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\$5.5 million expansion for Boone Campus Parking lot to be completed first



Photo by Brandon Kleinke

A construction worker for Walter Incorporated mixes concrete for the parking lot north of the Boone Campus. The new parking lot which should be open before Thanksgiving will yield 225 new spaces.

Campus Custodial Staff honored on President's Day for service

DMACC--The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Boone Campus Building and Grounds Team received the 2004 Outstanding Departmental Service Award from the DMACC Foundation at DMACC's President's Day held prior to the start of the Fall semester.

Members of the Building and Grounds Department receiving the award include Dean Hatch, Arnie Egeland, Harold Hagaman, Aaron Hemstreet, Phil Ford, Caryl Fackle, Derrell Olofson, Patrice Harson and the late Gary Johnson.

Other Foundation Awards include the Outstanding Support Staff Service Award, the Distinguished Continuing Education Teacher Award, the Distinguished Service Award, two Community Service Awards and the Distinguished Teacher Award.

Ankeny Campus Learning Resources Director Lisa Stock of Ankeny received the Distinguished Service Award, Training Consultant Sue Gibbons of Ankeny received a Community Service Award, Urban Campus Accounting Instructor Shea Mears of Des Moines



Arnie Egeland (second from left) and Dean Hatch (third from left) of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Boone Campus Building and Grounds Department receive congratulations upon being named DMACC's 2004 Outstanding Departmental Service Award recipients from DMACC Foundation President and DMACC Board member Lloyd Hill (left) and DMACC President Rob Denson.

also received a Community Service Award, Barb Harrington of Pleasant Hill received the Distinguished Continuing Education Teacher Award, Sandra Van Overbeke

of Ankeny received the Outstanding Support Staff Service Award and Carroll Campus Instructor Anne Schulte received the Distinguished Teacher Award.

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Construction and renovations are being made to the DMACC Boone campus. Students should have more available parking with the new lot sometime before 2005.

"Two hundred twenty-five parking spaces will be in the new parking lot just north of the building," said Dean Hatch, the project manager at the Boone Campus. The new parking lot should eliminate the problem with student parking as enrollment continues to grow. One student said that, because of the parking situation last year, he was forced to park on the grass numerous occasions.

Along with the new parking lot, other renovations and additions will be made. With the approximately \$5.5 million from the levy passed last year, the Boone campus will add a 20,400 square foot expansion. Provost Vivian Brandmeyer said a majority of the addition would be north of the Courter Center. Associate Provost George Silberhorn said, "This brings the civil engineering technology labs and classrooms, four general purpose rooms, a nursing area with two large classrooms, additional bathrooms and a more centralized bookstore."

A fitness wing is being added as well. "The fitness wing will have a weight room, two more locker rooms, and an office and storage room," Hatch said. "The current weight room above the locker rooms will move down increasing space for the baseball program," he added.

John McMahan, a DMACC student, had taken notice to some of the construction being done on campus. "More students are coming in so I suppose you need the parking," he said. "If tuition keeps going up at Iowa State, we'll see a lot more students headed this way. It will be nice to have some new additions and room for more students."

According to Dr. Wayne Rouse, member of the Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors, the expansion would let an additional 400 students enroll within the next three years. He also said, "We hope to be completed within two years." The projected completion date is in the fall of 2005.

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Program encourages new voters

Jaclyn Duden
Banner Staff

As you know, our election this year is already stirring up tons of excitement over how the voting day is going to turn out, and the most important part of it all, is your vote!

Many young people have a hard time getting registered to vote, whether it's because of low interest, not knowing how to, or just putting it off all the time. However, there are many ways to register: the office at the county auditor, driver's license stations, public assistance agencies, school board secretaries, and even right here at school.

How do you know if you should register? If you will be 18 on Election Day and you haven't registered yet, or if you have recently moved to another county. To re-register under your new address just fill out a new registration form.

Right now an organization is taking place called the "New Voters Project". They're goal is to get as many young people registered to vote as possible. When asked what exactly they're set out to do, Mike Brooks, a volunteer for this project, said "To get as many young people to vote as possible, our goal is about 265,000. We're doin' it across the United States."

The goals of this organization is to not only get youth to register, but to get them interested in voting as well. NVP is also getting the word out to politicians that they need to pay more attention to the interests of younger people through pledges. If you haven't checked it out, head down to the

Courters and do so.

Deadline for registering to vote is eleven days before the election, and for more information go to www.sos.state.ia.us.



Pictured above; the supervisor of the voter registration table.

Pulitzer prize-winning author to speak at DMACC'S Brazil Year events

DMACC---A Pulitzer Prize-winning author will be speaking at four Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) campuses as part of the College's Brazil Year activities.

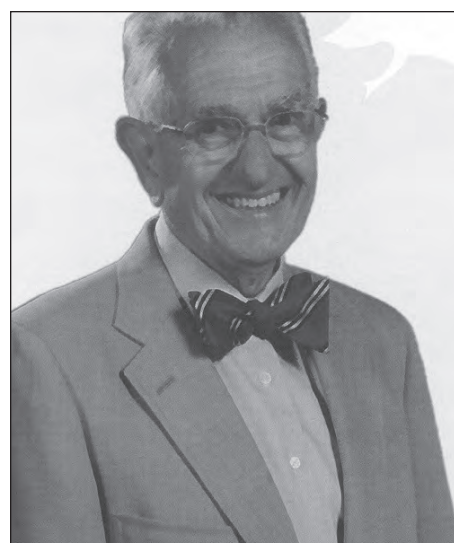
Dr. Carl Degler, who won the Pulitzer Prize in History in 1972 for his book, *Neither Black Nor White: Slavery and Race Relations in Brazil and the United States*, will speak on the DMACC Ankeny Campus from 9:40 to 11:05 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the Bldg. 6 Auditorium and later that evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 124-126 on the DMACC Urban Campus Bldg. 1.-

His topic is "Brazil and the United States:- Different, But Surprisingly Alike."

Dr. Degler will speak on the same topic from 10:10 to 11:05 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22 in the DMACC Boone Campus Auditorium and from 1:25 to 2:25 p.m. in Room 148 on the DMACC Carroll Campus.

