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Napster gets nappy

Jack Wilson
Bear Facts Staff

The ruling that a federal appeals court sent down to Napster appears to finally be kicking in. Napster, an internet song trading site, was ordered to block the transfer of any copyrighted material contested by artist or record label.

Bear Facts went online over spring break to test out whether this blocking business was doing anything. It is. Doing a search for any major pop figure, say Madonna, will return no results for files found. Even a band like Incubus, which recently came into the limelight with their new album, will produce nothing in the search engine.

However, there are a few loopholes. Try a search for "Maddonna" instead of Madonna and don't specify a song name. You will get a bunch of results, but the number of files will be a lot less than there used to be. Overall, Napster's blocking methods seem to be working better than they were after the injunction was first enacted. Now it takes a bit of perseverance and a little bit of luck to find some artists.

While there are still tons of un-blocked songs, the pickings have gotten pretty slim on Napster for newer music. If you are serious about mp3's, look in to other file-sharing programs. There is a plethora available, and some are being...
2001 State Leadership conference
Boone campus PBL winners

First Place Winners:
Kim Miller, Creed Oratton; Jenny Thieben, Multimedia Presentation

Second Place Winners:
Rosie Fuentes, Management; Stacy Hagen, Business Math; Christine Harmingen, Business Graphics; Christine Harmingen, Information Management; Christine Harmingen, Word Processing; Holly Klein, Business Graphics; Lori Marshall, Telecommunication; Beth Shultz, Human Resource Management

Third Place Winners:
Deanna Carpenter, Desktop Publishing; Deanna Carpenter, Word Processing Fundamentals; Valerie Gannon, Word Processing; Stacy Hagen, Desktop Publishing; Beth Shultz, Accounting Principles; Nancy Thomas, Telecommunication

Fourth Place Winners:
Deanna Carpenter, Computer Applications; Valerie Gannon, Computer Concepts; Beth Shultz, Who’s Who in Iowa Phi Beta Lambda

Fifth Place Winners:
Marie Dostal, Human Resource Management; Mary Mahen, Word Processing Fundamentals; Nancy Thomas, Computer Applications

Chapter Winners:
Third Place, Burn the Mortgage Campaign; Third Place, Event Sponsorship; Third Place, Largest Local Chapter Membership; Third Place, Lloyd V. Douglas—Chapter of the Year; Fifth Place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report

Earth Day Cleanup
Neighborhood cleanup project
1 p.m. at Boone DMACC campus
After lunch cleanup projects around the city of Boone.
PTK plans to work until around 5 p.m.

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Phi Theta Kappa inducts 23 new members at Spring induction ceremony

Melissa A. Barrie
Jennifer E. Blomgren
Kate A. Bunt
Laura J. Burdette
Brenda L. Cairns
Stuart L. Cornwell
Kelly K. Countraman
Paul N. Croult
Julie C. Davis
Michelle L. Davis
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Tracey L. Kander
Jessica J. Musser
Michele M. Thamke
Rachael L. Thompson
Susan B. Thyny
Heather S. Wargo
Marry S. Web
Samantha Wilcox-Zimmer
Katie N. Wittrock

Connie Colle, DMACC student and president of the Iowa region of Phi Theta Kappa, spoke at the Tau Phi Chapter Induction Ceremony.

A student’s struggle to make a career choice
To be or not to be

Katie Prescott
Bear Facts Staff

Many students graduate from high school with one goal in mind: to get away. The scapegoat often used to allow students to move away from home is college. While college is a great experience, for many, students should also keep in mind that they’re going to college to become something. That’s right, college is more than just parties.

For some students it is a frustrating thing to try to decide what they want to do for a career when they get out of college. Kim Beck, a sophomore at the DMACC Boone Campus, said she thought she wanted to do one thing in high school and now she has changed her mind as she’s gone through college. Kim says that she went through high school with the dream of becoming a teacher and a photographer. She later thought that she couldn’t do much with photography; she decided that it would simply be a hobby for her. She also decided that teaching just wasn’t for her.

