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Des Moines Area Community College

Borgan Square parties cancelled

Julianne Hamil
Banner staff writer

With the assistant coaches living next door, beer pong days must come to an end! Since Borgen Square Apartments opened, parties were a frequent problem for management to clean up after. The hallways were trashed and people punched holes through the walls. All this was done with a police officer living in the building.

Upon hearing the news about the new agreement of DMACC sharing responsibilities of the Borgen Square apartments with High Property Management; I asked myself, why would they want anything to do with these apartments knowing their history? If underage students will party with a cop in the building, what else could possibly scare them enough to stop this behavior?

Then I read the new live-ins were DMACC employees, not the police. Before I got done laughing I thought, what DMACC employees? Turns out, it is no laughing matter; they are the assistant coaches for women's and men's basketball, volleyball and men's baseball. There is an assistant for each sport living in the buildings to monitor the athletes' behavior. Any violation this year can directly affect that student's eligibility to play and fines are being enforced for noise violations, and possessions.

"We definitely have to concentrate only on school and playing ball this year," said Luke McDermott, baseball player for the DMACC Bears.



Photo: Kristine Fenton

"Drinking isn't worth losing my eligibility to play."

DMACC will now use two of the three buildings for students only. Each building holds twelve apartments each with four bedrooms. The kitchen and

the living room will be shared, but each student has their own bedroom. The cost is 1,710 per semester. This includes washer, dryer, high-speed internet service, cable and all utilities.

"This agreement allows

us to offer a more complete college experience," said Tom Lee, Provost of the Boone Campus. "It's part of our ongoing efforts to be responsive and flexible to the needs of our students."

NEW DISC COURSE

Julianne Hamil
Banner staff writer

In late September 2006, 18 holes of free entertainment will be available to all, at McHose Park. Because of three generous donations, a new disc golf course will be located behind the Boy Scout cabins.

"It will be nice to have free entertainment that promotes physical health," said John Rouse, Director of Parks and Urban Forestry.

Disc golf is rapidly growing in popularity across the world. There are courses located in 21 different countries and in all 50 states. The courses range from nine hole courses to 27 hole courses and the degree of difficulty depends on the natural obstacles, which obstruct the flight of the disc.

Disc golf is played by throwing a flying disc with as much power and accuracy to land it as close to the basket as possible, which you must make it in, to end the whole. The toss is similar to

a Frisbee toss, but the discs are weighted like golf clubs to achieve the distance needed for the throw. There are drivers, mid-ranges and putters ranging in weight.

All courses have par three and par four tees which are determined by how many feet there are at that hole. To par or stay at zero in points you can only throw according to the par number, which is located on each sign. Each additional toss is an extra point. These points are added in the end and the person with the lowest number wins the game.

The new course in McHose is sure to attract regional disc golfers because it will hold one of the longest holes in Iowa, with hole ten being 800 feet long. Along with six other signature holes, most courses are lucky to have one! It will also be friendly to new disc golfers with the shortest tee being around 100 feet. Each tee will feature a "pro" tee for

the experts and an "amateur" tee for new players.

"It will be one of the best courses not only in Iowa, but in the nation," said Charles Braun, one of the designers of the new course.

Charles Braun and Steve Fenton are to thank for this new and free outdoor activity. The new course was their idea and Braun took the initiative to contact John Rouse to come up with the \$10,000 in donations needed to fund this project. Fenton mapped out the original course then Charles helped with the final touches.

Charles said, "I'm attracted to it because it is inexpensive, good exercise, not time-consuming, outdoors, and fun for the whole family. Every city should have a course."

Two thousand dollars was donated by the Boone Lions Club to pay for the signs. The main sign will be located at the entrance and will include

a map of the course, the rules for disc golf and the names of all three donors. By each tee there will be a sign with directions for that hole and how to get to the next tee. The signs are made of aluminum Kevlar Plastic, said to be as close to vandalism-proof as possible.

American Concrete Products located here in Boone, donated 12 concrete slabs for the throwing pads. Funds from the Boone Recreational Department will cover the rest of the money needed for the baskets.

Soon after the course opens Charles plans to form a disc golf club. He also plans to hold yearly competitions after a significant amount of members have joined. Information about the disc club will be posted on the main sign when the course opens.

"I'm stoked not to have to pay to drive out of town for my favorite free activity," said Josh Musser, disc golfer.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 28 - Beginning of Fall Term
September 4 - Holiday, College Closed

October 20 - Midterm
November 6 - Last day to drop regular term classes

November 23, 24 - Holiday, College Closed
December 15 - End of term



Travis Wyckoff

Campus hires new coach

Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

Travis Wyckoff was named the new head baseball coach for the DMACC Bears this summer at a press conference located in the Courter Center. Wyckoff has an outstanding career as a player, pitching coach and a recruiting coordinator.

