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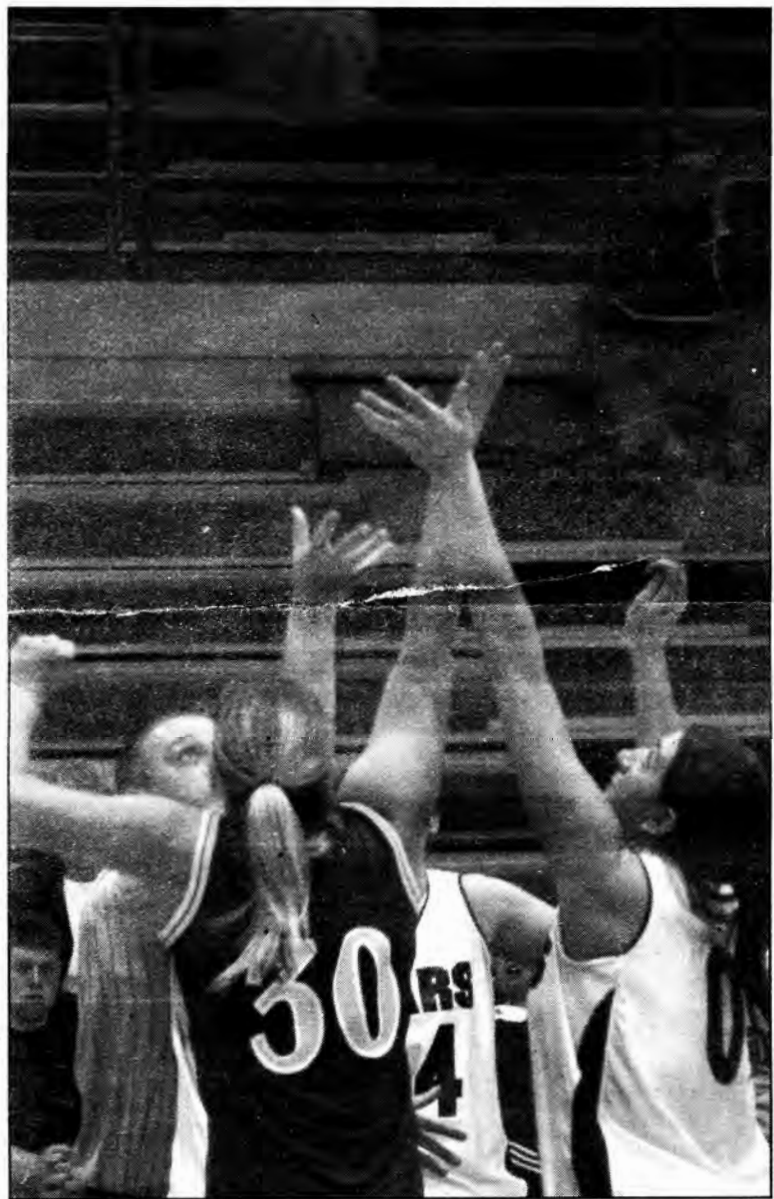
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DMACC women's basketball season ends in double OT



DMACC women fight for possession during the second tip-off of their final game, versus Iowa Lakes. The Bears' 74-80 loss marks the end of their season.

By Benjamin Bolluyt
Banner Correspondent

The DMACC women's basketball season came to an end on Sunday, March 6, with a double-overtime loss to Iowa Lakes.

The semifinal game was held in Cedar Rapids, the home of Kirkwood C.C., after a quarterfinal victory over Southwestern.

Tip-off was at 6 p.m. for the Bears' final game, which the women mostly spent playing catch-up with Iowa Lakes. At 9:02 left in the first half, they had only 13 points to Iowa Lakes' 26, and closed the gap slightly to go into the locker room with a halftime score of 26 to 37.

The Bears came out strong in

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New classes available at Boone Campus this summer

Enrollment begins today

By Benjamin Bolluyt
Banner Correspondent

According to Paula Goldsworth, the Boone Campus provost's secretary, "There aren't as many classes available in the summer, because there are less people [enrolled in DMACC classes]... However, there are a few new classes that have not been previously available."

For starters, the musically inclined may take a guitar class this summer, being offered by Marilee Crawley-Mertins.

Criminal justice classes 101, 104 and 105 will be available over the internet this summer, and are taught by Pete Conis.

Sociology 106 and 107 will have criminal justice tie-ins, according to Goldsworth.

Jenny Spry-Knutson will be in-

structing courses in golf as well as sports management during the Summer 2005 session.

Other new web courses offered during the summer session are: Third World Geography 148, and World Politics, PLSC 121, taught by Schroeder.

Students should note that the cross-enrollment program that allows DMACC students to take ISU classes is not active during the summer academic session.

Summer class schedules have not yet been printed, but are scheduled to be distributed in approximately two weeks. They are available for immediate viewing online at <http://www.dmacc.edu>.

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Registration for returning Boone Campus students begins today for the summer 2005 session.

For more information on registering for a summer class, go to: <http://www.dmacc.edu/registration/methods.asp>

Or call: 515-432-7203

PLAY REVIEW

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

Mystery and mayhem ensued as counterfeiting and interagency mix-ups led to a night of Clue-inspired haphazard blundering.

Fred Carmichael's post-modern spy comedy came to life in the Boone Campus Theatre March 4 and 5 under the skillful direction of Kay Mueller.

Set in a Vermont bed and breakfast, the play stars Nathan Edwards, freshman in liberal arts and sciences, as "The Man," an amnesiac who stumbles into the middle of a Billy Wilder-styled night of confusion, where all the guests at the inn call him by a different name.

The night progresses from semi-ordered chaos to complete disarray as each guest that arrives refers to "The Man" by a different moniker.

Add to this a menacing phone call, a suitcase full of money and a riddle about "plates," and the stage is set.

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Nathan Edwards, freshman in liberal arts and sciences, greets audience members after Friday's performance of "Don't Mention my Name," the spring drama production at the Boone Campus Theater.

