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Financial aid at all-time high

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff

Federal aid recipients and disbursement of funds are at an all time high this year at DMACC.

Students receiving Pell Grants this year number 2,285, a 35.37 percent increase from last year. Direct loans were granted to 1,018 and 338 from the DMACC grant. That's a 63.4 and 8.68 percent increase respectively. Seventy-two students are doing work study this year. These students are paid seven dollars an hour and can work up to 1800 dollars for the school year.

First time borrowers and first year students had to go through a 30 day waiting period from the start of the fall term this year. This was due to the new federal regulations governing the release of refund checks for students with no prior college or loan histories.

Many students felt that this time was way too long to wait. Financial crunches make it hard for students to come up with the money to attend school. Nealy Bess, a DMACC freshman said, "The 30 days really cramped me, I had to look to other sources for help."

Many other students found the wait to be very difficult as well. Having to look to other resources, such as parents and another job to come up with the funds. Vicki Lauzon, from the financial aid office on Boone campus, mentioned late filers as being another problem contributing to a lot of students not getting their aid. Lauzon added "You should fill out a FAFSA by at least May 1, even if you're not sure you'll be attending school."

A tutorial and quiz were also added to the enrollment process this year to receive aid. The tutorial outlined the rights and responsibilities as a borrower under the direct subsidized and unsubsidized loan programs. For those students not wanting to take the online quiz, there is a 20 minute video available in the financial aid office.

Many students found this quiz to be unproductive however. DMACC freshman Jessica Blomberg stated, "The quiz was real easy, but I found it very unnecessary." The quiz following the tutorial outlined points such as managing your education expenses and other ways to pay for your education.

"Myths and Malaprops" U.K. presentation

Igor Braga
Banner Staff

Last Monday, Sept. 30, the second U.K. activity for the fall semester was held in the gymnasium with the celebration of the Year of United Kingdom. Tom and Anne Blaha presented "Myths and Malaprops: Two Midwesterners Come of Age in Britain."

They shared with the students some of the cultural differences and funny situations they have experienced in eight years living in the United Kingdom.

The Blahas first went to the U. K. on a Fulbright-Hays Teacher Exchange from Carl Sandburg Community College in Galesburg, Illinois where Tom used to teach. Following his exchange at Peveril College in Hampshire, he spent several years as head of social studies at the American School in Aberdeen Scotland and Anne, a native Iowan, taught social studies for grades 7-12 at the American School in Aberdeen, Scotland.

During all these years of experience they faced different situations and cultural shocks and what they called "Myths

and Malaprops." Tom and Anne demystify some of the myths concerning lifestyle and behavior from the people of the United Kingdom especially from Scotland where they spent most of their time.

One of the things that Americans believe is that people from the UK are cold, not friendly and puritans. "They are very friendly and more open to subjects



photo by Igor Braga
Tom and Anne Blaha

like alcohol, sex, body parts," said Anne. Tom added two more qualities, "loyalty and generosity."

Another thing that grabbed their atten-

tion was about identification. "If you go to a bar and ask for a beer, they never ask for an ID, and not everybody has a driver license because it is too expensive to get one and to buy a car."

Anne and Tom went through a "language adaptation." They said that the difference in the accent was one of the main problems. "In America we use bathroom, there they use the word toilet," said Tom.

The Blahas have two kids. Both children were born in Scotland. Anne explained how concerned the doctors are in that country about pregnancy. "The new mother, after her baby is born, goes home eight days after she gives birth, because first she must learn at the hospital how to change diapers, feed and take care of her child, and after that she brings her child back to the doctor once a month for the first five years." This is only one of the many things that they have experienced while living there.

The next U.K. activity is scheduled for Oct. 4 in Room 219. It will be a travel log on England and Scotland.

Phi Theta Kappa initiation Friday

Lara Yungclas
Banner Staff

Over 1.2 million members strong; 1,200 campuses around the world; 23 state Phi Theta Kappa chapters; 32 million dollars awarded at 525 senior institutions, and the chance to travel to various conferences throughout the year are all benefits included as a Phi Theta Kappa member.

Phi Theta Kappa, or PTK, is an international honor society. Members, whether involved or not, must maintain a 3.5 GPA from a total of 12 hours of associate degree course work at the community college level. PTK is a Greek organization whose members are chosen by academic success and invited to join. The Phi Theta Kappa chapter in Boone is known as the Tau Phi Chapter. Clint VanWinkle, a Boone DMACC student, was asked to join and said he plans to mainly for the scholarships and the proof of his academic

success.

Phi Theta Kappa is not focused solely on academics, however. PTK has four hallmarks: scholarship, fellowship, leadership and service. Community services, volunteering as well as international services, keep PTK members busy as well. There are many benefits to being an active



member. Millions of dollars in scholarships are awarded as well as the opportunity to attend regional and international conferences. Universities literally "bid"

on PTK members. Once members graduate from the 2-year institutions, transfer scholarships are very large and membership as a PTK transfers as well.

As a PTK member, students "invest in their future," said Nancy Woods, Tau Phi Chapter Advisor and Iowa Regional Coordinator. It is a student's chance to "Step up and be a leader."

Students can further their leadership opportunities by becoming an officer. Susan Smith, Tau Phi Chapter President, was busy with her duties last spring organizing officers, coordinating chapter activities and working with other PTK chapters. Because of her work with the chapter and her outstanding academic success, Smith was inducted onto the National Dean's List.

