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Webcam airs construction 'reality' TV

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

As the addition to the Boone campus continues to progress, people all over the world can witness the work on the internet.

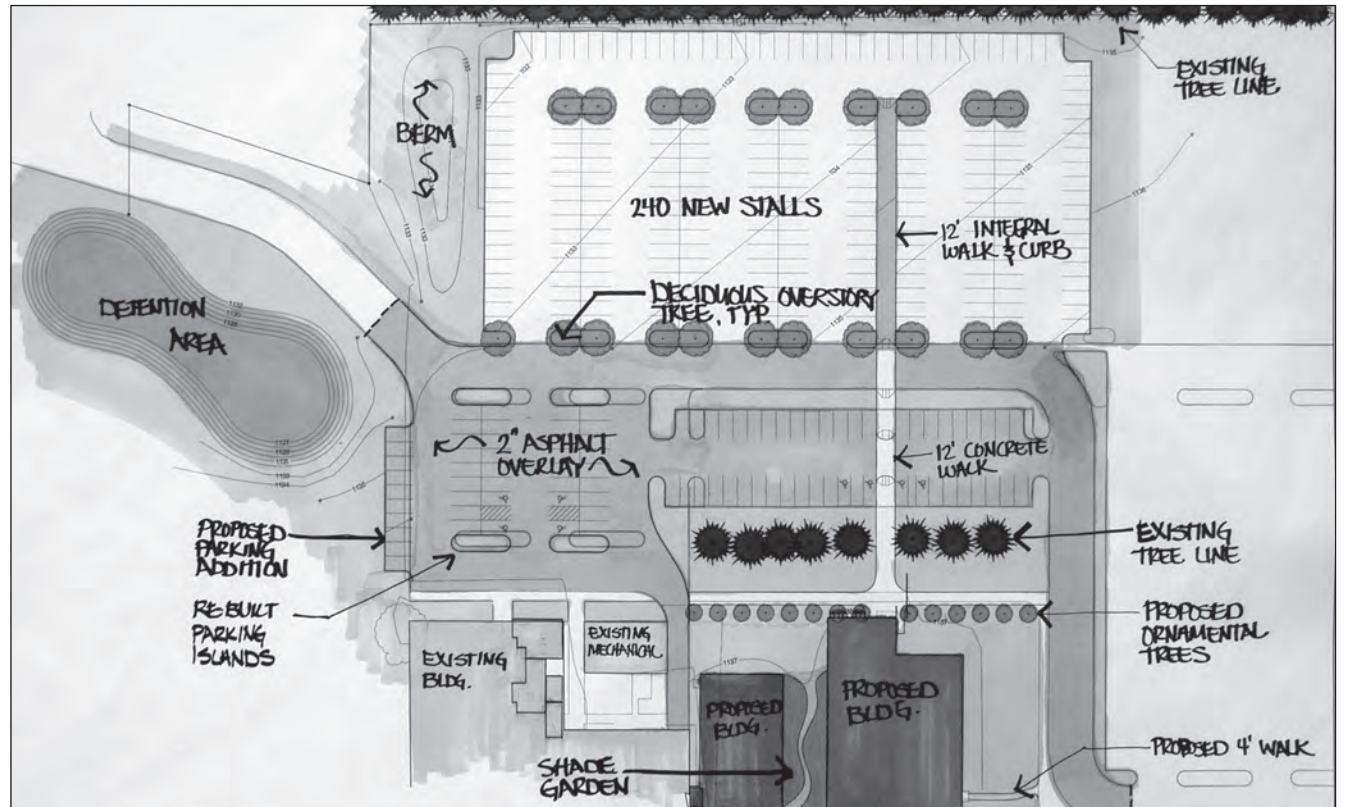
The DMACC webcam, located on the roof of the Courter Center just above the wireless computers, on the Boone campus is currently showing the construction in a time lapsed fashion. The images lapse from the last hour, to the last six hours, to the last 24 hours. This is more than a way for people to see the progression of the addition. It is also an informative piece. Architects and engineers can see the progress without leaving their desks.

Construction was slowed down for a time. Dirt underneath the construction site would not have been strong enough to hold the new addition. As a result 400 loads of dirt was taken out and another 400 loads of stronger dirt was replaced.

The images not shown on the web cam are what affect students the most. The shutting off of utilities and moving from classrooms have been a part of the construction process.

The flood that took place two weekends ago may result in new carpeting in the downstairs hallway according to Provost Vivian Brandmeyer. The flood was a result of a faucet left on in biology Room 225 after the water was shut off on campus.

Despite inconveniences Brandmeyer, said the staff is coping well and there has been no complaints from students.



Architect's drawing of building additions and parking

"We are always worried about something going wrong," said grounds superintendent Dean Hatch, who along with the other custodians, have put in 45 hour work weeks to keep up with utilities.

The progress of the addition is about on schedule according to Hatch.

Starting this week second floor class rooms, starting with Room 200, will reschedule classes for four to five days at a time to work on duct work from room to room.

During this process, the old duct work

will be working as well as new duct work. This will mean two heaters will be working to keep the room warm.

"Right now it is all or nothing," Hatch said about the current heating system. All the rooms work with the same heating system. The rooms often very from being very hot to being cold, the new system will have individual heat pumps in each room.

The smell of cutting torches will fill the air as workers will be working to remove pipes.

The school transformer will also be replaced as the new sports and fitness center will be added where the current transformer is located. A new line will be added to replace the transformer.

Although there are no lights up, the north parking lot will be finished this week.

Hatch would like every body to be patient. "We will run into some more rough spots, but we will be able to improve the comfort level in the school when every thing is finished," he said.