This marks the 21st consecutive year that the students, faculty and staff at all of the DMACC campuses have focused on an international year to learn more about the history, politics, economy and culture of a country.

Brazil Year will culminate with a focus week in April 2005.- All Brazil Year events, including Dr. Degler's presenta-



Pulitzer Prize winner, Dr. Carl Degler

In DMACC News

Pep Band needs new members

DMACC--If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the DMACC Bears Pep Band, please contact MaggieStone in Room 124 or leave your name and phone number at the registration window. You will be contacted regarding rehearsal times and basketball game schedules.

All students, faculty, staff, and community "Friends of DMACC" who play or used to play music are welcome to join. If you don't have a musical instrument, efforts will be made to locate one for your use.

This is a very informal group that has a good time creating "pep" at the ball games.

Displaced Homemakers Center begins 18th year

DMACC--Iowa New Choices, the Displaced Homemakers Center at the Boone Campus begins its 18th year this fall. They offer services to single parents, displaced homemakers(those divorced, separated, widowed, or whose spouse is disabled), and single pregnant women.

The primary purpose of the Center is to assist those individuals to enter or re-enter the work force in order to support themselves and their families.

Services include career assessment and counseling, pre-employment counseling, personal and career development workshops, and financial assistance toward child care and transportation expenses for those who are financially eligible and enrolled at least half-time in classes at the Boone Campus.

Center Coordinator Maggie Stone can be reached Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. -4:30p.m. at 515-433-5037 or 1-800-362-2127, ext 5037.

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Davenport encourages students and staff to walk as one

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

The 2004 Walk as One to help fight bias, bigotry and racism in Des Moines will kick off on Sept 26. at Grays Lake

Every year thousands of walkers raise money from all over the country from assorted sponsors ranging from friends to co-workers.

Teams are designated for organizations the include businesses to educational organizations.

High Schools and colleges both participate in this event.

DMACC's six campuses are participating in this event.

Rita Davenport represents the Boone Campus. Davenport hopes to have at least a bus load of 45 participants. "We would



love to have more." Said Davenport

In the past there was a lot of food and entertainment, there is no confirmation on the activities this year. "It is for a good cause but the main thing about the project is to meet new people and to have fun." Davenport adds.

Registration will be accepted until Sept 16th. You can register online at DMACC.edu or contact Rita Davenport at 515-433-5030



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Iowa captures 15 national PBL awards in Denver

Karen Shepard

9th Place National Winner in Job Interview Contributing Writer

I am one of the four students from Boone DMACC to attend the FBLA-PBL 2004 National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colo. These five days hold so many good memories of good times and

good friends, new and old.

Our adviser, Linda Plueger, Megan Runge, Trudy Seidel, Tricia Fogarty, and myself, traveled in a DMACC van with students from Simpson College and Wartburg College. The Iowa PBL song and the PBL Car Cheer were great ice-breakers. We had so much fun that our muscles in our face hurt by the time we

started for home!

Our days were full of workshops, competitive events, voting delegate meetings, regional meetings, and visiting campaign booths. We stayed at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Denver. It was within walking distance of restaurants and shopping, shopping, and more shopping.

The two workshops that I enjoyed the

most were "Say What You Mean Before You Open Your Mouth," by Carolyn Strauss and "Communication Secrets of Great Leaders" by Jonathan Sprinkles. Both were very entertaining, and the information that was shared will be useful throughout my life. I highly recommend these motivational speakers.

Erin Snitkey from Wartburg won the National Secretary position, Tim Jackson from Missouri will be the National Vice-President and Erin Carr from Texas now holds the office of National President. All these people ran great campaigns, and it was wonderful getting to know them.

Then there was playtime. We visited the Hammond Candy Factory on Friday. Sunday, Linda took us to the Red Rock Park and Amphitheater. Red Rock is a geologically formed, open-air amphitheater set in the Rocky Mountain foothills. Bands, such as the Beatles, have performed there.

Twelve Iowans brought back 15 national awards. That is an impressive number for our small state. I was fortunate enough to place ninth at the national level in job interview. If you ever have an opportunity to attend a national conference, take it, it's a memory that will last a lifetime.



Karen Shepard, Trudy Seidel, Trish Fogarty, Megan Runge attended the FBLA-PBL 2004 National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado this summer.

President Denson announces Boone Campus summer scholars

DMACC--Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Summer Semester President's List.

President's List

To be eligible, a student must have earned a 4.0 grade point average.

Those recognized from the Boone Campus include:

- Erika Aldag**, Arts & Sciences, Schleswig
- Tochukwu Asuzu**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Andrew Austin**, Arts & Sciences, Stanhope
- Ali Batenhorst**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Alisha Benson**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Misook Cho Yang**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Amy Commers**, Arts & Sciences, Andover, MN
- Kathleen Crouse**, Administrative Assistant, Gilbert
- Jasmina Delilovic**, Arts & Sciences, Des Moines
- Angelina Fichter**, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ames
- Jessica Goecke**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Jo Hawkins**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Daniel Ibeling**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Ginger Jones**, Pre-Nursing, Ogden
- Ashley Kluver**, Arts & Sciences, Carroll
- Virginia McKinney**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Jay Messerly**, Arts & Sciences, Des Moines
- Rebecca Miller**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Laura Niebuhr**, Pre-Nursing, Perry
- Allison Olson**, Business Administration, Boone
- Brian Pepper**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Tighe Sefcik**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Vee Shinatrakool**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Michael Siegner**, Arts & Sciences, Woodward
- Kelly Simmons**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Benjamin Steines**, Arts & Sciences, Ames

- John Twist**, Pre-Nursing, Boone
- Roxanne Van Beek**, Arts & Sciences, Sanborn
- Chaz Williamson**, Arts & Sciences, Ogden
- Yun Yang**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Jamie Youngquist**, Arts & Sciences, Ames

Dean's List

To be eligible for the Summer Semester Dean's list, a student must have earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average.