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Read "2 dudes," one of the Banner's regularly appearing comic strips



Corrections:

Due to an editorial error, Dr. Jane Martino was incorrectly identified in an article in the Feb. 23 issue, "Rortact needs donations."

Below Dr. Martino's picture was a caption that read "Horn," instead of "Martino."

The Banner regrets this error.

CAMPUS NEWS

PBL News Briefs

Dime collection for March of Dimes

Phi Beta Lamda will be collecting dimes, as part of the March of Dimes, beginning Tuesday, March 8.

The donation jars will be located in various locations around campus.

PBL has become a supporter of the March of Dimes in the last year, the first fundraiser being the 'bean bags for babies' teddy bears which were sold in 2004.

The sale of the teddy bears raised more than \$400, and PBL hopes to match that amount with the March of Dimes fundraiser.

Spaghetti Dinner

Phi Beta Lambda and Phi Theta Kappa are teaming up to sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, March 29 with all proceeds being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The dinner will be held in the LW Courter Center, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and will include a plate of spaghetti, two breadsticks and drink for \$2.50.

DMACC campuses

sponsor bowl-a-thon

The Muscular Dystrophy Association has requested support from DMACC in sponsoring bowl-a-thons.

The bowl-a-thon is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at 5 p.m. at the Imperial Lanes Bowling Alley in Boone.

MDA has requested that each campus line up at least **ten teams** (five people per team), to raise \$2,000 for their cause.

Each person who raises \$40 in donations gets free bowling along with the chance to win door prizes and awards during the event.

The team that raises the most money will then be invited to attend the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon.

Anyone who is interested in joining a team or developing a team of their own is encouraged to do so, by notifying Lori Johnson, of PBL, or Nate Lahner, president of the Student Activities Council.



Two win campus contest -- Rita Davenport, Boone Campus adviser, presents two checks to the winners of the Black History Month Contest, Lori Johnson (center) and Marisol Rincon (seated) with her daughter Sophie. Johnson and Rincon were the only entries in the local contest, which was printed in the Feb. 23 Banner. Since both had the right answers, Davenport, who had created the questions and came up with the idea for the contest, presented two \$20 certificates, one for each correct entry, to the Boone Campus Knowledge Knook Bookstore.

Students able to complete work-study at daycare

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

Work-study students who have already qualified for work-study may have the opportunity to fulfill their hours working with non-profit organizations.

"We can set this up with any non-profit," said Dr. Jane Martino, psychology instructor on the Boone Campus, who is working to setup work-study opportunities with Child Care Junction, a new daycare center in Boone.

In the past, the Boone Campus has worked with Good Connections, a non-profit general needs organization.

According to Vicki Lauzon, a bookkeeper on the Boone Campus, most of the funds allocated for work-study have already been used. Work-study opportunities with non-profit organizations are set-up through the Ankeny Campus.

According to Martino, who is also a member of the board supervising the Child Care Junction, the daycare will be looking for work-study assistance between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m.

Funding for the work-study arrangement is paid for through work-study funding and also by the organization where the students complete their hours.

"Three-fourths of the work-study is paid for by work-study money and the other quarter is paid for by the non-profit organization," Martino said.

Students who are interested must be approved by Martino and sign up through Lauzon, a bookkeeper on the Boone Campus.

Lauzon said students should contact Doreen Jamison, financial aid specialist on the Ankeny Campus at (515) 964-6888.

Students working with the daycare must also work under Dr. Martino's supervision.

Midterms put semester in focus

Sarah Vasquez
Banner Staff Writer

Mid-semester is a time for all DMACC students to step back and evaluate their academic progress in their spring 2005 classes.

DMACC instructors have sent out mid-term notices through the mail, alerting students of their below-average academic progress in class.

According to Rita Davenport, an educational advisor at the DMACC Boone Campus, "Communication between a student and their instructor is key. If a student receives a mid term slip, they should meet with their instructor to see if they are able to work harder to improve their grade or to ask, is it too late to even save the grade."

If students recently received a

mid term slip, they should take it as a warning—a chance to change their ways and to make an improvement to their academic progress.

If a student is in too deep, and there's no way to improve their grade, there is one other option, which is to drop the course completely. Students should keep in mind that the last day to drop a regular term class this semester is March 29.

Many things contribute to being a good student.

Getting good rest, eating healthy, being prepared for class and studying are all factors that contribute to one's academic success.

There is one factor that most students tend to overlook, however: attendance.

Whether teachers take roll call or hand attendance sheets out for

their students to sign, they're always taking a mental note to see how many students are attending their classes.

According to Joanne Temple, Boone Campus Financial Aid office, "When a student rarely shows up for class, the teacher may take notice. When that students' absence becomes a problem, the teacher may then report the student to the Financial Aid Office. From there, Financial Aid will notify the student of possible further penalties." Students are penalized for "QA," also known as 'quit attending.'

Attending class regularly usually has an affect on your grade. Although important dates and things to know are often times stated on the course syllabus, students tend to learn more by going to class.

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DMACC NEWS

PTK students gather on campus



Former southeast district vice-president Julianne Robison speaks to over 100 Iowa community college students during the Phi Theta Kappa Iowa Regional convention Feb. 24 and 25, at the Boone Campus.

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

The Boone Campus hosted over 100 students Feb. 24 and 25 as the Iowa region of Phi Theta Kappa held its sixth-annual regional convention.

"It's really motivational and it really fires up people to work with their chapters," said Nancy Woods, coordinator for the Iowa region of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society specifically designed for two-year colleges.

Sixteen chapters from throughout the state of Iowa attended the

two-day convention.

The centerpiece of the convention was the college transfer fair, where 22 college and university admissions agents from five surrounding states came to the Boone Campus. These agents informed students about their institutions' unique transfer opportunities and all available scholarships.