Many things make PTK a prestigious organization. The people, the service, the leadership and the friendship are factors that make PTK work, said Woods.

For more information go to <http://www.ptk.org>

Diesel cars--not just blowing smoke

By Patrick M. Valdez
Banner Staff

The mere mentioning of the word "diesel" can conjure up images of smoke belching dump trucks and tired old city buses. Not exactly what you would consider clean "eco-friendly transportation". But that has changed over the past 10 years or so.

Today's diesel engines are far cleaner than those old smoke spewing tanks of the past. Modern electronics have produced diesel that are far cleaner and fuel efficient than the diesel engines of yesteryear.

A diesel engine is also known as a compression engine, meaning it uses the heat generated by tightly compressing air to ignite fuel that is injected. There is no spark plug as is necessary in a gasoline engine. A diesel only gets enough fuel necessary to complete combustion. Therefore, it uses less fuel to generate power.

A diesel also uses more air than fuel in its combustion. This is known as a stratified charge, or "lean burn" engine. On the other hand, most gasoline engines burn more fuel than air.

One of the drawbacks to diesel engines is starting when cold. Unlike a gasoline-powered car, you cannot just jump in and turn the key to start. Diesel engines require some sort of preheating system to aid in cold starts. In the past, preheating took some time (up to 3 minutes or more in a dead cold engine,) but more modern diesel engines require significantly less preheating time.

Currently, diesel engine emissions are embroiled in a controversy. A recent EPA report stated that "diesel exhausts from large trucks and other sources probably cause lung cancer" and suggested a move "to reduce truck emissions through stricter requirements for cleaner diesel fuel." Many radical environmentalist groups are using this report as a weapon to call an end to the use of diesel engines, despite the fact the report focuses on upgrading diesel engines with better emission controls and cleaner fuel, both of which are in the near future. The EPA lists diesel engines as bad offenders because they produce more nitrogen oxides (which can help lead to smog). The EPA says that nitrogen oxides are more of a threat, compared to Europe and most of the world, which regulate carbon dioxide emissions more than anything else.

Additionally, people take offense to the black smoke that diesel are known to produce. That black smoke you see out of a semi-truck exhaust stack is not actually smoke but rather millions of fine soot particles. Unlike smoke, these are heavier than air and eventually settle to the ground. These particulates are



photo by Patrick Valdez

The Volkswagen Jetta is one example of a popular diesel car.

byproducts of more fuel being injected into the cylinder. Some studies have link these particulates to aggravating asthma.

With modern technology and emissions control devices, the nitrogen oxide emissions and particulate matter from a diesel engine can be reduced significantly. In 2006, ultra low sulfur diesel will be sold in the US, which will allow more sophisticated emissions controls. Emissions are lowered even more if biodiesel, a diesel fuel made from soybeans, rapeseed (canola oil), or even recycled deep fry fat is used. Unlike a FFV vehicle, which requires special parts and modifications to burn ethanol, methanol, etc, a modern diesel needs no special equipment to run biodiesel. One of the largest biodiesel production facilities in the United States is located right here in Iowa. West Central Soy, in Ralston, produces soy based lubricants and diesel fuel from locally grown soybeans in the central Iowa area. They recently celebrated the grand opening of their new biodiesel facility.

At the close of the 20th century, only DaimlerChrysler (Mercedes-Benz) and Volkswagen AG had been selling diesel-powered vehicles in the US, even after the diesel market fell out and most every other manufacturer stopped. Mercedes-Benz imported the last of its E300 diesel sedans to the United States in 1999. VW themselves dropped its US market diesel option in 1993, bringing it back in 1996

Up until 1990, most of the diesel offered by VW suffered from the same problem, slow acceleration, smoky exhaust, and lousy cold weather starting. In 1990 Audi AG, a division of VW, developed what is called the TDI engine, which was based on the Volkswagen 1.9liter inline 4-cylinder diesel engine. TDI stands for Turbo Direct Injection, which means the engine is turbocharged and uses direct injection for the diesel fuel. This engine was far more advanced than anything that VW had offered in the past. Unlike the diesel

engines offered from VW before, this one had electronic controls and sophisticated emissions systems. The engine started easier in cold weather, produced almost no visible particulates, low nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide emissions and was much more powerful.

A 1.9L TDI driven conservatively can get 41-50 miles to the gallon. Many European countries offered tax cuts for diesel fuel in order to encourage auto buyers to choose diesel. Europe also charges taxes on the amount of carbon dioxide a certain car emits. Since diesel emit less carbon dioxide, they get charged less tax. The VW Lupo, which is a smallest model sold by VW in Europe, has a TDI motor that can get up to 80 mpg, beating the gas/electric hybrid Honda Insight, which gets around 68 mpg.

TDI's are a hit with the US motoring crowd as well. The TDI was introduced for the 1996 model at first in the Passat until 1998 and Jetta models, followed in 1998 by the New Beetle and the Golf in 2000. The first few sales that took place were among diehard VW diesel fans that

wanted to replace their aging and comparatively underpowered 2nd generation VW diesel. Slowly the public began opening up to the motor. After all, it was hard to find a comfortable compact car that could return high 40 MPG rates which were as good as a tiny Geo Metro but without the added complexity and cost of a gas/electric hybrid power train similar to a Toyota Prius, and return performance equivalent to the VW 2.0L gasoline motor. Waiting lists for TDI Volkswagens, particularly the new Jetta station wagon are not uncommon and a used TDI has a high resale value on the used car market. VW TDI models are almost visibly indistinguishable from the gasoline versions, except for the TDI badge on the trunk lid (1996-1998 Jettas and Passats had a TDI badge on the front grille as well) and the twin downturned tip tailpipes from the muffler.