SAC disburses funds to student organizations

Matt Christensen
Banner Staff

The first of three portions of the Student Activities Council's 2004-2005 budget was paid out last week, giving 13 student groups this semester's allotment of the \$15,916.

Groups received 45 percent of their shares of the projected \$35,354 2004-2005 budget. Another 45 percent of each group's portion will be made available at the beginning of next semester, with 10 percent available for the summer term.

SAC disbursed funds based on percentages of the total monies available rather than guaranteed specific dollar amounts. This year, five student groups received one percent increases in funding from the previous year, while two groups saw their funds decline.

"I don't expect any problems with this year's budget," President Nate Lahner said. "I think most groups are satisfied with the money they'll get."

Lisa Mathes, faculty adviser to SAC, said the Council disbursed money based on the total enrollment and activity fees paid for this semester.

SAC Budget 2004-2005		
Organization or Club	Percent of funds	Funds disbursed Fall 2004
Athletes	44%	\$7,003
Banner	7%	1,114
Civil Eng. Tech	2%	318
Drama & Theater	2%	318
Intramurals	1%	159
Nursing Students	2%	318
Peer Tutoring	1%	159
Phi Beta Lambda	7%	1114
Phi Theta Kappa	5%	796
Rotaract	3%	477
SAC	24%	3,820
Bear Crew	1%	159

This year's budget changed little from 2003-2004. Two of the 13 groups are expected to use 68 percent of the funds. Athletics is slated to collect about \$15,555.76, 44 percent of the proposed budget total and nearly twice as much as the next closest student group, SAC. The Council plans to spend 24 percent of the budget, about \$84884.96, on activities for students throughout the next two semesters. The Banner and Phi Beta Lambda will

each spend 7 percent, or about \$2474.78, respectively.

Elimination of the now defunct Photo Club, which previously was slotted to take in 2 percent of the budget, allowed other groups to see increases. Rotaract is one of five groups receiving one percent increases from last year. Among those five organizations, the Pep Band, a new student group, will take in one percent of this year's total budget at about \$353.54.

Money allotted for tutoring was cut by 2 percent. Lahner said he could not remember specifically why the tutoring budget was cut.

"We [SAC] set the budget by looking at what each group got last year and by looking at what each group needs to do what they want to do," Lahner said. Student groups submitted budget proposals for their organizations to SAC at the end of the spring semester. Typically, groups ask the Council for more money than they'll realistically receive, Mathes said. If needed, student groups can appeal to the Council for additional money any time during the school year.

Lahner is quick to point out that groups must have good communication with the Council if animosities about disbursement are to be avoided. "This year SAC is inviting representatives from each student group to our meetings so we can address their concerns. We're being a little more formal." But so far only one student group, PBL, has chosen to send a representative to an SAC meeting.

SAC meets the first Tuesday morning of each month at 8:30 in the Courter Center.

Students split in next election

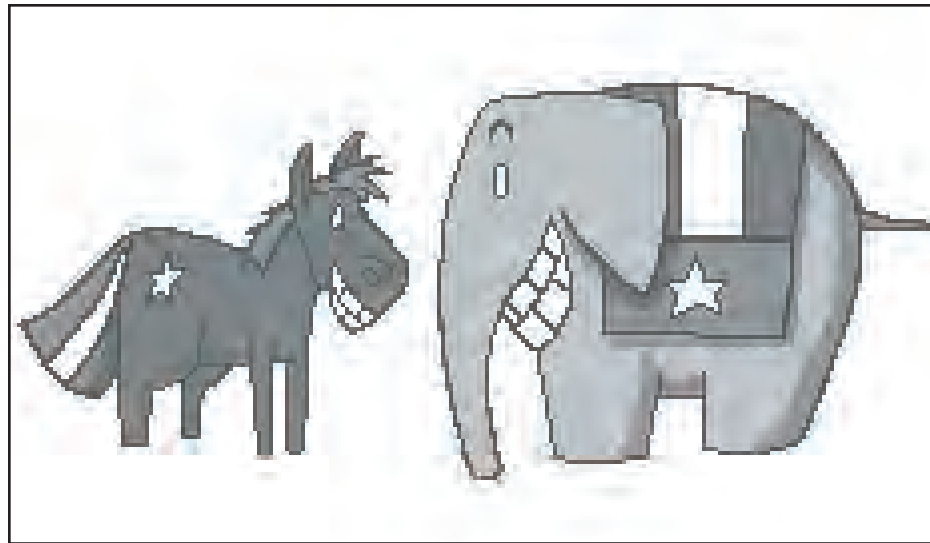
Robin Cazavilan
Banner Staff

DMACC students are not shy about where they stand on this election. When Josh Beaugard, Pleasantville, was asked if he was voting, he did not hesitate. "Yes, I'm voting for Bush," he said and then added, "You can put that in big letters."

He and his friend, Tina Argetsinger, Ames, discussed openly their concerns for our nation should John Kerry be elected. "Bush has done a good job. People overlook the real reason that we are at war. Clinton left Bush with a mess to clean up," Argetsinger explained. Both Beaugard and Argetsinger felt that Kerry was not strong enough to finish the job of "cleaning up the mess."

"I have three friends who are in Baghdad right now and two of them are scared that if Kerry should be elected president, they will lose their life over there because they won't be given the supplies that they need to survive," said Beaugard.

There are students who said that their religious affiliation will affect the way they vote. Brian Fisher, Logan, has already cast his vote for Bush via an absentee ballot. When asked why he chose Bush over Kerry, Fisher said that his faith definitely affected his choice. "There are lots of reasons that I am voting for Bush," Fisher explained. "First of all, he [Bush] is pro-life and he sticks to his issues. He does exactly what he says. When we started this war, Bush was supported by the



Senate. He said that he wouldn't quit until it's done. Now people are getting tired of this war and Bush is keeping his promise. We aren't done yet."

