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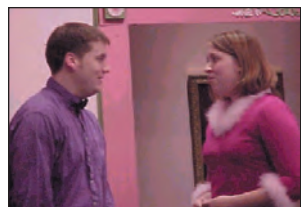
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REMEMBER VETERANS



Photo by Michele Thamke

Feb. 23, 1945, Marines raised the American flag on Iwo Jima, where thousands lost their lives. An artist created a statue based on an actual photograph of the event. The statue is near Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C. (See Page 2 for Iowa National Guard's response to the Sept. 11 attacks.)

Honoring those who served

Michele Thamke
Banner Staff

Veteran's Day became a reality one year after the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War I in 1918. After date changes, it became a national holiday date of Nov. 11.

Regarding Veteran's Day, the following is a joint message from the Thomas E. White, Secretary of the Army, and General Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff, in a press release to all Army activities and Army family members: "On Nov. 11, our Nation pauses on Veteran's Day to honor those American men and women who served our country in uniform.

"This year, two short months after suffering the most horrific act of war in our country's history, it is only right that we pay tribute to those whose sacrifices and selfless service purchased for us the privileges of freedom, democracy, and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States - the greatest country on earth.

"From the first battle of the American Revolution through our ongoing war against terrorism, in conflicts that shook the foundation of civilization and in humanitarian missions that saved countless lives, our veterans provided the sword and shield that protected our Nation."

Student housing manager loses job, home

Michele Thamke
Banner Staff

For years, she was a coach. For four months she worked as the resident housing manager for High Corporation.

Letters posted on their doors notified DMACC student housing residents, that Janet Reiser, resident housing manager had lost her job. The letter, signed by High Corp. President, Lori Bjornsen, said "This decision was based entirely on economical reasons."

Adam Daley, DMACC sophomore, said he thought, "Too bad for her because she worked hard."

Sybil Zmolek, High Corp. vice-president notified Reiser the same day that her position was eliminated due to economic

reasons and "no fault of her own." Reiser said, "I had no inclination at all. I was at the school making copies for DMACC that Friday, and when I came back, around 10 a.m. Sybil was waiting for me in the hallway by my doorway."

According to Reiser, she had a great relationship

"I'm done with the business world, I do not cut throat. I'm very honest and ethical."

-Janet Reiser

with the student residents. She said: "I treated them with the utmost respect, as far as adult-wise. That's what they wanted to be. The rules were strict, but I also lightened up on them."

Katie Carrels, freshman from Kasson, Minn. said, "We were locked out once, and she helped us right away." She added, "If bills were screwed up, Janet made sure they were straightened out. If something was broken, she'd find someone to fix it."

Her role with the students was to be a friend. According to Reiser, her boss, Bjornsen, said, "Be a friend." Reiser said, "I was always there and catered to their needs." She added that she likes the kids: "I will miss them deeply. I will be back to watch the games, as the student athletes have asked me."

Regarding Reiser's former position, DMACC faculty and staff received letters from High Corp., dated Oct. 24, stating that

Reiser was leaving her position as resident manager. The letter, signed by Bjornsen said, "We would like your assistance in our search for an individual to fill this position."

When contacted regarding Reiser, both Bjornsen and developer, Darryl High, had no comment.

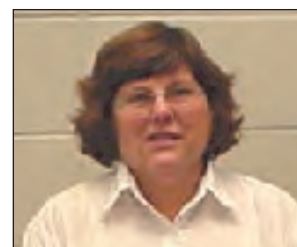
Prior to becoming the resident manager at DMACC, Reiser was employed at Sterling University Plains, housing in the Ames area geared toward college students. She said, "I was teaching the DMACC sport's officiating class for the spring semester."

Upon learning that DMACC was looking into student housing, since she had experience with the industry, she faxed her

resume to Darryl High in February. She heard from Bjornsen in late April or early May concerning her interest. Reiser said, "That's how it started, and we began negotiating back and forth." She was hired for a full-time position in June 2001. She said: "We were just trying to get these babies leased. It was very difficult, but we got as far as we could, then we hit a plateau."

Regarding managing, she said: "I'm done with the business world; I do not cut throat. I'm very honest and ethical."

Reiser's future plans goes back to her coaching roots. She said: "I have a degree in education; that is with coaching as well. I am marketing myself back into the sport's aspect.



Janet Reiser, DMACC student housing resident manager, is no longer employed by High Corporation.

Right now, I do have some contacts. I'm applying through the NCAA since I also have NCAA bylaw knowledge." Concerning DMACC Boone Campus, she added, "I plan on coming back to recruit some of the student athletes here and also to assess others who would like to go elsewhere after their two years of eligibility here."

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Iowa National Guard 'Americans at their best'

Michele Thamke
Banner Staff

Imagine having the concerns of doing well on tests and homework being replaced by worries of where you will be stationed for the next one to two years.

According to Pat Butin, DMACC Veteran's Services Coordinator, DMACC Boone Campus currently has 24 students in active duty status. These students are former full-time, active-duty veterans, National Guard members, or reservists, who are receiving benefits from

the Montgomery GI Bill. Butin said: "There may be



other students who fall into those categories, but they are not getting benefits. There is no way of knowing how many of those may be (at the Boone Campus), as that is information not gathered elsewhere."

DMACC overall has 252 students who fit the above

criteria. Of the Boone students, none have received orders to active duty or deployment to Butin's knowledge. She said: "They are required to bring copies of their orders to the school if they do get activated. This is to ensure that they are not penalized for having to drop out of school through no fault of their own."

Four units called to duty

Col. Robert C. King, Iowa National Guard public affairs officer, said: "Four of our units have been ordered to federal active duty. These include the 133rd Air Control

Squadron, Fort Dodge; the 132nd and 185th Security Force Squadrons, Des Moines and Sioux City, respectively, and most recently, Company D, 109th Aviation, Boone."

Each of these units was called for one year and can be extended to two years under the provision that authorizes the president to mobilize up to one million National Guard and Reserve reservists for up to 24 months, King said. In response to the order of federal active duty for Army helicopter maintenance, the Boone unit will send 190 aviation, maintenance-specialty officers and soldiers to an active duty post. They

have been mobilized for one year. King added that the unit began their tour of active duty Nov. 1 and will have a private family send-off dinner this coming weekend and depart for their duty station. King said, "We are not officially releasing the departure time or their duty location because of operational security considerations."

According to a news advisory from King, "The mobilization is in conjunction with the United States' reaction to September's World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks."

King said that the Iowa National Guard, along with nationwide National Guards, is responding to

the attacks "by providing trained soldiers, airmen, and units in support of our nation's response to the terrorist attacks and our mission to rid the world of terrorists."

The Iowa National Guard has about 900 soldiers and airmen on duty in locations across the state and nation, as of Oct. 30, King said. "Our immediate response after the attacks was to dramatically increase the security of our armories, bases, and installations across the state," he added.

There are over 9,000 trained soldiers and airmen in the Iowa National Guard, according to King, and they are ready to respond

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Reiser's past coaching includes women's semi-pro. She said: "Back in 1993, I used to coach a women's semi-pro basketball team. Nebraska Express was my former team; I was the head coach."

Her target is coaching basketball at a four-year institution. She said: "This is a fast-paced game, and that's how I coach. It's a face-pace beat, like I said to the girls, 'get it and go' meaning take it and shoot."