At the moment, only VW sells a diesel-powered automobile in the US. Mercedes-Benz is considering re-entering the market with a diesel powered E series with the superb MB 2.7L CDI turbo diesel inline 5 due to repeated requests by diehard MB diesel owners who want to trade up. Ford is also considering adding more turbo diesel motors to its lineup, including V6 versions of its popular "Powerstroke" diesel engine for the Expedition SUV, Explorer SUV and a Ford Focus equipped with Ford of Europe's popular TDCi motor, which will be aimed at putting a dent in VW's diesel car sales.

For more information on VW's TDI engine, visit www.vw.com, www.tdiclub.com, and www.vwvortex.com. More info on Iowa biodiesel production can be found at www.biodiesel.org and www.westcentralsoy.com.



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Fall enrollment sets record high

Kristen Sampson
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If the halls and classrooms on campus seem a little more crowded than last year at this time, that's probably because DMACC's enrollment is at an all time high.

Not only is it just here at the Boone campus, enrollment has increased considerably at all six DMACC campuses. Since the school had such an increase in students, this may explain the full parking lots or the delayed financial aid many students have had to deal with.

When looking at DMACC as a whole, the head count is a record high of 13,205 students—an increase of 11.1 percent, compared to the 11,886 students last fall of 2001. As far as credit hours, these thousands of students account for 118,498 credit hours, compared to 106,489 last fall.

On the Boone campus there should be plenty of new faces to notice on the way to class. Enrollment has gone up 7 percent— from 1,378 to a record 1,475 students this fall. Credit hours have also shown an increase of 10.1 percent.

According to Vivian Brandmeyer,

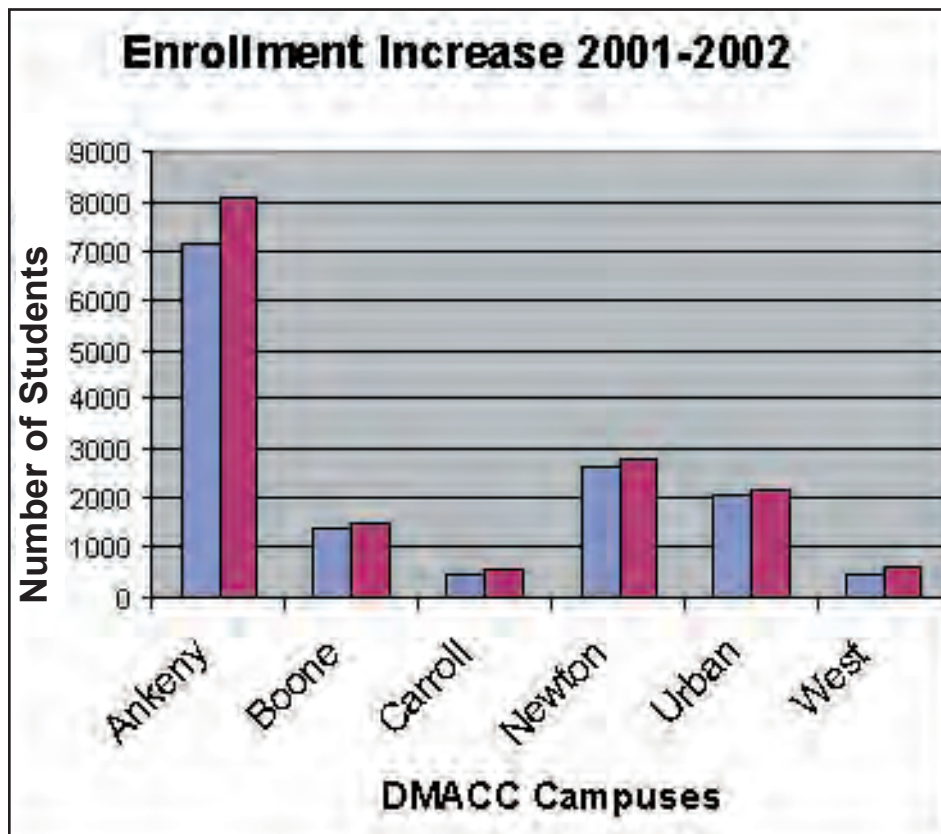
Boone Campus Executive Dean, "The DMACC Ames site is included in the count for Boone, which is a contributing factor. I also think students are choosing DMACC because of its accessibility and affordability."

Since the tuition is lower than all other community colleges in Iowa at just \$72 per credit hour, it's no surprise that enrollment is so high.

George Silberhorn, Associate Dean, agrees that cost is influencing a lot of students in picking a school. "Tuition's been raised considerably at regent institutions (universities), which is making us community colleges look more attractive."

Universities are predicted to raise tuition even higher next fall, which will continue to boost enrollment. Students at DMACC usually pay a little over \$900 for tuition per semester, while most universities students pay over \$2000. These numbers say a lot if money is the issue.

Silberhorn also said, "People are now starting to realize the true value of community colleges because we offer good transfer classes, and our students compete well with students attending regent institutions."



Help available for those needing accommodations

Jenn Yungclas
Banner Staff

Many students do not find college classes easy. But students with disabilities have additional challenges besides the grueling class work.

Accommodations are offered to students on campus who have disabilities. A disability may range from a short term disability like a broken arm to something

long term such as a vision or hearing impairment.