Jenn Hartmann, Everly, was sitting close by, nodding her head as Fisher spoke. "My religion doesn't affect who I am voting for at all," Hartmann began. "I am voting for Bush because he has a strong character and he is not afraid to stand up for what is right."

Not everyone believes that what Bush stands up for is right. Kristen Sampson, Jefferson, is voting for Kerry. "I am religious, but my faith has nothing to do with politics," Sampson said. "Either way, I am going to vote for the lesser of the two evils. I just don't like the idea of Bush sending our jobs overseas."

Amber Smith, also from Jefferson, is

voting for Kerry for similar reasons but not as confidently. "I really don't like any of the candidates, but I am leaning towards Kerry. He is the lesser of two evils. Kerry is more concerned with our economy and I think that Bush has ulterior motives," Smith said.

"I haven't been following the debates," another student chimed in. "And I don't know if I am a Democrat or a Republican. What good would voting be if I don't even know who to vote for?"

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on November 2. Students who need more information on where to go to vote should contact their county auditor at the courthouse. Students from Story County can call the Story County Auditors Office at 515-382-7210.

Presidential Issues

George W. Bush (Republican)

War In Iraq – Authorized the war to oust Saddam Hussein.

Abortion – Opposes except in cases of rape, incest or to save the mother's life.

Death Penalty – Supports the death penalty.

Patriot Act – Supports the Patriot Act.

Prescription Drug Benefits – Supports adding drug benefit to Medicare.

Environment and Energy – Supports market-based solution to improve air quality. Proposed \$1.7 billion to develop hydrogen-powered fuel cells.

Defense – Does not support a draft. If re-elected will increase military spending 4.2 percent to \$380 billion.

Homosexual Rights – Backed a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. Opposes gay adoption and has a "don't ask don't tell" policy for the military.

Drug Costs – Supports reducing drug costs for low-income patients.

Education – Signed the No Child Left Behind Act.

John Kerry (Democrat)

War In Iraq – Initially supported the war, later said Bush misled the nation.

Abortion – Supports a woman's right to choose.

Death Penalty – Opposes the Death Penalty.

Patriot Act – Backs letting the act expire with congressional approval.

Prescription Drug Benefits – Tighten rules on drug companies; focus on seniors and veterans.

Environment and Energy – Promotes clean, renewable fuel sources, especially ethanol. Set goals to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Defense – Invest in new equipment, technology, and better pay and benefits for servicemen. Wants to increase the size of the military and start the Community Defense Service. Does not support a draft.

Homosexual Rights – Against same-sex marriage but supports benefits and rights for same-sex couples. Favors allowing homosexuals to openly serve in armed forces and adopt children.

Drug Costs – Close rule loopholes and give financial incentives to lower drug costs.

Education – Supports Bar Vouchers,

Student registration begins Oct. 28

Ashley Crouthamel
Banner Staff

Midterm has just passed, and it's already time to register for next semester. The spring class-schedule tabloid is available at the office and other various places around the DMACC campus.

Registration begins Oct. 28 for returning career education students and arts and sciences students. New career education

students can start registering on Nov. 2, and new arts and sciences students can register starting Nov. 15. Registration ends for any student at noon on Jan. 8. Late registration is from Jan. 10 through noon on Jan. 15.

There are four ways to register for classes: in person, by telephone, online or by fax.

To register in person, make an appointment with a campus adviser to talk about

building a schedule. Hours are Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

If registering by phone, have the tabloid at hand to ensure the CRN/subject number and course titles of each class are correct. The numbers to call are: 1-515-432-7203 or toll free 1-800-342-0033.

Registering online is another possibility. Instructions for registering online are available in the tabloid.

Faxing is the last way to register for spring semester. The tabloid contains a registration worksheet to complete.

The tabloid includes classes that are offered on each campus as well as information like degree requirements, tuition fees, admission steps, various policies and services and other information for new and returning students.

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Newer faces on the DMACC campus

“It’s an exciting time to be a librarian!”

Ashley Crouthamel
Banner Staff

After 15 years of working at the Parks Library at Iowa State University, Rebecca Funke decided to make a change. She started as DMACC’s new librarian shortly after fall semester classes began.

“I felt like (DMACC) would be an exciting place,” she said. Funke wants to try new things at Boone DMACC, and feels there will be exciting adventures for her here.

“So far it’s been great. Everyone has been helpful and pleasant,” she said. She likes the size of the school because it gives everyone the chance to get to know people and have more personal relationships with students and staff. “I also like the variety in people and work,” Funke explained.

Although Funke didn’t set out to be a librarian after graduating high school, “I knew I wanted to do something that involved working with people,” she said.

After being in her master’s program for about a year, she realized being a librarian was “it” for her. “When I started working in the library at Iowa State University I realized how much I enjoyed connecting people with information,” Funke added.

“What I love most about being a librarian is the opportunity to meld the social aspects of my personality with the exciting challenges of technology and information. It is an exciting time to be a librarian!” she said.

As for the DMACC library, she wants to support critical thinking skills which are a vital component to higher education and lifelong learning. “I want this library



Rebecca Funke, DMACC Librarian

to participate in creating an informed citizenry on various levels. I want this library to be a place where folks are welcomed, ideas are shared and lives are transformed,” Funke said.