The event also provided a time for the organization to recognize outstanding achievements by individual chapters, their advisors and members, with the awarding of honors and plaques.

DMACC President Rob Denson



Denson

Tau Phi, the Boone Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, received seven awards at the ceremony Feb. 24, including a distinguished advisor award for Nancy

attended the awards ceremony, helping to hand out the awards.

"We need to get more students in Phi Theta Kappa," Denson said.

"It's a phenomenal organization."

Woods.

The two-day convention also saw the election of new officers for the Iowa region of Phi Theta Kappa.

Eight members of Phi Theta Kappa ran for the five available regional offices, including Melissa Magin, a Boone Campus freshman, elected vice-president for the southwest district of the region.

"I want to help the Iowa region become more competitive on the international level," Magin said as to why she decided to run for the regional vice-presidency. "I personally want to be able to get more involved."

IN BRIEF

• Summer 2005 classes now available online, at <http://www.dmacc.edu/schedule/>

MARCH 11 • DMACC campuses closed Friday, for in-service

MARCH 12 and 13 • Men's BB Regional XI Semi-Finals at NIACC in Mason City

MARCH 15 • Returning Boone Campus arts & sciences summer student registration begins

MARCH 15 • Entries accepted for second annual Boone/Ames Creative Writing Contest before noon, in room 132 (J Hauser) or room 125 (Jerrine McCaffrey)

MARCH 16 • Boone Campus book fair, LW Courter Center

MARCH 18 and 19 • Phi Beta Lambda at state leadership conference in Clinton, Iowa

MARCH 20 • DMACC men's baseball season begins

MARCH 20 - 26 • spring break

• Sign up by March 31 for DMACC's 'FACES' program to win a FREE three credit class or \$300 to any DMACC bookstore. Sign up info available at <http://www.dmacc.edu/faces/>

Students recognized for scholastic achievements

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

A Boone Campus sophomore and member of Banner staff, Andrew Austin, was recently recognized for his scholastic accomplishments and leadership in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Austin was named a member of the "All Iowa Academic Team," a select group of community college students from two-year colleges throughout the state exemplifying academic excellence, community involvement and personal accomplishments.

This honor is extended to only two students from each community college campus in Iowa each year.

The Boone Campus selected Austin and Tammy Hartmann, DMACC nursing student and president of Tau Phi, the Boone Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, for this award.

There is currently a banquet planned for the All-Iowa Academic Team at the Boone Campus, on March 16, officially recognizing its members.

The team members will also be featured in the Des Moines Register in the upcoming week.

Being named to the All-Iowa

Academic team also means a guaranteed \$1,500 transfer scholarship to Iowa State University, where Austin is tentatively planning on transferring to next semester, completing a Bachelor's degree in psychology.

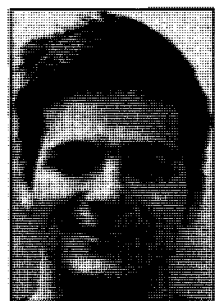
"The scholarship will help me financially as I continue my education and will enable me to further devote myself to my studies," Austin said.

He also received the "distinguished member" award from the regional Phi Theta Kappa organization.

"The distinguished member of Phi Theta Kappa is a great honor and I'm glad that they decided to recognize my efforts within the chapter," he said.

Austin is currently planning to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology after graduating from Iowa State.

He currently does not have any specific career plans for himself, after he finishes graduate school.



Austin

India chosen as next focus

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) has selected India as the focus country for the 2005-06 academic year.

DMACC's India Year celebration marks the 22nd consecutive year that the students, faculty and staff at all of the DMACC campuses have focused on an international year to learn more about the history, politics, economy and culture of a country. DMACC Senior Vice President Dory Briles and Business Administration Instructor Reggie Sinha are India Year co-chairs.

During "India Year," DMACC will sponsor special events and programs at all campuses relating to India.

"We are delighted to select India as the country of focus," said DMACC President Rob Denson. "There has been an increase in political, economic, academic, information technology and cross-cultural interaction between our two countries during the past few years and we look forward to facilitating this relationship between the world's largest democracies to even greater heights."

India is expected to cross the magical trillion dollar economy mark before the end of this decade and is well on the path to becoming the world's third largest economy within the next few decades.

A number of Iowa companies do business in India, but experts suggest that there is a tremendous potential to increase the trade exponentially.

Consul-General Arun Kumar, Chicago Consulate, Government of India, recently visited DMACC to discuss the India Year program and has extended the support of his government in this initiative. <http://www.dmacc.edu/india>

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SPORTS



Men drive to Finals

The DMACC men's basketball team have showed strength in their final few games before NIACC and the Regional Finals, scoring two convincing victories at home and losing one close game on the road at Kirkwood.

The stands were nearly full for their victory at home against Central on Saturday. The Bears maintained a ten-point lead for most of the game, with a final score of 60 to 48.

The leading scorers were sophomores Al Stewart, with 18 points, and Naim Benjamin, with 15.

Coach Orv Salmon expressed guarded enthusiasm regarding the rest of the season. "We have a huge conference game coming up at Kirkwood. We're playing pretty good basketball. We need to stay playing like we have been."

The Kirkwood game ended in a 67-74 loss for the Bears. The outcome was indicative of the kind of home court advantage that is typical of college basketball, Salmon said. The Banner was unable to cover this game in person.

The men returned home for a

game against Southwestern on Wednesday, the second game of March. The Bears played a balanced scoring game on their way to a convincing victory of 87 to 72.

The leading scorers were Naim Benjamin, with 23 points, and Kenny Jackson, with 16. Five other players scored six points or more.

In their final game before press time, DMACC also defeated NIACC at Mason City by the narrow margin of 73-72. They will return to Mason City for the Regional XI Quarterfinals on Saturday, March 12.

In a final sit-down before the tournament, Coach Salmon discussed his team's strengths and weaknesses.

"We're pretty good defensively, overall," he said. "We're quick and active, and we can get some easy baskets and shoot pretty well."