That was in high school; now Beck wants to go to ISU this fall and major in horticulture, which is the study of trees, plants and flowers. “I’ve enjoyed this type of thing since I was very young. I have also been working in this field since I was about thirteen years old,” Beck says.

Her decision to change her idea of what she wanted to major in happened when she first arrived at DMACC. “When I got to college I looked at the required classes for certain majors.” One area was thrown out because she needed to take eight classes of economics from both DMACC and Iowa State. She knew right away that economics was something she was not interested in.

As a college student, the most important thing you can do for yourself is talk to people. Get advice from older friends or family members who have already been through the whole ‘college experience.’ “My dad, my sister and my best friend all went to a community college before a university. They helped me by telling me how they went about doing this and what they wished they had done different,” Beck said.

Beck: “The very best thing I did was have George [Silberhorn] help me plan my classes. He knew the right classes for me to take and did an excellent job, because all of my classes are going to transfer to ISU next fall,” Beck said.

Beck would like to tell the freshmen, and even some sophomores, to not be worried about making decisions. She knows that decisions made can always be changed, they aren’t set in stone.

So whether you are a lost freshman, or even a confused sophomore, know that you are not alone. Maybe you can take some of Beck’s advice and not hesitate to ask others for help. If you have different views from Beck, you can always take the advice of Albert Einstein, “I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.”

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**Commentary**

**Help prevent suicide**

Neeley Owerson  
*Contributing Writer*

Have you ever felt so depressed that you wanted to take your own life? Well, you aren’t alone. 500,000 teenagers aged 15 to 25 try to kill themselves every year and out of that, 5,000 succeed. You should take depression very seriously because it could affect you life profoundly.

**Different depressions**

There are different types of depression, but one of the most serious types of depression is Manic depression or Bi-Polar Disorder. Manic Depression is often a deadly illness; approximately 15% of all Manics commit suicide and 55% of all Manics will attempt suicide multiple times. OF course read that correctly--Manic Depression has a higher mortality rate than most cancers.

Most people don’t suffer from that serious of a depression such as Manic Depression, but that doesn’t mean that other types of depression aren’t serious.

**Warning signs**

Some of the warning signs that you or somebody you know could have are sudden changes in behavior, dramatic changes in appetite, sleeping difficulties, poor performance in school, trouble concentrating, unexplained loss of energy or excessive fatigue, loss of interest in friends, increased drug/alcohol use, constant feeling of worthlessness or self-hatred, excessive risk taking, preoccupation with death, dying or suicide, and/or giving away of personal or prized possessions.

**Seek or request help**

If you recognize any of these signs in a friend or in yourself, ask for help. There are many treatments for depression like therapy and medications. Depression can occur because of a low level of serotonin in the brain, and low level can be corrected by medication. Don’t let the stigma of taking medication for depression get to you. It doesn’t matter what anybody else thinks, just that you are going to get better.

Speaking from experience, a friend of mine let the stigma get to him, and he ended up committing suicide. Knowing what I know now could have saved his life, and now that you know this information, it could help you save a life.

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**Wisconsin, Colorado, UC Berkeley lead 2001 list**

**Leading colleges for Peace Corps**

Washington, D.C., March 1 – Peace Corps Acting Director Charles Baquet, III, today released the Peace Corps’ annual list of the colleges and universities with the largest number of Peace Corps volunteers currently serving overseas.

For the third year in a row, the University of Wisconsin – Madison, with 93 graduates currently serving, topped the 2001 list, followed by the University of Colorado – Boulder with 74 volunteers.

The University of California – Berkeley jumped from fifth last year to third this year, with 70 volunteers. In 1999, the university placed 13th on the list. The University of Texas – Austin maintained its fourth place ranking with 68 volunteers this year. The University of Oregon rounded out the top five by making the largest jump on the list. It leaped from 12th place last year to fifth place with 67 volunteers this year.

The strong showing of colleges from so many different parts of the country illustrates that many students today are solidly dedicated to service and deeply value the unique experience Peace Corps offers,” Baquet said. “And through their alumni, there is an increase in HIV cases in African American women in the southern states and that AIDS is still 100% fatal. Most AIDS victims die from pneumonia, because they are not strong enough to fight it off.

