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**DMACC Boone Campus**

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**Rapper brings message to Ames**

**Nathaniel D. Hawkins**  
*Banner Staff*

Chuck D brought the noise to CY Stephens Auditorium in Ames last Tuesday with his keynote speech, "Rap, Race, and Reality." The speech was part of the Institute on National Affairs series, "The Business of Music in America."

In his lecture, or as Chuck D put it, "I don't have lectures, I have a conversation, he elaborated on three things: Rap, Race, and Reality, also indulging into a fourth topic, technology.

**What is rap & what is hip-hop**

"You can't freestyle a definition," says Chuck D, in reference to the overwhelming difficulty that seems to face musical artists, when they attempt to define Rap Music or Hip-Hop. "Rap music is not a music, Rap music is exactly what it sounds like...it's a vocal application on top of music." He then elaborated on the grassroots of music and why we get the term Rhythm and Blues, which in turn comes from Blues music and how Rock 'n' Roll is derived from R&B or as he put it, "Rock 'n' Roll was the white accep-

tance of R&B."

So what is Hip-Hop? Chuck D will tell you that it is just the term for creativity from the urban area in the last thirty years. Hip-Hop as a matter of fact is not so much a genre of music but rather a sub-culture.

**Race & reality**

A main focus point throughout Chuck D's "conversation" was reality, and if there was one thing that was made perfectly clear throughout the "conversation" it was that individuals should not lose focus on their reality. "Everybody can't be a balla," exclaimed Chuck D, "If you're in college get your money's worth. Don't fool yourself with entertainment." Never waver-

ing from this point he was very adamant about making it clear, that all the glitter

and hype that we witness on television, is exactly that, HYPE.

**Technology**

The last thing that Chuck D talked about was technology. As one can see by Chuck D's accomplishments, the use of technology is prominent in his endeavors. However, the point Chuck D made the following point about technology, "Don't let the technology control you, you control the technology..."

Closing his "conversation," Chuck D said one thing to remember is, "It's not who you are, it's where you are," he said, quoting Rah Kim, one of the greatest philosophical minds of our time, according to Chuck D.



*photo courtesy of Chuck D*

**New golf course**

**Anyone 'fore' 18 holes**

**Pam Snow**  
*Banner Staff*

FORE! That word will soon be heard from the doors of the Boone DMACC Campus.

The Boone Golf and Country Club is building a new golf course, which will be located on the southeast side of the DMACC building, by the student housing. This course will not have any connections to DMACC. It is being built to expand the original course that is located on Cedar Street. The land was farmland and bought from the Hermit family.

Jim Caffery, president of the Boone Golf and Country Club said, "The purpose

of the new expansion is to expand from nine holes to eighteen. It is also a good way to expand Boone."

This will remain a private course. Memberships are available for \$980 for one year, per person.

The clubhouse will stay where it is located now, on the original course. Some additions for the new section will be family housing and town homes. These will be built and ready to move into before the course is finished. They will also be tearing down the old white house located south of the student housing.

"There is no telling how much it will cost to build the new course," said Caffery. It is scheduled to be finished sometime in 2003.



**Students to offer soup before Kirkwood game Feb 23**

**Karol King**  
*Banner Staff*

A soup dinner will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 23, before the DMACC Bears game against Kirkwood, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. outside the gymnasium.

The Student Activities Council (SAC) along with the Rotaract Club are sponsoring this event.

Soup, crackers, and lemonade will be offered to the public, at no cost; however, donations will be accepted.

The money donated will go toward buying a new book for every newborn baby in the Boone County Hospital this coming year.

To select which soup is to be served, students had the opportunity to taste several on Monday, Feb. 11, and another "tasting

contest" will be held on Monday, Feb. 18, in the Courter Center.

The entire community is invited to come out and enjoy soup and a game.



*photo by Karol King*

**Justin Vetter and an unidentified Boone Campus student stop by the soup-tasting table set up in the Courter Center on Monday.**





### Hancock Drive part of the city snow route

If there are two or more inches of snow, cars will be towed to the city lot if parked along Hancock Drive south of the DMACC campus.

