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Students begin year with cash in their pockets

Moses Powell
Banner Staff

Hearts raced as players stepped up to a tree decorated with money while the clock ticked away. This is the pressure that faced some students on their first day of school this year.

In the L.W. Courter Center students competed in a new game show called The Money Tree. The contestants waited for their chance to participate in front of a small crowd, mostly just people sitting and eating.

The game's rules were simple. Participate and be the winner of two out of three rounds of activities. One activity forced players to use their intelligence to solve a Rubik's cube as quickly as possible. Another demanded players to dress in spy gear in a timed event.

"The kids got to have the guts to do it," said director of student activities for the Boone Campus, Lisa Mathes. Many students chose not to, however, which is why participation was low.

The game awarded two students with a chance at the Money Tree, which held \$500 in five dollar bills. In first place was freshman, Caroline Strait, standing on the



photo by Pete Conis

Caroline Strait, freshman, was the first prize winner for The Money Tree. Frashon McGee, sophomore, was the second prize winner.

floor next to the plastic fir tree plucking as many bills off the tree as she could in forty seconds. Afterward, sophomore, Frashon McGee, coming in second place and with twenty seconds on the clock, grabbed for as many bills as he could get. Strait walked away with \$105 in her wallet, and McGee took home forty-five dollars.

When asked why she competed, Strait said her friends talked her into it. "At first," she said, "it looked like a stupid, little game. No one was uncomfortable though because they made it easy going." Reflecting on it she said, "I think they should do more stuff like that."

Before entertaining here, the game vis-

ited campuses in Cleveland, Ohio and Ottumwa, Iowa. "This is a number one game show," said game staff and comedian, Sean Carlin. When asked why he thought it was so popular among college students, Carlin said it was because the game show gave away money.

A giant bouncing construction outside the building was another activity for alumni on day one. However, steamy conditions kept students away.

The Student Activity Council funds these and other exciting programs that challenge and entertain students. When asked how much the Money Tree game show cost, Mathes said she could not disclose the amount because a privacy policy existed between the funds and the game show.

Mathes also said the Council is looking for DMACC students wanting to participate in activities such as raising money for new programs. Sophomores wishing to apply must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3, but freshman need no grade requirement this semester. Students have until September twelfth to hand in a petition for one of the six open spaces in the Council. To get more information about joining, call Mathes at 433-5051, or pick up a petition at her office.

First Farm & Field Fest held

Laura Anderson
Banner Staff

For anyone who came from the east on Highway 30 a few weeks ago, you may have wondered what all those tents were for. At the intersection of Highway 17 the first annual Iowa Farm & Field Fest was held.

Cygnus Expositions was the main producer of the event. Cygnus also puts together six other farm shows, including Farmfest in Minnesota. John Hendel, Group Show Director for Cygnus, has wanted an annual outdoor show in Iowa for many years.

The Iowa Farm & Field Fest was held August 26-28 at the Ziel Family Farm. Dena Jensen, marketing manager for the event, explained that this farm was chosen because of its access, proximity from Des Moines and Ames, and its size.

For those under 18, the event was free, and only \$5 was required for those over 18. Once inside the gates, everyone was free to wander around the fest, which covered over 200 acres, including 50 plus acres of nearly 350 exhibits.

Field demonstrations took place, including haying, tillage, harvesting, manure

handling and more. The ever popular ride-n-drive demonstrations, where those over 18 can participate in riding or driving new machinery, took place as well.

Iowa State University's Extension Service provided educational forums for all visitors. Such forums included "Biosecurity and Food Safety" featuring Dr. Cathy Woteki of Iowa State University and "Is There a Future in Farming?" with Dr. Fred Kirschmann of Iowa State University.

The Craft & Toy Tent featured Family Living programs of all kinds, such as "Farm Safety 4 Just Kids" and "Kids Growing up Fit & Healthy". The Country Life Expo focused on small equipment for those who live in the country, but don't consider farming as their line of work.

Presented by Country Home Loans and Farm Credit Services of America, sponsored by KCCI-TV, Newsradio 1040 WHO, and Iowa Farmer Today, the inau-



photo by James Joy

Locals enjoy the first Iowa Farm & Field Fest.

gural Iowa Farm & Field Fest appeared to be a success. Dena Jensen agreed by saying, "We're very pleased with the first year and are looking forward to being back in 2004!"

Indeed they will. If you missed the show, don't worry, it will be back next

year. In fact, it will be back at the same location for the next five years. After five years, Cygnus Expositions has the option to continue its contract. With the fun and success of this first festival, chances are they will be back.

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Presidential search continues

Lacey Dierks
Banner Staff

The school year ended in controversy and confusion last spring when former Des Moines Area Community College president David England was arrested March 12 and found guilty of possession of marijuana.

Kim Linduska, senior vice president of academic affairs, was appointed as acting president following England's resignation in March. A steering committee was



Kim Linduska
Acting DMACC president

then formed to execute a search for a new president.

Des Moines Area Community College hired Dr. Larry Ebbers, a professor at Iowa State University, as a consultant to help find a replacement president. Ebbers is serving as an advisor to the steering committee, overseeing the process of selection and suggesting candidates.

Four finalists were selected to compete for the position: Mr. Robert J. Denson, Dr. M. Jean Goodnow, Ms. Kim Linduska and Dr. Karen E. Nagle Rafinski. The individual chosen as President will begin duties as soon as possible this fall.

According to board secretary Trudy Little, the new president was not announced at Monday night's board meeting. It is unknown when the president will be chosen.

Assigning roommates a challenge

Wendy Goering
Banner Staff

Starting college at 38 is a challenge. However, starting fresh out of high school or shortly thereafter may be even more so. Leaving the nest, being free and getting out on your own are all phrases to describe a young student. What kind of living arrangements does DMACC offer?

Some students look to housing on campus. The DMACC Housing Program starts with a personal questionnaire asking the students to describe subjects such as likes, dislikes and hobbies. The program is trying to place students with similarities in the same apartment complex.

Some of the students at DMACC say there are roommates with no similarities—even to the point of not getting along. Although they don't want to be

known for complaining about their roommates, what could they do?

Todd Quam, who is in charge of the program, is difficult to make contact with. Faith Bird, Resident Manager, explained "If a student has a complaint, I will do my best to accommodate, although personalities are impossible to predict."

Several athletes interviewed are pleased with their roommates—who, of course, are also their teammates.

Although it would be difficult to place complete strangers together, isn't that the reason for the personal questionnaire?

Most students interviewed hoped that college is not only a time for gaining knowledge, but also a time for gaining friendships. So, if you're an athlete you may team up with your teammates. If not, you may not be so lucky.

Students may register to vote

April Walker
Banner Staff

DMACC students were interviewed about whether they were registered to vote. If so, were they planning to vote in the primaries.

Of the 25 people interviewed, 88% are registered to vote and 12% are not. 50% of the people registered to vote are planning to vote in the primary election.

Registering to vote is as easy as registering when you renew or change your driver's license. You can also register at the county auditor's office.

In Boone County, the office is located at 201 State St., Boone or call 433-0502. You can also go online to www.co.boone.ia.us. Use the "Auditor" link to the "Voter Information" link to the "Voter Info Page."