Although she hasn't coached since the 1995-96 season, Reiser said, "I feel that after being around the student athletes, my coaching mentalities are starting to come back."

Reiser said: "I'm big into education, I'm big into athletics as well. Education first, athletics second. Again, that's the NCAA as well. As a coach, you don't want to see your kids just sit back. You also want to encourage them to see a bigger picture. That's what I do." Reiser added, "I'm going to miss the kids, heavily."

Expert on Ukraine to present at DMACC

—Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) continues its year-long look at Ukraine with a presentation on "Ukraine as an Independent Country: Challenges and Prospects for the National Community."

Vicki L. Hesli, an Associate Professor and former Director of Graduate Studies in the Political

Department at the University of Iowa, will make the presentation from 2:20 to 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 8 from

the DMACC Newton Polytechnic Campus and broadcast via the Iowa Communications Network



to the DMACC Boone and Carroll Campuses.

Hesli has served as Co-Director of the Russian, East European

and Eurasian Studies Program and Co-Director of the National Resource Center in International Studies. She is currently the principle investigator of a U.S. Department of State partnership program grant between the University of Iowa and the leading university in Ukraine.

She is also a co-author or co-editor of four books,

including: *Elections, Parties and the Future of Russia: The 1999-2000 Elections as Windows of Russian Politics.*

Hesli's presentation

will include a review of Ukraine's position and status in the post-Soviet world and the process of transition away from communism.



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Pep band to hold organizational meeting

Those who have volunteered to be in the DMACC Bear's Pep Band will meet in the back of the auditorium Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 12:10 p.m.

Music will be passed out and rehearsal times scheduled. If you have not volunteered but might be interested, please plan to attend.

The group especially needs trombone (or other low brass instrument) players. If you have questions or are unable to attend this first meeting, please contact Maggie Stone in Room 124, extension 5037.



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L-r: Sheri Hughes is cutting paper for decorating pumpkins during the SAC pumpkin decorating contest. Jill Dubberke, president of the SAC, is enjoying the entries for the pumpkin contest in the Courter Center.



Photo by Kelly Countryman

Jesse Anderson, Boone, won the pumpkin contest with his unique design.

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Developmental psychology class observes children



Photo by Michele Thamke

DMACC psychology student, Jake Stieler, holds Makayla Sauvaine while she drops a marble down the tunneled shoot. Her brother, Alex Sauvaine, waits to go next.



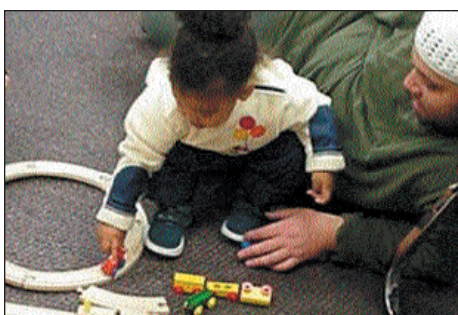
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Jennifer Wilson, DMACC student and mother, brought her daughter Peyton, the Princess, and son Caden, the Cowboy, to the developmental psychology class during the week of Halloween. The DMACC developmental psychology students observed the different age developments and skills.



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Makayla Sauvaine shows her mother, Jennifer Sauvaine how she can use modeling clay during the developmental psychology class



Najla Evans shows her dad, how a train works on the track.

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Politalks

Theodore Herrick
Banner Staff



Is Tom Vilsack a Democrat? Is he a Republican? No, but just what is he? Republicans in the Legislature are trying so desperately to trip him up by introducing conservative bills, but much to their surprise, he backs many of them, such as cuts in education.

With all of the budgetary cuts now taking place in state government, it appears that education, once again, will bear a considerable amount of the suffering. Governor Vilsack has decided upon a 4.3 percent across-the-board chop in the state's spending, including education. A wise political decision indeed for the governor. After all, 2002 is right around the corner!

Community colleges, K-12, and the state colleges and universities will all feel some pain for this upcoming fiscal year, but our "leaders" have decided that this is in the best interest for the state of Iowa. Yes, Iowa, a state once highly regarded for its emphasis on the quality of education, will now join the ranks of other states which value not education, but only a

healthy bottom line. In one fell swoop by our leaders, education will be significantly impaired. This could spell the end for many of the smaller schools in Iowa, such as the high school from which I graduated, East Greene in Grand Junction.

Large schools, such as the Des Moines public school system, are already robbing many smaller schools like East Greene and Jefferson-Scranton. Communities in Iowa have the choice of passing the Local Option Sales Tax, which adds a penny on top of the five percent sales tax already in existence. Many smaller communities have no retail centers, so they not only shop at the retail centers in larger cities like Des Moines, but also inadvertently contribute to their own demise by funneling money away from their local schools. Passing a sales tax in their community would be futile with no business from which to assess the tax! The larger schools see an inflated amount of money pouring into their coffers from those living in small districts that so desperately need the money.

Will it change? Probably not, unless the Legislature sees it prudent in this upcoming legislative session to protect the small schools in Iowa and do what is morally right. After all, why should I, as a resident of a smaller district, contribute to the educational system in Des Moines? We already have such lucrative programs in place, which give so generously to Des Moines anyway. (Vision Iowa is a prime example) How much of this money contributed by taxpayers statewide has gone to a Grand

Junction or a Lake City? You guessed it, but Des Moines sure made out nicely. It is myopic to fund Vision Iowa while our rural educational system takes hit after hit and continues to deteriorate.

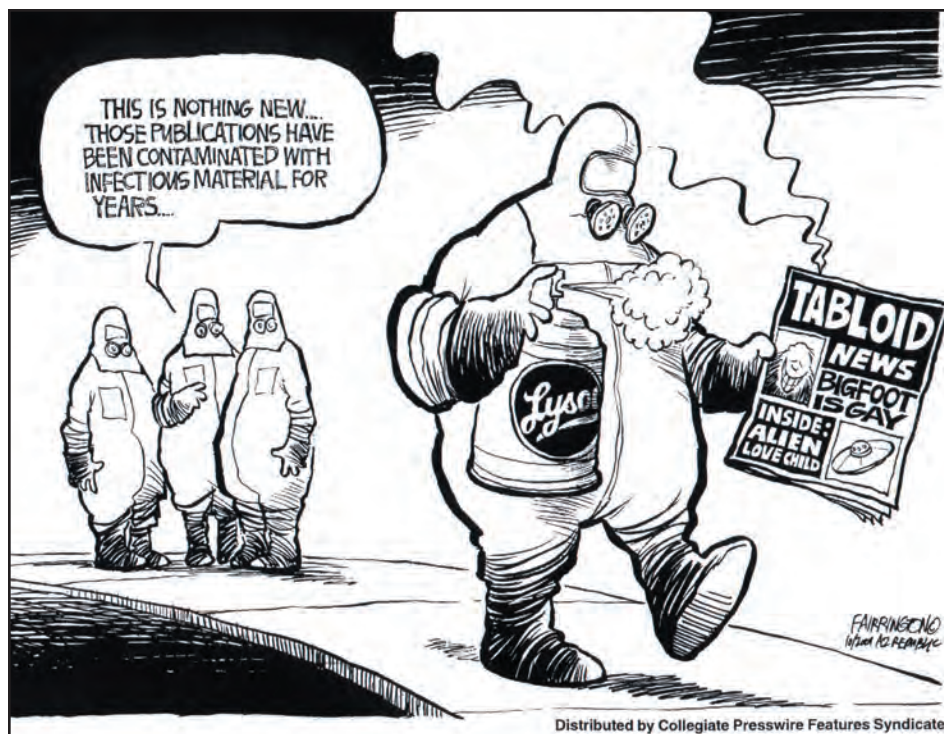
The only solution that I can foresee, which would be completely fair to everyone involved, would be to raise the sales tax in Iowa by one percent. Iowa's sales tax would then be six percent, which wouldn't devastate anyone. The addition-

al funds derived from this penny would be astounding, I'm sure. I know, many rural fiscal conservatives like me might, at first glance, balk at such a notion; however, if you too shop in such urban retail centers, you are already paying the tax anyway! By adding an additional penny on to the sales tax that could be divided among all the schools using a formula based upon population, much like the state's road use tax fund, rural districts could ensure their fair share of this additional revenue.