DMACC Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee said, "His background and experience are exactly what we are looking for to become one of the best baseball programs in the country."

Wyckoff comes to Boone after an incredible run as the assistant coach for Creighton University. While at Creighton, Wyckoff coached All-Americans Steve Grasley and Scott Reese, as well as Eric Wordekemper, who was selected in the 2005 draft to play for the New York Yankees. Grasley has signed a contract to play for the Seattle Mariners.

Wyckoff said at the press conference, he loved his job at Creighton University. "The common denominator in my decision to take the position here as head coach was good people."

Wyckoff plans to discuss recruiting connections with the former

coach of 33 years, John Smith, to continue his success with Canadian and Hispanic players. He also has his own connections in the Mid-West.

Wyckoff graduated from Wichita State with a degree in general studies. He was named to the WSU's 25th anniversary team as a utility player after the Shockers finished in first place in the in Missouri Valley Conference each of his four years there. He was named first team all-MVC twice, as a pitcher in 1995 and an outfielder in 1996.

He was drafted in the 11th round of the June 1996 Amateur Draft to play for the minor league system of the Florida Marlins. Wyckoff spent three years in the Minor League system.

The University of Iowa had Wyckoff as their assistant coach for four seasons prior to his move to Creighton. His pitching staff gave up the fewest earned runs of any team in the Big Ten Conference in 2001.

It will be great to see Wyckoff back in action in Iowa. Wyckoff and wife, Cherice, have moved to Boone. They have two sons Trevor, 4, and Cooper, 2.

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DMACC offers introduction to wine class

DMACC--If you don't know a chardonnay from a cabernet, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) has a class for you this fall.

DMACC is offering a three-credit "Introduction to Wine" class from 11:15 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. on Thursdays and repeating the class from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays starting this fall. The class will be held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

The class is being taught by Paul Gospodarczyk, who earned his degree in Fruit Science and Enology from Missouri State University. Enology is wine science.

During college, Gospodarczyk conducted enological research. He has worked for four wineries, one each in Colorado, New Zealand, Oklahoma and Oregon.

DMACC is developing a certificate program in Viticulture and Enology, which will focus on the practical aspects of wine production and vineyard operations. There are currently 271 registered vineyards and 62 wineries in the state of Iowa.

For more information, or to sign up for the "Introduction to Wine" class, call (515) 964-6406.

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8/30	Wed	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	2 Caricature Artists and Lawn Games	Front Lawn
9/06	Wed	11 a.m.	Pork Burger Free Feed	Courter Center
9/06	Wed	11:30 a.m.	Hypnotist Jim Wand	Courter Center
9/07	Thurs		Welcome Back Golf Day	Honey Creek Golf Course
9/12	Tues	12:45 p.m.	SAC Meeting	Courter Center
9/20	Wed		Constitution Day Free Food/Climbing Wall	TBA
10/03	Tues	12:45 p.m.	SAC Meeting	Courter Center
10/11	Wed	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Funny T-shirts and Pictures Too	Courter Center
10/17	Tues	12:30 p.m.	"The J Spot" A Sex Educator Tells All	Auditorium
11/06	Mon	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive Central Iowa	Courter Center
11/15	Wed	11 a.m.	John Rush "The Human iPod"	Courter Center
11/28	Tues	11:30 a.m.	"Extreme Comedy" Mad Chad Taylor	Courter Center

Campus Events



Photo Courtesy of DMACC.edu

2006 DMACC Women's Volleyball (first row, left to right): Ashley Bayer, Liz Schreck. (second row): Rachel Wenzel, Courtney Casper, Kayla Knobbe, Kelley Stitz, Morgan Wright, Krystle Smith, Jade Ruehlow. (third row): Becca Swalla, Danni Simpson, Lourdes Marina Pessoa, Barbara Carter, Brittany Rose, Jodi Jurik, Danni Richardson, Camila Goncalves, Brianne Ott.

2006 DMACC Bears volleyball schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
9/1/2006	Friday	Ridgewater Tourney	Willmar, MN	6:00 p.m.
9/2/2006	Saturday	Ridgewater Tourney	Willmar, MN	9:00 a.m.
9/6/2006	Wednesday	Southwestern*	Creston	7:00 p.m.
9/8/2006	Friday	Kirkwood Tourney	Cedar Rapids	4:00 p.m.
9/9/2006	Saturday	Kirkwood Tourney	Cedar Rapids	8:30 p.m.
9/13/2006	Wednesday	Southeastern*	DMACC	6:30 p.m.
9/15/2006	Friday	Ellsworth*	Iowa Falls	6:30 p.m.
9/18/2006	Monday	Triangular with Central JV and Grandview JV	DMACC Ankeny Campus	6:00 p.m.