The form is available to print, fill out and mail to the auditor's office.

In Story County, go to 900 Sixth St., Nevada or log on to www.co.story.ia.us. This site has the voter registration link on the first page.

Only 44% of the eligible voters interviewed are planning to vote in the primaries. The 12% who are not registered to vote, are not planning to register at all. One DMACC student said, "I'm really not that interested in politics." Another said that they did not care about voting.

The last day to register to vote for the primary is ten days before the election. There is still plenty of time to find out who the candidates are, what they stand for and what their ideas are for the country.

In DMACC News Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

DMACC West Campus will host a Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 with a Lion Dance, Chinese Martial Arts demonstration and a documentary movie about Chinese Cultures (in English) from 3 to 4 p.m. Children's activities continue from 3 to 5 p.m.

University of Kansas Professor of Design, Pok-chi Lau, will exhibit his book from 4 to 5 p.m., as well as sign his books, "Dreams of the Golden Mountain."

The Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration will be from 5 to 6 p.m. with a performance and traditional fashion show. A Chinese dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Also available will be traditional Chinese children's games, a craft art display and calligraphy and painting demonstrations. Karaoke, ballroom dancing, and a feature movie with English subtitles will end the day.

Walk as One Walk-A-Thon

Join Team DMACC on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Gray's Lake in Des Moines to raise money for the NCCJ Walk as One. The NCCJ, National Conference for Community and Justice, promotes understanding and respect as a way to fight bias, bigotry and racism in Central Iowa. DMACC is an educational partner in this third annual event.

The event will begin at 1:30, but food will be available beginning at noon. Parking will be across the street from Gray's Lake at Waterworks Park.

To register for the Walk as One Walk-A-Thon, go to the DMACC home page at dmacc.edu and click on the Join Team DMACC.

Pep Band Players Needed

If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the DMACC Bears Pep Band, please contact Maggie Stone in Room 124, or leave your name and phone number at the registration window.

You will be contacted regarding rehearsal times and basketball game schedules. All students, faculty, staff and community "Friends of DMACC" who play or used to play music are welcome to join.

If you don't have a musical instrument, efforts will be made to locate one for your use. This is a very informal group that has a good time creating "pep" at the ball games.


Theatre Auditions

Audition for "Perfect Wedding" will be held on Monday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. in the theatre.

The play will be cast for the following roles: Rachel--the always in command bride; Bill--the rarely in command groom; Tom--the solid dependable best man; Judy--the attractive girlfriend; Julie--the kooky chambermaid; and Daphne--the bride's emotional mother.

For more information, see Kay Mueller in 132. College credit available.

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Parking overflows to campus lawn

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

As school begins many new students are worried about how they will get through the next stage of their lives. When many students entered DMACC for the first time, rather than being welcomed with open arms, they found themselves faced with finding a place to park.

As school started on August 25, many students were forced to park on the grass. When the students left their possibly stressful first day, many were blocked in the area they parked. But even with the lack of parking, students have been courteous about not parking in any fire lanes or handicap spots. Fines will be issued for those who park in reserved spots. Fines range from \$10 to \$100.

Dean Hatch, superintendent of buildings and grounds commented, "As hot as it has been, we are lucky it has been dry," as he indicated parking on the grass now wouldn't harm it. Hatch also complimented students about being good enough to stay in the lines and stressed that all students need to get parking stickers on



photo by Josh Hutt

Due to an overflow of cars, students have extended parking lots onto grassy areas of campus. Start carpooling if you haven't already!

their cars.

He reassures students that parking will improve as the year goes on. "The week of September 8 there will be more room to park."

Vivian Brandmeyer, dean of the Boone Campus, who has been forced to park

on the grass herself, says the enrollment increase is the reason for the shortage of parking spots. "I appreciate the students' patience. It has been a smooth couple weeks." She is looking for more parking to be added in the near future.



Linda Plueger

Phi Beta Lambda seeking members

April Walker
Banner Staff

Phi Beta Lambda is the business organization on the DMACC Boone campus. The next meeting date is Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 11:30a.m.-12:15p.m.

Their flier states that "Membership is open to college students, men and women, participating in secretarial, accounting or business-oriented programs." PBL began in the late summer of 1968, and is beginning its 35th year.

Linda Plueger, advisor for Phi Beta Lambda, can be contacted at ljplueger@dmacc.edu or her office in room 201. Linda Plueger did say that "A student can still be a member even if they can not make any meetings."

SAC plans to hold elections

Nomination papers due this Friday

April Walker
Banner Staff

Applications for nominations to the Student Action Council, DMACC's student governing body, are due Friday, Sept. 12.

Applications can be obtained from Lisa Mathes, office room G115. The forms need to be filled out and returned to her by 4 p.m. Friday. Mathes is also the volleyball coach. After applications have been

accepted for nomination, candidates will be announced Monday, Sept. 15. There will be an election held Sept 17-18 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Check the bulletin boards for the results of this election to be posted Friday, Sept. 19.

Qualifications for membership in SAC are a 2.3 cumulative grade point average, a minimum of six credits per semester or four credits in the summer, and not under disciplinary action. A student can serve for a maximum of four semesters, excluding

summer terms.

The Student Action Council decides how the student action money gets distributed. It sponsors activities all year long, like the Money Tree and the other activities students enjoyed on their first day of classes.

Student Action Council has meetings every other week, for approximately one hour.

Phi Theta Kappa offers opportunities

April Walker
Banner Staff

Phi Theta Kappa is planning its fall induction ceremony for Monday, Oct. 6, 7p.m. in the auditorium.

PTK is the honors society for two-year colleges. To be eligible a student needs to have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The Boone DMACC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is Tau Phi. Advisor Nancy Woods can be contacted at nawoods@dmacc.edu.

Perry Carlson, this year's president, can be contacted at perry.carlson@ptk.org. If you feel you are eligible for membership and have not yet been contacted by Woods, contact her.


The orientation meetings are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22 from 12-1p.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 12:45-1:15p.m. Tau Phi holds meetings every two weeks in room 223, the physics lab.

The chapter has a one-time membership fee. When asked about the fee, Woods responded, "The \$60 induction fee covers each student's registration at the local, regional and International levels.- Although \$60 may seem like a chunk of cash right now, students need to view it as an investment for their future.- Phi Theta Kappa offers many opportunities.- Not only will students continue to demonstrate their excellence through scholarship, but they will also learn lessons in leadership, fellowship and service."

She also said "Please let your readers know that I don't want mere money to stand in their way of this great opportunity.- If any student would like to discuss "funding options" please encourage them to talk to me."



Perry Carlson



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Former journalism student speaks to classes

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, Bob Eschliman shared his experiences in the field of journalism with the DMACC basis reporting classes, linked by the ICN.

Eschliman had no intention of becoming a journalist when he began at DMACC. He at started at DMACC with a goal of becoming a network specialist. After working as an editor for the school paper, then called the Bear Facts, he began to feel the urge to write. After the first semester he was promoted to Editor in Chief of the school paper. He decided to turn to journalism, but being funded by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Eschliman couldn't change majors. He had to pursue his dream alone. "I learned as much as I could on a fly from any journalism professional that would talk to me," commented Eschliman about working on fine tuning his writing skills.

