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Campus housing to change policies, may send students packing



PHOTO: JAMES BREGENZER/BOONE BANNER

Leases to be “evaluated” Many students may not qualify for lease renewal

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

Policy changes effective at the end of the semester may send dozens of DMACC students looking for a new place to live and make signing an on-campus lease more difficult and potentially more costly.

Shelby Hildreth, academic adviser on the Boone Campus said, “This (change) will definitely have a huge impact on the student body.”

According to a Jan. 14, 2005 fax from Borgen Square Apartments to Hildreth

- Anyone with a delinquent balance or a history of destruction to the property/noise violations will not be renewed.

- We do not automatically rent to the first applicant but the one with the best credit and rental history.

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“A lot of Boone students come here without knowing each other,” Hildreth said about

the Boone campus population.

These apartments, affiliated with the college, are frequently known as the “Boone campus housing.” The DMACC web site refers to the apartments as “Boone campus housing.”

According to Faith Bird, manager of the Borgen Square Apartments, the three buildings are owned by private investors, the High Development Corporation, which leases the land from DMACC.

“Previously, there were two buildings mainly for students, and one building for families,” Bird said. “Now, all buildings are open to those who qualify, based on credit qualifications,” she added.

In contrast with previous Borgen Square requirements, four tenants are now sharing one lease.

The new lease ties four people together who may or may not know each other, Bird said. Renters have to be 18 or over, and up to four roommates may sign the lease.

These changes store all of their credit in-

Borgen Square, the Boone campus “Student Housing Apartments”

Speculated policy changes have been confirmed, making signing an on-campus lease more difficult and potentially more costly to do

formation under one person’s name, which may increase the potential for students to adversely affect their credit.

However, Brenda Riesgaard, current Boone campus student who plans to return to Borgen Square in the fall said, “I think it is a good change in a way; just the three of us is a much better deal than four.”

Ben Conrad, educational advisor and women’s basketball coach, said most freshman athletes live in the Borgen Square Apartments.

There is no policy saying that student-athletes are required to live in the on-campus apartments, but most coaches expect them to live there.

“Required is a pretty strong word, but it’s darn near required,” said Conrad. He went on to say that nothing has been officially done about policy changes, but “I’m assuming they are going to change the way they do things.”

Orv Salmon, Boone Campus athletic director said, “DMACC doesn’t have any official

Children compete with Legos at state robotics tournament

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

Approximately 50 teams of children ages 9 to 14 came together Saturday to participate in the 4th annual FIRST Lego League state robotics tournament in Howe Hall at Iowa State University.

Over 150 ISU student volunteers, members of faculty and a sea of public spectators attended the competition, hosted by the college of engineering.

According to Iowa State’s press release announcing the tournament, the goal of FIRST Lego League is to “inspire interest in science and engineering among students age 9 to 14.”

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STUDENT LIFE

“Salon of the Mind,” a new campus organization, meets every Monday to discuss philosophy



FEATURES

Mary Beth Hanlin, biology instructor on the Boone campus, sits down for a candid interview with the Banner



SPORTS

DMACC men suffer conference defeat at Ellsworth; fall to third in conference



WORLD NEWS

Two suspected terrorists arrested in Germany

By Matthew Schofield
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERLIN -- German police Sunday arrested two suspected al-Qaida terrorists -- one attempting to buy enriched uranium for a nuclear bomb, the other allegedly planning a suicide attack in Iraq.

German Federal Prosecutor Kay Nehm said the two arrests took place early Sunday, and came after months of investigation. He described one of the suspects, Ibrahim Mohamed K., a 29-year-old German citizen with an Iraqi background, as a high-ranking member of al-Qaida in charge of recruiting suicide bombers and planning attacks from Europe.

It is not clear if the enriched uranium Mohamed K. was allegedly attempting to purchase actually exists, but terrorists obtaining nuclear weapon materials is a strongly held fear among counterterrorism experts.

In the Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, the authors note: "The greatest danger of another catastrophic attack in the United States will materialize if the world's most dangerous terrorists acquire the world's most dangerous weapons ... al-Qaida has tried to acquire or make nuclear weapons for at least ten years."

A CIA assessment from November reached the same conclusion, saying that the "Islamic terrorist network has a religious duty to acquire nuclear weapons."

According to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, there were 540 confirmed attempts at illicit trafficking in nuclear and radioactive materials between January 1993 and December 2003. Of those, 17 involved highly enriched uranium or plutonium, the fuels needed to power nuclear weapons.

The National Commission report goes on to state that Osama bin Laden is said to be intent on carrying out a Hiroshima-like at-

tack, and that even a grapefruit-sized amount of enriched material could result in a bomb capable of leveling lower Manhattan.

Mohamed K., whose last name was not released, is suspected of trying to arrange purchase of material for a nuclear bomb. According to German television reports, he was trying to purchase 48 grams of enriched uranium in Luxembourg -- less than 100 miles away -- before being discovered. German officials say he was not successful in obtaining the materials. Police said the amount of uranium in question was not nearly enough for a working nuclear weapon, but it was unclear how al-Qaida intended to use the uranium.

He was known to have been actively involved with al-Qaida before Sept. 11. A German resident and passport holder, Mohamed K. is known to have taken part in several al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.

After the terror attacks on the United States, he fought in a series of battles against United States forces in Afghanistan, and was in contact with leaders bin Laden and Ramzi bin al Shihb, who was suspected of planning the September 11 attacks.

"Those leaders convinced him not to seek a martyr's death there, as he intended in a suicide attack, but to return to Europe and recruit more suicide bombers," the federal prosecutor's office said in a statement Sunday.

In Baghdad, officials were less than surprised at news that terror attacks on their country were being planned in Europe.

"I have always maintained that the problem of Iraqi terrorism is global," said Sabah Kadhim, spokesman for the Ministry of Interior, which is charge of Iraqi security. "That's why it is important that the world community address this with us so we can defeat it."

Mohamed K. is believed to have returned to Germany in September 2002, where he was able to

travel freely throughout the European Union because of his citizenship.

Police said that one of the men he recruited was 31-year-old Yasser Abu S., a stateless Palestinian he recruited in September, shortly before the prosecutor's office opened the file on an investigation. Abu S. is suspected of planning a suicide attack in Iraq, the precise details of which are not known at this time.

But Nehm noted that Abu S. had tried to take out more than 800,000 euro (about \$1 million) in insurance policies. The official statement said that while the policies listed the wife of Abu S. as his beneficiary, police suspect the money would have made it's way back to al-Qaida.