Go Wild
with Wednesday Intramurals
11:15 am - 1:15 pm

Sign up for Go Wild Intramurals in the Fitness Room in the Gym.

Date	Intramural
Aug. 30	Blongoball/ Bocceball
Sept. 13	Volleyball Serve (Accuracy)
Sept. 27	Lawn Darts
Oct. 4	Frisbee Golf
Oct. 18	2 Person Nerf Badminton
Oct. 25	Football Throw
Oct. 31	Pie Eating and Costume Contests
Nov. 8	Free Throw Contest
Nov. 29	9 Ball Pool Contest

NEW CHINA

Restaurant
Lunches Dinners Carry Outs

432-8089

716 Story, Boone, Iowa 50036
Manager: Kent Mui

IMCA Super Nationals



Monday, September 4, 2006

10:00 AM: Pit Gate and Registration opens for Hobby Stocks, Stock Cars and Late Models, as well as early registration for Modifieds.
4:00 PM: Hot Laps for all classes
5:00 PM: First Race
Monday admission - Pit \$20, Grandstand \$15

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

1:00 PM: Pit Gate and Registration opens for I.M.C.A. Hobby Stocks, I.M.C.A. Stock Cars and I.M.C.A. Sprint Cars, as well as early registration for I.M.C.A. Modifieds.
4:00 PM: Hot Laps for all classes
5:00 PM: First Race
Tuesday admission - Pit \$20, Grandstand \$10

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

11:00 AM: Pit Gate and Registration opens for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds and Stock Cars. Drawing for Dirt Works Efkamp Race of Champions qualifying held today.
4:00 PM: Hot Laps for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds and I.M.C.A. Sunoco Stock Cars.
4:45 PM: Drivers meeting
5:00 PM: First Race
Wednesday admission - Pit \$20, Grandstand \$10

Thursday, September 7, 2006

8-11:00 AM: Breakfast on the grounds
1:00 PM: Pit Gate and Registration opens for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds.
4:00 PM: Hot Laps for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds
4:45 PM: Drivers meeting
5:00 PM: First Race
Thursday admission - Pit \$20, Grandstand \$10

Friday, September 8, 2006

8-11:00 AM: Breakfast on the grounds
8:00 AM: 17th annual I.M.C.A. Golf Tourney at the Boone Golf and Country Club. (515-432-1679 to register)
11:00 AM: Awards Luncheon to Follow the Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament.
1:00 PM: Pit Gate and Registration opens for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds.
4:00 PM: Hot Laps for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds
4:45 PM: Drivers meeting
5:00 PM: First Race
5:30 PM: Reception for Queen Contest
Friday admission - Pit \$20, Grandstand \$15

Saturday, September 9, 2006

8-11:00 AM: Breakfast on the grounds
9:30 AM: Pufferbilly Days Parade (downtown Boone)
1:00 PM: Pit Gate and Registration opens.
1:00 PM: Queen Contest begins under the grandstand tent.
2:30 PM: Drivers meeting
3:00 PM: Pre-Race Ceremonies
4:00 PM: First Race
Saturday admission - Pit \$25 (drivers \$20), Grandstand \$20

IMCA racing

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

J. Alex Sloan of Pittsburgh, PA, played a key role in organizing International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) in 1915, making it the oldest and still active automotive racing sanctioning body in the U.S. After the death of his father in 1937, John Sloan took up his fathers' role in IMCA racing. On November 9, 1947, IMCA had its first Late Model race in Lubbock, TX.

Few knew that when Keith Knaack introduced the Modified division in the late 1970's, that it would flourish into the largest class of race cars in the country, and would become the IMCA's calling card.

Kathy Root would become president of the IMCA in 1990, and would

later purchase the IMCA from the Knaack family in '96. Root went on using the vision of Keith Knaack to promote the IMCA as the heart of racing in the U.S.A.

Today in the IMCA there are several different classes consisting of Hobby Stock, SportMod™, Stock Car, Modified, Sprint Car, and Late Model. All race driver's licenses are issued by and only the IMCA. All drivers need to be at least 16 years old, except for 14-15 year olds can only be licensed for hobby stocks, on tracks 3/8 of a mile or shorter.

