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## Paper Recycling Left Behind in Transition

**Chan Soo Park**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

On the Boone Campus, recycling is not only limited but also misleading participants.

It was found when one of the custodians took papers stacked for recycling in the newspaper room along with other trash that papers are no longer recycled.

This came as a surprise to faculty and staff members as well. Both Sandi Johnson, office assistant, and Rita Davenport, educational advisor, were sure that paper was being recycled, pointing at the separate bin below their desks.

Eric Echterling, buildings and grounds supervisor, however, confirmed that there is no recycling policy for the Boone Campus.

"We don't recycle," he said. As for separate bins, "They are just dumped."

Echterling noted that soda cans in blue separate bins are recycled, though. Phi Beta Lambda handles them.

Echterling also mentioned Nancy Woods, physics and math

instructor, as the most vigilant recycler. She was aware that recycling is not popular on the campus.

In her classroom were stacks of paper with one clean side. Woods urges her students to use them for assignments.



"It works for my home. Why can't DMACC do it?" Woods questioned referring to her home trash pick-up service that collects recyclable materials at no additional charge biweekly.

Woods also recycles plastic, glass, and metal which she takes back to her home so that her trash

pick-up service can take them. She encourages others to bring above materials to her classroom.

Woods would like to see more done, though. She points out that campus cafeteria throws away much of its plastic and glass. "It's crazy," she says. "I realize it's difficult, but it's a great place to make improvements."

Papers are too much for even Woods, though, because of volume and mass. It would take more than an individual to take care of all the papers that come out of the Boone Campus.

Brian Green, assistance provost, also was misled by separate bins. "I assumed we were," Green said. It is the first semester at Boone Campus for Eric Echterling, Brian Green. "[Recycling issue] may have slipped through the cracks," Green said.

Green said he'll discuss the issue with Tom Lee, Boone campus provost, also in his first semester. Administrators said that as soon as they find out more details, recycling of paper will resume immediately.

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## Free Holiday Concert

**Mary Elizabeth Drahos**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

Boone campus music students will perform next weekend at the annual holiday concerts.

The concerts will include students from guitar, piano, and voice lessons as well as the Concert Chior.

The first program will be Friday, Dec. 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Boone campus theatre.

Some of the songs being played by the guitar and piano students are "Silver Bells," "Winter Wonderland," "White Christ-

mas," and "Let it Snow!"

Eleven students also will ask the audience to participate in a sing along.

The DMACC students featured in this performance are Kalli Anderson, Kelly Ingstad, Judah Melton, Jennifer Whitten, and Adam Grieser.

The DMACC choir will also welcome everyone to start celebrating the holiday season at 7 p.m.

The songs will include classical works, familiar Christmas carols and even a parody named "The 12 Days After Christmas."

Beth Carlson, a student singing in the concert, said "We are

getting better than we were at the beginning of the semester. But I'm not nervous. It is just like another day for me."

It is basically an informal affair, Carlson said.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. But that's not the only reason to attend.

Adam Uhl, another student singing, tells people they should come because "we are better than 'American Idol.' I will be a rock star when I grow up. I will be signing autographs after the show at \$10 a pop."

Steve Hoifeldt directs the Concert Choir and Marilee Crawley-Mertins instructs piano and guitar.

## Graduates Party

A celebration for fall graduates will be held in the L. W. Courter Center on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

The reception is held on each campus to honor graduates, said Sandi Johnson, office assistant. Letters will be sent out inviting candidates and their family.

For all DMACC campuses, the commencement ceremony is held in May. According to John-

son, this is mainly due to cost involved.

Fall graduates and summer graduates are invited to participate in the May commencement ceremony, though. Diplomas are mailed out three to four weeks after final grades become available.

Participants in commencement must indicate their intent on the graduation application due Feb. 1.

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## Bears Take to Wild Wednesdays

**Cindy Wisecup**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

The coordinator of student activities, Steve Krafcisin, has designed something called "Wild Wednesday" to generate some interest in Intramurals and go along with the school mascot.

"The "Bear" is naturally a wild animal, so Jenny Spry-Knutson and I came up with the term "Wild Wednesday" to play on that a little," said Krafcisin.

"We will try to have an intramural event that is different from normal activities because this is a unique campus," said Krafcisin.

Events will not take too long, and students can do them to take a break from their classes. Any DMACC student, faculty and staff are welcome to participate.

Several different events have been offered for "Wild Wednesday" which are 9-ball pool, frisbee

golf, 2-person Nerf jumbo badminton, home run derby, beach ball volleyball, and safe lawn darts. You do not necessarily need to be any kind of athlete to participate, said Krafcisin.

Krafcisin hopes to continue "Wild Wednesday" every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Other students may send Krafcisin suggestions about events. He said he is open to suggestions. December 7, 2005 will be poker in the L.W. Courter Center.