Those recognized from the Boone Campus include:

- Zachary Allen**, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ames
- Sandra Anderson**, Administrative Assistant, Perry
- Seth Bacon**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Amanda Bell**, Arts & Sciences, Boone
- Melissa Bousman**, Pre-Nursing, Perry
- Stephenie Core**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Joseph Davidson**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Kelly Davis**, Arts & Sciences, Des Moines
- Kristine Doss**, Arts & Sciences, Boone
- Christine Farrington**, Administrative Assistant, Boone
- Shannon Franck**, Business Administration, Story City
- Jean Friestad**, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
- Mary Haddock**, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
- Kathryn Harris**, Arts & Sciences, Ankeny
- Erin Helgren**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Charles Hershey**, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
- Elisa Hidayat**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Brittney Huntimer**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Perry Iverson**, Arts & Sciences, Johnston
- Todd Jacobs**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Sarah Jacobsen**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Chad Kilgore**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Shelby Larson**, Arts & Sciences, Roland
- Angela Linduska**, Arts & Sciences, Ames

- Melissa Magin**, Arts & Sciences, Boone
- Chelsie Mallicoat**, Arts & Sciences, Ogden
- Ross Martin**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Danielle Mattson**, Arts & Sciences, Boone
- Rebecca Mauton**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Christine Mayberry**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Victoria McCool**, Pre-Nursing, Ogden
- Rian McDowell**, Pre-Nursing, Ames
- Sara Messner**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Marc Molitor**, Arts & Sciences, Carroll
- Suzanne Moore**, Practical Nursing, Boone
- Krista Moorman**, Pre-Health Occupations, Boone—
- Rebecca Mundschenk**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Meghan Nelson**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Levi Nichols**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Kyung Wook Paik**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
- Wei-Chang Peterson**, Arts & Sciences, Gilbert
- Claudia Pletsch**, Pre-Dental Occupations, Ames
- Lana Popejoy**, Business Information, Nevada
- Hannah Purdy**, Arts & Sciences, Boone
- Elizabeth Reeves**, Arts & Sciences, Ames
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- Michael Tucker**, Criminal Justice, Ogden
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- Amie Williams**, Administrative Assistant, Boone

Pufferbilly Parade

Clockwise: DMACC students and "friends" line up in front of the DMACC semi truck prior to the Pufferbilly Parade. Crowds line Story Street to watch the parade. Linda Plueger, Boone Campus instructor, works the crowd along Story Street.

All photos by Patrick Christianson, 6th grade
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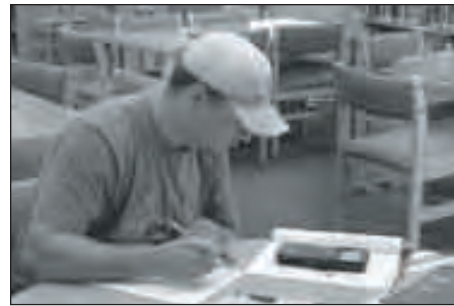
Jackie Duden
Banner Staff

A new school year is starting and plenty of first year students can be found. Freshman year of college tends to be the hardest year, and for some, it's the year they decide to drop out.

Students just starting college are feeling a new freedom, gaining new responsibilities, and getting a lot more homework. With new freedom comes the habit of going to parties, being more social, and setting themselves out to just have a good time. This habit can be a bad one to start out with, and hard to quit. "Once you go into college, and get into the party mode it's hard to just suddenly force yourself to get into the mindset of putting school first." Said senior, Sarah H. So how do students handle the load?

First, set a schedule for yourself. Take it by day, when will you do homework? What time will you take time for yourself? Schedule accordingly. Don't plan to do homework late at night when you're tired. Pay attention to what works best around being able to attend classes and making it to your job on time. Second, set a budget. Bills are due each month, set yourself an amount to hold back from each paycheck, pay your bills before you buy other things. Know how many hours you'll need to work each week in order to meet your needs financially. Third, try to find ways to motivate yourself. If you don't like studying, plan to do something you enjoy once you get done with your homework. Reward yourself for doing things you needed to do, but didn't want to. Fourth, while stress is heavy on your back, make sure you have someone you can talk to.

Keep in touch with counselors here, any adults you feel comfortable talking to, or even friends. Don't let stress build too high on yourself. Make sure you have just the right load, enough to stay focus and comfortable, yet not so little that you feel bored.



Remember, first year can be a hard year, but with the right preparations it's easier to handle. Welcome to the new

Occupy your weekend

Ashley Crouthamel
Banner Staff

Whether you're into dancing all night and partying until dawn, relaxing in a quiet cafe, or hanging out with the guys, there's something in central Iowa sure to satisfy any student's weekend.

Plenty of night clubs and bars are located a short hour's drive away in Des Moines. On Thursday nights, Club Statik (on East 2nd Street) and Coconut Joe's (Westown Parkway) host an 18 and over college night. As for the rest of the weekend, if you are 21 and over, head off to Drink (Hickman Road), Papa's Planet (3rd Street), The Buzz (3rd Street), or Vieux Carre (25th Street), just to name a few.

Heather Lee, 25, says, "I like to go to Crush, Drink, or Southside in Boone."

Kenny Colpoys, 19 also said he likes to party, as well as hunt and fish on weekends.

If you want to have a laugh, there are always comedians booked at the Funny Bone in Des Moines on Hickman Road.

Watching the big game is always fun, so why not get a group of friends together and trek off to Des Moines? Bob's Sports Bar & Grill (Euclid Avenue) and Denny D's Sports Bar (S.E. 30th Street) are just a couple in the area.

Ames also has many places to check out. The Corner Pocket on Main Street, Iowa State Memorial Union on Lincolnway and Colligate on Welch are all places you can play a round of pool. The Memorial Union has a bowling alley also, and there are alleys on South Duff in Ames and Mamie Eisenhower Avenue in Boone.