The IMCA Super Nationals will be held at the Boone Speedway in Boone, IA, from September 4th-9th. For more information on the heart of racing in America send to IMCA, 1800 West D Street, Vinton, IA, 52349, or on the web at www.imca.com.

Coaching clinic

DMACC--will offer a coaching authorization class for individuals who are interested in coaching but do not need a teacher certification.

This course will provide the framework for coaching authorization as stated in the Code of Iowa.

This class will be offered in a weekend format for two consecutive weekends. The first weekend will be July 21-23, and the second session will be July 28-30. Class times are Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The course will be held on the DMACC Boone Campus. Pre-registration is required and the \$299 fee is due at the time of registration.

Each participant must bring six rolls of 1 1/2 inches adhesive tape and two rolls of pre-wrap.

For more information, contact Lois Kiester, Continuing Education Coordinator, at (515) 964-6685.



Julianne Hamil
Banner Staff Writer

Are you ready for a weekend in Boone full of so much entertainment it can keep all ages occupied for four days? Join us Sept. 7-10 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Pufferbilly Days.

Boone originally started as a coal mining town. This landed two huge contracts with the railroad companies Chicago Northwestern and Milwaukee Railroad. This brought career jobs with great benefits to the community.

A Pufferbilly is a steam engine that hauls the coal from the mines to be loaded on the trains, which are then sent to fuel the communities. Pufferbilly days was designed to celebrate Boone's coal mining and train heritage.

Every year the committee does its best to pack this four day festival with an array of activities to keep people of all ages fully entertained.

"Working on the Pufferbilly Committee is a way to give back to the community and have fun while doing it," said Dan McMullen, owner of Cafferys Cigar Company.

Activities start Thursday at 5 p.m. and continue all weekend ending with Art in the Park Sunday at 4 p.m. Below is a list of events for each day. For more information and sign up sheets for the mud volleyball tournament and karaoke contest go to www.booneiowa.homestead.com and click on Pufferbilly Days.



Photo: Kristine Fenton

Pufferbilly Activities

Enter Contests

Have Fun

Win \$\$\$

**Pufferbilly Idol
Karaoke Contest**

Softball Tournament

**The Great Scooter-ific
Train Race**

Mud Volleyball

**Thurs. & Friday
Sept. 7 & Sept. 8**

**Friday & Saturday
Sept. 8 & Sept. 9**

**Saturday
Sept. 9**

**Sunday
Sept. 10**

**1st \$100
2nd \$ 75
3rd \$ 50**

**1st \$300
2nd \$200
3rd \$100
4th \$ 60**

**1st \$100
2nd \$ 75
3rd \$ 50**

**1st \$125
2nd \$100
3rd \$ 75
4th \$ 50**

Enter by Sept. 1

Enter by Sept. 1

Enter by Sept. 1

Enter by Sept. 6

See www.booneiowa.com/pufferbillydays for more details and entry forms

Thursday

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
5:00 p.m.	Carnival and games	9 th Street
7:00	The Boone Big Band	Entertainment Center
8:00	Karaoke Contest	Entertainment Center



The Killer Hayseeds

Friday

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3:00 p.m.	Carnival and games	9 th Street
7:30	The Killer Hayseeds	Entertainment Center

Saturday

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:30 a.m.	5K Pufferbilly Run	Goeppinger Field
8:00	Craft fair opens	Story Street/ 8 th St.
9:30	Pufferbilly Parade	Story Street
10:00	Carnival and games	9 th Street
10:00	Trolley Rides	1015 Story Street
1:30	Lip Sync Contest	Entertainment Center
2:00	Blue Grass Pals	Train Depot
7:00	The Josh Davis Band	Entertainment Center
8:00	The Nadas	Entertainment Center



The Nadas

Sunday

(most events take place in McHose Park)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10:00	Art in the Park	McHose
	Antique Auto Show	
	Food Court Opens	
	Mud Volleyball	S.Marshall
11:00	Battle of the Bands	Pavilion
1:00	Spelling Bee	Pavilion
2:30	Pet Show	Pavilion
4:00	Last Shuttle	

DMACC opens career academy in Ames

Ames— Des Moines Area Community College's new \$5 million DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center opens its doors today, Monday, Aug. 14 to begin serving students of all ages.

The DMACC Career Academy will be a multi-use educational facility. Through a partnership with Story County's seven school districts, the Academy will offer career and technical programs exclusively to high school students during the day.

Some of the high school educational programs include state-of-the-art labs for building trades, culinary arts, information technology, health careers, automotive technology and manufacturing technology.

