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Boone Campus enrollment dips 0.1 percent

DMACC—Spring semester credit enrollment at DMACC's Boone Campus is down slightly compared to the spring semester enrollment figures of last year.

The DMACC Boone Campus credit hour enrollment is 14,614 down 0.1 percent from the record 14,636 credit hours taken by Boone Campus students last spring semester.-

The DMACC Boone Campus headcount is down 4.5 percent with 1,503 students enrolled this semester compared to the record 1,574 students enrolled in the spring of 2003.-

Overall, spring semester credit hour enrollment is up 6.3 percent on the six DMACC campuses and headcount is up 6.6 percent.- Students are enrolled in 122,262 credit hours of classes this spring on the Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Campuses and at the off-campus locations.-

Students were enrolled in 114,971 credit hours in the spring of 2003.- The 122,262 credit hours is also a DMACC record for a spring semester.

For the first time ever, DMACC has surpassed 14,000 students.- There are 14,067 students enrolled at the six DMACC campuses, which is a new record high for a spring semester, as well as breaking the fall semester headcount of 13,719 students. There were 13,197 students enrolled last spring semester.

These figures are taken from the 14th day of classes and are compared with the figures obtained from the 14th day of classes last spring to reflect an accurate comparison between this spring and last

DMACC offers credit classes in career education, career option and college parallel programs at campuses in Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Des Moines.----

| Monies to go into emergency student loan fund

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Students being shorted on book buybacks on DMACC campuses

James Joy Banner Staff

Des Moines Area Community College students are well aware of the price of

new text books. However, many students may not be aware that official DMACC procedures guaranteed them a 50 per cent return for those textbooks during DMACC's book buy back.

"When the books are in good condition, I should get more money for them," said Tricia Fogarty. Fogarty, a Boone campus student from

Ames, feels she has to buy books from the campus stores because she is unable to purchase books from online sources. "Among other things, I worry about the security of online buying," Fogarty said.

Five books from last semester, Law for Business:14th Edition; Calculus for Business: Economics, Life Sciences and Social Sciences; Elementary Statistics: A Step by Step Approach; Principles of Biology and Finite Mathematics shows an average return to students of only 36 per cent of new text price. For example, Principles of Biology with the optional

CD has a new price of \$126.75 and DMACC's buy back price was set at \$30. prices. KNOWLEDGE

the following semester.

Each store forwards the list to the Ankeny campus where Carol Tomb, Ankeny book store manager, adjusted the

When asked about procedure BS 5114.1, Tomb said, "That procedure is not in effect and hasn't been since maybe 2002." Tomb referred to buy-back policies listed in DMACC"s credit course schedule as the official buy back policy of the book stores. However, the credit course schedule does not specifically dictate how

prices are set. "All buy back prices were set at fair market value," Tomb said.

Tim Hagar, Director of Purchasing and Campus Services, was unaware of the price changes and said that the 50 per cent rule has always been in effect. Hagar was unaware that the policies set forth in BS 5114.1 had not been enforced.

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This is a 24 per cent return to students. The book store then resold the book to students at the used price of \$95.25.

DMACC business service procedure BS 5114.1 states: "Students will be paid 50 per cent of the suggested selling price of a similar, new textbook." This procedure regulates DMACC's book stores procedures on book buy backs.

A list is generated from each campus book store on which books are needed for

Applications for graduation due by Feb. 1

Laura Griffin Banner Staff

Students planning to graduate this spring, or after the summer term, need to turn in graduation applications before Feb. 1.

Students enrolled in most programs, like Liberal Arts, need 64 credits to graduate Rita Davenport Educational Advisor on the Boone Campus, said, "If students are not positive on their distribution of credits needed for graduation, they need to get a graduation evaluation done."

An evaluation takes less than 15 minutes and consists of having an advisor go through all credits a student has taken to decide if they meet graduation requirements

Students can go to any of the advisors on campus to get an evaluation done or the Credential Office in Ankeny, Davenport said. Educational advisors also include Shelby Hildreth. Both are located in the front office

"I will be glad to help people by appointment, who think they are approaching graduating status," Davenport said.

Students need to fill out an application for graduation during the term the student intends to graduate. Applications can be given out by anyone in the front office but must be returned to Sandi Johnson. Johnson is an office assistant at the front desk. "The Ankeny Credentials Office will be sending out letters in April to students who filled out a graduation application," Johnson said.

"If students plan to be in the graduation ceremony, they need to get measured for cap and gowns by Sandi," Davenport

Students planning to graduate this year may want to attend the college fair will be held on Feb. 27 at the Boone Campus. It will be from 9 a.m to 12 p.m in the Courter Center. Nancy Woods, math and physics instructor said that it will be a good opportunity for students who are undecided to find out more information all at one time. Woods said, "Students can find out about colleges' financial packages available, opportunities, and programs that are offered." "If a college thinks that you are undecided, they will work really hard to get you to buy into them," Woods said.

'Students who need transcripts sent out need to get them ordered right away. They go out after final grades are turned in after finals week," said Johnson. The number for students to call to get a transcript is 1-800-362-2127 ext 6800.

The graduation ceremony on the Boone Campus will be Friday, May 7, 2004 at 10 a.m in the gymnasium.

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All-women cast heads up spring production

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

Nine women, all mystery writers and belonging to The Orczy Club, are involved in a who-dun-it murder mystery themselves.

This is the premise of the spring play called "Murder by Membership Only."

The all female cast is no surprise to Kay Mueller, director of the play, "I basically knew that lots of women would be interested and no men inquired about it.

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You have to use what you've got."

Liz Bennett, returning from last fall's production of "Steel Magnolias," said, "It is going to be fun because the play is about a lot of writers. There are a lot of fun characters in it and somebody dies."

Mueller said, "I expected that many of them would return, after last semester's play. People usually tend to come back if they really enjoyed themselves."

The cast is as follows with students and their character name in italics.

Sarah Whitford, Ames, Hester Tandy Jessica Peel, Perry, Lydia Beaton Kami Mushel, Ames, Mrs. Plimpton Patti Rockwell, Pilot Mound, Madame Lecoa

Tammy Hartmann, Ames, Clarice Fergusson

Erin Bradley, Boone, Mrs. Balser Caley Harvey, Ogden, Eve Hawkins Julie Sharp, Boone, Octavia Sturges Liz Bennett, Boone, May Cobbs

Mueller said a few people are helping with the set, and the cast will help build the set also. "We could still use set people for lights and props," Mueller said.

Jessica Peel worked on the set crew for last fall's play and has a part in this one. "It is going to be harder on my schedule because I have more classes this semester.

Also, last semester I didn't have to be there for all the rehearsals and now I do," Peel said.

Mueller has worked with theatre at DMACC for 19 years and has directed 38 productions. She is the speech and drama instructor also. Mueller is also involved in plays outside of DMACC.

She has been in "Lone Star Love Potion," "Rumors," "Murder at the Howard Johnsons," and "Sorry Wrong Chimney." She has performed at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre, Drama Workshop, Des Moines Playhouse, Ames Community Theatre, and Salisbury House.