If a quieter, more relaxed atmosphere is what you enjoy, try out these coffeehouses: Gregory's Coffee House on South Duff, Cafe Diem on Main Street and Stomping grounds on Welch Ave. Concerts are always happening too. Some

to check out Sept. 15 through Dec. 21 are: Vote for a Change tour featuring Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper, My Morning Jacket, and Jurassic 5 on October 6 at Hilton; Bill Engvall in Des Moines Nov. 5; G-Unit in Des Moines Oct. 6, and Insane Clown Posse in Des Moines Nov. 20. Prices range from \$25.00-\$47.50. You can get more information and buy tickets at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

As winter approaches, skiing may be on student's minds. In Boone, Seven Oaks is just down Highway 30. Sleepy Hollow Sports Park on Dean Avenue in Des Moines is another place to be seen hitting the slopes.

For driving directions if you aren't familiar with the area, <http://www.mapquest.com> will help you out.

It makes cents

David Dudley
Banner Staff

Commuting is an unavoidable task that student's from other areas must endure in order to attend Boone campus courses. However, this chore doesn't have to be tackled alone. In most cases at least one of your classmates is from the same area as you. The two of you must travel the same path at the same distance. Perhaps sharing the load and carpooling would be a plausible solution. Granted just because you share one similar class doesn't mean that you share the same schedule. Would it be worth it to co-operate anyway? I think it would.

Ames is an example of a location with commuter students. Ames is ten miles away. A daily trip to and from class is equal to 20 miles a day. When you take into account that a student has to make this trip anywhere from two to five times a week you'll quickly see that gas becomes

a valuable commodity. The amount that you spend on gas is going to increase dramatically especially if there is another gas price increase. One option to cut your expenses is by carpooling with one or more people.

Trying to find people whose schedule is identical to yours might prove to be very difficult. However, I doubt that the difference is ever that great. Would coming to campus an hour early for your class or having to wait an hour after class really be that bad? What would you normally spend that time doing? You're not sacrificing too much if your time before or after class is usually spent in a leisurely fashion. In fact being on the campus when you're not in class would more than likely significantly benefit your studies. You would be receiving the dual benefit of having a bona fide study time and saving a significant amount of money.

Well, the benefits are there all that's waiting is implementation. If you are will-

ing to participate ask around. Also contact The Banner and we can take the initiative to get administrative involvement. You probably aren't the only one traveling to

Returning

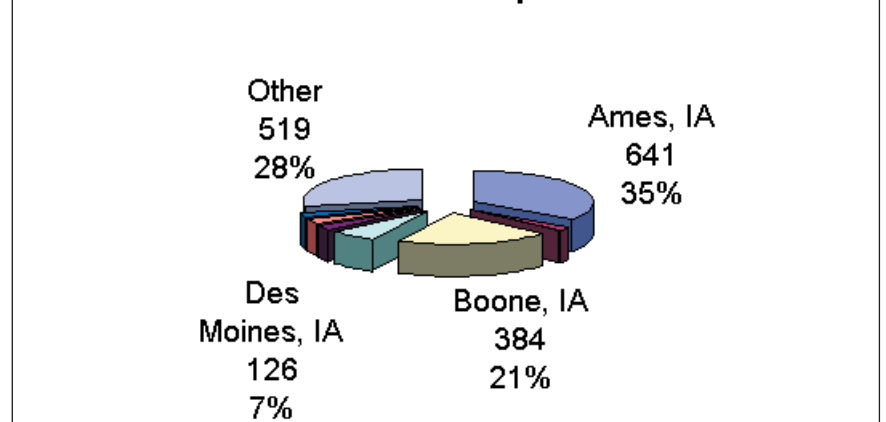
parents

Jennifer Corbin
Banner Contributor

The amount of men and women returning to college after raising or while raising a family is growing. You may notice being enrolled at DMACC that there are a lot of parents going back to school. Some parents are nervous about going back to school. I was when I returned this pas summer, but my fellow students and instructors made it pretty easy to deal with. This can be a stressful task if you do not have a support structure. "This is the first time in 14 years that I have been in school", Says Christine Farrington (Administrative Assistant Program) Christine has two boys and one daughter. Many find support through family and friends. What about support groups? After searching the internet and asking an instructor, Jan LaVille, and coming up with one support group for adults on DMACC Boone campus, REZOOMERS. I have not seen any flyers or found any information out about REZOOMERS. I feel that there is a need, to make students feel a little less stressed. Knowing that you are not the only one who is going through the same experience would be beneficial. Joining or starting a support group would be helpful in many ways. One would be finding ways that would help eliminate some problems you may be having juggling college, job, and family, finding out various ways to get homework and studying done on time. The list could go on and on. Possibly an online support group would make it possible for some parents to become involved. If you are a parent and are returning to school this may be something to think about. Just remember my fellow student/parents, you are not alone!

and from Boone campus. Carpooling may be a way to take some of the pressure of the commute off your shoulders.

Fall 2003 Boone Campus Students



Pie graph shows percentages of students commuting into Boone from surrounding areas.

The Price is Right

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

Dreams do come true for some people, and it did for Andrea Eichmann.

Eichmann, originally from Brea, California, works in the Couter Center Cafeteria and is a student on the Boone campus.

Eichmann watched the Price is Right since she was a little. She always wanted to be on the show. When she got the opportunity to take a road trip to Hollywood, California, Eichmann jumped at the chance.

Five girls in a 2004 Ford Focus drove to the CBS Building in Hollywood. As they approached the building at 4:00 am, the group saw people already camped outside awaiting their own opportunity to be on the show.

"We were last to get in," Eichmann said

As the announcer from the Price is Right called the first four to "come on down", Andrea was in the first bunch. "I felt like the biggest dork" Eichmann looks back on it now as she came on down.

As she watched contestant after contestant getting the price right, and get her dream of meeting Bob Barker coming

true, she took in the day long event. When it came down to the last round she finally got the price right and ran up to kiss Bob Barker. "He was a nice guy, but he looked older live then on t.v."

She went on to play the Bulls eye game and succeeded in winning the greatest valued prize. With a stove, a dining room table and set, the prizes valued \$7300. Her day ended with going over \$1.00 on the giant wheel. She may have fallen short of complete triumph but her day was a success.

After three weeks of waiting, as Eichmann was about to go to work, a giant truck with The Price is Right logo on the side pulled into her drive way to present her with the prizes.

The show will be broadcast on CBS Channel 8 on Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. The DMACC Courter Center will serve free breakfast during the show.