While how HIV/AIDS cases in the United States began is unknown, much is known about transmission; fluid only. This means that mothers can pass it to their babies, and sexual partners can pass it to another. The more sexual partners you or your partner have, the greater the risks of HIV/AIDS.

Hanlin recommended checking out the research findings, as they change all the time, ask questions of your partners, and get tested every six months if you are at risk.
Bullies may cause children to fight

Matt Rinker
Bear Facts Staff

In the most recent weeks our lives have been filled with stories of hatred and violence. A string of violence related to our nation's schools has broken out in some part of the. What causes the youth of America to fight with such haste? There are many directions you could point your finger; however, the most influential person in this war is you. You are the enemy.

In a recent Time magazine article Nancy Gibbs wrote an article entitled "Society: 'It's Only Me.'" The article takes a look at what caused the latest shooting in Santee, Calif. Gibbs is not saying that we are the ones to blame for the shooting but does point out why the shooter felt the urge to harm so many other people.

Andy Williams, the California shooter, was constantly at the center of ridicule. Williams was brought to a point he could not have ever fathomed. Being the center of such harsh attention has been filled with stories of hatred and violence.

"In Santee, Calif. Gibbs is not saying that we are the ones to blame for the shooting but does point out why the shooter felt the urge to harm so many other people." Andy Williams, the California shooter, was constantly at the center of ridicule. Williams' constant ridicule led him to feel like the world was against him. This feeling of being constantly undermined and belittled contributed to the outbreak in deaths in our state.

There is a second thing that helps to contribute to the outbreak in deaths in our schools. The parents. If parents pay close attention to their children they can see that something is troubling a child. When depression and isolation set in, it is almost inevitable that something isn't right with the situation. In an article written by the staff of The Atlanta Constitution, much of the blame for these school shootings can be put on the parents. It is the parent's job to raise the child with positive influences.

For the McChicken sandwich, I had decided on the McChicken sandwich, McSalad shaker, and a coke, all costing $9.99 each. The total was $3.17, which was well within my price range.

One thing I must point out before this goes any further. When it comes to fast food restaurants I tend to stay away from dining in. To me they invented the drive-thru for a reason and if I can avoid getting up I do.

I opened the bag and began to devour my food. I started with the salad, of course. I put the dressing over the top, put the lid on and began to shake. Much to my surprise, the dressing actually went through the whole salad. The first bite was a pleasant taste, a little tangy, but from McDonald's that's what I expected.

The salad went down smooth; it was just the right size for the price I paid. My next treat was the McChicken sandwich. In case you're not aware chicken is my favorite meat so when I order chicken, I take it seriously. My first bite lived up to all my expectations.

Not the best chicken, but for $0.99 you can't ask for a better sandwich.

In all, the meal was good, very filling and done the way only McDonald's can, fast and good. But there is more.

There is also a new burger at McDonald's called the Big N'Tasty. This is what I believe to be the Whopper wanna be. With mayo, ketchup, tomatoes, and everything else, the Big N'Tasty was one of the best burgers McDonald's has ever come out with. And to top it all off, the burger is only $0.99.

My time spent with McDonald's was good. The food was good and the price was right. I couldn't have asked for anything more. For that I gave McDonald's mine new $0.99 menu three spatalus out of four.

So give it a shot the next time you only have a few minutes before class, you won't regret it.

Sadie M. Heimbaugh

Restaurant Review
Matt Rinker
Bear Facts Staff

In case you haven't been to McDonald's lately, it has a new feature that is surely going to win your taste buds. A $0.99 menu has been added to their normal line up.

The new menu hit stores about two months ago. In those months I have had time examine the menu to test its quality. On the menu there are 12 different items. Ranging from french fries, salads, burgers, and chicken sandwiches, this menu has it all. But the next question I asked myself is, is it good? I pulled up to the drive-thru right before heading to class; I had $3.50, and I intended on spending it all. I looked through the menu, everything looked so good at the time, which mad this even harder. I had decided on the McChicken sandwich, McSalad shaker, and a coke, all costing $9.99 each. The total was $3.17, which was well within my price range.