Mueller's expectations are high for the group. "I am expecting they will do a fabulous job. They are a great group of good solid people, and they have good energy among themselves. They work together well, and that is what is needed in an ensemble type performance," Mueller said.

Students will be performing "Murder by Membership Only" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 28. DMACC students are admitted free with their library card. Otherwise a fee of \$5 will be charged for general admission.

Phi Theta Kappa to hold spring ceremony

Jennifer Eller
Banner Staff

DMACC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will begin the semester by holding spring inductions next month.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students who are achieving academic excellence at a two year college. PTK was established in 1918, and is now one of the largest honors society's for a two year college in the world.

Phi Theta Kappa gives support to help students achieve their academic goals. PTK makes students eligible for transfer scholarships all over the United States, and for scholarships to help students achieve the two year degree, such as the DMACC Star Award.

PTK members are eligible to have the name appear on the National Dean's list. PTK also offers many convention's for their members. The DMACC chapter of PTK, Tau Phi will be sponsoring a spring college fair here at DMACC in the Courter Center on Feb. 27, 2004.

PTK will be holding their spring induction ceremony on Monday, Feb. 16, 2004 at 6:30pm.

A student with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher is eligible to be a member. The grade point average only goes back five years, so with bad grades older then five years are not included in the average.

All students interested should contact the PTK advisor, Nancy woods her office is in room 224. All applications for spring induction are due by Feb. 9, 2004.

Positions available on student activities council

Josh Hutt

Banner Staff

Two positions are available on the Boone Campus Student Activities Council (SAC).

Applications are due Friday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. Students can contact Lisa Mathes by e-mail at ldmathes@dmacc.edu.

Students must be in their second semester at DMACC and must carry a 2.0 grade point average.

Applicants must fill out an application

in order to apply for the two positions.

If there are more than two qualified applicants, an election will be held. The election results will be decided by the students on the Boone DMACC campus. Applications can be picked up and turned into Lisa Mathes, adviser for SAC, and coordinator for student activities and housing.

Mathes, who also serves as the volley-ball coach, can be found in her office in the gymnasium.

Mathes' extension is X5051.

In DMACC News

DMACC RECEIVES \$25,000 METLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT

DMACC—Des Moines Area Community College has received a \$25,000 grant from the MetLife Foundation.

The grant will help launch Career Expo, a year-long series of events that will match minority and low-income students to workforce opportunities by introducing them to high-demand/high wage careers and guide them to the coursework necessary to prepare for these fields.

DMACC was one of nine community colleges nationwide and the only two-year college in Iowa to receive the grant.- MetLife Foundation is contributing a total of \$330,000 for innovative programs that connect community colleges to the locales they serve.

The goal of the MetLife
Foundation Community College
Connection Program is to increase
interaction between colleges, people
and institutions in the community;
expose the resources of the community college to a broader segment
of society, and reach out to diverse
students.

BOOKS REFUNDED UNTIL JAN. 30

Knowledge Knook Bookstore return policies are specific for students who want to return text-books this semester.

All refunds and exchanges must have a sales receipt dated for the current term. Also, textbooks must be returned within 14 days from the start of the course to receive full refund.

All merchandise returned must be in new condition, unmarked, free of damage and soil. They must be in the original, unopened packaging with the seals intact. The bookstore reserves the right to judge the condition of any return items.

Defective new books will be replaced immediately with a receipt; used books are not guaranteed. Workbooks, lab manuals or study guides with markings or missing pages are not returnable.

All purchases paid by check are not returnable before 10 business days.





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DMACC President Robert Denson (far right) talks with former Boone Campus Executive Dean, Kriss Philips and his wife, Jo as Pat Denson (far left) looks on. Denson and his wife were officially welcomed to each of the six campuses. Members of the faculty, staff, students, and community turned out the first week of second semester.

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Darrell Roberts, Sr. Vice President of Business Services was unaware of the price discrepancies but said, "Profits from the book stores are used in a variety of ways that benefit the students." Roberts noted that DMACC's need based scholarship was a direct recipient of book store profits.

After an investigation by Hagar into the prices offered at book buy backs last semester, it came to his attention that the book stores were not adhering to policy BS 5114.1. Hagar is gathering totals from all book stores from last semester's buy backs in an effort to calculate the amount of money that was spent on books that the stores bought back from students. "We know how much money we spent during the book buy backs, and we were 5 to 20 per cent below normal prices," Hagar said. "Using the total number, we are going to donate 15 percent of the total to a student scholarship," Hagar added.

Hagar said the money will be donated to the Help Loan Fund, which helps students waiting for student aid to pay for educational expenses. Hagar said, "This fund is for all students on all campuses."

"We regret this mistake," Hagar said.

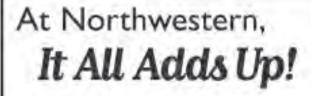
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College names fall semester scholars

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester President's List. To be eligible, a student must have earned a 4.0 grade point average. Those recognized from the Boone Campus include:

Andrew Austin, Arts & Sciences, Stanhope Melissa Baker, Exercise Science, Norwalk Nancy Bales, Pre-Nursing, Pilot Mound Christi Baumeister, Arts & Sciences, Ames Amy Blanshan, Arts & Sciences, Boone Melissa Bolinger, Pre-Nursing, Boone Peregrine Carlson, Arts & Sciences, Stratford Jessie Corkrean, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ames Tamera Dahl, Pre-Nursing, Boone Jessica Daugherty, Arts & Sciences, Ames Dawn Dentlinger, Pre-Nursing, Boone Heidi Dobberke, Arts & Sciences, Ames Frank Dolezal, Telecommunications Tech., Milo Tanya Duffy, Arts & Sciences, Perry Tammy Eller, Pre-Nursing, Ogden Kristine Elsberry, Pre-Nursing, Beaver Fariba Emamgholizadeh, Pre-Nursing, Ames Kevin Ewoldsen, Exercise Science, Winterset Patricia Flynn, Arts & Sciences, Boone Kristin Froning, Accounting Specialist, Boone Sung-Nyung Han, Associate Degree Nursing, Ames Tammy Hartmann, Arts & Sciences, Ames Brandy Herink, Arts & Sciences, Boone Richard Higgins, Fire Science Technology, Nevada Amanda Hornsby, Arts & Sciences, Woodward Jenifer Hutzell, Arts & Sciences, Boone Diana Johnson, Arts & Sciences, Gilbert Laura Johnson, Arts & Sciences, Ames Ginger Jones, Arts & Sciences, Ogden Stephanie Jones, Accounting Specialist, Dayton Melissa Joy, Arts & Sciences, Jefferson Becky LeCount, Arts & Sciences, Ames Maria Leal, Arts & Sciences, Stratford Jelene Lincoln, Accounting & Bookkeeping, Ames Shannon McCormick, Arts & Sciences, Ames Jillean Meier, Business Administration, Boone Rebecca Miller, Arts & Sciences, Ames Suzanne Moore, Practical Nursing, Boone Mindy Ohlendorf, Practical Nursing, Ames Mary Lynn Papin, Arts & Sciences, Ames Melissa Paulson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Jessica Peel, Arts & Sciences, Perry Claudia Pletsch, Pre-Dental Occupations, Ames Michele Repp-Danis, Accounting Specialist, Boone Andrew Reynoldson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Sarah Rinehart, Arts & Sciences, Boone Brandy Roberts, Arts & Sciences, Boone Haley Scarpino, Arts & Sciences, Ames Jennifer Sharar, Business Administration, Webster City Rick Sickels, Pre-Nursing, Ames Penny Slusinski, Arts & Sciences, West Des Moines Dean Spencer, Accounting Paraprofessional, Nevada Janie Steven, Arts & Sciences, Boone Roxann Stoker, Arts & Sciences, Ames Victor Svecs, Business Information, Urbandale Chareunsavan Thammavongsa, Arts & Sciences, Ames Annette Thompson, Civil Engineering Technology, Ames Emily Thompson, Practical Nursing, Boone Joan Thompson, Legal Assistant, Boone Spring Tomkins, Accounting Specialist, Boone Trudy Ton, Arts & Sciences, Ames Melissa Van De Pol, Practical Nursing, Boone Marilyn Van Pelt, Practical Nursing, Grand Junction