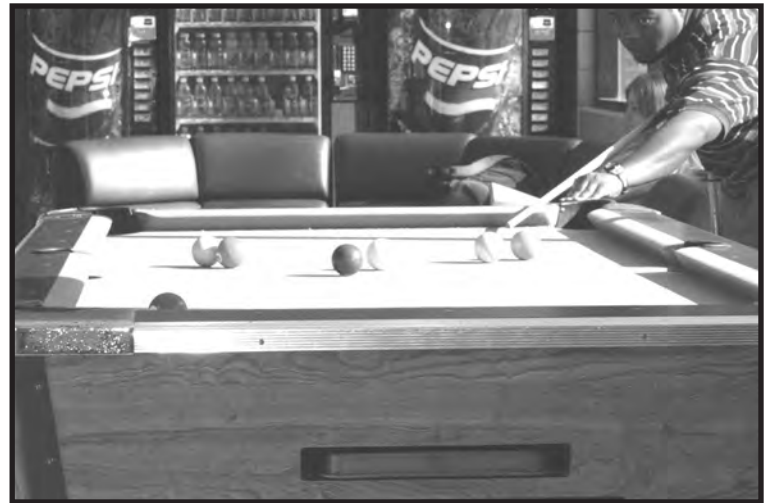
Over 50 people have participated in lawn darts, an average of 30 people for an event. Free intramural t-shirts will be given to students just for participating in four events this fall.

Costs for "Wild Wednesday" are only the costs of getting the supplies. The pool tables were donated, and lawn darts cost is \$20. The budget is through the Student Activities Council.

"Because this campus is very commuter oriented, I thought that if we could offer some activities during the day and something that they could do on the way to class or something under 15 minutes, it might be successful and offer alternative games that would be fun and appeal to non-athletes as well as athletes, said Krafcisin.

"Also, we tried to do the events where people might see them on their way to class. That is why we did so many events right outside the Courter Center," said Krafcisin.

If students have any questions concerning "Wild Wednesday" they can talk to Steve Krafcisin. His office is located in the Boone Campus gym.



**Vincent Hicks, assistant men's basketball coach, enjoys a game of pool during recent Wild Wednesday event in the L. W. Courter Center. Game tables were donated by KD Amusement in Ames. Any costs associated with Wild Wednesday events are picked up by the SAC**

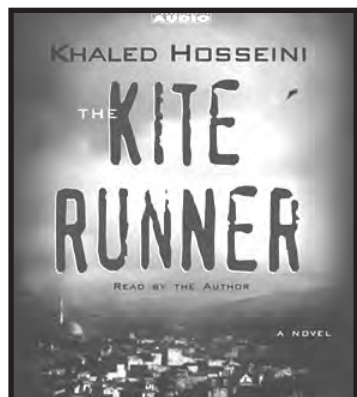
## Campus Book Chosen Hosseini's 'Kite Runner'

**Kelly Ingstad**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

The Boone Campus Library will be hosting its second book discussion session. The book chosen was "Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini.

"Kite Runner" is a contemporary book. It is about two boys growing up in Afghanistan and move to the U.S. The story is told by the two boys as adults and how they dealt with family relationships, friendships, culture, and what Afghanistan is like.

"People will really enjoy it," said Rebecca Funke, Boone Campus Librarian. "It's a fairly easy read, only 324 pages, and it can



easily be read in three weeks".

Boone Campus Library has one copy to loan out, but they will loan out other copies from other libraries if needed.

The book discussions are being held at two different times to accommodate everyone. The first is Thursday Dec. 8th at 7:00 a.m. and the second will be Friday Dec. 9th at 12:30 p.m. It will be located in Room 127. Other times may be set up if needed.

Anyone is welcome to come, even if they haven't finished reading it, or haven't read it at all.

"It's a fun time for students and faculty to share conversation," said Funke.

Snacks will be provided for everyone involved and readers are encouraged to bring their own food and drink for themselves or to share.

## Campus Gets New Games

**Moses Powell Eckstein**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

An Indy 500 Race Car arcade game, a 2005 Golden Tee arcade game as well as an air hockey table sat in the L.W. Courter Center as of last week.

KD Amusement in Ames donated the equipment, which included two other pool tables for a pool tournament. KD Amusement picked up one of the pool tables after the pool tournament, but the other games might stick around if students use them, said Steve Krafcisin, SAC adviser. The air hockey table and the 2005 Golden Tee cost three quarters to play, and the Indy 500 Race Car costs two quarters. "The money we make goes for more student entertainment and the maintenance of the equipment," said Krafcisin.

Freshman Scott Hagen recently played the Indy 500 Race Car arcade game. "It was boring," said Hagen. "We need to get a newer game."

Krafcisin said that the equipment gives the students something to do besides watching television. It also gives the "atmosphere of a 4-year school," he added.

Krafcisin admitted that besides the pool table, which was "in constant use," students have rarely played the other games.

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## Balancing School with Parenting

Linda Carr  
Reporting Student

Chantel Ness, 28, is a first-year student at the Boone DMACC campus, working toward a degree in Business Administration. She is also the mother of Alexys, 6, Haylee, 4, and Kyleen, 4 1/2 months.

