville, Wis.

Bear Crew performs during Pufferbilly Days



Photo: Kristine Fenton

DMACC Boone Campus Bear Crew perform in the Pufferbilly Day Parade on Story Street in Boone. DMACC clerical assistant Teresa Rouse drives a golf cart carrying Christina Graham, the coach of the Bear Crew.



Movie Guy Reviews 'World Trade Center'

Moses Powell Eckstein
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As the country looks back on the terrorist bombings of 9/11, many look forward to seeing a movie that embodies the triumph of the human spirit over adversity. "World Trade Center," directed by Oliver Stone ("Alexander" and "Platoon"), shows the true story of two courageous men trapped in the rubble of Ground Zero.

Nicolas Cage (NYC Police Chief John McLoughlin) gives one of the best performances of his career. Newcomer Armando Riesco (rookie cop Antonio Rodrigues) presents an exceptional performance as well. Together they communicate the dire situation in a completely new and compassionate way. As the towers fall, the innocence of a nation falls with them.

At home, crowds mobilize around television sets with looks of confusion, fear, and disbelief. McLoughlin's wife (Maria Bello) is sensational and completely believable as she grieves over the news of her husband's possible demise. She goes through a range of emotions including confusion, hope, and despair.

"World Trade Center" succeeds as a historical drama, but it also delivers as an emotional docudrama with some of the most jarring images in years. Some scenes will stay with the viewer long after the film ends. The directing is excellent, and the cinematography is Oscar-caliber.

See this movie not just in memory of 9/11, but see it to show one's respect for the deceased men and women of the New York City's police and fire departments and their families.

"World Trade Center" is rated PG-13 for intense and emotional content, some disturbing images, and language. It is two hours and nine minutes long and is playing in theaters everywhere.

10 out of 10

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'LOST: Season 2'

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
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To all the "Lost" fans out there, please be advised. "Lost: Season 2" will steal your soul.

The new Season 2 DVD, which just hit stores on September 5, is packed full of episodes that finally answer questions that were brought up in Season 1, and then some.

In the eight hours that the episodes run, you will go through a series of emotions ranging from happiness when certain characters get reunited, to confusion as many answered questions

brings up *more* questions, to grief as other favorite characters are eliminated.

The bonus features of the DVD set are no exception. One that must be watched is the 'Sawyer-isms' which have a montage of Sawyer's put-downs to other cast members.

For those who still aren't sure if "Lost" is that thrilling of a show, watch the season finale. You will be so floored that your head may explode.

"Lost: Season 2" on DVD is now on sale for approximately \$40-50 at your local movie outlets.

5 out of 5 stars



Jimmy's BBQ Pit Mouthwatering delicious

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Have you ever been to a restaurant that you thought was really, really good and you wanted to tell everyone about it? I have recently eaten in such a place.

Tucked away in a little corner between a men's clothing store and an empty building is one of the greatest places to eat that exists in Boone. The menu is not excessively varied, consisting of various versions of smoked meat and a few side dishes, but what is on the menu is

well worth the eating.

The restaurant has an authentic, down-home barn atmosphere. On the walls you'll find horse harnesses, pictures of cowboys, and other rustic decor. The sections are divided by fence rails, and the tables are covered with checker board Contact paper. The waitresses are friendly and are allowed to dress in whatever they desire.

I'm talking about Jimmy's BBQ Pit. For two people to enjoy an Iowa sized sandwich, a soft drink and leave a reasonably generous tip, you'll only need to beg your parents for a Jackson and maybe a Lincoln (just to be safe).

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