Joshua Watts, Arts & Sciences, Ames

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester Dean's List. To be eligible, a student must have earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average. Those recognized from the Boone Campus include:

Melissa Abbott, Accounting Paraprofessional, Nevada Duck Ahn Lee, Arts & Sciences, Ames Amanda Albee, Arts & Sciences, Gilbert Kelly Andersen, Arts & Sciences, Ames Laura Anderson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Tammy Andre, Arts & Sciences, Ames Elisa Arkovich, Arts & Sciences, Ames Stephen Arnold, Arts & Sciences, Ames Kathryn Austin, Arts & Sciences, Stanhope Traci Barr, Arts & Sciences, Ames Christina Bear, Accounting Specialist, Ames Amanda Bell, Arts & Sciences, Boone Elizabeth Bennett, Arts & Sciences, Boone Andrew Bergstrom, Arts & Sciences, Boone Nealy Bess, Arts & Sciences, Perry Jena Bielfelt, Pre-Nursing, Boone John Bock, Arts & Sciences, Ames Mark Boelman, Accounting Specialist, Ogden Amy Boggess, Associate Degree Nursing, Boone Tiffany Boyer, Arts & Sciences, Boone Thaddeus Burgess, Computer Programming, Ames Mindy Burke, Arts & Sciences, Madrid Gina Buzzell, Arts & Sciences, Ogden Brett Campbell, Arts & Sciences, Ames Sean Carlton, Arts & Sciences, Ames Debralee Carroll, Accounting Specialist, Boone Chelsey Chittenden, Arts & Sciences, Ames Yeh-Hung Chou, Business Administration, Boone Stacey Clay, Practical Nursing, Story City Stephenie Core, Arts & Sciences, Ames Rebekah Crim, Arts & Sciences, Boone Kathleen Crouse, Administrative Assistant, Gilbert Ryan Cummings, Pre-Culinary Arts, Ames Rebecca Dailey, Arts & Sciences, Ames Richard Darby, Arts & Sciences, Boone Justin Dedecker, Arts & Sciences, Ames Denny Derscheid, Land Surveying, Ames Johnathan Dewey, Land Surveying, Ames Sally Dobberke, Arts & Sciences, Ames Joseph Donald, Civil Engineering Technology, Eldora Moses Eckstein, Arts & Sciences, Nevada Lance Elliott, Accounting Paraprofessional, Boone Kevin Ferguson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Shannon Fuson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Erin Gannon, Early Childhood Education, Ames Jonathan Garcia, Exercise Science, West Des Moines Kellie Gianello, Associate Degree Nursing, Ames Katie Glynn, Arts & Sciences, Boone Trisha Good, Early Childhood Education, Boone Danny Gotschall, Civil Engineering Technology, Ames Eric Geffre, Arts & Sciences, Mandan Jon Greiner, Arts & Sciences, Ames Laura Griffin, Arts & Sciences, Boone George Hackler, Practical Nursing, Ogden Joshua Hall, Arts & Sciences, Boone Crystal Hansen, Arts & Sciences, Perry Kristi Hanson, Accounting Specialist, Ames Jennifer Harle, Arts & Sciences, Boone Jennifer Hartmann, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ames Jo Hawkins, Arts & Sciences, Ames Alicia Heintz, Arts & Sciences, Nevada Abbey Henderson, Arts & Sciences, Story City

Catherine Hermon, Pre-Nursing, Ames

Daniel Herrick, Land Surveying, Harpers Ferry

Andrea Hicks, Arts & Sciences, Boone Travis Hirsch, Arts & Sciences, Ames Logan Hook, Land Surveying, Allerton Debra Huff, Criminal Justice, Boone Este Huston, Arts & Sciences, Ames Jacob Irlmeier, Civil Engineering Technology, Brayton Shinta Jauhari, Accounting Information Systems, Ames Bonita Johnson, Human Services, Boone Brandon Johnson, Arts & Sciences, Gilbert Christi Johnson, Arts & Sciences, Boone Richard Johnson, Practical Nursing, Boone Beverly Jones, Practical Nursing, Ames Julie Jones, Legal Assistant, Ogden Yunhea Joo, Long-Term Care Admin., Ames Daniel Kuttler, Arts & Sciences, Ames Rachel Kutzler, Arts & Sciences, Ames Catherine Larson, Arts & Sciences, Ames Patrick Leonard, Exercise Science, Indianola David Little, Civil Engineering Technology, Boone Ukec Lueth, Arts & Sciences, Ames Dustin Lutterman, Arts & Sciences, Holland Jill Lynch, Accounting Specialist, Jewell Briana MacDougall, Arts & Sciences, Boone Luis Magdaleno, Arts & Sciences, Boone Rebecca Mauton, Arts & Sciences, Ames Krisane McCoy, Arts & Sciences, Ames Sarah Meek, Arts & Sciences, Boone Joseph Melton, Arts & Sciences, Boone Steve Messler, Civil Engineering Technology, Boone Sharon Milani, Arts & Sciences, Madrid Jessica Millard, Arts & Sciences, Ames Angela Miller, Legal Assistant, Pilot Mound Eric Miller, Arts & Sciences, Ames Kristine Miller, Associate Degree Nursing, Ames Malika Moutiq, Accounting & Bookkeeping, Ames Grace Mugo, Pre-Nursing, Ames Lesley Myers, Arts & Sciences, Madrid Shelly Nagel, Pre-Nursing, Stratford Mary Navratil, Arts & Sciences, Story City Morgan Nelson, Pre-Nursing, McCallsburg Adam Newcomb, Arts & Sciences, Boone Glenda Okland, Arts & Sciences, Kelley Katherine Osting, Business Administration, Boone Lindsey Paris, Marketing, Ames Vicki Parks, Arts & Sciences, Perry Adam Paulson, Arts & Sciences, Ames Kaija Peterson, Arts & Sciences, Ames Nichole Phipps, Pre-Nursing, Ames Kerri Pohlner, Arts & Sciences, Boone Andy Pohren, Arts & Sciences, Runnells Josefina Portillo, Arts & Sciences, Perry Andrew Pritchard, Civil Engineering Technology, Madrid Carey Promes, Civil Engineering Technology, Carroll Lori Purdy, Arts & Sciences, Nevada Donna Reischauer, Arts & Sciences, Colo Elizabeth Roorda, Pre-Nursing, Paton Dustin Ross, Civil Engineering Technology, Boone Emilie Sadler, Arts & Sciences, Ames Nathan Schellinger, Land Surveying, Madrid Janelle Schneider, Pre-Nursing, Madrid Jessica Schnormeier, Arts & Sciences, Ames Benjamin Schrader, Arts & Sciences, Boone Patrick Shelquist, Land Surveying, Madrid Karen Shepard, Arts & Sciences, Ogden Brandi Shields, Arts & Sciences, Boone Sarah Sinnott, Arts & Sciences, Ames



Lieutenant governor visits Boone campus about school funding

James Joy *Banner Staff*

DMACC's Boone campus hosted Iowa's Lieutenant Governor Sally Pederson on Jan 16, where she proposed an increase in school funding.