After 18 months, Eschliman left school to pursue an entry level job at a regular newspaper. He applied for every newspaper job in Iowa. After fourteen interviews, he could choose from six different jobs. Within the next five years, Eschliman rose up the ranks with hard work and dedication. He is currently a staff writer for Iowa Information Publications, Inc.

Eschliman commented, "It is important to have a mentor, someone to sit down and help you."

As the students sat in interest, Eschliman reminded them to keep in mind their place as a citizen. "Reporters are the watch dog." He also stated that it takes a lot of work to learn the craft. "Reporting is 10% of the job; the rest is writing," Eschliman pointed out. "No matter who they are, they've got a story to tell." Eschliman finished the class with questions from the future journalists. Also include the discussion were students from Ankeny and Urban campuses.



Banner photo

Bob Eschliman, currently a writer for Okoboji Magazine, spoke to students last week.

Experienced librarian hired

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

Students returning to DMACC often see a mixing bowl of familiar faces and those that are new on the scene. One of those is a lady who probably knows the Dewey Decimal System quite well. She is DMACC's newest librarian, Polly Mumma.



Polly Mumma

Stereotypically, librarian's jobs are seen as just stacking books and shushing people. For Mumma, this is not the case. Polly Mumma's duties go far beyond overseeing the day to day operations. They also include teaching an information literacy course, ordering and cataloging new materials, and suppling various types of assistance for the users.

Polly Mumma is no stranger to the Iowa area. She attended high school at Hoover in Des Moines. After high school she received her bachelor's degree in history at South Dakota State, and her master's, at Clearing University of Pennsylvania. After these achievements, Mumma worked for the University of Northern Alabama. During her seven-year stint there, she went from a cataloger

all the way to the coordinator of academic technology. She is also currently working on a Ph.D.

When not working or continuing her education, Mumma enjoys spending time with her dogs. She is involved in training them for competition. She has two Shihtzus and one Sheultie that compete in categories of agility and obedience.

Mumma believes that there is a bright future for those who want to venture down the same career path. She said "[A person] needs to learn about information and how it is managed and organized. In the next 10-15 years a large number of people will retire and lots of opportunities for young people are coming along."

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Agility both mental, physical for dog and owner

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

Scott Jetter teaches dogs how to sit and stay, or he can teach them to jump over hurdles and go over teeter-totters, or he can tell you all about the mental capabilities of dogs.

Jetter is the owner of Canine Craze Performance Center in Des Moines. The center has been open since June 2000. He teaches obedience and agility and has worked with 3,000 dogs in the last four years. Jetter educates dogs and owners by studying with behaviorists and attending seminars to learn about the psychological processes of dogs.

Agility is a sport, involving both the dog and the owner, as they run through a course with various obstacles in a certain amount of time. It is not learned overnight. Jetter says that when a dog first comes to training, the dog plays a lot of games and get treats as rewards. Gradually, they practice the sets without the bars in them until they can jump them. Then they begin to put all the obstacles into sequence.

When working with new dogs and owners, Jetter first gets them to notice their pets stress levels. "If a dog gets stressed about the tunnel and then misses the next two jumps, the owner will probably correct them for the missed jumps. Where as the real problem was the tunnel. We work on focusing and noticing the stress area."



Photo by Pam Snow

Scott Jetter, owner of Canine Craze Performance Center, poses with his dog Luna.

Then they move on to communication. When running the course, the dogs need to be checking in continually, or looking at the owner, so that they know what they are doing is right. The owner needs to praise the dog when it achieves a goal.

The last step is positive reward. Jetter discourages correction with force. He uses treats and praise to encourage the dogs. "When my dog sees me get giddy over him completing a run, it makes him want to continue and learn more," Jetter

said. "I want the dogs to have fun and not worry about if what they are doing is right or wrong."

Jetter suggests that for obedience training, puppies need to be enrolled at 8 to 12 weeks old. "This is when a puppy's greatest socialization period takes place." He says that puppies should be handled a lot in this period to make them more sociable to others. "Puppies need immediate training, and if put into play groups with other dogs, they can communicate

with one another. This helps the socialization process also." Jetter said that Canine Craze offers three levels of obedience training that works with the dogs mental capacities: puppy, beginners, and advanced beginners.

Judy Hauser, an English instructor at Boone DMACC, has two dogs under Jetter's instruction. They attended obedience classes for 12 weeks and have been in agility training since May.

"It's great exercise for the dogs, and it is great exercise for me too," Hauser said. She said that it is a lot of work because the owners have to remember what the obstacles are called. Then they have to give correct commands between obstacles. The course has a certain order the dogs have to run, and the owner has to be at a proper angle to talk and see their dog while running the course.

Jetter said, "I love doing this because I see the dog's response to the positivism, and I get to train people to work with dogs. I also like the physical aspect because I am a high energy person, while the psychological aspect continues to intrigue me."

Canine Craze is located in Des Moines. Jetter also works with The Rescue League of Iowa. For more information on dog agility, obedience training, or a look at what Canine Craze offers, go to www.caninecraze.com or call 515-360-3592.

Democratic candidate previews

James Joy
Banner Staff

One woman and eight men are racing to get to Iowa in January.

The race to be the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee has brought together a cast of candidates that is as diverse as their opinions on major issues facing the country today. As the nomination season begins its final drive to the polls this January, a few candidates are starting to distance themselves from the pack.

Former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun supports universal health care and the repeal of the Bush tax refunds. In the Senate, Moseley Braun built an exemplary legislative record, serving among others on the Finance, Banking and Judiciary Committees.

Howard Dean, a former Vermont governor, has emerged as the front runner for the Democratic nomination. Dean puts equal emphasis on creating jobs, balancing the budget and expanding the government's social agenda. Violent crime issues and the environment have been issues of

great attention to Dean during his tenure as governor.

John Kerry, United States Sen. from Massachusetts, has spoken in great length recently on the war in Iraq. Frequently citing his role as a decorated Vietnam War vet, Kerry claims that he is the candidate who is qualified to be commander in chief. Public education and children's issues have been a priority for Kerry.

Dick Gephardt, Congressman from Missouri, has positioned himself in the thick of this race early on. Gephardt is routinely on the defense of Social Security and Medicare. Other key issues Gephardt has worked on while in Congress is raising the minimum wage, protection of family farms and the environment.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards is campaigning heavily on many issues. In Congress, Edwards has made a difference on important issues like quality health care, better schools, protecting civil liberties and preserving the environment.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman has experience in campaigning for the presidency. Lieberman is a strong supporter of

public education, homeland security, the environment and job growth.

Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, disagrees with the action taken in Iraq and believes that the president has mishandled the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Sharpton is continually speaking out about issues that are important to many people.

Florida Sen. Bob Graham is campaigning on his strong beliefs of environmental

conservation and the war on terror.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich is a strong supporter of labor unions and the environment. Kucinich is strong opponent of the war in Iraq.