The first thing a student must do is talk to his or her instructors on an individual basis. The student can then pick up an application for accommodation from Shelby Hildreth in the advising office. "Students who have had accommodations in high school or in their past need to make sure they go through the process. They are not just awarded accommoda-

tions because they have a disability," Hildreth said.

The process includes submitting the application along with documentation to verify the need for the special accommodations. These will then be sent to Pamela Parker, the Special Needs coor-

ordinator for all DMACC campuses. All services are confidential and free to those students who qualify. Any questions may be directed to Hildreth X5024 or Parker at X6850 at the Ankeny campus.

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38th Parallel signs with major label

Adam Sisson
Banner Staff

On July 2, 38th Parallel released their first major label CD. Momentum had been building in the months leading up to the release of "Turn the Tides," their major label debut album. Both the fans and the music industry were excited for this release. The label promoting 38th Parallel had placed the band's pictures and advertisements on the same promotional posters as hard rockers P.O.D.

Not only had 38th Parallel been signed to Word Records (a subsidiary of AOL Time Warner Corp.), but their debut CD was being produced by Tony MCanany. This was the same man who produced for rapper Missy Elliot and P.O.D. This is no small accomplish-



Members of 38th Parallel from left to right are Shane Moe, Mark Jennings, Aaron Nordyke, Nathan Rippke, and Jeff Barton.

photo courtesy of 38thparallelmusic.com

ment for any band, especially one that came from our very own Ames, Iowa.

38th Parallel started out with six original members in 1998, but over time they

gained a second vocalist and lost two guitarists. The band now consists of Mark Jennings and Nathan Rippke as vocalists, Shane Moe on guitar, Jeff Barton playing bass, and Aaron Nordyke with drums. All members of the band graduated from Gilbert High School and live either in or around the Ames area.

Jennings, the lead vocalist, began his education here at DMACC. Like the rest of the band members, he is taking time off from school to pursue a career in music. When asked what he thought of his time here at DMACC, he responded by saying "it was like a glorified high school."

38th Parallel's musical style has been compared numerous times to *Linkin Park* and *Project 86*. The band members prefer to stay away from such comparisons, describing their

sound as melodic, emotionally charged hard rock. The radio single off of "Turn the Tides" is the song *Blue Horizon*. The song starts with soft singing in the verses, then fires into a rapped pre-chorus that turns into a sweeping, harmony driven chorus. This proves to be a good mixture of musical styles, as it sends thousands of audience members into a frenzy of raised fists and moshing.

Right now, the members of 38th Parallel are taking it easy. They are resting between tours and catching up with family and friends. Their last tour took them through 35 cities, and their next outing will take them through 35 more, starting Oct. 3. These tours put a stop to a so-called "normal life" for the guys in the band. But as Jennings puts it, "It is worth the sacrifice. It's surreal."

And it would be surreal; playing in front of huge crowds who already know the words to your songs; having your pictures on promotional posters and the band logo on shirts and hats worn by youngsters across the nation. Phenomenal would be the only way to describe what has happened to a local band from mid-Iowa.

MidTown rocks the M-Shop into oblivion

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

The word was out among people at the M-shop, the band *Taking Back Sunday* would not be there. Rumors were flying about how the lead singer of *TBS* had injured himself, but the only thing that was a certainty was that they would not be playing.

Luckily enough *The Reunion Show* stepped up to the plate along side *Recover* and the band everyone came to see, *Midtown*.

The Reunion Show was, for the most part, relatively unknown but very entertaining. Comparisons could be made to *The Get Up Kids* with the funky electronic keyboard and the catchy, yet rocking tunes. This band is sure to be around



photo courtesy of midtown.com

Midtown's Gabe, Heath, Rob & Tyler

for along time after dropping their debut next month.

The next band, *Recover* came out and almost snatched the show away from the headliners, *Midtown*. *Recover* formed as a band in order to cover *Green Day* songs but ironically, don't sound a bit like *Green Day*. With a tough as nails *Nirvana*-gone-emo sound the boys from *Recover*

rocked everyone's socks into the outer atmosphere.

Finally, *Midtown* took the stage and went through their set. They played tracks off their albums "Save the World Lose the Girl" and "Living Well is the Best Revenge."

They played some of the crowd favorites, like "Let Go" and "Recluse." Towards the end of the set list they played the MTV2 Staple "Like a Movie" and the mega popular "Just Rock N' Roll."

Midtown then played "Frayed Ends" as an encore along with a new unnamed song.

The night at the M-Shop ended up being a memorable one, even with the absence of *Taking Back Sunday*.

**Acts Appearing At
The M-Shop**
Tift Merritt- Oct. 3, 8 p.m.
You're Pretty- Oct. 4, 8 p.m.
Mason Jennings- Oct. 5, 9 p.m.
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Tuck Everlasting
Pokemon Forever Below
Punch-Drunk Love
Comedian
(check local listings for times and dates)

This week's DVD pick: Death to Smoochy

Jason Mortvedt
Banner Staff

Academy Award winner Robin Williams is best known for his more comical roles in his movies. On the other hand, Williams has lately been expanding his talent to more serious roles like "Insomnia," and his latest "One Hour Photo." But in "Death to Smoochy," I thought Williams played a 'darker' character than what I've noticed before.

