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Generations of Bears Fans



Contributed Photo

Silberhorn Clan: From left to right are Jordyn Gustafson 2 ½; Brady Gustafson 7; Jacob Silberhorn 6; Alli Gustafson 5; Duncan Silberhorn 4; Tessa Silberhorn 1. Not pictured, but normally attending games are Maddi Cheney 7 and Colby Cheney 4.

Brenda LaGrone
Banner staff writer

George and Jinny Silberhorn are a big part of the Boone DMACC's history. George Silberhorn retired June 2005, and was a longtime counselor and assistant provost, during his 33 years of service. Jinny Silberhorn has been teaching speech and running the Academic Achievement Center on the Boone Campus for 30 years. They also are Bears' fans. Their grandchildren are, too.

"We are avid Bears fans, and our grandchildren usually attend some games during the season. Since they all live in the Des Moines- Ankeny area, they are able to attend home games," said Jinny. The grandchildren are usually seen sporting their Bears' sweat shirts, cheering, and keeping score.

"In order to keep them occupied, I give them pens and pads so they can keep score during games. They have a good time," added Jinny.

Their parents all attended DMACC and their moms both played basketball for the Bears.

Do the condoms you use keep you safe?

Richie Monk
Banner staff writer

Are the condoms you're using really safe?

A recent issue of The Tack, the Buena Vista University newspaper, printed an article about a student organization selling condom bouquets. These bouquets were sold for Valentines day to raise money for their organization. The only problem was that the condoms they used to compose these bouquets were expired.

Condoms have a shelf life of three to five years, depending on the brand and type. Being the crack team of reporters that we are here at the Banner this got us to thinking. How old are our condoms? And does anyone really use them? As we

set out on our journey to buy a condom something went wrong.

As you may or may not know there are currently three condom machines in this school, one in both the men's and women's bathrooms between the offices, and the Courter Center, and one in the women's bathroom by the gym. But to our dismay we kept coming up short as we went from machine to machine trying to make out purchase. All three machines were at the current time broken or jammed. In the end we had to go to Eric Echterling, the supervisor of buildings and grounds, and have him give us some of the condoms from the machines.

That's a lot of work for a condom if you ask me. And what surprise did we get when we looked at our newly ac-

quired treasures? They were all expired, the newest one expiring in April of 2005 and the oldest one expiring in March of 1997. That means some of those condoms were in the machines for probably over a decade.

The problem has now been resolved. The machines are fixed and have been fully stocked with new condoms. There have also been two more machines purchased, to be placed in two of the other bathrooms.

This story may be somewhat comical, but condom use is a serious issue. The only way to be 100 % safe is abstinence, but you are all in college so the chances of that are slim. But condoms are 85-98 % effective when used correctly. They protect against unwanted pregnancy and STDs.

Proper condom use

- Put a drop or two of lubricant inside the condom
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- Place the rolled condom over the tip of the hard penis
- Leave a half-inch space at the tip to collect semen
- Pinch the air out of the tip with one hand while placing it on the penis
- Unroll the condom over the penis with the other hand
- Roll it all the way down to the base of the penis
- Smooth out any air bubbles
- Lubricate the outside of the condom

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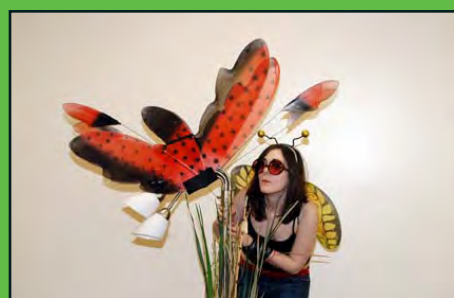
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Correction

John Smith has not been the only baseball coach at DMACC, as was stated in the Feb. 22 issue.

World News



Photo: Hannah Allam/KRT

Students at Cairo University discuss a campus display, February 28, 2006, that protests the controversial caricatures of the prophet Muhammad that first appeared in a Danish newspaper.

Egyptian students find peaceful way to protest Muhammad cartoons

Hannah Allam
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CAIRO, Egypt _ Students at Cairo University chose their weapons carefully as they prepared to vent anger Tuesday over the now-notorious Danish cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

After weeks of watching the violent _ even deadly _ reactions of Muslims across the globe, the Egyptian students were determined that their protest would be different. They assembled an arsenal of black markers, skinny red pens and packs of colored pencils. Then, with broad strokes and dainty curlicues, they filled reams of paper with the fury, sadness and disgust they felt over the lampooning of Islam's messenger.

The result was a somber campus display of political cartoons.

One showed a Danish strongman struggling to balance weights labeled "freedom of speech" and "respect for religion." Another showed a man wrapped in a Danish flag cowering before a giant made up of stick-figure Muslims carrying one another. The slogan: "We might look little, but if we unite, we can do something."

One of the biggest handwritten messages said, "If we talk about Jews, it's anti-Semitism. If we talk about blacks, it's racism. But if they insult Muhammad, it's freedom of expression. This is terrorism!"

No government manipulated the tiny, peaceful protest in Cairo. No religious zealots capitalized on the outrage. It was just raw emotion expressed through

ink on paper, the same medium as the controversial Danish cartoonists.

"As Muslims, it is important for us to know how the West views us so we know how to respond," said Mustafa Mohammed, a 21-year-old law student. "As the prophet, peace be upon him, said: 'He who wants to be safe from a people knows their language.'"

An Islamic student group came up with the idea for the exhibition, and members said they were surprised at the outpouring from classmates. The display booth stands outside the halls of the political science department, where students dropped by to doodle between classes. By midday Tuesday, students had left dozens of drawings and statements such as "They've crossed their limits and we've got to stop them" and "Let us defend our dignity!"

One student even had dug up quotations praising the prophet from the likes of Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw and French writer Alphonse de Lamartine.

"When I first saw the cartoons, I was so angry, but you can't show your anger in a nonpeaceful manner, like shooting embassies or killing each other," said Riham Nagi, 21, a political science student who helped organize the display. "All the Egyptian students like this idea, but there are still some foreign students who come up and say it's a matter of freedom of speech. They still don't accept that it (making fun of the prophet) was wrong."

Students stage nude sweatshop protest

Matt Krupnick
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Dozens of University of California, Berkeley students took advantage of a break in the recent cold and rainy weather Wednesday to strip naked and protest the use of sweatshops to make college apparel.

The revealing display in front of the building housing Chancellor Robert Birgeneau's office quickly attracted a crowd of about 300 onlookers, many of whom snickered and kept well away from the protesters. Some of the 36 or so male and female protesters remained fully clothed, while others wore nothing but their birth suits.

Past sweatshop protests _ which did not feature nudity _ drew little response, said Lexa Grayner, a 20-year-old UC Berkeley student who helped organize the event.

"We've tried to get the word out before, and this way worked the best," said Grayner, who wore her underpants and strategically placed plastic wrap under a bright green cardboard sign. "People know that we're having a naked protest, and they know what it's about, too."

Scores of passers-by merely glanced at the protest and kept walking. After all, UC Berkeley is the campus that became famous for the exploits of Andrew Martinez, a student who became known as "the naked guy" when he attended classes in the buff in the mid-1990s before the school expelled him.