Photo taken by Josh Hutt

Dmacc Student and Price is Right winner Andrea Eighmann

Gang Related

David Dudley
Banner Staff

Boyz in the Hood meet Grand Theft Auto. Rockstar Games, the company infamous for the crime influenced Grand Theft Auto series, is poised to bring another entry to the gaming world. The title due to be released Oct 26 is entitled Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas.

San Andreas is an entire state which is based on California in the early 1990s. The large setting includes three major cities and the rural areas in between. The plot of the game is inspired by the gang related violence and racially turbulent events that occurred in Los Angeles in the early 90's. In fact the main character of the game is a member of a street gang. A game, whose main character is a gang-banger, or member of a street gang, may seem overly violent to some. However, Rockstar Games has been ensuring the public that this game isn't about senseless violence.

The game tries to highlight the dynamics that surround the character as he pursues his goals across the entire state of San Andreas. His goals include raising his downtrodden gang family to prominence as well as mending loose ties in his biological family. The violent nature of his actions is presented more as a sad reflection of actual events in our nation's history as opposed to insane video game

violence.

In an interview with Game Informer magazine, a spokesman for the game gave hints about some of the newer features. He mentioned several improvements and new features including: improved aiming functions when using firearms, bicycles as useable vehicles, "California" styled low-riders, and also house break-ins. You can also alter the main character's hair styles and weight. They also devoted a research team to truly capture the look and feel of California. Last but definitely not least the soundtrack was promised to deliver the distinct sound of California in the early 90s.

Grand Theft Auto:San Andreas is one of the gaming industries biggest stories this year and will be released Oct 26 on the Playstation 2.

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Why is it fun to get blitzed?

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

Many college students all over the country take part in a social activity that causes both joy and stupidity. This activity has been a theme for college for years and will continue long after I graduated and retire to my recliner. That activity is none other than getting drunk.

Consumption of booze is a part of social interaction. People drink at weddings, sporting events and other social gatherings

I have taken part in this activity many a time which has created some interesting memories. Why is it fun? If you think about it, what happens? After a "few" you begin to see double, all motor skills have deteriorated, you talk with a slur and your judgment is very off. But you seem to want to drink more. If you drink too

much you may throw up and forget about the night altogether.

The next morning you may wake up wishing you were dead and promise God you will never drink again...at least until next weekend.

Is it a way to wear a lamp shade and have an excuse, or is it just another way to see what it feels like to put you head in vice. Is it way to talk to strangers easier or reveal your deepest secrets to a crowd of people.

Movies like *Animal House* and *Old School* only solidify this theme of college behavior taking away the fact we are here to get an education. Drinking causes the opposite effects.

I have done my share of stupid things over the years. From breaking a wine bottle in a bath tube just to get it open, to drinking a full jar of jalapeno peppers on a dare, I know first hand the stupidity

that comes from vast amount of alcohol consumption. It wasn't until a couple days ago at party I had a moment of deep thought. As I saw all the chemically disabled people stumble around, I asked myself "why is this fun?"

After finishing my beer, I got up and walked around the party to find the answer. I asked some of the guests that very question. I got a laugh, the finger and a rambling speech on the importance of a sea mate named Captain Morgan. I don't think anybody really knows why it is fun.

I'm not condemning this activity nor am I judgmental. Next weekend I may take part in this activity again. It is just a simple question. Why is it fun to get plowed, trashed, hammered or blitzed? The answer is like finding alternative life forms in outer space. If you find the answer, it will take the mystery out of the question.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Campus Club Leaders,

Phi Theta Kappa has developed THREE projects which we are going to focus on fall 2004:

- Children's Book Drive/Food Drive
- Bone Marrow Registration Drive
- Voter Registration

Would your groups like to team up with us to make it better?- We could use the help!

-Our book drive and food drive are ongoing.- We are going to try to exceed last year's amounts and really make an impact in the area.- Want to help?

The bone marrow registration drive is very neat.- On **Friday September 10 at**

1:00 p.m. -a gal is coming to campus to talk to us about how to organize such a drive.- The bone marrow test is a finger-prick test and you can register your bone marrow on the national lists.- If your bone marrow ever matches up with someone in need then you are given the choice of whether or not you wish to donate at that time.- We are hoping to conduct this drive in November.- Can you help?

Voter registration is very soon!- We are planning a mass VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE on Monday September 20th throughout the whole campus.- There will be students asking students to register in the Courter Center and also coming into

classrooms asking students to register and commit to voting.- Want to get involved?

-Please talk over these ideas with your campus groups and let me know your thoughts.- Remember that we are having a speaker **this Friday** about the bone marrow drive—maybe you could come and find out what it's all about?- We're meeting in the physics lab.- I think if we would collaborate on things like this we could all be very successful with projects that directly affect our communities.

Nancy Woods
PTK Boone Campus Adviser

Behind the Desk

Avoid using Internet lingo in reports

Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

It's a Tuesday night around midnight and you are still in front of your computer writing that English paper that happens to be due first thing when you walk into class the next morning.

You're typing furiously on the paper and you happen to be chatting with friends on your messenger asking them for help at the same time.

When it happens, you forget which window you're in and you type LOL or LMAO into your English paper, you don't notice it and you continue typing your paper thinking that you are going to get an 'A'.

When you finally finish, you hit the spell check button and since the word program you are using is Microsoft Word, it recognizes it as a real word.

The next morning you give the teacher the paper you think you did awesome on.

