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Make 'Murder' a must-see this weekend

photo by Dan Ivis

Tammy Hartmann, *left*, and Patti Rockwell, *right*, hold up Julie Sharp, *center*, during a rehearsal for "Murder by Membership Only."

When: Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28

Where: Boone Campus Theatre

How much: Free with DMACC library card or \$5

Get a behind the curtain look at final play rehearsal

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

The stage is set, the lights are on but no one is on stage.

One by one the actresses arrive, many toting book bags, purses, and coats. As they gather on stage they talk about how their day has gone, giggle, and talk about family.

Two maintenance men work on the lights. One crawls up a ladder into the ceiling to adjust the lights. He makes his way up to the lights in front of the stage, "We work," he calls down to the other.

The cast and crew are in final rehearsals for the upcoming play called "Murder by Membership Only" to open on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a second performance Saturday night, in the Boone Campus theatre.

Two of the actresses sit on chairs, which are part of the set, as they rehearse lines back and forth. As more and more appear, Tammy Hartmann takes charge.

"There are enough of us here to practice this part that I have had so much trouble with," Hartmann calls out. Two actresses stand off to the side, "Where were you yesterday?" chides one. The answer is drowned out by Hartmann yelling, "I hate this part! I hate it, hate it, hate it!"

Sarah Whitford comforts her by saying, "You will have to get over that. You will have to say, 'This is my favorite part'."

"Let's start on the top of page 32 again. We know it pretty well from there on, I think," Hartmann says. They all begin again practicing lines, imitating British accents. The maintenance man on the ground hollers, "It didn't come on." An "Oh crap" echoes throughout the ceiling, followed by, "See if this works," a pause, then "Did that work?"

"No."

"Ah darn it. It worked when I got up

here "

"Wiggle the cord a bit and see if that helps." Another pause. "There it came on."

Kay Mueller, the director, shows up. She makes her way to the stage and says, "Let's get rolling from the top. Check your props. If you are supposed to be on the stage, great, if not, remove your bodies from it."

The rehearsal begins with three women on the set. Now there is no funny business. They each are saying their lines without looking at scripts, acting in character, and using props. Two people are missing, so others have to read those parts, as well as remember their own.

Mueller turns and says, "The lights aren't right."

"All right, but at least it's lighting now," the man in the ceiling calls down.

"The shutter isn't all the way open. There is only about a fourth of the light showing. Can you please try to open it more?" Mueller says. "That's quite a lighting system you have got there."

As Mueller talks to the maintenance men, a few lines are mixed up. The actresses laugh and then move on.

After Mueller is finished with the lights, she asks what page the group is on and then begins to get a painting ready to hang. As she listens, she stops the person reciting and suggests more action or more emphasis on words.

Mueller gradually makes her way to sit at the back of the theatre where she can direct and be able to see the whole set.

Mueller, who has directed 38 productions, knows that these final rehearsals are crucial. Unlike movie directors who can cut a scene and restart, Mueller knows that a play is live and whatever happens, the show must go on.



Acadian Lunch

A French-Canadian Connection

Come to the Courter

Center on Friday, Feb. 27

at 11:30 for free samples

of cajun food.

Jumbalaya

Dirty rice

Gary Stasko, George

Silberhorn, Vivian

Brandmeyer, and Vince

Hicks will be cooking for

this event.

Baker, Carlson named to All Iowa Academic Team

Banner Staff

Two students from the Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus were chosen to be representatives on the 2004 All Iowa Academic Team.

Melissa Baker and Perry Carlson will be the two representatives for the Boone Campus. Pepper Cozy, Urban Campus; Brenda Davidson, Carroll Campus; Amanda McDanel, West Campus will also be representing DMACC on the team.

The All Iowa Academic Team is composed of forty-four representatives from campuses of the fifteen colleges in Iowa. Their profiles will appear later this spring in the Des Moines Register, along with representatives from other two-year schools

Perry Carlson, 19, is president of the Tau Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. His hobbies include sports and raising cattle. Carlson, the only male in a set of triplets, said, "Both of my sisters go to Iowa State." He works at Fareway in the summer and farms in his hometown of

"I wanted to be on the All-Iowa Academic Team so that it hopefully helps me get into any college that I decide to go to. It will also improve my resume,"

Melissa Baker, 21, is also a member of the Tau Phi chapter of PTK. Her hobbies include listening to music and watching movies. "In my spare time I like to jog and exercise, since my major is going to be exercise science." Baker, Des Moines, works at the Country Inn and Suites in Ames and plans to attend Iowa State after She participated in PTK's breast cancer awareness month by making over 200 of the pink ribbon pins.

"The honest truth why I wanted to be on the All-Iowa Academic Team is that



Melissa Baker

Being a member of Phi Theta Kappa is not a requirement to be on the academic team, but when applying members will also, simultaneously, apply for the Guistwhite scholarship. This scholarship requires students to list their activities and include an essay.

Nancy Woods, Iowa Regional Coordinator of Phi Theta Kappa, and Boone Campus Advisor of PTK, said, "Students who are invested in their college and community while they attend school are the people that make the team."

Students on the academic team will be honored at the 2004 All Iowa Banquet on March 10 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines.

"Rod Risley, International Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, is flying up from Jackson, Miss. just for the banquet. It is a very fancy ceremony," Woods said.

The DMACC Board of Trustees and all the presidents from the 15 colleges are invited to the ceremony. The students will receive medallions at the banquet that can be worn at graduation, as well as, be recognized for their achievements.

Students have to be enrolled through December 2004, eligible to graduate between December 2004 and August



Perry Carlson

The application requires a transcript, three letters of recommendation, biographical information that requires four typed pages, and a 500-word essay.

Woods said, "I know the application is long, but it is so worth it. It is a great honor to be on the academic team."