According to Boone Police Chief, Steven A. Peasley, when a vehicle is towed for a parking violation, the owner is required to pay for the cost of the towing, typically between \$45- 55, pay the cost of any parking ticket issued at \$5 apiece, and pay for storage fees which are \$2 daily.

Vehicles are towed to the city maintenance facility located at 8th & Cedar Streets and are not released until all costs are paid in full. Towed owner.

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Feb. 19-21

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Feb. 26-28

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Humanities 133: America in the Movies: Animated Film  
Dr. James Bittner, English/Humanities

## PTK to hold 3rd Annual Iowa Regional Convention

Jennie Yates  
Banner Staff

On Feb. 21 and 22, Phi Theta Kappa welcomes PTK Executive Director Rod Risley as its special speaker for the annual Iowa Regional Convention on the DMACC Boone Campus. Nancy Woods, PTK adviser, who is also the new

Iowa Regional Coordinator, is excited about the upcoming convention.

On Feb. 22, representatives from Iowa State University, Wartburg College in Waverly, Stephens College in Columbia Mo., Simpson College in Indianola and the University of Dubuque will be available in the Courter Center during the convention.

A special service will honor Regena Peters for all of her hard work for PTK.



Rod A. Risley  
Executive Director  
Phi Theta Kappa

She was the former Iowa Regional Coordinator. Students are encouraged to attend this service.

PTK members we be electing new regional officers. In addition to the election, there will be many other activities taking place mostly in rooms C108 and C109 on the Boone Campus.

Visiting members will be staying at the AmeriHost Inn. They will also be having a dinner at the Golden Coral. Any other questions can be directed to Woods in Room 224.



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# Politalks

Theodore Herrick  
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Note: This edition of Politalks is authored by Bruce Kelly, political science and history instructor on DMACC's Boone Campus. Kelly fired off this letter to Tim Russert, moderator of the Sunday morning political news commentary, "Meet the Press." In the letter, Kelly takes issue with Russert's apparent "pro-sports" views that he expressed on Feb. 10, 2002. The letter, as Kelly writes it, follows in its entirety.

Dear Mr. Russert:

Having just finished watching "Meet the Press" a few minutes ago, to say that I was beyond incredulous would be an understatement of biblical proportions!

The last part of the program was absolutely beyond belief! In the first place, not only was there not a word . . . , not one word, . . . on the Enron issue, the last twenty minutes to the program involved an interview with, pardon my language, a couple of jocks, who were expressing their feelings on the World Trade Center disaster!

Is that news? Isn't "Meet the Press" a news program? Since when did it become NBC Sports?

In the second place, you said to Jason Kidd, much to my further astonishment, that he had evidently recovered well after being arrested for beating his wife! My God, I'm so glad to hear that *he's* recovered. Perhaps you should interview his wife to see if *she's* recovered.

Also, if you want to interview someone else, how about Antoine Winfield, who now admits that he illegally accepted gifts while playing at Ohio State?

The broader question that you and people similarly inclined refuse to address can be encapsulated in the following very strong, direct statement on my part: big-time college sports is arguably the most thoroughly corrupt institution in all of American society.

I will cite just a few examples of ath-

letic corruption that could be explored on future editions of "Meet the Press," though this letter could go on for no less than dozens of pages detailing the corruption in both professional and college sports.

Currently no less than three college athletic programs, Nebraska, Kentucky, and Alabama, are under sanctions by the NCAA. The violations at Alabama were "some of the worst, most serious that have ever occurred," and, according to the NCAA infractions committee report they had contemplated completely shutting down the football program there for a number of years!

Sine 1990, Marshall University has been put on probation twice for failing to control its athletic program. In 2001, Howard University was placed on five-years probation for NCAA violations in five separate sports. This is in addition to almost innumerable instances of individual players being suspended for all sorts of violations.

Furthermore, there has been an ongoing academic scandal at Minnesota relating to a woman writing papers and taking tests for athletes going all the way back to the mid-1980s.

When Murray Sperber tried to criticize such things at Indiana University, he had to leave and hide in Canada due to death threats! A female faculty member at the University of Tennessee who has tried to reveal athletic grade improprieties there ended up having to be taken across campus by armed guards due to threats.

