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## Provost Shares Vision for Campus

Chan Soo Park  
*Banner Staff Writer*

Tom Lee, provost, discussed his first semester on the Boone Campus and his future plans.

Lee is an experienced educator who has been through all steps from elementary school. "I had been in public education for 34 years," Lee reminisces.

The position he had before coming to Boone was a high school principal at Des Moines East High School. He said it was a place he would not have given up unless it was for the Boone DMACC.

Lee finds community colleges much like high school. "That is our strength," Lee said, especially

the Boone Campus. It has quality and rigorous education and enthusiastic faculty who interact with students in personal level.

He finds that interaction pleasing. He said he has had students who came to speak to him in his office or in the Courter Center.

The difference between high school and community college is students' enthusiasm. "I haven't suspended a student [at DMACC]," Lee said. He laughed as he said he had to take a more disciplinary stance in high school.

"DMACC is not for everyone, but DMACC is for every level of education," he said, whether to go on to job or four-year college.

He also shared his plans for DMACC. "My vision for this campus is growth," he said.

His hope is five percent, or 75 students, per year, more interaction with community and continued offering of new programs and more sports.

He said that he personally hopes to see women's soccer and men's golf.

Provost Lee currently resides in Ankeny but plans to move to Boone in December when construction for his house finishes.

Lee began his duties as Boone Campus provost following Vivian Brandmeyer's retirement.



Tom Lee, Boone Campus Provost



Photo by Mary Elizabeth Drahos

**Prepare for Concert--**Members of the Boone Campus Concert Choir practice for their upcoming concert, open to the public for free this Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theatre. Steve Hoifeldt, far left, directs the choir. Students from left to right are ?, ?, ?, ?, and Emily Cooper.

Also performing earlier in the evening on Dec. 9 will be individual piano, guitar and voice students. They will begin individual performances at 3:30 p.m. Marilee Crawley-Mertins instructs piano and guitar students.

Refreshments will follow outside the theater.

## High Rates for Student Dropouts

Cindy Wisecup  
*Banner Staff Writer*

According to government statistics, only 63 percent of all students entering four-year colleges have their degrees within six years.

Why do students drop out of DMACC?

"Students who do poor academically, who come without being prepared, or who spend more of their time partying instead of studying are usually ones who drop out," said DMACC Director of Student Affairs, Kim Kirschman.

Rates for black and Hispanic students getting their degrees within six years are less than 50 percent, and the gap between minority and white students is rapidly growing.

Students are actually better off not even going to college, rather than going for a while, racking up debts, and then dropping out, said a story in this week's U.S. News and World Report.

At DMACC the first week you can drop out and acquire zero penalties. After that first week though, it definitely can get quite

costly. Kirschman said there are several obvious reasons why students end up dropping out, one being money. "Money can be a big issue for students. They might lose a job, or even get a job, and so then they can't afford it anymore."

Kirschman said you also need to think about accidents and illnesses of students or their family members, losing a babysitter, or maybe even losing their home and becoming homeless. Usually under some of these circumstances, students won't return.

Many students who drop out may have lost hope, but there is free help available within DMACC.

"Students need to get as much advising and proper placement as one can get which is available within the school. Also, getting tutoring from the academic achievement center can help those students who are doing poorly," Kirschman said.

"Students who get more involved with their schools are more likely to stay in school. That's always been a factor for any student, whether you're in high school or college," Kirschman said.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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*Do you go to the doctor every year for a physical or check up?*



**I don't really think about it because I don't ever need to go to the doctor. Plus no one has ever called me and said it was time for my physical.**

**-Justin Dye**



**I basically go to the hospital every year for injuries, but I haven't had a physical since high school. I haven't really thought about it.**

**-Michael Frost**

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## Healthcare for College Students

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Banner Staff Writer

Smoking, drinking, sex, unhealthy diets. These are things that most college students experience from time to time. Although they are sometimes a regular occurrence in a student's life, it may also be dangerous.

With all of the medical technology around today, dangerous diseases can be cured without any major after effects if caught early enough. However, many college students do not get tested regularly to find out if anything could be starting.

Marty Lamoureux, RN director of patient services for McFarland Clinic in Ames, stresses that "individuals need to have a routine maintenance in their healthcare. For younger students, this is

extremely important."

Students should find out whether or not they are still covered under their parents insurance. If a student is not covered under their parents insurance, DMACC has alternatives for students and faculty in case a health concern arises.

Most insurance plans do cover regular physicals. However if any student has trouble getting an appointment or establishing their healthcare, and they don't know where to go, Lamoureux says she will help if there are any questions.