Funke, from Nevada, graduated from Iowa with her bachelor’s degree in religious studies, and her master’s in information science. She likes to read and loves spending time with her family. She has a husband Brian and two kids, 9-year-old daughter Michaela, and 8-year-old son Matthew. Vacationing by car is another love of hers, as well as lounging, watching movies and ordering delivery. She would love to go to Ireland if given the opportunity, but has never been out of the country. She has never met any famous authors so far, but did see William Shatner once at a restaurant in Arizona.

“Fresh Blood” in the nursing program

Matt Christensen
Banner Staff

Ten years ago, as Stefanie Gatica was finishing up her studies in DMACC’s nursing program, she never thought she’d one day be back in a Boone classroom—least of all teaching in it.

Ah, but how times change. Gatica is DMACC’s newest nursing instructor. Gatica began her career aspirations as a medical interpreter while studying Spanish at University of Northern Iowa. But after a semester abroad in Mexico during her time as an undergrad at UNI, she realized she could best help others as a nurse, not an interpreter.

An alumna of DMACC’s nursing program, Gatica earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Graceland University in Missouri, and she is currently studying for her master’s degree.

Gatica has already held a variety of positions in the healthcare field. She’s worked in emergency rooms and intensive-care units—both of which have prepared her for the classroom, she jokes. “My job now is to teach and share my knowledge.”

DMACC agrees. “We’re very enthusiastic to have Stefanie,” said Connie Booth, program chair for practical and associate degree nursing at DMACC. “She’ll bring some fresh blood to the program, and we’re glad she’s here.”



Stefanie Gatica, Nursing Instructor

Formerly an adjunct professor at DMACC, Gatica taught a course called Spanish for Healthcare before being hired as a full-time instructor. A certified Spanish interpreter, she hopes to use her language skills in her current position. “I want to organize some mission trips for our nursing students down to Mexico or Guatemala,” Gatica said.

Gatica has a husband Armando, and three children: Jayden, 11; Devin, 6; and Haley, 3. And in her free time? “What free time?” she asked, arching an eyebrow. “We’re big football fans,” she said. “And I like to go to the YMCA. But I’m mostly busy with the kids.”

Feed a Body--Feed a Mind

PTK kicks off food drive with presentation

Phi Theta Kappa is presenting a program called Feed the Body, Feed the Mind tomorrow from 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. in the Courter Center as part of Project Graduation.

People who want to attend must bring a nonperishable food item to the food drive, to help kick Project Graduation.

Food items will be given to the Salvation Army or left on campus for students who need food.

Kendall Natvig, adjunct Spanish instructor who received a grant to explore the works of Dr. Norman Borlaug, will lead the presentation.

Dr. Borlaug researched new ways to increase the world’s food production. Dr. Borlaug also started the World Food Prize, which gives grants to researchers who discover ways to increase food production.

The presentation will include a video, “Out of Iowa,” which chronicles life and work of Dr. Borlaug.

The video will be followed with a cultural display that emphasizes the troubles of poor farmers in Mexico, India, Pakistan, and West Africa, where Dr. Borlaug made the greatest impact.



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Urban legends kick off Halloween

Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

You may have heard a few urban legends here or there about how you're not supposed to eat Pop Rocks and then drink Pepsi because your stomach will explode inside you, killing you instantly, like it did to the Life cereal kid Mikey, who actually didn't die and is still alive and healthy today.

Some urban legends are so outrageous that they seem so real, such as the ones about ghosts. These ghost stories are legends that have been passed down over the years to scare and entice its listeners.

Hollie Smith, 19, tells an urban legend that she was told when she was younger. It takes place in the Dawson cemetery, about five miles from Perry, about a particular grave simply labeled, "River Baby." As the legend was told to Smith, the angry father of a single teenage girl drowns her illegitimate child in the stream behind the cemetery. When the body of the baby was found it was never identified and was laid to rest in a simple grave. As legend has it, at night you can hear the girl scream, "No, Papa! No!" and hear an infant crying in the background. And if you stay late into the night you can actually see the ghosts reenact the events of that fateful night over and over again.

College urban legends have been passed down over the years from students to teachers to students again, such as the

one about two college roommates. One roommate commits suicide and the other roommate automatically receives a 4.0-grade-point average for the rest of the semester. Don't get any ideas about killing your roommate—it's not true.

Another college urban legend, one that was made famous in the 1998 movie "Urban Legend," is about a dormitory floor where a psycho killer knocked on every door and killed everyone who answered. This legend has never happened on any college campus either.

Barrett Randall, Composition teacher, tells a more common college urban legend that he was told when he was in college.

A professor tells his class of 500 to stop writing because the essay test is over with. The professor tells the class if they continue to write they will automatically fail the class. One student continues to write even though the professor told everyone that they would fail. All the other students have left except for the one still writing. The professor tells the student that it's useless to finish the test because he had already failed. The student finally finishes their test and brings it to the professor's desk and puts it on the stack of tests. The professor asks, "Why did you continue to write even though you failed?" The student replies, "You don't even know my name? Do you?" Then the student grabs the stack of tests and throws them to the floor mixing his in the pile. The student ends up passing the class



because the professor never finds out his name.

An urban legend that has been passed around campuses from all across the United States is one involving a female student who is bored one Saturday night so she goes online to chat. She comes across a mature chat room; she makes up a fake name and starts chatting with a guy from out of state. They chat for a while and she thinks this guy is really something, so they agree to get online again tomorrow to chat again. This goes on for almost a year; she gets to know the guy and starts to fall for him even though she's never met him. The time comes when he asks to meet her. She's kind of nervous to meet him—she didn't care if he was deformed or 60 years old—all she knew is that she loved him. They agree to meet each other

in California; they make arrangements to meet in a hotel room. When she arrives she gets the key to the room and tells the clerk at the front desk to hold on to the other key for the second party. She gets to the room and lights some candles, changes into something sexy and crawls under the sheets and waits for the man she loves to arrive. When the man arrives it's too dark to see so he turns on the light switch. A scream echoes down the hall. The girl in sexy lingerie lying before the man turns out to be his own daughter.

