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DMACC Boone Campus

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Briefs

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS-- Christmas is near, and one Boone Campus club wants to give every child a chance to enjoy it.

Rotaract Club would like people to help out by donating new or gently used toys for needy children.

Any toys in excess of what are needed to help out DMACC families will be donated to a local daycare.

Help the kids in need enjoy their Christmas by contributing a toy to the collection.

Two Toys-For-Tots boxes have been placed on campus. One box is located by the main entrance, and one down in the Courter Center.

If you have a child in need, contact Maggie Stone, coordinator Displaced Homemakers.

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS-- The Boone Campus has named Heather Wargo and Susan Smith its two representatives for the 2003 All Iowa Academic Team.

Each 2-year school is permitted to nominate two representatives to this elite team. Students were nominated by Boone Campus faculty and staff from all eligible candidates.

Nancy Woods, regional coordinator of the Iowa Region and adviser of the local Tau Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa said, "Both women are strong academian leaders on this campus. They are excellent examples of what it means to be an all-Iowa representatives."

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS-- Do you play an instrument? If so, the Bears Pep Band needs you.

The band rehearses on Monday nights at 5 p.m. in the music room at the right of the Campus Theatre.

Maggie Stone, displaced homemaker coordinator, is the director and looking for more students, faculty and staff to come and join the fun.

She especially wants to invite those who applied to be in the band at the beginning of the semester and may not have been contacted.

The band's first planned performance this fall will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 in the campus gym when the Bears meet NIACC.

Brandmeyer named permanent dean

Ryan Eft
Chronicle Staff



Vivian Brandmeyer

Vivian Brandmeyer, interim Executive Dean of the Boone Campus, was named permanent Executive Dean during the Board of Directors' meeting on Monday, Dec. 9. The vote was unanimous.

Near the beginning of the meeting, the DMACC volleyball team came in. They lined up against the wall and introduced themselves. The Board members congratulated them on their efforts during the season. In response to this, one of

the players announced that after taking sixth place this year, they would try for first next season. This was met with kind-hearted laughs and applause.

Also during the meeting, the Board voted to consider a proposal offering one free class at DMACC to people who have been laid off from their jobs. Explaining the reason for this, DMACC president Dr. David England said, "We hope they will take more than one class."

Rick Chapman, English and Humanities instructor, thanked people for support of the photography, English and journalism students and instructors for their support in producing DMACC's literary publication, Expressions. He lamented that there was no longer a formal journalism program. After the meeting, Dr. England said that they (the Board) were seriously

considering bringing back a journalism program, although this would not be discussed until March.

A moment of silence was observed for former board member Morrie Freeman, who recently passed away.

Wrapping the meeting up, the board members bid best wishes to president of the Board, Doug Shull, who was recently elected to the Iowa Senate from Indianola.

Late registration may cause problems for spring students

Lara Yungclas
Banner Staff

If Boone DMACC students try to register for classes now, they might not get into any of the classes they want and need.

Many classes are full, and even more are nearing full because of the increase in student numbers this semester. By registering for classes before they leave on break, students will be able to get into the classes they need.

The first step students need to take if the class is full, is to talk to the class instructor. Many instructors will overload their classes; therefore, before the first day of classes, students need to get a signed add slip.

The second step would be to get on the class waiting list. Waiting lists are only started if all sections of the class are full. This may even include classes in Ames, Ankeny and other DMACC campuses.

Shelby Hildreth, DMACC Academic Advisor, said, "Even if a class is full, there is still some flexibility to the class size."

The third, and highly not recommended step is to wait until the first week of classes when students have either dropped their classes or have been dropped due to not paying tuition. A major problem occurs when students get dropped from their classes due to failure to complete financial aid paperwork and tuition payment.

Hildreth does not want to give false hope to students who think they will have no problem getting into classes. She also urges students to get in early to talk to their advisors.

Final Exam Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002	Tuesday/Thursday courses
Class Time Range	Exam Time
8:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13, 2002	Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Class Time Range	Exam Time
8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 16, 2002	Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Class Time Range	Exam Time
6:55 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	2:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002	Tuesday/Thursday courses
Class Time Range	Exam Time
6:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Evening/Saturday

Evening courses have finals during the final regular class meeting.

Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 10
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 11
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Saturday class (Final Exam)	December 14

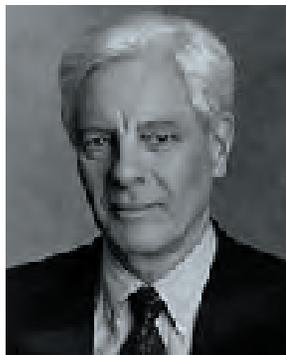
CAMPUS NEWS

NPR president speaks at ISU

Mitchell Keegan
Contributing Writer

In 1998, NPR had 13 million listeners per week. During the 2000 Presidential election, the number of listeners jumped to 15 million. On Sept. 10, 2002, NPR had 16 million listeners per week. On Sept. 12, 2001, NPR had 20 million listeners and has held that number quite steadily since that day.

"Radio is a mass medium of the imagination, you can't see it, touch it, or smell it," said Kevin Klose, CEO of NPR. Klose spoke to a crowd of over 50 in the Brunnier Art Museum in the Scheman Building at Iowa State University on Tuesday. Klose spoke for approximately 45 minutes on how public radio is fitting into a changing world.



Kevin Klose

Klose was at Iowa State to help mark WOI radio's 80 year in operation and to help kick off a new station for NPR, KWOI in Carroll. KWOI is a sister station of WOI and will provide NPR programming to western Iowa.

"Thomas Jefferson once said, 'you can't be ignorant and free.' NPR is here

to bridge that gap," said Klose. NPR is focused to have citizens be empowered and free. "NPR wants to engage its listeners with ideas and thoughts. We want to be useful to you as you move through your daily lives," he said.

Before coming to NPR in 1998, Klose worked for the Washington Post, was the director of U.S. International Broadcasting, president of Radio Free Europe. "What that introduction really

said is I'm from Washington and I've come to help," Klose said at the beginning of his speech, which earned a big laugh from the audience.

Angela Skalsky, student at DMACC, attended the speech Klose gave in Des Moines. She said that the speech in Des Moines focused more on the business side of NPR, as the majority of the crowd was from the business world.

Looking to the future,

NPR will be present and be a part of it. "We are here for our listeners," Klose said. "We want NPR to be a place for our listeners to reflect and be challenged in intellect and imagination. We want to serve the nation with news, information and culture."

Treating depression may save lives

Kristen Sampson
Banner Staff

Over Thanksgiving break a Boone Campus student committed suicide.

It is both shocking and devastating for family and friends, which leads people to wonder why such things happen.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, according to the American Foundation for Suicide website. Ninety percent of these suicide victims have at least one diagnosable, active psychiatric illness at the time of death—most often depression, substance abuse, and conduct disorders.

Far more people actually attempt suicide than complete it. There are 10,000 completed suicides completed annually in the United States, compared to the 200,000 attempts.

Suicide is obviously very serious, and affects thousands of people each year; not to mention the millions of family and friends that have to live with it long after the deaths.

Since the number one cause of suicide is untreated depression, it's important to know the warning signs.

- *Persistent feelings of sadness, irritability, or anxiety
- *Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you once enjoyed
- *Change in sleep pattern (insomnia—difficulty falling asleep, waking up in the middle of the night—or sleeping

too much)

*Change in appetite (decreased, perhaps resulting in weight loss; or increased, perhaps resulting in weight gain)

*Tiredness or lack of energy

*Guilt or low self-esteem (feeling worthless, useless, or helpless)

*Difficulty concentrating or making decisions

*Hopelessness, sometimes leading to a feeling that life is not worth living, and thoughts of death or suicide.

It's important to see a doctor if some of these symptoms persist for two or more weeks.

Barb Gano, DMACC nursing instructor, said, "Depression is one of the most treatable mental illnesses because there are many effective medications out there." She also stressed that it's important to get counseling or just talk to someone. Gano said, "You can't handle it alone."

Here are some numbers to call for help:

Ames-Richmond Center Crisis Line.....1-800-830-7009

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PBL students share holiday cheer at Evangelical Free Church Home

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

"Would you like a Christmas Card?" Jenny Berry asks as she hands a resident the gift. Berry is one of the hand-full of students associated with the Phi Beta Lamda, A DMACC business organization. Their current activity is delivering the cards to the Evangelical Free Church Home, a nursing home in Boone.

Each of the residents were treated to a Christmas card with a holiday greeting and a small piece of peppermint candy in the envelope.