Several campus police officers watched Wednesday's protest, and one introduced himself to Grayner before the event. Police would be watching the

protest but planned to remain "low-key," he told her.

Indeed, campus officials said no protesters were arrested during the demonstration, during which students chanted, danced and played a drum and trumpet.

They also tried unsuccessfully to persuade Birgeneau to come out of California Hall. A campus spokeswoman said Birgeneau was at an off-campus meeting Wednesday.

"Hey hey, Birgeneau you've got to know," the protesters chanted.

Grayner told the crowd that "all those Cal sweatshirts you guys are wearing were made in sweatshops," but university officials said very few companies use abusively cheap labor to make college apparel.

UC Berkeley long ago began requiring its manufacturers to meet minimum labor standards, said Maria Rubinshteyn, who directs the university's marketing and trademark office.

"I won't deny that sweatshops exist, but the university is doing the best it can to ensure college apparel is being manufactured fairly," said Rubinshteyn as protesters shouted through megaphones a few feet away. "I'm actually surprised that (the protesters) are not wearing clothing. Only by providing jobs can we help the workers."

Some onlookers were unmoved by the protest.

"I personally don't care, because I'm apathetic," said Ben Joyce, an 18-year-old freshman from Prunedale who watched the nude demonstrators nevertheless. "I'd sleep fine at night if my shirt was made in a sweatshop."



Knight-Ridder Tribune

University of California at Berkeley students march nude to protest the use of sweatshops.

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Campus News



Rotary club shares pizza in the Courter Center. Photo: Brenda LeGrone

Admissions partnership announced with ISU

Beth Carlson
Banner staff writer

Iowa State University and DMACC have announced a new partnership program for students who wish to transfer to ISU. The Admissions Partnership Program, or APP, allows students enrolled at DMACC to have access to many benefits at ISU. This new program will help provide a “seamless transition,” said Boone campus provost Tom Lee.

One of the biggest advantages for DMACC students is the option of student housing at ISU. Students in the program have the option of living in ISU housing, as well as student pricing for athletic and cultural events, according to a press release from Iowa State.

The application process for APP begins June 1, according to Shelby Hildreth. The program gives the opportunity for students to apply early to ISU, as well as have guaranteed acceptance in their chosen academic program, provided all program requirements are met.

Another benefit of APP is the opportunity to meet with an advisor from ISU every semester, as well as access to career services from Iowa State. APP “connects students with an ISU advisor in the program,” said Shelby Hildreth, a Boone campus advisor. This program also brings the “opportunity to transfer to ISU without the usual red tape,” said Tom Lee.

Students interested in more information can contact the main office, or meet with an advisor.

Rotary promotes ethics

Brenda LaGrone
Banner staff writer

The Rotaract Club gathered in the Courter Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 and handed out information and scholarships, offering opportunity for students to join. The club also gave out free pizza.

“Rotaract is an international form of rotary, and our purpose is to offer services to DMACC and the community,” said Jane Martino, Director. The name Rotaract is a combination of the words rotary and action. According to the Rotaract Club’s website, the club is for college

men and women, and operates under the guidance of the Boone Rotary Club. Its goals include promoting ethical standards as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities and developing knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems and opportunities in the community and worldwide.

“I’m going to be the treasurer and it’s exciting. I like helping people,” said Andrew Gonzalez, freshman who recently joined. Rotaract’s website also states there are over 165,000 members in more than 7,000 Rotaract Clubs in 151 countries.

DMACC PURCHASES ROBERTS DAIRY PROPERTY FOR FUTURE URBAN CAMPUS EXPANSION

Ankeny, IA--Des Moines Area Community College recently took possession and ownership of the Robert’s Dairy property located at Seventh & University in Des Moines.

The building will be torn down later this year to make way for a future expansion of DMACC’s Urban Campus, located just north of downtown Des Moines at 1100 Seventh Street.

“This important property will allow DMACC’s Urban Campus to meet the growing demands of our students and community while giving us greater visibility along University Avenue,” said Laura Douglas, Provost of DMACC’s Urban Campus.

Planning for the 3.75 acre property is just beginning, but Douglas said that input will be sought from the campus and community. She also noted there is no timetable for the campus expansion and much depends upon the availability of funding.

DMACC has invested more than \$10 million in expansions on its Urban Campus since 2000, most recently with the addition of the Charles Betts Building in 2004.

The Roberts Dairy building was constructed in 1954 by Flynn Dairy and

has been bottling milk and producing dairy products until Roberts closed the facility last year.

“Iowans of all ages recognize that continuing education is crucial for success in careers and in life,” said Robert Denson, President and CEO of DMACC. “That demand from our customers will continue to fuel DMACC’s growth.”

2 + 2 program information meeting

Beth Carlson
Banner staff writer

An information meeting will be held Monday, March 13, at 6 p.m. for all students interested in the UNI and DMACC 2 + 2 program. The meeting will be held in room 171 at the Boone campus. The 2 + 2 program is designed for students who want or need to stay in Boone, but would like to complete a bachelor’s degree in technology management without leaving Boone. All classes are taken from the Boone campus or online, with classes being offered at night to help students already in the workforce.

Technology management is the only degree currently available through the 2 + 2 program from the Boone campus. The program allows students to complete their associate degree in conjunction with the bachelor’s degree offered from UNI. Students do not need to have their associate degree completed before entering the program.

“Our goal is to have 10 people by

April 1,” said Shelby Hildreth, an adviser for the 2 + 2 program. The application for the fall 2006 cohort should be completed by April 1. A cohort with the program is a group of students who will take their classes together in order to support and assist each other. Financial aid is available for both UNI and DMACC courses available through the program. This program is designed to be completed in four years, including summers the last two years.

Technology management provides a solid background for those interested in management and supervisory positions that want to stay up to speed with new technology. Sales and employee training are also popular fields of technology management graduates, according to a flyer for the 2 + 2 program.

Students interested in the 2 + 2 program but are unable to attend can contact Shelby Hildreth in the main office.

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Opinion

Spring break

Arley J. Sitzmann
Editor-in-Chief

After a long, cold winter most students look forward to spring break. Spring break is a time to get away, relax, and for most college students-drink and party.

If you don't already know, for DMACC students, spring break is March 20-24. For ISU students, spring break is March 13-17. This means if you have any friends, or a boyfriend or girlfriend that goes to ISU, you can't go anywhere together.

I, for one, don't understand why ISU and DMACC wouldn't have spring break on the same week. What about those students who attend DMACC and ISU? They just don't get a spring break?

This is ridiculous considering DMACC and ISU are so closely related. DMACC has plenty of students who also attend ISU. ISU also just recently announced that they would be working closely with DMACC, so students can have a smooth transition from DMACC to ISU. So, if ISU and DMACC are working together so much, why can't they work together on having spring break the same week?

So, I hope everyone enjoys their spring break. I know I'll be at home, most likely bored because my friends and boyfriend will be in class.

'Playboy' only for the pictures?

Richie Monk
Banner staff writer

I've heard so many people tell others that they only look at "Playboy" for the articles. I mean seriously who is really going to believe that there is anything of any substance in "Playboy?"