Williams plays host to a children's show called Rainbow Randolph. Randolph has been on the air for years and gained the respect of all of the public, but in his greediness outside of the show, he receives an offer he can't refuse. The offer was made by undercover FBI agents. When Randolph accepted, he was arrested and 'Rainbow Randolph' was immediately taken off

the air. The producers of Kidsnet (the corporation that ran daytime shows for kids) were now in a bind; they needed a fill-in for 'Rainbow Randolph,' and quickly. The only requirement for the fill-in was that they needed to be 'squeaky clean' so that Kidsnet won't get embarrassed again.

The only fit-for-the-bill was the loner named Smoochy, a.k.a Sheldon Mopes (Ed Norton) who wants nothing in life but to send out a positive message to kids and the public. Smoochy was pushed into 'Rainbow Randolph's' time-slot and was an instant success.

In the midst of the popularity of Smoochy, Mopes was having diffi-

culties agreeing with the money-hungry producers about what contents were going onto the show. Mopes turns to an agent/ally (Danny Devito) who helps him gain control of everything that has to do

show a bad wrap, and put 'Rainbow Randolph' back in its old time-slot.

As Rainbow Randolph, it was interesting to see Williams as a different character than the usual slap-happy 'Patch Adams-type.' Randolph is a greedy person who means well, but thinks of nothing but revenge when he's not in the spotlight. As 'Smoochy,' Ed Norton plays a very unique and different role than his usual 'Fight Club' and 'American History X.' He's absolutely obsessed with sending out the right message to the public, and stresses only about eating healthy soy-food; he truly is 'squeaky clean.'

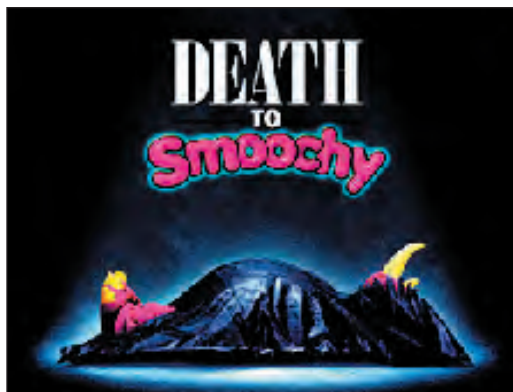


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The DVD was released on Sept. 17, 2002.

with 'Smoochy.' Meanwhile, Randolph is kicked out of his penthouse and homeless on the street without money or food. He spends the entire movie plotting against Smoochy to give his

'Sweet Home' more suitable for females

Jason Mortvedt
Banner Staff

The highly anticipated movie of September, 'Sweet Home Alabama' definitely lived up to its expectations as the 'chick-flick' of the year. Don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking the movie or anything, but I do enjoy the occasional 'chick-flick' myself every once in a while.

Reese Witherspoon plays Melanie Carmichael, a fresh new fashion designer of New York and the girlfriend of the Mayor of New York's son. Melanie comes off as a goody-two-shoes gal, who seems to have conquered New York the moment she got there.

A high point in the movie was when Melanie's boyfriend Andrew (Patrick Dempsey) proposes to her in a pretty smooth fashion, basically giving her the choice of any engagement ring that she wants. She reluctantly says yes, but she actually has some "business" to take care of first off before she can officially get married. That "business" that I'm talking about, is the fact that she has already been married to her high school sweetheart for the seven long years that she has been in New York. Now what I find so unbelievable, is the fact that she would, without warning or specific reason, drop everything

and move away from her home to begin a new life without her husband, without a divorce.

So she goes back to Alabama to have her current husband (Jake) sign the divorce papers. Jake, in retaliation, refuses to sign the papers in spite of her decision to move to New York. So Melanie is now forced to stay in Alabama as long as it takes to get the papers signed.

The middle chunk of the movie is basically just a whole push-pull love quarrel between Melanie and Jake. One minute they're in love reminiscing about the good ol' days, and then the next minute they can't seem to even stand to be

around each other. Towards the end of the movie everything gets resolved and Melanie chooses her man. The other guy that she doesn't pick to be with, apparently is o.k. with that! Then he moves on with his life. I watched that part in awe because he just seemed to be fine and dandy with the fact that he's lost the woman he loves. It really felt like the movie could've gone on a lot longer because there seemed to be so much

missing information. I mean, the movie mentions that Melanie left because of her "trailer park trash" upbringing, but why would she just leave a husband behind? Why wouldn't he go with her? There were too many unanswered background questions to go with the movie. As I see it, this movie was hyped up way too much. The press was all about Reese Witherspoon and her role as the southern belle turned popular New Yorker, but in my eyes it

seemed like just another sappy chick-flick. I've talked to a lot of females who loved the movie, but as the perspective of a guy who doesn't mind a girl movie...this just seemed to drag on. If you saw the previews on television, you won't miss much if you see the movie. My opinion is, it wouldn't hurt to wait for it to hit the dollar theatre or even the rental shelves.

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The way I see it

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff



Hello again all you DMACC students. Its time to kick back, relax and take a second to step into the lighter side of life. Now I know I pushed a few buttons with my first column this year with all you Iowa fans, and I'd like to apologize. I really would, but I can't, sorry.

I just don't get the world today. Either I'm getting smarter or the world is getting dumber. The other day I was at work, enjoying my comfortable new chair, when the kid next to me reached under his chair and grabbed a piece of paper attached to it. Now I thought it was just some simple installation instructions, but no, it was instructions on how to sit in a chair!

I couldn't believe it, apparently there are people all over the world who don't know how to sit in a chair properly and are falling over constantly from bad sitting techniques. And have you seen the commercials for these new lazy boy chairs with no arms? Who on earth wants a chair with no arms? We used to call them bean bags, they sell cheap at Walmart.