"The money was intended for jihad," according to the statement. "They intended to collect the insurance money by staging a fatal traffic accident in Egypt, so that it would appear he was dead before carrying out the attack in Iraq."

German television reports noted that police claimed there was no connection between the arrests in Mainz and President George W. Bush's coming visit to the city.

The arrests come 10 days after German police arrested 22 people suspected of providing logistical support for terrorists in five cities around the country. Those people are suspected of making false passports, visas and other documents, as well as funding for terrorist activities.

In addition, German police arrested three suspected members of Ansar al Islam in December for allegedly planning an assassination attempt during a visit by Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Officials estimate that Germany has between 500 and 2,000 Muslim extremists, those sympathetic to jihad against the west, and has pledged this year to crack down on terrorists within its borders.

IN BRIEF



WASHINGTON, DC --The new flag of Iraq flies over the reopened Iraqi embassy

Iraq's landmark elections bound to shake up Mideast

Whether they succeed or fail in bringing democracy to the Arab Middle East, the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq are a milestone event that likely will shake up a region of the world where power has been the product of imperial armies, wars and palace coups.

If they fail, Iraq easily could become a black hole of instability and terrorism, threatening its neighbors, Israel and the United States for years to come.

Mold damage dooms New York bank by twin towers site

NEW YORK -- Shrouded in black, the 40-story Deutsche Bank building stands as a dark and dangerous legacy of the 9/11 attacks. Now, redevelopment officials are planning to knock it down, fueling fears that the demolition could expose residents and workers to the toxic chemical cocktail inside.

The twin towers' collapse filled the Deutsche Bank building, just across Liberty Street, with dust and debris that includes asbestos, lead, dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls and other hazards.

Mold, fed by rain and food left by fleeing workers, also found a home there.

Burger King takes reality TV to the next level on the season three premiere of "The Apprentice"

MIAMI -- During Thursday's season premiere of "The Apprentice," Trump's management team served up a mammoth task to the latest crop of contestants: name, build, market and sell a new menu item at BURGER KING(R) restaurants. What the Trump trainees didn't know is that Burger King Corporation would actually flip for the winning burger -- the Western Angus Steak Burger -- and begin serving it nationwide the next day.

As the smoke cleared atop Trump Tower, BURGER KING restaurants from coast to coast began to prepare for the fastest new product launch in the company's 50-year history.

"At Burger King, our 'HAVE IT YOUR WAY' philosophy puts our customers in charge. It's all about empowerment and getting what you want, when you want it," said Russ Klein, chief marketing officer, Burger King Corporation. "That's why we couldn't wait even a day to take this burger from the boardroom to the lunchroom."

Scientists see robots doing chores by 2015

TOKYO -- By the year 2015, robots will be doing most of the household chores, and by 2025, seismologists will be able to detect huge earthquakes before they strike, according to predictions made by about 2,600 leading experts and scientists in Japan.

About 4,200 scientists, university professors, engineers at private companies and researchers at independent administrative corporations were asked by the Education, Science and Technology Ministry to make predictions about what new technologies might be invented within 30 years.

More children killed in tsunami than originally thought, aid workers fear

By Tim Johnson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -- Relief workers are finding fewer children in camps for tsunami refugees than they'd hoped and fear that children made up an even greater percentage of the dead than was estimated earlier.

"You just don't see the little kids in the camps: babies, infants and toddlers," said Christine Knudsen, a senior officer for Save the Children, a nonprofit worldwide advocacy and relief group. "Let's hope we're wrong. But that's the trend right now."

Hard numbers are difficult to come by. Relief workers originally estimated that children made up



Indonesian Red Cross volunteers pray before recovering bodies in a suburb of Banda Aceh, Indonesia

3 of every 10 people killed when an earthquake triggered a tsunami

mi that swept the coasts of 12 countries Dec. 26.

But as relief workers canvass camps in Indonesia -- the hardest-hit country -- to tally the number of children, they're beginning to reassess their first estimates.

"In all the camps, the number of children is low," said Frederic Sizaret, a child-protection officer with the United Nations Children's Fund, better known as

UNICEF.

Relief workers hope for a more accurate picture of the child death toll later this month, when schools reopen and they can compare this year's enrollment with last year's.

Anecdotal evidence and other early signs lead them to think that children -- especially very young ones -- couldn't escape the battering pressure of the tsunami.

"Only the strongest survived in this disaster," Sizaret said.

Experts originally calculated that children comprised about 30 percent of victims because that's their relative proportion in the general population, Knudsen said. When relief officials first arrived in Indonesia, they thought they'd find thousands of children either orphaned or missing one of their parents, and many lost children being cared for by other adults.

So far, however, UNICEF and other agencies that are working

with minors have found only 400 cases of "separated" children, a term for anyone younger than 18 who's separated from both parents or from customary caregivers, Sizaret said.

"The number of separated and unaccompanied children is not as high as we feared," said Shantha Bloemen, a spokeswoman for UNICEF. "One speculation is that it is because so many children were killed."

Workers in Aceh province have collected 84,637 bodies so far, with as many as 132,000 more people missing, most of whom, three weeks after the tsunami, aren't expected to be found alive. Officials haven't said how many of those are children.

IOWA NEWS

Johnny Carson dies at age 79



Former "The Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died at the age of 79 at his home in Malibu, California, on Jan. 23, 2005

By Lee Winfrey and Jonathan Storm
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Television's greatest late-night talk-show host, Johnny Carson, died Sunday at age 79.

Carson, who suffered a heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass surgery in 1999, died of emphysema at his Malibu, Calif., home, according to NBC.

While presiding over the network's "Tonight Show" for three decades, Carson surpassed the two great late-night maestros who preceded him, Steve Allen and Jack Paar, and was the mentor and model for the best practitioners who followed him, Jay Leno and David Letterman.

Carson was unique. As Shakespeare said of Hamlet, "he was the glass of fashion, and the mould of form."

The handsome, confident comedian joked that his fans watched him "between their toes" while lying in bed around midnight. But his opening monologue defined the day's events for a congeries of viewers, and a guest spot on his show was the launchpad for many a young comedian's career.

His greatest skill, however, was one that possibly many of his viewers never noticed, but which his show-business colleagues adored. He brought out the best in his guests, feeding them lines, stroking their egos, sublimating himself for their benefit.

And he did it on the fly. One of the most intelligent people in the industry, he was able to lead and follow the conversation wherever it went, making the hard work of interviewing look as natural as dinner-party conversation, but almost always more amusing.

