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DMACC Boone Campus

Bears Pep Band adds spirit to games

Jennie Yates, Banner Staff

People of all ages, are spread out across tiny Room 115, located near the Campus Theatre on the Boone Campus. As they begin to play, a loud version of "Another One Bites the Dust" fills the room and surrounding hallways. As the instruments come down, talking, giggling and solo practicing begin. These people are the members of the new DMACC Bear Pep Band.

Around 4 p.m. members enter the room. Chattering like, "I think I'm flat." "Did that note come out of me?" or "Did that seem wrong to you?" fills up the room. The members are friends and they depend on each other for help. Instrumentation is simple, a couple of flutes and saxophones, a trumpet, a clarinet and two pianos. Music lies in laps and on tables, making it difficult to read. Only two music stands are found in the room. Maggie Stone, the director, who during most of her hours on the Boone Campus is the director of the Displaced Homemaker Program, grabs everyone's attention and lifts her hands lightly as a sign to begin. This is DMACC's first pep band, at least the leader, Stone, thinks it is. The idea for a pep band came about when Stone was talking with some friends and they decided it might be fun. They also thought it might boost school spirit and the team's spirit as well. Also, since the teams were doing so well, they wanted to give a little back to the men and women.

The band fluctuates between 15 to 20 members. "I was surprised that more didn't show up. I was hoping for more members," said Stone. However, she is not going to complain about the number of members because the band almost didn't make it this far. The band was supposed to start in early December, but when Stone's father had a heart attack, two of the band's meetings had to be canceled. Finally, just before finals, the band met for the first time. Only four members were able to attend this meeting because of class conflicts. Meeting times were discussed and the first actual practice was set up for Jan. 14, 2002. With two weeks of practice, they had their first performance this past Saturday, when the men and women basketball teams played NIACC. The members are enjoying their experience so far. Cara Stone, freshman, joined because she wanted some kind of music still in her life. "It's different than I thought it would be, but I'm having fun," said C. Stone. She also said that it would help if more students join because more players equals more volume. Rene White, Civil Engineer Technician, is playing the alto saxophone. "I had never been to a game before last Saturday, it's a good reason to come to the games," said White. She's also enjoying it because she likes getting her instrument out after she hasn't played it for a while and playing it, with people she knows.

The band is still "young" and most of the members haven't played in years. New members are always welcome and are encouraged to join. The band is looking for more brass players and a few more clarinets.

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DMACC--Spring semester credit enrollment at Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC’s) Boone Campus is up a whopping 20.4 percent compared to the spring semester enrollment figures of last year. And the spring enrollment figures of 2001 were up more than 9 percent from the figures of 2000. The DMACC Boone Campus set a new spring semester enrollment record in terms of credit hours and headcount. DMACC’s Boone Campus spring semester credit hours stand at 12,824 compared to 10,651 credit hours in the spring of 2001. There are 1,381 students taking classes on the Boone Campus, which surpasses the 1,061 students enrolled in the spring semester of 1993.

Overall, spring semester enrollment is up 7.8 percent on the six DMACC campuses. Students are enrolled in 101,570 credit hours this spring on the Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Campuses and at the off-campus locations. Students were enrolled in 94,210 credit hours in the spring of 2001. The 101,570 credit hours is also a DMACC record for a spring semester. There are 11,786 students enrolled at the six DMACC campuses, which is a new record high for a spring semester.

These figures are taken from the 14th day of classes and are compared with the figures obtained from the 14th day of classes last spring to reflect an accurate comparison between this spring and last spring.

DMACC offers credit classes in career education, career option and college parallel programs at campuses in Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Des Moines.

SAC organizes Ski Night at
Seven Oaks for students

About 20 DMACC Boone Campus students participated in SAC’s Ski Night on Jan. 23 at Seven Oaks west of Boone. Students went in two groups. One group is shown above: Row 1: Tim Welke, Lori Slight (SAC faculty adviser), Brian Jacobsma and Sheri Hughes. Row 2: Treasure Hughes, Eric Ver Helst, Cody Simonson, Shannon Geragthy, Eddie Earlbacher, Violet Howard, Jo Mitchell, Justin Vetter, Jay Fink, and Ryan Webb.

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Photo by Jennie Yates

Cara Stone, DMACC freshman, recruited several Boone High students to join pep band. She is playing guitar in pep band.
‘Out of Sight... Out of Murder’ cast as spring play

Jennie Yates
Banner Staff

Once again it is time for the actors of the DMACC Boone campus to shine. The play “Out of Sight... Out of Murder,” written by Fred Carnichael will be performed.

The play begins when Peter Knight is trying to write a murder mystery in an old mansion where another author died years ago. A weird twist brings his characters to life, and they gather for a midnight reading of the will. Soon after, the murders begin. Will Peter be able to identify the murderer before he is murdered himself?

Many people tried out but only seven parts, four men and five women were available. Justin Reinert will portray Peter Knight, the writer of the book. Megin Colton has the job to portray Kay. Jesse Curtis will be acting the part of Dick. Cara Stone will be playing a maid, Addie. Amber Adams will play Minna. Olivia Hoff will play the part of Lydia. Cogburn, a butler will be played by Greg Hager. Finally, Accalia Martinez has the part of Fiona. Kay Mueller, Boone Campus drama director, will direct this play. Anyone interested in helping with props and scenery should contact Mueller in Room 132.