When all the applications are turned in, they are submitted to the Center for Excellence in Jackson; where judges decided which students will be named to the All-USA Academic Team.

Iowa State currently gives a \$1,500 renewable scholarship for students who are on the team. If a student makes it onto the All-USA Academic Team, he or she receives a full ride.

Woods thinks that within the next year many schools will be giving scholarships to students who are on the academic team, since many do not offer any

'Students who meet the requirements and are interested in applying for next year's team still have time to get projects done so that they can use them on their applications," said Woods.

For more information contact Nancy Woods at 1-800-362-2127ext. 5061 or in



PBL held a Valentine's Day contest in which students guessed number Hershey kisses in a jar. Sara Miller, third from left, guessed the correct number. PBL members Megan Runge, Donna Jackson, and Cassie Cummings give prizes to her.

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Phi Theta Kappa inducts 28 students in ceremony



photo by Alisha Benson

Phi Theta Kappa Inductees include, in front row, left to right, Karen Shepard, Tina Hockett, Jessica Peel, Krisane McCoy, Bryan Wright, Rita Witcraft, and Crystal Hansen. In middle row, left to right, are Shinta Jauhari, Heidi Dobberke, Spring Tompkins, Jennifer Hartmann. In back row, from left to right, are Justin Dedecker, Adam Paulson, Christina Bear, Brett Campbell, Danny Gotschall, Frank Dolezal, and McKinzie Knox.

Alisha Benson
Banner Staff

The Phi Theta Kappa Induction ceremony took place on Monday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. A total of 28 students were inducted into the Tau Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. According to Nancy Woods, Tau Phi advisor & coordinator, "This was one of the largest numbers we've ever had at one time."

Dr. Jeff Anderson was the special guest speaker for the evening. Anderson is the President of the Board of Education for Boone Community Schools, and he owns and operates the Boone Vision Center in downtown Boone.

Anderson presented six steps to becoming a good leader, which offered practical suggestions for aspiring young leaders; show up, get involved and stay involved, be a good follower, get obsessed and stay obsessed, be a mentor or get a mentor, and always remember the turtle on the fencepost. Anderson used a quote by Woody Allen, comedian, "80 percent of success is showing up," According to Anderson, "This is a funny way of stressing the importance of being present and being involved." Woods said, "Dr. Anderson was a great speaker, he advised us on the six points of leadership."

Sandi Johnson, advisor, Tau Phi Chapter received an award for being an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa for 35 years. "I was surprised and honored. I would like to thank Phi Theta Kappa," said Johnson. She said she loves honoring students and thinks they need to be awarded for their accomplishments.

After the ceremony everyone was invited to a reception to enjoy dessert and refreshments in the Courter Center.

When asked what she would like to get out of Phi Theta Kappa, new inductee, Karen Shepard, Boxholm, replied, "I would like to receive help with paying for my schooling, and get into my program faster." New inductee, Heidi Dobberke, Ames, said she would like to, "meet committed people with common goals."

According to Woods the ceremony had a great turnout. Everyone was very supportive and helpful, and that's what made it successful.



photo by Alisha Benson

Jeff Anderson & Vivian Brandmeyer

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Two-year degree required for admission to new DMACC program

Laura Soder
Banner Staff

So you want to be a mortician?

No, this isn't the name of Fox's latest reality TV program, but it is a new program of study offered by DMACC. Now, anyone pursuing a career as a mortician will be excited to learn they no longer need to leave Iowa to reach this goal.

According to usafuneralhomes.com, most towns in Iowa have at least one funeral home. However, only 52 schools in the United States offer a Mortuary Science program. DMACC is fixing this problem by adding the first Mortuary Science program in Iowa.

"Funeral directors need a local school where they may receive their education," said Dr. Wayne Merrell, Dean of Business Management and Information Technology, who was involved in planning the pro-

"Helping families in a time of need is satisfying,"

gram. He also added that over 100 students have been interested in enrolling.

Preparation for the program began over a year ago when Jack Dodd, Ankeny Campus Accounting Instructor, started looking into the need for a school that taught Mortuary Science. Over time, more personnel became involved until it became a reality.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Mortuary Science program must have previously received their associate's degree and have taken specific classes, such as small business management, medical terminology, and comparative religions. Most classes, aside from the specific Mortuary Science courses, can be taken on Boone's campus. The rest of the courses, including counseling, embalming, and funeral directing, will start next fall in Ankeny.

To get involved in this two-semester program, a student must apply for admission. More information on this can be found by visiting a counselor or advisor.

Dr. Merrell is excited for the program to start next fall. He believes it is a good opportunity, and successful graduates of it will be "successful, respected, service-oriented members of their communities making a good income."

A Boone Funeral Director, Larry Schroeder agrees. "Helping families in a time of need is satisfying," he said.



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Book buyback reactions

James Joy *Banner Staff*

The increase in tuition costs and textbook prices at DMACC every semester is beginning to concern some students about the schools failure of adhering to its own policies.

After the discovery that DMACC's Knowledge Knook Bookstore had been under-cutting their own buyback policies, students have expressed anger and frustration with the school's officials inability to monitor its policies. "With the price of books being as high as they are and rising every semester, they should be honoring their policies," said April Walker a DMACC student from Boone.

Tim Hagar, Director of Purchasing and Campus Services, reported that the Emergency Students Loan Fund had received a donation of \$39,286, which is 15 percent of the total refunds to students from book buybacks.

Perry Carlson, president of Boone's Tau Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, wonders if the lapse in supervision of the funds would have continued. "I am curious when it would have changed," said Carlson. "I wonder how many other policies are not being met."

Carlson and other students wonder why the school has not done more to admit their wrong-doing and ensure students that it was handled properly. Carlson asked, "Who's going to answer for this happening?"