In this upcoming session, will the legislature do what is right? Perhaps. If the legislature continues to be dominated by those sympathetic to the urban cause, which is ravenous for more and more money in the name of "economic development," and rural legislators who

have an eye on Terrace Hill, I doubt it. However, if we have some legislators, who refuse to follow many of those servile rural legislators, whose alliance is to Des Moines, then we could have something, but again, I doubt it.

The only solution that I can foresee, which would be completely fair to everyone involved, would be to raise the sales tax in Iowa by one percent.



Thank you Boone Campus!

DMACC Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter wishes to thank all who contributed to our "Make a Difference Day" campaign.

We appreciate and value the support our faculty, students, and staff have shown us.

Our campaign to collect hygiene products was very successful! All donations will be distributed to five Boone area service agencies.

Editorial

Full alert, out of control

Michele Thamke
Banner Staff

Saturday, Nov. 3, I answered the phone at work. A hesitant voice with a Hispanic accent asked for Michele. I said, "This is she." The voice perked up and announced himself as Hector... my former fiancé. My Spanish stuck to my tongue like fly paper as I tried to be professional. What I felt like doing was slamming down the phone and vomiting, but I got through the phone call.

The phone encounter reminded me how out of control I feel.

President Bush has put all Americans on full alert. As a full-time college student, full alert means something different to me than the average American. My life was already on full alert.

It means that the calendar tells me that I have five weeks left of classes before finals push their way into my life. I'm also trying to deal with not having enough time to spend time with those people close to me: friends and family. In my attempts to keep it all together, the threads of my life are quickly fraying at a rate faster than I can deal with.

Last fall, I wrote two features on friends of mine who are dealing with breast cancer. One year later, Cindy Cory allowed me to make her life an open book in issue #4 of the *Banner*. My other friend, Twila Haldin, was diagnosed with uterian cancer and another lump was found in her breast Oct. 24. The sorrow that grips my heart is intense.

I don't have the answers, and I know that I am not alone. Be kind to people that you come across and tell the people in your life that you love them.

Student actors keep audience laughing in play

Karol King
Banner Staff

"Let's Murder Marsha," set in present time in the Gilmore's posh Manhattan apartment takes place in late afternoon. Marsha Gilmore (Megan Colton) goes to the library to drop off an overdue book before her husband catches her reading another mystery.

Mrs. Gilmore was a mystery book addict, and her husband, Tobias Gilmore (Justin Reinert) had asked her repeatedly not to read those books because she would always get jumpy. With her birthday coming up, Mr. Gilmore, a wealthy broker, was planning a surprise for her—a sea plane. While reading "The Creeping Slasher," she starts to suspect

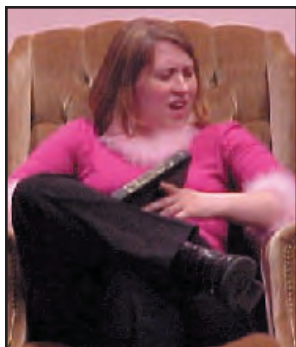


Photo by Michele Thamke

Marsha (Megin Colton) scares herself, reading a mystery.

that her husband is planning to kill her, just like in the book.

She asks her neighbor Virgil (Jesse Curtis) for help, and they decide to kill Mr. Gilmore and the interior decorator Persis, (Angie Miller) before they kill her.

Colton, a Boone Campus sophomore, got in the act and her performance came naturally. Jessica Mayfield, freshman, who played Bianca, the maid, spiced things up by drinking the Gilmore's liquor when they weren't looking.

Miller, a freshman, plays a convincing "other woman" in a provocative red dress.

Mr. Gilmore tries to hide things from his wife, and gets angry when he find out what is going on. Virgil lies to Mrs. Gilmore, saying he's a pharmacist, but in reality he's a kindergarten teacher. Curtis did a convincing job when he fainted. Cara Stone, freshman, as Lynette, tries to set everyone straight in the moment of confusion. Seth Redmond,

sophomore, as Ben, a police officer, was funny when he ended up in the closet making out with Bianca. No one was killed, but everyone taught Mrs. Gilmore a lesson



Photo by Michele Thamke

Lynette (Cara Stone) shows Tobias (Justin Reinert) a gift.

for reading mystery novels and suspecting that someone wanted to kill her.

"Let's Murder Marsha" was written by Monk Ferris. If you didn't get to see this

play, another one will be performed during the spring semester.



Photo by Michele Thamke

Bianca (Jessica Mayfield) finds two liquor bottles.

Another Halloween comes, another bad movie goes

Robbie Maass
Contributing Writer

As Halloween passes us by yet another year, Hollywood feels it is their job to release a movie that will scare its audiences. As we go to the theater we are guaranteed on or more horror movies to choose from. Unfortunately, this is not much of a selection.

In the past three years some of those selection consisted of *Bride Of Chucky*, *House on Haunted Hill*, and *Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows*, all of which are needless to say, bad movies, or better yet, not scary. This year there are three horror movies to choose from. Fortunately for you, my readers, I will gladly narrow that selection down to two.

Of the three horror movies released this year; *From Hell*, *Bones*, and *13 Ghosts*, I have unwisely chosen to write my first movie review for the *Banner* on *13 Ghosts*. This is a Dark Castle Entertainment production with Joel Silver (producer of *The Matrix* and *Lethal Weapons* series) and Robert Zemeckis (director of *Cast Away*) as two of the producers. The last time this group got together was for one of past year's attempt at horror, *House On Haunted Hill*. *13 Ghosts*, like *House on Haunted Hill*, is a remake of a 1960's horror film with the same title. The original *13 Ghosts* wasn't a hit so why they decided to remake is a bit confusing.

The movie's plot is fairly simple. A widowed father of two, Arthur Kriticos (Tony Schalaub) inherits a house from his estranged uncle Cyrus (F. Murray

Abraham). Arthur and his family eagerly await a trip to this house assuming their life has taken a turn for the better. Little does Arthur know this house is not what it seems and in fact is an imprisonment for 13 Ghosts (which can only be seen when the characters are wearing special glasses). Arthur also learns that his uncle is not as generous as he seems, go figure.

Besides Arthur's two kids played by *American Pie* hottie Shannon Elizabeth and seven-year-old Alec Roberts, there is,



in this case, an unsupportive cast. But what good is a horror movie if there aren't unimportant victims to be slayed. Mathew Lillard plays Rafkin, an annoying and unappreciated psychic

and Rah Digga plays Maggi, the careless baby-sitter for Bobby, Arthur's son. Every time these two characters were on screen I cringed, not because I was in suspense of them being decapitated, but I really dislike these two actors.