President George Bush currently enjoys a 60 percent approval rating from a recent

CNN poll and unless a drastic change in public opinion occurs, it will take an extraordinary effort on their part to defeat him.

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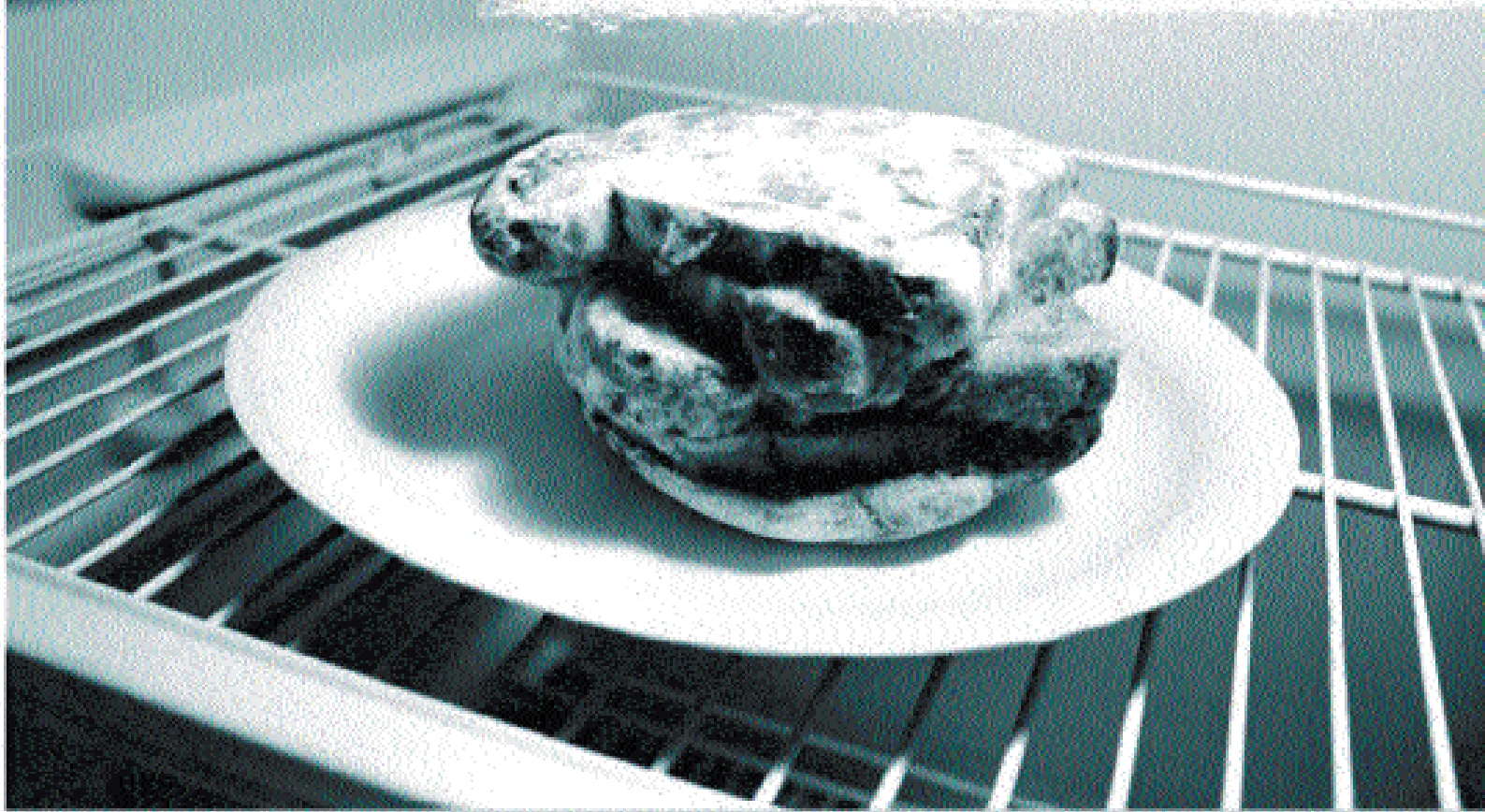
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BODY ART IN THE WORKING WORLD

Holly Losh
Banner Staff

Now days when you walk down the street, it is likely that you will see someone with tattoos, piercings, or dreadlocks. These things have become a socially acceptable way of expression. Every year when school starts, the tattoo shops are overflowing with students, waiting to get a new tattoo or piercing. However, when people get their appearance changed by these things, they often do not think about the pessimistic looks that could result.

Two people whose lives revolve around these body modifications are Bob Parr and Sarah Jans.

Making a Living with Tattoos

Upon meeting Bob Parr most people's first thought is he has a lot of tattoos. Parr has tattoos on his arms and legs and has a septum and lip piercing. In June of 2002 he opened Jaded Angel in Ankeny due to a great deal of demand. Parr's next step was to expand and open Jaded Angel 2 in Ames, located on Lincoln Way near campus town.

Parr has been tattooing for almost four years and knows a lot about the acceptance or lack there of for tattoos and piercings. In his opinion since tattoos do not go



photo by Holly Losh

Owner of Jaded Angel, Bob Parr, tattoos James Opheim.

away, the more people see them the more accepted they will become.

Being someone who makes a living creating tattoos and piercings, Parr still has a warning to those wanting them.

"People that get tattoos and piercings need to understand that even though they have the freedom to do what they want, someone will still act negatively to it. You have to decide if you're willing to put up with it," said Parr.

Tattoos and piercings allow people to make a statement. But, even the owner of a tattoo shop knows there's a line that can be crossed. Parr said, "I think to not allow a tattoo is not to allow freedom...certain

things that aren't acceptable, and people with tattoos need to realize that."

A Business with a Dress Code

First National Bank on Lincoln Way is a locally-owned bank in Ames that just celebrated its 100 year anniversary. It employs 120 people.

However, the bank's dress code does not allow tattoos or piercings. Jackie Foley, vice-president of human resources, said, "It's part of our dress code."

Most people who have a piercing or tattoo are told during the interview that they will need to cover up a tattoo or take out a piercing. "We have hired people with a nose or tongue piercing because they are qualified," said Foley.

Foley said in the past employees had worked with them and had taken out piercings.

The bank does not have a policy against having dreadlocks. Per company dress code, employees have to have neat, clean, and naturally colored, not radically dyed

hair that is inappropriate for work.

Life with an Altered Appearance

Sarah Jans, an ISU senior, knows about the complications that piercings bring when applying for most jobs. Jans now has black dreadlocks, a septum piercing, and a lip piercing.

She has worked at Jimmy Johns on Welch Avenue in Ames for 2 years and is a manager there. When applying she was told that it (piercings) was okay to have, but she could not wear them to work.

Jans also had rainbow colored dreadlocks at the time of the hiring. She was told that she would need to dye her hair a normal color.

Just because she takes out her piercings, she still does not understand why there is a need for it. Jans said "I don't understand why you can't have a facial piercing just because someone doesn't like it. It's not like I'm making a sandwich with my face."