"This facility is the first-of-its-kind in Iowa," said Randy Mead, Executive Dean of DMACC's Program Development. "The DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center will provide instruction that allows students to enter the work force or continue their education at DMACC or another college."

Mead said he expects more than 300 high school students from Ames, Ballard, Collins-Maxwell, Colo-NESCO, Gilbert, Nevada and Roland-Story to attend Academy classes each day. Then in the afternoon and at night, DMACC's Boone campus will offer a wide variety of college credit liberal arts classes in the Academy building.

"The Career Academy is a beautiful facility which will add to DMACC's reputation for providing a quality education," said Tom Lee, Provost of the Boone Campus. "The Ames location makes it easier than ever before for college students or working adults to achieve their career goals."

Site preparation for the two-story, 34,000 square-foot facility began in May, 2005. The DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center sits on five acres at the northwest corner of Interstate 35 and U.S. Highway 30 in Ames.

As part of DMACC's continuing commitment to the communities it serves, the College primarily used



Photo courtesy DMACC.edu.

The DMACC Career Academy opened its doors on August 14 to service the Story County area.

local contractors to build the facility. Story Construction of Ames was the construction manager and Stott and Associates, also of Ames, was the architect for the project.

"The academy is named after Ames' Hunziker family, whose support and donations helped make the project a reality," said Rob Denson, DMACC

President and CEO. "Jon Hunziker was the guiding force in starting the partnership in 1997 that led to this facility."

For more information, contact DMACC Randy Mead, Executive Dean of Program Development (515) 964-6392 or Tom Lee, Provost of the Boone Campus at (515) 433-5020.

News briefs

REZOOMERS CLUB

If you're an adult student coming back to school, consider joining the Rezoomers Club. This is an informal campus organization available to all adult students (those who are returning to formal education after being away for two to 20 years or more).

The purpose of the Rezoomers Club is to provide support to adults who are resuming their educations. The lunch meetings provide the opportunity to share information and make new friends. Short programs of interest to the group are presented during the year.

You can "brown bag" it or buy lunch at the Campus Café. You can also come and go as your schedule permits. Starting back to school can be a little scary and talking with those who are feeling the same way or talking with those "who have been there, done that" can help.

Meetings are generally held twice monthly (the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday) in the Courter Center. A portion of the Center will be closed off for the club meetings.

The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come check out the Rezoomers Club. Contact Maggie Stone in Room 124 if you have questions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC's) Fall Semester Continuing Education schedule is now on-line and can be viewed and printed from the following web site: www.dmacc.edu/conteddsc/

In addition, new classes are added throughout the fall term and may be viewed by checking the "Our Schedule" menu on the continuing education web site. To request a schedule of DMACC's non-credit classes be mailed to you, call (515) 964-6686.

COMMUTE BOARD

If you are groaning at the gas pumps over the high price of fuel, consider signing up on the newly established "Commute Board" to share rides.

Whether you can provide the transportation or if you need the ride, complete a Commuter Request form available at the registration window. DMACC staff will stamp and post the request form on the board located outside the bookstore. Only stamped requests will be posted. You can check the board to see if someone shares a similar schedule, and can then make arrangements. For questions, check with registration staff or your advisor.

PEP BAND IN SEARCH OF MUSICIANS

If you play a band instrument and would like to join the DMACC BEARS BAND, see Maggie Stone in room 124 or leave your name and phone number at the registration window.

The band will begin rehearsals in late September and will play for most home basketball games. Members receive a band t-shirt as well as a family pass for all the home games. The band is made up of students, faculty, staff, and community "friends of DMACC." All levels of musicians welcome. Join the fun.

AUDITIONS SEPT. 11

Actors and techies the DMACC drama club wants you. Auditions for the fall play will be held on Mon., Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. in the theatre. Depending on students' schedules, rehearsals are usually in the late afternoon hours.

For more information, please see Kay Mueller, the director. Stop by her office #132 in the next couple of weeks and fill out an interest/information sheet. College credit can be earned for participating in the production process by signing up for DRA 945, 946 or 948. An additional benefit of participating in drama club is taking a field trip to see a production paid for by drama club.

CONCERT CHOIR

It's not too late to sign up for Concert Choir. The group meets in the auditorium from 12:20-1:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Concert Choir is a one-credit course and one of the few courses that can be repeated four times for additional credit. Preparation between

classes is minimal. Singers generally explore a variety of styles of music and perform at the end of the semester. If you are interested or have questions contact Steven Hoifeldt, music adjunct, through DMACC's Webmail or at 515-232-5545.