The challenge, he said, is "when we play a big, strong team that establishes a shorter tempo—then we need to establish inside defensive position."

Tough road to women's Regional Conference



Katie Reihmann (23) takes a shot as Michelle Smith (0) works for rebounding position, Ashley Martin (4) looking on

The DMACC women's basketball team enjoyed one win and suffered two losses heading into last weekend's Div. II Regional Finals.

The final loss did not technically affect the Bears' ranking, being against a tough Division One team from Iowa Western.

Coach Mike Brown's Central college team came to the Boone Campus on Saturday, March 23.

The Bears established their game quickly, scoring 16 points to Central's two in the opening four minutes. Central managed some scoring streaks of their own, but had difficulty pulling even with the Bears.

During halftime, four sophomores were honored for their contributions to DMACC basketball.

Katie Reihmann tied the school record for career three-pointers during the Central game. Tracie Harris has a career high of 31 points. Michelle Smith leads the division in field goal percentage, and Ashley Freerksen has fifteen double-doubles.

The point gap between DMACC and Central got wider in the second half, leading to a final score of 71-52. DMACC's leading scorers were Ashley Martin, with 22 points, and

Freerksen with 15.

The Banner was not able to cover DMACC's women's game at Kirkwood on Tuesday, Feb. 26. The most notable developments were that the Bears lost, Katie Reihmann broke the school's three-point record, and Ashley Freerksen suffered a concussion while diving for a loose ball.

DMACC's athletic trainer, Becky Anderson, expressed disgust with Kirkwood's handling of the injury. Anderson was also unable to attend the Kirkwood game, and could not examine Freerksen until the team returned. She said no attention was paid to Freerksen's concussion by the Central staff. "Because [Ashley's] so tough," said coach Ben Conrad, "she just got right back into the game."

Caution prevailed eventually, and Freerksen was forced to sit during the next home game against Iowa Western on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Though unhappy at being unable to play, Freerksen's final attitude was one of resigned compromise as she watched the Central game: "I'll be ready by Saturday. That's all that's important."

Coach Meckley's Reivers are

ranked twenty-first in Division I play, which means they draw from a bigger talent pool than DMACC does.

They broke ahead of the Bears early, going as much as 18 up in the first half, but DMACC demonstrated the ability to come back strong, breaking even with Western in the beginning of the second half.

The Reivers re-created some of the difference in the last part of the second half, finishing with a winning score of 80 to DMACC's 66.

The Reivers played a very physical game, and made perimeter shooting tough in the stretch with tight defense.

Katie Reihman led scoring in an otherwise even spread with 23 overall points.

Going into Regional Finals next week in Cedar Rapids, coach Conrad is optimistic about his team's possibilities.

"Getting [Freerksen] healthy is important, and otherwise, we just need to continue progressing on defense and fighting for the boards."

The Bears entered the tournament with a 23-8 record, 12-3 in the conference.



Jarry Bennett (50) takes it up against a strong SWCC defense as teammates Naim Benjamin (2) and Marcin Konarzewski (21) angle for the rebound.

Women's basketball season comes to an end

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the second half, however, and let the Lakes know they would not go down easily. Three consecutive

threes by Reihmann and Martin shrunk the gap to four points, forcing Iowa Lakes to call a time-out five minutes in.

That small gap lasted for most of

the second half, and with 22 seconds left, DMACC called a time-out with the score resting uneasily at 56-59.

The Lakers had been guarding Reihmann, the Bears' usual three-point shooter, very closely on the perimeter. With 10 seconds left, the ball was passed to the point guard, number 4, Ashley Martin—who sank a three from the corner.

Overtime saw the Bears playing catch-up again. Freerksen, who had nearly suffered another injury when a Lakes player dove on top of her for a loose ball, and scored the final two points.

This pulled the Bears even and forced a second overtime.

Though the Bears players kept coming through in the clutch, the Lakers finally created a six-point

gap. This was too much to overcome in the final possession, thus the game ended with a final score of 74-80 in double overtime.

The championship was played Tuesday night between Kirkwood and Iowa Lakes. The outcome was unknown at the paper's final printing deadline.

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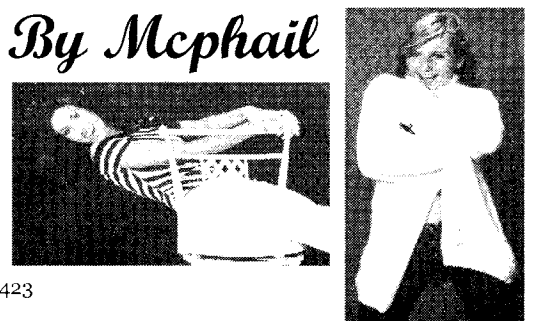
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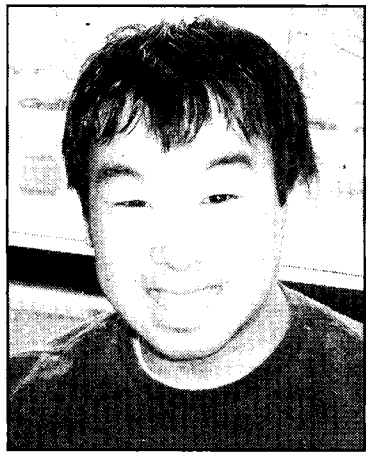
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Cassandra Peterson

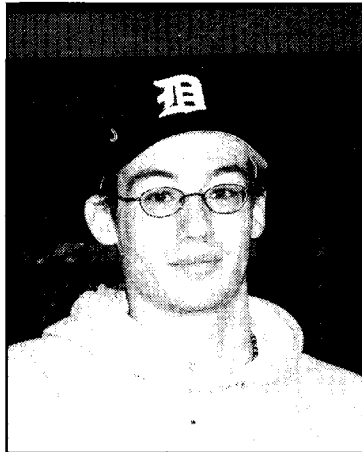
Other side of the Courter

“How does the different ISU and DMACC spring breaks affect you?”