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Sadie M. Heimbaugh

Behind the print

Hometown: Neola, IA
Where you live now: Ames, IA
Year and status: Full-time freshman
Major: Undecided
Class you enjoy this semester: Publication Production "I enjoy working as a team to produce something I can be proud of."

Where are you working this semester: Child Services of Central Iowa

A goal as Bear Facts staff: Do stories that require investigative reporting

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Letter to the Editor

President Ben Golding, "That will be a huge burden for a lot of students who are barely making it, we don’t think the universities should balance the budget on the backs of the students."

In the state of Iowa in 1999, the average income was $25,727 annually of that 11.7% was spent on tuition and fees at public universities. In an August report, “Higher Education: Increasing Faster Than Household Income and Public Colleges’ Cost,” officials found tuition has increased 234 percent in 15 years from 1980 to 1995, whereas, household income has increased by 82% a sufficient difference.

So I ask you, what is the reason for a 234% increase in tuition when incomes have only increased 82%? Why doesn’t tuition cost follow the same trend as that of households of students and families who attend them?

Lindsey A. Schaefer
Boone Campus student
**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Our Lady Peace shines, Semisonic fades with new releases**

Aaron Ladage  
Bear Facts Staff

In a genre as overproduced and homogenized as pop-punk, it’s rare to hear an album that doesn’t sound exactly like the one before it. Although New Found Glory doesn’t break completely free from these stereotypes with their new self-titled album, they do bring more to the table than most of their competition.

Unfortunately, the elements of every Blink 182-wannabe band are present in every song on the album. Only this time it exceeds the 3 and 1/2-minute time limit that seems to be the standard in this brand of music, and the chord progressions are nothing original. The lyrics also seem to fit into the cookie-cutter punk banal formula to some extent. With titles like “Boy Crazy” and “All About Her,” the words seem like nothing more than poorly recycled Weezer songs. Even though the lyrics are slightly generic, the band pulls them off quite well.

Despite all of this album’s downsfalls, the band comes very close to redeeming itself through their vocals. Lead singer Jordan Pavlik has a voice that is unique to this type of music—for one thing, he can actually sing. At several points in this album, his voice sounds like it was sampled from an 80’s hair band ballad, only with more quality. With excellent harmonies and soaring highs, Pandik and crew rescue an album that could have easily been grouped with the sellouts, and places it on a much more original plane.

**On a different note...**

Iowa concert scene needs a makeover

Aaron Ladage  
Bear Facts Staff

While many college students dream of spending their spring break on a warm beach with a margarita in hand, I had something else in mind this year: I was ready for a ride to Colorado. I came up with nothing worth leaving the state for.

While all this bad luck may have been nothing more than bad timing on my part, there’s an underlying trend here that I can’t seem to shake—Iowa, along with most of the Midwest, seems to be about fifteen years behind the music. For example, if you wanted to see a rock show at last year’s State Fair, you had three choices—Styx, REO Speedwagon, or Def Leppard. While the State Fair isn’t exactly known for its cutting edge musical showcase, I think it proves my point.

If Iowa ever hopes to attract more than last decade’s stars, it desperately needs new and improved venues, or at least venues that attract newer artists. Although Hilton Coliseum in Ames and Veteran’s Auditorium in Des Moines are great for medium-sized shows, they just can’t handle a big name act with any authority.

For now, though, I’ll just keep looking. Driving an extra five hours isn’t my idea of a good time, but it adds to the “road trip” experience. When Iowa proves that it can bring in respectable artists, I’ll keep my couch cushion money in the state.

**The Bear Facts Proudly Presents**

**The 2001 DMACC Academy Awards Contest**

The winners will each receive a gift certificate for one large one-topping pizza from Domino’s Pizza.

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Rich Borgos goes against two Kirkwood players attempting to score for DMACC.