As you may not know, three coaches at Georgia Tech lied on their resumes, and one other similar situation took place recently at Iowa State.

I would encourage you in the strongest terms to read the 2001 Knight Commission report. In that report, such people as Father Theodore Hesburgh, President Emeritus of Notre Dame; William C. Friday, President of the University of North

Carolina; Hodding Carter; and NCAA Commissioner Cedric W. Chadwick among many others said that, if anything, the problems in college sports have become worse than had been the case when they issued their first report ten years earlier.

In my view, the problems in college sports are unreformable!

If you doubt all that I have said here, I can give you a number of articles

and books, which, if you will have an open mind, will provide you with some insights.

In terms of professional sports, corruption is also equally prevalent. Instances of spousal abuse, drug arrests, rapes, and arrests of one kind or another are almost too numerous to list.

Research summarized in "Pros and Cons" by Jeff Benedict and Don Yaeger indicates that some 21% of professional football players have been charged with serious crimes.

Though I don't recall the exact number, Hodding Carter, a member of the Knight Commission, said that some 12-14 players in the 2001 Superbowl were convicted felons! The recent fan riots in Cleveland and the town in Pennsylvania, the name of which I do not recall, show that many people have simply become so maniacal about sports that their behavior borders on anarchical.

One last thing. Many of you avid sports fans extol the values supposedly taught in sports. Does that included winning at all costs? Is winning more important than ethics or morality?

Where is the morality in sports today? Where is the "right" and the "wrong?" Were the GIs in World War II fighting just to "win?" Were they not fighting for a just cause? If you follow that logic, then there's no difference between them and the Germans or the Japanese; both were just trying to win.

People must come to understand that you win *for a reason*. Winning for the sake of winning is essentially amoral and

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is truly one of the most demented ideas that many of us hold dear.

Also, what about cheating? Is cheating a good thing if

it results in a win? So many people with whom I talk, including many of my stu-

dents, seem to have the idea that anything is acceptable as long as you win, including cheating. Many of them truly believe that it's only cheating if you get caught!

And what of this nauseatingly repeated sports metaphor about being a "team player?" Was Jesus Christ a team player? Was Martin Luther a team player? Were Sojourner Truth, Carrie Nation, William Jennings Bryan, and Martin Luther King,

Jr. team players?

Is it possible that Enron, which you didn't talk about today, might not have happened if there were more whistle-blowers and fewer "team players" in the company?

All of western civilization going all the way back to the Greeks is based on the importance and centrality of the individual. I guess we should have told Socrates that there's no "i" in the word team!

Let me end this with an anecdote from my little Iowa town. While out at Wal-Mart last summer, I ran into a former student, an older man, whose name was Gene. He was, if I recall correctly, a study hall monitor at the high school. He told me that he had sent a particular male student with whom he had discipline problems out of room several times. Finally losing patience, he sent the student to the principal's office. Sometime after that, the principal approached Gene in the hall to more-or-less admonish him for doing so.

"Gene," the principal reportedly said, "don't you know that that kid scored 38 points in a game?"

In other words, score 38 points in a game, and you can get away with any kind of behavior that you want. Those are the kinds of values taught in sports.

Before college (and professional) sports can be cleaned up to any degree (though, again, I feel that it cannot), people like you who are so maniacally in love with sports are going to have to open your minds to all of the problems therein.

Otherwise, sports is going to degenerate to a level of corruption from which it cannot be saved, and the people responsible for that state of affairs will not be irrelevant, forgettable critics like me but instead people like you who are in positions to lead the charge toward reform but fail to do so because you prefer to stick your heads in the sand in order to avoid the problem. The decision is yours.



# A walk worth taking



Mandy Moore and Shane West in "A Walk to Remember."

Robbie Maass  
Banner Staff

Well she did it. Mandy Moore made it to the big screen before Britney. Even though it's only by three weeks, the two continue their competition from music to movies. And it's not a bad move considering these two girls are better seen than heard.

"A Walk to Remember" is Moore's first film as a lead and it's based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. She plays Jamie Sullivan, preacher's daughter and outcast at her high school. We all know how beautiful Mandy Moore is but by adding bangs and dying her hair black..... she is

still beautiful. Though throwing on unattractive cardigans and overalls does make her look a bit humble.