Urban legends can be scary but there are ones that always make its listeners laugh. Most urban legends are designed from factual events and some are just told to warn against of what just might happen.

Team America

Puts the 'F' back in Funny

Jason Moore
Banner Staff

Imagine yourself as a puppet standing at the foot of a destroyed world-famous monument. No, you're not having another weird terrorism dream. You're watching a hilarious new movie.

In the latest project by South Park creators, Team America: World Police, Trey Parker and Matt Stone showcase an extremely humorous satire about world terrorism and celebrity activism...with marionette puppets.

The movie begins on a beautiful day in Paris. However all isn't right in the world. A little boy notices numerous Arab puppets hovering around a suitcase with a blinking light. The movie kicks off as Team America comes in to save the day, but at the same time, destroying important French landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the Arc de Triumph, essentially doing the job for the terrorists.

One can't help but think that Parker and Stone have some sort of hostile feelings toward celebrities, especially outspoken liberal celebrities or Bush's "war hun-



Puppets ready for action in Team America

KRT Campus

gry" attitude. Although Bush (or Kerry for that matter) isn't mentioned a single time during the movie, it's obvious that the Team America gag is politically motivated because of the "senseless" destruction that occurs numerous times throughout the movie.

Puppets aside, the movie does do its job. I laughed numerous times, even being brought to tears by laughter, as did many others in the audience. So if you're in need of a good laugh, Team America is a definite must see.

Brazil Year travelogue next week

Scholar, author and artist James Reid will deliver a Brazil Year presentation at the Des Moines Area Community College's Boone Campus, Monday, Nov. 8 from 10:10 to 11:05 a.m. in the Boone Campus Auditorium.

Reid served 20-years as a U.S. Army officer. He speaks seven languages and is the author of ten books. He has lectured at locations all across the globe and he exhibits his art work internationally. Reid has traveled extensively throughout Brazil for the past 30 years, meeting intellectuals, artists, military leaders and government officials alike.

This is the second in a series of presentations on the Boone Campus about Brazil, as part of DMACC's Brazil Year emphasis for 2004-2005. Each year, DMACC highlights one country as its international year of study.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

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Trivia: One-hit wonders



How much do you remember about these forgettable bands?

1. You'll never forget the song and the dance it spawned, but do you recall who sang "Macarena"?

- A. Dos Hermanos
- B. Los del Rio
- C. Diablo
- D. Los Parasitos

2. Which of these lines is not a lyric from Deee-Lite's one hit, "Groove is in the Heart"?

- A. The depth of hula groove
- B. Not vicious or malicious
- C. Give me thrills, baby
- D. My supperdish, my succotash

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3. The Vapors had their one hit in the '80s with what song?

- A. "Take On Me"
- B. "Kids in America"
- C. "No More Words"
- D. "Turning Japanese"

4. The Starland Vocal Band's one hit, "Afternoon Delight," was so popular that the group landed a CBS variety series called The Starland Vocal Band Show. Which now-popular talk show host appeared on the show?

- A. David Letterman
- B. Oprah Winfrey
- C. Jay Leno
- D. Conan O'Brien

5. Which of the following should not be classified as a one-hit wonder band?

- A. The Weather Girls
- B. The Divinyls
- C. Spin Doctors
- D. Dexy's Midnight Runners

CORRECT ANSWERS:

1. B. Los del Rio
2. C. Give me thrills, baby
3. D. "Turning Japanese"
4. A. David Letterman
5. C. Spin Doctors. The Docs are known for both "Two Princes" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong."

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Behind the Desk

Using the DMACC Portal

Robin Cazavilan
Banner Staff

The grass is plenty green at DMACC. There are many resources at our finger tips that allow us to take our learning to a higher level. One of these resources is the DMACC portal that is currently under beta testing. This program allows students to access and save any projects or documents straight to their P-drive at school from any computer that has the Internet. The Website is <http://my.dmacc.edu>. Before the site is entered, a user name and ID will need to be provided. Once on the Website, on the far right side, a text box says, "All portal users." By clicking on the box and re-entering a user name and ID, students can enter the DMACC portal and have access to any of the programs that DMACC has a license for. By using the portal, students can save their work on their own P-drive, and be able to access them using the school computers. This helps eliminate carrying around disks and complaining that computer won't print, therefore, assignments should not be late. It is a great new tool for DMACC students.

Banner Editorial

Vote for future of safety, peace

Over the last few months we have been bombarded with reminders by politicians, pundits, and pollsters that this presidential election is perhaps the most important election to take place in any of our lifetimes. Consider that the next president will most likely affect the balance of the Supreme Court, implement a new social security plan, revamp healthcare, and set the precedence for American foreign policy in the post-Cold War, post-9/11 era, and it is not hard to believe.

But the next president's largest and most daunting responsibility, his most important, will be to protect our nation against terrorist threats. National security trumps all other concerns.

Both candidates recognize their responsibility to defend America, albeit by different approaches. Kerry essentially proposes a plan formed around multinational cooperation intended to limit American military involvement overseas. It is a strategy based on diplomacy as the primary deterrent to terrorism. "We need a President who has the credibility to bring our allies to our side and share the burden, reduce the cost to American taxpayers,

and reduce the risk to American soldiers," Kerry said at the Democratic National Convention in June. "And we need to rebuild our alliances, so we can get the terrorists before they get us."