"This is what PBL is all



photo by Darin Longman
PBL student Suzanne Nkatha handed out cards to a resident at the Evangelical Free Church Home in Boone.

about, the giving spirit," Berry said. The spirit was apparent, judging by the smiles on the residents' faces and the amount of thanks that the group received. The residents were very happy with their cards. Linda Plueger, PBL advisor was also happy with the turn out. She said, "I really enjoyed going today and seeing the smiles. Everyone likes to receive something at Christmas, no matter what age. Visiting the residents makes DMACC students feel like they are giving an extra special gift."

Some of the residents, like Arlene Rabau, would agree. "These are super men and super women," Grabau said after receiving a card. "This gives people something to look forward to. We need all the cheer we can get, not only at Christmas time."

The PBL is a business organization

that realizes the importance of reaching out to the community. It has other events planned including a proposed project, involving Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you

To all the DMACC family, staff, and students for your prayers, phone calls, and cards during my illness. They were appreciated so very much. You all have been so great, many thanks!

--John Smith

Bears' Blue Crew makes debut

Jenn Yungclas
Banner Staff

A new group is leaving its mark around Boone campus this semester.

You may have noticed the small Christmas tree in the Courter Center, or the large poster for Coach John Smith hanging on the wall. These are just a couple of things that the Bears' Blue Crew has been doing since its start earlier this semester.

The Bears' Blue Crew was started this semester to get the community more involved and to improve DMACC's reputation with the community. "It's just pure fun," Blue Crew president Abby Martin said. "It gives students an opportunity to be a part of something and give their ideas."

Contrary to many peo-

ple's beliefs, the Blue Crew is not a drill team or group of cheerleaders. They do



photo by Jenn Yungclas
The Angel Tree in the Courter Center was created by the Bears Blue Crew.

want to go to games and get more crowd support. Since the sports teams have done so well this year, they want the community to get more involved.

"We want to get people here to support the teams," Martin said. And this is not just for girls. Martin stressed that they really want more males

involved with the group as well as females.

Although the Bears' Blue Crew is just getting started, it already has big plans for the upcoming semester. The group invited the Boone High School pep band as well as the high school drill team to perform at half time of the DMACC basketball games. A raffle, contests and plans for having a dance are currently in the works. But at this time, the Angel Tree in the Courter Center is a main focus. "The Angel Tree is for students who need help getting gifts for their kids," Martin said. Staff and students are encouraged to help

if they can. On the tree is a list of gift ideas that anyone can help purchase that will go to the child in need.

The other work in progress is the poster for Coach Smith. The Blue Crew made the poster hanging on the wall by the Courter Center for anyone to sign, to show support for him.

The Bears' Blue Crew is still looking for recruits. The group meets every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in the Courter Center, or contact Abby Martin or Shelby Hildreth in the advising office.

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Sisson's music is all For The Better

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

An ordinary guy, an ordinary college student, Adam Sisson spends a lazy Sunday on the couch after falling victim to a sore throat. Adam appears much like the typical college student, or anyone of his age, wearing a Carolina Mudcats shirt and khaki pants along with his torn American Eagle sneakers. Adam is an ordinary guy, an ordinary college student. However, when he hits the stage, he is anything but ordinary.

Adam Sisson is a guitar player and founding member of *For the Better*, a highly well known and popular Ames local band that has played gigs that range from Ames all the way to Storm Lake. In just under a year with the band's own determination and the ability to craft songs that are meant to touch the hearts of the masses, they have pushed themselves to the forefront of the local scene. Fellow bandmate Ryan Seiler describes Adam, and the rest of the band's reason for making music. "We make music because God has blessed us with musical gifts. We express our faith and our lives through this medium and people relate to us this way."

Even with a growing fan base and dozens of shows played, life for a local band is still much the same as it would be for any other college-aged male.

The house that Adam and a few of the bandmates live in is much like any other that college kids would live in, an older house decorated with Transformer and Marvel super hero posters. The cleanliness of the place might have earned a scolding from the residents' respective mothers, but in a stereotypical case, a

clean house commanded by college students is tough to find.

Adam shares a room with a roommate, one who fancies Star Wars by the looks of all the action figures hung on the walls, still retaining their original packaging. Even though the room has bunkbeds, Adam is proud to point out that his ball pit, a miniature version of the standard ball pits found at Chucky Cheese, rests where his tired body should lie. He is equally quick to point out the deep closet with a mattress and a TV inside. "This is where I sleep," Sisson exclaims. "It's my own little cave. I can hibernate like a bear."