Sarah Jans

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Increasing ticket prices cause controversy

Holly Losh
Banner Staff

Attending a concert these days might put a crunch on some people's wallets as ticket prices keep increasing. A Rolling Stone's ticket selling for \$8 in 1969 now costs \$350. In an industry such as music where everyone seems to be very vocal, no one wants to claim the increase in ticket prices as their doing.

Why are ticket prices increasing?

Once again free music downloading has come under fire, and this time it might be to blame for the ticket-price increase. People downloading music for free it is taking money out of the artist's pocket. In return these artists need to increase ticket prices to make up for the revenue lost on album sales.

Music downloading site Kazaa, a product of Sharman Networks, did not reply when asked about their involvement in this price increase.

Another group that has taken a backlash from this price increase is Clear Channel Music Entertainment. Clear Channel owns, operates, or has a hand in 1200 radio stations, 135 venues, and is a music promoter. Some see this as a monopoly of the music industry.

When asked about their involvement in the price increase Pam Fallon, Vice

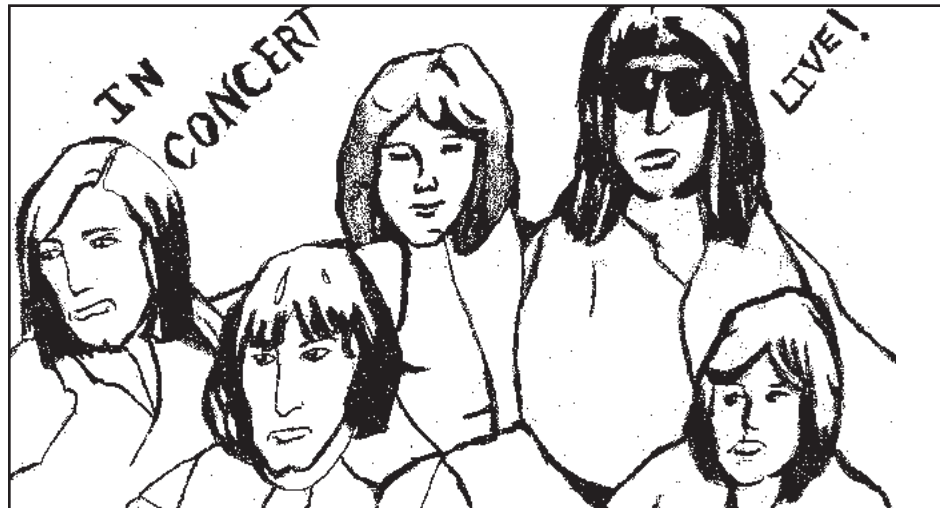


Illustration by Moses Powell

President of Public Relations, said "It is not Clear Channel Entertainment that makes final determination on ticket prices; as with every aspect of a tour it is the artist that makes the final decision. A high ticket price does not serve CCE well."

Ticketmaster has also come under scrutiny over the price increase. When buying tickets on-line, on the phone, or at a remote location such as a department store there is a convenience charge. There is no set monetary amount for this charge. For a ticket to Red Hot Chili Peppers, the convenience charge is \$7.35 on top of the ticket price of \$45.

Currently Ticketmaster is being sued

by SCI Ticketing and The String Cheese Incident. The String Cheese Incident and Madison House formed together to make SCI Ticketing. According to the SCI website in their lawsuit against Ticketmaster, they are claiming that, "Ticketmaster has monopolized, attempted to monopolize, or abused its monopoly power in the market for the sale of tickets to popular music concerts, in violation of section 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act."

DC drops new disc

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

The John Lennon of emo is back, and he has brought his shoulder for you to cry on. Some might find the comparison to the late Beatle a bit foolish, but then they haven't fully come to terms with the idea that in the realm of emo, Dashboard is king.

They have done just as much for the genre of emo as Lennon has in the realm of rock & roll. It is nearly impossible to think of anything in the emo genre that is more popular than Dashboard Confessional.

In their fourth album, "A Mark, A Mission, A Brand, A Scar," Chris Carrabba and the rest of the boys have evolved beyond a strictly acoustic sound into a new alterna-rock sound with help from producer Gil Norton.

Although the band is not stripped down to the barest essentials as they were in the past, their music and words still remain the same, a true record for Carrabba's following to sing along with every relatable word.

The record is truly a myriad of heart-break anthems that lead a person to believe that Carrabba has felt everything you have ever felt and can describe it better than you could ever hope to. Carrabba is able to deliver sincerity as if he was born to do it.

During "Bend Not Break" his vocal range is evident and more importantly powerful in delivery. In rapid hope loss, Carrabba croons "Now that I see you, I don't think you are worth a second glance."

The backing band makes for some interesting interaction as well. The drumming of Mike Marsh is simply genius. Scott Schoenbeck and John Lefler showcase their bass and guitar skills respectively.

One of the biggest treats on the record is the all-new third version of "Hands Down." The first version was a solo version on the "So Impossible" E.P. and the full band version that was played on MTV's plugged.

The newest version kicks off the album, backed with the amazing crunch of electric guitars. It leads the listener to know that is a departure from the previous Dashboard records while still holding true to what their music is all about.

The new record is a masterpiece. It positions the band into moving into the mainstream and taking it by storm.

Although Carrabba hates being under the umbrella of emo, it is obvious that he is the leader of this sub-genre and is pushing the boundaries of emo and music in general. Perhaps he is a bit Lennon-esque indeed.

Horoscopes by Pam

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will be very moody and may find it difficult to be honest about the way you feel. Get out and do something different for a change. Finance: Poor Romance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 10, 14, 26

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Avoid any risk that requires you to trust someone else with your money. Your inkling will be right on, so don't disregard what you are feeling. Finance: Good | Romance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 22

Aries (March 21-April 19) Your lively involvement will lead to new possibilities. The ability to get things started and to stir enthusiasm in others will work out in your favor. Finance: Poor | Romance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 4, 25, 34

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You could find it difficult to get things done. Personal problems can be expected, but don't let them get you down. Finance: Fair | Romance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 7, 15, 18

Gemini (May 21-June 20) In an upcoming project your mind will have plenty of creative ideas to share. Put in a little extra effort and you will meet someone interesting along the way. Finance: Poor | Romance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 5, 14, 17

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Refuse to let anyone take advantage of your generosity. Stay out of the line of fire if friends start to argue. Finance: Good | Romance: Fair | Lucky

The lawsuit also claims that Ticketmaster had venues and promoters stop supplying the ticketing company with tickets.

There has recently been an incident involving Ticketmaster in Iowa. Ticketmaster ended their contract early with the Maintenance Shop in the Memorial Union. This means that Ticketmaster will no longer have a ticket outlet in the Union or provide tickets to M-Shop shows.

Squire Boone, co-director of the M-Shop, said "We're happy about it," when asked about the decision by Ticketmaster. One year of paying Ticketmaster fees will pay for the whole new ticketing system for the M-Shop.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets to shows at the M-Shop can go to the main desk in the Union, or order over the phone at (515) 294-2969. There will be a \$1.00 charge for paying by credit card over the phone, and a \$1.00 charge for having the tickets mailed to you.

The M-Shop hopes to have online ticketing available next spring.