“I really don't care, because it will be a fun time both weeks!”

- Ha Dong Won
Boone Campus student



“It doesn't affect me. My spring break is spent playing baseball in Miami, Oklahoma.”

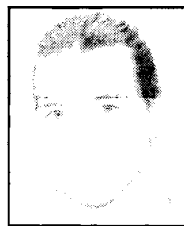
- Tyler Wright
Boone Campus student



“I will never see my boyfriend for two weeks!”

- Beth Carlson
Boone Campus student

Ben's Banter



Benjamin Bolluyt

Ahhh...the Banter. Not my choice of titles, by the way—far too precious for my taste. But naming it is the editor's job; I just have to write the thing.

Still no submissions. I think there are many of you who would take advantage of this space, if you only knew the kind of self-aggrandizing, narcissistic fluff I would voluntarily print.

Andrew knows.

Andrew Austin is one of the few writers we have left at the Banner, and besides being quite eloquent, he is a generally swell guy. And, since he seems to be writing a favorable view of the play (which you saw—right?), I'm willing to write what seems to be a favorable review of him, by request.

Today his mind remains his best

virtue, as open as it is receptive, and as keen as it is sharp.

Andrew's other virtues include a love of the family that he will have in the future: a wife, two to three daughters, and a son named Swen.

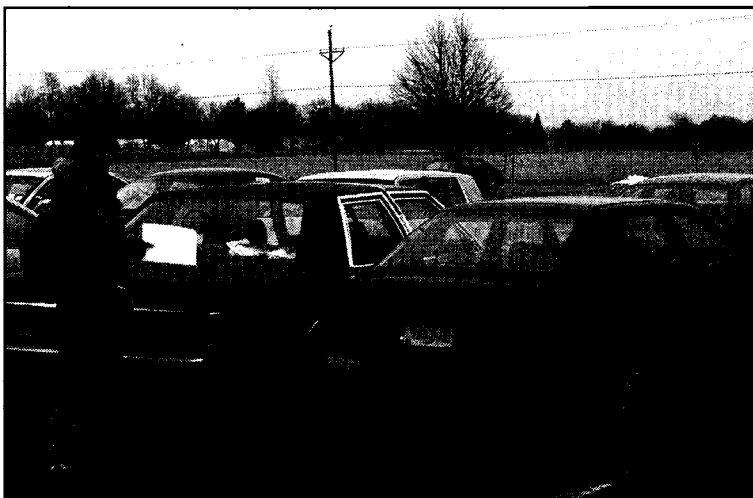
He will be attending ISU in the future to study psychology with a creative writing minor, which means he'll inscribe works that will instill optimism in us all.

There's another friend I wish

to note here, because I saw him again after several years of separation, and because he couldn't get into his car. His name is Justin Dedecker.

Someone parked far too close to his driver door. I don't know how the situation turned out, but the last I knew, he was searching for a can opener.

Come on, people—we can all park a little better than this. I know Austin can.



Justin Dedecker wishes students would park between the lines rather than on them in the Boone Campus parking lot.

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19) You're a warrior, but that doesn't mean you don't have a spiritual side. You qualify as a miracle worker, especially right about now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) There's more than money to put away to make your old age secure. You also should invest in gifts of love to gain your friends' good will.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You may not have wanted to take on more responsibility, but the opportunity is there. The money's not abundant yet, but it's steady. Talk it over with your partner before deciding.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) An unexpected development messes up your schedule. Don't fly into a tizzy fit. Take the time to do it right and you'll save more time later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions are good for devising methods to greater increase your wealth. Do the homework, and follow through. Thinking about it counts, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A very sensitive and imaginative person wants your attention now. Give it freely. This request is not made very often. Besides, with your encouragement, miracles could happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Immerse yourself as deeply as possible in a creative project. You don't have to know how to finish it when you start.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Staying home with loved ones is your best option tonight. You'll find solutions to problems you didn't even know you had, and it will be fun.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Home and family definitely take top priority now. Try not to let them get on your nerves; offer innovations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll become more curious the more you get into the subject. You may never master it, but that doesn't even matter. The joy is in the doing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The money's pouring into your pockets. Did you hit the jackpot? If you did, it was by working a system you devised all by yourself. Work's involved in this bonanza.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You're very powerful now, and yet, you'll encounter another test. For this one, it's going to really help if you have faith in yourself. Hold your ground.

Dear Cass,

I am a 21 year old college student and am employed as a manager. I am falling in love with one of my 17 year old employees and I don't know what to do. Is this illegal, is this something I should stay away from, or should I pursue my torrid love affair with this boy?

Confused and in love,
A.L.H

Dear Confused and in love,

First we need to tackle the fact that this is not illegal. As long as he is over the age of 16, you have a five year grace period for statutory rape.

This means that legally, you can be 22 years old to pursue a relationship.

Second, you need to find out if there is a fraternization rule at your place of work, I would hate for you to follow through with this and risk losing your job.

Third I think it is important to really look deeply into your feelings for him and his for you. Just with any relationship, it is important especially in your case to make sure these are real feelings and not just lust over someone you are not "supposed" to have.

After this very important checklist, I would talk to this guy and make sure that a romantic relationship with a co-worker will not interfere with his need to respect you in a professional work environment.

If all of these items are checked and taken care of, I would go for it if I were you. Life is just too short not to do things that you want to do, and you always regret the things you didn't do over the things you did.

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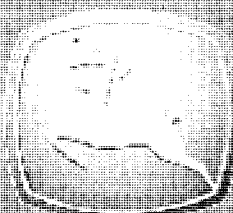


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OPINION

Apathy reigns

In general, college students are apathetic. We take little interest in things of importance, preferring to focus our diminutive and oft petering amount of time on things that, to us, seem to hold more consequence than the state of international politics, social security or the environmental crisis.