It is also a good idea for students to know what they are getting into if they are letting themselves get into certain unhealthy acts.

With drinking, smoking, sex, or unhealthy diets students

may subject themselves to chronic coughing, STDs, depression, unhealthy weight gain, or even cancer.

A 2002 study in the Los Angeles Times stated that "many serious psychiatric disorders, including major depression, bipolar disorder or psychosis, first emerge in the late teens or early 20s. And students' erratic sleep patterns, along with heavy alcohol or drug use, may instigate depressive episodes."

Some students have thoughts that these things will not happen to them, especially cancer, since they are so young. However, no one is immune to everything.

When moving out of the house for the first time, or starting out college, everyone has responsibilities to figure out. Establishing healthcare is no exception.

## Recycling Program Seeks Out Volunteers

Chan Soo Park  
Banner Staff Writer

Plans to improve recycling on the Boone Campus are under way and in need of helpers.

Tom Lee, provost, and Brian Green, associate provost, found out what had been happening and made plans concerning recycling of papers.

Recycling is happening on the Boone Campus, Lee said. However, Lee said that "It's on a very limited basis."

This is because of the manpower required and would be too much of a burden for custodial staffs. Green estimates there are approximately 50 different locations that need to be regularly checked like classrooms and offices.

What makes it harder is the lack of suitable pick-up services. Current Boone Campus's trash pick-up service does not collect recyclable materials.


Good Connections Inc., run by handicapped persons, provides recycling services. However, it is limited in that they do not have the capability to handle large volumes at once like regular trash pick-up services. It's necessary for papers for recycling to be bagged so that Good Connections can pick the bags up with ease.

That is where volunteers come in. "[We need] volunteers that are organized into a group or an existing organized

group," Lee said.

"[Recycling would be] affecting a lot of areas," Green said. This is an opportunity to do the community a good service.

Potential volunteers can contact Lee or Green. They have an open door policy and said that they would love to get started as soon as possible.




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## Using Student Credit Cards

Ji Eun Lee  
Reporting Student

**College students still struggle with the use of credit cards to pay for their everyday expenses. Not only do they use too many credit cards without accurate knowledge, but they also rack up to much debt.**

According to Factors Influencing Levels of Credit-Card Debt in College Students created by State University of New York College at Buffalo, approximately 75 percent of students hold at least one credit card, with 39 percent holding two or more credit cards, and 93 percent of college seniors acquire at least one card.

"Credit card is safety feature and convenience. But the problem is that many students, especially young female students, who just left their home and finished high school do not feel the freedom of living," Tony LaRosa, a branch manager in Consumer Credit Counseling Service, said.

Tony said that then, students sometimes don't produce money for expenses and students naturally use credit cards.

Most college students have accumulated a large amount of debt with their credit cards after having purchase personal items, such as clothing, cosmetics, and school supplies, according to the survey by OppenheimerFunds, Inc., one of the nation's largest investment management companies.

"I was in trouble with the use of my credit card three years ago," Samantha Denbow, a second year in DMACC, said. "I maxed out my credit card to pay for my rent and clothes because I did not have enough money to cover it."

College students notice that

too much use of a credit card is dangerous; however, credit card is tempting to students who do not have enough money in their hands.

Denbow said, "I knew that the overuse of credit card was dangerous, but at that time, I couldn't cover the cost even though I worked as hostess in a restaurant for six hours every five days."

Debt and overuse of credit cards are problems with college students, but the college student represents a huge market for credit card companies.

The report conducted by State University of New York College at Buffalo shows that about 25 percent students said they received credit cards from companies recruiting in the college, and students often receive incentives to apply for credit cards—requirements are often waived—and are able to have a credit card easily.

JunMyoung Yu, a second year in DMACC, said, "I have three credit cards. I opened the first credit card account with the bank two years ago, and the other two credit cards were received soon after I applied."

Yu said that when he transferred to college, he needed to open a bank account. "The bank

employee recommended making a credit card for college students even though I am an international student who did not have a good credit in the U.S.A. So I accepted the offer."

The survey created by OppenheimerFunds, Inc. also showed that 67 percent of female students have credit card debt compared to male students who have 59 percent male.



Approximately 11 percent of female students reported they have credit card debt of \$3,001-\$5,000 compared to 7 percent of male students. About 11 percent of women have debt of \$5,001-\$10,000.

"College students don't realize what the true cost of credit card is. For example, a student has one credit card and \$5,000 limit on it. Then, if the student uses the credit card up and pays minimum payment with 21 percent of interest fee, it will cost \$32,000 to repay the payment with everything, such as financial payment etc," Larosa said.