Now I know it's a free country and we can sell chairs with no arms if we want. Actually, that free country stuff is misleading. Anywhere that you can't buy 3 gallons of gas and a 20 ounce pop with a five dollar bill isn't free in my book. While on the subject of gas, that nine tenths at the end of the price really gets to me. Come on, round it up. I'm sick of pulling out my math book to try and figure how much gas I can get with ten bucks.

Can somebody, anybody tell me why they cut budgets to Iowa schools while that scandalous president at Iowa Central gets a \$30,000 pay raise? Hey I can doctor up some documents for DMACC if they can shell me out some more grants, lord knows I have the time.

I really am sick to death of money, probably because I don't have any to speak of. It ruins everything. College students getting in major debt with credit cards just to keep up, and that weasel Bud Selig in Milwaukee trying to get rid of my beloved Twins cause they aren't a financial big dog. Everyone knows you just want Minnesota fans to migrate to Milwaukee Bud, how's it feel now?

And this, my friends, is why I stay awake at night, staring at the ceiling in disbelief. I don't know, maybe I'm over-reacting. Just let me kick back in my chair with arms, drink my over priced soda and watch my Twins in the playoffs in peace.

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

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A day with Seneca

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Someone last week asked me what my duties were as Editor-in Chief of the Boone Banner. I listed them some examples such as assigning stories and proof reading everyone's article. It's a lot of responsibility and though it might not show, I do the best I can.

As much as I enjoy my responsibilities, I more or less took the job for its benefits. One of the benefits for taking this position is the privileges Editor-in Chief can have.

For example, this past Saturday I spent the day at Jack Trice Field watching the Cyclones punish the Huskers. But I didn't just watch this game from the stands; I witnessed one of the biggest ISU wins of all time on the field. Yes, my DMACC status got me a press pass for just about anywhere in that stadium and I went just about anywhere in that stadium.

Now I'm no stranger to Jack Trice, I've been going to games there since I could walk. But I've never been on the field during a game or wandered around aimlessly talking with other media people and refs.

I was like a kid in a candy store, one that holds fifty thousand.

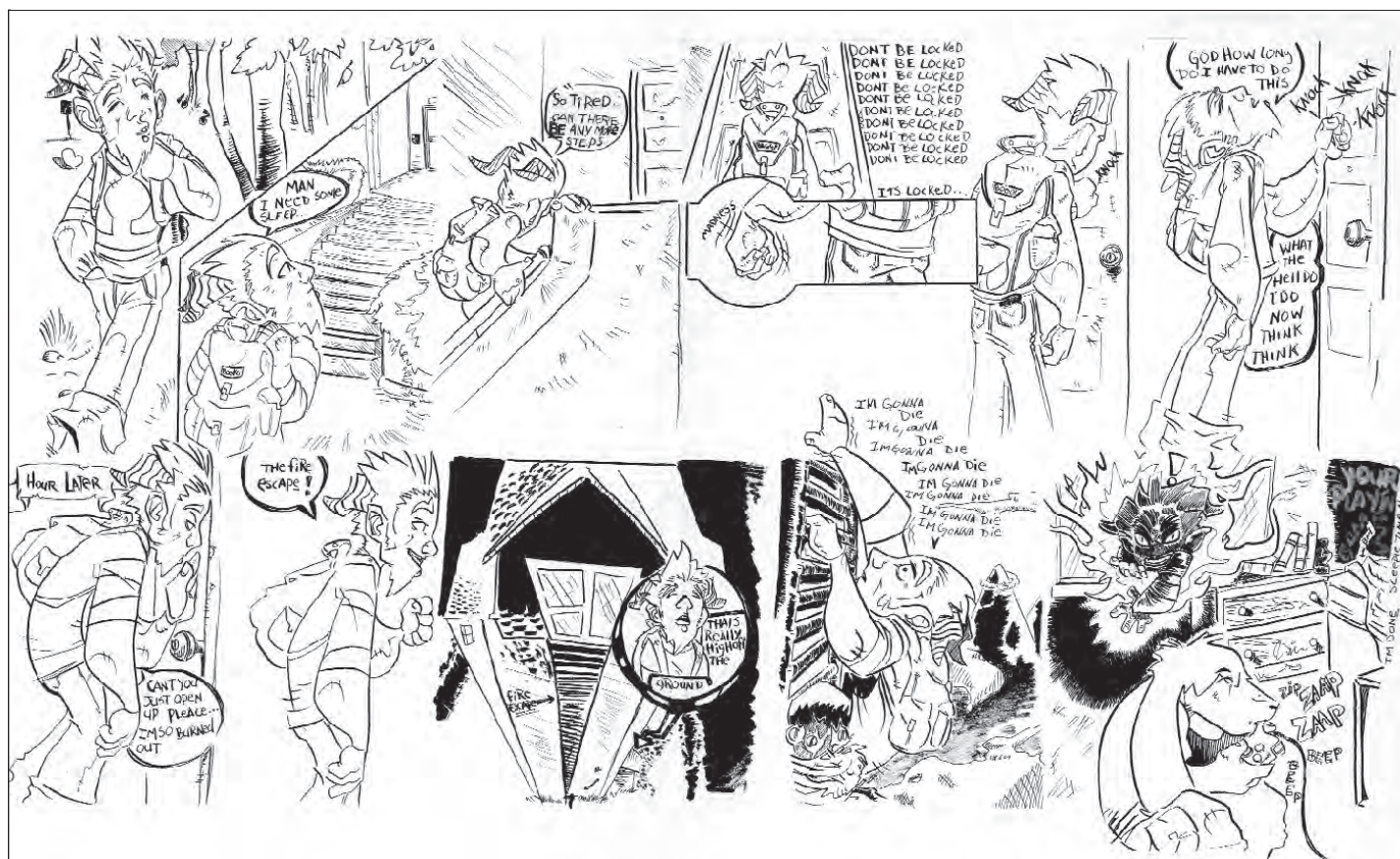
I was even on Sports Center for God's sake. After a third quarter interception, linebacker Brandon Brown was tackled out-of-bounds right in front of me and I was the only photographer jumping up and down cheering. I guess we media people should be neutral and keep our cool during sporting events but whatever, it was a hell of a play.