Shane West ("Whatever it Takes") plays Landon Carter, the rebellious popular stud that consequently is Moore's love interest. Yes, it's the popular boy hooks up with the dork girl. We've seen half a dozen teen movies in the past two years with this cliché but this movie offers a little more sophistication. For starters this movie is not a comedy. It is a sweet love story with a few grins and chuckles. Second, this movie is based on a best selling novel, not a shoddy screenplay to get Mandy Moore in a film (see "Crossroads" with Britney Spears).

The movie starts out with Landon getting into trouble with the law after carelessly getting a classmate injured. His punishment requires him to tutor younger kids after school and perform in the schools spring play. Both of which Jamie participates in. The two get to know each other through predictable yet entertaining conversations, and though Landon doesn't want to admit it, he begins to enjoy this girl's presence. Then when opening night of the play roles around and Landon sees

Jamie all dolled up dressed as a twenty's vixen, he falls for her. Unfortunately, his friends don't see her in this new light and he is forced to choose between them and her.

I will not continue any of the plot for the sake of revealing too much. But I will say that there is an unusual twist that leaves for an all-unusual ending. I myself was not in tears but many women in the theater were.

Moore and West create nice chemistry together even though their scenes are short. This movie moves quickly and does not stray away from its story for fear of boring the audience. Peter Coyote also does a good job portraying Jamie's over protective father trying to keep these two apart. Any guy that's done his fair share of dating can relate to meeting a father like this.

I'm not going to add this movie to my DVD collection, but I am going to recommend this movie for anyone, or any couple, interested in something nice and sweet for Valentine's Day. Moore manages to shine in her first lead role with class and a little bit of charisma. Let's just hope she isn't a one hit wonder.

## I have beef with "Boy Bands"



Nathaniel D. Hawkins  
Banner Staff

Welcome to my ever-so-crazed brain. Would you like to pick it? Please don't because I already have several bones that I would like to pick. I know, I know...my human anatomy is off. Brain, bones; what do these have to do with the other? Not that much. The point being, however, is that I have been given the chance to get some things off my chest in the form of a column. Stop it; I know I am now using a different body part in yet another metaphor. Without further ado: THE BEEF.

Boy bands. . better yet, life-size toys made for corporate America. There is a huge problem here. Whatever happened to the formation of a band of four close friends from, oh I don't know, say Liverpool? How about a couple of beach bums from California, or better yet what about that little band from Texas? I could go on and on, but for your sanity and mine, I will stop. Real bands are groups of people who have known each other longer than the ten minutes it took them to meet in a casting call for the formation of the next great "boy band". I am referring to the group known as "O-Town," a band that was formed on national television before our eyes in a casting call. The show, Making the Band, drew millions of dollars for ABC, no wait Disney, from the television series itself. The fueling of the machine is not yet over. "O-Town" has released an album that thousands of teeny-boppers just had to go out and buy. Don't forget about a concert tour bringing in more revenue to the juggernaut that is Disney. I guess good old Walt pulled a fast one on us from the grave. However, it's not over. Oh no! There is yet another "Making the Band" in creation.

This is only the tip of the iceberg though. The real beef I have is that in all these "boy bands," rather "boy groups". They're groups not bands because aside from the obvious vocal talents, that I will admit most have, not a single one plays a musical instrument on their albums or during concerts. Rather they seem to possess a talent for dancing, which is cool. But I tell you one place that dancing is better accepted is the American Ballet Academy. Who I hear does a very good performance of "The Nutcracker."

Let me reiterate. Give me a band from Liverpool or a couple of beach bums from California! Who I think, don't quote me though, aren't really beach bums, but for the sanctity of rock 'n' roll history and Brian Wilson's soul, we'll keep it on the down low. And yes, I will take those crazy guys with the long beards from Texas over, your average N\*Sync. My reason being these guys write their own music, play instruments, and came together on their own. Need I go further? -Well, that is my beef; look for the next slab of beef coming at you soon. Here's a hint: she's not a girl, but not yet a woman. Or whatever else has chapped my hide.