A typical day for Ness starts at 5 a.m., when she wakes up with her youngest daughter, Kyleen. After she feeds her and puts her back down to sleep, it's time for Ness to get dressed. Then, it's time to get her two older children ready to go. Ness drops off her youngest daughter at her mother's, her two oldest at school, and then heads to school herself.

Ness commutes to Boone from Story City to attend her classes and then heads back to Story City to her job as executive assistant at the Story City Chamber of Commerce. After work, she picks up her children and returns home to make supper.

After supper, she spends the evening with her children until it's time for them to go to bed. Her day, however, is still not complete. She still has to finish her homework before it's time for her to go to bed.

Ness is one of several students at DMACC who are facing the challenge of balancing school and parenting.

DMACC does not release information about the number of students who are parents, but Sherri Sciarrotta, instructor in child development, says that approximately 67% of the children that attend the childcare center on the Ankeny campus are the children of students.

Ness said the hardest part of balancing school and parenting is finding time for everything.

"I don't get to do as much with my children as I would like to. I was going to be my oldest daughter's troop leader this year, but I just wasn't able to."

Another challenge for Ness is study time. "It's hard to find the time to study," said Ness, "because I'm going from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day."

Ness also said a big challenge is finding time to spend with her husband.

"We have a large family, with lots of siblings, so they help us out twice a month so that we can go out."

Ness said that although it's challenging, she feels that having children has strengthened her marriage.

"I think having children has brought my husband and I closer together."

Although, it's a challenge to raise children and go to school, Ness is making it work.

"My whole family is very supportive," said Ness, "and my teachers have been very supportive of me, too."

Wayne Houser, 39, is also raising three children while attending the Boone DMACC campus. Houser is the father of Whitney, 16, Austin, 13, and Hayley, 8. He is married, and his wife works at Wells Fargo.

Houser says that the biggest challenge of raising a family and going to school is money, because he is a full-time student and does not have an outside job.

He says that he and his wife are able to spend time together when they need to, because it is not usually hard to find a baby-sitter.

A typical day for Houser starts with getting his youngest daughter ready for school. After he gets all three kids off to school, Houser attends his own classes. After class, he does his homework and then tries to get supper ready by the time his wife gets home from work.

Other than money, Houser says that he hasn't come across many other challenges with raising children and going to school.

"My wife and my kids have been supportive of me, and my teachers have been pretty supportive, too."

Ness and Houser have a lot of support to help them balance school and parenting, but for those students who do not, DMACC provides several services.

The Boone DMACC website lists several options for single parents including career assessment, financial aid and pre-employment counseling, referral to support agencies, personal and career development workshops and financial assistance towards childcare. Maggie Stone coordinates these services at the Boone campus.

Counseling is also offered at the Ankeny campus from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at the Urban campus from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on subjects ranging from classes to family life.

Another option for DMACC students with children is the daycare center on the Ankeny campus that serves DMACC faculty and staff. Sci-

arrotta says of the 61 children at the center, 44 are children of students and 17 are the children of faculty.

The center is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year and from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the summer and is available to children ages two to five.

They have an open door policy and observation win-

dows, and parents are encouraged to come in and see how their children are doing throughout the day. Sciarrotta says that parents do make use of the open door policy, but the amount they use it varies throughout the year.

Faculty's children that attend the center are usually there for a full day, but student's children usually have a

varied schedule in order to accommodate their parent's schedules.

Balancing school and parenting is a challenge, but several DMACC students are making it work.

"It can be a challenge," said Ness, "but it helps to have a lot of support, and you can make it work successfully."

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## Repeat Honor for Athlete of the Week

Andrew Penner  
Sports Editor



Jocelyn Anderson

One of the four Athletes of the Week (Nov. 10th-16th) selected by the Iowa Community College Athletic Conferences was Jocelyn Anderson from DMACC.

Anderson is the leading scorer in the ICCAC averaging 21.8

points per game and second in the conference in rebounds averaging 13.7 per contest.

In the opening week of the season she led the Bears to a 2-0 record defeating Faith Baptist 88-33 and Minneapolis CTC 73-56.

Against Faith Baptist she lit up the scoreboard putting up 27 points and 22 rebounds. Then against MPLS she had another 21 points and 14 rebounds to go along with her eight blocked shots.

Originally from Gowrie, Iowa, where she received 1st Team Twin Lakes Conference All-Academic and 2nd Team Twin Lakes All-Conference, Anderson hopes to get into business administration. Her future plans include continuing her education and basketball career at a 4-year university someday after finishing up at DMACC.

"It was an honor," said Anderson as she was picked again as one of the four Athletes of the Week (Nov. 17th-23rd) by the ICCAC.

## 76-54, Women Slip Past Central JV

Andrew Penner  
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team capped off another win at home by beating the Central JV team, 76-54. The Bears improved their record to 5-1 and 1-0 in the conference.

The Bears came out strong with Jocelyn Anderson hitting four shots and going 1-1 at the line, keeping the Bears in the lead at 9-2.

Later Anderson had a block on an inbound Central pass which was picked up by Michelle Kumrow. With less than four minutes left in the first half Emily Duffy connected with the basket for a three pointer, making it 32-17.