After the game I went to the press conference, just for fun, and talked with a

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Razor Burn

Roberto Rivera



Teresa McCane
Banner Staff



Dear Ms. T., I have a slight dilemma. One of my best friends wears clothes unsuited for her body and for school, (club clothes). How can I tell her nicely to tone it down for school? I love her creativity, but sometimes, it goes too far. I'm not the only one who has noticed this. We don't want to hurt her feelings. Signed, Miss Boone campus

Dear Miss Boone campus, Thank you for your letter. Take your friend to the mall! You can suggest some appropriate outfits for her, have her try them on and shower her with compliments! Her self-esteem will blossom and she will realize she doesn't need to bear all to be attractive. She will be welcomed with positive attention at school also. Signed Ms. T.

Ask M.S. J

Dear Ms. T., My ex and I broke up four years ago. We were together off and on for four years. The only reason we broke up is because I moved to Connecticut; he stayed and began to mess with my so-called best friend. I cried for about three months. I started calling him again, and we became close. When I visit, we kiss and sometimes hold hands. I want to be with him, but he has a girlfriend. What should I do? Signed, Desperate

Dear Desperate, You call this an on-again off-again relationship. The times he was off, I bet he was on your girl! Quit spending your dimes, wasting your time calling that fool! If you feel you must speak to him, dial straight down the middle at (1-800-COLLECT)! It's free for you and cheap for him. You need to move on. Signed, Ms T.

Dear Ms. T., There's a guy in my church that I really like. The only problem is we have only spoken once, and I feel he is too good for me. We always smile at each other, but when he looks at me, I put my head down. How do I approach him? Signed, Ms. Shy

Dear Ms. Shy, I agree that there are some fine men in church! I do not believe anyone is too good for you. As for liking him a lot, you don't know him well enough to. You like the way he looks. If you want that, you can have that. Gather up some nerves, but stop lusting in God's house! At least get off the church's property! Good Luck! Signed, Ms. T.

Please e-mail Ms. T. with any of your questions (anonymously).

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Parallel in success

Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff

In the week leading up to this paper, I was debating on whether or not to do a piece on the game which took place this last weekend. It's not necessary to even say which one. As I'm sure most of you reading this were taking part in the festivities before, during, and after the game. When I saw the mass of people congregated around the field in the waning moments of the game, however, it was apparent to me that this type of thing happens, oh, every eight or nine years, and the significance of the win by the 'Clones may effect the great institution of DMACC. Why? Well, my reasoning is simple, the win can do nothing less than at least attract students from around Iowa to come to Ames and attend Iowa St.

But wait, it runs deeper.

The students who plan to attend a Community College, then transfer to a four-year university will see that DMACC has strong ties to Iowa State, thus attracting those students who are looking to transfer to ISU after a couple years at a Community College. With the recent success of ISU's football team, and by getting more national attention because of it, getting students from a broader region of Iowa, and even outer-state will be on the rise. Another factor that needs to be considered is our athletic program, as the prestige of it is most certainly at an all time high. I'm no recruiting guru, but I do know that a deciding factor of an incoming freshman is the fan base, and support shown, which ties into the atmosphere aspect of the game whether it be football, basketball, volleyball, etc. As many of you have seen, or witnessed on Saturday, the craziness surrounded Jack Trice Stadium. For all the coaches at DMACC, show your recruits the tape of that bum rush onto the field when the clock hit 00:00. Show them what fans around here are made of. As I promise you a lot of DMACC students were in that huge crowd of field-stormers.

The excitement I felt the day of the game was more than anything I have ever felt at a sporting event, as a spectator. The fanfare, anticipation, and atmosphere was absolutely electric on Saturday. This can be a great tool in attracting students, as well as athletes. Boone is a hop, skip and a jump away from big time college football in which now the home team is actually the favored team for the first time in decades.

The big win this past Saturday for Iowa State signifies the same rise in credibility that the basketball and volleyball teams at DMACC are acquiring. Much like the influx of talent at ISU, student-athletes coming to DMACC are now starting to see what fans in Iowa are capable of stirring.



photo by Robbie Maass

ISU fans prepare to storm the field in the closing seconds of Saturday's game at Jack Trice Stadium.