SINGLE PARENTS AND DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

Single parents and displaced homemakers (those who are separated, divorced, widowed, or whose spouse is disabled) may qualify for assistance through the Single Parent / Displaced Homemakers Center located in Room 124. Maggie Stone, Coordinator, is available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Possible services include career assessment and counseling, academic and pre-enrollment advising, referral to appropriate supportive agencies, and **financial assistance toward child care and transportation expenses** for qualifying students. Stop by and visit with Maggie to learn more about IOWA NEW CHOICES.



Get involved at DMACC. There are many organizations from which to choose. One is PBL, the student-run business organization. PBL stands for Phi Beta Lambda, which is the college division of Future Business Leaders of America. PBL helps students bridge the gap between the classroom and the business world by giving them the opportunity to learn firsthand about the business community.

The organization meets twice a month usually during the lunch hour in the Courter Center. Look for signs posted around campus for meetings.

There is no cost to join PBL for DMACC students. Just contact Linda Plueger, PBL Adviser, Room 201, (515) 433-5080 Ext. 5080, ljplueger@dmacc.edu.

Academic Achievement Center

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- Walk-in help for all your classes
- Computer assistance
- Help with e-mail
- Peer tutoring
- Study space
- Make-up tests
 - Have a picture ID
 - Know your instructor's name
 - Know which test you need

Improve your gas mileage

Saige Heyer
Editor

With school back in session, many students are making long trips back to school. Although drivers can't do anything about the price of gas, several governmental agencies have tips for back-to-school travelers.

A few misconceptions people have about improving the gas mileage of their vehicles are that using the air conditioning wastes gas, gas-saving gadgets don't work, and that hybrid cars are more economical. According to CBS News, if you're driving at speeds that exceed 40 miles per hour, using the air conditioning is your best bet, but if you're driving at lower speeds, roll the windows down. This is because the air conditioning pulls on the engine when it runs, however if you're driving at higher speeds, that's better than catching the drag that having the windows down causes.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the gas-saving gadgets don't work. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission recommends being skeptical of these devices, which include applying magnets to the fuel line, modifying air intakes or injecting extra fuel into the engine, because they may damage the engine or increase exhaust emissions.

The magazine "Popular Mechanics" conducted a study in their September 2005 issue to determine the effects of various gas-saving gadgets

on pickup trucks. Three of the devices that were tested were the Fuel Saver and the Fuel OptiMiser, two magnets that were applied to the fuel line, and the TornadoFuelSaver, which modifies the air intake. They discovered that none of these devices affected the gas mileage.

CBS News also suggests that you do your homework before selecting a hybrid car over anything else because they're not always the most efficient. The Service Manager of Jordan Honda of Ames, Mel Gawley, said that close to half the customers who come in have not done any homework about hybrid cars. When asked why people tend to buy hybrid cars, he said it was because "they want to help the environment."

Many people do not understand that hybrid cars run mostly on gas and only use the electricity to help in accelerating or climbing a hill. Also, hybrid cars recharge their electricity from the car coasting and braking because the heat that is usually wasted during this time in other vehicles is stored as energy instead. Gawley says this reduces the gas mileage and causes the cars to be more economical.

"Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 55 miles per hour," says the Director of Media and Marketing Services for the Iowa Department of Transportation, Dena Gray-Fisher.

Gas Saving Tips

Follow the specifications in your owner's manual because low pressure reduces your gas mileage by four to ten percent.

The host of the TV show "American Hot Rod," Boyd Coddington, says to use regular instead of premium but that high-performance engines may need higher-octane fuel.

Try to avoid unnecessary idling but don't hit the gas to get through a yellow light because that actually wastes more gas than sitting at a red light.

Keep your vehicle tuned up and it will use less gas. Also try putting fuel-injector cleaner in your gas tank every six months.

Check your air filters once a year and change them every 18 months to help your engine "breathe."

Driving gently improves your gas mileage by five percent.

Using overdrive gears and cruise control improves fuel economy on the highway.

Avoid putting items on top of your car because it creates air resistance.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

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Editor

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honors Society of the Two-Year Colleges and it offers many things that can potentially benefit a student for their entire life, say the Phi Theta Kappa website.

Anybody can join Phi Theta Kappa if the student's GPA meets requirements and he or she has at least 12 credit hours at a two-year college. There is a one-time membership fee of \$70. Members are not required to do any certain amount of activities but many are offered. "Your level of participation is entirely up to you," said Rebecca Funke, a chapter advisor for the Boone Campus Tau Phi chapter and the Boone campus librarian.