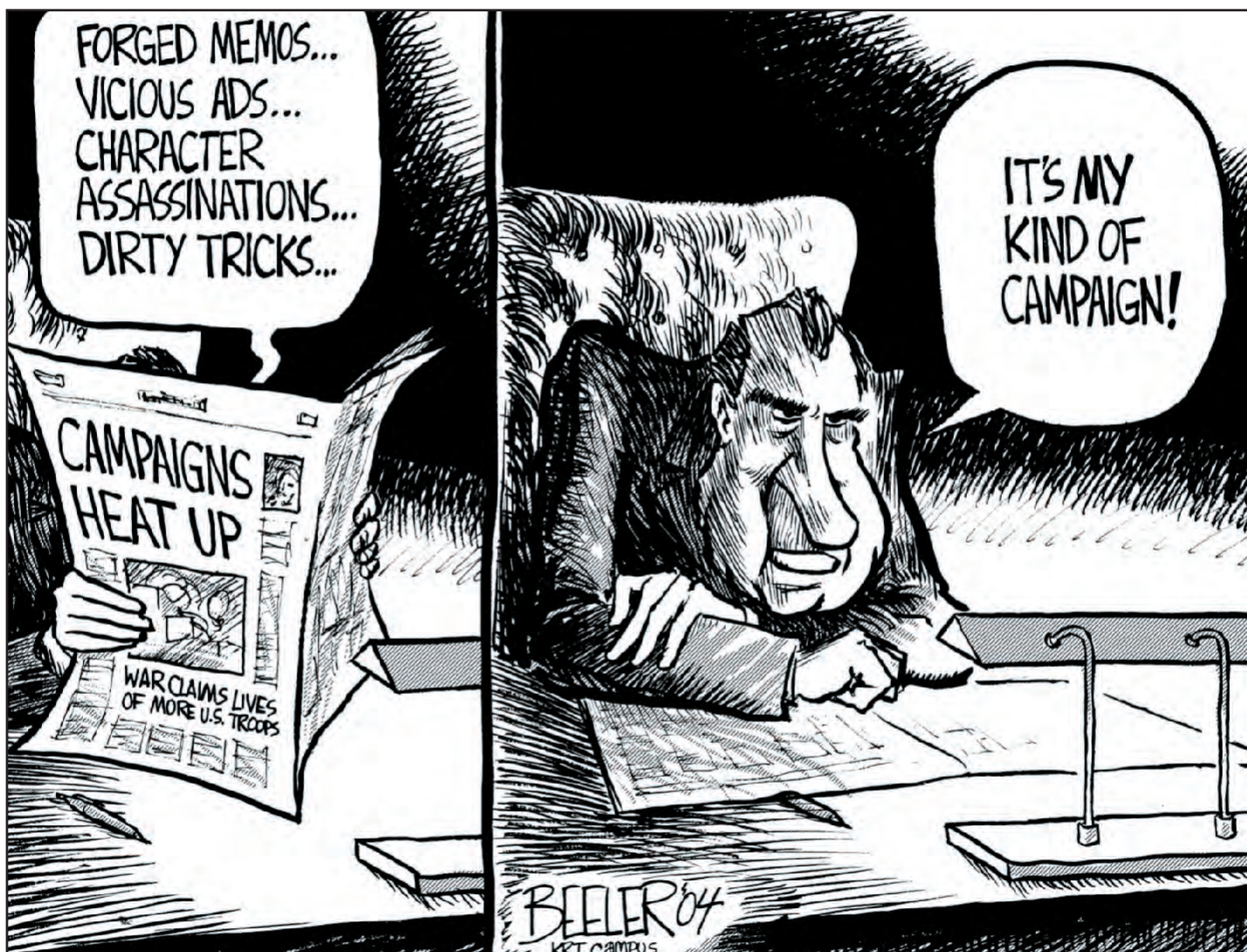
The class continues like normal and the next day of class the teacher hands back the assignment, you see your grade, it's a 'D' and you're confused because you thought you deserved an 'A', so you talk to the teacher and he skims over your work and points out the mistakes you made.

You have just experienced a big mess-up, the lesson to this is that when you type papers, don't chat on-line with your friends because you might end up typing the wrong thing in your final paper.

We Need Feedback

To make our paper more appealing to the student body, we need feedback, so we can get some ideas of what the students want in a newspaper.

Please send comments or questions
Josh Hutt, editor-in-chief
at jwhutt@dmacc.edu



Make a difference



Photo by Robin Cazavilan

Rallying with "Time for Peace" on Monday, Sept. 5th

Robin Cazavilan
Banner Staff

It is very easy for college students to become overwhelmed in balancing all of the aspects of their busy day-to-day lives. Besides keeping up with school work and extra-curricular activities, there is the consideration of family, social activities, work, finances and relationships. Perhaps it is the struggle with balancing all of these things that causes the majority of the student population (and humanity as a whole) to focus all of our energy on getting through one day at a time.

It is the realization that what we do in a day effects not only today but will continue to have repercussions for years to come that should give us a sense of responsibility to look beyond our own circumstances, while balancing them, to make positive choices and changes that will effect the world around us.

Before action is taken, it is important to indulge in the knowledge of social situations. Knowledge is powerful because it demands a reaction. Three common reactions to knowledge are to a) ignore our responsibility to make a difference or take a stand, b) become overwhelmed by the enormity of the situation and let it paralyze you or c) allow the knowledge to propel you into positive action. If we all chose the last reaction to knowledge, there is no way to avoid positive social change.

The greater Des Moines area is very fortunate because we have so many unique opportunities to get involved in our community.

1) Indulge in the Pursuit of Knowledge...

A group meets at the Memorial Union every Sunday night in Ames at 5:30 pm. They go by the name "Time for Peace". Not only are they knowledgeable in current social problems, they provide many outlets for peaceful social action.

Get online, google search, find out what is going on in the world around you. Check books out of the library. Check out magazines. Adbusters is a magazine that is brutally raw but enlightening and honest. You can find this at Borders Bookstore.

2) Allow Knowledge to Propel You...

VOTE! In less than two months, we will be electing a new leader for our country. It is immensely important that the voice of the college age student is heard! The New Voters Project has opportunities for you to sign up as a new voter as well as volunteer to get other new voters signed up. Check out their website: www.newvotersproject.org/sign_up_to_vote.

You need a hair cut. You mom keeps bugging you. Soon you will not have a choice except whether the hair goes into the trash or to a grateful chemotherapy patient. "Locks of Love" will accept donations of hair 10" or longer tip to tip. There is really nothing painful or sacrificial about it. Check out their website: www.locksoflove.org.

3) Take a Stand, Make a

Difference...