Visually there are some impressive scenes in this movie. But they come few and far between the over dramatic acting and stupid script. Though the ghosts don't look real, they are a cool sight to look at, when we can actually see them. Their scenes are flashy so if you blink you might just miss one of them. The sets of this

house are equally amazing. The rooms are separated by glass walls with spells written on them to keep the ghosts somewhat contained. Unfortunately, for first time director Stephen Beck, it takes more than good-looking sets and ghosts to create a good horror movie.

So for this Halloween save yourself

time and money by not seeing this film. Instead, go to the video store and rent a good horror movie such as Hitchcock's *Psycho* or Wes Craven's *Scream*. Movies like these make us appreciate this scary time of year.

'Riding in Cars with Boys' great ride

Pam Snow
Banner Staff

In 1968 15-year-old Bev, (Drew Barrymore), lives with her parents, Theresa, (Lorraine Bracco), and Leo, (James Wood), a local cop. Bev spends most of her time chasing boys with her friend, Fay, (Brittany Murphy). While at a party, 18-year-old high school dropout Ray Hasek, (Steve Zahn), defends her honor and the two quickly become a couple.

Only after a short time together Bev finds out she is pregnant. She knows that she has to tell her parents. Her mom is very understanding, but her father almost comes to the point of disowning her. She promises to keep the baby and go to school at the same time, and she promises to marry Ray.

Having her baby, Jason, was not at all what Bev expected. Many good scenes show how difficult it is to have a child and try to go to school. Ray wasn't much

help either by not being able to hold a job because he was either drunk or high.

As the years go by, Bev finds out that her life is nothing like she wanted. She can't get into the college to pursue her dream of writing. She blames all of her bad luck on Jason. In some scenes moviegoers feel bad for him because of all the things she blames him for.

Barrymore does a good job of playing Bev. Almost too good. I liked her in the beginning, disliked her throughout, and liked her again in the end.

"Riding in Cars With Boys" is a well-plotted movie with laughs all along the way. It shows the hardships of having a child. It also makes audience feels for the characters: happy with them in one scene, upset with them in the other.

This movie is rated PG-13 and is now in theaters. It is directed by Penny Marshall for Columbia Pictures.

DMACC Boone Campus student options



Photo by Michele Thamke

DMACC offers a new surveying class this fall, which provides AAS degrees. Shown l to r, Marie Brombaugh and Barb Bailey work with the total station outside Boone Campus.

DMACC offers surveying class

Karol King
Banner Staff

This semester, the civil engineering department has offered a land surveying program designed to provide a two-year AAS degree.

Eleven students are currently taking the survey class. "We are expecting 25-30 students every fall," said Renee White civil engineer instructor.

"When students graduate with this degree, it will allow them to get a

professional land surveyor license; this is equivalent in pay to an engineer," added White.

This degree will provide the necessary training for a future licensure as a land surveyor in Iowa. The total credits required for this degree are 73.

Right now the department is looking for someone to teach the survey class by the spring semester. If no instructor applies, someone from an industry could take this position.



Photo by Michele Thamke

Aaron Johnson looks through the total station at the other site across the Boone Campus.

DMACC sends out 2986 midterm letters Second chances

Kim Swanson
Banner Staff

With midterms completed, DMACC has turned its concern to the low grades at midterm progress reporting time.

Nancy Wisnosky, Assistant Registrar, is responsible for sending out midterm letters. Wisnosky recently sent out 2986 of these letters for the fall term. This is 25 percent of all DMACC students district wide and one percent lower than last fall.

Students at risk of receiving midterm letters are those with a C- or less grade in one of their courses. These letters advise the student on the grade and offer different course of actions that may be taken to correct the situation. "We always tell the student to meet with their instructor first to find out where they stand in the course and then we take it from there," said Shelby Hildreth, Educational Adviser.

Students who fail to raise their grade by the end of semester or fail their class are subject to probation and the current grade will reflect on their transcript.

DMACC has implemented a new program for probation students. The Educational Achievement Plan (EAP) has been designed to give students a second chance. Students meet with a counselor and together formulate a plan to raise their scholastic standards. The counselor may suggest a retake of the class that was not met to standard. In this case, the lower grade will be dropped out of the G.P.A. and the new grade calculated in. "This is the only way an F can be dropped from a transcript," Hildreth said.

Hildreth also teaches orientation to new college students.

This is 25 percent of all DMACC students district wide

Spring registration already underway

Kelly Countryman
Banner Staff

The end of fall semester is quickly approaching. Semester tests and holidays cause enough worry, without thinking about spring semester classes. However, it is right around the corner and the class schedules are available. Classes begin Jan. 7.

Spring registration starts Nov. 6, for students with 25 or more credits and Nov. 7, for students with 0-24 credits. These number are based on the credits earned before the fall term and includes accepted transfer credits. DMACC students can register on their assigned day or after, and through the first week of the term.

DMACC Boone Campus advisers who can help students with education choices are George Silberhorn and Shelby Hildreth.

Silberhorn suggests for students to check into the program or graduation requirements. He said: "Get on the Internet or the Banner (computer) system and check it against the program briefs or the

AA/AS check list we've got. Or come in and see Shelby, myself, or a faculty adviser to get some help."



George Silberhorn and Shelby Hildreth, DMACC Boone Campus advisers can help students with their educational choices.

He added for keeping on track for graduation, students should refer to the check list to know what they should be taking. If students drop a class, they should pick up a class that fulfills the same requirement.

Silberhorn said that students should question each term what classes they need to take. In the case of canceled classes, students should talk to him or the

chairperson for that area what class to take as a substitute to meet DMACC requirements.

Hildreth said she begins with some questions, including educational goals. She said, "If they are planning on transferring, what courses they have taken in high school, are they planning on doing a two years or four years program? Have they talked to the four-year college already?" She added that these are the basic things she draws from the students. She said that she asks if the student needs to attend school full or part time and why.

New student requirements

Other requirements for new students are one of the following: testing on campus, submit ACT scores or provide evidence of successful college experience, which is a C or above in reading, writing, and math courses.

According to an Ankeny source, each semester the DMACC Boone Campus

has increased its number of students. Last semester's increase was 10 percent, so classes will fill up quickly. Also available are online and TV classes.

Registration options

There are different ways to register for a class. Register by telephone at 1-800-342-0033, with the CRN/subject number and course title. Appear in person and register at any of the DMACC Campuses. There is web registration at www.dmacc.org.

Another method is to mail a completed registration form to DMACC Registration Office, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Ankeny, Iowa 50021-3993
Students can fax a completed registration form to 515-965-7054 as another option.

The last day to add classes is Jan. 12 at noon and the last day to drop classes is March 26. Spring break is March 18-23 and spring term ends on May 2.

These are some of the things that will help see students through their college advancement.

Student's voices on tuition increase

Jill Leonard
Banner Staff

For the first time in DMACC history, tuition will be raised mid-year.

Planned budget cuts in the state general aid to community colleges by Governor Tom Vilsack, prompted the DMACC Board of Directors to unanimously vote for a raise in tuition. The suggestion came from President David England at the Board meeting Monday, Oct. 8.