# Pink Floyd echoes through time

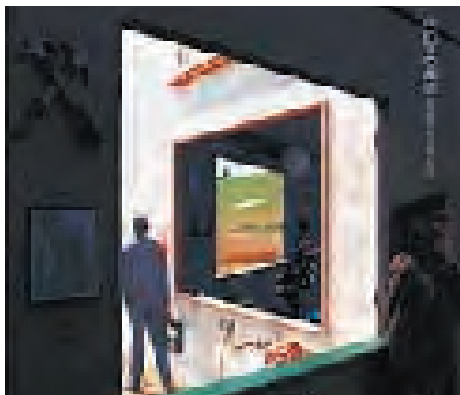
Nathaniel D. Hawkins  
Banner Staff

There is no other way to describe the awesome machine that is Pink Floyd, without quoting their song "Echoes" taken from the Floyd's 1971 release "Meddle."

*Overhead the albatross hangs motionless upon the air  
And deep beneath the rolling waves  
In Labyrinths of coral caves  
The echo of a distant time  
Comes willowing across the sand  
And everything is green and submarine*

Appropriately, "Echoes" gives the band, which just recently has been given legendary status according to

VH1, the title for their greatest hits album. Without the aurora of Pink Floyd's music there would be an undeniable void in the music appreciation for millions of music lovers.



Pink Floyd's new album cover for "Echoes". The cover contains a piece of artwork from all 12 of Pink Floyd's studio albums.

Just about everything from this album deserves praise, from the undeniably

unique album cover, which contains a

piece of the artwork from all twelve of Pink Floyd's studio albums. To the everlasting affect that Pink Floyd will have on one's view of musical genius. Possibly the only flaw that is found in "Echoes," would be the overbearing presence of 1987's "A Momentary Lapse Of Reason" and the glaring omission of "Brain Damage" from 1973's "The Dark Side of the Moon," which fittingly deserves a spot on "Echoes."

Those who like popular Floyd i.e. "The Wall," or "Dark Side of the Moon," should buy "Echoes," as it introduces you to Pink Floyd at their best throughout a spectacular career.

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# Saiz: We need daycare on campus

**Carrie Saiz**  
Contributing writer

A Childcare Facility is needed at DMACC Boone Campus. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, I drive from Story City to Ames to take Lucas to daycare, and then to Boone to come to school. I am at school from 8:00a.m. until 4:30p.m., twice a week. During this time I do not see my son at all. Having a daycare on campus would allow us to spend more time together. Actually, a daycare on campus could help out many college students who are parents.

Both Ankeny and Urban campus DMACC's have daycares on site. By having a daycare on campus Boone DMACC could definitely benefit. There would be more parents who do not have a place to take their children enrolled in classes. There would probably also be less absences from students with children. I know this from personal experience and from talking to others with children, if the daycare provider is sick or out of town you have nowhere to take your child. Parents would feel more comfortable with their children in the same building as they are. They would have easy access to them and know what is going on with their children since they are right here.

By Boone campus not having a daycare on site many parents definitely get discouraged. They want to take classes but cannot because they have nothing to do with their children while they are in classes. Parents can also take their children to another daycare off campus but by having their children many parents feel more secure. Students whose time is critical anyway adding a child to that can make it even harder to find time. By having a daycare on campus parents could have more time with their children.

100% of the people in my composition 2 class

that completed a survey about having a daycare on campus agreed that it would benefit the parents and the school. It would be a very good idea to

have a daycare at Boone DMACC. According to the results of my survey students felt that enrollment would benefit from having a daycare on campus. Some also thought that it would help with absences in classes. Some student parents do not have a regular daycare and cannot get to class because they have nowhere to take their children. Having a

daycare at DMACC would help with this problem because parents would always have reliable care for their children while they are at school.

When asked, how do you think that having a daycare on site would benefit DMACC? Jan LaVille said, "Jane Martino would use it as a test site for her child development class. It just makes people feel good to see little ones running around because many have left younger siblings behind. Of course, the parents could share much more time with their children and decrease the babysitting costs because the children wouldn't have to be there all day." I agree with this statement. The child development students would have children to observe and learn about right on campus. Having a daycare would definitely decrease childcare costs in my situation because Lucas would not have to be in daycare that extra time while I drive here. I would also be able to be

with him during my break, which right now I can't.