As I mentioned before, "Time for Peace" organizes many events and encourages non biased participation. Anti-war rallies and 9/11 candlelight vigils are among the many activities that they promote. Get a hold of their information on their website: www.stuorg.iastate.edu/tfp or join their 100 members on a Sunday evening at the ISU Memorial Union in the Gold Room at 5:30pm.

If none of this appeals to you, there is an organization called "Jesus' Right Hand" that is open primarily on Thursdays from noon to 2:30pm. This is a religiously affiliated organization that provides food and clothing to families and individuals in emergency situations. Besides donations, they love volunteers. Stop in at their office at 110 Duff in Ames.

The "Truth" organization has made it a

priority to keep citizens aware of the horrors that are occurring daily to our soldiers in other countries. They take a few hours each day to hold up-to-date signs with the number of our soldiers... for many of us, friends and family, which have been killed in the war. They need help. Contact Dan Sherman at _____ if you are interested in being a part of this.

4) Speak Out!

One of the most powerful things that you have is your voice! If you have other ideas or know of other organizations that DMACC students can get involved in, let us know! We are eager to get the word out.



Photo By Robin Cazavilan

Dan Sherman and Adrian Power on the corner of Welch and Lincoln way in Ames.

New players bring new life

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Coach Lisa Mathes is excited about this season. The DMACC women's volleyball program has some good momentum coming off of a 31 win season last year and is looking to improve.

One of the reasons behind Mathes' excitement is freshmen middle blocker Jeni Thompson. The 6'0 Thompson arrived from Park River, North Dakota with many honors from her hometown high school team. "She's a real strong player. She's only a freshman and she's playing my L2 spot," Mathes said. "That's my second outside, and they come through the front row."

As a nominee for the North Dakota player of the year, Thompson pulled in District 4 player of the year, as well as Region 2 player of the year. "I've just always loved volleyball," Thompson said. "I can't stand basketball, so volleyball was it." Along with the numerous player-of-the-year awards, Thompson managed to achieve All-State team recognition and All-Conference two years in a row.

Wearing number 12, Thompson brings a hard-hitting personality to the team. Her height allows Mathes to move her around and use her in different spots. "She either plays middle or outside. The other night we played her on the outside, and that's probably where she is going to stay. We have a strong middle that can step up and play different spots when needed," Mathes added.

So far the women's team is off to a 9-4 record, with one of those wins knocking off the undefeated Southwestern Community College. "Giving them their first loss felt good," Thompson said. "Our team goals are pretty high."

Coach Mathes wants to take first in the conference. "Right now, we don't have a home match until Sept. 27, which

is against Kirkwood, which will be huge," she said. "My setter has really come along since she got here," Mathes added. Last year the team finished second in the conference and finished third after Regionals losing in the semi-finals. "It's frustrating when we lose matches that we should win," Mathes said.

Thompson is also excited for the season. "The team seems to be gelling really well and we have a great time on the road," she said with a laugh. And that shouldn't be too hard with some real strong players on the team.

Danielle Pegram, sophomore from Des Moines, and Bailey Saal, freshman from Indianola, have long lists of well-deserving awards stacked up from previous play. The team will be on the road until Sept. 27, but the team chemistry should only grow stronger on the road. The women face Kirkwood for their first conference home game. The road game streak will soon end as the women have five home games in a row starting the first week in October.



Jeni Thompson



photo by Brandon Kleinke

Running drills - Jamie Coffman bumps a ball to her teammates who move into action.

Women's golf added to athletic program; Briley appointed head coach

Ashley Crouthamel
Banner Staff

Spring sports has been changed this year; women's golf was added to the athletic program.

"We felt we needed another women's sport," DMACC athletic director Orv Salmon explained. "Golf seemed to us to be a more manageable sport than for example softball."

After going through the application/interview process, Larry Briley of Boone was chosen to coach the team. Outside of coaching the team, he is employed at Impo Glaze Tile in Des Moines. He has a golf background, just not at the collegiate level; he was a caddy on the LPGA tour for about 5 years.

Briley is excited for the season, and everyone is being really supportive towards him.

"It's going to be a learning season for the girls and me—learning the ropes and how things go," Briley said. "It's going

to be different from other sports because it will have more local kids involved."

So far, Briley is in the process of putting his first team together. "We would like to have nine to 10 golfers," Salmon said.

Briley added, "It will be fun and challenging helping the girls, and will be a good opportunity for them."

The team will practice at the Boone Golf and Country Club. They will compete against other Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) teams.

Anyone interested in playing golf this spring, there is a meeting today in the gym at five. If you aren't able to attend you can contact Briley at lrbriley@dmacc.edu.



Newly appointed women's golf head coach Larry Briley

the
buckshot



Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Monday night football is off and running. With Ahman Green's 33 carries, the Green Bay Packers dominated the Carolina Panthers this past Monday night in Charlotte, N.C., 24-14. The game may not have been a neck tickling barn-burner like the actual league opener, Brady vs. Manning last Thursday night, but the NFC champion Panthers were coming off of a strong playoff run that ended in a Super Bowl loss last season.

Ahman Green is a scrapper. As one of the top fantasy picks this year, Green brings heart to his team on every play. His legs never stopped pumping until he was completely down, perhaps the reason behind his receiving of intravenous fluids after the game. Green gained 119 yards on 33 carries grinding down the Panthers defense that seemed nothing like the team of last year. The only hope for the Panthers, with Steve Smith now out with a broken leg, will be in the arm of twenty-nine year old Jake Delhomme. Delhomme threw for 19 touchdowns last season but will undoubtedly pass those numbers this season.

All and all, the NFL season is finally here. We've had the chance to experience a rematch of last year's AFC title game, a glorious day of Sunday afternoon football, and now a Monday night game. The season is here and already throwing fans into frenzies. I can't wait till the weekend.

The season brings intramural sports

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

The fall semester is here and all across the world, college students are signing up for their participation in intramural sports. DMACC is included in this cluster of schools that allow their students to have a cutthroat time competing against one another in an array of different sports.

The Boone campus has many different activities and team sports to sign up for. A student can form his/her own team and sign up as a team or just sign up individually and join a team. The head volleyball coach Lisa Mathes runs the intramural program.