Boone Campus DMACC students were displeased with the \$3 per credit hour tuition hike. Student Becky Perkovich, 21, from Ames said, "I think that if they're



Becky Perkovich

going to raise tuition, they should also consider how they're going to spend the money." Perkovich is a full time student taking 13 credit hours towards an associate nursing degree. She also works 40 plus hours a week at Madrid Nursing Home. "Maybe administration, especially the president, should consider taking a pay cut for our sake."

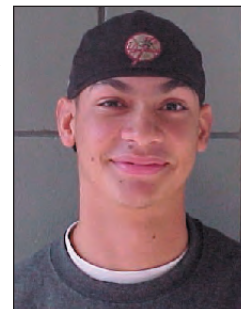
Joe Myers, 31, from Ogden said, "I think it's horrible." He is a student who has to work two jobs to pay for tuition. Myers said, "I have financial aid, but I put in full time at the Fareway warehouse and at the *Boone News Republican*." He added,



Joe Myers

"What gets me is that they are raising it in the middle of the year. They want to build the work force in the state, but they raise tuition. That makes it harder for students to get an education. Eventually, students will want to leave the state and look for employment elsewhere."

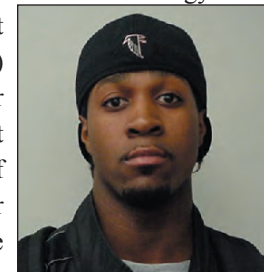
Victor Duke, Panama City, Panama, is unhappy with the spring semester tuition increase as well. He said: "I have enough fees from the last three semesters. Going to school in the United States is expensive." Duke, a sophomore, came to DMACC last year from Panama City. Since he is not a U.S. citizen, Duke can-



Victor Duke

not have a job or even file for financial aid to get work study. Duke has set high scholastic goals, hoping to transfer into an engineering program. "Now it will cost me more. This will just add to my debt," he added.

Raffine Williams, a freshman from New Jersey, came to play basketball for DMACC. He said, "Fortunately, I don't have to pay for school." Williams works at volleyball games and cleans the gym for work study. "It (tuition increase) is not right for the students that have no kind of scholarships or financial aid," he added.



Raffine Williams

Money-saving opportunities at Iowa State University, Drake, Grand View cross enroll next semester

Jennie Yates
Banner Staff

Interested in taking a course that DMACC does not offer or just looking for a new challenge in one that is offered? The cross enrollment program may interest you.

The purpose of this cross enrollment program is to give students at DMACC, ISU, Drake and Grand View the opportunity to enroll in a class at another institution without paying additional tuition.

Most students are eligible for this program but few students realize its existence. Requirements for eligibility are simple. Only full-time college students are allowed to participate. If the student has previously attended any of these four institutions, they must be in good academic standing at the current institution. Students need a 2.0 gpa or higher. A maximum of 50 students will be allowed to participate with the DMACC to ISU or ISU to DMACC programs. However, there is no limit for the DMACC to Grand View and Drake programs and vice-versa. Students may take only one class per academic year. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Most courses are included, except the upper level courses

at the 4-year colleges and universities. George Silberhorn, DMACC counselor, said that he recommends students take lower level freshmen and sophomore courses. The summer term is excluded from the program.

Kate Pepper, an ISU student, is taking Principles of Reporting at DMACC. The reporting course at ISU was full, so her adviser recommended DMACC. "My adviser didn't mention cross enrollment, and later I found out about it," said Pepper. Although she had to pay for her class, Pepper still thinks that the cross enrollment program is a good idea. According to Pepper, the same class at ISU would have about 20 people in a computer lab compared to the 10 people, seven in Boone and three in Ankeny total in the ICN course at DMACC.

According to Silberhorn, few DMACC students take advantage of this program. Even though the program is not perfect for everyone, he still recommends it. "If you can do the work here, then you should be able to do the work at any of these institutions," he said.

Cross enrollment forms can be found at the front counter. Questions can be directed to Silberhorn.

One-time-only extension on scholarship applications DMACC scholarships available

Nancy Woods
Boone Campus Physics and Mathematics Instructor
Contributing Writer

The Boone Campus scholarship committee has approved a one-time-only extension for spring scholarship applications, to give eligible students fifteen more days. All scholarship applications must be received in the main office by Nov. 15, no later than 5 p.m.

There's a variety of scholarships available and students are encouraged to apply for many different scholarships. It is the Foundation's policy is to award only one scholarship per student each semester, whichever scholarships value is highest.

Available scholarships

A variety of scholarships is available, including the General Foundation, the Honors, and the Star Awards.

The General Foundation and Honors Scholarships applications can be found outside the main office. It is very important to include a specific, written statement about yourself and why you are applying for the scholarship. Try to clearly describe your circumstances.

The Foundation's Star Awards applications can be found on the data files (N drive) on the DMACC network. There are nine different Star Awards, worth \$500 per semester, intended for students who have shown excellence in their area(s) of

expertise.

See the application for Star Award guidelines for the following areas: Business, Managements Support Systems & PBL; Journalism; Nursing; Civil Engineering Technology & Land Surveying; Natural Sciences- Biology, Chemistry, Physics; Communications & Humanities; Phi Theta Kappa; Mathematics & Computer Sciences; and Social & Behavior Sciences.

Kriss W. Philips Scholarship

DMACC Boone Campus faculty contributes to the Kriss W. Philips Scholarship fund. This \$100 is awarded outside any Foundation monies awarded to students toward tuition or books.

Philips was the DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean for many years. He achieved success through his own initiative and hard work. To honor Philips, these awards go to students with great potential and promise. This scholarship was created to assist students who are capable of "pulling themselves up by the bootstraps." Although these scholarship applications can be found on the Boone data files drive, please contact Nancy Woods if you have any questions.

Other possibilities

There are other scholarships available to students. Please stop by the main office to find out about other scholarships. George Silberhorn can help if you have any questions. Or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Woods



Behind the print: Part II



Photo by Nicole Rock

l-r Kelly Countryman, Pam Snow, Jill Leonard, and Jan LaVille revise a paper during layout.

Jill Leonard is from Woodward. Her current resident is Boone. She was born on May 5, 1980. Leonard transferred from Kirkwood and is taking 12 full-time credits. With a degree in Floriculture she is working towards her Liberal Arts.

Leonard said "Environmental Conservation Lab is a class that I would recommend to anyone, you get to go on field trips and study our local environment." She works part time at Virginia's Flowers. One of her goals on *Banner* staff is to report on what students find interesting and entertaining. Leonard would have liked to spend an afternoon interviewing Chris Farley.

Jan LaVille is from Coon Rapids. Her current resident is Ames. She was born on Oct. 20, 1945. LaVille has completed 12 credits here at DMACC and has been invited to join PTK. She has a BA from Northwest Missouri State University and a MA from Iowa State University. LaVille sleeps 5-6 hours a night and the rest of her time is dedicated to DMACC. The song "Imagine" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney would best describe her. One of her goals as *Banner* staff is to recruit more students so we can share the work and the fun. If LaVille were a student she would like to report the end to terrorism.

Pam Snow is from Boone. She was born on Nov. 26, 1982. Snow is a full-time freshman and her major is photojournalism. She most enjoys her publications class this semester. Snow works at Subway almost everyday. The first

section of any newspaper she reads is the cartoons. One of her goals on the *Banner* staff is to advance in her writing skills. If Snow could report on an event in history it would have been the death of Judy Garland in 1969.