It is in this cluttered house that Sisson dwells, in-between his time spent at DMACC and touring the area with his band. He has a few hobbies, ones that should come as no surprise: writing and listening to music. Sisson is very proud of his vast record collection. It includes records such as Cat Stevens, John Denver, the Footloose soundtrack, and Saves the Day. Although he listens to all of these, he still cites his musical influences as *The Get Up Kids*, *Thursday* and *Coheed and Cambria*.

"I like things that deviate from pop

music," Sisson says, referring to *Coheed and Cambria* and *Thursday*. "The unstructured style makes it interesting to listen to." These bands help the creative process, but Sisson claims that his inspirations for song writing in his band are acoustic acts like *Dashboard Confessional* and *Ben Harper*. To him these songs by those particular bands are special and fuel his creative fire because of the specific way they are written in story form. "I like songs that tell stories. Stories are a better way to convey emotions, and people can identify with characters in the stories. It personalizes the song." Adam's taste for story-telling songs may stem from the fact that he is also very interested in writing, preferably poetry or short fiction. He also likes reading old poetry books. His favorite poem is one written by Cloyd Mann Criswell, entitled *The Newlyweds*. Adam's favorite song that he has penned himself is one that he calls "Dashing Knight" The song is a tale of a knight and a princess falling in love. There is unrest in the kingdom, and the knight is called off to war. Unfortunately he dies in battle, and the love story is never finished. "It's pretty generic, but everyone loves a love story."

Adam and the rest of the lads in *For the Better*, Ryan Seiler, Luke Conard, Jason Munday, and Eric Vos, have been touring around the area promoting their music since January. They were involved in the Veisha Battle of the Bands and also won third place in the Towers ExTRAganza Battle of the Bands. They are paid usually between \$200 and \$500 a gig. They produce the CD's themselves, burn copies and then created the CD inserts and copy the inserts and burn the CDs for mass production. The second CD is in the works and will be shipped off to professionals for

mastering. But, in the earlier days before college Sisson was in another band.

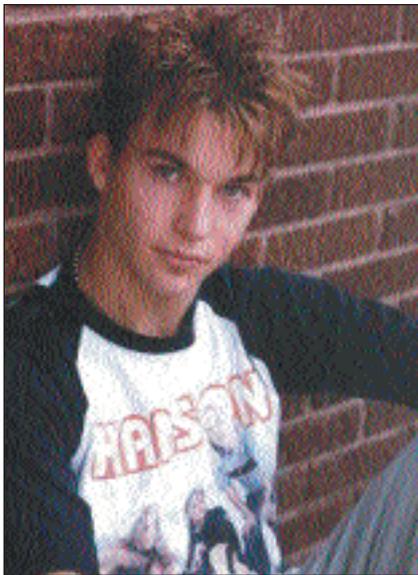
While attending high school in Gilbert, Adam was with a group that called themselves *Special When Lit*. The band was a harder sounding band that received their name from writing that was on an old pinball machine. *Special When Lit* was an entirely different sounding band from *For the Better's* acoustic/pop-punk stylings, but a slight influence is still present from *Special When Lit's* hardcore roots. Sisson said the best show they had ever played was the Veisha Battle of the Bands because of the excellent sound quality and a crowd of fans hanging on their every note. However, all the shows have not been so perfect. Adam recites the tales of broken down vans and no way home from the gig to an already infamous show at Ames High in which attendance was low and the sound system was poor at best.

The band has played and done very well despite the some of the problems that come along with being a band in general. Adam gives this advice: making friends with the various club owners will make it easier to get gigs. He also says making sure that the band always plays good sets will ensure a growing fan base and will help the band look professional. Sisson also stresses the importance of self-promotion. "Self-promotion is essential so the local community knows who you are."

"Everything he does musically is really personal and it reflects upon him." Says David Whetstone, roommate and friend. "It depends on who he is with whether he's crazy or quiet."

Bandmates and friends would agree that there are two sides to Adam's personality

His band member, Ryan Seiler, says nearly the same thing: "He's mature in the sense that he knows how to be responsible yet goofy at the same time."



Adam Sisson

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'Solaris,' a real mind-bender

Jason Mortvedt
Banner Staff

Completely lost. That was my first impression after the first thirty minutes of this movie. I'm not afraid to admit, this is one of the most abnormal movies that I have ever witnessed.

If you've seen the previews on television, they make Solaris out to be a love story. But it's much more than that. This remake of the 1972 film takes the viewer on a wild trip of confusion, emotional rides, and basically just completely lost throughout the movie.