Iowa's K-12 schools, community colleges and universities. The governor and lieutenant governor proposed funding increases in the upcoming budget being sent to the Legislature.

Pederson's stop was part of a series of press conferences across the state to sell residents on her and Governor Vilsack's new budget proposals. Their proposal shows a \$3.1 million increase to Iowa's 15 community colleges and a \$30 million increase to the three state universities. A proposal of a \$116 million increase to K-12 students was also highlighted.

Pederson emphasized that the spend-

ing increases are vital to keep class sizes down and replace old textbooks in the elementary and middle schools. Pederson predicted that tuition increases would be minimal and instructor pay could see an upturn.

She spoke about their intentions on raising the base sales tax on some service based companies from landscape companies to architectural firms. "When we see revenues improving from gains in the economy we will have the opportunity to lower them back," Pederson stated.

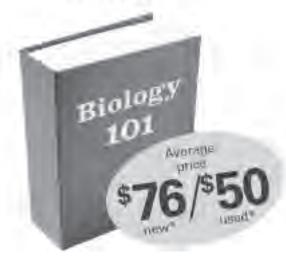
A proposed tax increase on cigarettes is an effort to "increase funding for the kids and seniors," Pederson said. Local services like police and fire are expected to see help from the tax increases. When discussing the spending increases and new taxes, Pederson added, "It doesn't come free."



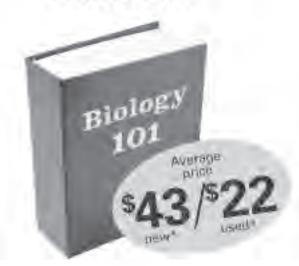
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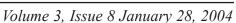
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My Night in Jail

Josh Hutt *Banner Staff*

It was a Thirsty Thursday, and I was with some friends drinking some Michelob Ultras at friend's' house. It was getting late, and I had to go to class in the morning. A friend of mine also had to work in the morning, so I drove him to his car. It was parked in a parking lot in downtown Woodward.

I stopped my car, and he grabbed his coat from my backseat. I had to turn on my dome light for him to see what he was doing. When he left my car, I began to drive down the street and noticed my head lights were off, so I went to turn them on. Just as I was about to turn them on, I look in my rear view mirror to see a policeman was pulling me over.

He walked to my window and told me my head lights were off. He then asked if I had been drinking. I was honest and said I had a few drinks. I took a breathalyzer test which proved I was not only drinking, but with a .2 blood alcohol level, I was legally drunk. The next thing I knew I was led to his squad car and was getting a ride to the Dallas County Jail.

I was led inside jail not knowing what was going to happen next. They had me strip down to my boxers and made me put on some orange overalls, like Dr. England wore when he was busted. I was placed in a holding cell and was forced to watch the guards go through my clothes to see if they could pin anything else on me. They began to ask me questions like "are you suicidal," and "have you consumed any drugs"

I got finger printed and received my first mug shot. The guards gave me a blanket and led me to a cell. There were no windows and no bars. It was just a steel door with four concrete walls. The room was at least 90 degrees. The toilet had a sink with water fountain. The cell had not been cleaned for some time. There were stained drips on the walls and I hope it was dried food on the floor. Everything I touched was sticky. I didn't even think of going to sleep on the blue pad on the

concrete slab.

When it came time for breakfast, the guards opened a slot in the door to hand

me a tray of food. The tray consisted of two rotten bananas, an under done sausage, and a bowl of Frosted Flakes. The beverages consisted of a shot of apple juice and a small carton of milk. As I picked through my meal, fellow inmates would peek at me through the slot in the door.

I sat in the cell for ten hours, thinking of what this was going do to my parents and grandmas. I also thought of my reputation and what it was going to take to get me through this situation. During this time my hair was saturated with sweat. I took off the overalls and sat in my boxers. Thank God I was alone. All I wanted to do was get out as soon as possible.

When it came time for my release, I couldn't get out of the building fast enough, but the moment I stepped outside, I then thought, now what. My car was still in Woodward as was my cell phone. I couldn't remember any phone numbers because they were programmed into my cell phone.

My whole family was at work. I was about ready to walk to Woodward, but I realized I didn't know how to get out of Adel. I began to dial phone numbers that seemed familiar at a pay phone, hoping to find someone to pick me up. I finely ran across my dad's cell phone number, and he contacted my mom to pick me up. By the time my mom picked me up, my sweaty hair had frozen and was sticking up at all ends. I had cotton mouth and my teeth weren't brushed. I must have been quite a site for my unsuspecting mom!

This whole experience will likely wipe out a savings account that took five years to build; I will only be able to drive to work and school. I may even have to spend another night in jail. I can't drown my sorrows, even if I wanted to because the officer took my I.D. away. Do I deserve this treatment for a harmless half block drive? Of course I do. I could have caused property damage or I could have killed myself or somebody else. I was humbled by my jail experience. It is a shame it got to this point but that ten hours of sweating in a sticky jail cell was the best thing for me, but I don't wish this upon anybody. Think twice before you drink that last Coors Light before you go home. Take it from someone who knows!

Did You Know...

* Having a .08 alcohol level does not necessarily mean "2 beers or 2 drinks and you're over the limit." While an individual's impairment may vary, on average, a 170-pound male would need to consume 4 drinks in just 1 hour to reach a .08 BAC; a 130-pound female -- 3 drinks in just 1 hour.

* With a .08 BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) a person is 3 times more likely to be involved



On a date with Jess

Jessie Baldus

Banner Staff

Your funds are low and you have a date tonight? What are you going to do?

To start the night off you could go to La Carreta, a Mexican restaurant located at 1215 S. Story St. in Boone.

La Carreta is a brick building with green double doors and pink interior. As you walk into the restaurant, you will have to wait for a quick minute in the small entryway. Notice the quaint phone booth to the right; you don't see a phone booth like that very often.

Then be assured that a friendly smile will greet you and show you to your seat. Glance through the menu for a first time around and notice the numerous choices and the low prices.

If you make this a lunch date, Monday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the prices are even better.