DMACC vs. Kirkwood dive for the ball in an aggressive play.

Heavily guarded Shelton Colwell goes up for a lay-up.
Editor’s Note

Some baseball photos and information were unavailable at press time. If the information is available by the April 11 issue, Bear Facts will run the remaining players’ photos. We apologize to players not pictured.

Heavily guarded Shelton Colwell goes up for a lay-up.

Rich Borgos goes against two Kirkwood players attempting to score for DMACC.
Editor's Encounters

Winning creativity for DMACC students

Michele Thamke
Bear Facts Staff

Recently, two DMACC students won contests in creative fields. DMACC sophomore, Evie Tiffany placed as a finalist in a national photo contest, and Heather Wargo, DMACC freshman, placed in the DMACC creative writing contest.

Photo by Abi Stearns
Evie Tiffany with her favorite subject, niece Aleya Stearns.

Evie Tiffany
Raised in Mankato, Minn., Evie Tiffany has an older and younger sister. Her parents and younger sister live in Fargo, ND, while older sister, Abi Stearns, her husband and daughter, Aleya, live in St. Ansgar, IA.

Although always interested in photography, graduation from high school in 1992, and attending a small school, Tiffany was young was key to her photography development. “I could see all the beauty out there.”

Tiffany’s triumph
Nikon’s national contest was held fall 2000. Tiffany entered four photographs; three color, one black/white. 18,700 photographs were entered, and Tiffany made finalist. Winners should be notified in March, and prizes include everything from scholarships, to Nikon cameras and equipment, to cash prizes. “For being a finalist, I’ll be in included in a national photography publication,” she said.

This was the first contest she entered, and Tiffany said, “I didn’t expect to become a finalist! I will definitely enter more contests from now on.”

DMACC lessons
Darkroom work has been the most exciting thing Tiffany has learned at DMACC, and has added to her photography knowledge. “I could capture an image, process the film and be able to make the image appear on a piece of paper just how I had seen it.” She added, “That’s my thrill of photography. You can take something beautiful you saw and show it to people so possibly they can experience what you’ve seen.”

Also valuable is lighting techniques, and to come in with new angles by using new lighting. “Learning the different lighting techniques is important in photography and has been exceptionally useful.”

Future plans
Tiffany wants to pursue freelance photography following college. “At this point, my college plans aren’t final. But one thing I do know is that I want photography to be a part of my future.”

Heather Wargo
From small town Oswayo, PA, Wargo attended a small school; Oswayo Valley in Shinglehouse, PA from K-12, and graduated in 1992 from high school. Wargo, her husband Robert and their three children, Hilary 8, Billy 5, and Rosemary 3 live in rural Butte County.

Educational goals
Wargo already has her Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) license in IA and PA. Having attended Boone DMACC full-time, since Fall 2000 with a Science Bachelor degree in mind, Wargo will next attend a four-year facility, and specifically major in microbiology and minor in genetics. Wargo’s ultimate goal is to get into gene therapy.

While in school, she is not working as a nurse because there is not enough time. Between helping care for a family of five and taking 16 credits this semester, Wargo is a busy student.

Wargo’s style
Writing for fun by using her grandmother’s Harlequins as her guide, Wargo began finding her own style. Wargo said, “Then I graduated to reading my sister’s ‘Cosmo’ magazines whenever I wouldn’t get caught, for my mother would take them away whenever she caught me reading them.” She added that she understands now that a 12-year-old girl shouldn’t be reading ‘Cosmo.’

As a teenager, Wargo focused on ‘angst-ridden; witty poetry, and a bunch of really dumb and bad stories.’ She added, “I used to write editorials to my hometown newspaper and rile up the biddies from time to time, much to my grandmother’s delight.”

In Wargo’s case, she has written whenever the mood struck and she had the time. She writes because “I have so much crap running through my head at any given time I need to outlet it. Honestly, I look at everything and turn it over in my head as a ‘what if’ this were the case instead’ or ‘I wonder what would happen if it were like this.’” She added, “doesn’t everyone have that? There are so many interesting people and situations I hear any given day.”