The half time score was Bears 38, Dutch 22.

The start of the second half was a three pointer fiesta, as each team hit multiple shots from outside the arch. The Bears kept the Dutch in line and forced the shot clock to expire twice on the Dutch.



photo by Andrew Penner

Steve Krafcisin, head women's basketball coach, instructs his players at the Iowa Central JV game last week. Dana Goodwin, assistant coach, looks on as Elizabeth Weinheimer (11) and Kristen Van Zee (54) listen in.

## DMACC, a Step Ahead in Gender Equality

Chris Williams  
Reporting Student

There's no argument that on a national level, women's sports aren't as popular as men's, but DMACC is one step ahead of much of the country.

"Every DMACC game I've attended, the attendance has been pretty equal between the men and the women. I usually go for the men's games but I end up seeing the tail end of the women's usually. They usually have a pretty good ball club," said Matt Lunn, a former DMACC student.

Lunn also stated that he believes that true sports fans will support the men and the women no matter what. Lunn also said that the not so hardcore fans are the ones that show up just for the men.

DMACC women's basketball coach, Steve Krafcisin, has coached men's basketball his entire career and is taking on his first women's head coaching job this year. Krafcisin believes that the biggest difference between the genders is that the men believe that they will all play in the NBA, and the women are more focused on learning, and not going pro.

"I don't think [women's athletics] need to get over the hump. There is a niche for women's athletics. What does Anika Sorenstrom need to overtake Tiger

Woods? Nothing, just play and people will come. It will get better for women's sports when they entertain and perform to warrant more crowds," said Steve Krafcisin.

There is no difference between the NBA and the WNBA. The goal of both games are the exact same. Score more points than the other team. That's how to win games.

Yet, according to attendance statistics, the NBA is vastly more popular than the WNBA. The NBA average crowd for a game is double that of WNBA, 17,059 to 8,826.

That's what it's been like in America during the last century. Men's sports have always dominated when it comes to attendance at games. Until recently there hasn't seemed to be much of a change in that trend, but women's sports are starting to see a spike in both the national and local levels.

According to attendance statistics across the nation, different fans hold different opinions when it comes to watching women's athletics. The NBA is overwhelmingly more popular than the WNBA, but in college basketball, the women see much better attendance on average. In fact, the University of Tennessee's women's basketball team sells more tickets than the men. That isn't the case everywhere though.

At the Iowa State University, the men's attendance usually doubles what the women's is, yet the Iowa State women's team sees some of the best attendance in the country for women's basketball. According to the Iowa State University Athletic Department, the men's games usually average around 15 thousand people compared to the women's six.

"I don't have a problem with women playing sports. I'm all for it. It's just not nearly as exciting to watch. They all have skills and could beat me, but I don't want to go watch it nearly as bad as I do the men," said Matt Lunn, a former DMACC student.

Lunn went on to discuss about how he didn't believe the women's game didn't have the action that he looked for when watching sports.

"I want to see dunks and swatted shots. It's very rare that you see that in a women's game. When you do, it's not nearly as excited as in a men's game," said Lunn.

Amanda Ouerson is an established sports journalist and has covered Iowa State women's basketball for three years now for the Iowa State Daily and Cycloneration.com. Ouerson is a firm believer that women's basketball is as exciting as ever, and offers a different, more pure type of game than what the men play.

"I would rather watch a team game. A team game is what the women play. They are team play-

ers. It seems like all of the men are out there for themselves and are just interested in their own stats. The women pass a lot more and are better all around shooters," said Ouerson.

DMACC plays 80% of these basketball games as double headers between the men and women. The women play first and it is followed up by a men's game in the same evening. Steve Krafcisin doesn't believe that there's that much of a difference when it comes to attendance on the Boone DMACC campus.

"What does Anika Sorenstrom need to overtake Tiger Woods? Nothing, just play and people will come."

"There is great support for both teams by the community and student population. This is my first year here so I don't know any numbers

but when I coached at NIACC and played here in Boone, there were always good crowds for both teams," said Krafcisin.

Krafcisin estimated that there is somewhere between 200 and 600 people that attend men's and women's basketball games at DMACC. DMACC Athletic Director and men's basketball coach, Orv Salmon, agreed.

"Our crowds seem to be pretty equal. People come to the women's games and then they go to the men's games," said Salmon.

There is no official attendance kept at DMACC men's and women's basketball games. Women's athletics are moving up when it comes to television ratings, specifically the sports of softball and tennis. In softball for

instance, the Women's College World Series ratings have gone way up since last season on ESPN. This past year they averaged a 0.9 cable rating, while they averaged a 0.6 the year before. This number is higher than the 0.7 cable rating that the NHL playoffs got the year before, according to an article in "The Buffalo News."

That might not seem like a big stat, but keep in mind that hockey is one of the four major sports in America. All of the sudden, women's softball is getting better ratings than one of the countries most popular sports. That's a major step for women's athletics according to the numbers. ESPN plans to double the amount of coverage for this years WCWS.