As you are waiting for your drinks, dinner, or during that awkward silence, look around at the authentic Mexican artifacts hanging on the walls. Listen to the Spanish music playing softly in the background or to the servers rapidly speaking Spanish in the corner of the restaurant.

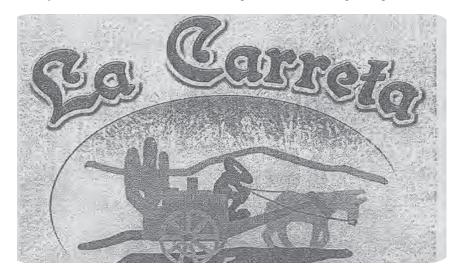
You can also admire the healthy, green

vine spreading across the ceiling. If there isn't any awkward silence, the wooden booths with the high backs help secure your privacy.

While you look over the menu, munch

Carreta, Pollo Loco, Burritos Mexicanos, and Quesadilla Fajita.

For those of you who are of age, La Carreta has the best-flavored margaritas in town along with glasses of wine,



on the complimentary basket of tortilla chips and salsa. If you like really spicy/hot food, try the Pico de Gallo.

After contemplating what to eat, order off the A la Carte section and get three hard shell beef tacos for only \$3. Many other popular choices are Pollo La

Daiquiris, Mexican beers and domestic beers. For those of you who are not of age, tea, water, milk, coffee and Coke products with free refills are offered.

If you happen to go on your birthday, La Carreta employees will place a sombrero on your head, sing to you, and give you free fried ice cream. If it is not your birthday, still try their fried ice cream; the churros are pretty good too.

Not only does the great atmosphere invite you, the great food and great prices will keep you coming back.

Now that dinner is done, let's try and keep this a cheap date by going to a movie at the Boone Theatre.

The Boone Theatre is a one-screen theatre located 1 ½ miles north on Story Street. The ticket booth is by the front door, so if by chance there is a line, you will have to wait outside.

If you decide to go on a Wednesday night, you get free popcorn. This theatre is a bit old and the floors are a little sticky. The small red seats do not recline, and don't expect to find any cup holders on the seats. You will have to set your pop on the floor and try not to spill it, since that is one reason why you stuck to the floor, in the first place.

This theatre is actually a great place to go. You might have to wait about a week after a new movie is released to see it in Boone, but you get two tickets for the price of one compared to regular prices. "Something's Gotta Give" is playing every night this week at 7 p.m. "Big Fish" will be starting Friday.

The Butterfly Effect review

Jennifer Eller Banner Staff

I had been looking forward to Friday Jan. 23 for about two weeks, Butterfly Effect, the new movie starring Ashton Kutcher and Amy Smart came out. I'm not going to lie. I was a bit skeptical at first, Ashton Kutcher, playing a serious role; I thought that might be a little far fetched.

It was the story line of the movie that really hooked me, being able to go back and change things when they get completely screwed up, and, of course, like most Hollywood movies the love story that ties the whole thing together.

I went to the theater thinking this was going to be exciting, but not "jump out of your seat cover your eyes and ears" scary. I was wrong. It only took about the first 10 or 15 minutes for me to figure out that maybe going to the late movie wasn't such a good idea.

Kutcher does a great job of blending his natural comedic approach with being completely serious. Although I spent most of the movie scared out of my mind I did manage to laugh at least once or twice

Amy Smart does not go without mention; she did a wonderful job of reinventing her character every time the story changed.

It twists and turns throughout the whole movie. From when Kutcher's character Evan, as a kid pops up on the screen with a knife, to later as an adult when he is cracking jokes and popping wheelies in a wheel chair later on at the doctor's office.

The movie spends most of its time on the more serious side, and I do have to say I was impressed by how well Kutcher played an intelligent serious role. This movie explains in a suspenseful entertaining way how a psychologically troubled boy (Kutcher) figures out how to go back in time to fix things that have gone wrong in the past. While we learn changing just small things can cause big changes in the future. This movie was worth paying the \$6.50 to see it on the big screen.

Critics Reviews Average Grade: C

Chicago Sun-Times Roger Ebert . C+
Chicago Tribune Mark Caro C+
Cincinnati Enquirer
Margaret A. McGurk B
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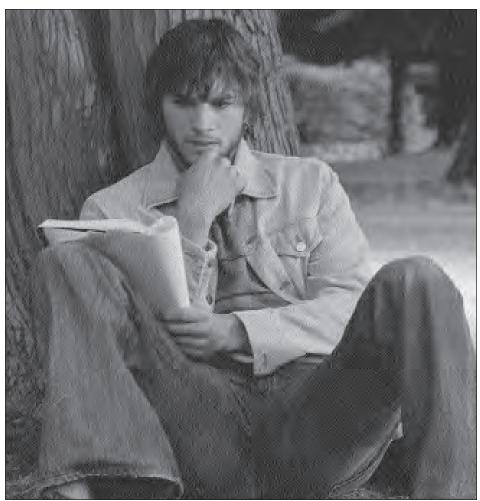


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Ashton Kutcher as Evan in The Butterfly Effect.



CBS made the right decision Rejecting Moveon.org Super Bowl ad

Kelly Considine
Contributing Writer

MoveOn.org is a liberal political advocacy group that had the intention and hope to advertise a political message during a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl. However, CBS Television rejected the group's spot, but still agreed to run a White House anti-drug ad. MoveOn.org has charged CBS Television and parent Viacom with political favoritism.

The commercial "Child's Play" was focused on the federal deficit it claims the Bush administration has created, which supports the group's anti-Bush position. The article also points out that an ad from People for Ethical Treatment of Animals was also rejected by CBS to air a commercial during the Super Bowl.

According to a recent issue in AdAge, CBS says their policy is to not run advocacy ads, and feels that MoveOn.org's commercial was to just gain free publicity. A CBS representative commented, "We do not run contentious messages that are clearly devisive." Tom Riley, a White House Office of National Drug Control Policy representative, felt that this situation was "absurd."

When I first read the article and heard about this situation in advertising class, I felt that this group should have the right to advertise during the Super Bowl. But after I researched it a little more and read the article more thoroughly, I changed my point of view. I feel that, even though this group should be able to advertise its mission, it is not considered to be in the same group as public health messages. Anti-

drug ads are one sided.

Tom Riley was quoted as saying "CBS has a stated and long-standing policy about accepting ads on contentious issues. As far as our anti-drug ads are concerned, who, exactly, would the 'other side' be? People who want teens to do drugs? Or people who don't want parents to talk to their teens about drugs. Who is that constituency? Or more specifically, who is willing to be identified in public as that constituency?" Tom Riley said it perfectly comparing the two advertisements. The MoveOn.org ad is very controversial and could possibly start a plethora of government/political related commercials that will eventually take over the spots during the Super Bowl.