At least that is what I would have told anyone not too long ago. That is until I came across a bit of information that made me change my mind. This should put a stop to other snobs who look down on you and tell you there's no substance to "Playboy."

So anyway, I was reading a new edition of one of my favorite books, "Fahrenheit 451." You know one of those new editions that has all that stupid crap from the author at the beginning. I hate that stuff and would normally never read it. But I was extra bored this particular night, and probably too broke from the night before to go to the bars again. So I decided to read all this stupid information about the author, Ray Bradbury.

It started out as the usual crap

about when he first started writing novels he was broke, and nothing went his way. Then I came across one piece of interesting information.

When "Fahrenheit 451" was ready to be published no one would publish it because it is about government censoring people, which was a volatile issue at the time. That is until, "A young Chicago editor, minus cash but full of future visions," bought the manuscript to be printed in issues two, three, and four of his soon to be huge magazine. That young man was the one and only Hugh Hefner.

Well there you have it, I guess sometimes there is something of substance and worth reading in "Playboy." I guess there can always be a diamond hiding in the rough, you just have to keep your eyes open, and hopefully actually do read some of the articles in "Playboy." At least if that's why you tell people you subscribe to it.

Letter to the Editor

21: Not magical, factual

In answer to Mr. Monk's article, "Underage Drinking, why 21?" I have some facts to offer that challenge some of his misinformation. Mr. Monk stated that "Prior to 2001 people thought the brain quit developing at age 16 or 17."

I have no idea where he found that information but in 1933 the Federal Government adopted the 21st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving the right to the individual states to dictate the rights of sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, thus ending prohibition.

At that time most states selected age 21 based on the knowledge of brain development. The average brain has completed at 21 years the pathways through the frontal lobe of the brain. When these pathways are completed, the brain achieves maximum potential to form abstract thoughts and to project the consequences of behavior.

The article that Mr. Monk quoted from in Monitor on Psychology may have given more scientific information on this phenomenon but it certainly wasn't the first information on the subject. So, I have difficulty with his statement of "In short, the reasons for this magical age to be 21 are unclear at best."

Operation of a motor vehicle is only one reason that is offered for regulating the consumption of alcohol. Alcohol poisoning, alcoholism, homicide, suicide, assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and countless other behaviors and consequences come about from the misuse of alcohol.

Impaired cognitive function causes much crime and domestic upheaval in our state and nation. It is correct that these consequences are perpetrated by individuals far beyond 21 years of age but if the body is not exposed to alcohol until the time it is fully grown, the likelihood of many of the consequences of alcohol consumption diminish considerably.

In short, it seems to me, Mr. Monk, that there are MANY concrete reasons why the age of 21 is enforced in the State of Iowa as the drinking age.

Very truly yours,

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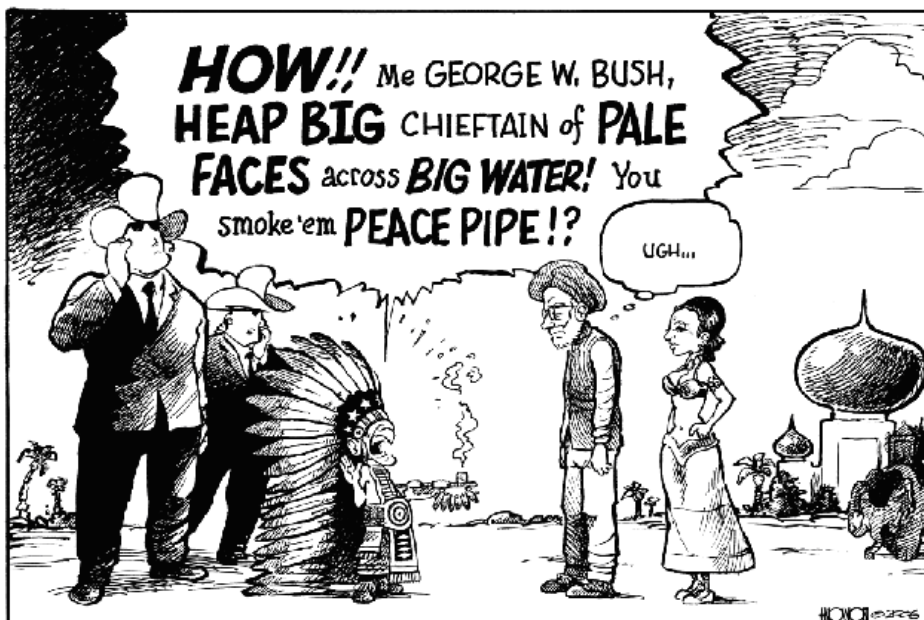
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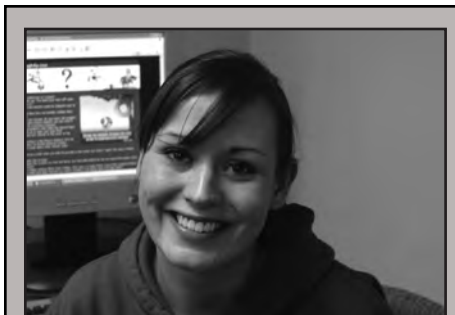


BUSH VISITS INDIA.

Opinion

Get to know your Banner staff

What are you doing for spring break?



Arley Sitzmann
Editor-in-Chief

Nothing because Iowa State has spring break the week before us.



Richie Monk
Photo Editor

Going to Colorado, snowboarding, and if there's time going to see my two week old niece.



Grant Mulholland
News Editor

Nothing... it's sad... I have no money.



Beth Carlson
Managing Editor

Going home.



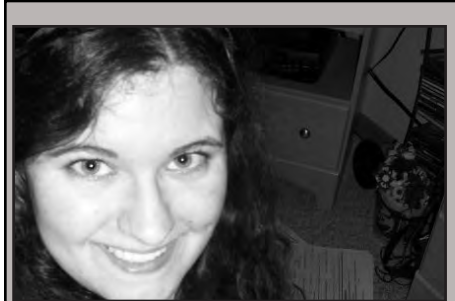
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Maybe going to Chicago.



Brenda LaGrone
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Continuing gaining weight.



Megan Shadle
Staff Writer

Not available for comment



Andrew Penner
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I'm going into hibernation



Moses Eckstein
Staff Writer

Not available for comment

War on nicotine

Grant Mulholland
Banner staff writer

The cigarette tax in Iowa has not changed since 1991. Governor Vil-sack has proposed a tax hike of \$0.80 per pack raising the overall state tax to \$1.16 per pack. My question is; why mess with success? Haven's smokers in this country suffered enough?

Honestly, it's like a minority tax, smokers being that minority. Cigarettes are already over taxed and this proposition will make it exponentially worse. With a state tax of \$0.36 Iowa is already raking in approximately \$88,716,000 a year. Do the greedy trolls really need more of my money? To produce the same amount of state tax generated by purchasing one carton of cigarettes you would have to buy about 54 six-packs of beer or 17 bottles of wine. Alcohol, while admittedly not as bad for you as cigarettes, isn't exactly healthy, although it does make a delicious and nutritious breakfast.