Solaris takes place far into the future. It's about a man, Dr. Kris Kelvin (George Clooney), who had lost his wife a few

years prior, and is still struggling to live life normally. He gets a call from a friend to fly to a space shuttle docked on the

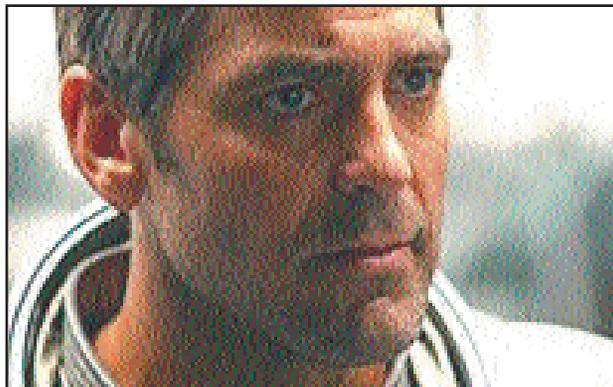


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George Clooney stars in the remake of Solaris.

outer-edge of the planet Solaris, because they are experiencing some problems on-board.

Then the fun begins. When Kelvin gets on the

ship, strange things begin to happen and it's really tough for the viewer to tell what's real and what's fake.

I felt this movie was really tough to follow in the beginning because it just basically throws the viewer into this man's life

and you have to figure out what's going on. They give you no clues as to what year it is or the essential plot-line, you have to figure those out as well.

What makes this movie even more confusing, is when Kelvin goes to sleep for the first night, he wakes up to his wife next to him. Obviously something that is out of the ordinary considering she is suppose to be dead. From then on in the movie, Kelvin and two others living on the ship are figuring out how his "wife" got there and exactly what she is.

Once again, this movie is really confusing and hard to follow. It starts out really slow and a lot of parts drag on. It only begins to pick up about half an hour into the movie, and then begins

to drag on some more. I had my doubts during the beginning of Solaris, but after about forty five minutes I was starting to come around.

I think this is a unique movie, and only a certain few would enjoy it. If I had to compare Solaris with another movie it's very similar to Vanilla Sky, in that there are a lot of twists and turns that throw the viewer off. But if you are willing to take the time and patience to sit through this movie, I think it's worth seeing an interesting new type of film. It also has a twist in the end, so if you can stick it out until then I believe it's worth it.

FIFA 2003 delivers exciting soccer action

Chris Barrett
Contributing Writer

Electronic Arts latest offering in the soccer department is a total departure from previous installments. I don't know where to start. There are so many great things about this game: the graphics, the sound, the realism. Everything is perfect.

FIFA 2003 has about 16 leagues, 450 teams, and 10,000 players. Each team has authentic uniforms and most have replicas of their home stadium.

Even more impressive than that are the graphics. *FIFA 2003* looks amaz-

ing. The star players like Roberto Carlos, Landon Donovan, and David Beckham look exactly like they do in real life. Beckham has his model like appearance, feathered hair and all.

Packed stadiums add to the excitement. The crowd reacts to everything that happens on the pitch as they would in real life; "ooohs" and "ahhhs" fill the air as the home team gets closer to the opposing net. When a goal is scored, the crowd explodes into a frenzy of cheering, followed by team specific chants and waving team flags. All this makes scor-

ing a goal very exciting and realistic.

The action on the field has been totally overhauled. The passing game is much more realistic than ever before. In previous installments players acted without much cause, just running about the pitch like stray kittens. *FIFA 2003* takes care of that; every player acts like he wants the ball. Players make runs, go after loose balls and slide tackle when necessary.

Anyone who loves soccer for the strategy involved will love *FIFA 2003*. Most games are decided by one goal, which

makes almost every game a nail biter. Keepers (goalies) are smarter than ever before taking risks that can make or break a game. *FIFA 2003* takes strategy, skill and a little knowledge of how soccer should be played.

All this talk of realism may scare away the casual soccer fans, but don't worry, my fair-weather soccer compadres there is an arcade mode to ease your soul. The arcade mode speeds up the action on the field by taking away offsides and other penalties, making for high scoring, action packed games.

I cannot say too much

about how fun *FIFA 2003* is. The satisfaction that comes from scoring a fancy goal and hearing the crowd go completely bonkers is unparalleled. The atmosphere is fantastic I often find myself yelling aloud and taunting the computer opponents, and I'll even verbally abuse the referees at times.

The only other thing left to say is "Buy this game!" Any soccer fan should be shunned for not owning a copy of *FIFA 2003*.