"It's a sad day for his family and his country," Letterman said. "All of us who came after are pretenders. We will not see the likes of

him again. ... He was the best, a star and a gentleman."

Just last week, it was disclosed that Carson occasionally sent Letterman jokes for his CBS show. Some made it into the monologue.

Oprah Winfrey, in an interview Sunday, said, "For his time and what he represented, there is no one bigger. There is 'different.'"

Winfrey made her first "Tonight" appearance with Carson in December 1985, when she was a local host in Chicago.

"The first time you're on this show is one of the single pivotal moments in the careers of everybody who's ever been on it," Winfrey said. "To get that call means that somebody thinks you've made it. We all remember the first moment, standing behind the curtain, hearing the music. It's an out-of-body experience."

Hosting 5,000 episodes and chatting with 23,000 guests made Carson a multimillionaire and a fixture in millions of memories. His superior may never appear.

John William Carson was born Oct. 23, 1925, in Corning, Iowa, and grew up in Norfolk, Neb. His father worked for the Nebraska Light & Power Co., rising from lineman to district manager.

A book set Carson upon his career course.

When he was 12, he bought a copy of "Hoffman's Magic Tricks." After mastering its contents, he made his showbiz debut at age 14, billing himself as the Great Carsoni, earning \$3 for an appearance before the Norfolk Rotary Club.

Carson served as an ensign on the battleship Pennsylvania from 1943 to 1946. He added ventriloquism to his magic tricks as he entertained sailors.

Carson earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska in 1949. His senior thesis, about comedy writing, included quotations from and footnotes about Jack Benny, Bob Hope and Fred Allen, whose techniques and timing he studied closely while listening to them on the radio.

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Lego tournament

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FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a multinational, non-profit organization that aims to make science, math, engineering and technology "cool" for kids.

The competition was separated into heats, and teams competed head-to-head in a series of nine missions following a designated theme.

This year's theme, "No Limits," presented the young engineers with several obstacles simulating issues with handicap accessibility, aimed to teach them about the needs of people with varying levels of disabilities.

A few of the robotic missions each team was presented with included "climb the stairs," "open the gate" and "push in the chairs." "The most difficult part is getting in and out before everyone else, so you don't get disqualified," said Trevor Turner, 10, on the "MD Engineering" team from Winterset.

"It takes 4 months to get ready for the tournament...our team has been working on it since school started," said Chuckie Baxter, 9,



Johnny Carson
1925-2005

James Bregenzler



Members of the "MD Engineers" watch their Lego robot perform

on the "Gators beyond Boundaries" team from Cedar Rapids.

"The most difficult part of the tournament is keeping your cool, and knowing what you're supposed to be doing," Baxter said.

What's the best part? "Competing!" said Max Peterson, 13, from the Ames Middle School team.

Rob Parker, sophomore in mechanical engineering, refereed several of this year's matches.

"Teams are awarded points based on whether they complete each mission successfully or not," Parker said. "Later, each team is judged on their robot's design."

Jake Ingman, graduate assistant

in mechanical engineering and chair of the FIRST Lego League planning team, served as the event's 'MC.'

"My job is to start every round with 3, 2, 1, Lego!" Ingman said.

This year's teams are primarily from Iowa, but also include teams from Nebraska and Kansas, as no state tournaments are offered there, said Ingman.

"Winners receive huge trophies made out of Legos," Ingman said, "the first place team receives the 'director's award,' which qualifies that team to compete at the world fest against other qualifying teams from around the world."

The winner of the director's award goes to the team "strongest in all categories," said Camille Sloan Schroeder, K-8 educational partner program coordinator in the College of Engineering.

Schroeder and many others feel passionately about the competition, and what it offers Iowa's children. Now that the tournament has ended, planning is underway for next year's competition.

OPINION

Banner has new look

Welcome to the first issue of this semester's Boone Banner!

There have been extensive improvements made to this publication since last semester, and many more changes are on the way.

These changes represent how the Banner will better supply its readers with newsworthy information, and serve as a medium for students to voice their thoughts, concerns and suggestions.

Faculty have had the opportunity to distribute surveys, asking what you'd like to see in your campus newspaper. Please take the opportunity to fill one out for us. We want to know what you want to read in your school paper.

The Banner is undergoing some cosmetic changes. For starters, the Banner is now produced utilizing the newspaper industry's top-of-the-line, most cutting-edge software, Adobe InDesign CS- a format the Des Moines Register, Chicago Tribune, New York Times and other industry superpowers have yet to switch to.

Lyle Boone, design editor for the Des Moines Register, states that the Register will be using this technology in about 6 to 8 months.

This is true for most of the professional papers in circulation; the Banner is using it now.

Despite its apparent scarcity in today's print media industry, InDesign CS is soon to be the industry standard for publication production.

Another improvement to this semester's Banner is its full-color front page, middle spread, and back section. The Banner is now at the capacity to run full-color advertisements, sports photos and graphic elements it never before could.

The publication has a new look to it, as well. The Banner has several new sections, more content and a new layout to show off.

It was created under the guidance and expertise of Michael Keegan, assistant managing editor from the Washington Post.

He spent a great deal of his own time away from work to assist with the Banner's layout production and solving the many technical problems along the way.

Without him, the Banner would not be what it is today.

One of the most important aspects of the Banner is its involvement with and its impact on DMACC students.

To be most effective, the Banner needs students' story ideas, breaking news tips, suggestions, complaints, gossip, advice, photos, restaurant reviews, drink recipes, weekend ideas and letters to the editor on a regular basis.

To emphasize this: the Banner needs letters to the editor on a regular basis!

Letters should be directed to: jmbregner@dmacc.edu.

Letters and their responses may be published, unless anonymity is specifically required.

The Banner is an incredible opportunity for students and faculty to publicly comment, criticize or otherwise use their written voice.

Staff editorial by James Bregner, editor-in-chief



Of, by and for the extremely rich

By Benjamin Bolluyt
Banner Staff Writer

There are several important issues within modern politics that I feel need to be addressed.

One of these issues being the Bush administration's pushing for privatized, redesigned Social Security.

This issue becomes especially puzzling after considering a few facts that have not been widely publicized.

For one, even with a predicted shortfall in the program, its failure would not materialize for several decades, while other important programs (such as Medicaid) face greater deficits, sooner.

In fact, to emphasize its urgency, recent administration estimates of the eventual deficits have sited "forever" as a proposed time frame, instead of the government-standard 75-year calculations.