In this day in age we have finally figured out that its not ok to pick on someone based on their ethnicity or religious affiliation so we've moved on to the next best thing; their bad habits. First they set certain times you can smoke in restaurants. Fine. Then they ban it completely. Alright. Now you can't smoke on the beach in California? A beach is a giant ashtray! I mean for crying out loud, we gave you people the entire friggin' airplane!

What's next, you can only smoke in your house with all the lights off under a towel in the closet? I swear if I run into the chump that keeps proposing these laws and taxes I am going to shatter his coccyx with a pipe. The persecution smokers face every day is ridiculous, nowhere is safe. It doesn't matter where you are, if you are a smoker someone will bitch at you.

"Did you know those are bad for you?"

"You know you're going to get cancer, right?"

No, I had no idea. It's like people think we just haven't realized it yet. Like we're going to go out and buy a pack someday and look down at the warning label. "Oh my god, these things are bad for you?!"

Come on people, we know that they are bad for you. But there's one little fact you may have missed when you were studying your smoking facts so next time you saw a smoker you could just spew them out at him. Nicotine is more addictive than heroine! Translation: quitting ain't easy. So give us a break. To all you smokers out there keep fighting the good fight. It's your constitutional right to slowly kill yourself with smoky treats. For the rest of you ... try it, it's delicious.

Upcoming SAC Events

March 15

Water Celebration Day

March 15

Intramural 8 Ball Pool Tournament

March 20-24

SPRING BREAK

April 3

SAC Meeting Room 156 12:15

April 5

Red Cross Blood Drive 9 a.m-2

p.m.

Beach Volleyball Tournament

Reviews



'The Weather Man'

Arley J. Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

Nicolas Cage plays a Chicago TV weatherman, Dave Spritz, who mopes from one scene to the next in a fog of depression. Dave's ex-wife, Noreen (Hope Davis), is annoyed with him. His father (Michael Caine) is an award-winning author who's never supported him. His teenage daughter, Shelly (Gemmenne de la Pena), is overweight. His son (Nicholas Hoult) misbehaves. And when viewers, irate over Dave's inaccurate forecasts, spot him trudging down the street, they throw things at him: milkshakes, soda, chicken nuggets.

But Dave also has to deal with bad family news. Papa Spritz is dying, and Noreen is seeing someone new. Dave doesn't do much about these developments. He drives his father to the doctor. He enrolls Shelly in an archery class that he winds up taking instead. He sits around with a blank look on his face.

Dave is one of the most useless characters ever to have an entire movie built around him. The film takes too many

of its cues from Dave's depression. As it slogs on, the movie's cloudiness starts to feel funeral like, which is odd since the movie is suppose to be a comedy. The very best dialogue is vulgar, as when Noreen explains to Dave why she was such a monotonous sex partner for the duration of their marriage.

The movie finds Dave's malaise bittersweet and ironic. Never mind that he's a sad sack off nothingness. His career rises anyway. He gets a job offer to do the weather on a national show that Bryant Gumbel hosts.

Throughout "The Weather Man," you wait for the movie to go somewhere or develop a plot but instead, we get a vague movie that a few successful but dissatisfied men will be able to relate to. The rest of us will see the film for what it is; a long and cold mumble that will make most depressed.

3 out of 27 grins



Movie Guy Reviews 'When a Stranger Calls'

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner staff writer

Imagine a situation where all the lights are off in the house in the middle of the night. Suddenly the phone rings, and the breath of a stranger is the only answer. This is the situation for Jill Johnson (Camilla Belle) in the spine-chilling "When a Stranger Calls," a film directed by Simon West.

For those old enough to remember 1979, the original film starred Carol Kane as the carefree babysitter who is sent to watch over a couple of sleeping children in a creepy house. In some respects the 2006 film gives just due to the original, but in others it falls short.

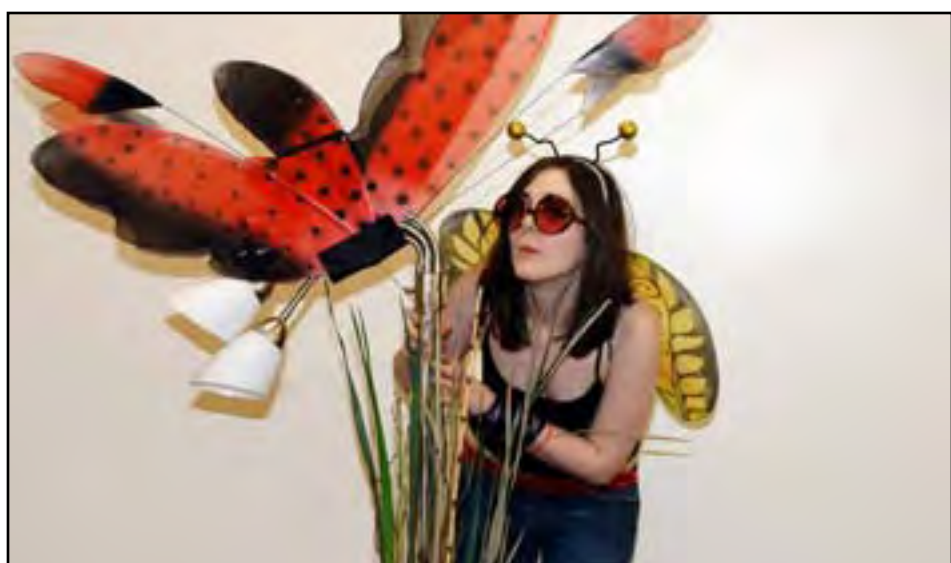
The new house is a nice feature and made watching the film more interesting. The veranda with the chirping yellow birds is especially beautiful and creepy at

the same time. Also the art work plastered all over the walls and the twisted sculptures are downright eerie.

Unfortunately the supporting actors and actresses were not very supportive. Johnson's former friend, Scarlet (Tessa Thompson), gives an especially weak performance, so by the time it is her turn to get the axe, no one really cares. Those who require intense action should back away from this flick because that is the element missing from the first hour of the film. However if suspense and phone conversations are your thing, check this one out.

"When a Stranger Calls" runs 87 minutes and is rated PG-13 for intense terror, violence and some language. Babysitters worldwide will see this movie and abandon their profession forever.

6 out of 10 Slow Quiet Breaths



Megan McMahon starred as a mayfly in "Time Flies."

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Performances excellent all around

Richie Monk
Banner staff writer

The five one act plays left only a little room for improvement.

This semester the 5 one act plays were performed by the Boone DMACC drama department. They performed; "Romance, Inc.," "Computer Pals," "Time Flies," "Vicar's Wife," and Such a Nice Little Kitty."

"Romance, Inc." is about the manager of a travel agency and her clients. Amanda Pence (Alice Field) did a stand up job and with almost nothing to improve on. She would have been the highlight of this show if not for new comer to the stage, Antorniece Lee (Pat

Burke). Lee performed amazingly especially considering this was her first ever performance. Her comical lines were delivered perfectly with sass and attitude.

"Computer Pals" is a great follow up play about a woman a man who met on-line. Both performers in this one act were exceptional, but Patty Rockwell (Mitzi) was a stand out with her great use of expression. She hardly ever left the chair in this play, but she used a wide array of expression to bring the audience into the situation.