Graphics: 10
Sound: 10
Gameplay: 10
Overall: 10

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The way I see it

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff



Stress levels are high, moods are bad, and teachers are swamped with last minute assignments being handed in. Yeah, that's right, it's time for finals. As I walk around the Courter Center, I can't help but think, how different things are for me now compared to a year ago.

I started college out a few years ago at Iowa State University. Like a lot of freshman, I went in not having the slightest clue what I wanted to do, or what I wanted out of college. I just wanted to go. After a couple years of switching majors, mixed with the death of my close friend and roommate, I decided I needed to get out.

Sometimes I wonder if everyone knows these days just how stressful it is being thrown into a major university at age 18. People expect you to know what you want to do, and think you're responsible and mature enough to attend classes on your own with no help from mom. Being a nameless face in the crowd never did appeal to me, and made it that much easier to not attend.

It's funny sometimes how life works in reverse. Most people here are planning to go on to bigger schools, where as I went from the bigger school to DMACC. I do plan on going back to Iowa State sometime, but I just wanted to express how glad I am that I ended up in Boone.

I really believe that everyone should attend a community college before going to a major university. It's so much better here. I've had so much more personal attention with my teachers, more hands on experience, and met a lot of nice people. Universities, like ISU, offer a lot of these same things, but the experience proves to be costly if you aren't sure on what you want to do. In these times where tuitions are going up 20% every time we turn around, it's hard to spend that money while trying to explore different avenues.

I've gotten the chance here to pursue my interest in journalism, without having to hassle with the many people I would have come into contact with at the Iowa State Daily office. I wouldn't have gotten a chance to see how everything works, and just turned in assignments. Here I've gotten to have hands on experience with layout, editing, and seeing how exactly a paper goes together. It's been a wonderful experience and I can't wait to get back at it next semester, and if you have ever had any interest in doing journalism, give it a shot, we'd love to have you.

So good luck on finals everyone, if you're like me you're going to need it. And keep in mind while your here at DMACC, instead of trying to just get your credits and get out, take advantage of the opportunity you have here to get some hands on experience. You may find it enjoyable.

Hey, this is just the way I see it, I could be wrong, but not likely.

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Hurray for the child that makes it through

Robbie Maass
Editor-in-chief

The end of another semester of DMACC is finally here. We, the staff of the Banner would like to wish all students good luck on their finals and their future, whatever it may hold. Students will be transferring and new students will be arriving, all with the same goal of furthering or finishing their education. I, myself, still haven't decided what to do next semester but, hey, I've got a few weeks to decide, right?

Some college papers might take this space up on the Opinion page to review what has happened over the campus during the course of the semester and I thought about doing that as well. So, I thought long and hard about the exciting events that have taken place on the Boone campus over the last three months that we students might have taken witness to. But

like the activities and events on this campus, my thoughts fell short.

But, I'm not going to criticize the lack of events that surround us here in Boone because that would make me hypercritical. Why is that you might ask? Let's say that we students were treated to more free meals or hypnosis shows or whatever colleges do these days to entertain their students. I probably would not attend any of these various events because I'm simply not interested. I didn't come to DMACC to take part in the college life. I came, or ended up, in Boone because the classes are generally easier compared to state university, and credits seem to add up a bit faster. All of which lead to the final goal of graduation.

And isn't that why we go to college in the first place? To get that piece of paper that says we're college graduates, and we've completed the necessary classes to fulfill a major? We spend two to four

years of our short lives learning about things that will have nothing to do with our future job, but that's the way the collegiate educational system works.

Maybe I'm out in left field on this topic. Or maybe I'm just frustrated with the uncertain path that I'm currently stumbling down. College doesn't seem to be an answer for me, but I guess it's something that has to be done. I think a lot of students can sympathize with me on this. And to you I say stick with it, because in the end it will, or should, pay off. At least that's what I'm told.

As for me, you'll probably see me next semester nonchalantly wondering these halls trying to figure out just what I'm going to do with myself. If you happen to bump into me and have any advice, please feel free to offer it. I'm always open for suggestions.

CDs make good holiday gifts

Adam Sisson
Banner Staff

The holidays are almost upon us and the time for getting gifts draws closer. A slew of products are released as many different companies try to get you to spend your holiday bucks.

After having scoured many stores for the perfect presents, I have come to the realization that music makes the best gift.

Now that we have come to the decision of what to get, (a new CD, obviously) there comes up the question of where to get it.