This is definitely the case here on the Boone Campus, where student involvement and awareness is in a state of advanced atrophy.

Phi Theta Kappa's recent college transfer fair saw a limited student interest. The event saw over twenty colleges come to the Boone Campus for the expressed purpose of attempting to provide our students with scholarship opportunities for their institutions.

If the possibility of finances for our future cannot spur us to action, what can? Are no students from the campus preparing to transfer to other institutions? Are we so entertainment crazy that we cannot look to the future?

However, even entertainment-based activities seem to be largely ignored. Involvement in SAC-sponsored activities is nominal, at best. Students seem unwilling to get involved, even when the SAC advertises a free ski trip.

A recent Black History Month trivia contest promising a \$20 payout to the winner garnered only two entries. It appears, for all intents and purposes, our interest cannot even be bought.

The Banner has, this semester, received a mere three letters to the editor. However, student dissent can easily be heard throughout the Courter Center.

Have we reached such a crescendo of ennui that we cannot even take the time to voice our complaints?

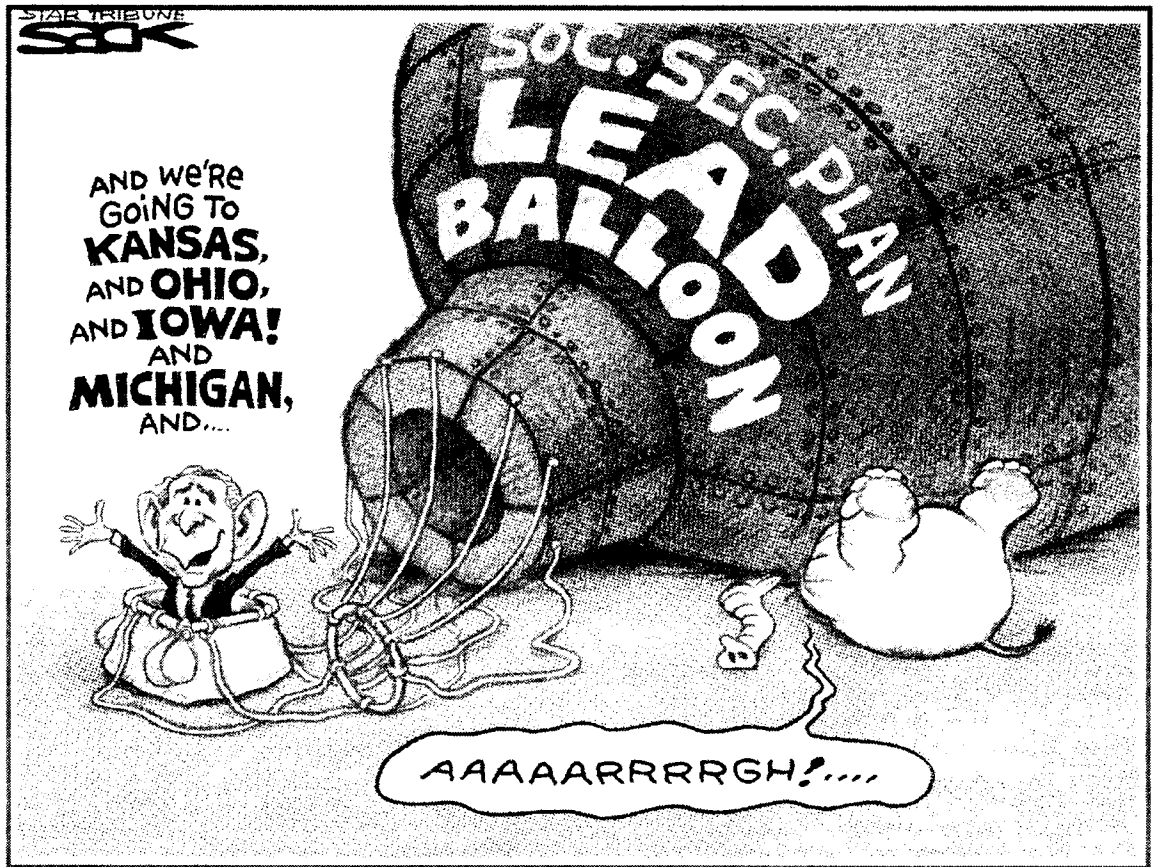
Is this apathy perhaps because of the activities on campus? Granted there are not an overwhelming array of student organizations and events happening on the Boone Campus and our close proximity to Iowa State University and the entertainment Mecca that is Ames may lure much of our attention away.

However, when our focus cannot be bought for \$20 and a 10 question quiz on Black History, which could easily have been Googled in less than five minutes, one must wonder if there isn't more to the problem than our proximity to Ames.

We could probably lay blame on our campus administrators, organization leaders and their advisors for not catering to our tastes.

However, I am more comfortable with blaming ourselves. If we have so little campus pride that our involvement cannot be cajoled, coerced or even purchased, then what would get us involved?

Staff editorial by Andrew Austin, managing editor



Spring break discrepancies disheartening, discouraging

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

The days in which both Iowa State and DMACC classes are in recess for Spring Break are not the same.

Iowa State closes its classes from March 14 to March 18, where DMACC campuses are closed the following week, March 21 through March 25, to observe the semester's only noteworthy break from school.

Inspired by dozens of promises made by ISU candidates for the GSB presidency, among other on-campus events, there has been an increased emphasis throughout the university to ensure that the students of Iowa State and its surrounding reign of academic influence better becomes "one commu-

nity," an initiative lead by several task forces and special committees on-campus, aimed at "fostering understanding and building unity within the community."

Another popular theme that I have become familiar with while attending classes at Iowa State is the need for making the university and the greater Ames community a more welcoming place for all of its students, especially those transferring from other schools and other places.

These ideals have previously been supported by both institutions, offering DMACC students seamless transfers of DMACC credit to Iowa State programs, an extension program that allows students at Iowa State and DMACC to take classes interchangeably and many DMACC instructors that are at least well-known in ISU advising

offices, if not also teaching classes at the university.