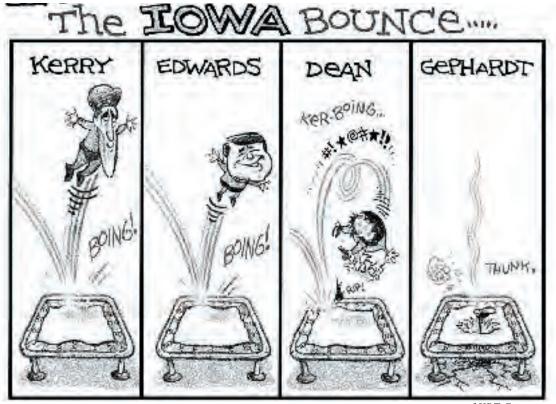
I saw MoveOn.org as a powerful group, but still considered them to be on my side

as far as the people vs. the Man. But after seeing how they approached this situation, and how they reacted, I feel that this is just another group that is messing up my view of politics. I almost feel that MoveOn. org is giving the word liberal a bad rep. To me, it seems that a real liberal, anti-Bush group would want to advertise in a way that no one else has thought of, and still gets the message out bright and clear. When I watch Super Bowl ads, I sometimes find them funny, and I might laugh a little bit after they are over, but I never really think about them.

Super Bowl ads aren't supposed to be life changing; they are supposed to entertain. I just hope that MoveOn.org pushes its message towards a group of people that will listen, and keeps their purpose in mind

The Banner wants to carry your voice to the people. Submit your letters to the editor to James Joy at jljoy@dmacc.edu.

Deadline for the next issue will be Feb 6, 2004.



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Who's milking the cows

Do ag majors gain farm family values

Katie Harrington
Banner Staff

I used to love in a small town called Belmond, Iowa.- Although its population is only 2,500, Belmond is a family-oriented town with a great environment.-

Everyone enjoys the company of people in Belmond and are not afraid to take the time to smell the roses and greet others with a smile.- Everyone seems like your friend or family and is very trustworthy.- Violence hardly ever happens.- This small town is brought together by people

who care about you, no matter what your race, religion, or background.

Because of its size, there aren't many occupations within the town, and many people have followed the family tradition of raising cattle and farming with dedication and pride. Day in and day out, the farmers wake up in the early morning to do chores and cannot rest until they are done. Why? Because the family comes first, and they are supporting their family's financial status, farmers learn to take pride in everything they do and appreciate what they have.

I am now a-living in Ames,-and have

found the city to be somewhat of a culture shock: bigger city, different races, on-the-go lifestyle, no farmers, just business people, and lack of family values.- People don't seem to understand that growing up in a small town and being raised on a farm is a great family experience.

I hear it all of the time: "Oh, you must come from one of those small towns where there is no culture what-so-ever, nothing to do, and everybody has cattle or farms... so what brought you here to Ames?"- So what if I came from a town where people milk cows? You drink it don't you?

There might not be much to do in a

small farm town, but I learned how to enjoy life by stopping to smell the roses, taking pride in everything I do, and not being afraid to act like everyone is family.- I find if funny when I ask someone from a large city what brought them to Ames, and they reply, "I'm going to be majoring in agriculture, so I guess someday I'll be milking the cows, too."

I wonder if they are really going to learn to farm or learn good family values.



Caucuses affect students' futures

Gabi Butler

Banner Staff

Even though the Iowa caucuses are only a small part of the presidential election system, it's a sneak peek into what we can expect for the future.

This year we had an interesting mix for the preliminaries to the Iowa caucuses. The five candidates were Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Gov. Howard Dean from Vermont, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and Sen. John Edwards of Ohio.

While the initial public opinion was fairly undecided, it was obvious who was ahead of the game by the end of Monday night. Kerry came out with 38%, Edwards with 32%, Dean with 18%, Gephardt with 11%, and Kucinich with 2%.

Kerry and Edwards supported the war, but not in the manner that Bush chose to handle it. Both of them rejected Dean's and Gephardt's calls for a more ambitious expansion of health care, which would be primarily taken out of the salaries of higher paid citizens.

Edwards kept his cool throughout the whole event and made himself to have an image that is as honest as it'll get for any politician. The fact that he is a trial lawyer made some citizens shiver, but his warm welcoming thawed any of those thoughts out.

Kerry sported an impressive military record that goes back to the Vietnam War, which has proven throughout history to help votes go up. He also made an impressive comeback from trailing behind Dean and Gephardt. Although he's doing a good job up sucking up to the war veterans and promising better benefits and improved national security, he should also consider the younger audience that will also be making a large impact on his future decisions.

Dean gave the public a startling performance which included maybe a little too much adrenaline. His rampant yelling was scary enough to drive away any possibility of him being elected into the presidency. Into the crowd he shouted, "We will win our country back for ordinary Americans. And we are going to win in Massachusetts and North Carolina and Missouri and Arkansas and Connecticut and New York and Ohio." And maybe every other country while he's making his grocery list.

Gephardt's disappointing fourth place

left him no choice but to resign from the campaign on Tuesday. As he took his place up at the podium in his home territory of St. Louis, Missouri, you could feel the sadness that hovered over the Gephardt family and their supporters. During the last part of the speech he reassured the public that the great turnout of the caucuses promised a bright future for all Democrats, that maybe someday they can take over the White House once more. "Don't ever stop supporting in what you believe in and don't stop believing that you can make a difference," he stated to his supporters before breaking down in tears as his family stood behind him. It was a sad ending to a 28-year career of hard work and effort, but he did what he could in his time

As a student, its important for me to know what's in store for my future as far as education, health and career opportunities go. Maybe this year the promises that have been made will be fulfilled and the economy will stabilize itself. Maybe this year our soldiers will be able to come home after an endless battle with an invisible enemy and everybody's lives can go back to normal. Until November, we'll just have to ride out the storm.

Letter to the editor

Accomplishments come in many different forms. I am most proud of returning to school after being out for eight years man was going back to school scary. I had not even thought about what life would be like to be back in a classroom until my first day.

As I looked around everything seemed to be really small and closing in around me. I asked myself what I was really doing here and if I was suppose to be doing this at age 26. Then I realized that everyone was here for the same reason and that is to reach their potential, but for me it was to make a better life for my family

and finally accomplish something that no one else has done in my family before and that is to graduate from college.

College life has been a success so far, and I will continue until I have completely graduated in the field of my choice. This accomplishment will take me four years to successfully complete but in the end it will be worth every grueling moment.

I offer this advice to everyone who is scared to return to school. Go into this with both eyes open, no regrets, and you will succeed.

Melissa Joy DMACC Student

Kobe's image tarnished

James Joy *Banner Staff*

On Jan 19, AdAge.com reported that McDonalds parted ways with Los Angeles Lakers basketball player Kobe Bryant. An unnamed spokesmen for McDonalds in the article said that "the terms of the contract expired."

Bryant, who is awaiting trial in a sexual assault case in Colorado, had built an image of a clean cut and wholesome individual. However, a charge stemmed from an alleged sexual assault of a 19-year-old-woman in Colorado. Bryant has insisted that the charges are false, but has admitted to an adulterous affair with a woman other than his wife.

The Bryant scandal has shed light

on the risk of celebrity endorsements for large corporations that have established a long-term brand identity like McDonalds has. When thinking of McDonalds and their target audience for advertising, their identity of family oriented identity is at the mercy of the endorser they invest in. Bryant had established his own image as a clean cut individual and sold it, as McDonalds sells their own image.