Other students have said that they believe the donation of money to the student loan fund is inappropriate and

"It is unfortunate for the students that this has happened, and I am very relieved the situation has been resolved. School policies should always be adhered to."

some believe that students are entitled to a direct reimbursement. "DMACC has made a lot of money, and we should get reimbursements," said Christi Johnson, a DMACC student from Boone.

Vivian Brandmeyer, Dean of the DMACC Boone Campus, was unaware of the bookstores' practices. "I didn't know about this," she said. "I know the cost of textbooks is high, and I have worked with the faculty on good text-

book selection," Brandmeyer said.

The Knowledge Knook Bookstore on DMACC's Boone campus is managed by Carol Petersen. "It is unfortunate for the students that this has happened, and I am very relieved the situation has been resolved. School policies should always be adhered to," said Petersen.

Rita Davenport, Educational Advisor, helps students with the application process for the Emergency Student Loan Fund. "Students must be full time and in good academic standing with the school to apply," said Davenport. "The most a student can apply for is a \$400 dollar loan," she added. Students must fill out forms that determine eligibility based on monthly budgets.

Students expressed sentiments that DMACC has lost touch with its students and their needs. DMACC has always been an alternative to the large state universities, but some students feel that the rising tuition, class size and the schools inability to address the parking problems are a sign that growth is more important than addressing the needs of current students. "With enrollment up, they are getting more money, and it seems that they are only interested in making money," said Johnson.

Godfather's \$500 Shoot-out

Laura Soder
Banner Staff

Good news for fans of DMACC men's basketball. Not only are the games a chance to see the Bears in action, but also a chance to win \$500.

For the third year in a row, Godfather's Pizza is sponsoring the \$500 shootout. Fans receive a ticket at the door. If the number on the ticket is selected in a random drawing, winners get a chance to participate in the shootout. Contestants have included people of all ages.

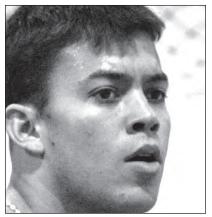
The shootout involves five chances to make a basket. If the players were to make all five, the \$500 prize would be awarded. However, this doesn't mean people with less-than-perfect basketball skills will go home empty handed, there are other prizes. Making a lesser number of shots can win the participant a pizza party for 20 people, pizza for a year, or free Godfather's family feasts in jumbo, large, and medium sizes.

Jen Gano, marketing director for Godfather's Pizza, said that the shootout takes place to help support DMACC. "It's gone very well. Each year we get more excited about it," she said.

Optional Practical Training program offers students jobs

Jess Baldus Banner Staff

Luis Magdaleno, a sophomore from Cabudare, Lara, Venezuela, is tired of asking his parents for money.



Luis Magdeleno

He, like many other college students, decided to get a job. The only difference is he had to wait four months to be eligible for work

Magdaleno needed approval of the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program and had to apply to Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service (BCIS) just to apply for a job. To start the process he first needed a social security number. Then he needed to meet with the International Student Advisor, Dr.

Ko-hsing Huang, at the Ankeny campus. A letter from the school, a copy of his Visa, his social security number, and insurance card were then sent to Nebraska. Magdaleno waited four months to be approved.

After he was approved, it was time to start applying for work. Coach John

Smith told Magdaleno about Caffrey Cigar Co. in Boone, and took him for his first interview. On the way there Smith said, "I don't guarantee anything, but we can go." The interview must have gone well because Magdaleno now spends 12 hours out of his busy week there.

Magdaleno wakes up at 7 a.m. Monday thru Friday and rides with his roommates to DMACC. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, he walks from DMACC to Caffrey's, which is about a half a mile, and then on Fridays he walks one and a half miles home

Following work on Tuesdays and Thursdays Magdaleno walks back to school for class and then baseball practice. Practice begins at 1 p.m. everyday, but he likes to get to the gym early and workout before the team practice.

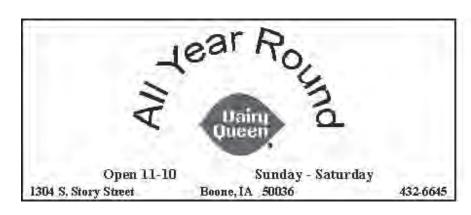
When practice comes to an end around 3:30 p.m. Magdaleno is tired and hungry. He goes home for a couple of hours and then back to DMACC to use the computer lab for homework and fun.

Magdaleno was only able to get a job that had something to do with his major. Magdaleno will be going into business/marketing and has been given the chance to see how the inside of a business works.

At Caffreys, Magdaleno checks and fills orders. He says the people that he works with "are the greatest guys ever." The job is very flexible and they understand when he has homework and practice to attend to.

"It's really hard but you gotta do what you gotta do to get things done," says Magdaleno.





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Sociology class adopts 'sister' from Ethiopia

Alisha Benson Banner Staff

An episode on Oprah about the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia was an inspiration for Pete Conis' Sociology 103: courtship, marriage, and family class. The class has decided to adopt a sister (young woman) from Ethiopia.

The idea was suggested by students during a group discussion after Conis told them about an episode on Oprah telling about these young women.

Alicia Heintz, Ames, is the coordinator for this project. The adoption of a sister has developed into a class project in which the students will raise \$450. With this donation one woman will receive surgery, a new dress, and a bus ticket home.

Young women in Ethiopia are married around the age of 12 or 13. They usually become pregnant right away. Their bodies are so underdeveloped it is very difficult to give birth, and the child is usually stillborn. The process of giving birth tears the intestinal wall and creates a hole in the bladder. This condition, known as fistula causes the young women to lose control over their urine and waste.



outside for the young women to live in

The smell is so unbearable that the husbands and families reject the young women. The families build a small hut



photo by Brandon Kleinke

SAC representative Nathan Lahner, adviser Lisa Mathes, and president Este Huston met last Tuesday afternoon in the Courter Center to discuss this semester's upcoming events.