NJCAA Division II Volleyball Poll (Top Ten)

1. Kishwaukee CC; Malta, IL: 20-0
2. Kellogg CC; Battle Creek, MI: 24-6
3. North Dakota St. College of Science; Wahpeton, ND: 8-1
4. Chandler-Gilbert CC; Chandler, AZ: 16-5
5. John A. Logan College; Carterville, IL: 17-1
6. Kirkwood CC; Cedar Rapids, IA: 15-5
7. Scottsdale CC; Scottsdale, AZ: 16-5
8. Bethany Lutheran College; Mankato, MN: 13-3
9. Genesee CC; Batavia, NY: 20-4
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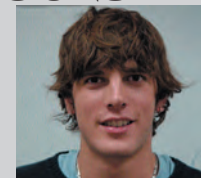
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QUALM COLUMN

Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff



Dot, Dot, Dot...

After the debacle at Comiskey Park on Sept. 19 in which two fans ran onto the field and assaulted Larry Gamboa, a first base coach for the Kansas City Royals, I was disgusted, and ashamed that these two goons even so much share any interest with me, and millions of other baseball fans around the United States.

After seeing the replay a few (million) times on highlight shows, I now find myself a little more perturbed of the opposing team players just watching Gamboa getting roughed up. If I had been the first baseman and saw what was happening, the Royals players wouldn't have been the first to get a shot in at William Lique, and his son. As it was, the first baseman *and* the umpire just watched, leaving Gamboa defenseless, and battered for nearly ten seconds until the dugout was pummeling those two assailants...

...It is now official, Randy Moss's stat sheet off the field is just as gaudy as it is on the field. In yet another mind lapse, Moss was charged with two misdemeanor counts and released after one night in jail. His accountability, responsibility, and credibility is again in question. Guess what? It's *always* been in question. The bottom line is, Moss has been in and out of trouble since he was a promising recruit out of West Virginia. The only year Moss has not been in trouble was his rookie year in the NFL, when the Vikings offense was unstoppable and everything was gravy. Present him with a little adversity, as he's seen every other year since his high school days, and he's been in some form of trouble at some point in each and every one of those years...

...As a Cyclone fan, my attention was also be on the Iowa at Penn St. game last Saturday for one reason: I wanted, *GULP*, Iowa to win. Why? Because it helped our strength of schedule rating, thus helping for two reasons, credibility in the polls, and throwing for 361 yards against another top 25 team sure looks nice on Wallace's Heisman resume...

...Saving the best for last, congratulations is in order to the DMACC volleyball team. With a number ten ranking in the new Division II NJCAA poll, the Bear's identity is now clearly being noticed on the national scene.

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The Other Side of the Courter

Pictures and text by Igor Braga

What is your favorite food from the Campus Cafe?



Elizabeth Curnes

"I like the chocolate chip cookies, but that's all I've ever bought there."



Mitch Keegan

"I like the cheeseburgers. You can't beat a good cheeseburger."



Heather Christianson

"Scotcheroos! Scotcheroo Wednesday is the best day!"



Luis Magdaleno

"I like nachos, but they should be bigger and cheaper!"

Horoscopes by Pam

Aquarius (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Spending to long making decisions won't benefit you. In fact, it could cause you and others some unnecessary grief. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky numbers: 5,14,20

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You'll find you're especially effective when you get out in front and lead others by example. It may be a good time to invite friends to join you. Romance: Fair | Finance: Fair | Lucky numbers: 4,7,19

Aries (Mar. 21- April 20) A commitment that you've made now suddenly becomes more then you can handle. Take time out for you. Romance: Poor | Finance: Poor | Lucky numbers: 6,13,26

Taurus (Apr. 21- may 21) Your determination may make you a little overbearing when dealing with others. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky numbers: 2,10,21

Gemini (May 22-June 21) You may find that someone you live with is not too happy, but you can't really do anything about that right now. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky numbers: 9,24,38

Cancer (June 22-July 22) To feel your best spend more time socializing with others. Attending a party would fit perfect. Romance: Fair | Finance: Fair

Lucky numbers: 7, 17 24

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) You need an outlet that will not only stimulate you but also challenge your intelligence as well. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky numbers: 13, 24,25

Virgo (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) There is a secret bond between you and someone you don't know you very well. Now is the time to go up and start a conversation. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky numbers: 21,25,29

Libra (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Look out for yourself. A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky numbers: 3,9,11

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Deception will play an important factor in your relationships. The is no simple solution to this problem. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky numbers: 10,12,18

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) If you can rearrange your schedule, focus on the things at hand you won't regret it. Romance: Fair | Finance: Fair | Lucky numbers: 1,8,12

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan. 20) Changes at home might come fast and furious. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky numbers: 3,4,19

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couple of players. One of the players was Seneca Wallace, a Heisman candidate. I wasn't taking notes or doing any reporting, just listening to these guys talk with enthusiasm about how great it was to finally beat Nebraska. I also had a nice conversation with a young man who runs his own web site, which tracks future NFL players. He gave me the lowdown on who's hot and who's not in next year's draft.

My press pass is good for the whole season, so this isn't a one-time deal. Iowa State has three more home games, and I'll be on the field or in the media booth for all of them. They also have four away games as well, and I'm making contacts about attending those. We'll see just how far my Boone Banner press

pass will take me.

I'd like to thank teacher Pete Conis and secretary Sandi Johnson for encouraging me to pursue this whole press pass deal. I was a bit skeptical, but they told me, you never know unless you ask. Well, I asked and had a thrilling day because of it. Where else can someone get photography tips from an ESPN photographer and chat with NFL scouts?

I realize the staff editorial is supposed to go here, but in a way this is. I'm letting you know what privileges you can have as a student on staff with the Boone Banner. If sports aren't your thing, there are numerous other events that the Boone Banner press pass could get you in to. But you never know unless you ask.

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