The world of Hollywood is a scandalrich environment that holds its stars to a different set of standards. Degeneratetype activities that aren't common and deemed immoral and wrong by most, are celebrated in Hollywood. It is obvious that Bryant had sold his image to the public like many corporations do, Behind the Desk

Beginning of the end

James Joy

Banner Staff

All good things must come to an end, times change and "insert your own cliché." I have been on this campus for two years now and I am looking at the end of the road, graduation.

When I began at DMACC, I was uncertain about what I wanted to do with my life and wasn't sure if I would even be able to finish here at DMACC. I was a few years older than almost everyone in my class and thought that I might have waited to long to return to school. I thought that I was the only one on campus that could actually say they grew up in the 80's.

But a few instructors here influenced me early on and showed confidence in me that I didn't even have. It was their encouragement that helped begin this journey and now I am proud to say that I will complete it.

DMACC opened a tremendous amount of opportunities for me and I will always be grateful for what it has done to improve my life. Many of the instructors were always there to help if need-be and my advisors were helpful countless times. I can not continue, until I praise the AAC for all the help last semester when I needed it.

This semester I will be assuming the Editor in Chief position at the Banner and I am excited about the opportunity. We have some new faces this semester and a few of us that you have been reading for a while. Writing for the Banner has been great and this semester should be even better.

but now celebrities sell their image as a product as well. Bryant successfully sold his clean cut image, however his actions, which are hidden from the public eye, have come to light. Nike and Coke have not dropped Bryant from their endorsement deals, why is that? He has admitted to adultery and lying.

Both companies have signed LeBron James to similar deals to endorse their product, so they have another star to champion. Nike and Coke and should follow the leads of others and drop Bryant!



Four Years - 100 Wins

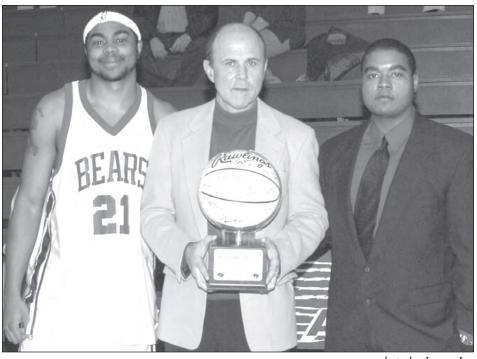


photo by James Joy

Milestone Moment - Sophomore Shaun Williams and Assistant Coach Vincent Hicks help present a gameball to Head Coach Orv Salmon to celebrate his 100th win.

Jack Simonson
Banner Staff

When the DMACC men's team took the court on Jan. 7 against Grand View's JV, it appeared to be just another non-conference blowout against an undermanned opponent, but it meant much more to the team than any outsider would know.

When the clock read all zeros in the fourth quarter, and the scoreboard read DMACC-91, Grand View's JV-63, it marked Head Coach Orv Salmon's 100th career victory at DMACC.

"It felt good for an old man like me to get my 100th win," said Salmon when asked about the milestone.

Salmon spent his college years playing basketball for the Missouri Tigers under legendary coach Norm Stewart, and also served as the Athletic Director at DMACC, had previously spent time as an assistant for the Manchester Giants of the English League, and also for the Drake Bulldogs in the early 80's.

When asked if there were any aspira-

tions of going after Dean Smith's career victory total as a coach of 879 wins, Salmon joked, "I'll be on the golf course long before that."

While Coach Salmon's name may not be known on a national level like Smith's, or his predecessor Norm Stewart, no one can deny what he has done for DMACC, and the impact he has had on his players and the people he has worked with. And who knows, it took only four years for win number 100, you do the math.

National Contenders?

Jack Simonson
Banner Staff

With a month and a half of basketball still remaining, the DMACC men's team has faced nearly all of the twists and turns of a full season.

The fifth ranked Bears (16-4, 2-3 in conference) have had the highs of knocking off perennial Division One power Indian Hills, and watching coach Orv Salmon pick up his 100th win at DMACC in a blowout of Grand View's JV, but also the low of the current two game skid.

Throughout the season, the Bears have used their athleticism in the backcourt and dynamic duo of Frashon McGee and Shaun Williams down low to punish most of their opponents. Williams and McGee are currently leading the Bears in both scoring and rebounding, with Williams averaging sixteen points per game, and seven boards, and McGee dropping in fourteen points and nearly nine boards a game.

While Williams and McGee have handled the inside game for the Bears, the backcourt has used it's depth for production, getting solid contributions from Naim Benjamin, Brian Harrod, Euvon Turner, and Steve Clayton, all of whom are averaging over eight points a game, lead by Benjamin's thirteen.

But in January, with conference play beginning, the competition has became tougher, and the Bears have been dealt three conference losses, two of which coming by a combined seven points to Iowa Central and NIACC. The other loss



photo contributed by Dan Ives

An Easy Two - Shooting guard Brian Harrod(#3) goes in for a layup in a win over Clinton. Harrod has been instrumental to the Bears success this year, averaging 10 points and 3 assists per game.

was on the road against conference leader and nationally ranked Kirkwood, who will visit Boone on Feb. 21 for the second meeting between the two schools. So while the Bears overall record shows they are having a good season, it is still to be determined whether or not this team could match up with previous DMACC squads that featured greats such as Ian Young, or Shelton Colwell and Jamal Jackson.

"I think this team has a lot of similarities with our previous teams as far as athleticism and our ability to create easy shots," said Head Coach Orv Salmon, who also pointed out the team still needs to improve in some areas.

Although the Bears have lost two in a row, and will have to face Kirkwood, Iowa Central, and NIACC again, the brighter side of things points to the fact that all three opponents will have to visit "The Den", where the DMACC has lost just once this season in November to division one Marshalltown. So by the time Regionals come to DMACC in early March, everyone should have a pretty good idea of just how good this team can be, and whether or not it is yet another elite Bears' team.

The Bears next home game will be Jan. 28, when they host Ellsworth.

Turner the First Bear to Commit...

Freshman point guard Euvon Turner became the first DMACC player to commit to a school for next year when he announced his plans to play for the University of Nebraska Kearney. Turner, who is from Omaha, is currently averaging eight points a game, and leading the team with nearly six assists per game.



Salebe, DMACC baseball ready for spring

Brandon Kleinke Banner Staff

Baseball will be upon us here at DMACC before some of us can grasp the fact the Carolina Panthers have made the Super Bowl. With no glorious games to be played just yet, it's that time when hard work and dedication come only with personal rewards and self-confidence.

Practice has already begun, and though it may seem a bit cold to be stealing home in a head first dive, the Bears baseball program is hard at work hitting and throwing indoors. Come February, they will be headed to the Grand Slam in Des Moines, an indoor facility with many batting cages and indoor baseball capabilities.

The Bears are coming off an impressive season of 27-17, but looking to improve. One of the four international players, Nabil Sagbini hopes for an improvement in the team record. "In the fall it's all about getting to know each other, as well as facing new pitchers and players. Now we've seen what most everyone has." Sagbini, a sophomore, has good reason to be excited for the spring. He led the

*Salebe and Magdelano will be

Collge of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Salebe lead the team with a .393

home runs.