"Time Flies" is a story of two mayflies that only have a day to live. Megan McMahon (May) and Thad Imerman (Horace) gave a hysterical perfor-

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Sports

Men and women fall to Kirkwood

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

DMACC woman's basketball team went on the road on Feb. 25 to face conference rival Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

DMACC has been the only team all season to defeat Kirkwood in conference play and are was on a three-game winning streak and are looking to sweep the seasons series away from Kirkwood. However, DMACC wouldn't have such luck for they lost 63-71.

The Bears struggled to get going after allowing the Eagles to have four out of their five first shots to be three pointers, making all four, which put the Eagles up over the Bears 14-9. Also during the first half, Michelle Kumrow made two three pointers.

During the final minutes of the first half, Monica Hernandez, put up a shot clock buzzer beater to put the Bears trailing by a mere 10 points. At half time

the score was 25-35 in favor of the Eagles.

The Bears started the second half with a basket from Jocelyn Anderson, follow by a three point play also by Anderson. Later with under ten minutes left in the second half, Alisa Brinkman took the ball coast to coast for two points, to put the Bears down by 14.

With about three minutes left in the game, Brinkman was fouled on a three pointer and went three for three at the line, closely followed by a Kumrow with a three pointer to put the Bears within nine points.

Later, Brinkman made a three pointer leaving the Bears trailing by eight. Then the Bears sent Kumrow to the line where she made one of two. After that all the Bears could really do was foul the Eagles to stop the clock, but it wouldn't help them because they would lose to Kirkwood 63-71.

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

On Feb. 25, the Bears traveled to Cedar Rapids to take on the number two ranked Eagles in a battle for the top of the conference.

The last time these two teams met the Bears would give the Eagles a good run for their money, despite losing the game 74-72.

DMACC had a late surge near the end of the game, but it wouldn't be enough to beat the Eagles. The final score was 53-61.

The Bears struggled to get their motors started after going 0-10 before David Prince put the Bears on the board by making 1 of 2 shots from the line. The Bears continued to get hammered as the Eagles aggressively attacked the hoop. The Bears' Adam Weig drained a three pointer with 25 seconds left in the first half. The Bears were trailing at half time 18-28.

In the second half, the Bears didn't have much luck for the Eagles continued to pound it down the Bears' throat. Although the Bears fought an uphill battle the whole game, they did manage to make another Weig three pointer, as well as three pointers from Mustafa Mosley and Buster Battreall late in the game. The Bears fell to the Eagles 53-61.



Brinkman receives honor

DMACC--Des Moines Area Community College Women's Basketball player Alisa Brinkman of Rolfe was named the Division II Women's Scholar Athlete of the Week by the Iowa Community College Athletic Association.

Currently, majoring in education and Spanish, Brinkman has a 3.94 cumulative grade point average. The 6' 0" Brinkman had eight points, seven assists and 10 rebounds against Southwestern Community College and followed that with a four point, six assist

Women beat Southwestern

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team hosted Southwestern Community College Spartans on February 15. The Bears had little trouble in defeating the Spartans by the score of 66-47.

The Bears started the game out with an 18-9 run during the first nine minutes. As the first half progressed it became clear as to which team was aggressively attacking the hoop. When the first half

came to an end the Bears had a commanding lead of 15 points as the score was 36-21.

As the game resumed after half time Michelle Kumrow made her presence known by making four baskets only five minutes into the half. During those five minutes the Bears capped off a 14-3 run.

Late in the second half the Spartans found themselves at the mercy of the Bears as the Bears continued to dominate the game. The Bears would eventually win the game as the score was 66-47.

Trojans lose to the Bears

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

In the Region XI Championships, the Bears #2 seed took to the court in game four of round one as the home team to take on the #7 seed, NIACC. The Bears faced no difficulties in beating the Trojans by a score of 52-38.

The Bears got off to a great start by going on a 13-2 run with four baskets from Alisa Brinkman, one basket from Jocelyn Anderson, and a 3-pointer from Emily Duffy to get their momentum rolling.

The Bears continued to show their dominance in the first half by making another Duffy 3-pointer followed by a 3-pointer from Kayla Richter which was followed by two 3-pointers from Michelle Kumrow to end the first half with a score of 28-13.

During the second half, the Bears continued to dominate the ballgame by any means possible without putting themselves into foul trouble. The Bears finished the game by winning 52-38 and pushing themselves into round two where they faced and eventually lost to Ellsworth Community College.



Will Smith goes for two against Iowa Lakes.

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Adam Weig drives to the basket against Ellsworth.

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News Features

Online Classes: good or bad?

Anna Sunstrom
Banner staff writer

Are you independent, self-motivated and hardworking? Then one of the 104 on-line classes may be for you.

According to Diane Sutherland, Ankeny online literature teacher, "It's my belief that students take online classes primarily for the convenience. With people's busy lifestyle's, including work and children at home, online classes allow students to be in the classroom at times when it is convenient for them."

DMACC student, Margit Evans is one of those students. She said, "I take online classes because it allows me to be home with my two children during the day, and then work on school at night when they are in bed and on weekends."

Pat Thieben, Director of Distance Learning at DMACC, said that the reason

students take on-line classes are many: "There are students who have moved and need to finish a degree or students who are serving in the military that want to continue their degrees." Thieben said DMACC has over 40 students currently on active duty taking online courses.

Another reason students take on-line classes is because of work schedules. Some take them so that they can do better at their job or even get a better job. Some adult students travel for work; online classes provide a way for them not to miss class.

Thieben said, "At DMACC some students have medical reasons for students taking online courses—pregnancies, students who are homebound for medical reasons, etc. Several students live out of state or are students at other universities that take online courses due to the lower cost."

Another advantage to taking online courses is that "some students feel that they have more contact with instructors than in a traditional classroom," said Sutherland.

DMACC student, Savannah Herr doesn't think that teachers really get to know you nor do you get to know the teacher.

Thieben said, "Some students find that they learn better in this environment. There are also students who don't learn as well in this environment. It does require each student to participate. No longer will you find that student in the back of the room who never raises their hand. In a well-developed online course, they have to be involved."

Herr likes online classes because "you can do the assignments when it is convenient."

Thieben and Sutherland both

agree that some student's inability to manage time is a huge disadvantage when taking an on-line class. Thieben said, "Time management skills are necessary for online courses."

DMACC student, Toni Byars said that time management is sometimes a problem for him. He said, "Working a full time job as well as taking 12 credit hours is easy to juggle." However he also said you have to be extremely organized, which isn't always easy for him. Thieben said, "Students need to make sure they have working computers with enough memory to download items if necessary or at least consistent access to a computer with these features."

As a final note, Thieben and Sutherland both say that online classes are a great way to complete educational goals. They work well with on campus classes too.

Yoga classes offered

Anna Sunstrom
Banner staff writer



Jenny Spry-Knutson is offering a chance for people to join her in yoga on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7-7:30 in Room 173.

This activity was supposed to only be in February, but the participants wanted to extend it into March and maybe beyond said Spry-Knutson. Since it has started 3-4 students have participated. [This class is strictly free and fun.

Spry-Knutson said that she started because, "she does yoga and wanted

people to come and do it with her." She is a certified Yoga FIT instructor. Yoga FIT is different than traditional type that people think of.