You don't have to be a CPA to realize how unusual this is. When preparing your personal budget, do you organize by the week, month...or "forever?"

Here's another curiosity: as well

as the certainty that the high risks of stock market investing will leave many seniors broke, the government's own Congressional Budget Office has found that, even on average, benefits will be lessened by privatization.

But the administration still insists we entrust our retirement to Wall Street, as soon as possible. For the uninitiated, these facts boggle the mind.

But despair not, dear reader, for I have an explanation. I have been taught the three rules for journalists following politics, and with few exceptions, they explain every curiosity or seeming incongruity of lawmaking.

The three rules are: follow the money, follow the money, follow the money.

All politicians, from mayors to presidents, are elected based on their image, and image is created by money. Money pays for mass mailings, magazine and televi-

sion ads, campaign tours, buttons, baseball hats and everything else.

Seven out of the top ten donors to President Bush's last campaign were securities and investment firms: Wall Street. Altogether, they contributed millions towards his current presidency.

These are not people who are known for throwing their money away. The last round of tax cuts championed by the President have generated billions in revenue for Wall Street. That's quite a return on their investment, and it's only the beginning.

Putting everyone's retirement accounts in the stock market will mean huge gains for investment brokers, who take a cut of the money whether their clients' safety nets fall through or not.

Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and their contemporaries would say that they've earned the president's full support towards giving them a share of our retirement.

Energy bill inadequate

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

With the session of the 109th U.S. Congress coming to order with the reintroduction of H.R.6, the Energy Policy Act, and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman's recent announcement that he would support oil drilling in ANWR, the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge, the environment has seen an assault with renewed vigor.

H.R.6, a house bill re-introduced by Republican lawmakers to the house is virtually the same legislation ratified by the house lawmakers in both 2003 and 2004, before being defeated in the Senate. The bill openly provides subsidies for fossil fuel producing industries while simultaneously calling for only voluntary cut backs in energy outputs by major energy-consuming industries.

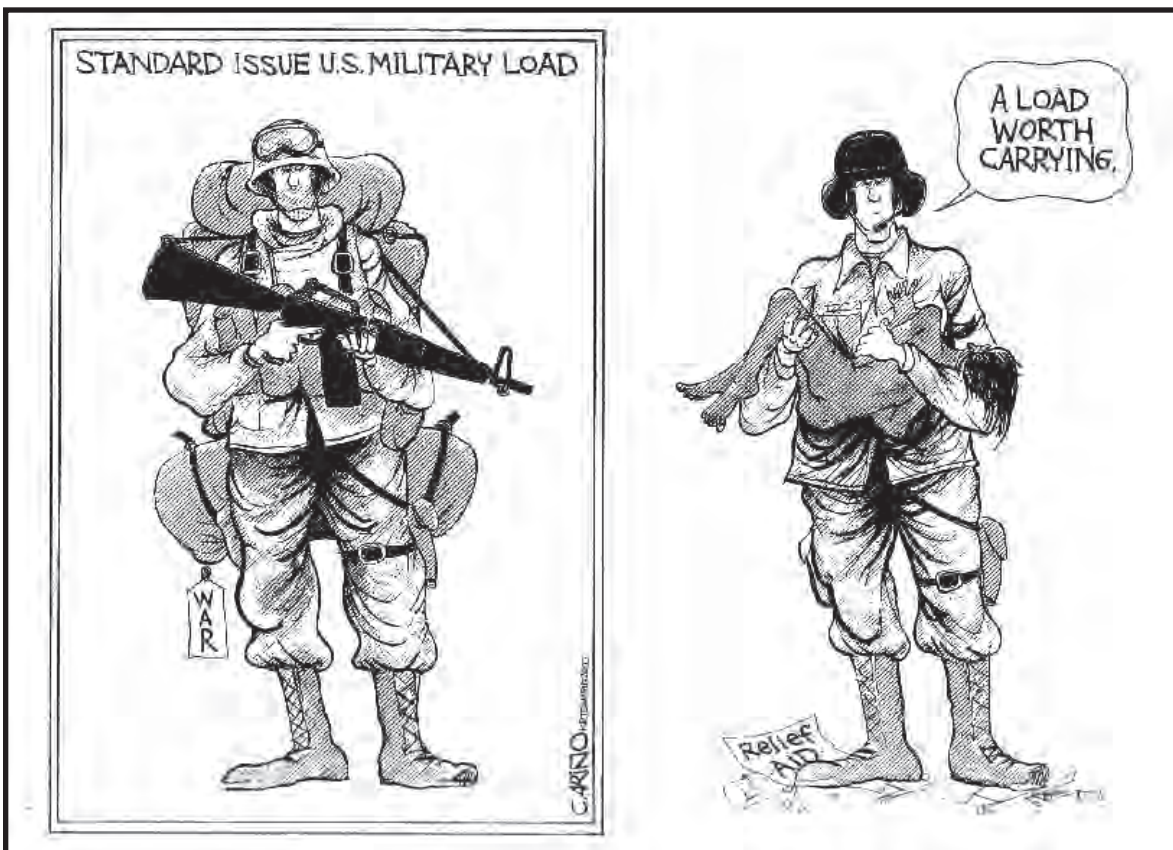
Bodman has said that he would support drilling in ANWR to help reduce the United States' dependency on foreign oil, a dependency propagated by the government's unwillingness to begin a major shift away from fossil fuels and

into cleaner-burning alternative energies, such as hydrogen.

No wonder the United States' is so inescapably indebted to foreign oil producing states with the emphasis our government places on using fossil fuels at every turn. The incentives for producing and then burning "cleaner" fossil based fuels provisioned by H.R.6 far outweigh the incentives for producing clean-burning alternative fuels in the same bill.

Drilling in ANWR is not the solution. Because the end result, whether it be independent of foreign sources or not, is still bound to the Greenhouse Effect, an effect that is growing at alarming rates. Elimination, not reduction, of fossil fuels is essential to a "green" future.

The complete text of H.R.6, the Energy Policy Act, is available online from the U.S. Congress.



SPORTS

DMACC men suffer conference defeat



DMACC Forward Jerry Bennett (50) prepares to face-off against Ellsworth, January 19th.

PHOTO: JACK SIMONSON - BANNER

Ellsworth topples Bears 64-50 on their home court

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

The shots just wouldn't drop on Wednesday night for the DMACC men's basketball team, as they suffered their first conference setback of the year to Ellsworth 64-50, falling to 14-4 overall, and 2-1 in the conference.