Bush, also, is intent on striking the terrorists before we are struck. But his approach does not hinge on multinational support. The Bush plan relies, and has relied, largely on swift actions to prevent terrorist attacks in the short term, and spreading democracy to troubled regions to prevent terrorism from expanding in the long term.

Bush's national security plan is the more direct, aggressive, and unyielding option. His steadfast commitment to keep America safe at all costs makes Bush the superior candidate.

We now live in a time of unparalleled uncertainty for our country's safety, one in which two leaders with vastly differing strategies have been presented as men who will undoubtedly leave their marks in the history books.

"This moment in the life of our country will be remembered," Bush said at the Republican National Convention

this summer. "Generations will know if we kept our faith and kept our word. Generations will know if we seized this moment and used it to build a future of safety and peace. The freedom of many and the future security of our nation now depend on us."

It is this last line, one that captures the ethos of the American spirit, which should resonate in our minds on voting day and inspire us to cast our ballot for the candidate who will ensure freedom and security for Americans in the future.

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Reader's Letter

Moore's visit hogwash

From Nader supporters to Moore bashers, everyone was there trying to get the swing voters to bite at their hooks.

Michael Moore arrived in Hilton Coliseum in Ames over two hours late Sunday night. Ames was just one stop on his "slacker uprising tour."

The group that really got me t'ed off was the "Pledge to Vote" people. They walked around with a clipboard, asking you to give them your name, address, phone number, party and email address. Apparently, it's not enough to vote when 55 percent of people who can vote don't. Now, I have to pledge that I will vote!

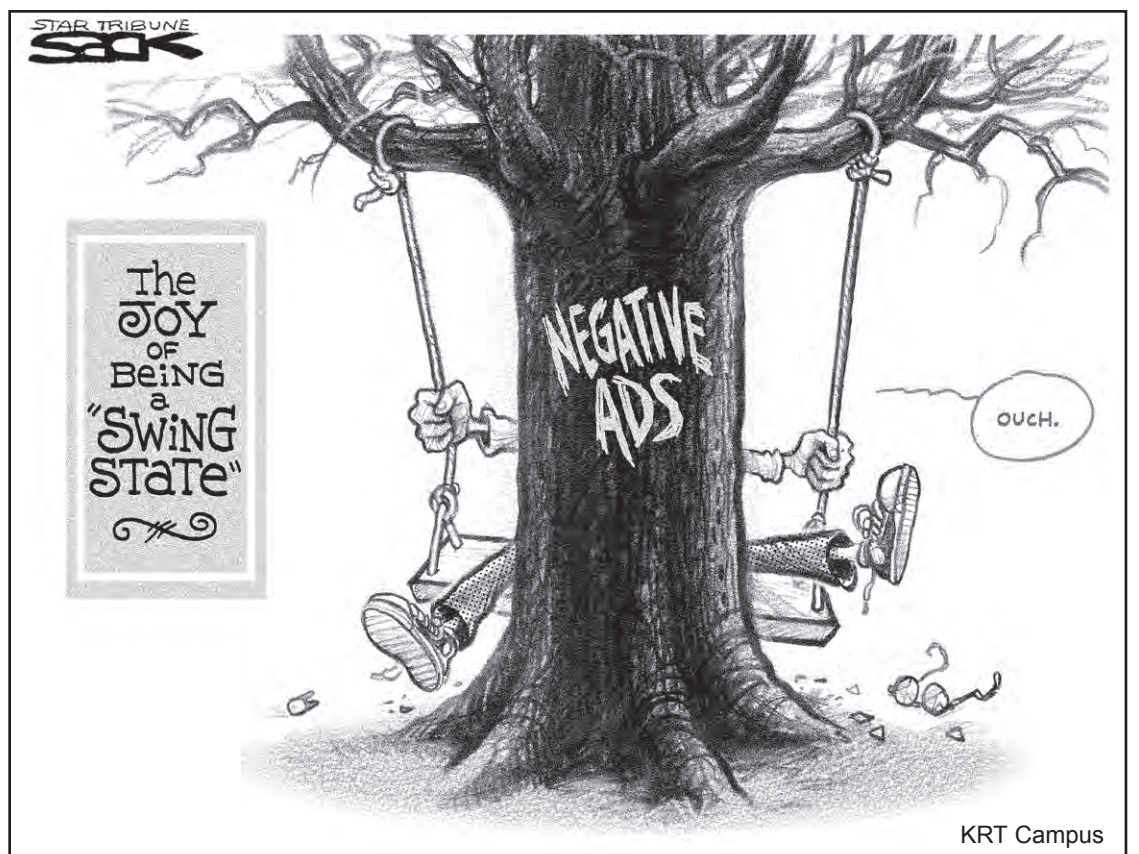
My reward for pledging—battered daily with phone calls, my inbox being filled with 22 emails every time I check my mail, and door to door people telling me to vote every day for months before an election.

However, his tardiness lead to uncomfortable stadium chairs. I had no money to buy a drink for \$2.50, and they had made me leave my bottled water at the door. What was I going to do, drown Moore?

After arriving stylishly late, blaming it on the Ames airport not letting him land, Moore started ranting and raving against George W. Bush and how his administration is terrible. The usual type of bashing that contains no relevant data or logic during these events.

I went to get some facts and to hear some things that maybe I've overlooked in my research for my vote.

Moore read two letters from the troops and one from a mother of a soldier in Iraq. This was interesting, and I did like hearing what some of our troops have to think about the war and America's situation in



Iraq.

Then Moore read the book that Bush was reading to an elementary class on 9/11. I really could have done without this. I don't care what Bush was reading when the U.S.A. was attacked. I don't even care where he was.

I ended up leaving halfway through the speech.