When looking for CDs, the first place that comes to mind would be Sam Goody in nearby Ames. Unless your looking for specialty or hard to get CDs, Sam Goody will be overpriced. A cheaper alternative

for popular music is Wal-Mart. Priced nearly three bucks cheaper per CD, Wal-Mart is a much better deal. Wal-Mart lacks the selection of specialty music stores, and so this means they will not always have exactly what you're looking for.

Target and K-Mart have just about the same selection, with relatively the same prices. A select few releases are actually cheapest at Target.

If your musical tastes stray from the mainstream, Amazon.com will surely have what you are looking for. It has something for everyone: the new Matchbox Twenty album to The Dixie Chicks, Paul McCartney's "Back in the U.S. Live 2002" to the Snoop Dogg's latest disc.

A drawback to Amazon.com is the shipping and handling charges, bringing

some of their prices up to Sam Goody's level.

Another store with a vast amount of music is Hastings. Located on Lincoln Way in Ames, it is only a 15-minute drive from Boone. Hastings not only sells new discs, but used ones as well. The used CDs go for significantly cheaper than new ones, and Hastings makes sure there are not damaged when they are purchased from customers. You can take all the CDs your tired of and trade them in for cash.

Shopping for music for someone else is always a precarious process; you never know what a person might like unless you ask him or her, ruining the present. Possibly the best way to please your gift receiver is to get them a gift certificate.

Teresa McCane
Banner Staff



Dear Ms. T.,

I met a really cute guy when I went home for Thanksgiving break. We went to the movies, out to dinner and talked about everything. The night before I left, we slept together. I gave him my address and phone number. I haven't heard from him since! What did I do wrong?
Signed, Lonely Hearted.

Dear Lonely Hearted,

I can tell you exactly what you did wrong. You gave him what he wanted way too soon! I hope you used a condom. You should have exchanged addresses and got-

ten his number, instead of sleeping with him. If you haven't written him yet, go ahead; if you don't hear from him in a week or two, you will have learned a valuable lesson. I honesty feel that if you hadn't slept with him; you would've had a better chance of hearing from him.
Signed, Ms. T.

Dear Ms. T.,

I do everything for my boyfriend! I let him drive my car, buy his clothes and everything he needs. I even give him money when he is broke. I am getting tired of taking care of him, but I love him! What should I do? Signed, Unhappy.

Dear Unhappy,

I am so glad you wrote. You say you love him, but does he love you? A relationship is supposed to be 50/50, not 80/20. As good as the sex must be, it doesn't pay the bills! Listen to me; a man will do what you allow him to do. Years ago, I did the same things for a man and all I got was hurt. You can't buy love. Tell your boyfriend how you're feeling, and see how he responds. His response could help you decide what may be best for you.
Signed, Ms. T.

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Ask Ms. T

Bears suffer defeat to Marshalltown

Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff

The DMACC Bears men's basketball team was defeated by Marshalltown on Monday night, 63-79, snapping their nine game winning streak. With the loss, the team's record now stands at 10-2 overall.

After jumping out to a 29-14 lead, the Bears went cold from the floor and fell behind at the intermission, 34-37. In the second half, poor shooting continued to plague the Bears as they finished the game at thirty three percent from the field. Marshalltown put up 42 points in the second half, proving too much for the Bears to overcome.

For the game, Derrick Ponder lead all scorers with sixteen points, with Dominique Leake adding thirteen and Ian Young the other double digit scorer with



Dominique Leake was Monday nights leading scorer.

twelve. Shaun Williams was the leading rebounder with eight, and Charles Boyd handed out eight assists to pace the team.

The Bears hope to bounce back from

the loss on Tuesday night against William Penn at home.

Former JC All-American Shelton Colwell, now at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, is enjoying success at the Division I level. Through six games, Colwell is averaging 13.2 points, 6.2 rebounds, and 2.2 blocks per game, ranking third, second, and first on his team, respectively. Any Bears fans interested in seeing Colwell play will get the chance to do so twice this season, as SMS will be at Drake on January 8th, and at UNI on January 25th.

Jamal Jackson, the other Bear off last year's team to make the transition to Division I, has struggled as of late for Siena. After a promising debut, Jackson has averaged 3.2 points, and two assists per game over his last five games.

Although Jackson has not seen as much success thus far as Colwell, the season is long and plenty of time is available for improvement.