Both teams entered the game undefeated in conference play, but Ellsworth used good old-fashioned hard work and hustle, teamed with an enthusiastic home court to beat the Bears.

"This is the worst loss I've had here at DMACC as far as getting beat physically," commented a dejected Head Coach Orv Salmon after the game.

Things didn't start all bad for the Bears, as they played some-

what sloppy, but kept the game within striking distance, trailing only 30-26 at the half. At times throughout the first half it looked as though Ellsworth would pull away, but tight defense by the Bears teamed with key buckets from sophomore Naim Benjamin kept DMACC in the game.

The second half got a lot worse for the Bears however, as they were beat for loose balls, and out-rebounded, never allowing them to poise a serious threat to the Panthers lead. DMACC was out-scored 34-24 in an ugly second half, as chants of "overrated" came from the Ellsworth crowd in the waning moments.

"You have to give Ellsworth

credit, they're a good team," Salmon said of the Panthers, who played at Kirkwood on Saturday for sole possession of first in the conference.

As far as things go for DMACC, the schedule doesn't get any easier, with games against last year's regional champion Kirkwood, and Iowa Central looming. "In the next week or two, we're going to find out if this team is any good," Salmon stated.

Al Stewart and Benjamin paced the Bears with thirteen points apiece, followed by eight from George Pruitt, and seven from Marcin Konarzewski.

The Bears next home game is on Jan. 26 vs. Kirkwood.

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DMACC prepares to face rival Kirkwood

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, Kirkwood Community College will come to invade the Courter Center for two games with Iowa Community College Conference title implications. Both the Kirkwood women and men are currently undefeated

in conference play.

The women's game will be for sole possession of first place in conference play, with Kirkwood entering the game at 7-0, and DMACC at 6-0. Last year Kirkwood edged DMACC by a single point in Boone, and ended the season by going to Nationals with a conference title, and regional title. Kirkwood is led

by sophomore center Beth Halter, while the Bears are led by sophomores Ashley Freerksen and Michelle Smith.

Although the men's game is not for sole possession of first place in the conference, it too has title implications, as DMACC is just one game behind Kirkwood in the loss column of the conference stand-

ings. DMACC comes into the game with a 3-1 conference record, while Kirkwood is 4-0. The Kirkwood men are led by redshirt freshman Todd Haupt and sophomore Mike Kilburg, while the Bears are paced by sophomore Naim Benjamin and Drake bound point guard Al Stewart.

This night will also feature a

special halftime performance from The Bear Crew, a dance squad composed by DMACC students, as well as tunes from the DMACC band throughout the night.

Tip-off for the women's game is set for 5:30 P.M., while the guys should get underway anywhere from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M.



Katie Reihmann (23), Tracie Harrie (45), and Rylee Olson (11), stand in a huddle during the Bears' victory over NIACC

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Women easily defeat Ellsworth in Iowa Falls

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

For two minutes the Ellsworth women's basketball team was able to stick with DMACC. But after the Bears broke a 4-4 tie with a bucket, it became the Katrina Washington show.

Washington was all over the court, as she and the rest of the Bears stormed out to a 45-16 halftime advantage.

"I just went out there and played my hardest," commented Washington.

And despite a few mental lapses, the second half wasn't much difference as the Bears cruised to a 92-50 conference win over the Panthers. Even with UNI-bound Michelle Smith scoring only three points and pulling down four rebounds, as the Bears improve to 16-4 overall, and 5-0 in the conference.

"We defended pretty well. They probably should've only scored in the low forties, but overall we played well," stated Head Coach Ben Conrad after the win.

All nine players suited scored for the Bears, with five reaching

double figures. Washington led the Bears scoring attack with 32 points, followed by Ashley Martin with 14, Katie Reihmann with 12, Ashley Freerksen with 11, and Tracie Harris with 10.

Conrad wasn't at a loss of words when it came to his freshman guard from Omaha. "Katrina just had a breakout night. She's going to be a very special player for us."

Perhaps the biggest scare of the night for the Bears came late in the second half when freshman guard Michelle Kumrow took a shot in the nose while battling for a loose ball. "Michelle may have broken her nose," Conrad said after the game.

Luckily for the Bears, Kumrow will be able to play in their next game Jan. 26 against Kirkwood. DMACC and Kirkwood both have unblemished records in conference play and Wednesday night's game, which is scheduled to tip-off at 5:30 p.m.

The Bears also saw action against NIACC Saturday, January 22, winning easily by a margin of 87-62

Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Men's Standings

Div. II	Conf.		Over.	
	W	L	W	L
Kirkwood CC	4	0	14	5
Ellsworth CC	5	1	13	7
DMACC	3	1	15	3
Iowa Central CC	2	2	11	5
Clinton CC	2	2	6	9
Southwestern CC	1	3	8	9
Iowa Lakes CC	0	4	6	11
NIACC	0	4	3	16

Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Women's Standing

Div. II	Conf.		Over.	
	W	L	W	L
DMACC	6	0	17	4
Kirkwood CC	7	0	16	5
Iowa Central CC	3	2	9	11
Iowa Lakes CC	3	3	11	7
Marshalltown CC	3	4	7	11
Southwestern CC	2	5	8	12
NIACC	1	4	11	7
Ellsworth CC	0	7	7	13

STUDENT LIFE

Throw me a friggin' bone, here

By Benjamin Bolluyt
Banner Staff Writer

I need help.

As the new Student Life section editor, I feel somewhat handicapped by my own ignorance. I'm now entering my third week at DMACC, carrying only the three credit hours attendant to this newspaper class. And before I started the class, Boone itself was a place I visited if I took a wrong turn. Translation: your very own Student Life writer knows next to nothing about student life.

This is where you, my readers, come into play. Unlike me, many of you are familiar with regular DMACC-student hangouts. Unlike me, you may have social skills. You may have paid attention to unfolding trends in music, fashion or popular ideology. You may even be an amateur writer who secretly wants to make your own contribution to the public dialogue in a poem or short story.

This is your chance. I ask—no, I beg—you to send your thoughts, ideas, complaints and suggestions to my inbox. You may also use this little section to publicize events in order to bolster attendance, from hot dog eating competitions to public floggings to fake elim-a-date shows where you just don't tell the ladies that it's not actually going to be on TV. (Hey, that's a good idea.)

Conditions are as follows: you are allowed to have public anonymity as long as I know who you are, and I am allowed to stay up late with my fellow writers, laughing at your suggestions. My way or the highway, boys and girls. Express yourself now or take a long, slow, meaningless shuffle towards death.