Many benefits to being a member of PTK include scholarships to four-year colleges or universities. The members of PTK are also eligible for the Boone Campus Star Award. Funke said another benefit is having the opportunity to attend various conferences at many levels and network with other members.

According to the PTK National Website, www.ptk.org, there are two parts to Phi Theta Kappa's mission. They are to "recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students" and "provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming."

Phi Theta Kappa was created in 1910 by six people in Columbia, Mo. at Stephens College. It originally had the name Kappa Phi Omicron. PTK had eight charter colleges which were Central, Christian, Cottey, Hardin, Howard Payne, Lindenwood, Stephens, and William Woods.

To learn more about Phi Theta Kappa, contact Rebecca Funke. You can also contact Shirley McDonald (samcdonald@dmacc.edu), Tau Phi's president.

DMACC librarian keeps busy

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Editor

She had just finished explaining the many resources the Des Moines Area Community College library has to offer to a psychology class. While on her way back to her office, someone stopped her in the hallway to ask a technical question.

Rebecca Funke has been the librarian at the Boone Campus for nearly two years. She has been one of the Phi Theta Kappa advisers for one year. Prior to being the librarian at DMACC, she worked in Parks Library at ISU for 15 years, helping students with questions they had for their Library 160 class.

"I love what I'm doing here," says Funke. "It's a wonderful fit for me." Funke keeps busy by ordering reading materials, supplies, and technical equipment. She also helps plan the library budget, address equipment issues in the classrooms, and program computers.



Rebecca Funke

A couple projects she helps the library with are the Monthly Book Club, which she started last year, and the Poetry Read held last April during National Poetry Month. The library has many copies of the book chosen for the Monthly Book Club and the club meets once a month during lunch to discuss it.

The Poetry Read in April consisted of faculty, staff, and students who met for 30-45 minutes during the day

for three days and either read their favorite poems or poems they had written.

Funke revealed the new project DMACC will be doing this fall called "One Book, One Campus." The book "Night" was selected to be read and discussed throughout the school year for both in class and out-of-class activities. The book about the holocaust is by Elie Wiesel. The goal of this project, Funke says, is to integrate the faculty, staff, and students in different studies and to hopefully incorporate the community as well by having everybody read the book and participate in school and community events based on the book.

Aside from keeping busy at DMACC, Funke likes to scrapbook, read, watch movies, and hold philosophical discussions with her friends. She also loves to spend time with her 11-year-old daughter and her 9-year-old son while watching them play sports such as baseball, basketball, and soccer.

"One Book, One Campus, One Community" focus for fall

Saige Heyer
Editor

"One Book, One Campus, One Community" is designed to provide various opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff of DMACC as well as the members of the community. There are many goals, some of which include emphasizing reading as a significant component of the college experience, cultivating reading and critical thinking skills that encourage engagement with ideas that students will employ throughout their academic life and beyond, and provide opportunities for participants to

explore issues and ideas relevant to our community and our world.

Participation is voluntary and those from DMACC who do decide to participate will receive a copy of the chosen book, "Night" by Elie Wiesel. Erickson Public Library will have copies that can be checked out by the citizens of Boone. Everybody is encouraged to participate in events that will be held campus-wide.

For more information, contact Rebecca Funke at rsfunke@dmacc.edu, or the website for "One Book, One Campus, One Community" at www.dmacc.edu

The website lists the possible classroom activities professors may choose to participate in, library resources, a schedule of events and various links to related sites.



Movie Guys Reviews

“Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby”



Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

Welcome Des Moines Area Community College returning students, new students, and faculty. I am a movie reviewer for the Banner Newspaper, and I plan to recommend the movies you really want to see and attempt to discourage you from seeing the ones that just plain stink.

Adam McKay, the director of “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” returns to spread laughter across the masses in “Talladega Nights,” but does it live up to the hype?

Fans of Will Ferrell will rejoice as he brings it as Ricky Bobby with his usual over-the-top comedy. Ricky (Ferrell) is the unfortunate son of a drunken father who just wants to go fast. Years later while working for NASCAR, he finally gets the chance to race. As it turns out, he is unstoppable and keeps placing first while his friend, Cal (John C. Reilly), always places second.

After some time, the great Formula One racer, Frenchman Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen), looks to Bobby for competition. Will Bobby lose it when it counts most or will he taste the sweet flavor of victory? The only way know for sure is to see the movie.

“Talladega Nights” is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language, drug references and brief comic violence. It runs for 108 minutes.