The Student Activities Council officially has two new representatives: Adam Atherton, Boone, and Katie Rhineman, Iowa Valley.

The SAC met Tuesday, Feb. 17 to discuss this spring semester's agenda and its upcoming events. March 1 will bring singer Bari Koral to the Courter Center. Bari has appeared on the NBC show Providence and been involved with other acts such as Joan Osbourne and Lisa Loebe.

More entertainment being brought in is the duo "Easily Amused". Made up by two acoustic guitars and the voices of Keith MacPherson and Renee Lamoureux, Easily Amused tells stories of people and places through music and folk rock. They will be performing April 13.

SAC had been approached requesting some of the budgeted money. The SAC approved \$150 to go towards the pep band receiving some new music.

Phi Beta Lambda representatives Anthony Morris and Kristi Hanson attended the meeting. "We were here to request a joint sponsorship with the Easter Egg Hunt," said Morris. "Students and faculty will be able to win prizes and enjoy the scene the Wednesday before Easter," added Hanson.

More upcoming event dates will be posted around campus. SAC coordinator, Lisa Mathes is also in charge of intramurals. She is available in her office and can be reached at ext. 5051. See her or Este Huston, SAC president, with questions or

for the rest of their lives, along with their babies, if they survive. The young women are considered social outcasts.

The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital is a clinic where young women can get the fistula tears repaired. After the surgery, women can resume life as it was before the fistula tears, with the only consequence being that if they give birth again they must have a C-section. If the tear can't be repaired, they can reside at the clinic while helping the doctors, rather than just being sent away with no help.

Dr. Catherine Hamlin started the Fistula Hospital in 1974 on a three year contract. She then decided to continue services there, and has been helping these young women ever since.

The Fistula Hospital is run completely by donations, and the women are not required to pay for the expenses. There are opportunities to adopt one of these young women, so they will not continue to go through this suffering.

Students have come up with various

ways for raising the money. Some students have made signs and jars for donations and placed them in hospitals as well as Happy Joe's and T-Galaxy in Ames. Other students will be asking people to donate their cans to raise money. Students will hold a bake sale at the Boone campus in the first week of March

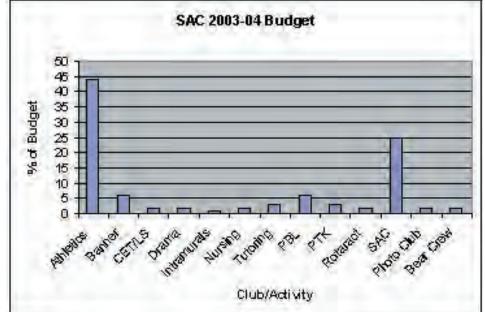
Heintz said, "I have two kids, and giving birth was the most painful experience of my life. I had lots of doctors and lots of support. These poor girls have no medical care and no one to help them. My heart really went out to them."

For more information on the Fistula Hospital visit www.fistulahospital.org. Donations will go to the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund. Those interested in contributing contact Conis in RM 130. Donations can also be made by calling 1-866-756-3700 or

American Friends Foundation for Child Birth Injuries 4030 Moor Park Ave. Suite 105 San Jose, CA 95117

Student Activity Council discusses upcoming events

Brandon Kleinke Banner Staff



SAC approved the 2003-04 budget last spring. Full and part-time students contribute to the budget through \$1.05 collected per semester credit hour. Funds remaining in the activites accounts will be carried over to the following fiscal year.

Athletics	44%	\$15,578.64
Banner	6%	2,124.36
CET/LS	2%	708.12
Drama	2%	708.12
Intramurals	1%	354.06
Nursing	2%	708.12
Tutoring	3%	1,062.18
PBL	6%	2,124.36
PTK	3%	1,062.18
Rotaract	2%	708.12
SAC	25%	8,851.50
Photo Club	2%	708.12
Bear Crew	2%	708.12
TOTAL		\$35,406



DIMACC's Pack the gym night



photo by James Joy Jenny Harle shoots over Kirkwood defender.



Photo by Brandon Kleinke Child fan cheers on Bears.



Photo by Brandon Kleinke Larry Leverett powers his way to the hole.



photo by James Joy
Rotaract chili feast, Kelly Davis serves fans from Bears Basketball game.



photo by James Joy



Upcoming area events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		44	DMACC Basketball 5:30 & 7:30	Oliver Des Moines Civic Center 7:30	Brooks & Dunn Hilton Coliseum7:30 "Murder by Membership Only" 7:30 Boone Campus Theatre	DMACC Basketball At Iowa Falls 2:00 & 4:00 p.m
ISU Dept. of Music: Concert Band & symphonic Band Stephens Auditorium 1 p.m.	7:30 Martha	\$7	Passion of Christ now in theaters	4 Boy Gets Girl Des Moines Civic Center 7:30	No Classes Little Women Fisher Theater 7:30	6 Blake Shelton First Avenue Club lowa City 8:00
7 Des Moines Symphony- Blue Jeans and Beethoven Des Moines Civic Center 2:30	8 Midterm	Doc Severinsen Des Moines Civic Center 7:30	(F)	Con		

Book Review

The walrus was Paul

Josh Hutt Banner Staff

The word walrus was derived from the Greeks and meant corpse. So which Beatle was the Walrus?

The Walrus was Paul, by R. Gary Patterson, is a book that explores the various clues of the death of Paul McCartney. In 1969 a rumor spread that Paul McCartney had died in a car

accident in November of 1966. Rumor circulated not only through Beatles songs but on some of the album covers as well. Beatle fans would play songs backwards to hear hidden messages or clues saying Paul is dead. One of the biggest clues is the fact that the Beatles didn't go on tour after

August 19, 1966.