Numbers: 12, 28, 30

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to take everything so serious. You could make more friends that way. Finance: Fair | Romance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 16, 24, 28

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Concentrate on any financial gains. Keep on top of your investments. You'll feel better when you know where you stand. Finance: Good | Romance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 4, 14, 26

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Start a fitness program to help you get in shape. Some important people will notice if you show your dedication. Finance: Fair | Romance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 2, 15, 29

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will have the ability to get a lot done and out of the way. Your tactful nature will help you convince others to join a worthwhile cause. Finance: Fair | Romance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 17, 38

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take action and get involved in something you not only enjoy, but that will make a difference to your community. Finance: Good | Romance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 8, 12, 29

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An outgoing attitude will help improve the way some people look at you. Finance: Good | Romance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 9, 18, 24

Liberal Politics in Motion

James Joy
Banner Staff

Don't believe the media's push of Howard Dean. In an attempt to create another Bill Clinton, the- come- from- obscurity- to- the- White- House- story, the media is portraying Dean as invincible.

Howard Dean is blowing his rhetoric to a small group of people with his ultra-liberal message. His "angry man" rants are directed to the extreme left, who are being pushed out of mainstream society and who want to change the world to reflect their personal views. California is a prime example of these liberal politics in motion, and we know the current situation that state is in.

His so-called "money machine" is going to raise \$10.3 million in special

interest money by September. May I remind you that it will take more than 10 times that to live in the White House.

I am sure that you have heard from the news how the president's approval rating is at its lowest point since before 9/11, and that is correct. However, 60 percent of the public view the president's overall performance as good and close to 69 percent is still in approval of what's going on in the war. Yes, there are problems, but name me a war that didn't have them.

Remember one thing: if there is even a chance that a Democrat can win this election, the DNC will not allow that. Think about it. The Clintons run the Democratic Party, and that would push Hillary and her presidential run back to 2012. It would be nice if we could find her "village" and send her and her husband back to it.



The World According to D



Darin Longman
Banner Staff

The fire is burning out. Yes, I am afraid it's true. The last burning embers of summer are slowly but surely fading to ash.

One of the first tip-offs to this yearly phenomenon that isn't so phenomenal is the return to school. I know school is all well and good, after all education is for the sole purpose of bettering oneself, and in turn, hopefully, better the world around us, but sometimes the need to sleep-in desperately outweighs the need to learn some of the things my brain is currently being fed.

While on the topic of school, there is something I would like to address. Some of you who read my last column last spring might remember how I announced my return to the mighty 4-year institution know as Iowa State University. By now it is fairly obvious that this did not occur. To say that my announcement was premature would be an understatement at best. It was my intent to return to Cyclone status, so my last column was not a dream, a hoax or even some kind of imaginary yarn that I

had spun to throw off the readership.

I just fell victim to a busy summer. When summertime swooped down upon me, I kicked into overdrive, determined to get a summer job, do whatever was necessary to return to ISU and perhaps some insanely cool stuff in-between. The job was the first to come, as I became a painter, an inexperienced painter, but a painter nonetheless.

I quickly learned the tricks of the trade. I honed my body into a state of absolute physical and mental painting perfection. In most painting circles I am known as less than a god but more than a man. Alright, disregard all of that, if you ask anyone else I probably did alright. We spent countless hours in the sun, scraping, painting, and listening to the New Rock Revolution- Channel Q. The only thing they really revolutionized was the idea that seven Godsmack songs can be played in a 15 minute period, and the station can still consider itself good radio. How can they sleep at night?

Okay, back to the matter at hand. During the months of painting, I felt a little tingle in the back of my mind. Something about a greater calling, but first a challenge that must be met, an obstacle that must be overcome. This unnamed need seemed to evade me at the time, probably due to the repetitive nature of the Godsmack tunes slowly killing my brain cells. Finally, I snapped out of it and realized that it could only be one thing, a thing that could stop my dreams of a successful life. It was the dreaded Petition for Readmittance.

For those of you unfamiliar with the petitioning process, I am here to give

you a little insight. Make sure you do good enough so that you never have to be readmitted. This will keep you from experiencing this diabolical nightmare that is created to deter former students from coming back and obtaining an education. The process includes presenting a resume of what a person has been doing since dismissal, a detailed list of all the classes a student will be taking when he or she returns until the estimated graduation date, and an explanation for why the student flunked out in the first place. After that, I imagine I will have to jump through fire hoops and fight the Dean of Admissions to the death or something that is as equally absurd.

The petitioning process was long and grueling and the deadline had to be made. Unfortunately, I did not make this deadline, but I did not give up. I may not have made it for the fall, but with a little luck, I should be ready to go back by the time spring semester rolls around.

During the course of this summer I amassed a large sum of knowledge. No matter how hard the journey is, all you need is patience and a desire to get what you want or to get back where you need to be. Also, never let anyone tell you that you aren't good enough for what you want. Dreams shape the world and everything in it. People who work hard enough will achieve their aspirations in life. I also learned that Godsmack is the worst band ever.

Behind
the
Desk
Darin Longman
Opinion Editor

One Letter. One measly little insignificant letter was all we received last semester. The letter didn't even come from anyone who goes to school at DMACC.

Do we even have a readership? If so where is it? I have looked far and wide watching anxiously awaiting some kind of validation for my work, not to mention the work of others.

Laura (The Editor in Chief) Griffin and myself have decided to try to get the students here to share their voices with the rest of campus. If you have anything at all to say, believe me, we would like to hear it. If you disagree with anything that we put in the paper, have an opinion of your own to share, or even if you want to make fun of the lame picture that I use at the beginning of my column.

In any of these instances, or any scenarios that I have been unable to dream up that would make a student or staff member want write in, just send Laura or me an e-mail. We would be happy to print it in a future issue of the Banner.

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New Season-New Look

Jack Simonson
Banner Staff

Another season of DMACC volleyball is off and running, and this year the Bears have a whole new look under first-year head coach Lisa Mathes.

Mathes, who spent the last three years as an assistant for Indian Hills, faces the tall order of trying to follow up the success of last year's team. The Bears are coming off a year in which they set a school record for wins in a season and finished the year ranked 3rd in the nation. The women are off to solid 4-2 start, and more importantly, 1-0 in conference play.

The Bears opened their season with an impressive conference win over Iowa Lakes, then took the show on the road to the Iowa Lakes Tournament, where they took 3 out of 5 against quality opponents.

"We'd like to be successful in conference and overall," said Mathes pointing out the teams' difficult nonconference schedule, which features several division one Juco opponents.

Mathes went on to say she believes her team will battle it out with Kirkwood, Iowa Central, and Southwestern for the conference title, with no team having a real edge over the other.