The other problem with the

use of credit cards is the lack of knowledge about credit cards. Students use credit cards primarily for convenience, but when they receive a credit card offer, students did not consider the attributes about annual fee, credit limit, cash rebate, and Annual Percentage Rate (APR).

LaRosa explained that APR is the actual yearly interest rate paid by the borrower, figuring in the points charged to initiate the loan and other costs.

"I was not seriously consider my credit card's APR, and honestly, I figured out the APR of my credit card was little bit higher than the credit card that the other companies offered," Brittney Jacobs, a second year in DMACC, said.

Jacobs said, "I just looked for whether the credit card limit was high or not."

Comparing the attributes, such as APR, credit limit, and case rebate, etc is important before students apply for credit cards. Also, the credit card with the lowest APR will be little benefit to students.

So students need to know what the proper use of credit card is, and they make a plan for the way of consumption and learn about credit card management.

Before students purchase an item, a process mapping the five advantages and five disadvantages is helpful to students.

For instance, a student would like to buy DVD. The advantages might be it is beneficial for the student who is theater major, it is good for relaxing, or DVD gives a lot of impression to girlfriend. The disadvantages might be the cost is too expensive, s/he can borrow the DVD from friend, or s/he already used credit card buying many items.

As they might concern with possibility, students distinguish the positive and negative facts as the detailed plan of purchase. After that if they figure out the plus facts are bigger, student would like to purchase the DVD. If the minus facts are bigger, s/he needs to consider the minus facts and borrow the DVD instead of buying.

The other tip is a financial aid. DMACC has several programs every year including the U.S. Department of Education of financial aid. Financial aid helps students who need money paying for tuition fee, textbook, room and board, and even transportation.

Richard Derek, a second year in DMACC, said, "Now I am a student and need money to cover my tuition, textbook, and housing. So I applied for the financial aid and fortunately, I got the opportunity."

Richard said that one of the benefits from financial aid is that he can spend his time for studying instead of earning money for living expenses.

LaRosa said, "When students use a credit card and get back to home, they should check their credit card account to realize how much they paid for the item and how much they have in the credit card account. Also, they should try to pay more than the minimum payment."

Because if students pay only the minimum payment, that means the students will have to pay more money later on.

LaRosa said, "Basically the bottom advice is that if students don't have money, don't use it. But some students have debt, the best solution is not only to pay the minimum payment because the minimum payment never meant to be a life style."

## Canadian plays ball for DMACC

Mason Duckett  
Contributing Writer

Dave Guthrie is not your average college baseball player.

He came to the United States for one reason: baseball.

Guthrie became familiar with Des Moines Area Community College, a small school in central Iowa, when his baseball coach from Montreal introduced him to DMACC's baseball Coach John Smith.

Guthrie was comfortable with the idea of attending a small school because his school in Canada did not have many people either. Although he had two years of schooling in Canada, he is considered a freshman by DMACC and the National Junior College Athletic Association. He is only taking classes so he can stay eligible for baseball.

Guthrie moved to Iowa from Montreal, Quebec, Canada. According to "Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook,"



Dave Guthrie

Canada is 9.9 million square kilometers, the second largest country in area in the world.

Canada has ten provinces; one of which is Quebec. Quebec is the second most populated province. Montreal has a population of 3.4 million and is more than 20 hours away from Boone. When

Guthrie goes back to Canada for holidays or other events, it takes him at least two days to make it home.

Guthrie's parents are married and live with his older sister in Canada. He said that they live in what most would consider an ideal home: his father works, his mother stays home, and their two children attend public school.

Dave's dad speaks primarily English and works as a vice-president for a railroad company. His mom is French and is a stay-at-home mom.

Guthrie's first language is French. Most people in Montreal "pretty much only speak French, unless they are talking to an American." Because of this, many people of Quebec do not consider themselves typical Canadians.

Forty-seven percent of Quebec voters identified a desire to become a sovereign state. They even once tried to separate from Canada, but the vote didn't pass, said the "Countries of the World" reference.

Guthrie learned to speak English while playing baseball. Since he traveled around Canada to play, he was often out of his province. Most of the people he encountered used English to communicate on and off the field. He is still learning more of the language but is able to speak English fairly well.

"The only difference between the United States and Canada is that the people are a little friendlier than back home," said Guthrie.

He said that Boone is very similar to his hometown. Thankfully, he didn't have to make many adjustments to his new living quarters because he arrived in Boone on August 28, just one day before classes began.