9 out of 10 Laughs

INSINCERITY



Tim Larson
Banner Staff Writer

At what point in our lives do we decide that insincerity is appropriate? When children first learn to speak they often ask for what they want by whimpering, whining or pointing. The parents respond by admonishing their children to “say what you want.” From this we learn that we must ask, specifically, for what we want. We learn that we must say, specifically, what we mean. We will spend the next several years of our lives being quite unambiguous in our speech and action. We speak our minds with no thought to what people perceive as an insult. We give no thought to manipulating people with our words (usually we just cry to get our way).

It seems to me that sincerity in our speech and interaction begins to wane as we get older. We get lazy about it or we become too worried about hurting people’s feelings or maybe we just become outright deceptive. Whatever the reason it is the odd person who is genuinely up front and direct in their interactions.

Thomas Jefferson said “Honesty

is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.” I think it would be fair to say that no one seeks to be a fool, that in mind why do we so easily abandon honesty? We base our lives around deception. Women wear padded bras to look like they have big breasts, men learn to act charming so you don’t notice that they’re really just pigs. We get upset when our politicians lie about money they take from lobbyists but we cheat on our taxes and somehow that’s OK? Why do we hold others to standards we ourselves refuse to meet?

I’m sure you’re all familiar with Sir Walter Scott’s famous line “Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.” Getting caught in one lie causes your every word, every action and every gesture to be scrutinized. Look at Nixon, look at Clinton, look at George W, can you say that they are honest? Will you be willing to believe what they say with out some level of skepticism? No, you won’t. All of them have looked into the camera and lied (I am not a crook, I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, etc.) Why then do we continue to be insincere knowing full well that we ourselves loath insincerity in others?

Concerns not voiced become irritations. Irritations not addressed become problems. Problems not confronted become bitterness and bitterness tends to linger. If you have something to say, say it.

My point is this: To have any claim to irritation, frustration or anger when you are lied to or deceived in any other way you must, must, must be honest and sincere yourself. I don’t pretend to say that sincerity is always easy but it is always better.

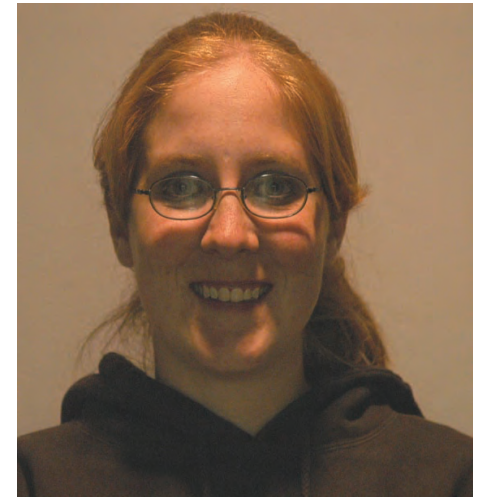
Letter from the Editor

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a great summer! My name is Saige Heyer and I am the new editor-in-chief of the Boone Banner. I’m definitely excited for the new school year and working with the Banner staff! This is my first year at DMACC but my first year working for the Banner.

As most of you have noticed, the administrative offices are now back in order and ready to take on the masses after being under construction over the summer. There are two new offices in Room 127 for Travis Wyckoff, new head baseball coach, and Patty Harrison, assistant athletic director and educational advisor.

We’d like to give a shout out to all the returning staff and welcome the new staff to DMACC. We’re very lucky to have them all here. Good luck and have fun this year!

I had the honor of attending a conference in Washington, D.C. this



summer. The conference was sponsored by the Collegiate Media Association and the Associated Collegiate Press. Our adviser, Jan LaVille, two students from the Ankeny Campus, Kelly Cheney and Jeremy Harmsen, also attended the conference. We enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot about writing for a two-year campus and being editors.

Horoscopes

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Happy Birthday!! You’re amazing, friendly and intelligent. This will make others angry, avoid girls wearing pink!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Don’t forget to buy your books early, otherwise this will cost you \$\$\$!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Keep your pants on, the only true side effects to sex are STD’s and babies!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Remember your mouth can affect your grade, shut your pie hole!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Thank those who help you in life, before all help gets lost.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Keep smiling, you’ll attract a partner to do your work in no time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Check, then recheck, your schedule or you will end up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - It’s time for a lifestyle change!! Waking up before noon could bring about positive changes this semester. I can see A’s in your future.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The extra dose of charisma this week keeps the boys at your feet. Step on them!!

Gemini (May 21- June 21) - Ask and you shall receive, ask again and you’ll get more than you bargained for.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Change has come again! You could flow through this transition smoothly if you can manage to keep your feet from smelling!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You are the king of the party. CAUTION: Your yearning for attention can lead you to a DUI. Practice walking!!

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