I learning nothing new, and it was just a bunch of people saying they are going to be better for

American than Bush, and Kerry rules. I wasn't impressed.

I would have been if it wouldn't have been a bunch of hogwash. Make points. Show what can be better. Do something else than say that it doesn't work. Nay saying doesn't get anything done.

James Stenstrom
Boone Campus Student

No McGee, Williams, Turner

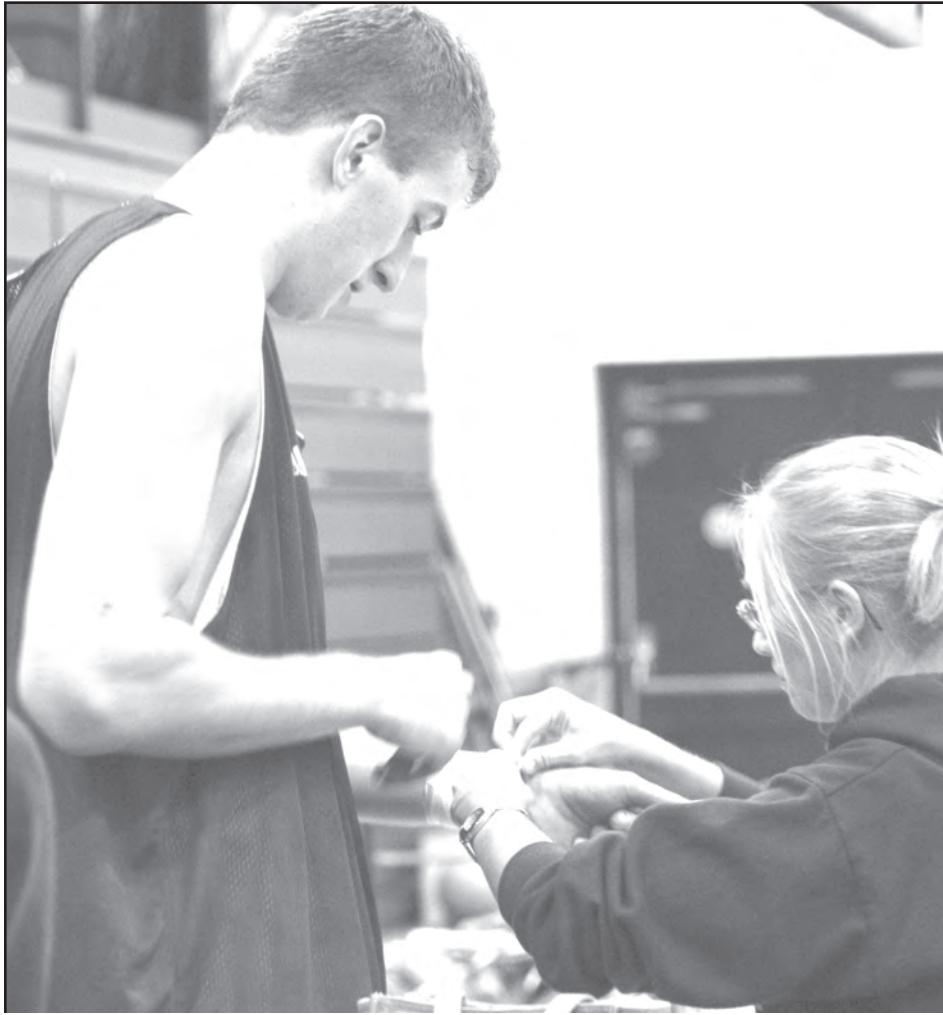


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Wrist Wrap - Marcin Konarzewski has his wrist wrapped by the DMACC athletic trainer.

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Frashon McGee. Shaun Williams. Euvon Turner. With each of these players missing from the DMACC men's basketball starting line-up this season, it seems as though the Bears would be laying this season down. Not even.

Frashon McGee was named Honorable Mention on the All-American team and both McGee and Williams were named to the Region XI All-Region Basketball Team. McGee averaged 14.1 points per game and 8.7 rebounds per game, while Williams held down 17.1 points and 7.4 boards per game. "I think the loss of both Frashon McGee and Shaun Williams are our biggest concerns at this point," Coach Salmon said. "Determining if we can replace their inside presence at both ends of the floor will be key."

Coach Salmon is impressed with the effort he has seen so far in practice and has Naim Benjamin returning this season. Benjamin helped the Bears in their playoff run and earned an All-Region Honorable Mention. "Benjamin, Jackson, and Konarzewski have all been showing good leadership in early parts of our practices," Salmon added. As for the freshmen on the team, Salmon thought they were improving and getting better each day.

Will Smith is a 6'6" freshman forward and state champion in 2003 at Waterloo East High School. "So far, we are doing pretty well, but it takes time," said Smith. "We want a championship and we know it's gonna take a lot of hard work."

As for team goals it seems obvious that a national championship would be the ultimate goal. Coach Salmon is not a big-season goal kind of person. "Our goal is to improve each practice as a team every time we step on the floor," he said. If the Bear's can do that, who knows what

can happen.

Kenneth Jackson, a 6'3" sophomore forward, has a goal in the back of his mind. "We want a national championship," he said. "Practices are getting better everyday, but we're definitely working on a lot of team defense and trying not to be selfish," Jackson added.

A big part of the season could be in the hands of the freshman and how well they step up. "I think the rookies are coming along pretty well and once we all step up together we're going to be a hard team to beat," Jackson said. Coach Salmon couldn't quite draw a conclusion on his freshmen just yet. "I think it is too early to determine the quality of our freshmen,"



Team Kicks - These Nikes are the team shoe for the 2004-2005 DMACC Bears

he said. "We need for them to step up and play well as we get into the season," he added.