Wargo, her brother, sister and mother have kept journals through high school and adulthood. She said, “My sister dabbled in a little writing when she was in college, and my brother is working on a science fiction novel when he isn’t too busy at work (He is a fiber optics engineer for AT&T).

Reading connection
One may think writing would be first on Wargo’s list of teaching importance, but reading tops her list: “I consider learning how to read the most important thing that has ever happened to me and the most important thing one teaches their children.”

Childhood reading loves included Beverly Cleary, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Judy Blume, C.S. Lewis, and H.G. Wells. “I am thoroughly enchanted with Harry Potter right now… I think they are one of the best-written series I have ever read, and that includes adult fiction as well.”

Current favorite author without question is Pat Conroy. “I have been waiting patiently for his next novel, as it has been six years since his last book, and I was a little disappointed with it.” Wargo loved Dorothy Allison’s Bastard out of Carolina, John Irving, and John Grisham because they are pretty light reads. She said, “I do like Tom Clancy, though I think he needs to back off on the technical ‘I know so much about the navy and armed forces crap’ and concentrate on his characters a little more.” She added that his plot structure is superb and she could go on and on about different authors and books.

DMACC creative writing contest
Wargo’s entry into the contest, “The Feminist’s Daughter,” was the first she had ever dared enter. She said, “I was perfectly stunned as the story I submitted was several years old” and added that it wasn’t edited as much as she would have liked.

Photo by Evie Tiffany
Award-winning photo in the National Nikon photo contest held last fall.
Wargo wrote that Charlie said, "mom and dad." Her life was void of "traditional" family memories of the story details Rachel Jenkins' life as daughter of Charlotte "Charlie" Jenkins, a "loudly radical feminist."

Raised without her father, whom Charlie referred to as "no good bum," Rachel asked her mother about him. Charlie added that he left immediately when hearing of the addition of Rachel, who harbored the secret belief that No Good Bum had fled out of self-preservation, not irresponsibility, but she (of course) never voiced that thought to Charlie. Her life was void of "traditional" family memories of mom and dad.

Wargo wrote that Charlie said, "Any woman, whose life has inevitably been ruined by a man, will always have a place with us," and added that Rachel had always wondered what Charlie would have done if she had been born a boy, but she lacked the nerve to ask.

Rachel's most embarrassing moment is chronicled in the story dealing with Charlie reading Rachel's journal and jumping to the conclusion that her daughter was the object of harrassment in the eighth grade. Graduating from high school in 1992 and gaining freedom from Charlie became Rachel's goals. "The longing was so intense she could taste it."

She secretly went behind Charlie's back and enrolled in a North Carolina college, instead of Berkeley, Charlie's alma mater and choice for Rachel. The day of reckoning occurred and, every single thing Rachel had ever wanted to say came flooding out like a dam had been swept away from a reservoir. "Look at you! All of you!" Rachel's eyes swept over all of them. "What is your purpose in life? What are your goals? Do you have any goals? Are you just going to follow my mother for the rest of your lives? I have never seen such a group of pathetic women in my entire life. You are not a strong asset like you think, you are a disgrace to our gender," Rachel shouted. "Charlie lit out by saying, "You know, Rachel, you have been a disappointment to me. You have spent your life around wronged women, and look at your attitude. You don't give two shits about any of this do you?"

Desiring to finally get some answers, Rachel demanded to know why Charlie had her rather than have an abortion.