When the Beatles released the Sgt. Pepper album in 1967, the group wore bright colors and mustaches rather then the mop-topped cuts and matching suits. The music in the Sgt. Pepper album was also different. The band had begun to experiment with psychedelic music. It was as if something had changed with the band or they were hiding something. The album

was one of the most successful of all time and it also provides the most clues pointing to the death of McCartney.

The book contains weird clues and questions if the Paul McCartney you see today is nothing more then an impostor. Although some of the clues are a bit of a stretch, I may have completed the book sooner if I didn't pull my mom's old LPs out just to see if these clues

were true. I also found myself listening to Beatles songs more then usual. The creepiest clue of them all was playing "Revolution number 9" backwards. In the scrambled noise you hear a car

crash which is followed by flames and someone screaming "let me out"

The book also explores the fall of the Beatles and what led to the break up. It also throws in some strange coincidences in the death of John Lennon. The book leaves the answer of mystery in the hands of the reader. If you love the Beatles or like a good mystery, you should find out for yourself if the Walrus was Paul.

If you know of any area events, or if you would like your band on the calendar, email Jess Baldus at jabaldus@dmacc.edu

To be young again Dickie Roberts, former Child Star review

Jess Baldus

Banner staff

"This is nucking futs!" says David Spade in his new film 'Dickie Roberts former Child Star.' The movie starts out with an E! True Hollywood story of Dickie Roberts (Spade) explaining how his television show was cancelled and his mom left because he was no longer a star.

Wanting to make a comeback Dickie (Spade) wants a part in an upcoming film produced by Rob Reiner. To get the part, Dickie (Spade) must be a normal guy. After the messed up childhood he went through, normal is not one of his strong suits. Dickie (Spade) hires a family for a month to treat him like a child and teach him everything he missed out on. Through out the movie both Dickie and the family teach and learn from each other. He also learns that what he wanted most was right in front of him the whole time

There were many special appearances

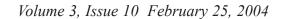
of former child stars. Some include Dustin Diamond, Screech from Saved by the Bell; Emmanuel Lewis, Webster in the TV show Webster; and Corey Feldman, Mouth from the movie Goonies.

If you are into comedies, this is a must see. It is a sentimental yet funny movie that is good for anyone over the age of 13 (The movie is rated PG-13 for some crude and sex related humor). 'Dickie Roberts' is a great movie that I would watch over and over again.

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The Envy Corps, #63 and rising

Brandon Kleinke Banner Staff

The wait is over. "Soviet Reunion", the debut album by The Envy Corps, was officially released Tuesday, Feb. 3. Already the album is setting records for their label, Bi-Fi Records, located in Ames.

"Soviet Reunion" debuted at #107 on the College Music Journal charts, showing an extreme amount of promise. However, they haven't bothered looking back as the band has sky-rocketed to #63, shattering the previous Bi-Fi Records' highest charting group, Keepers of the Carpet, who topped out at #78.

The Envy Corps seem to be on to a good formula. The need for an innovative, melodic, and wholesome driven record can wear on one's soul. Thom Yorke and Radiohead fill that void in many of their albums. "Soviet Reunion" attempts to put people at rest about that need, and presents

everyone with an all around distinctive but beautiful, well-rounded debut album.

Beginning with the very first track, (untitled), The Envy Corps build and build with this quick feedback enhanced teaser, save vocals, until diving into "You'd Look Good In Wings, Part III". This is when the album actually takes off, repeatedly driving the lines, "I don't know how I do it I just do". Now with your attention, they come right at you with their first five minute track, "You'd Look Good In Wings, Part II". It is crisp, clean, and has a somber feel until reaching the chorus.

Luke Pettitpoole's alluring vocals take on a Thom Yorkesque quality that carries throughout the entire set. Mellow at times, the vocals co-exist and appear to become ever harsher at only the times necessary. Like their unofficial single, "Prisoners of War", a clever building track that even provides a small string section.

Like a book impossible to put down, "Soviet Reunion" will find its way into your soul. You won't be able to take it out of your player. You can check out The Envy Corps and download "Prisoners of War" at their website www.theenvycorps.

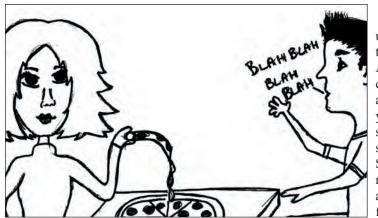
com. They are also available at www. bifirecords.com.



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Pettipoole, singer for The Envy Corps

Sports, pizza, and movie rentals On a Date with Jess



Jess Baldus Banner Staff

Show your school spirit and attend a school sporting event for your next date.

As you enter the gym, you hear the pep band playing their lively music trying to get the audience revved up for the game. The team is on the floor warming

up, preparing for tonight's big game. At this point you can either turn around and make your way to the snack bar or find a seat in the stands. Since you are most likely eating afterwards, just find your seat.

When you get comfortable on the hard stands, sit in the first one or two rows so you can capture all of the excitement. It is more fun when you actually get into the game, so stand up and cheer on your team. Pay attention to the game but try not to forget that you're with a date. Yelling, cheering, and watching the intense competition might make you a little hungry. After the game try some pizza. Not just any pizza, but Boone's very own pizza house.

Travel down Story Street to a small pizza place called Belluci Pizza House. Belluci's is open Tuesday through Sunday from 5-10 p.m. This restaurant serves the best pizza and sandwiches in town. It is a small, locally owned restaurant that does not take checks. Make sure you have extra cash because this delicious pizza doesn't come cheap.

As you enter, you will notice that the restaurant is a little darker than most. Old pictures of past employees and close friends. Find a small booth for two, or if in a group, take the round booth in the back, and relax until someone comes to take your order.