James Lawler, Bruce Carroll, Tammie Foltz, and Andrew Austin discuss hedonism at DMACC's Salon for the Mind

Minds meet at Philosophy Salon

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

"[Philosophy] gives you insight into who you really are, and your worldly perspective," SAC President Nate Lahner said at the DMACC Salon of the Mind, a philosophical discussion group, organized by Tammie Foltz. The group met Monday from 11 a.m. until almost 1 p.m. in the Courter Center, tackling the topic, "why not be a

hedonist?"

Hedonism, pedophilia, existentialism, Buddhist philosophy, and the effects of religion were only a few of the topics presented and discussed by the group of about half a dozen students.

In the spirit of hedonistic excess, free coffee, tea, and candy were provided.

Foltz, an adjunct philosophy teacher at the Boone Campus, was inspired by an article in the U.S.

News and World Report, which talks about such groups around the world who employ the Socratic method of teaching by asking questions.

The event is an open forum, loosely-centered around the weekly discussion topic. Attendees can bring their own issues to the discussion and are welcomed to come any time during the discussion.

The group will meet every Monday from 11 a.m. until 12:30.

Memorial Union to screen free films

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

The Memorial Union, on the Iowa State campus, has begun its semester-long lineup of free films, a service provided by the ISU Student Union Board.

A variety of obscure foreign, independent, and documentary films will be shown Thursday and Friday nights throughout the semester at different locations within Iowa State's Memorial Union, according to Union Board Film Director Neha Kothari.

January 27th and 28 in the Pioneer Room *Some Like it Hot*, the Billy Wilder classic, will be shown; February 3rd in the Maintenance Shop is *The Triplets of Bellville*; February 10th and 11th, *Kinsey* will be shown in the Pioneer Room. February 17th will be *Millennium Actress*, February 24th will be *Aguirre, The Wrath of God*, both in the Pioneer Room. On the 25th, *Dinner and a Movie* will be shown in the Sun Room, and March 3rd and 4th, *Mooladé* will be shown in the Pioneer Room. On March 10th,

Buena Vista Social Club will be in the Maintenance Room; on the 24th and 25th, *City of God* will be in the Pioneer Room. *Nights of Cabiria* will be shown March 31st, and April 1st in the Pioneer Room and *Real Genius* will be shown April 7th and 8th, also in the Pioneer Room. April 13th will usher in Bad Movie Night Challenge, with *House of 1000 Corpses* playing. The event will wrap up on April 22nd with an unknown film to be shown on the Memorial Union Terrace. All films are shown at 8 p.m., except *Dinner and a Movie*.

The event began on January 13, with the 1964 Beatles' classic, *A Hard Day's Night*, followed by *The Motorcycle Diaries*, about the early life of Argentine revolutionary Che Guevara, the next weekend, and *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*, which included a live discussion with filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, on the 25th.

The series will continue until April 22. All films are free of charge and open to the public. Complimentary popcorn is also provided.

PBL names new secretary

By Lori Johnson
Banner Correspondent

Tricia Fogarty was named the new secretary for PBL-DMACC Boone Campus at the first PBL meeting of the semester on Friday, Jan. 21 in the Courter Center.

Fogarty is in her third year at DMACC, enrolled in the Administrative Assistant Program, and lives in Ames with her 4-year-old daughter.

PBL has a Valentine's Day guessing game planned for Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Court-

ier Center. The theme for this year's guessing game is "Hugs and Kisses" for Valentine's Day. Guess the number of Hershey Hugs and Kisses in the jar. The winner can win the following prizes:

- \$30 Gift Certificate to Dublin Bay (Ames, Iowa)
- Valentine's Day Stuffed Animal
- Jar of Hugs and Kisses

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Date not yet set for campus play

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

A date has not yet been set for the newest DMACC Boone Drama Production, "Don't Mention My Name."

The play, written by Fred Carmichael, and published in 1993, describes the plight of an amnesiac who can't remember a thing, but seems to be expected and rec-

ognized wherever he goes.

Casting on the play began Monday, Jan. 24, in the DMACC Boone Auditorium, and some tentative casting decisions have already been made by play director Kay Mueller.

The play, a comedy, has a run-date set for early in March, though, as aforementioned, no official date or casting has been announced.

Totally Accurate Horoscopes

By Forte DeMusique
Banner Correspondent

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This month is your month, but it is also "reverse" month. Avoid sunlight, beer, the opposite sex, the same sex, and electronic devices of any kind.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) That sound means you should check your oil. The stars also indicate that your self-image is a big, fat lie.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Your sign has brought you nothing but bad news, and shows no signs of changing. Switch to Taurus or Virgo immediately.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Avoid your usual mode of public transportation for at least a week; the "bad" gnomes have spotted you, and are planning an ambush.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Hip-hop superstar—or accounting wizard? It's time for you to choose your career path, Numberz, and stick to it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You don't need to take your family's advice. If you steal their car, it will take you where you need to go.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Careful fact-checking reveals that the print media has been lying to you for years. Read only your horoscope from now on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be struck by a severe case of hydrophobia at the peak of a "cannonball." Luckily for you, the pool is a block of ice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) After months of bachelorhood, a multiplicity of suitors overwhelms you. A game of "Eeny-meeny-miny-mo" will reveal the best prospect.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoidance and denial are not working; this month is a good time to finally accept the size of your goiter.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A professor's teaching has been baffling you. Recording a lecture and playing it backward will clarify things.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your significant other will split up with you in public. You can't win him/her back, but you can

CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Over The Toppings

by John Sprenkelmeyer & Rich Davis



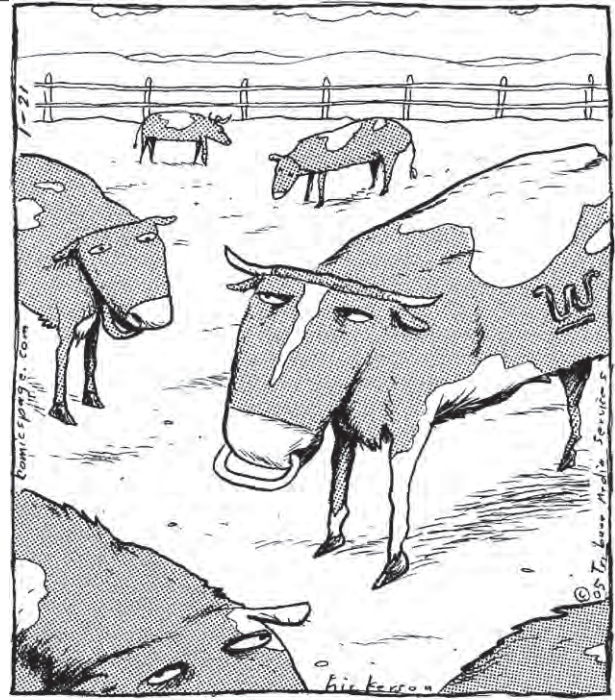
A College Girl Named Joe

By Aaron Warner



2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner



"Gee, Withrop! I had no idea you were that COOL! A nose ring AND a tattoo!"

DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Vincent Goes to Disney World.

You Are Here By Aaron Warner



Crossword

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- 1 Suspension of hostilities
 - 6 Brits' raincoats
 - 10 Captures
 - 14 Five after three
 - 15 Adored one
 - 16 Continental currency
 - 17 Painful points
 - 18 Go for the gold?
 - 19 Like a dental exam
 - 20 Beautiful bloom
 - 21 Electron tube
 - 22 Summon
 - 23 Pen
 - 25 Cut off
 - 27 Like utilities
 - 31 Vengeful foes
 - 35 ___ Marie Saint
 - 36 Utopias
 - 38 "___ Gay"
 - 39 Fine sprays
 - 41 Average grade
 - 42 Unfamiliar with
 - 43 Two quartets combined
 - 44 Sculled
 - 46 Somme summer
 - 47 Astral
 - 49 Went tobogganing
 - 51 Kind of eagle?
 - 53 Words of commitment
 - 54 Remaining
 - 57 Components of everything
 - 59 Brad or spike
 - 63 Self-defense, e.g.
 - 64 Make weary
 - 65 Desert Storm target
 - 66 Chutzpah
 - 67 Gardener's tools
 - 68 Top story
 - 69 Feed the kitty
 - 70 Dancer Pavlova
 - 71 Make fun of

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 - 26 Improved by editing
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 - 52 Actress Sophia
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 - 55 Spirited self-assurance
 - 56 Sensed
 - 58 Tableland
 - 60 Dog star
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FEATURES



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Silicon Corner: Shut down your computer with one click

By Jim Johnson
Banner Correspondent

Does it annoy you that Windows makes you open the start menu to do something as simple as shut down your computer? Well, maybe not very annoying to casual users, but to Über-geeks like me, it is. You open the Start menu, click Shutdown, then click Shutdown again (as if the computer thinks you clicked on that button accidentally the first time, although I'm not sure how you could mistake Shutdown for something like Open Program, etc.) After all of this, the computer finally shuts down. Okay, enough ranting, let's move on. Long-winded power-downs, be gone, for I have some Windows "hacks" that will make your system shut off with a simple double-click of the mouse button.

All of these tricks involve creating a new shortcut icon on your Windows desktop. You do this by right-clicking anywhere on the screen, and in the menu that appears, select New, then from another sub-menu select Shortcut. You will be prompted to enter a location path for the shortcut to run from. From here, things will vary depending on what version of Windows you're running. For Windows 98 users, enter the following location exactly as it is written here: C:\Windows\rundll.exe user.exe, exitwindows. If your hard drive is a different letter than C, just

replace it with whatever your hard drive's letter is. Once you have entered the location, click Next, enter a name for the shortcut and click Finish. You now have a shortcut icon on your desktop that will shut off your computer with a click of the mouse.

The instructions for Windows XP are slightly different. Not only do you have a simpler command path to enter, but you can also further customize how the computer shuts down. Like in the previous instructions, first create a new shortcut, then when you are prompted to enter a location path, enter one of the following switch commands listed below. This depends on how you would like the computer to shut down. Again, once you have entered the desired command, click Next, name the shortcut and click Finish.

For a basic shutdown type: shutdown -s

For a timed shutdown type: shutdown -t X

Replace X with a numerical value from 1 to 60, and when you shutdown, the computer will countdown from that number before actually shutting down.

For a personalized shutdown type: shutdown -c X

Replace X with your own personal message that you want the computer to say on shutdown. This message can be anything you want. For example, if you enter

something like shutdown -c, I am shutting off, a message saying I am shutting off will be displayed before the computer powers down.

For a brute-force shutdown type: shutdown -f

This command switch forces your computer to shutdown regardless of what programs you have open, so if you use this switch, always remember to save your work beforehand.

While the following commands do not shut your computer down, they can be used for security purposes. Enter them as you would any of the other commands.

To logout with a single click type: shutdown -l

To lock down your computer type: rundll32.exe user32.dll,LockWorkStation

To use this command, you must have a password protected XP user account. This command keeps you logged in but locks the desktop to keep others from using the system. To get back in, simply click your user icon and enter your password.

Questions or comments? Did I make a mistake in a certain article? Email me at jrjohnson86@gmail.com. Silicon Corner is also online: <http://siliconcorner.blogspot.com>



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Apple releases “budget” Mac, new iPod

By Jim Johnson
Banner Correspondent

Looking to get an upper hand on its competitors, Apple Computers recently introduced a less expensive, small scale version of its Macintosh computer and iPod music player. These new products were introduced by Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, on January 11, 2005 at the MacWorld Expo in San Francisco.

The new “Mac Mini’s,” are slightly larger than an external computer hard drive, yet fully-functioning computer systems. The systems do not come with a monitor, keyboard or mouse.

There are two versions of the “Mac Mini”. One version with a 40GB hard drive which will sell for \$499, and another with an 80GB hard drive, which will sell for \$599. Panther and new iLife multimedia software suite will shift with the latest update of Mac OS X operating system.

“People who are thinking of switching from a Windows PC will have no more excuses. It’s the newest and most affordable Mac ever,” said Jobs.

Apple occupies only three percent of the U.S. computer market, and executives say that the aim of the “Mac Mini” will be to “woo” PC users who felt that previous Apple products were too high-priced.

“This is also a great second or third computer in the home,” said Apple Senior VP Jon Rubenstein.

The new iPod, the Shuffle, looks to improve upon Apple’s success in the portable music business. Apple hopes to appeal to people who seek flash memory-based players. Compared to music players that use hard drive storage, like the Creative Zen or the original iPods, flash memory players are lighter and more durable, being solid state with no moving parts.

Thus, the iPod Shuffle is better suited for sports and exercise activities. Weighing in at less than an ounce, and measuring one third of an inch thick, the iPod Shuffle is smaller than a pack of chewing gum.