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Women continue winning ways

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff

Coming in to the Nov 25 game with Buena Vista, the DMACC Bears women's basketball team was 2-1. They were facing six games in the span of the next twelve days, not to mention the Thanksgiving holiday break. The Bears came away with a 60-55 win that night, and the start to what would be an exciting stretch of games and improvement for the team.

On Nov. 30 the Bears handed Grandview a 70-57 loss, and followed that up with a 55-35 romping of Graceland on Dec. 2. On Dec. 4 Simpson came within ten points losing 68-59, but wasn't as close as the score would lead you to think. Faith Baptist came into town the next night, but was sent home with a 73-50 loss to think about on the bus ride.

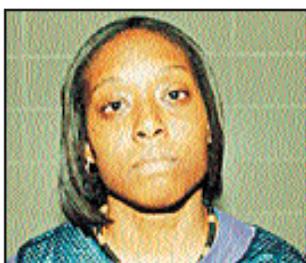
The Bears rounded out the six game stretch with a loss to Marshalltown Saturday night, losing 56-78, 8 of those points being scored against them in the last minute. The Bears seemed to be in the game until a stretch where Marshalltown went on a 12-0 run.

"With fifteen minutes left, it was a three point game, we were right there, and we just collapsed." Conrad was disappointed with the loss, but was very positive about the games that preceded it. "We keep getting better with every game, we learn from our mistakes, people have been stepping up and making plays."

As far as players stepping up, Conrad sited Jennifer Luckett as the biggest surprise coming on as of late. "Jennifer is really coming on, she had 28 against Faith Baptist. She's starting to get comfortable and is really coming together as a player, she has a lot of potential." Luckett is a 5'

10" forward from Milwaukee.

The Bears face Penn Valley and NIACC before the Christmas holiday on Dec 11 and 14 respectively, both at home. They then come out of the break with four home games starting on Jan 5.



Jennifer Luckett is a 5' 10" forward from Milwaukee.

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The Other Side of the Courter

“What are you doing over winter break?”

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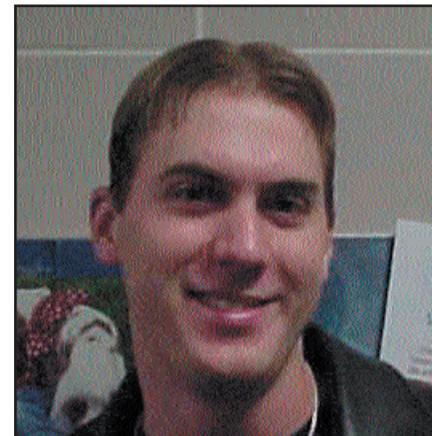
Beth Mann
“Working.”



Joe Beaudry
“I’m going home.”



Haley Kinyon
“I’m going to paint the inside of my house.”



Mark Boelman
“I’m hanging out with my son.”



Horoscopes

by Pam

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your closest friend is carrying a deep secret and would feel unburdened if you would listen. Your advice can wait; your support is most needed right now. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 9, 16, 27

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Romance continues to be a constant theme in your life. A deep secret may ruin everything; if not, keep to yourself. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 6, 18, 12

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Your travel plans could let you leave without saying bye. This could create some conflict if there are too many unresolved issues in your life. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 4, 15, 22

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) A deep commitment is under attack. If you are unsure of yourself, some new ideas may seem attractive. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 13, 17, 20

Gemini (May 21-June 20) An adventure that you have been planning is so much in your mind that you can't accomplish the simplest task. Stay focused until all other tasks are done. Romance: Poor | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 3, 17, 23

Cancer (June 21-July 22) If you're in a cleaning mood around the house, expect to find a long-lost object with great sentimental value. This might also be a chance to make some spending money. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 5, 13, 17

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Your neighbor-

hood is the scene of wild celebrations. If you are included, this could prove to be the event that sparks a soul mate. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 12, 28, 29

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A social situation that you would normally avoid will suddenly captivate you. A slight obsession is forming as you enjoy the acceptance of a new group of friends. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 17

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your long term plans are moving at a much faster pace. Something big will reveal a clue for what your next big move will be. Romance: Poor | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 16

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Career opportunities will put you in favorable position are here and your next challenge will be to demonstrate your qualifications for the new responsibilities. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 24

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A second of pride could be seen as your most recent crest. Others are proud of you, and even a little envious. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 21

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your conquest marks the completion of a long and hard struggle. You are mainly happy to have earned the approval of a very serious critic. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 10, 18, 21

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