Now as the semester ends, Dave likes Boone quite well. He mostly hangs out with his baseball buddies or plays video games. He also enjoys sports, downloading music, and watching movies at home.

### Benefit Supper Planned

Friends and family of Shian Smith-Downs, sister of DMACC student Cord Smith, have a benefit supper planned.

The supper, raffle, and bake sale will be on Dec 9, 5 p. m. - 7:30 p. m. at the Boone County Historical Society.

There has also been a memorial account set up at Community Bank of Boone for the family.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance call Bobbie (433-0438) or Tricia (4328097)

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# Men, Women Win Double Header JUCO Bayer Back on the Court Shootout

## Bayer Back on the Court

Andrew Penner  
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday Nov. 30 the women's basketball left the den with a win over Riverland College from Austin, Minnesota at 59-42. It was also the first change to see Ashley Bayer in action at home since volleyball.

Soon after the tip-off the ball was stolen from Riverland and put into the hands of a capable three point shooter, Emily Duffy who drained one. The Bears capitalized on the many turnovers by Riverland and went on a 13-1 run, before Riverland made their first basket after ten minutes into the game.

At half time the score was only 25 for the Bears and 14 for

Riverland. The Bears only shot 6 of 14 from the line.

Just minutes into the second half the Bears put Riverland in a rush to get a shot off before...too late the shot clock has expired. The Bears continued to dominate the court by two three pointers from Kayla Richter a shot blocked by Alisa Brinkman and another expired shot clock for Riverland.

Riverland wasn't going to have the Bears' defense to run down their shot clock a third time. Although it nearly happened but not before Riverland put up a last second shot and made it.

The Bears came out victorious.



Banner Photo

Jocelyn Anderson shoots two from the line against Riverland College last Wednesday night.

## Bears Top Riverland

Andrew Penner  
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday Nov. 30 the men's basketball team hosted Riverland College from Austin, Minnesota. The Bears finished the game winning with a score of 67-55.

The Bears got off to a rough start allowing Riverland to take a seven point lead at 15-22 with less than ten minutes remaining in the first half. At that point Riverland stalled and let the Bears catch up and take the lead.

At half time the Bears were up 31-28. The Bears started the

second half with a three pointer from George Pruitt and several buckets from Will Smith. Riverland got within three points, but soon grew to nine when Demetrious Eason and Pruitt made back to back three pointers.

Riverland fell behind and fizzled out when a member of their team received a technical foul. That was the closer and the final score was 67-55, with the Bears winning.

The Bears have two more games in December hosting Simpson J.V. tonight at 7 p.m. and the JUCO Shootout at Drake University's Knapp Center.

## Three Pointers Dominate

Andrew Penner  
Banner Staff Writer

The women's basketball team recently hosted an international game between DMACC and a talented group of Australians.

The members of the Australian team were from various basketball clubs from around the island. The visitors went on to win the game 48-70.

The team from the "land down under" was here for their fifth game of their nine game tour of colleges in Iowa and the Midwest region. The head coach for the Australians, Neil Gliddon said, "You just have to play tough every night."

The Bears got the ball on the tip-off and Emily Duffy hit a three pointer.

The Australians soon answered with a three pointer of their own, tying the game. Soon thereafter the Australians hit two more three pointers to tie it up again at nine. Then the Australians made their

fourth consecutive three pointers to put them in the lead at nine to twelve.

The Australians lead the Bears at half time with the score of 22-30, with 15 points coming from behind the arch.

During the second half both teams continued to aggressively attack the basket, but the Australian team continued to do that from the three point line. And the second half ended in defeat for the Bears.

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## Athlete of the Week

DMACC-- The ICCAC Division II Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week (Nov. 24-30) is George Pruitt a guard from DMACC. During the Milwaukee, Wis. Tournament Pruitt led the Bears to a first place finish.

The Bears defeated Wilbur Wright 82-63, Rock Valley 76-41, and Parkland 80-70. In the tournament he averaged 21 points, 3.3 rebounds, three assists, and 1.3 steals

Originally from St. Louis, MO, where he received 1st Team All-Conference as a senior and 2nd Team All-Conference as a sophomore.

Pruitt has recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his basketball career at the University of Tennessee-Martin a DI school in the Ohio Valley conference.



DMACC-- The 2005 Impact Sports JUCO Shootout will be held at Drake University's Knapp Center in Des Moines on Sun., Dec. 11th.

The DMACC men's basketball team will play at 4:00 p.m. against Southeastern Community College. A 2:00 p.m. game is also slated between Kirkwood Community College and Iowa Western Community College.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a ticket should send a check to the Boone Campus business office no later than Dec. 6. Please make your check out to Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC).