Many other campuses and worksites have daycares on site. Why doesn't Boone? This could help



photo by Karol King

**Christi Johnson, a full time freshman, and her son Malek Thompson, 3 1/3 months, are from Stanhope, Iowa. Having an on-campus daycare would be convenient for them.**

out DMACC and their students. It would be very valuable in many ways. I personally would appreciate a daycare on site.

After asking Jane Martino, (who feels very strongly about this issue) the child development professor at Boone campus, about this problem she said, "Boone desperately needs to see what accredited daycare looks and feels like. The child care in this community only meets minimum

standards and our children are our most priceless gift, key to our future and should not be warehoused."- The obvious solution to this problem would be to make a childcare facility available at the Boone campus. According to the results of my survey that I put out to my composition 2 class, about this problem, the majority felt that this would be very helpful. The one problem that DMACC would face would probably be the funding to have

this facility available. After interviewing Mary Doige, from the childcare services at the Ankeny campus, I found out that she is also unaware of how much this facility would cost. She did not know how much the Ankeny daycare costs because it has been around for so long (over 20 years). So obviously, the daycare at Ankeny is not a new facility, and has been useful over the past 20 years, so why doesn't Boone have one?

Another problem, you might think, would be who would work in the facility and how much they would be paid. According to Doige, the employees at the daycare are paid 9-12 dollars per hour. The employees could be part of a work-study program since DMACC does offer many work-study programs. This could also benefit students. At the Ankeny campus childcare center the rate for the care is between 98-108 dollars per week. Financial

**Other DMACC Campuses have already established daycare centers for the convenience of their students.**

aid is also available to help with the costs of childcare since this could be a problem for parents that are students. Having this facility onsite in Ankeny has benefited the students in many ways, some that Doige told me about are, "the parents know their children are in a safe place receiving quality childcare and they can observe their children playing." She also feels that having this center on site has benefited the school by having a lab set-

ting for the early childhood students. This can be very valuable for the students to have hands on contact right on campus. Many people, including myself, feel that this would be very beneficial to students with children at DMACC. Carmelle Krabbe, who completed my survey about this matter agreed. When asked if she thought that the Boone campus should have a daycare on site she said, "Yes, I really feel that all DMACC campuses should offer daycare on the site. I know that so many older people (most of who are parents) as well as younger people have children, and going to school and finding good care for their children can be a difficult thing."

I'm sure that many people on the other hand agree with Alissa Heintz, who also completed my survey. When asked if she thought that Boone campus should have a daycare on site she said, "Yes and no; it would be handy, but it is the same as taking them (your children) somewhere else while you are at class." She also stated, "that it wouldn't really bother her to have to go somewhere else to get them after she got out of class".

This is true to some point. But she also does not have children. At the current time, I take my son to another daycare because the Boone campus does

not offer one. It really isn't that much of a problem but it would be much more convenient for me to have my son on campus with me. I would feel much more secure having him in the same building and would be able to spend much more time with him on a daily basis. Since I come to school from Story City and drop my son off at daycare in Ames on the way it would give us more time together. I would also be able to check up on him

at any point during the day and maybe even take him to lunch during my break, which I cannot do now.

Martino says, "All our students need to be community centered. And children are a basic in our community. We must teach our students how to cherish diverse elements within our community and grow with them as a center of our consciousness. That means thinking of them during allocation of resources... they have no voice...learning appropriate ways to interact with them to develop their talent...and providing them in a community centered facility a place to be cherished. We model and place our students in ways we want our students to grow. 98% of our students will parent if they have not already. Modeling Good care is something some have never seen and most have not experienced consistently."

According to my research, and my own personal opinion having a daycare on site at Boone campus DMACC would be very beneficial. Of course, in the beginning, it could be costly but DMACC could make up for the costs very quickly with the rates of the childcare. Having a daycare on campus is definitely something that should be considered, since it has been successful at other campuses I'm sure it also would be at Boone. I think that it would have been a great idea to add a childcare center on to the student housing that is being built. This is just a suggestion but since they are already building a housing facility why not make it a little bigger. It would be very convenient to the students with children and would give them a sense of security.-

# Smoking not as bad as they say

**Jennie Yates**  
*Banner Staff*

In our modern society we are waging a war against smokers. Unlike our war on terrorism and our war on drugs, we do not need to wage war against smokers.