Charlie looked defiantly at Rachel. "You want to hear it, fine." She paused, ever the drama queen for her audience. "I didn't know I was pregnant with you until it was too late to do anything about it." Rachel sucked in a breath and held it. "It was 1973, and they did things differently back then." Charlie glared at Rachel, and added, "Are you satisfied now? With a soft voice, Rachel asked, "Who is my father?" Charlie responded, "He was a one time transgression, Rachel. I never made a mistake like that again." Rachel's eyes widened. "But you t-t-told m-me he l-l-left you a-f-after he f-f-found out about w-w-w-w-" she said in a papery voice. Her lungs felt flat and heavy. Charlie laughed meanly. "I'm sure he would've if he'd known. He never knew you existed, Rachel. I never told him. Like I said, it was a mistake to--"

After an exchange of words, Rachel began to cry brokenly...loud wracking sobs. Charlie was obviously uncomfortable, but made no move to comfort her daughter. After awhile, Rachel demanded her father's name, and Charlie replied, "His name is Dominic Ryan, and that is all I can tell you, Rachel. " Charlie said with flat finality. Rachel looked into her mother's eyes and told her one final "goodbye." She went to her room to collect her things and prepared to leave. Looking around the bedroom, she let out her breath and felt something old and rancid loosen its moorings, and then it slipped away forever.

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DMACC Creative Writing Contest Winners

Leslie Sivadge: Best Overall Writer
Jacki Anderson: Runner-up, Best Overall Writer
Richard Shea: Best Story, "Standing Up"
Heather Wargo: Runner-up, Best Story, "The Feminist's Daughter"
Teah Phillips: Best Poem, "Sunshine"
Susanna Funk: Runner-up, Best Poem, "Arctic Mockery"

Honorable mentions: Julie Donahy, Mark Muelhäupt, and Kelly Cool
Kirkwood defeats DMACC for Region XI Tournament Championship

Scott Anderson  
Bear Facts Staff

The story book season for the DMACC men ended abruptly on March 15 as Kirkwood knocked off the Bears to win the Region XI Tournament Championship 58-54.

"Kirkwood did a good job on us defensively," said DMACC Coach Orv Salmon.

Strong perimeter shooting leads DMACC men past NIACC

Scott Anderson  
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Bears used an awesome display of outside shooting in defeating NIACC 86-74 in the first round of the Region XI Tournament in Creston on March 10.

"They [NIACC] left us [DMACC] open on the perimeter and we took advantage of it," said DMACC Coach Orv Salmon.

The Bears opened the game by scoring the first seven points. NIACC came out shooting well from the outside, and that kept them in the game in the first half. DMACC never lost the lead, but was able to keep a safe distance from NIACC. DMACC's largest lead was eleven at 31-20, but NIACC cut the lead to two points at 35-33. DMACC then built the lead back to seven at the half.

Darnell Star started the second half by hitting his third and fourth three-pointers of the game to give the Bears a commanding 46-33 lead. From there the game stayed even with DMACC holding a double-digit lead. NIACC finally cut the lead to five at 73-68, but six free throws in a row by the Bears built the lead back to eleven, and NIACC didn't get much closer as the Bears took the game 86-74.

The Bears were led by Rich Borgos and Shelton Colwell, who had 20 and 17 points respectively. Adam Daley and Shelton Colwell both had 10 points. Colwell played great defensively, but was in foul trouble most of the game.

"Shelton is a marked man, but I thought he stayed within himself and played well," said Salmon. "These first round games are always hard, but I thought we took care of the ball and played well."

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Iowa Lakes charged back with eight straight points to get within two at 72-70. Alberts again hit a shot for the Bears to extend the lead to four, but Iowa Lakes came back with a three-pointer to cut the lead to one at 74-73. The Bears called timeout, and after the timeout, ran a play but missed the shot. Iowa Lakes came down and missed a shot but got the rebound and now could take the last shot. The Iowa Lakes player drove to the basket, but Borgos slid into position and took the charge with 6.6 seconds left. The offensive foul gave the ball to DMACC. After a couple of quick fouls, the Bears inbounded the ball and passed it around until time expired, giving the Bears the heartstopping win.

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DMACC baseball spring trip highlights

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Departed from Boone at 8 a.m. on March 17 for the annual spring trip with two coaches and a bus driver.

Stopped at Cameron, MO at 11:10 a.m.

Stopped five miles west of Joplin, MO at 2 p.m.

Arrived at our destination at 3 p.m.

Assigned rooms in the dorm at NEO (Northeast Oklahoma) and on the field by 4 p.m.

Practiced until 7 p.m. and then ate supper and went back to dorms for the night.