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The student tickets are for anyone who is a student. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event.

## From The Outback

Andrew Penner  
Banner Staff Writer

The men's basketball team recently hosted an international team from Australia.

The Australians put up a fight but were out matched by the aggressive playing of the Bears.

The Bears won with a final score of 83-52.

During the first half the Australians tried to keep up with the fast pace set by the Bears, but struggled to do so, and allowed the Bears to take a 20-7 run to lead 44-27 at half time.

After half time the Bears increased their pace and out scored the Australians by about 3 to 1 in the first ten minutes.

Continuing to run up the score on the Australians, George Pruitt took the ball coast to coast in the final minutes of the game.

Although the Australians lost

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## Internet plagiarism rampant in colleges

By Michael Shaw  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
(KRT)

Don McCabe has surveyed 45,000 of America's college students over the past three years, asking them to come clean about whether they cheat on their tests and term papers.

Many cheaters in the classroom are surprisingly honest in the surveys, said McCabe, the founder of the Center for Academic Integrity and a foremost authority on academic fraud. About 37 percent have admitted to what's called "cut-and-paste" plagiarism, the practice of creating term papers by copying information available over the Internet.

"It's becoming a pervasive problem," said McCabe, a professor of management and global business at Rutgers Business School in New Jersey. "It happens a lot in last-minute situations. The paper isn't done, and it's the night before it's due. If they don't get caught, it's tempting to do it again."

University authorities consider this practice to be a violation of conduct codes, and the penalty can range from a failing grade on an assignment to expulsion.

David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., said it's important for faculty to root out cheating.

"I don't want my surgeon, my structural engineer, my airline pilot thinking it's OK to cut corners," he said.

It's not just deans who are concerned about academic fraud. In a case filed not too far from St. Louis, a student is battling a Carbondale, Ill., company that she says offered her essay for sale online without permission. Such businesses are known as "paper mills." As with cut-and-paste plagiarism, it's out of bounds for students to use them.

The suit, filed in August in U.S. District Court in Benton, Ill., accuses business owner Rusty Carroll, his company, R2C2 Inc., and the Internet company that hosts his Web site of violating copyright laws.

The plaintiff is a graduate student named Blue Macellari, who is enrolled in a joint program offered by Duke and Johns Hopkins universities. According to the suit, a friend entered her name into the Google search engine, and the results turned up a paper Macellari had written and posted online while finishing undergraduate studies in South Africa. The paper had been available after the payment of a registration fee at several Web sites.

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Emily Cooper  
Editor-in-Chief

Yet another semester is finally over. For those of you who have had a pretty light semester, I suggest a little stress to liven up this spring.

I recommend getting yourself involved with something that takes an extreme amount of time, say a student newspaper, and blow off all of your other classes.

Then when finals week rolls around you have five English papers, 30 anthropology summaries and a whole lot of studying to do all at the same time. As you run yourself to the point of insanity and wonder if you'll actually pass anything this semester you'll finally feel the exhilarating rush of stress.

A new individual will be taking on this task. You most likely know her as the individual who writes 80% of *The Banner*, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Drahos.

Pasta factory guard by night (really!) and adventur seeking pho-



tographer by day, she has the perfect blend of enthusiasm and journalistic drive to bring you a great paper this next semester.

She'll need your help as well. After all, this is your school paper. I can only hope that the Boone DMACC students will voice their opinions.

Besides a few whispers in the hall and an incident involving two unknown students ripping up a stack of papers in front of the office, *The Banner* was practically void of any controversy or varying student opinion. (we actually DO have a student voice and letter to the editor section!)

So good luck to you all in the spring, and look forward to more great news with a great new editor.

## 'Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!'

Chan Soo Park  
Banner Staff Writer

A Nobel Prize-winning physicist with his own stamp and a famous lecturer, Richard Feynman is an interesting character. His innovative lecture for freshman physics at Caltech attracted more professors and graduate students,

"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" is written by Ralph Leighton but in a way Feynman is talking to his friend about his story. It's his life in his own words.

It's not at all formal and unveils what an interesting man Feynman is. Many stories are related to science revealing his attitude as a physicist. His words hint that he does not think so highly of philosophy or even biology. His

first seminar as a graduate physicist was in front of what he calls "monster minds" including Einstein.

But readers will also find many pranks Feynman pulls and ideas he comes up with that are amusing and though-provoking at the same time.

For example, he talks about a childhood story when he would perform a magic show with his friend. As a grand finale, he would set his hand on fire and run around audiences, surprising them.