"Currently we have basketball and volleyball co-rec teams that need more people to sign up," Mathes said. "We usually have teams that need more people. As long as you turn in a sign-up sheet with a contact number so I can get a hold of you, we can let you know when the games will be played."

One student added that, because of his busy schedule, intramurals will be a great way to take a break from studying and meet some new people. It also becomes a great way to stay in shape.

Volleyball is about to start. Slips need to be turned in as soon as possible because games will be starting fairly soon. "Intramural basketball won't start until sometime in October," Mathes added.



photo by Brandon Kleinke

Intramural Sign-up sheets - Jason Westvold decides to check out the intramural sign up bulletin located in the Courter Center.

"Since we will be playing throughout the winter we have a little more time until the teams will be put together."

Some of the other intramural activities involve a golf tournament in Ankeny, which must have its forms handed in by

Sept. 20, as play begins Sept. 22. Another activity that is open for sign-up is flag football.

To sign up for an intramural team or sign up your own team contact Lisa Mathes at ext. 5051. The sign-up sheets

for all sports are located by the pool table north of the courter center. All winners receive a free DMACC intramural champ t-shirt.

Companies won't pursue Kobe for endorsements

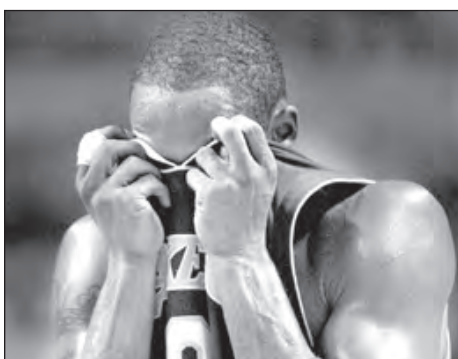


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By Dan Le Batard
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

MIAMI _ Kobe Bryant is finished as a marketing machine.

He sold us a lie. His corporate-polished image is in tatters. And the dropping of his criminal trial isn't going to make big companies forget that he not only spent 14 months accused of rape but also admitted to betraying his wife in order to have sex with a teenager.

Bryant might get a fringe endorsement here and there from small companies looking to make a splash with his stained name, but his days as a big-company, big-money pitchman are over.

Unless you think that image-conscious McDonald's, in the middle of an advertising campaign geared toward Moms, wants its "I'm lovin' it!" slogan

shouted by this guy.

"I'm lovin' it!" and "Obey your thirst!" are not exactly the words you want to attach to someone who has spent the past year accused of a sex crime.

Bryant is innocent? That's relative. Being innocent in a court of law isn't the same as being innocent in the court of public opinion. There aren't a lot of guys with this kind of stain on their resume shilling product (aside from acclaimed author Bill Clinton).

Bryant was in that rarefied endorsement stratosphere with Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods.

But that day is gone.

No big company is going to put its reputation in the hands of a man who has had his character questioned for the past 400 days.

There's still a civil trial involved here, so this stink won't be disappearing any time soon.

DIFFERENT SITUATION

I know. I know. Ray Lewis went from a murder trial to myriad endorsements possibilities. We're a forgiving and forgetful lot. But Lewis never sold us anything but bloodlust. That trial was in keeping with his public persona as a menace, and now he makes his endorsement money as a menace.

Lewis lied to the police, not the American people. There's a difference.

Bryant spent an awful lot of time shilling for wholesome family values while admittedly doing naughty things in private. He betrayed his wife and us, and this isn't something Sprite and McDonald's are going to want next to their names.

Besides, Lewis gets sports-related advertisements only. He can't and won't make the transcendent leap into the realm Bryant once occupied.

One more thing: Bryant ran off Shaquille O'Neal and Phil Jackson and wrecked a champion, so he won't even be doing much winning in the coming years.

He didn't get all those endorsements because of his smile or even his game. He got them because he was a champion, and he won't be that anymore unless there is a company out there that suddenly starts selling lies and losing.

The Other Side of the Courter by Josh Hutt

What would you change about college?



Javier Hernandez
Jalisco, Mexico
"More maturity."



Trudy Seidel
Boone
"Not so much lecture time, but more study time"



Kevin Buchwald
Ames
"I want the hot chocolate machine to work"



Lori Johnson
Boone
"A bigger Courter Center separate from the cafeteria"

Wanted: Soap Opera Writers

New York, NY – Procter & Gamble Productions, Inc. is sponsoring its third story-writing contest for college students who aspire to a career in writing for daytime dramas. Contest winners will be awarded a trip to New York to meet with the writers, producers, and program executives of CBS' *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light*.

"This contest is a unique and creative way for aspiring writers to demonstrate their interest and skills in writing for daytime drama. We were extremely impressed by the quality of the submissions we received from the previous college writing contests," said Dwyer-Dobbin. "In fact on previous winner, Kimberly Hamilton, is now a valuable member of the *Guiding Light* writing team."

Full-time matriculated undergraduate and graduate students of accredited colleges or universities, who are enrolled in a writing course in September 2004, will be eligible to enter. Interested students, who will write a long-term story

document featuring characters currently on one of the Procter & Gamble shows, must request contest information and an entry packet by October 1, 2004. Entry registration forms must be returned by October 14, 2004. Writing Contest entries must be submitted by November 12, 2004. One winner for each show will be selected and notified no later than December 17, 2004. Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, dramatic conflict, plot, structure, romance and audience appeal by executives at Procter & Gamble Productions and *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light*.

To receive an informational entry packet now, interested students or faculty should send a postcard including, name, address, phone number, and email address to Amy Miltenberger, Procter & Gamble Productions, 825 Eight Avenue, 35th floor, New York, NY 10019, email the information to pgpcollegewritingchallenge@televest.com, or call 1-866-789-9186



Photo by Brandon Kleinke

Bob Eschliman, staff writer for Iowa Information Publications, (above) spoke to a class of future journalists from Boone and Ankeny Campuses via ICN room at Boone on Sept. 7. Eschliman, former editor-in-chief of Boone Campus student newspaper, shared his experiences and insight with the writers of the Boone Banner and the Ankeny Chronicle.

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