Belluci's offers many different types of pizza. The thin crust pizza cut into squares is good in any variety. Favorites are the cheese or pepperoni, while others enjoy sausage and mushroom. If you are not in the mood for pizza, try a sandwich. They range from ham and cheese, to the Thompson Special. The Thompson Special is a large hamburger sandwich on a hoagie bun with green onions, cheese, mayonnaise, green olives, bacon, mozzarella cheese and green peppers. This sandwich is so large it could easily feed two. For something a little smaller, the BLT is an excellent choice.

The night is still young and everything is going well so continue your evening with a movie rental. In Boone you can rent from Hy-Vee, Family Video, and the Movie Gallery. All video stores are

in close range so it just depends on your preference on where to go.

Hy-vee is a convenient place to rent movies when you need other items. Pick up pop and popcorn for your dollar movie. All rentals at Hy-Vee are 99 cents but the down fall is that they are due back the next day by 6 p.m. Another good point is that after you rent nine movies, your tenth one is free. Also Hy-Vee offers guaranteed in stock movie rentals. Check the ad or the little magazines by the computers to see which one is guaranteed for that week. If the movie is not in, tell the customer service clerk that you wanted that particular movie and since it was guaranteed, you are entitled to a free movie.

If all of the movies you wanted to see are rented, you can try Family Video. They have a larger section than Hy-Vee does, but do not offer the extra services such as pop, popcorn, and other snacks. Most movies are \$2.50 for a one night rental. You can keep the movies a little longer than you can at Hy-Vee because the rentals are due back by midnight the following night. Another benefit of Family Video is that here are some movies available for up to five days. If movies aren't exciting enough for you, rent a video game and have your own competition at

This is just a suggestion of what to do on your next date. You could actually try it tonight at the Men's basketball game. After the game, deciding what to rent and what happens next is in your hands.







Shall I Work or Play?

Gabi ButlerBanner Staff

During the course of the school year I work 25 plus hours at two different jobs, pay four different bills, attend dance classes, and go to school full-time.- It's a miracle I'm not a nervous wreck every day, but then I have to think to myself that there are other students out there who are also dealing with a full-time job and taking care of their kids.- This would be the life of the average college student.

My mother is always telling me I shouldn't work so much so I have more time for my school work.- I know she's right but if I didn't work the hours that I do, there would be no way I would be able to make all of my bills.- Sure, my parents would give me money if I asked because I've been a spoiled brat all my life, but I need to learn how to take care of myself and balance my lifestyle.- I can't be depending on my parents

all the time.- There's some students out there who I know have no help whatsoever from their parents or anybody else.

So how is it that so many of us do this type of schedule everyday?- Personally I have to set a schedule for myself.- When I'm not in school I take care of the little things, such as taking a shower and making food to get them out of the way.- After all of that is done, I work on my homework and try to make it to bed by 12, 12:30 at the latest so I can get eight hours of sleep.- Obviously this doesn't always work and I just have to deal with the lack of sleep.-

The occasional very late night drunk can-you-come-pick-me-up calls can also have an effect on how much you sleep.- I also have the worst immune system in the world and have to work around me being sick all the time.- If I'm not busy at work,

I attempt to get little parts of my homework done, such as reading a few pages out of a book or writing

bits and pieces to an assigned paper.

A person's social life is probably your worst enemy.- You always have someone trying to get you to go out to the bar, watch a show, go to a buddy's house, etc.- Frankly, I think most people want to go out with their friends because I know I sure don't enjoy doing homework for a couple of hours every night.- Its all in the willpower and saying "no" to doing meaningless things.- I try and think to myself, "There's always the weekend."

Balancing school, work and everything else takes responsibility and will-power and I admire those students who are twice as busy as I am.- But I believe that those students who go through this schedule now will have a better sense of balancing life when it comes time to raise a family and have a full-time job.- So although it can be a stressor, its also a valuable life lesson

When money and size is an issue, DMACC's

the way to go

Laura Soder
Banner Staff

During college, I'm sure that at one point or another, everyone wonders if they made the right decision about where they chose to receive their education. As a DMACC student, I'm here to assure you that you've made the right decision.

Among many reasons people have to rethink their decision to attend DMACC, there are a few factors that can apply to everyone. These include the common misconceptions people have about the community college. For starters, a community college is sometimes thought of as not being a "real" college, a kind of place where people go that can't handle a four year institution, such as working adults and people that aren't as intellectually gifted as others. I've also heard DMACC compared to a high school because of its size and the fact that everyone seems to know each other.

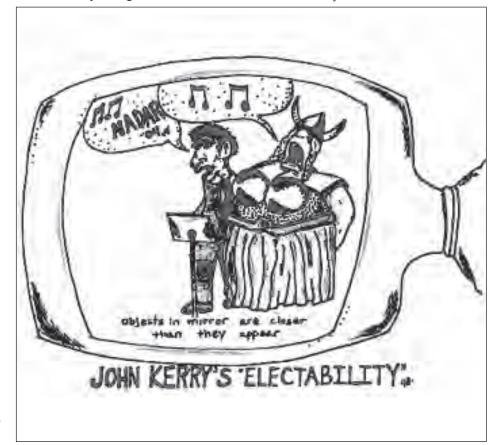
If the issues I have noticed or any other personal ones ever become a source of indecision for anyone, try reminding yourself about why you chose to go here in the first place.

Aside from the obvious cost difference from other colleges, DMACC offers small class sizes and campuses that are close to larger universities. It's easy to transfer from here to another college or even get a degree without traveling far.

I didn't originally go to DMACC. I started out my freshman year at a small private college in rural Iowa. Because of

this, I am able to compare the two types of institutions easily. The number one thing I have noticed so far is that there isn't much of a difference. There isn't much of a point in paying private college prices for small classes and individual attention when you can get it at a community college. I can also say that if anyone compares DMACC to high school, a private college is just as bad if not worse. There are also working adults at every college.