The sophomores are going to be looked upon for leadership this season, with

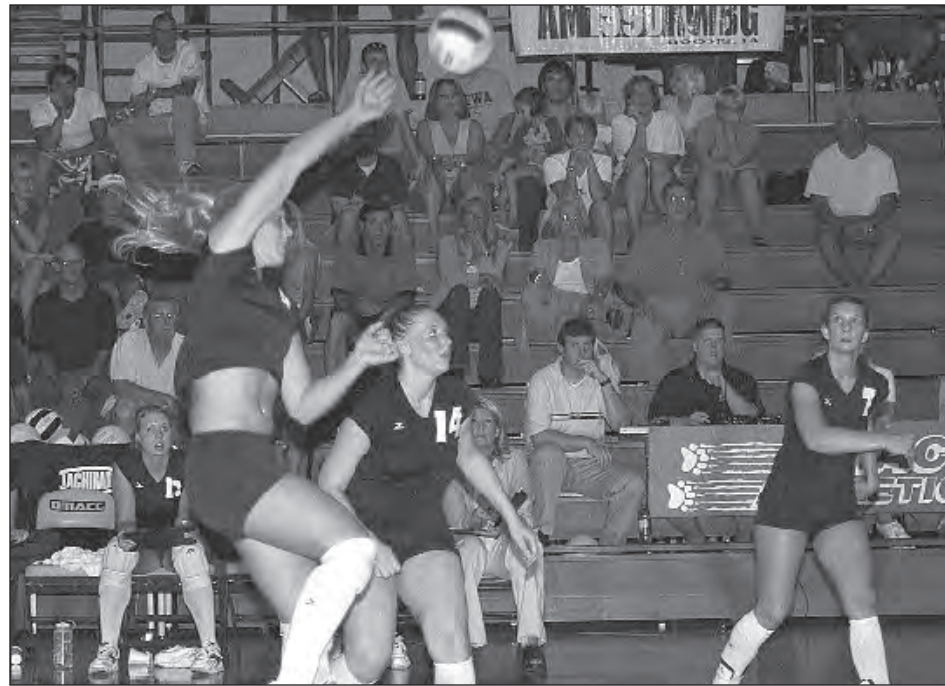


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Defensive stopper, Este Huston, goes up high to return a shot in a win over Iowa Lakes.

Allison Hyland providing the firepower for the team and Betsy Dunphy, Este Huston, and Courtney Thomas carrying the defensive load. While there appears to be no real superstar that stands apart from the rest on the team, Mathes believes it will be a full-team effort.

"How the team gels is what's going to make or break us," said the first-year head coach.

It may be a little too early to tell how the team is going to "gel", but it certainly appears that the Bears have the talent for a successful season, and possibly a run into nationals. So the next night you find yourself sitting at home and bored, check your schedule, and make it out to give our very own DMACC Bears your support

Bears Remaining Volleyball Schedule

- Sept. 10-at Southwestern
- Sept. 12-at Central Nebraska Tourney
- Sept. 13-at Central Nebraska Tourney
- Sept. 16-at Indian Hills
- Sept. 17-Southeastern
- Sept. 19-Ellsworth
- Sept. 22-Iowa Western
- Sept. 24-Marshalltown
- Sept. 26-at Johnson County Tourney
- Sept. 27-at Johnson County Tourney
- Sept. 29-at Kirkwood
- Oct. 1-at Clinton
- Oct. 7-Southwestern
- Oct. 8-at Iowa Western
- Oct. 10-at Iowa Central
- Oct. 11-at NIACC
- Oct. 12-at Iowa Lakes
- Oct. 17-at Iowa Central Tourney
- Oct. 18-at Iowa Central Tourney
- Oct. 20-at Southeastern
- Oct. 22-Kirkwood
- Oct. 31-Regionals @ Ft. Dodge
- Nov. 1-Regionals @ Ft. Dodge
- Nov. 4-Regional Finals

Iowa's Big Game

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

If someone was to go up to an Iowan and ask them "What do you think of when I say "The Big Game", more likely than not they will say Iowa vs. Iowa State.

The rivalry has spanned almost 110 years of great games and blow outs. This intense rivalry has split families and friends. If students go to Ames wearing a Hawkeyes shirt, you will get ridicule that will last as long as you are in town. The same would go if you travel to Iowa City. The Hawkeyes currently hold a 33-16 record over the Cyclones. The rivalry was put on hold after 1934, but stir inter-

ests, the rivalry was rekindled in 1977 with the presentation of the Cy-Hawk trophy. The Hawkeyes are 17-6 since the Cy-Hawk Trophy has been awarded to the victor.

Last season was one of the great games in this storied rivalry. The game featured two of the brightest quarterbacks in the nation, Brad Banks and Seneca Wallace. The teams combined for a record of 6-1. The Hawkeyes entered halftime with a 24-7 lead, Fred Russell ran for 136 yards at the half, but sat the second half due to an injury. Wallace led the Cyclones to 23 point rally in the third quarter. The final score was 36-31 in favor of the Cyclones.

This season there are two new start-

ing quarterbacks under center. The 6'7" Nathan Chandler will try to direct the Hawkeyes to victory for the first time in five years, while the nimble Austin Flynn will try to keep the winning streak alive. Both Quarterbacks have big shoes to fill, and winning the "Big Game" in the eyes of both teams and the fans will be a huge highlight in their college football careers.

From Nile Kinnick to Tim Dwight and from Jack Trice to Troy Davis the rivalry continues with the same ferocity as it did 110 years ago. The game will be played in Ames at Jack Trice Stadium Saturday the 13th at 11:30 a.m. Tailgating will start as early as Friday night.

Staff Predictions Iowa vs. Iowa State

Jack	ISU	24-17
Ryan	ISU	25-23
Darin	ISU	28-3
Laura	ISU	30-2
Pam	ISU	
Lacey	ISU	
Wendy	IOWA	
Laura A.	IOWA	
April	ISU	
Josh	Iowa	57-3
James	Iowa	34-14

Iowa vs. Iowa State Facts

- Home Team: 5-14-0
- Away Team: 12-19-0
- Longest Iowa State Winning Streak: 5 (1998-present)
- Longest Iowa Winning Streak: 15 (1983-1997)
- Largest Iowa State Victory: 31 points (31-0) 1978
- Largest Iowa Victory: 54 points (57-3) 1986
- Current Streak Iowa State Won 5

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Marshalltown hosts National 16" Championships

James Joy
Banner Staff

The Labor Day weekend brought players from all over the United States to Marshalltown in pursuit of glory. The ASA/USA National 16" Major National Tournament was held on the fields in western Marshalltown.

Sixteen-inch softball is a game of strategy, skill and athleticism.

It is an entirely different game than the average

12" softball games that most play. The main difference is the ball itself. It is 16

inches in diameter and is a soft clincher style ball. Clincher is a style that has no pronounced raised seams like a baseball and is softer to create a limiting effect on



Photo by James Joy

Tom Kennedy (# 28) earned All-American team honors.

the velocity it carries after being hit.

The difficulty level of hitting the ball

hard is increased dramatically because impacting the center of the ball squarely is necessary to hit the ball hard. Unlike the 12" balls that are hard, there are only a small percent of the people playing capable of hitting home runs consistently.

The game is played in a fashion more representative of baseball than regular softball. The game is played with three outfielders instead of four, leading off the base is permitted and the teams that can manufacture runs are successful.

The national tournament was a 34 team field with competitors from many states. Miller 45's of Park Ridge, Ill. swept their bracket with a 6-0 record to win the title. Stover's Softball of Des Moines placed in the runner-up position for the second straight year. Blue Cactus of Marshalltown, played hard and earned a respectable third place finish.