The traditional type of yoga is focused on stretching and flexibility. Spry-Knutson said, "Yoga FIT is aerobic. In this type of yoga the participants are encouraged to go at their own pace."

Stretching and Flexibility is still the main component of Yoga FIT but it is more movement than poses. Spry-Knutson also said, "the participants can tell a difference." She encourages many anyone interested in this to come and join.



Answers to Black History Month quiz

"Student apathy has stuck again," said Rita Davenport. According to Davenport, counselor and creator of the Black History Month quiz, no student entered the Black History Month Quiz. These are the answers.

G) Cheryl Browne won the Miss Iowa title in 1970 and become the first African-American to compete in the Miss America Pageant.

H) George H. Woodson was the lawyer who founded the National Bar Association.

B) Jack Trice was the first African-American athlete at Iowa State in 1923.

I) Gertrude Rush was the First African-American woman to be admitted to practice law in Iowa in 1918.

E) George Washington Carver was the scientist who was the first African-American Student at Iowa State University. (BS in 1894 and MS in 1896)

A) Edna Griffin is known as the "Rosa Parks of Iowa" for organizing the 1948 lunch counter sit-ins in Des Moines.

D) Simon Estes the world-renowned singer was born in Centerville in 1938.

J) The location of the Jordan House- a stop in Iowa on the Underground Railroad is West Des Moines.

F) Des Moines was the location of the first US Army training camp for African-American officers.

C) Anna Marie Weems acted as Martin Luther King's public relations liaison in Iowa in 1965 and served as a leader in the Waterloo NAACP.



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Women's History Month

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Mary Aloysius Molloy



(1880-1954)

Educator and Innovator

Mary Molloy, developed a rigorous four-year undergraduate curriculum for a women's college, comparable to those used by colleges that educated men. In 1907, she set high standards for both scholarship and public service. The College of Saint Teresa rapidly grew into one of the premier Catholic colleges in the United States.

Nancy Skinner Nordhoff



(b. 1932)

Philanthropist and Environmentalist

Nancy Nordhoff is a hands-on philanthropist who has been a funder and advisor for the Women's Funding Alliance of Seattle for over 25 years. She generously puts her money, time, and energy into visionary projects. These include Hedgebrook, a retreat center for women to write their stories, and Bayview Corner, a model of environmental integrity, economic development, and community revitalization.

Cindy Marano



(1947-2005)

Economic Justice Activist and Public Policy Visionary

Cindy Marano worked for 35 years to build a vision of economic equity for women and low-income workers. A brilliant strategic thinker, Marano focused on public policy issues, built legislative and government support, and engaged a network of national, state, and local organizations to help women and low-income workers fulfill their dreams. Many of her policies were adopted into federal law.

Aileen Hernandez



(b. 1926)

Union Organizer and Human Rights Activist

Aileen Hernandez's commitment to world-wide justice has been fueled by traveling and meeting with women throughout the world to gain a global perspective on humanitarian issues. Currently, she chairs the California Women's Agenda (CAWA), a network of 600 organizations dedicated to implementing the plan of action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China in 1995.

Wage differential in America

Arley J. Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

In 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month. The month recognizes women's suffrage including, the pay wage difference between women and men in America.

For most of recorded history, men's pay has tended to be higher than women's. This reflects the gender roles of America, with men's authority more highly valued socially as well as economically.

"I think it is always beneficial to acknowledge inequalities within any cultural or political system," said Rebecca Funke, the Boone campus librarian.

Until the early 1960s, newspapers published separate job listings for men and women. Jobs were categorized according to sex, with higher level jobs listed almost exclusively under "Help Wanted-Male." In some cases the ads ran identical jobs under male and female listings but, with separate pay scales.

It wasn't until the passage of the Equal Pay Act on June 10, 1963, that it became illegal to pay women lower rates for the same job strictly on the basis of their sex. Gender could no longer be viewed as a drawback on one's resume.

According to the National Committee on Pay Equity, between 1950 and 1960, women with full time jobs earned on average between 59-64 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earned in the same job. By 2004, women earned

77 cents to the dollar, a narrowing of the wage gap by less than half a cent a year.

According to Heather Joshi, author of "Unequal Pay for Women and Men," no amount of training, maternity and parental leave, or child care provisions will change women's economic status if pay treatment remains unequal, if the market values men's time more than women's.

"Pay wages are definitely at odds with America's professed dedication to fairness and equality. Just because you

can pee in a urinal without making a mess doesn't mean you should be paid 1/3 more than women," said Bruce Carroll, a DMACC student.

Corporate environments geared toward men lead women to feel alienated.

National studies have shown that women with doctoral degrees and careers in science and engineering leave the field at seven times the rate that men do, according to The Women's Foundation. A study by the Society for Women Engineers found that salaries for male engineers start low,

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Occupations	Percent Women	Men's Wages	Women's Wages	Earnings Gap	Earnings Ratio (%)
Accountants & Auditors	60%	\$953	\$690	\$263	72%
Securities & Financial Services Sales	33%	\$1,118	\$641	\$477	57%
Physicians	31%	\$1,553	\$899	\$654	58%
Teachers, College & Univ.	38%	\$1,020	\$805	\$215	79%
Lawyers & Judges	29%	\$1,448	\$1,054	\$394	73%
Economists	48%	\$1,148	\$785	\$363	68%



dramatically increase after five to seven years, then continue to increase, whereas salaries for female engineers start high then plateau at five to seven years.

Income differences between men and women are particularly evident in the informal sector where women earn only slightly more than half the income of men. But even in the formal economy, the monthly income of women has reached only 75 percent that of men, according to the U.S. Department of State.

"Today, the United States of America remains a country that offers the greatest freedom on earth and believes in the promise of all individuals. Women continue to strengthen our nation and the world by excelling as leaders in all walks of life, including business, law, politics, family life, education, community service, science, medicine, and the arts," said President Bush on a speech for Women's History Month.

Entertainment

Green beer, beer, and more beer



Arley J. Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

March 17 in America is all about parades, wearing green and drinking green beer. St. Patrick's Day is one of the most popular holidays of the year for many different reasons including that it takes place just a few days before spring.

"We're only 7% Irish but, I celebrate St. Patrick's Day with my family every year. We eat corn beef and cabbage," said Carly Lonergan, a DMACC student.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds in the United States, Canada, and Australia, Japan, Singapore, and Russia.

In modern day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. Up until 1970 laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, the Irish government began a campaign to use St. Patrick's Day as an opportunity to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world.

In America, St. Patrick's Day is a day of drinking green beer all day and partying. This makes St. Patrick's Day one of the biggest days of the year for the liquor industry.