This, then, makes the decision to hold separate Spring Breaks especially confusing and puzzling.

Those students who commute to school, or are paying out-of-state tuition concurrently at both Iowa State and DMACC will not be able to spend a much needed week away from school with family and loved ones, but instead, stay in-town for the entirety of the semester.

This is not to say that living and learning in Iowa is unbearable; this is not the case at all, as we keep coming back to learn, semester after semester!

As like the majority of other programs and calendar entries at both institutions, a synchronized Spring Break would be more welcoming, more unifying and much more appropriate.

PLAY REVIEWS

'Don't mention my name' well executed

By Megan Shadle
Banner Staff Writer

The Boone Campus spring drama production was a well planned-out night of unique characters that aren't who they claim to be.

The humorous play, "Don't Mention My Name," was performed Friday and Saturday with an all-

student cast. The protagonist, simply called 'The Man,' played by Nathan Edwards, suffers from amnesia and

is constantly being called different names by the other characters while trying to solve a mystery with a woman he just met, named Jane, played by Liz Bennett.

Other characters join them at a bed and breakfast; a lounge singer, Kitty, played by Michele Anderson; Paul, an athlete, played by Benjamin Bolluyt; a strange threesome: Chandler, played by Tammy Hartmann, his "secretary" Sylvia, played by Jessica Peel, and Chandler's ex-partner, Wilma, played by Patty Rockwell; and the sheriff, Verla, played by Chelsea Muench.

The production was worth seeing because it humorously engaged the audience, its plot was unpredictable and its acting was top-notch.

Spring acting best in years

PLAY from page 1

Liz Bennett, sophomore in liberal arts and sciences and longtime Boone Campus actress, co-stars as Jane, a real estate agent who seems to know more than she lets on.

The other guests arrive throughout the first act. Chandler, a semi-androgynous business agent played by Tammy Hartmann, and Sylvia, his "secretary" played by Jessica Peel arrive first.

Michele Anderson, ditzy with a passion, played Kitty, a nightclub singer. Benjamin Bolluyt brought a roguish egoism to Paul, a jogger who arrives with Kitty.

Verla, played with zest by Chelsea Muench, attends to the guests' rooms.

Wilma, played by Patty Rockwell, Chandler's "partner," pretends to be carrying on a torrid

affair with "The Man" in order to make Chandler jealous.

Throughout the second act, the guests are revealed to be members of governmental agencies, all of which have arrived at the inn to search for the mysterious plates.

The plates turn out to be printing plates and the suitcase of cash turns out to be counterfeited. The only question that remains is who is the counterfeiter?

Overall, the performance was excellent; the best produced play in at least two years, despite the lackluster dramatic script by Carmichael, with flaws in logic and interest. The acting was well done with quirky supporting characters providing the bulk of the humor.

The leads were pitch perfect; Edwards was entirely believable

as "The Man," portraying an excellent array of confusion, wit and debonair.

Liz Bennett's Jane was acted-out equally as well, played with an appropriate level of coyness and knowledge. She ultimately solves the mystery and reveals "The Man's" true identity.

Mueller's direction was excellent. The set was well constructed, serviceable and believable.

Small problems with lighting and a dropped line near the end did little to detract from what was a humorous, intriguing and enjoyable evening at the theater.

With a talented cast and director, the Boone Campus should be so lucky to have productions like this in the future.

COMICS

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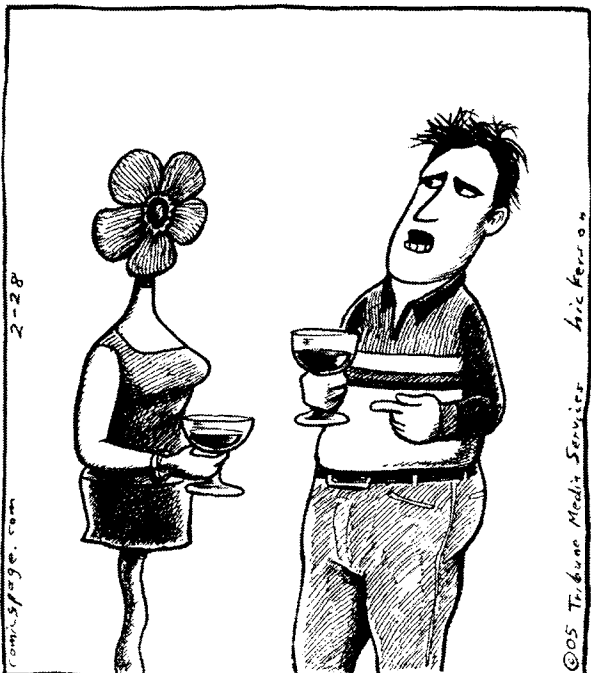


"Got yer nose."

You Are Here by Aaron Warner



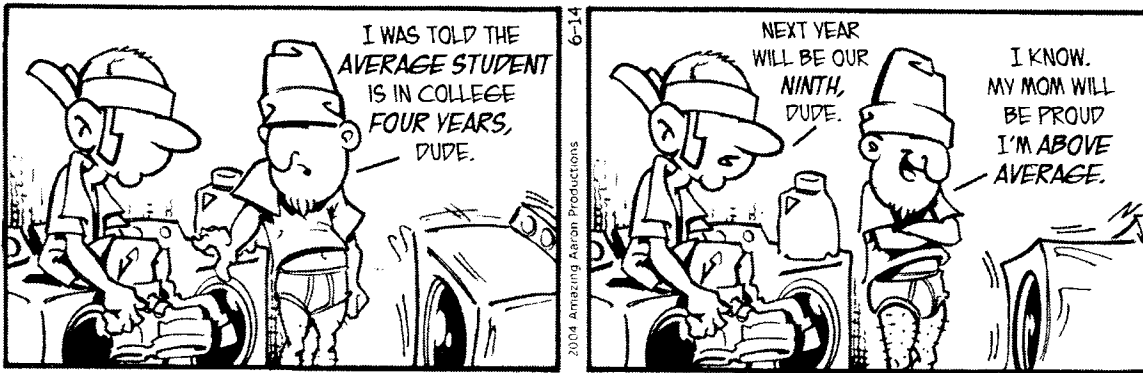
"I never do this on a first date!"