Women's tennis ratings are up 30 percent from last year, and completely demolish the men's tennis ratings. Women's sports are alive and well in America. They just need to be seen for people to appreciate them.

"The women's game will only get better because it's now accepted and encouraged for women to play more than ever. There is an 8th grader in Mason City that is really good. The young lady has already committed to ISU. That shows that it's on the rise," said Krafcisin.

When it comes down to it, the biggest factor of them all is winning. In the case of DMACC, its women's team has been nationally ranked for the last three years and they have sent numerous women to division one programs.

"By nature fans are going to support successful programs. I think we've seen the benefits of that here in both the men and women's programs," said Salmon.

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## A Stress-Free Life, One Road Trip At a Time

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Emily Cooper

*Banner Staff Writers*

This time of year can be really stressful on students. Grades are coming out, financial aid has run dry months ago, and family holidays are right around the corner.

The Banners staff members (Emily and Mary Elizabeth) decided to relieve their stress in a road trip to Kansas City. Our trip spanned a little under 35 hours, including a 8 hours for the car ride, and 8 hours of sleep.

Their trip originally was a journalism seminar, but they turned it into one of the most exciting weekends ever and proving the fact that you don't need a million dollars or a week off of work to get away.

### The Trip:

5 a.m.: We stumble blindly into our vehicle, halfway asleep, but still excited for our trip.

5:15-9:15 a.m.: We tell each other ghost stories throughout the whole trip, only stopping for the last hour to sleep.

9:15-3 p.m.: We start attending our seminars. We realized after going to four different seminars, that only one was valuable to our experience.

3-4 p.m.: We check into our fantastic hotel room complete

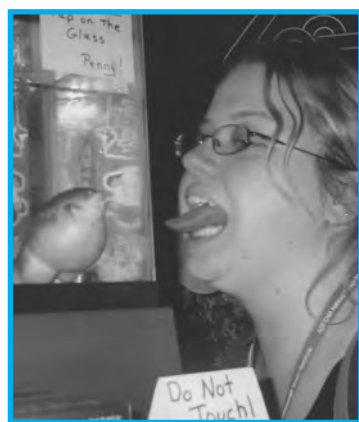
with two gigantic fluffy beds, relax for a little bit, and head down for a late lunch...or is it an early supper (Lupper)?

4-5 p.m.: We eat lupper at a cute little theme restaurant named 'A Streetcar Named Desire.' While waiting for our order, we take pictures in the front lobby.

While waiting for our food to arrive, we take pictures in a vintage black and white strip photobooth for only \$2.00. The photobooth smelled like urine, but the pictures we so cool that we thought it was worth it.

5-6:45 p.m.: We look through little shops around the hotel.

Emily sees a frog in a toy store which looked fake. While pretending to lick it, we realized it was very much real and slightly



licking frogs: absolutely free!  
pictured: Emily Cooper

terrifying.

Mary Elizabeth buys about \$20 worth of lottery tickets (but wins about \$30, so she comes out ahead).

6:45-7:30 p.m.: We get ready to go to a musical called 'Buddy' about Buddy Holly's rise to fame and death.

We find out about the musical while walking around the shops. The attendant told us we could get rush tickets for \$10 if we show up 15 minutes early. It's a great way to save money and still see a great show!

7:45 p.m.: We wait in line to get rush tickets for 'Buddy.' We end up getting front row seats. After deciding it was fate to get front row seats, we figure the best way to celebrate is to drink.

7:50 p.m.: We proceed to get 'happy' off of drinks named after famous rock stars such as Jim Morrison and Jerry Garcia. Since those drinks were a little expensive (about \$4.50)

8-10:30 p.m.: We watch 'Buddy' and proceed to fall in love with two of the actors. One we know as Ry (which is his real name), the other is known as 'the drummer.'

During one of the scenes, we hear some movement next to us. It turned out that our love interests have to perform a scene right next to us. Emily almost passes out be-



Mary Elizabeth and Emily after seeing a musical theatre production of Buddy Holly's life story. Most theatres reduce ticket prices for last minute seats, called "rush tickets."

cause all she could do is hold her breath and stare.

10:30-11 p.m.: We take pictures with the pictures of our love interests. Their pictures were the closest we could get to them.

11-12:30 a.m.: We walk around the sites by our hotel, including a huge fountain and monuments. We end up sitting on top of a monument watching a costume party across the street hosted by the Kansas City Chiefs.

12:45-2 a.m.: After sitting on the monument for a while, we decide the cops may not appreciate it, so we went back to 'A Street-

car Named Desire' to have a few drinks.

While drinking, we hear a round of applause. To our surprise, the cast of 'Buddy' walks in including (gasp) Ry. We turn into giddy little school girls for about 10 minutes, but tone it down so we don't look stupid.

Mary Elizabeth has a close encounter with the actor who played Buddy Holly during a bathroom break. She walks up stairs and runs right into him. He flashes his wonderful smile, then steps back

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## Movie Guy Review: Jarhead

Moses Powell Eckstein

*Banner Staff Writer*

Sam Mendes ("American Beauty") brings Marine Anthony Swofford's 2003 bestselling book to life in "Jarhead."