Later as a college student, he performs it again in front of his skeptical friends, only to burn his hand.

Why was he able to do it as a child but not in front of his college friends? Well, it's all in the book!

## The True Spirit of Christmas

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Banner Staff Writer

I like Christmas. It is one of my favorite holidays. However, some people are really starting to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

This is the time when we should be spreading good tidings and cheer instead of throwing our money around on frivolous things.

Some people know what to do. Some buy toys for children at fund raisers. Some donate food for the hungry. Others buy lawn decorations for hundreds of dollars. One item that is supposed to be a good investment is a 6-foot work-

ing snow globe that sits in your front yard. The price tag: \$230. For the same amount, a person could feed 5 families in need of a hot meal and a miracle on Christmas.

Another item being marketed is an upside-down Christmas tree. The evil geniuses behind the marketing of this tree say that it is a wonderful invention for a few different reasons. They start out by saying it takes up less space, which is great.

The next sentence, though, is the true stand out sentence. It allows more presents to fit under the tree. Basically, if I buy this tree for my small apartment, I will buy

more presents because it looks like I didn't buy anything at all. Wonderful. Merry Christmas. I am now broke and hating everyone I bought gifts for.

If you really want to know where the spirit and magic of Christmas lies, put down the check book for the singing and dancing Santas. Think twice before buying the giant snow globe.

All you need to do is buy a poor child one gift. Just one. When you hand it to them, watch the happiness and surprise spread all over their faces. That will give you the nice warm fuzzy feeling of the spirit of Christmas.

## Realistic Reviews: A Christmas Story

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Banner Staff Writer

'You'll shoot your eye out! You'll shoot your eye out!'

Anyone who knows their classic Christmas movies will recognize this as a line from 'A Christmas Story.' This movie will entertain children and adults while getting everyone in the mood for the Christmas season.

The movie has no special effects. Nor does it have any overly dramatic and emotional scenes. With exception for one: when Ralphie finally gets his Red Ryder carbon action BB gun.

It will bring viewers back to the time when they were a kid, and got the one gift they truly wanted.

This plot of this movie is what makes it so likeable and realistic. A boy named Ralphie wants a certain present. All he thinks about is this present day in and day out.

He even daydreams about what will happen when he does get this present.

However, there are many doses of reality that bring him back. The time he slips and curses in front of his father is a moment everyone can relate to. At one time or another, every person on the planet has said or done something unintentionally in front of a parent.

Another scene worthy of remembrance is the scene where his father wins a prize. The word 'fragile' is imprinted on the box meaning it is breakable. Ralphie's father, on the other hand, believes the item inside must be Italian.

What the prize actually turns out to be sparks a war between husband and wife for the next half hour to come.

Whether watching this movie with loved ones, or solely by yourself, it will surely make you laugh out loud and bring you back to your



younger days.

This movie can be found in any movie retail store, or watch it for 24 hours straight on TBS, starting December 24 at 7 p.m.

Rated: PG

Running Time: 94 minutes  
Star Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars

## Class Offers Insight into Athletic Training

Kristin Van Zee and Marcia Ortner  
Contributing Writers

You see them on the sidelines of every game of any sport you watch, no matter what level it is, high school, college, or professional. They're the first ones on the scene when an injury occurs, they are athletic trainers. Ever wonder what an athletic trainer does? Have you ever thought about becoming an athletic trainer?

DMACC is offering a class that allows students to see first hand what happens out on the field as well as behind the scenes in the life of an athletic trainer.

With this new course students can learn exactly what it is that athletic trainers do through various course work and lots of

hands on activities?

Students learn how to recognize, evaluate, assess, and prevent athletic related injuries. They learn immediate care techniques that are vital to minimize the seriousness of an injury. When an injury has occurred, students learn how to properly treat, rehabilitate, and condition limbs to their pre-injury form. Much of this is done through hands on injury evaluation, and field trips that show different forms of rehabilitative options.

Students also learn what goes on before, and after the game; whether its taping an injury, helping an athlete stretch or massaging out a cramp. They are taught organization and administration paperwork that goes along with the job. They learn about professional

development and the certifications that are required.

This class is an important class if you are planning on going on into the coaching profession. This class teaches you aspects that you will need to know when coaching, whether its taping, assessing an injury or just knowing if an athlete should be able to play after an injury or not. This class is a must have for all of those thinking about coaching.

This is a fun and exciting class that is taught by DMACC's own athletic trainer, Rebecca Anderson. She does a great job of letting you see first hand what the athletic trainer's life is all about, and then you can decide for yourself if it is the thing for you.