Unlike the original iPod and iPod Mini, the Shuffle does not have a display screen. All the con-

trols are mapped to a scroll wheel, and stored music can be played sequentially or in a random shuffle order.

The iPod Shuffle is sold in two different versions, a 512MB version, which will hold 120 songs and will sell for \$99, and a 1GB version, which will hold 240 songs and will sell for \$149.

The original hard drive based iPods could store entire music collections (hundreds of CDs), while the flash memory-based iPod Shuffle will store only a dozen albums worth of music.

Up until the night these products were introduced, the lowest priced iPod was the iPod Mini, the 4GB hard-drive based big brother to the Shuffle, which can hold about 1,000 songs.

Like the other existing iPods, the Shuffle will not play music purchased from online music stores that are in competition with Apple’s iTunes.

Users of sites such as Napster and Rhapsody, will be out of luck.

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FACULTY FACTS

Mary Beth Hanlin sits down with the Banner

By Joanna Golembiewski
Banner Staff Writer

USDA in Ames, and I really wanted to teach, so I came here.”

If you haven’t had Mary Beth Hanlin for a biology class, you have probably seen her walking the halls, always with a big smile on her face and saying ‘hello’ to other students.

She is a teacher who makes learning fun.

Whether dancing around the room or talking in funny voices, Mary Beth is a teacher who deserves to be in the spotlight.

So, who better to be the first teacher featured in the “Faculty Facts” section?

Recently, Mary Beth sat down with the Banner to answer some questions, so we can all get to know her a little better.

Listed below are the questions and her responses.



1. Where are you from originally?

“I was born in Sheridan, Wyoming.”

2. What school did you graduate from?

“I graduated college from the University of Wyoming.”

3. What brings you to DMACC?

“My husband got a job with the

4. How long have you been teaching at DMACC?

“I’ve taught here for 6 years.”

5. What is the most difficult aspect of your job?

“Having the time to research new things out there, I’m just so busy teaching and grading, there isn’t much time left.”

6. What is your favorite part?

“Watching students understand what you are teaching. Seeing the light bulb go on”

7. What is one thing most students don’t know about you?

“I play the guitar, piano and sing.”

8. Do you have any interesting hobbies or interests?


“I like to read or sew.”

9. How do you spend your weekends?

I spend my weekends with my family, and September through March at hockey.”

10. What is one thing you wish all students knew?

“I wish students knew time management skills. If students knew how to manage their time, studying would be easier.”



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ENTERTAINMENT

'Kinsey' Amazes

By Andrew Ryan Austin
Banner Staff Writer

In 1947, Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey released *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, the first major publication to address sexual behavior scientifically. Kinsey's work forever changed our perceptions of "normal" sexual behavior. In part, we owe much of the sexual knowledge and sexual freedom enjoyed today because of Dr. Kinsey's research.

Liam Neeson portrays Kinsey in the impressive new biopic of the same name, from writer/director Bill Condon. The film revolves around Neeson's pitch-perfect performance as Kinsey, a man totally preoccupied with sexual behavior and obsessed with dispelling sexual propaganda.

Kinsey began his career col-

lecting and studying gall wasps. His segue into sex research came more or less by accident when a young couple came to him for advice. Kinsey brought the same detached clinical sterility to his sex studies as he did to his gall wasps. The strength of the film lies in Condon's ability to craft Kinsey into a human being, complex, nuanced, and yet strangely flat. Neeson's brings a commanding power to Kinsey, a dwarfing effect that seems to outshine all those around him. However, heartbreaking exchanges between Kinsey and his devoutly religious father show the range and depth of the man, shining light on his obsession.

"There are only three kinds of sexual abnormalities," Kinsey once said. "Abstinence, celibacy, and delayed marriage. Think about [that]."

'In Good Company:' A movie you could do without

By Sarah M. Vasquez
Banner Staff Writer

Most women find pleasure in taking in a good old love story, the kind that makes every woman fantasize about finding a true love as undeniable as the one seen on-screen. The audience takes comfort in the fact that they know the ending will be happy because love will triumph above all, and they will be witness to it.

But if that's what you're looking for, don't expect to find it in the comedy "In Good Company." In fact, don't expect to find any deep relationships here at all. The only saving grace is Grace. Topher Grace, that is. His charm and lovability go hand in hand with his sarcastic tone, and provide the only relief in this almost exasperating film.

Dennis Quaid was lovable, as always, in the role of hardworking father and husband, but the script

failed to show any real levels to his character.

He played the role well. The role was just never developed well. In fact, the most common line was, "You are awesome." Hardly a blockbuster, attention-grabber, love story with passionate, enticing love lines. And although Scar-

let Johansson may be the newest member of "Hollywood's It Club," it doesn't look as though she'll be catapulted into the world of "A" class stardom after this film. If it were up to me, I would advise movie goers to think twice before adding "In Good Company" to your list of must see movies.

Drama department holds auditions

By Benjamin Bolluyt
Banner Staff Writer

Imagine you were suffering a case of amnesia when you ran into someone who seemed to know you. Now, imagine that after they left you alone, someone else came by who knew you by a different name. If you think you can understand how it might feel when a third and a fourth person also called you by other names, you can begin to get

a feel for the madness of "Don't Mention My Name."

Auditions were held on Monday for the DMACC spring play, which is scheduled for the first weekend in March. This leaves only five weeks for rehearsal and set construction, which will also probably be done by the cast. Director Kay Mueller says such a short time frame is not unusual for the DMACC play, but it will require a lot of dedicated work on the actors' parts.

'Pearl Earring' impresses

By Megan Shadle
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The *Girl with a Pearl Earring* is a wonderfully written book about a young woman finding herself in a world unknown to her, but when her master asks to paint her portrait she fears that it will be the end for them. Author Tracy Chevalier is a genius in bringing a love story out of an unknown painter, Johannes Vermeer and his controversial subject for his most famous painting, the *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.

Chevalier, an aspiring historical fiction writer, focuses her book on the young maid, Griet, and her life working for Johannes Vermeer and his family, while trying to make her parents happy.

She wears a single pearl earring, only she and the painter know exactly why. She is a sixteen-year-old Dutch maid of the famous painter, Johannes Vermeer. She works all day cleaning the house and watching the children, but at night she admires her master's artworks carefully trying not to disturb his work space and dreams of him painting her to as look as beautiful as his previous models. And one day her dream comes true, but not the way she imagined it.

I personally recommend this book for anyone who likes historical fiction with a hint of a little romance. I personally have preferred this book to the movie version that was released last year.

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