"Jarhead" follows the story of one Marine, Tony Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal from "The Day After Tomorrow"), from boot camp

to the war in Kuwait. In boot, Swofford or "Swoff" as his comrades call him learns right away that he made a mistake. When asked why he joined the USMC, he states "Sir, I got lost on the way to college, sir!"

Following the surprising Full Metal Jacket-like boot camp introduction, the film then takes an original turn. It answers those

questions that many have about life in the military overseas. However, some of the answers are a little disturbing. For instance, Swoff makes multiple references to masturbating because of the sheer boredom of the desert.

In the fashion of Mendes, some of the scenes are a little on the risqué side. For instance at a Christmas party in the desert, Swoff struts in wearing only two

Santa Hats. I won't comment on where he wore the second hat.

Sgt. Siek (Jaime Foxx), noted for his performance in Ray, is a semi-hardcore Marine who likes to motivate his soldiers. He admits to Swoff that he loves his job because of things he gets to see. Foxx does a fantastic job playing Sgt. Siek and deserves a nomination for best supporting actor.

On the other hand, one of the drawbacks of the film is that Swoff never really shoots anyone, apparently reminiscent of the four day Persian Gulf War. In fact toward the end, he is so desperate just to fire his rifle that he discharges it into the desert night sky with his comrades. Later he states that "every war is the same and every war is different."

Because of several realistic and risqué scenes, Jarhead is not a movie for sensitive individuals or children. However in the 123 minutes of runtime, it generates a chronicle of war and comradeship that destines it to become a modern classic. Any soldier can probably relate to Swoff and his buddies.

Jarhead is rated R for pervasive language, some violent images and strong sexual content. It is playing now at theaters everywhere.

7 out of 10 Hoorahs!

## Turtle Power

Mary Elizabeth Drahos

*Banner Staff Writer*

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is a phenomenon that happened in the 1980s. Lately, it has come up again. The new show, airing on Fox at 9:30 a.m., Saturdays, has left a lot of fans disappointed.

To get the true feeling of the show, watch the classics that are now coming out on DVD. Season I and II are now available, and Season III will be available on December 6th at almost any retail store selling DVDs.

These classic episodes showcase everything that we loved when we were kids. The plot was not always the greatest, but we always got

giddy and excited every time we heard the theme song play.

Whether you were a fan of Leonardo, the leader; Raphael, the rude one; Donatello, the smart one; or Michaelangelo, the party dude; these turtles will still reel you in with their lame jokes and funny one-liners.

DVDs of the show can be bought almost anywhere for about \$10-15. Everyone, tell your family you want this for Christmas, and sing the theme song with pride.

Rated: TV-Y7

Time: 30 minutes per episode  
Star Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars



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## Letter From the Editor Just Call Me Ms. Exclusive

**Emily Cooper**  
*Editor-in-Chief*



I am one of the few fortunate people to live in a older than dirt house off of Welch street in Ames. I have four lovely (and most of the time chaotic) roommates. We all live in the one house, share one kitchen and cram all of our stuff into one bathroom. I thought at first it would be a fun bonding experience. But four months and five cats later, I'm counting the days until August 1st. Then I can move into a tiny studio where I don't have to worry about splitting bills five ways, or moldy plates being found under the couch. I was sitting on said couch last week and got to thinking. There should be some sort of code. Well, to be honest, I thought there already was. A simple set of guidelines when you share a house or apartment with a person. I came up with a few points that you may find handy. Feel free to post this on your fridge next to all the bills in hopes that your roommates will notice.

**Rule #1:** Never let drunk guys who say they are "too drunk to call a cab/friend/walk home stay in our house. Letting them stay because you're 'nice' will result in me waking up in the middle of the night to some creep staring at me and saying "Hi" when I asked him what the heck he is doing.

**Rule #2:** If you insist on turning our living space into an animal shelter, take care of them. I don't want to change any more litter, clean up cat vomit, or wonder why your kitten hasn't been to the vet since you got her two months ago. Take responsibility and maybe play with the thing.

**Rule #3:** We have a dishwasher and it works. The occasional cup half full of last night's drink I can deal with, but when the dishes are so bad that I have to go buy vinegar and tape to get rid of the flies and ants? It might be time to reconsider your cleaning abilities.

**Rule #4:** Never, under any circumstance, take/use/borrow the following things from me without asking: my guitar, any DVD involving Vince Vaughn that could possibly get scratched, my ipod, my liquor, my TiVo, my semi-expensive white grape-peach juice and my laptop (because I rarely clear the internet history).

**Rule #5:** Post-its were not made to instigate drama. Please, for the love of all that is good do not start posting random bouts of attitude all over the apartment. It takes much more effort to fit all of your thoughts onto those tiny squares and plan their strategic placing than it would to walk the extra ten feet to my room and shriek "did YOU put the remote on the couch instead of the table, use the last paper towel and forget to water the plant?" To which I will give you a real, live, human response instead of just throwing all those dang things away.

**Mary Elizabeth Drahos**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

How many people have seen the movie 'Bruce Almighty?' In the movie, Bruce becomes God. To get really good news stories, he makes natural disasters happen right where he is standing.