People who do not smoke are treating smokers in a poor way because they are scared. Humans hurt what they do not understand.

Second hand smoke (SHS) is not as terrible as organizations like JELL want us to believe it is. According to The EPA report on Second Hand Smoke, the facts the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released in 1993 t says that environmental tobacco smoke caused 3,000 deaths a year. However, these results were released before the study was actually finished, and it was also a "meta analysis" A meta analysis is an analysis of existing studies. This type of analysis is easy to manipulate. Why is it easy to manipulate? The meta analysis consisted of 11 studies and it still could not reach their pre-announced 3000



**Jennie Yates**

deaths, so they doubled their findings.

In the study, the EPA also estimated that most non-smokers inhale about one-fifth of a cigarette each day. Even this estimate is too high. Another study, linked from the same site mentioned, shows that non-smokers only inhale six cigarettes each year. In truth, can you actually prove to me that six cigarettes a year causes lung disease in most people?

Smoking around children is also not as terrible as you may think it is. We are told that smoking increases the chance of having a miscarriage. This information is just something that applies to alcohol consumption. It has merely been twisted around so that we believe it is true for both. As to its effects on children, my brothers, sister and I are proof that it has very little effect on children. Our father smokes. He has since before the four of us were born. When we were little, the four of us were very healthy children. My little brother, little sister and I are all soccer players, runners and active teenagers. The four of us have not been hindered in

anyway by our father's smoking, except maybe the occasional smoke smell we have.

If you really love someone, can you really separate yourself from them because they smoke? I think that if you really love somebody, you'll love them no matter what habits they have.

As for the smell it causes, for most smokers, a shower is fine to clear up the smell. The smell it leaves on your clothes can be easily remedied by washing your clothes. I know both of these ideas seem very radical because I don't know anyone that showers or washes their clothes.

Since we are so worried about our health with second hand smoke, we might as well just start a war against cars too. According to Cars: Pollution and Energy in 1999 there were 752 motor vehicles for every 1,000 people in the world. Emissions from this number of cars is a lot more harmful than SHS. Car fumes cause 30,000 deaths each year in the United States alone. Also, cars are leading the way in our global warming problems. Cars emit carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) a heat-

trapping gas. Global warming causes many possibly terrifying effects like a rise in sea levels, death of coral reefs, the spread of infectious diseases and extreme weather conditions. These are not just possibilities if we do not clean up our act. These problems are happening right now.

I am not saying everyone should go out and smoke. I am merely trying to provoke thought about the treatment of smokers. Smoking does not hurt the people around

the smoker as much as we think it does. I say if the smokers want to smoke, just let them. They're not hurting you. I am the daughter of a smoker, a friend to many smokers and an overall kind

human being, however I am not a smoker. Please I implore you, do not judge these people because of what you hear from anti-smoking organizations; they do not tell the whole story.

For more information on this topic please refer to World Smokers' Day at <http://www.worldsmokersday.org/>.



## Smoking destroys bodies

**Sheri Hughes**  
*Contributing Writer*

So, have you ever thought about smoking a cigarette? Maybe you should think about what is in it before you take that initial first puff. An average cigarette contains around 4,000 chemicals. Some are highly toxic, and forty-three of them cause cancer. Now, would you really spend \$3.50 on a pack of cigarettes every day when all smoking does is cause harm to your body and health? I am not a scientist or anything, but this is enough evidence to convince me to avoid smoking.

The American Cancer Society estimates that cigarettes are responsible for about 431,000 deaths in the United States each year. Smoking kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes,

murder, suicides, and fires combined each year!

Smokers are at an increased risk for cancer of the larynx, oral cavity, esophagus, bladder, kidney, and pancreas. This one drug causes more harm than good, why would you do this to yourself? Have you ever seen a photograph of a smoker's lung? The lung is absolutely disgusting. When I see people smoking, it makes me sick to my stomach.