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the same as his jersey number, 13. The NJCAA has selected some All-Americans from the Bears line-up. Sagbini grabbed a First Team selection as well as All-District. Jim Strain and Steve

Lawler (infielders) received Second Team

team with a .393 batting average as well

as leading in doubles (12) and home runs,

honors. Two All-Conference players were named, both members of the pitching staff; Luis Magdaleno and Marc Major. Magdaleno and Salebe will both be headed on to the four year Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, Florida after the spring season. The Wildcats are the five-time defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Champions. Sagbini, born in Columbia, South America, found himself being referred to DMACC by an international scout of the San Diego Padres. "All my life I've dreamed of playing in the majors." Coach Smith appears to be

The spring season for the Bears kicks off with a variety of opponents in an Oklahoma Tourney. The team leaves on March 12, and returns at the end of the Their first home game will be

confident with many of his players. "Two

or three of these guys will be drafted, and

many of them will be on their way to a

four year school."



photo by Brandon Kleinke Nabil Sagbini Salebe

played April 1, at 2 p.m. against Central

Even with the abundance of snow, the winter sports will be finishing up as the spring quickly approaches. The team has gelled and is ready to take the field. Let's just hope the field doesn't stay frozen much longer.

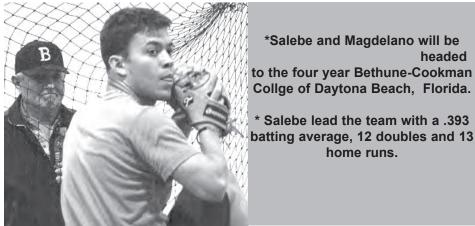


photo by Brandon Kleinke Luis Magdelano

Program on the rise

Jack Simonson Banner Staff

Before the season started, Head Coach Ben Conrad boldly stated that this year's DMACC women's team would be better than last years team, which set milestones left and right. He was right.

The Bears are off to a 17-4 start overall, and are 4-1 in conference play. Lead by freshman sensation Michelle Smith, who leads the team in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots, at fifteen points, eight boards, and over two blocks a game; the tough minded Bears have used defense and rebounding to succeed and get off to a 4-1 start in conference. In fact, the Bears have been out-rebounded just twice in their first twenty one games.

'We're getting better, but we're still immature in some areas of the game, and we need to get a little tougher,' said Conrad, who's Bears recently lost their first conference game of the year to national powerhouse Kirkwood. Before the loss, DMACC had reeled off seven straight wins over some rugged competition including division one Marshalltown and conference rival Iowa Central.

Although the Bears were taken to the woodshed by Kirkwood, (40-67) there is still plenty of optimism left. DMACC, who is ranked number twelve nationally,

sits alone in second place of the conference after an impressive 77-72 win over NIACC. Another reason for Bears' fans to be hopeful for the future is this years' recruiting class. Six of the top seven scorers so far this season are freshmen, with Morgan Nelson dropping in ten a game, followed by Anna Seibert's eight a game, complimenting Smith very well. The lone sophomore out of the group being Urbandale native Jenny Harle, who chips in eleven points a game, has really come on during conference play, shooting over forty percent from behind the arc, and leading the Bears in scoring in their five conference games.

And if DMACC continues to improve on the defensive end and the glass, and cuts down on the turnovers, there is no reason why a Feb. 21 rematch with Kirkwood in Boone can't be a whole lot more interesting than the last one.

Now the Bears have put themselves on the national radar, and are setting milestones left and right, needing just four more victories to break last years school record of twenty wins in a season. So come out and support the Bears whose next home game will be Wednesday night at 5:30 when they host Ellsworth.



Inside Position- Michelle Smith works hard in the post in a win over St. Ambrose. Smith leads the Bears in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots and is only a freshman.







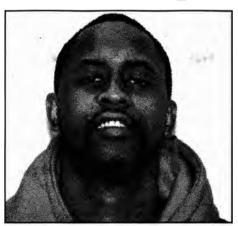
The Other Side of the Courter

Pictures and text by Brandon Kleinke

What are your Super Bowl plans this year?



Amanda Hornsby
Woodward,IA
"I'm not a huge football fan. No
plans for the Super Bowl this year."



Jason Loveless
Waterloo,IA
"I don't really know. Just gonna be
drinking and eating."



Katie Carlson
Ames, IA
"My roomate and I will have a big block party between buildings."



April Love
Milwaukee, WI
"A get together with some guys on
the basketball team."

Nascar has new point system for 2004 season

James Joy
Banner Staff

Burning rubber, flashy paint jobs, loud engines and the endless flow of merchandising have built a large fan base for NASCAR across the country and some of those fans attend DMACC.

DMACC student Danny Gotschall said that he and his family watch racing every weekend. "I am impressed with the speed and the concentration and courage that drivers show." Gotschall added that his wife and children all watch it together as a family. This year's Daytona 500 will be held on Feb. 15, with NBC airing it live at 12:00 p.m. The Daytona 500 is the kick-off to every season, and last year the race drew an audience of over 35 million viewers.

Laura Anderson loves NASCAR and her favorite driver is Dale Earnhardt Jr. "He's a good old country boy" stated Anderson. Anderson added that she liked Earnhardt Jr. because she believes that he has good morals and values.

NASCAR introduced a new points system for the upcoming season. The first 26 races of the season will be scored the same as the previous year with the new format taking effect for the following race. The top 10 drivers and any other driver within 400 points begin what NASCAR has dubbed "the chase for the championship." The eventual champion is guaranteed a minimum of \$5 million dollars. The entire layout of the intricate point system can be seen at www.nascar.com.

DMACC'S 2004 Baseball Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
	3/13	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/14	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/15	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/16	Spring Trip	Oklàhoma	· TBA
	3/17	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/18	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/19	Spring Trip	Oklahoma	TBA
	3/23	Grand View	Des Moines	1 pm
	3/25	Central	Pella	1 pm
	3/26	Iowa Central	Fort Dodge	1 pm
	3/30	Kirkwood	Cedar Rapids	1 pm
	4/1	Central	Boone	2 pm
	4/6	Grand View	Boone	2 pm
	4/8	Iowa Central	Boone	1 pm
	4/9	Marshalltown	Marshalltown	1 pm
	4/10	Marshalltown	Boone	1 pm
	4/13	Kirkwood	Boone	3 pm
	4/15	Morningside	Carroll	3 pm
	4/16	Simpson	Indianola	2 pm
	4/17	Indian Hills	Centerville	1 pm
	4/18	Indian Hills	Centerville	Noon
	4/22	Elisworth	Boone	2 pm
	4/23	Simpson `	Boone	2 pm
	4/24	Iowa Western	Boone	Noon
	4/25	Iowa Western	Boóne	Noon
ĭ	4/27	Ellsworth	lowa Falls	2 pm
	5/1	Muscatine	Boone	1 pm
	5/2	Muscatine	Boone	Noon
	5/8	Southwestern	Creston	1 pm
	5/9	Southwestern	Creston	1 pm
	5/14	Tournament	Centerville	TBA
	5/15	Tournament	Centerville	TBA
	5/16	Tournament	Centerville	TBA
	5/17	Tournament	Centerville	TBA
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