"I'm so sorry I forgot your name which is doubly embarrassing considering you're a forget-me-not"

2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner



(Even the ones your friends think you can hear.)



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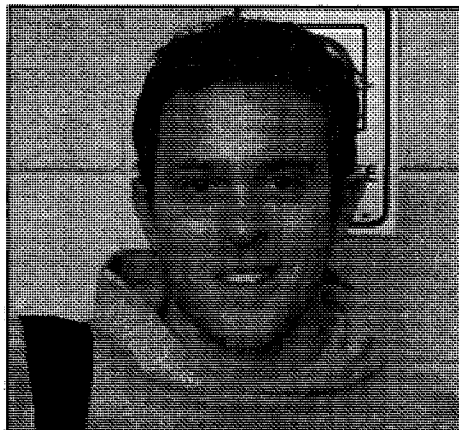
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Do you plan to take summer classes?



Renae Walker

Yes, I am, Finite Math and some philosophy class. I'm not sure what it's called.



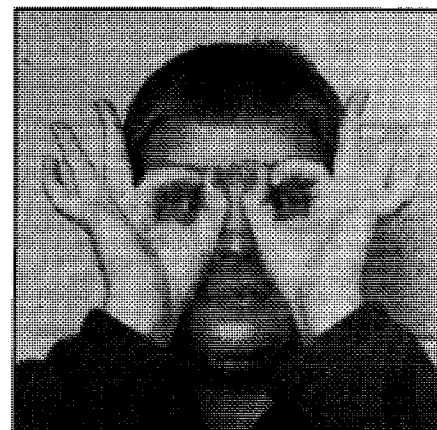
Trinity Doughan

Yes, but not here. I plan to take summer courses at NIACC.



Lindsey Schaefer

Yes, unfortunately, Finite Math.



Ted Herrick

I will be taking Comp II with Jan LaVille, a wonderful and delightful instructor, in order to satisfy my graduation requirements.



Horoscopes by Pam

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) You may find yourself overreacting towards other people, particularly with those you think are trying to control you. If you find yourself at odds with someone, try to see where they're coming from. Romance:Good | Finance:Fair | Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 13

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) This could be a good time to work out any unresolved feelings and be more accepting of others. It may be that you are too concentrated on yourself Romance:Poor | Finance:Good | Lucky Numbers:2,8, 21

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) Providing that you do not act in a jealous and possessive manner, you should be able to relax with friends. You should start finding yourself less isolated. Romance:Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 11, 14, 25

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) If you always have to get your way it will only end in a fight. This will not earn the respect of your colleagues and won't get you that promotion. Romance:Good | Finance:Good|Lucky Numbers:4,18,24

Gemini (May 21-June 20) A big idea could come to you in a very big way, just be creative with what you do, and someone important may notice. Romance:Good | Finance:Poor | Lucky Numbers: 3, 17, 19

Cancer (June 21- July 22) Beware of misunderstandings or deceptions. You could enjoy the company of someone who makes you feel more "alive". A new friend or romance is possible. Romance:Good | Finance:Good | Lucky Numbers: 10, 22, 20

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) You may experience some doubt regarding some seriously pressing matters. This may include conflicts with others that have gotten out of hand that are due to be cleared up. Romance:Poor| Finance :Good| Lucky Numbers: 7, 12, 26

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) Life may bring some obstacles or hardships, if you don't work on changing the unhelpful habits now you may find it hard to ever change. Romance:Fair| Finance:Poor| Lucky Numbers: 7, 14, 2

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) Relationships with those who are close to you are more likely to work out if you keep after the one who wants to get away. Romance:Poor|Finance:Fair|Lucky Numbers:15,20,24

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) If you resist a need for change now, then upsets might force you to change not always for the better. Make use of every moment that comes your way. Romance:Good|Finance:Good|Lucky Numbers:1,18 20

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) You seem less tolerant now in your relationships. Yet you might sacrifice something for the sake of a family member. A helping hand is always a good thing. Romance:Fair|Finance:Fair|Lucky Numbers:8,15,48

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You may be consoling a friend and won't be as warm as you intend. You yourself may be reaching for affection this is a good time to talk things out. Romance:Good |Finance:Poor|Lucky Numbers:2,11, 21

DMACC, Iowa Army National Guard to sponsor Des Moines Gaming Group event

DMACC--Sightings of alien and mechanized warriors are expected to be seen April 6th in the oddly shaped building resting in the Raccoon River Valley of West Des Moines.

The building, often called the Mothership, usually houses DMACC West Campus, but from 10am until midnight, April 6th, it'll be transformed into the Des Moines Gaming Group's www.dsmgg.org FireLAN Event.

The Des Moines Gaming Group (DSMGG) is an online gaming group that is open to the public. Members range from early teens to senior citizens but all share a love of computer based gaming.

The FireLAN Event allows gamers to compete against each other in the same room on various games to include: Unreal

Tournament, Quake 3 Gridiron, Counter-Strike, Mech Warrior 4, and others. DSMGG puts on the event and provides the Local Area Network (LAN), CAT5 Ethernet Cable and internet access for the events.

Gamers must provide their own computer systems which includes: Computer with 10 BaseT NIC Card Monitor 19" or smaller. Larger monitors require permission.

Headphones, as speakers are not allowed or Games, Drivers, OS CDs. Power Cords and Cables.

DMACC West Campus along with the Iowa Army National Guard is sponsoring the event which costs \$12 for online pre-registered attendees www.dsmgg.org and \$20 at the door.

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