They are just destroying their bodies and even others around them. At times, I find myself crying when I see pregnant mothers smoking. They are not only killing themselves but their innocent baby. Whatever a mother puts into her body goes straight to her baby. The baby will be born addicted to nicotine. God has given a

mother a baby, and she is killing that baby before the baby is even born. According to the American Cancer Society, mothers who smoke give birth to premature or underweight babies more frequently. These babies are also at risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Situations where the father smokes and the mother does not can also be harmful. When the father is around the mother, the mother receives second hand smoke, which goes straight to the baby. If you are pregnant and you smoke, PLEASE STOP SMOKING! Babies are gifts from God so don't destroy God's creation.

Smoking is a huge turnoff for me. When I see someone attractive and they are smoking it is just disgusting to me. For one thing, they stink and I couldn't stand being around them. I have been at parties where people have been smoking, and I can't take being there for very long. I leave and my

clothes smell awful. I can't imagine what a smoker's clothes smell like. Spending one minute with someone who smokes is just enough to be saturated with that stench. So how could I even think about dating someone who smokes—, much less kissing him. Kissing a smoker would be like licking an ashtray. Have you ever thought of that? When I get to the point of spending my life with someone, how could I spend my life with him when he values smoking more than my life or me? He is not just hurting his life but mine too.

I have heard that smoking is hard to stop and I understand that it is a daily routine; but, if you really value your life and others, you could stop. So next time you decide to smoke, think about the risks that



**Sheri Hughes**



# Bears topple Waldorf

Ryan Makovsky  
Contributing Writer

The DMACC men's team improved their record to 20-3 on Saturday afternoon, defeating Waldorf College 66-48.

The Warriors kept the game close in the first half by going on a late run to close the gap to three. However, the second half was all Bears.

The defensive pressure and the transitional game proved to be too much for Waldorf to handle. The backcourt pressure provided by DMACC's guards opened up many easy lay-up and dunk opportunities.

The ability to run and the precision



pass- i n g

Shelton Colwell, Tim Ferguson, and Jamal Jackson provide crowd-pleasing entertainment during their games.



'Out of sight--Out of Murder'

At left, Justin Reinert and Accalia Martinez point to Amber Adams during a rehearsal of "Out of Sight--Out of Murder."

At right, Jesse Curtis and Megin Colton hug.

The spring production will be presented March 1 and 2 at 7:30 in the Boone Campus Theatre. It was reported incorrectly in the last Banner.




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# The Other Side of the Courter

Pictures and text by Robbie Maass

## Who do you want to be your Valentine?



**Jody Wilson**

My valentine would be blond, five-foot seven, with a good body. A nice car with money would also help.



**Melissa Baker**

My valentine would have a good personality and be somewhat bright. Someone who will listen.



**Jermont Horton**

My valentine would be a chick that gives brains.



**Amanda Dale**

My perfect valentine would be Robbie Maass.

## ♥ Lovescopes

by Pam

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** Roses are Red; lilies are white, being in love means that sometimes you'll fight. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 12

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** Roses are red; some flowers are white, a special box of chocolate is in near for that romantic night. Romance: Poor | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 17

**Aries (Mar 21 - April 19)** Violets are blue, roses are peach, when you listen to those in love, they might have something to teach. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 21, 28

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Roses are red; the stems are green, the thorns of love aren't always what they seem. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 27

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Green are the stems of a beautiful rose, when you find "the one" that's when love grows. Romance: Poor | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 9, 21, 32

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Violets are blue; carnations are pink, if you haven't found love you just need to stop and think. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 13, 19, 23

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)** Roses are red; all

flowers die whenever that love comes along always make sure to try. Romance: Poor | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 35

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)** Carnations are yellow; daisies are white love is just to far out of sight. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 15, 24, 26

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)** Roses are yellow; dandelions are too, it that true love out there seeking you? Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 13, 15, 48

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** Lilies are pink; violets are blue, sugar is sweet don't you just wish you were too? Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 18

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** Daisies are white; roses are pink, that special love is way closer then you think. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 6, 25, 59

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** Lilies are white; roses are a certain love could have a bigger surprise then you may think. Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 9, 16, 31

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