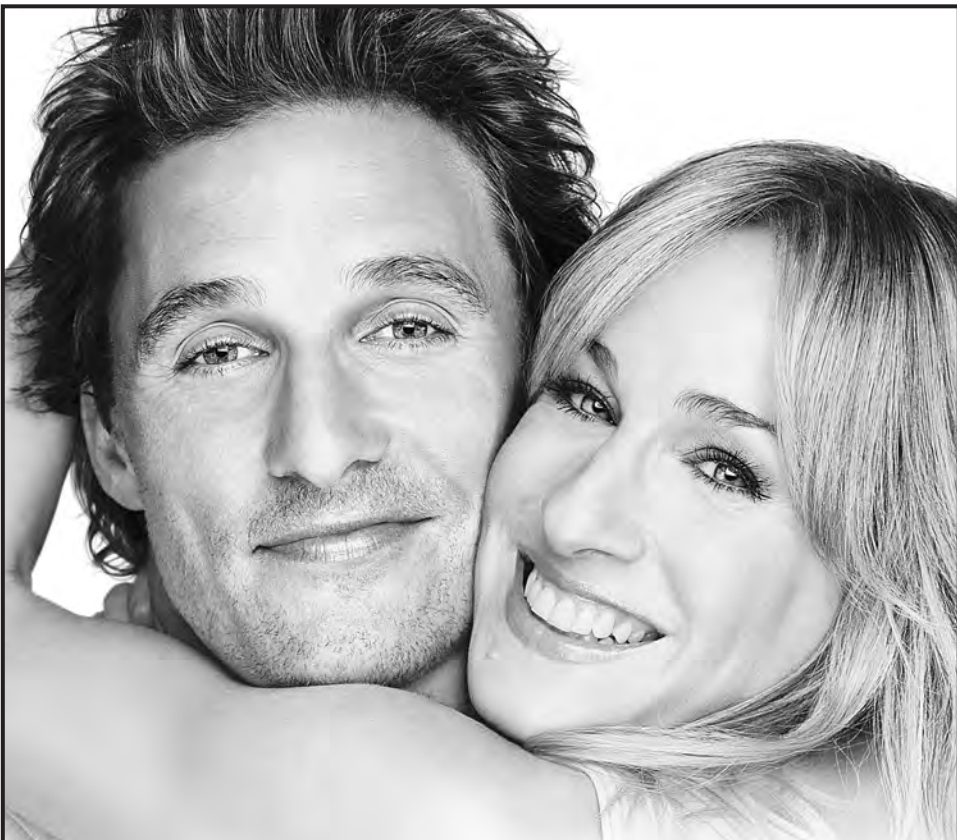
"I have to work until nine on St. Patrick's Day but, I am planning on drink green beer," said Judy Fangmann, a

DMACC student.

Korbel Champagne Cellars has even come out with a champagne called, "St. Pat's Magic," which is green. According to the 2005 census, twenty-two gallons of beer per capita are consumed by Americans annually.

About 84.5 million consumers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year and that they will be spending most of their money on food, beverages, and decorations. The average person celebrating plans to spend \$27.65 on the festivities, 19.8 million people planning to go to a bar or restaurant on March 17 and another 12.7 million people will attend a private party, according to the New York Times Company.

"It's the best holiday of the year. I'm getting wasted. It's the tradition of my forefathers and I'm 100 percent Irish," said Grant Mulholland, a DMACC student.



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Kids don't belong at concerts

Megan Shadle
Banner staff writer

Kids from the ages of 11 to 15 are the worst when it comes to concerts in Iowa and probably everywhere else too. They have invaded the music scene, taking their mommies and daddies with them too.

My experiences with these kids aren't very good ones. I usually feel like one of the oldest ones at the show, even though I'm only 20. Even half of the bands now are younger than me. Personally, I don't mind being one of the oldest at a show, but sometimes it gets ridiculous with the amount of preteens in the audience who scream and swoon when one of the band members happen to glance in their direction.

These kids go to concerts, buy all the tickets and merchandise so college students can't afford a normal \$25 ticket to the jacked up price of \$300 when all the tickets have been sold out. For example,

I tried to get tickets for the Nintendo Fusion Tour last November, tickets were originally a mere \$25 (I could afford one after a few days of being on sale), and by the second day of being on sale the tickets were completely sold out.

I saw some people selling their tickets for \$250 online and in newspapers, more than I could ever afford for one concert. After the concert was over, I asked some people how it went and they told me first handedly that it was full of 12 year olds with their parents, and these kids were dressed like they were little hookers trying to impress the bands on stage.

No joke here people. I've seen it happen at local shows and these kids show up wearing nothing more than a mini skirt that are about 5 inches long and then tiny revealing tank tops showing off their stuffed training bras. It looks like these kids are trying to sell themselves to band members who don't notice them at all. All I have to say to that is jailbait waiting to happen.

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Play, very well performed

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mance. I, along with most of the people in the audience laughed out loud during almost the entire performance. Both McMahon and Imerman made excellent use of their body language, utilizing mannerisms and expressions.

"Vicar's Wife" was about two older women, one of which was the vicar's wife. For those of you who don't know a vicar is the English equivalent of a priest. This play was also fairly funny. It was a little slower moving, emphasized slightly by the fact that it followed Time Flies which was packed with humor. Regardless, Tammy Hartmann (Madge) and Wendy Pixley (Sybil) both performed well making good use of an English accent. Their lines were witty and delivered well.

"Such a Nice Little Kitty" was the last play of the night. This play was about a man driven to insanity by his wife's beloved cat. It is my opinion that

this was a great end to an outstanding night of performances. Noelle Derr (Edna) was brilliantly annoying, and I mean that in the best of ways. She played the part of a nagging wife almost to the T. Jason Allen (Walter) although up against some tough competition was by far the high point of the night. He played his character nearly without flaw. His voice was clear and emotional as he would yell at his wife. Also the vein on his neck bulged out as if to explode.

All in all this was a splendid night at the theatre full of excitement and comedy. I would recommend to anyone who reads this to attend next semester's production no matter what it is. Kay Mueller, with the help of all the cast and crew, did a splendid job of putting on this production. I would expect nothing less of the next performance no matter what it is.

Spring Break plans

Grant Mulholland

Banner staff writer

It's that time of year again. Spring break, the joyous time of year when college students, and these days some high school students, flock to party locations all over the world.

The most popular destinations are, for the most part, in or around the Gulf of Mexico and in the Caribbean. According to www.studenttravel.com the top ten spring break destinations this year are as follows.

10. Steamboat Springs, Crested Butte and Winter Park - Colorado Ski Resorts
9. Las Vegas, Nevada
8. Nassau, Bahamas

7. South Padre Island, Texas
6. Daytona Beach, Florida
5. Lake Havasu, Arizona
4. Panama City, Florida
3. Negril, Jamaica
2. Cancun
1. Acapulco

The tried and true spring break tradition is basically just for college students around the country to travel to somewhere topical and party hard. Although there are alternative spring break trips available to the more charity oriented students, such as volunteering in the wake of Katrina, the vast majority of students take the party route. At least those that can afford it.

My son's college apartment has a pleasant pepperoni motif

Dave Barry

Knight Ridder Newspapers

So I visited my son at college on Parents Weekend, which is a nice event that colleges hold so that parents will have a chance to feel old.

I started feeling old the moment I got to my son's housing unit and saw a sign on the door that said: END WORLD HUNGER TODAY. This reminded me that there was a time in my life, decades ago, when I was so full of energy that I was going to not only END WORLD HUNGER, but also STOP WAR and ELIMINATE RACISM. Whereas today my life goals, to judge from the notes I leave myself, tend to be along the lines of BUY DETERGENT.