In conclusion, I have to say it's great to start your education out at a community college, and other options are good for others too. If heading to a four year college right out of high school is right for you, go for it. However, if you're already attending DMACC and ever have a second thought, just remind yourself of all the opportunities and reasons why you came here and make the most of your time here!



Behind

the

Desk Josh Hutt Banner Staff

Dazed & Confused

"Do you have a cigarette?"

This question was asked to me a couple weeks ago when I was getting a Dr. Pepper out of the vending machine. I know it is a bad habit and it is very addictive. But how bad is it when you have to go out in a blizzard and -10 wind chill range to inhale smoke and blow it out.

I have had one bad habit all my life, and it has been hard for me to stop. I chew my fingernails. I am not proud of it. There are times I do and don't even notice when I am doing it. I can't imagine having to go outside to fulfill my needs to continue this filthy habit.

Now don't get me wrong, I have never smoked a cigarette so I don't understand the addiction. What is a cigarette? It is tobacco wrapped in a piece of paper with a filter at the "butt". To use this device, you must light the unfiltered tip and suck from the butt, which filters the smoke that you inhale into you lungs.

I have known people to go out on a simple 15 minute break and power smoke four cigarettes. In fact there are some situations when the person going out to have a smoke take more time to get bundled and unbundled than it takes to smoke the actual cigarette. Is the habit that bad? Or is the situation that stressful? Do they know the results?

I once gave a speech on the dangers of smoking. I provided graphic pictures of black lungs and bloody mucus. After my speech the whole class went out to have a group smoke as I put my visual aids back into my folder. I received an A- on the speech so I can't say "I didn't warn them."

I have shown concern and frustration over this subject. I might have to show some respect towards these people. They brave though elements, and criticism to indulge in a pleasure. But when the time comes when you or anybody else lie in a hammock with you arm wrapped around an oxygen tank, ask yourself if all those cigarettes were worth not being able to walk from room to room without being out of breath.



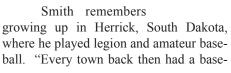
Coach Smith to receive hall of fame induction

Brandon Kleinke *Banner Staff*

Des Moines Area Community College baseball coach John Smith is entering his thirty-first season. That is a feat in

itself. But come May 28, in Grand Junction Colorado, Coach Smith will become the fourth Iowan to receive entry into the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 1982, while Smith took his team to the NJCAA Baseball World Series, the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame was being formed. There are currently 66 hall of fame inductees.

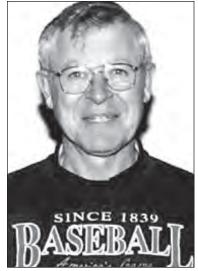


ball team. The big deal on Sundays was to go to the park and watch baseball. Big crowds. There were no TV's. Baseball was the game." In 1956 Smith graduated from Bonesteel, South Dakota High School, but always had the passion

for athletics. "I always loved all forms of athletics. Even now I go to the basketball and volleyball games and the wrestling meets," Smith said.

Coach Smith never really needed to look to the next level. After meeting his wife Connie, and leaving South Dakota to earn his master's degree at the University of Northern Colorado, Smith took his first teaching job at West Lyon High School in Inward. "I didn't think about the next level because I needed a job first. Teaching

came first, and some don't even find that. Stay put and work at that – across the fence isn't always rosier."



John Smith

Smith has been coaching in Boone since 1974. Although he retired from teaching four years ago, he has remained head coach and actively involved with his players. "I was here before this building was even built. This was Boone Jr. College before it became DMACC. I'm probably one of the only originals left of all the DMACC employees. The last of the Mohicans, is it?" Smith said with a wide grin.

Sandi Johnson, fellow DMACC employee has known coach a long time. Excellent baseball coach," she said. "He's had a lot of kids go on, and he stays in touch with them. He's just a great teacher, and that's what it should be about." Mrs. Johnson's husband, Harold, was a former athletic director and worked closely with Coach Smith. "I can remember when they'd bring us (wives) flowers on Mothers Day. He's special," she added.

Many of Smith's players agree. "It's such a great experience to play for him.

It'll be great to be playing under him when he gets 800 (wins)," Nabil Salebe said. His teammate Fabien Duran agreed. "We have a good team. It would be great to be able to be there in Colorado to see 'Smitty' accept his award."

Smith was got to experience coaching in a whole different way when his two sons played under him here at DMACC, J.P and Scott. "I wasn't one of those dads that favored," Smith added. "They knew and accepted that. I never raised them to be something they weren't.

The presentation will be held May 28 in Grand Junction. Smith hopes his team will be there for his induction. "It'd be great for the players to be there. First they have to win Iowa, and then Illinois, but it'd be great for them to get to be apart of the banquet." Coach Smith's family should make the trip, but his mother might wait until he returns to give her congratulations. "Mom gets a little nervous leaving town," he added with a huge smile.

Bears take down Kirkwood

Jack Simonson
Banner Staff

You know the old cliché, big time players step up in big time games. Well that's exactly what sophomores Frashon McGee and Shaun Williams did in No. 5 DMACC's (24-4 overall, 9-3 in conference) 71-68 victory over No. 3 Kirkwood. And good luck telling these guys that this was "just another game."

Last time out against Kirkwood, the Bears were beaten soundly 65-50, in front of a raucous Eagle crowd. "They went on a big spurt at the end of the first half that we were never able to recover from," said Salmon.

This time, McGee and Williams would have none of that.

"It was payback for us," stated McGee, whose hot hand kept the Bears in the lead throughout the first half.

The Bears rode the first half three point shooting of McGee, and the second half inside presence of Williams to pull off the biggest conference win of the season on Pack the Gym Night in The Den.

"I told them I was really, really proud of them after the game," said Head Coach Orv Salmon, who's Bears sit just one loss behind Kirkwood for first place in the conference standings. "We've won eight in a row now, and I think we're playing good basketball at the right time of the year," Salmon went on to say.