These past few weeks, I have starting feeling the same way. My job as a security guard is an easy one. I get to watch DVDs or do my homework for 8 hours. I have never had to run anyone down, nor pull a gun on a dangerous suspect.

Recently, the weather has been extremely crazy. It seems we have been going from hot to cold, storms to blizzards.

I had the privilege of working the day of the tornado. Now for some of you who don't know me, I like storms, but I am not a fan of tornadoes. I tend to have this little thing called a spastic reaction.

Not only did I have to lock down the shack, I had to make

sure everyone in the factory went to the places they were supposed to go. Try being a young woman trying to tell older guys what to do. They are like little kids when told they have to go to bed.

After getting most the people where they were supposed to go, I realized there were people outside watching the tornado.

I ended up going outside to tell the people to get in, then became stone. I happened to be in the middle of not one, but two tornadoes. One in front of me, one behind me.

The one in front of me was far enough not to do any damage to where I was, but it was near where a family member was. I ended up being the stupid person staying outside trying to call and locate the relative.

Everything turned out fine with that day, but a few days ago I had another disaster happen while working.

I received a call about 4 a.m. saying the fire alarm may go off,

but it will most likely be a false alarm. I have had a few calls like that, so I wasn't too worried.

However, 10 minutes later, I received a frantic call saying they needed a fire truck pronto. After calling for the fire trucks, the fire alarm panel in the guard shack started going nuts.

The factory ended up having 6 floors go up in flames, and backup trucks were needed. In all, about 4 fire trucks and 3 fire rescue teams came to help with the fire.

An hour later, the fire was put out, and everything returned back to normal.

Since this was the 2nd time I needed to show off my skills without any help (there were no guides or books to tell me what to do in case of an emergency), I wrote a note to my boss asking for a raise. I figure that if there is a disaster every week while I am working, I deserve it.

## Self-Centered View

**Chan Soo Park**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

When Karen P. Hughes, the under secretary of state for public diplomacy, met 500 Saudi Arabian women on Sept. 27 to tell them about U.S. support for women rights, she was greeted with criticism instead of appreciation.

Refuting the general image of repressed and unhappy image of Arab women the West is familiar with, Saudi Arabian women accused the United States of self-centeredness. I found it amusing. Koreans often are irritated with the issue of dog-eating. Proponents are annoyed by being called barbarians. Antagonists can't believe

their fellow Koreans still continue such inhumane practice.

I heard of people eating insects including cockroach. I can't dare to eat one, but even more so, I can't dare to condemn them of barbarism. Why? Because I've never been in their position.

When one starts having absolute faith in something, it becomes easy to accuse different people of wrongdoings or even evildoings. That's what makes extremists dangerous and what secludes religious or elderly from the rest of the world.

Now, I dislike extremists but not elders. Elders have a tendency to be stubborn, missing good old times and condemning the

younger generations. However, some of the most open-minded ones I found were elderly. I must admit that religious people often annoy me, though. When Christians outright claim that I'll burn for eternity in hell, no matter how nice they are to me, I start to question their reasoning.

I sometimes wonder why snail-eating and horse-eating French get to be high-class and blame Koreans of barbarism for eating dogs, creatures no different from pigs and cows. I hear it was similar when sushi was first introduced to the West. How barbaric of them to eat a live creature!

## Dating Websites a Fraud

**Mary Elizabeth Drahos**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

How many of you heard about the dating websites being sued? It is something big happening right now because both of the main dating sites are being sued for fraud.

Match.com is being sued for allegedly making their employees go out on dates with potential love-seekers. These employees would string on these poor people, then go out on dates pretending to be interested. Why would they do such a thing? Money, of course. The more these people think they are finding love, the more money they put into the system.

Yahoo personals is also being sued. Yahoo is being sued because employees are posting fake profiles to attract more users. The users search through profiles, and find a

lot of hot men or women thinking they hit the jackpot. They actually are just hitting on ghosts.

The internet already has its share of problems. Enough people are online being predators or stalkers to other people; including child molesters and murderers. Why should something that is supposed to be harmless (a few crazies aside) be negative as well?

I became curious with these stories that have been coming forth, so I decided to try my hand at these 'bad' sites. I signed up (for free) on some certain sites including some internet dating sites and a phone dating site.

Online, there were many many creepy people. I could tell some were made up because they seemed too good to be true. These guys were good-looking, smart, artistic, and not caring about how a girl looked. Yeah, unless the guy is blind, looks always matter to a

good-looking guy.

It seemed the only guys who were getting on my profile were guys who wanted internet sex. Ick. Lets skip the love, romance, and courtship and go right to sex. Without even knowing who or what the other person is or looks like.

The phone site is a little better. There were a few guys that actually seemed like they wanted to date and fall in love. However, there were still some creepy guys on there as well. I had a few callers that messaged me saying "guess what I am doing right now. Call me and talk to me while I do it." Um...no thanks.