I felt even older when I entered my son's apartment, which he shares with three roommates and approximately 200 used pizza boxes. When I was a college student, we also accumulated used pizza boxes, but we threw them away after a reasonable period of time (six weeks). Whereas my son and his roommates apparently plan to keep theirs forever. Maybe they believe that a wealthy used-box collector will come to the door and say, "If you can produce a box used to deliver pizza on the night of Sept. 12, 1999, I'll pay you thousands of dollars for it!" Because they WILL have that box on file.

They keep their pizza boxes in the kitchenette, which is also where they keep their food supply, which is an open jar containing a wad of peanut butter as hard as a bowling ball. You may be wondering: "What happens if a burglar breaks into the kitchenette and steals their pizza boxes?" Do not worry. They keep a reserve supply of pizza boxes in the living room, and if a burglar tried to get THOSE, he'd trip over the cord that stretches across the room from the TV to the video-game controller held by a young man who is permanently installed on the sofa. This young man is not one of my son's roommates; for all I know, he's not even a student. But he is stationed in the living room 24 hours a day, focused on the video game, although he always gives you a polite "Hi" when you walk through the room and step over his cord. I'm not familiar with the game he's playing, but I noticed, as I stepped over the cord, that the screen said: "YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED EIGHT THUNDERS." Maybe this has something to do with world hunger.

After passing through the living room, I stuck my head into my son's bedroom. I was reluctant to enter, because

then I'd have been walking on my son's clothes. He keeps them on the floor, right next to the bureau. (I don't know what he keeps in the bureau. My guess is: pizza boxes.) My son assured me that, even though his garments appear to be one big intertwined pile, he knows which are clean and which are dirty.

"Like, this one is clean," he said, picking a garment off the floor, "and this one is clean, and this one is ... never mind."

There were no sheets on my son's bed. Asked about this, he explained (this was the entire explanation): "They came off a couple of weeks ago."

I'm not complaining about my son's housekeeping. He is Martha Stewart compared with the student who occupied his bedroom last year. According to true campus legend, when this student moved out, his laundry was so far beyond human control that he simply abandoned it. As a kind of tribute, his roommates took a pair of his briefs outside, climbed a lamppost and stretched the briefs over the lamp. They remain there today, a monument to the courage and dedication it takes to put underpants on a lamppost. I was gazing up at them in admiration when a student said to me: "That's the cleanest they've ever been."

Not all student rooms look like my son's. Some are occupied by females. If you stand outside the building, you notice that those rooms have curtains and pictures on the walls; whereas the males' rooms have all been painstakingly decorated with: nothing. The only designer touches are lines of bottles, and the occasional tendrils of laundry peeking coyly over a window sill. We stood outside my son's building one evening, noting this difference; my son, looking at a tasteful, female-occupied room, said, with genuine wonder in his voice: "I think they vacuum and stuff."

Speaking of which: During Parents Weekend, I took my son shopping, and we bought, among other things, a small vacuum cleaner. When we got back to his room, one of his roommates opened the box and held up the vacuum cleaner. We all looked at it, and then at the room. Then we enjoyed a hearty laugh. Then the roommate set the vacuum cleaner down on the floor, where it will be swallowed by laundry and never seen again. This is fine. These kids are not in college to do housework: They are there to learn. Because they are our Hope for the Future. And that future is going to smell like socks.



March Madness!

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DMACC Boone Campus student Dan Hawkins (right) of Nevada visits with University of South Dakota Admissions Counselor Matt Thomsen at the recent College Fair held on the DMACC Boone Campus.



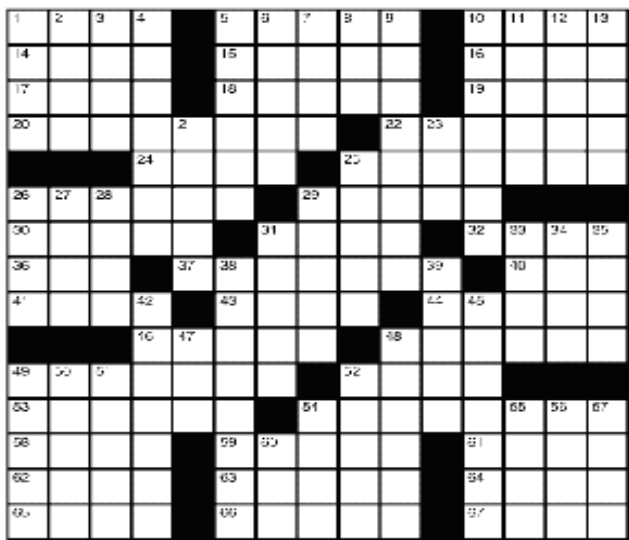
A College Girl Named Joe

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 - HOMES part
 - Fix
 - Tense state
 - Exhausted
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 - Before one's eyes
- DOWN**
- Practice boxing
 - Strong desire
 - Dregs
 - Parvenu
 - Warnings
 - Exposes
 - Enterprise competitor
 - Wind dir.
 - Play heed
 - Little nails
 - Actress
 - Address
 - Pound division
 - Juicy fruit
 - Ring out
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 - Bad time for Caesar
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Horoscopes

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Today's Birthday - Go ahead and share an idea that's been floating around in your head. A loving, compassionate person you know will be happy to take up your cause. Together, you'll get a lot farther than you ever would have alone. And it'll be fun.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 5 Conditions change, as they always do, and now it looks like you'll find something you thought you'd lost forever. Keep cleaning house.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 A gathering with friends stirs up your curiosity. Launch an investigation to make sure they know what they're talking about.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 5 It's a good day to ask for money. You're more likely to get a positive response. Important people are feeling generous.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 Whereas yesterday everything went wrong, now the luck's on your side. You're especially good at getting your message out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 5 You have too much underfoot. Stash

away the surplus, or have a huge sale. Actually, you won't make much on this stuff. Might as well give it away.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 If you're having trouble making yourself understood, ask a friend to moderate, and-or translate, for you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 5 You can be a good business person when you set your mind to it. In this situation, an old method will work again.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 10 Reaffirm an old commitment. Revise an old idea. You didn't do it before because you couldn't, but now you can.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 You can find the funds and-or the financing to make household improvements now. Start seriously shopping.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 You can learn amazing things from a gentle person. From the old stories, you'll find the way to solve a current dilemma.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 5 Focus on cranking out as many widgets as you can. That's whatever you do to make money. Don't procrastinate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 9 Travel and romance are favored now. It's also a good time to put your plans for the future down in writing. Just do it.

The other side of the Courter...

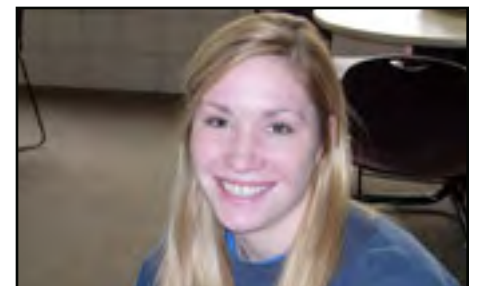
Why do you think we have Friday, March 10 off from classes?



The teachers are having meetings.
- Junko Yamamoto



All teachers got eaten.
- Ben Schrader



Teacher in-service.
- Emily Geisler