With McGee, Williams, and Turner gone the Bear's will have to find someone to step up this season. They are hoping to find that player a part of this team and that he does it by Nov. 3. DMACC goes up against William Penn JV here in Boone at 8 p.m. for their first home game of the season. With a record of 27-6 last year, the Bears have been given a ranking of twelfth in the nation, just a few behind rival Kirkwood at the number eight spot. The National Junior College Athletic Association ranked Mott Community College, Flint, Mich., as the number one team heading into the 2004-2005 season.

V-ball Regionals in Boone

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

This Friday our No. 10 ranked Division II women's volleyball team has a very good chance at a rematch against No. 5-ranked Kirkwood. The Regional Tournament is being held here in Boone on Oct. 29 and 30. DMACC is a No. 3 seed, which means they will play in Pool B facing Ellsworth at 11:30 a.m. and Iowa Lakes at 1 p.m. The Bears also have a game later that evening against Northern Iowa Area Community College at 5:30 p.m. "We should be able to do well in our pool and hopefully make it to the championship," said Bailey Saal, one of the Bears' leaders in kill shots. DMACC hopes to see themselves in the championship Tues. Nov. 2 which the

highest seed remaining will host. The Bears head into the tourney with a 10-3 conference record and an overall record of 28-12. Another chance at Kirkwood will be on the minds of some of the DMACC players. Kirkwood defeated DMACC on the Bears' home court 3-1 on Oct. 20. The Regional Tournament will be an all-day event with games scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

DMACC sports on the move?

Once again Chronicle staff writer Tommy Birch has my attention. Kind of like one of those Asian beetles that won't go away. I'm kidding, but as a DMACC Boone student you should be intrigued as well. If you didn't catch it, Birch has yet again stated that "while DMACC sports are in Boone, all of the great athletes are in Ankeny." Come on man.

DMACC sports are in Boone, giving students the chance to see some real competition at unbelievable prices....FREE. I will not try to once again convince you of the skills and talents on this women's volleyball team. The colossal strikes on the ball will probably echo down the hallway and into the Courter Center this Friday.

Unless we as students stop in and check out some of our athletes in action, Birch will have somewhat of a point. Between classes is a great time to see this team hopefully dominate the competition. Eventually I have to take matters into my own hands and embarrass Birch in a game of one-on-one. - Brandon Kleinke DMACC Boone Sports Editor

E x t r e m e
D o d g e b a l l

Saturday, Nov. 6
10 a.m.
Boone Campus Gym

Teams wanted for the first annual Extreme Dodgeball tournament. Each team will consist of six players with a limit of 20 teams in competition. Entry fee is \$20 per team. The winning team will receive a trophy and Extreme Dodgeball t-shirts.

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The Other Side of the Courter by Jason Moore

What's the scariest thing you have ever experienced?



Micah Olson, Boone

"Both of my babies were born prematurely."



Neil Nerem, Boone

"I went into the ditch with two other friends at 75 mph."



Tim Bergin, Ames

"I wrecked my truck on ice and totaled it."



Tracie Harris, St Louis

"I went to a haunted house."

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	27 10:00 a.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$7-\$9. 11:00 a.m., Power, Swacker and Four the Floor on the Drive, 9 p.m., House of Bricks, Des Moines, \$5. 12:00 p.m., Fun Flics, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., LW Center Center, Free.	28 The Advantage, 9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$5-\$7. The Pines, 9 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$5.	29 Little Mojo, 9:30 p.m., Java Joe's, Des Moines, Free. Roper, Valet and Stuck with Arthur, 7:30 p.m., 7 Flags Events Center, Clive, \$5-\$10. Boone Campus Foundation "Fun" Raiser, Boone Golf and Country Club.	30 Volleyball Regionals, TBA, DMACC, Boone. Index Case, 9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$7-\$9. Straylight Run and Hot Rod Circuit, Northstar and Say Anything, 5 p.m., House of Bricks, Des Moines, \$10.		
	1 Stupid, Pleasant Grove, What Made Milwaukee Famous, The Stereo Types, Stereo 7, 5 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$5-\$8. Des Moines, \$31.50- \$47.50. 9 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$5-\$7. Volleyball Regional Finals, 7 p.m., TBA.	2 ndma Mojo's onshine Revival, 11 a.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$1. Men's & Women's basketball Bears vs. William Penn IV, 8 p.m./9 p.m., DMACC, Boone.	3 4 Hamell on Trial, 8 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$5-\$8. Stereo South, 8:30 p.m., Java Joe's, Des Moines, Free.	5 AKA, 9:30 p.m., Java Joe's, Des Moines, Free. Local Music Showcase, 9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$5-\$8. Bill Engvall, 9 p.m., Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, Des Moines, \$28.75.	6 Teitur, 9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$5-\$10.	
7 63 Crayons, Casper & the Cookies and Joe Terry Action, 9 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$5.	8 Laura Veirs and Support T&A, 9 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$5-\$7.	9 Men's Bears vs. William Jewell IV, 7:30 p.m., DMACC, Boone. Three Days Grace and Index Case, 7:30 p.m., Val Air Ballroom, West Des Moines, \$10.	10 Lotus, 9 p.m., Vaudeville Mews, Des Moines, \$7-\$9. Alker Bridge, Submersed and Crossfade, 7:30 p.m., Val Air Ballroom, West Des Moines, \$21.	11 The Advantage, 9 p.m., Maintenance Shop, Ames, \$5-\$7.	12 Perfect Wedding, 7:30 p.m., DMACC, \$5 - Free w/ DMACC Library Card.	13 Perfect Wedding, 7:30 p.m., DMACC, \$5 - Free w/ DMACC Library Card.

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