Kelly Countryman is from Adel. Her current resident is Jefferson. She was born on July 2, 1960 and is a forever student here at DMACC. Countryman is majoring in business administration. Classes she would recommend to others are psychology, math, English classes, and journalism. During the school year she works part time. The section of the newspaper she goes to first is entertainment. One of her goals on the *Banner* staff is to learn more about reporting and layout. If Countryman could report on an event in history it would have been the death of JFK.

Karel King is from Panama. She has been living in Boone for the last three years. She was born on March 29, 1982. King is a sophomore and she is majoring in administrative assistant. Her favorite book is "Nectar in a Sieve" by Kamala Markandaya. One of King's goals this semester on the *Banner* staff is to "improve with every story I write." An event in the future she would like to report on is when they find a cure for AIDS. "I would like to write about the people who are infected and have an opportunity to live," said King.

Adjunct faculty vital to DMACC students

Theodore Herrick
Banner Staff

DMACC Boone Campus has 29 full-time instructors who serve the educational needs of the Boone Campus. These full-time instructors are supplemented by 61 adjuncts (part-time instructors). Many instructors, who began working at DMACC as adjuncts, have become full-time, with an increase in pay and benefits. Adjuncts provide educational services to the students on the Boone Campus.

Four of the 61 adjunct instructors who teach here on the Boone Campus are featured below.

James Hall Olson, originally from Roland, Iowa, has been teaching the lower level math classes at DMACC for three years now. Olson received his B.A. in mathematics from the University of Northern Iowa, as well as over 60 hours of graduate level work. He enjoys spending time with his partner, Irene Winters, as well as reading, keeping up on current events, basketball and tennis, and card playing. Olson says that he does enjoy the relationships he has developed with students beyond class, as well as seeing their development and success in furthering their education.

Charles Waugh Irwin, native of Sac City, Iowa, has been teaching American history, western civilization, and Iowa history at DMACC for approximately five years now. Irwin received his B.A. in sociology/anthropology from Central College in Pella, Iowa. He then received his M.A. in history and museum studies from


Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Irwin commented that he enjoyed the networking that occurs between DMACC and the historical society, as well as the sharing of history with students and how it impacts us even today. Irwin, who is married, likes spending time with his son, Cory Robert, working on his home, and participating in various civic and social organizations.

W. Robert Taylor, of LeMars, Iowa, has been teaching various psychology courses at DMACC since 1984. Taylor received his B.A. in social science from Nebraska State Teachers College in Wayne, Neb. He then received his M.A. in social science from Colorado State College and his doctorate in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. Taylor said he loves it when he sees the students thinking and exploring issues in psychology. Other than teaching, Taylor said he likes to read and spend time with friends. Taylor was formerly a full-time instructor on the Boone Campus.

Nick Allen Thorp, originally from Belvedere, Ill., has been teaching several different classes in the following fields: mathematics, civil engineering technology, and computer programming. Thorp received his B.S. and M.E. in aerospace engineering from Iowa State University. He said that he enjoys spending time with his partner, Shirley Huck, as well as teaching. Thorp commented that he just likes helping students to learn about the various subject areas that he teaches.

Ron Erickson, Boone Campus LAN specialist, will be out of the office for medical reasons for the rest of the semester. Contact the librarians for computer problems. DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean, Bill Hitesman asks for your patience during this time.

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Letter from abroad: Enjoying Halloween in London

Editor's note: Alan Hutchison, DMACC English instructor, is teaching in England this semester in the DMACC study abroad program.

Hello to family, friends and colleagues,
Everyone here is starting to feel the pressure of getting everything done that they want to before we run out of time. (Including me.) This is in addition to assignments coming due, presentations to prepare for and final exams looming large in everyone's

minds.
Some of my students and I went to Highgate Cemetery last Sunday and took a tour. It is a very large cemetery (35 acres) with over 116,000 graves.
In the 1970s, the corporation that ran the cemetery went bankrupt and the city refused to take it over. As a consequence, it is very overgrown and ill-maintained. There is a volunteer group called Friends of Highgate Cemetery which runs the tours and tries to keep up some things, but they can't

do it all. The place has a surreal, gothic feel to it—I wouldn't feel comfortable walking through it after dark.
There are a number of famous people buried in the cemetery, the scientist Michael Faraday, for example. The guide told a story involving the poet Dante Rossetti. It seems when his wife committed suicide, he put a manuscript book of poems he had written to her in her coffin and buried them with her. About fifteen years later, he had second thoughts and had her exhumed and the

poems retrieved for publication. It is said that she still looked as beautiful as the day she died. I think I shot a whole roll of film there.
I did find Karl Marx's grave—it is in East Highgate, which is better maintained. I also found Mary Ann Cross' grave (she was George Eliot).
On Halloween night, we went to see a play called *The Woman in Black*. It was appropriately scary and very well done. When we left the theater, there were people in costumes running around, including two guys who appeared to be wearing nothing but aluminum foil. Leicester Square was lively.
Today (Friday), we went on a tour of Cambridge. It was sunny, crisp and cool. The leaves are finally starting to turn. According to the news, this has been the warmest October since records have been kept starting in 1659. The campus of Cambridge University was beautiful (frankly, I like it better than Oxford). Had we more time, I would have enjoyed taking a punt (boat) on the river Cam. There is an unofficial student group

called the Night Climbing Club. They scale the outside of buildings and pull pranks. One of their most famous was putting an Austin Mini car on the roof of the Senate House, a campus administrative building. We saw their latest effort. One of the gates to Trinity College has a statue of Henry VIII over the opening (about a story off the ground). They had replaced the mace he had been holding with a table leg.
For lunch we visited the Eagle Pub. It is a carriage pub and one enters into a central courtyard. Like the George Inn in London, it still has galleries with balconies. During WWII, the Eagle was a place where American bomber crews and British RAF crews hung out. They burnt their names in the pub dining area ceiling with their Zippo lighters. The names are still there with insignias of their units lining the walls. While we were eating and taking pictures of the ceiling, a man sitting at out table started talking to us. It turned out he was in the RAF during the war—was in Normandy on D-day and

had also done research on the names on the ceiling. He had a log with him with every name and corresponding unit represented. He also had a picture of himself with the pilot of the bomber Memphis Belle. (Remember the movie?) He had all kinds of stories and made for a wonderful lunch. He also told us the pub was haunted by three ghosts. One by the men's toilet (sorry, didn't encounter it there), one in the basement and one in an upstairs room that was once a bedroom. There is a window there they never close because of the ghost. We hated to leave.
My students are scattering for the weekend. Adrienne arrives tomorrow and I'll be spending my birthday with her in Paris, next weekend. We'll hang out on the left bank, talk existentialism, and pretend to be French intellectuals.

All for now.
Cheers,
Alan Hutchison
DMACC instructor
In London

Aguan: I came as a refuge

Kelly Countryman
Banner Staff

Our community college is filled with many interesting and unique people. Each person has a story. Aguan Aguan is from



Aguan Aguan

Africa where he lived in Waw, Sudan until he was 8 years old.

Aguan said, "I came as a refuge because of the war in my country. I'm from the south."

He started his journey to the U.S. after his father was killed in 1986. Aguan spent time in Ethiopia and Kenya before the immigration office sent him to Kansas City, Mo. where he graduated from high school in 1998. He started at DMACC in August 1998 where he was hoping to become a political science major. He has

since changed his major to international relations and is taking a total of 17 credits between Iowa State University and DMACC.