# TAKE A BREAK

Wednesday, December 7, 2005  
Des Moines Area Community College

## HOROSCOPES

Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday (12-07-05)**  
Your compulsion this year is to rearrange things at home. You might even decide to move to a whole new place, to get comfortable.

**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 7. Finish up what you promised. You gain a lot more than the satisfaction you get by marking the job done. You'll win valuable kudos.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 7. Your friends are eager to help, and have lots of imaginative suggestions. Rely on help from them, rather than digging into your savings.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is a 6. Listen respectfully to a person with unusual ideas. If this works, you stand to benefit, so

check it out.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is an 8. Postpone travel and new adventures until you've finished the job you've already agreed to do. It'll be more fun later, too.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 7. It's good to know how much money you have, and how to get more if you need it. Take on a second job instead of going into debt.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 7. There's a flurry of activity over the next few days. The overall outcome is good; however, so don't get stressed out about it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7. Creative work pays well now, so crank out as much as you can. The stuff you make for your own house counts as money saved.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 7. Encourage creative ideas and a loved one comes up with a doozie. Go along with

the program and you'll have a wonderful time.

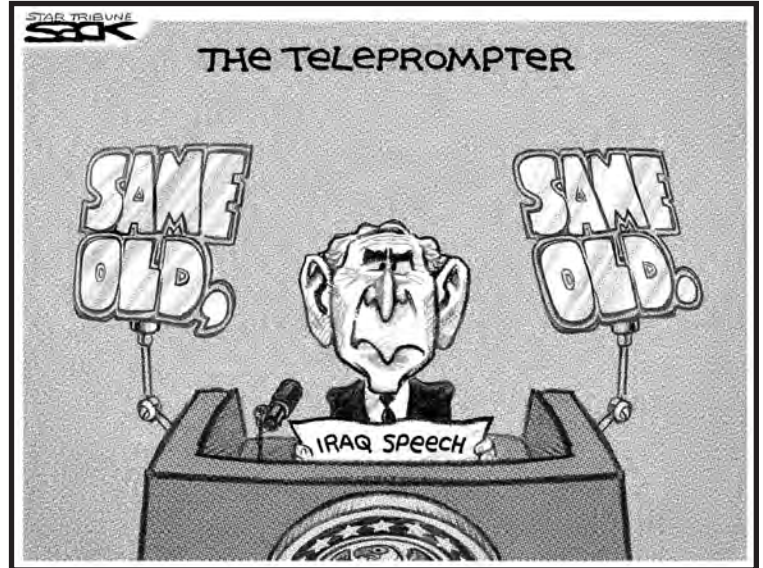
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 7. Fix up your place with the help of items you've long kept hidden. Bring them out slowly, to retain their value.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 7. Study the situation carefully, over the next few days. Then, follow a hunch to come up with the right answer.

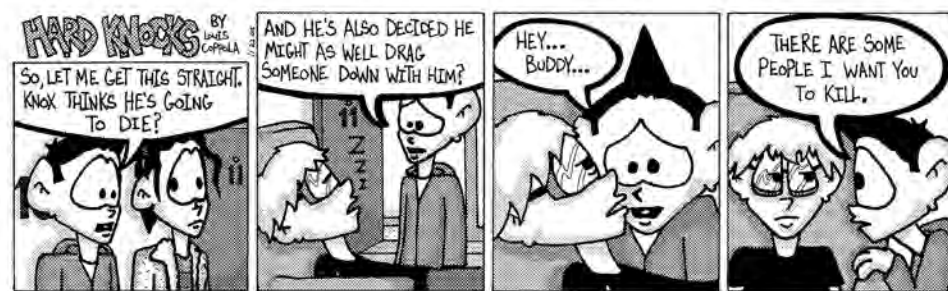
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7. An older, wealthier person is feeling much more generous now. Go ahead and ask for whatever you want. You'll get some of it.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is an 8. All of a sudden the sun comes out from behind the clouds. The world's a wonderful place again. Share this moment with your best friend.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Cookie holder
  - 4 Wrecker's tool
  - 11 Health club
  - 14 Lemon drink
  - 15 Female lead
  - 16 Tentacle
  - 17 Hep dude
  - 18 Abnormal location of an organ
  - 19 Fizzle out
  - 20 Asian asses
  - 22 Slurring
  - 24 Capital of Colombia
  - 25 Spiritual instructors
  - 26 Like some cereals
  - 28 Rolodex info
  - 29 "Bravo"
  - 32 Prime
  - 34 Folk stories
  - 38 Pulp writers
  - 40 Set up a setup
  - 41 Phooey!
  - 42 Not fooled by
  - 43 Upper house
  - 45 Haggard novel
  - 46 Took off
  - 48 Fireplace framework
  - 50 Unfounded
  - 54 Bribe successfully
  - 58 Left on the plate
  - 59 One who asserts without proof
  - 60 Rural stopover
  - 61 Asian expanse
  - 63 Lilly or Whitney
  - 64 Put a \_\_\_ on it!
  - 65 New Jersey river
  - 66 Pipe elbow
  - 67 \_\_\_ Plains, IL
  - 68 Do the town
  - 69 Mineo or Maglie