Basically, don't trust people on the websites, don't trust people online. It is a lot safer to strike out on your own face-to-face than it is to feel threatened by people you don't even know.

## Do you trust online or over the phone dating sites? Why or why not?



I haven't really had time to worry about it. Probably not. However, I do have some friends that it has worked for.

**Ellen Coady**  
Boone campus student



I have never done them before. I probably would try them because I have heard other people's good opinions about them.

**Justin Walsh**  
Boone campus student



# TAKE A BREAK

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## HOROSCOPES

**Linda C. Black**  
*Tribune Media Services*

**Today's Birthday (11-30-05)**  
The more old jobs you check off your lists this year, the better you'll be. You'll also get off much wealthier, a very nice fringe benefit.

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 an 8.** Figure out a strategy for spending money wisely. Give yourself a special reward, with all the money you save.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
**Today is an 8.** You know what needs to be done. Get some help figuring out how. You'll do better if you include another point of view.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
**Today is a 6.** Being well organized takes practice, and now's a great time to try. Any organizing at all that you do will be a big help.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
**Today is a 9.** Talk it over with the people who mean the most to you. Earlier is better for planning. The action begins tomorrow, or late tonight.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
**Today is an 8.** There are things happening that would never have occurred to you. Listen carefully, but don't offer comments unless you're asked.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
**Today is an 8.** The objective is to have the skills you'll need, before you need them. That time is approaching rapidly, so practice!

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
**Today is a 7.** Start by sorting and filing. Figure out what you have. Then, planning how to use it will be the fun part. There's enough.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
**Today is a 7.** Be thinking about ways to improve your efficiency and increase your profits. You'll also get some pretty good ideas from a loved one. Ask.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
**Today is an 8.** Don't expect others to come right out and tell you what they want. Figure that out and provide it, before you're asked.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
**Today is an 8.** You don't have to tell everything you know. In fact, you shouldn't. Resist the temptation.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
**Today is a 7.** Help the person who's actually giving the orders do it right. Provide technical support unless, of course, you really want her to fail.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
**Today is an 8.** Information you've been seeking from far away comes through. Inquire again, even if you've been disappointed before.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Bleacher cheers
  - 5 Gin flavoring
  - 9 "The Plague" writer
  - 14 Soap additive
  - 15 Get better
  - 16 Make suitable
  - 17 Sink in
  - 19 \_\_\_ of Aragon
  - 20 Wood pattern
  - 21 Draw near
  - 23 Flood haven
  - 25 Still on the plate
  - 27 Function
  - 28 Long or hot finisher?
  - 30 Banks of baseball
  - 31 High-tailed it
  - 32 Virgil's hero
  - 34 Pentateuch
  - 36 Beeped
  - 37 Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
  - 38 Jewel weight
  - 42 Hurler Ryan
  - 44 Sister of Venus
  - 45 Gnus to lions
  - 48 Architect Jones
  - 50 Problem with a chain
  - 51 Gun it in neutral
  - 52 Masked carnivores!
  - 54 Holy smokes!
  - 55 Bric-a-brac shelves
  - 57 Foreigner
  - 59 Neap and ebb
  - 60 Question and answer
  - 64 City on the Adige
  - 65 Shoe points
  - 66 Gillette blade
  - 67 Affirmative responses
  - 68 Mineral veins
  - 69 Salton and Black

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  - 13 Pelted with rocks
  - 18 Sigma follower
  - 22 Salacious look
  - 23 Rush-job acronym
  - 24 Perlman of "Cheers"
  - 26 Shylock's customer
  - 29 Minuscule
  - 31 "Jaws" creature
  - 33 Hubbub
  - 35 Top card
  - 37 Simpson's judge
  - 39 Inspire anew
  - 40 Frank or Heche
  - 41 Seize
  - 43 Pinocchio or Ananias
  - 44 Like a family of girls
  - 45 Pleasing to the eye
  - 46 Go to bed
  - 47 Gets around
  - 49 Chin whiskers
  - 52 Breathers
  - 53 Title of respect
  - 56 Sarazen or Rayburn
  - 58 Le Gallienne and Gabor
  - 61 And also not
  - 62 Block of time
  - 63 Existed once

# ODDS & ENDS

Wednesday, November 30, 2005  
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## 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.

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| 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 |

### Road Trip

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and gives her a sweeping gesture of pardon with a slight bow. She controls herself from not jumping in his arms.

2:30 a.m.: We finally head to bed.

10 a.m.: We wake up, check out, and head back to reality.

This trip was a relatively inexpensive one. The gas and hotel room were the worst of it. Gas cost about \$50 and the hotel room cost about \$90.

The 'lupper' at the cute little theme restaurant only cost about \$6. There was a lot of food and it tasted great! The 'Buddy' tickets were only \$10 because we bought them during their rush time. Just show up 20 minutes early, and there will be great deals on great shows.

As for the rest of our enter-

tainment, all we did was window shop and walk around looking at sites. Since half of our day was spent in meetings, there is definitely lots of things you can do. Baseball games, touring fountains, or taking a look at monuments and downtown shops are just a few of the things Kansas City has to offer.

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### 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.

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