Aguan lives in Ames, works at Mary Greeley Hospital, and is the guardian of his younger brother, 15 and a nephew who is 17. When asked about his family still in Sudan he said, "I know my father died and I'm not sure that my mother is still alive, but I hope so. She's somewhere in the south."

On his returning to Sudan, he replied, "I have no intentions of doing that, but someday I might go to the borders of Uganda and look for my family."

Information from sudan.net-

Sudan is located in Northern Africa, bordering the Red Sea, between Egypt and Eritrea.

It is the largest country in Africa.

It is slightly more than one-quarter the size of the U.S.

Estimated in July 1999, the population was 34,475,690.

Average life expectancy is 56 years.

Literacy is defined as age 15 and over, that can read and write, of which 46% of total population can.

The climate is tropical in the south and arid in the south. The rainy season is from April to Oct.

Women's self-defense seminar coming to Boone Campus

The Crime Clock

nationally

One **murder** every 21 minutes
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Almost everyone will be the victim of a theft at least once.
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Stop the clock

Attend a **free** women's self-defense seminar. This seminar, four hours in length, is offered through Farrell's U.S. Martial Arts for \$195. The same program will be held for DMACC students **for free** at the following time:

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Monday, Nov. 26: 12:30 – 2:30

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Women win home opener in impressive fashion

Scott Anderson
Banner Staff

The DMACC women's basketball used a successful pressure defense and great shooting performance in defeating Graceland JV.

"I thought we executed our pressure defense very well tonight," said Coach Bob Terrones.

Graceland opened the game with a basket, but DMACC came back two baskets in a row of their own to take a two-point lead. The game then went back and forth with Graceland tying the score on six occasions, the last at 18-18. The Bears then went on a 12-2 run to end the first half with a 30-20 lead.

In the second half the Bears took a 43-22 lead on the strength of a 13-2 run. Graceland finally made its first basket five minutes into the second half.

With the score 53-33 the Bears went on a 10-0 run, capped by back-back three-pointers by Ashley Rodes to take its largest lead at 63-33.

The Bears had very balanced scoring and everyone who played, scored. Melissa Gourley led the way with 12 points, newcomer Treasure Hughes added 10, and Lisa Obrecht scored 9. The Bears were also paced with 9 points a piece from two other newcomers in Violet Howard and Renae Walker. Obrecht also added 9 rebounds and was one of four players to have 4 steals with the others being Hughes, Howard, and Ashley. Hughes led the way in assists with 5.

"I thought the team did a great job of being more patient and selective with their shots," said Terrones. "This was a fun game for my players."

Basketball season opens

Scott Anderson
Banner Staff

The DMACC men opened the season in Sedalia, Mo. in the State Fair Classic. In the first game the Bears beat Division I Allen County 73-64, and in their second game defeated Forest Park Community College 80-71.

"I thought there were times when we played very well and times when we didn't play as well as I would have liked," said Coach Orv Salmon. "We have some improvements to make, but for our first time out, I thought we did

very well."

The DMACC women opened the season in Great Bend, Kan. In the first game the Bears lost to Division I Barton County 100-55, and in the second game the Bears also lost to Division I Butler County 86-40.

"I thought the girls played very hard, and I was proud of their effort," said Coach Bob Terrones. "We were outmatched in both games, and injuries also played a key role. Both games were very physical, and the team played their best."



Photo by Scott Anderson

Renae Walker sinks a free throw in the closing moments of DMACC's victory.

DMACC men rout Graceland JV

Scott Anderson
Banner Staff

The DMACC men basketball team jumped out on Graceland early and often in defeating them 107-42.

"This was a good workout for our team," said Coach Orv Salmon. "I was very please because the kids came out strong and ready to play from the start."

The Bears were indeed ready from the start as they scored the first 19 points of the game. The Bears built that 19-point lead to 30 at the half.

The Bears came out strong in the second half with a 19-4 run to take a commanding

74-29 lead. The only excitement left was to see if the Bears would score 100 points, and they did on a basket by Bret Wisecup.

"This was a good opportunity for the newcomers and the reserves to play some valuable minutes," said Salmon.

The scoring was very balanced for the Bears with six players scoring double figures. Darnell Star led the way with 16, newcomer Raffine Williams scored 14, newcomer Cameron Lollar 12, Bret Wisecup 12, newcomer Jordan Jackson 10, and Shelton Colwell also added 10.



Photo by Pat Anderson

Jamal Jackson goes up for a layup in a scrimmage against Grand View on Oct. 23 at the Ankeny DMACC Campus.

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Miracle on Hancock Drive

Bears driven to sustain success of last season

Bethany Forster
Chronicle Staff

Part two in a series focusing on the upcoming DMACC Bears basketball season.

"Turning a program around from an also-ran to a national contender in one year is miraculous." So says Van Coleman, a well-respected evaluator for more than 20 years and the owner of Future Stars, a company that evaluates and touts basketball talent.

Sustaining that miracle for another year at a campus located in Boone seems at first glance impossible. Consider that there is no budget for recruiting. A lot of the players, according to Head Coach Orv Salmon, meet the coaches for the first time when they arrive at school. The location is not exactly glamorous. Unless your main interest lies in trains, Boone might not be the most happening place.

But success is something expected of this year's team. Many negatives have been exploited and turned into positives, due in no small part to the coaches and more specifically, the players.

Jamal Jackson has been an integral part of the formula for success. Hailing from Newark, N.J., last season he led the team in steals (91) and assists (169). He averaged 13.8 points a game and 3.1 rebounds.

This year, his duties at guard carry extra weight. Last year the Bears were the hunters, this year, they are the hunted.

Staying focused on winning and your own role is key, he says. "On paper, we are a good team. But players have to know their roles. You know your job, the whole team wins."

"Last year, we were like family, like brothers. Now we (sophomores) are the older brothers and we need to convey a sense of urgency and focus." Jackson knows that the window of opportunity is small in a two-year program, and that now is not the time to be comfortable. He wants to get to a Division I school. Not only a conference championship, but a national one as well would be nice along the way.

And that is where location comes into play. Boone is an oasis for many of the players where the distractions of home are absent and basketball is the focus along with academic work.

Shelton Colwell, a friend of Jackson's and also from Newark, has enjoyed the idyllic life offered in Boone. His bowling average is now hovering around 202 and school seems to be going well. The location of DMACC allows him more time to focus and be disciplined in the hoops life. Colwell did not play much organized basketball before DMACC and at first hated the rigors of practice. Now he loves it and cannot get enough.

"Last year I was learning a lot and playing catch-up. This year I am focusing on fine-tuning my game"

During the summer break, Colwell worked on his mental toughness, compet-

ing against players at or above his perceived level of play. He played against Jason Williams from Duke at a tournament and was named MVP of the Brooks Beach summer league. All are things he never would have thought possible.

One person who does know what is possible but has the unenviable task of making sure the players not only realize it, but do it, is Salmon. Although he downplays his role at every opportunity, it is clear when talking to players and those who keep an eye on the Bears that his influence is unmistakable. His attitude alone permeates the team. It is a humble attitude, one of quiet confidence and an expected but not assumed success.

"Each team develops its own chemistry regardless of returning players. They develop new roles," said Salmon. So far, the team has not hit their stride. A style of play needs to be developed, which comes with time. "How they react to wins and losses is important too."