And with just two more games

remaining before Regionals, it would be hard to argue that statement. Against Kirkwood, McGee finished the game with 18 points including four three pointers, while Williams finished with a game high 27 points and 7 rebounds, and was nearly unstoppable in the paint, connecting on nine of his thirteen field goal attempts. But it was Andrew Pieters' shot with 36 seconds left that gave the Bears the lead for good at 69-68. And then following a missed Kirkwood three, Brian Harrod grabbed the rebound for the Bears and was fouled. After Harrod sank both free throws, Kirkwood's 3.7 seconds remaining were not enough for the Eagles, as their desperation shot at the buzzer fell short, and sent them back to Cedar Rapids with just their second conference loss of the year.

With proceeding wins over Clinton and Southwestern followed by the Kirkwood win, the Bears kept themselves in line for a share of the conference crown, if they can win out their final two games, and get a little help from someone else giving Kirkwood a third conference loss.

The Bears last two opponents are Iowa Lakes on Feb. 25 in Boone, and then Ellsworth on Feb. 28 on the road. The two games will be followed by Regionals on March 6-9, which will be held in Boone, and determine whether or not the Bears will be heading to National



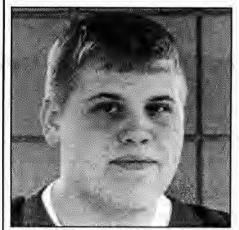
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McGee for 3 - Frashon McGee drops a three on #22 Justin Wieck. McGee was 4 of 7 from behind the arc and fouled out with 18 points.

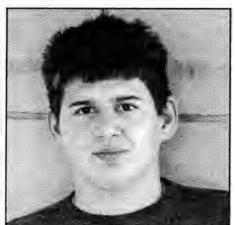


The Other Side of the Courter Pictures and text by Gabi Butler and Brandon Kleinke

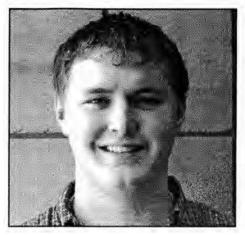
Why didn't you try out for the play?



Doug Longman
Ames
"I didn't know about it."



Aaron Warren
Ames
"I don't get too active with school
stuff"



Greg Sutton
Boone
"I don't have the time. I'm not really into acting."



Chuck Boyd
New Jersey
"I didn't hear about it, but I
would've tried out. I heard there is
a bad turnout for the show.

Girls come up short with 2.9 seconds

Jack Simonson
Banner Staff

In the last two seasons at DMACC, the women's basketball team has reached new heights and milestones right and left, setting single season win records and beating traditional powers.

Saturday (Feb 21) the Bears came within an eyelash of upsetting one of the nations toughest programs.

"For 39 minutes, we outplayed maybe the best team in the country," said Head Coach Ben Conrad on his team's 67-68 loss to national powerhouse Kirkwood.

The Bears, the final minute belonged to the Eagles, as Kirkwood ended the game on a 7-0 run to get the win and remain undefeated in conference play.

After sophomore Jenny Harley connected on two of her game high 21 points from the free throw line, it all went downhill for the Bears. DMACC's six point lead faded away in front of a disappointed home crowd.

Kirkwood star Maleka Hawkins was fouled, and after converting on the first free throw, the second went errant, and bounced Kirkwood's way to an open Jennifer Francescon, who knocked down a three pointer to cut the lead to two. And when DMACC failed to score on their next trip down the court, Kirkwood capitalized.

After a missed bucket by the Eagles with time winding down, Hawkins grabbed the offensive board and put it back in drawing a foul with 2.9 seconds remaining, then converted on her free throw to give Kirkwood the win.

The loss took DMACC out of contention for the conference crown, but did-

n't diminish their gutsy performance.

"It just shows what we've become," said Conrad on his teams' ability to hang with the best the conference has to offer. "If we take care of business in the tournament, we might get another crack at them in the championship."

Harle led the way for DMACC with 21 points on 6-9 shooting from behind the arc, staying hot from three point range after a 12-16 performance in a blowout 111-52 win over Buena Vista's JV.

The Bears were led by Michelle Smith who had 13 points and six rebounds, as well as Morgan Nelson's 11 points. DMACC was out-rebounded by Kirkwood 38-21 in the loss.

The Bears took care of business before the Kirkwood game, putting away Southwestern 54-43 to virtually assure themselves of the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

The Bears also defeated Marshalltown 79-57 in a non-conference game over a division one juco opponent.

DMACC now sits at 24-5 overall, and 10-2 in conference, playing their best ball going into tourney time.

"This team is really clicking right now," Conrad said about his squad, who will look to add another milestone to the list by going for the program's first regional championship in the coming weeks.

The remaining Bears schedule includes home games against Iowa Lakes at 5:30p.m. on Feb. 25, and a road game at Ellsworth on Feb. 28, before Regionals take place March 5-8 at Fort Dodge.

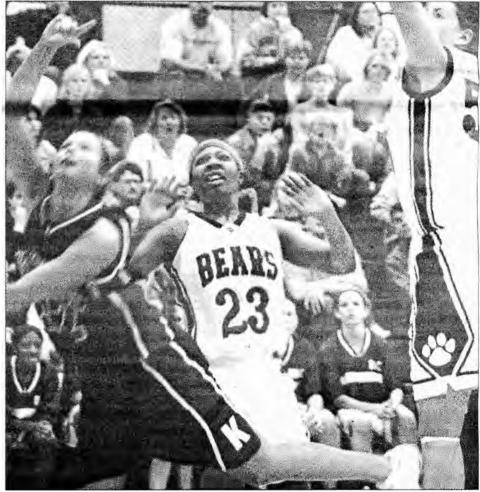


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Big D - #23 Ashley Austin bodies up and forces an off-balanced shot.



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