Trophies Plus of Marshalltown placed in the eighth position and fielded two players that earned All-American Team honors: Tom Kennedy and Ryan Boswell.

For more information on ASA 16" softball go to www.softball.org/iowa

Romo Offsides

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

In an era of protecting players and giving ridiculous penalties for silly taunting, one player in the NFL seems to slip through the cracks, on players seems to get by with a small fine and slap on the wrist.

Bill Romanowski, linebacker of the Oakland Raiders, has a rap sheet as long as my arm and has been called by many players in the NFL as "The dirtiest player in the League." He has carried his baggage from team to team and has posed himself as the emotional leader for each team, but at what cost has his "leadership" come.

Although Romo has been fined over \$79,000 for his assorted innocents, he has never

been suspended for a single game. Romo is the active NFL "Iron Man" with a total consecutive games played with a total of over 240 games played in his 16 seasons in the league. His offences include late hits, punching Tony Gonzalez in the head, kicking Larry Centers in the head, countless illegal procedures and ripping off Eddie George's helmet during a meaningless preseason. These are offences that are not caught by league officials. Players on other teams have complained that Romo likes grab, kick, punch, and scratch at the bottom of piles.

The Raiders "tradition" has been known

for their "win at any cost" thinking. The Raiders have led the league in penalties for several seasons dating back to the days of John Madden coaching. When



Romo arrived with the Raiders, many players and fans thought that would be a perfect fit. But Romo's recent actions would make Lyle Alzado turn in his grave.

During a basic training camp practice, Romanowski got into a fight with teammate, Marcus Williams, a second year tight end. During the fight Romo ripped off Williams's helmet and punched him in

the face more than once resulting in losing a tooth, a broken nose and orbital socket. Romo's punishment was an undisclosed sum and suspension from one practice. If Romo was a third string linebacker he would have been cut within the next day.

Romo is not worth the status of "Iron Man." You didn't see the real NFL iron man, Jim Marshall, ripping off helmets, spitting, or punching players in the face. He just went out and played. The NFL needs to stiffen the punishment on Romanowski if it they want to protect the players.

QUALM COLUMN

Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff



4...3...2...1...

Mayhem waits in Ames.

Forget the political races, after the Iowa-Iowa State football game this Saturday, Ames could be the top story on CNN.

No joke, this is a legit prediction.

The escalating rivalry between these two schools has hit the boiling point as the Cyclones go into the game with six straight victories over their hated in-state nemesis.

The outcome of this game will result in a lot of mildly upset fans ravaging anything that can be broken. It doesn't matter who wins--homeowners on Beach Avenue, beware.

There's a reason why kickoff is at 11:30 in the morning this year.

Last year's allotted 5 o'clock start allowed too much drinking before the fans headed to Kinnick Stadium.

Will an earlier start really prevent all the fighting, bickering and drunkenness that precured last year's game?

Sure, if there was a law preventing drinking too early in the morning.

For the ones who can't get up early enough to drink at a steady pace, I present you the beer bong.

Honestly, ISU officials should get kudos for effort, but an early kickoff isn't going to curb the madness that will surround Jack Trice Stadium on Saturday.

It turns out that fans have more to brag about than ever before if their team wins.

With both programs clearly on the rise, winning this game is more than just an in-state victory, it's a way to catapult into the national limelight.

Iowa is already ranked, but if the Cyclones win, they could very well end up in next week's Top 25.

When's the last time this game has meant that much?

There is no doubt that all the fans, including yours truly, realize this.

This is why buying Saturday night's De La Hoya - Mosely fight on Pay-Per-View is senseless. There will be plenty of fights to choose from outside of the stadium at approximately 4 P.M.

On a serious note, Saturday's game should provide fans for both teams with thrills and heartbreaks that have provided the backbone for this great rivalry.

The 2003 edition of the Cyclone-Hawkeye classic has never been this highly anticipated, so expect a good game.

True, Iowa may look better on paper.

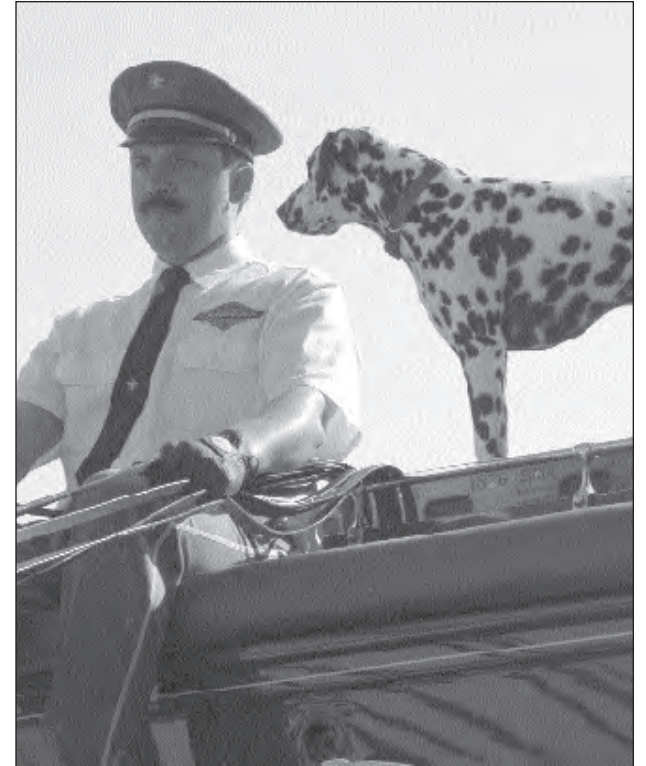
But any sports fan knows that rivalries supercede any advantages and inferiorities between the two teams.

Expect that for this game.

Excitement is in the air, go and support your team, Hawkeye and Cyclone fans alike. Just remember your boxing gloves.

Vegas Super Bowl Odds

Philadelphia Eagles	5/1
Oakland Raiders	6/1
St. Louis Rams	7/1
Pittsburg Steelers	8/1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4/1
Green Bay Packers	8/1
Miami Dolphins	7/1
New York Jets	10/1
New York Giants	15/1
Atlanta Falcons	15/1
San Francisco 49ers	15/1
Tennessee Titans	12/1
Indianapolis Colts	18/1
Denver Broncos	12/1
New England Patriots	8/1
New Orleans Saints	30/1
Kansas City Chiefs	10/1
Cleveland Browns	17/1
Washington Redskins	20/1
Dallas Cowboys	25/1
San Diego Chargers	20/1
Buffalo Bills	10/1
Baltimore Ravens	25/1
Minnesota Vikings	12/1
Chicago Bears	30/1
Seattle Seahawks	20/1
Carolina Panthers	60/1
Jacksonville Jaguars	75/1
Arizona Cardinals	175/1
Detroit Lions	50/1
Cincinnati Bengals	50/1
Houston Texans	200/1



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The Budweiser Clydesdales were a big part of this year's Pufferbilly celebration. Spectators claimed their spots for the parade hours before it started.



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Flag girls from Saydel High School get ready to perform for the spectators.



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The Ames High School marching band participates in the parade every year.

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