March 18 played NEO in a doubleheader.

DMACC lost the first game 4-2 and the second game 6-5.

March 19 traveled to Neosho, MO to play Crowder Community College. The Bears lost the first game 6-2 and the second game 6-5.

March 20 again played Crowder and lost 7-5.

Travelled to Joplin, MO and played Sioux Falls College and won 3-2.

March 21 again played Crowder and won the first game 13-5, but dropped the second game 5-4.

March 22 played NEO and lost the first game 1-0 and the second game 17-12.

March 23 left Miami, OK at 6:30 a.m. and arrived in Boone at 2 p.m. safe and with a tough and hard-fought win over Iowa Lakes 74-73.

We [DMACC] knew this would be a tough game because now both teams were really prepared for each other," said Salmon.

The game started out with Iowa Lakes taking the advantage early. The Bears took a 14-13 lead after a basket by Borgos. The Bears then went on a 12-2 run to take a 26-15 lead. The game then went back and forth until a late first half run by Iowa Lakes cut the Bears lead to four at halftime.

The second half saw the Bears regain a double-digit lead at ten points, and the game went back and forth. A basket by Kevin Alberts built the DMACC lead to ten at 72-62 with about three minutes to go. Iowa Lakes charged back with eight straight points to get within two at 72-70. Alberts again hit a shot for the Bears to extend the lead to four, but Iowa Lakes came back with a three-pointer to cut the lead to one at 74-73. The Bears called timeout, and after the timeout, ran a play but missed the shot. Iowa Lakes came down and missed a shot but got the rebound and now could take the last shot. The Iowa Lakes player drove to the basket, but Borgos slid into position and took the charge with 6.6 seconds left. The offensive foul gave the ball to DMACC. After a couple of quick fouls, the Bears inbounded the ball and passed it around until time expired, giving the Bears the heartstopping win.

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2001 Baseball schedule

March 17 – 23 ………..SPRING TRIP………………………Oklahoma City………………….1 p.m.

Saturday, March 25 …..Boone…………Marshalltown…………………1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27 ……..There…………Ellsworth………………….2 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 …..Carroll…………Buena Vista………………..2 p.m.

Friday, March 30 ………..There…………Ft. Dodge…………………1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 …………There…………Kirkwood…………………..2 p.m.

Thursday, April 5 ………..Carroll…………Morningside………………2 p.m.

Saturday, April 7 …………There…………Council Bluffs………………1 p.m.

Sunday, April 8 …………..There…………Council Bluffs……………12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10 …………Boone…………Iowa Lakes……………2 p.m.

Thursday, April 12 ………..Carroll…………Mt. Marty…………………2 p.m.

Saturday, April 14 …………Boone…………Indian Hills……………1 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 …………..Boone…………Indian Hills……………12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 …………Boone…………Kirkwood…………………3 p.m.
DMACC student training for his career of choice

Lassoing a rodeo career

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DMACC women finish season strong, look forward to future

Mike Frost

Colwell, Jackson, Borgos, and Daley receive all-region honors

Conference honors awarded

The fools' side of the Courter Photos and text by Katie Prescott

How are you today?

Adolf Handler
Motivational Speaker
“My right arm is a little stiff.”

Julia Palmerts
Actress
“I’d like to thank the Academy, my agents, friends, family and God. Why didn’t they give this to me sooner?”

Bud
Self-employed
“I don’t remember....”

Rosie O’Handell
Talk show host
“I ate a box of Ring Dings for the kids, but when I looked in the box it was empty, and the kids were gone.”

Boone Campus finally gets ATM

Filop Laros
Fear Backs Staff

Rejoice DMACC students; your prayers have been answered in the form of an automatic teller machine. Just go down the hall to the ACC and look to your left. There it is! While many students are in total disbelief, as they should be, it is reportedly going to save hundreds of dollars in gasoline from trips not taken to the bank down the street. The energy crisis has prompted many changes, and this one is definitely for the better! A poll recently indicated, less financial opportunity outsmarted large sailors.