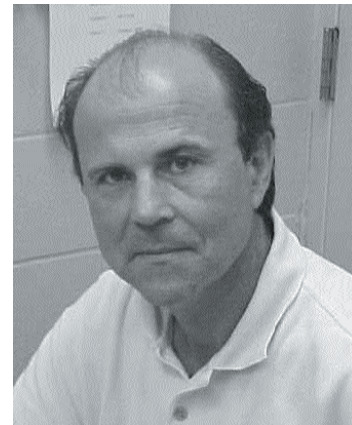
The group playing on this year's team seems more than capable of overcoming

the obstacles each season brings "Salmon took a couple of chances where the kids ended up being really good. You can sell that on a national basis when you get to that next level," says Coleman. "Having a good basketball program not only attracts athletes in other sports, but more academic-minded students as well. It's really a win-win situation."

Having no budget for attending summer camps and shootouts is something Coach Salmon takes in stride. "We rely mainly on referrals. Jamal and Shelton both came from Newark, and now we are having a lot of success there. DMACC is getting name recognition."

Many of the students playing this year are being recruited by Division I schools in the Missouri Valley Conference and others across the country already. "To see the level of interest change like that in one year is phenomenal," says Coleman. He also sees the team being highly successful this season, easily contending with Kirkwood for the state title.

The long journey of practice, videotape, practice, games and more practice on the winding road that is a season begins shortly. Where it leads is up to the players.



Orv Salmon

DMACC Bears Volleyball team ends season 11-7

Jill Leonard
Banner staff

DMACC Bears hosted the final home game of the season Tuesday, Oct. 23, against the Lakers from Iowa Lakes. Teammates and coaches honored the

sophomore women for their last showing in Boone. The team cleaned house playing their hardest, and won 31-29, 36-34, 25-30, and 34-32.

"I am sad that our home games are over. Our fans are so awesome, I'm going to miss them," said Sheri Hughes,

freshman, who came all the way from Arlington, Texas to play for DMACC. "I really enjoy playing on our home court, even our shaggers and linesman do a great job!" she added.

The women traveled to Burlington Thursday, Oct. 25, for a match against South Eastern. The long drive didn't stop the Bears. DMACC came back after losing 17-30, and won 30-19, 30-14, and 30-23.

"Burlington has improved from last year considerably," said Jill Dubberke, sophomore from Hubbard. "We got off to a slow start, but we picked it up and got a great victory." The win improved the women's record to 10-6 in the conference.

Next, the women traveled to Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls for an early morning game on Saturday, Oct. 27. The starting six were still snoozing, and Coach Lori Slight had to put in the reserves.

Sophomore starter Renae Walker from Jefferson-Scranton, said, "We have great team depth, and it really showed when the backups stepped in and finished the second game for us. That fired the rest of us up!" The Bears regrouped and finished with three wins: 30-21, 30-20, and 30-28.

The women lost their last conference expedition on the road to Southwestern on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Caitlin Jacobsen, sophomore from Washington Park, said, "Southwestern played their best, and we played our worst, and it was still a close match." The Bears lost 22-30, 25-30, and 18-30.

Jacobsen added, "We'll be ready for them at the Conference tournament."

The Bears finished their regular conference season with a record 11-7, and an overall record 28-19. The women were seated fourth at the Conference tournament Friday, Nov. 2.

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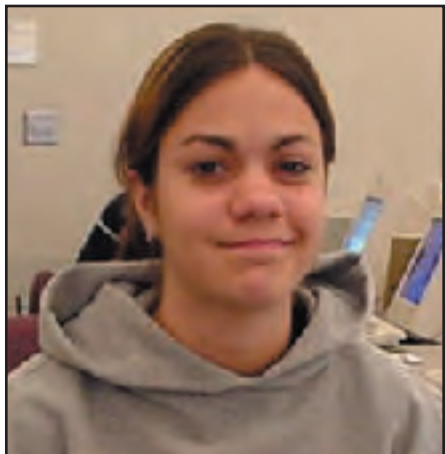
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The Other Side of the Courter

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What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



Courtney Goodman

"My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie because it's good."



Eric Heckert

"Green bean casserole is my favorite Thanksgiving food because I like the little crunchy stuff on top."



Todd Thompson

"My Thanksgiving favorite is mashed potatoes and gravy because it's one of my favorite foods all year round."



Vicky Coville

"Oyster dressing is my favorite Thanksgiving food because it's a family tradition."

Letting a ball drop in your life

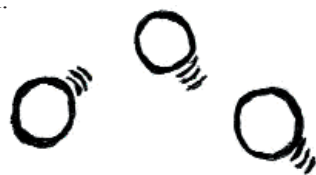
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Self-revelations are hard to deal with. The terrorist attacks, along with a crisis all my own, have seemingly changed my perspectives so drastically that at times it's difficult to accept that who I am now is even related to who I was only a few weeks ago. For the first time in my life, I am not physically or emotionally able to handle all of the things that used to be routine. Responsibilities that I once took so seriously have now taken a back seat to what used to be taken for granted. It's more difficult than ever to pull myself away from my family and friends to go to

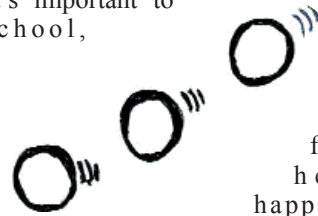
work, or turn out papers on things I care little about, and I would rather read a good book than go out on a Saturday night.

I guess, like most people, I'm searching for some sort of happy medium; that point where I can have it all. Not likely, but ideal.

The best analogy I have ever heard was in a book written by James Patterson where he compared life to a juggling act. You can start with just a few balls, and once you get the hang of it, it's so easy to just keep adding.



It's natural to push yourself, to see just how much you can handle. You keep adding those balls until you reach that point when you realize that you have to choose a few to set down, or drop them all. But each ball represents something that's important to you: school,



work, family, friends, health, happiness... Which one do you let go without feeling as though you've failed? Is there any way to keep

them all in the air without getting exhausted? Can you maybe just set one down for a little while, until you get your strength back?

The lesson I'm learning, is that life is about choosing priorities, and in the end all that really matters is whether or not you can look back without regrets I will just have to learn to accept that I, like everyone, am a work in progress, and will do my best to make decisions that reflect who I'm working to become. So if now and then I have to let a ball drop for a while in order to keep the rest in the air, please forgive me if it happens to be one that affects you. I'll try to do the same.

Shopping with today's economy

Pam Snow
Banner Staff

Following Sept. 11, the economy has gone through many hardships, but has this changed the way students spend their money?

Stacy Perkovich, freshman, said: "I don't have money to spend, but if I did I wouldn't save it for a specific reason. I don't think my economy in central Iowa has been effected that much compared to other parts of the country."



Since the attacks, interest rates have lowered, some to zero percent. This has more people buying cars and houses for their future.

Jake Saunders, freshman, said: "I wasn't that worried about my money because I was saving it for a car. It wasn't a new one, but with the low interest rates it makes people think about going out to

look at their options."

When the attacks happened, the stock markets fell and many people didn't know where their money would end up. Today with the stocks climbing in good numbers over the past month the American people have shown that their spending habits haven't changed.

Deborah DeHoet, another Boone student said, "When everything first happened, I was more aware of my spending, but now I'm not really worried about it."

When the president gave his speech to the nation, he said to continue on with a normal way of life. The American people did just that, by showing that they can stand together and help the economy, even if that means going to the mall and buying a new pair of jeans, or going out and looking for a new car.

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