- DOWN
- 1 Man with a ladder
  - 2 Hersey's bell town
  - 3 Mark sale items
  - 4 African predators
  - 5 Repack for reshipping
  - 6 Repast remnants
  - 7 Court
  - 8 Animal with two feet
  - 9 Senile state
  - 10 Brazilian port
  - 11 \_\_\_ Hawks Dance
  - 12 Monastery officer
  - 13 Ending words
  - 21 Sentimental drivell
  - 23 Window bases
  - 25 Finales
  - 27 Bronte heroine
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  - 39 Divided nation

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- 41 Peevish
- 43 Look down on
- 44 Dramatic scene
- 47 Clerical tables
- 49 Optic orb
- 50 Physique
- 51 Actress Potts
- 52 Dispatches
- 53 Trapper's device
- 55 Molding curves
- 56 Bub
- 57 Ruffled border
- 59 Regarding
- 62 Tumbler rim

# ODDS & ENDS

Wednesday, december 7, 2005  
Des Moines Area Community College

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE **TUESDAY 12/13 - FRIDAY 12/16**

### Tuesday, December 13

#### Tuesday/Thursday courses

Class Time	Exam Time
8:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ....	8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. ....	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. ....	1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. -- 5:25 p.m. ....	3:30 p.m. -- 5:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 14

#### Mon/Wed/Friday or more courses

Class Time	Exam Time
8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. ....	8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. ....	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. ....	1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. ....	3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

### Evenings Exams

Evening courses will have their finals at the day and time of the final regular class meeting.

Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 6
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 14
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 15
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 14
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 13

### Outback

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the game, they still managed to out shoot the Bears from the line making 13 of 16.

The Bears made 9 of 16, but one didn't count due to a teammate stepping in too soon.

### Plagiarism

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Macellari's lawyers are representing her for free, McCabe said. They called him before filing, telling him to expect calls from reporters.

"Someone screwed up," he said, evaluating what happened with Macellari's paper. "Whether there was a mistake, legally, that can be argued forever, but clearly, there was a mistake."

Lawyers representing the defendants did not return calls seeking comment, but they have filed answers to Macellari's complaint. They suggest that their clients aren't liable for breaking copyright codes because a student is not a competing business interest.

Advertisements for paper mills used to be relegated to postage-stamp-sized appeals in the backs of magazines, but the services they offer are now easily accessed over the Internet.

Universities now have tools to uncover Internet cheating.

Hoffman said faculty at Truman State use a service called turnitin.com, which matches a student's paper with text found on the Internet, whether cut and pasted into the student's own work or purchased wholesale. The service costs the university between \$3,000 and \$4,000, he said.

The service has uncovered several instances of cut-and-paste plagiarism at Truman State. But Hoffman said when a case of cheating comes to light, educators generally want to work with students to correct the behavior rather than punish them outright.

"We have small class sizes and focus on student development. We don't have the Wal-Mart heiress going here," he said, referring to Paige Laurie, who returned her degree from the University of Southern California after cheating allegations surfaced earlier this year.

McCabe favors tailoring assignments to make it harder for students to copy parts of generic essays and hand them in as original work. He regards that as better than relying on services such as turnitin.com.

He credited the anti-cheating services with starting a new trend: old-fashioned plagiarism from books found in a library.

"We're starting to see the first rumblings of that now in our survey," he said.

### Thursday, December 15

#### Tuesday/Thursday

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. ....	6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. ....	9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. ....	11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### Friday, December 16

#### Mon/Wed/Friday courses or more courses

Class Time	Exam Time
6:55 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. ....	7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ....	9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. ....	12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. ....	2:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ....	3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

### Monday, December 19 - Make-Up Day

If the College would close due to inclement weather on any of the four days listed above, final exams for that day will be re-scheduled for Monday, December 19, at the times they would have been scheduled.

*Just so you know...*

**DMACC webmail accounts remains active after graduation. Accounts that are reported as inactive for one year will be deleted.**

**GRADES DUE**  
**December 19**  
**...good luck!**

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