This play was chosen as a favorite of Mueller’s Drama 110 class last semester. “Some of the students had read it in my introduction to theater class and said they would like to do it,” said Mueller. Also according to Mueller, the play is fun; it has distinct characters and an interesting plot. Also, she says it is humorous.

“Out of Sight... Out of Murder” will be performed on March 7 and 8. Admission is free for DMACC students. General admission is $5.-

Snow Cancellations

If weather conditions in the early morning hours warrant, the decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather will most generally be made around 6 a.m. As soon as a decision has been made to cancel Boone Campus classes, the radio stations listed below will be contacted.

KWIG AM 1590 BOONE
KKRL FM 93.7 CARROLL
KLTX FM 96.1 AMES
KCIH AM 1380 CARROLL
KLTI FM 104.1 AMES
KCCQ FM 105.1 AMES
KASL AM 1340 AMES
KGBG AM 1590 BOONE

Cancellation announcements will also be recorded on the Boone Campus telephone system. The announcement on the telephone system can be accessed by dialing 432-7203 directly or by contacting the Boone Campus through the toll free number 1-800-362-2127 and pressing 2 for Boone Campus.

When weather conditions in the early morning delays the start of school (i.e. 10 a.m.) the offices will be open for business at the designated time. Classes will begin with the first full class period beginning on or after the designated time.

If the weather conditions during the school day warrant an early dismissal, DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean, Bill Hitesman will make the decision, notify staff and notify the radio stations as soon as possible. The decision to cancel evening classes will most generally be made by 4:30 p.m.
EDITORIAL

Politalks

Theodore Herrick
Banner Staff

With all of the conservative legislators in Des Moines screaming these days about the dire finances, I attempted to formulate a way to cut costs myself. I undertook my task out of a sense of duty and responsibility toward my native state. Looking for ways to chop the “fat” out of our state government, I, like a highly skilled plastic surgeon, wanted to remove yet another unneeded layer of adipose tissue from the budget. Admirable, isn’t it? So admirable that every legislator may jump on board if they are as prudent about setting out to reduce costs and inefficiencies as they claim. After all, the Legislature should be all too pleased to take suggestions from the public. It is the public who is actually in control, right?

In looking for ways to cut expenses, we only need to look to our neighbor to the west…yes, that’s it, Nebraska! In 1937 Nebraska took a very bold step towards reforming their governmental structure and eliminating costs at the same time. The path that Nebraska was about to tread was yet untested at the state level. It would walk this trail with brand new shoes and face the unknown—unicameralism.

Unicameralism is the term for the way Nebraska’s legislative branch of government is organized. Instead of possessing both a state house of representatives and a state senate Nebraska chose to eliminate one of those chambers. Elimination of half of its legislative branch slashed costs dramatically and increased efficiency profoundly. In 1935, Nebraska, still operating under a bicameral legislature, had a 110 day legislative session in which 192 bills were passed by both houses at a cost of $202,593. After its 1937 reorganization, Nebraska had a 98 day session and passed 214 bills for a cost of nearly half, or $103,445!

Nebraska’s 133 legislators were reduced to 49, thus increasing the accountability of each individual legislator come election time. If bills, acts, or politics go awry, neither chamber can claim the other wasn’t cooperating. Sole accountability rests with one group; the public can’t be duped by finger pointing. I’m sure some will argue against such a “radical” move. Let’s stay in the box, refusing to change with the times. However, when we neglect to follow a prudent societal impetus, we not only maintain our poorest qualities, but we enhance them. The traditionalists will argue that bicameralism is a part of our heritage, and thus should be left alone. They could also argue that we NEED both houses to ensure that a concentration of power does not develop, in other words, to keep the “checks and balances” aspect to Iowa government firmly in place. To this, I will respond that the checks and balances will not be hurt at all. The governor will still be there, vetoing undesirable legislation. Also, the state’s supreme court would not be touched either, allowing that body to strike unconstitutional laws passed by the legislature.

Unicameralism is simply put, a streamlining in the way good government does business.

SAC sponsors hand waxing on Boone Campus

Cramer Entertainment had a continuous crowd, Jan 29, around their hand waxing attraction. The Student Activities Council(SAC) sponsored the hand waxing in the Courter Center on the Boone Campus.

Lori Slight, SAC adviser said that approximately 300 hands were waxed during the day.

Karen Meyers, Allison Hockett and Abby Rinehart dip their hands in the warm wax on the Boone Campus.

Melissa Gourley and Joe Meyers are enjoying the hand waxing that was sponsored by the Student Activities Council.
Crowe portrays ‘Beautiful Mind’

Pam Snow
Banner Staff

John Forbes Nash, Jr., a young man in 1950, had it all. He was a mathematical genius who established mathematical principles of the Game Theory of economics. This led him to win the Nobel Prize 40 years later.

“Beautiful Mind” starts on the Princeton campus in 1947, where a young Nash (Russell Crowe) came to prove he had the greatest mind of his generation. He is self-absorbed and unwilling to make friends with his fellow students. “I don’t like people, and they don’t like me,” Nash says to one of the students. This really sets the mood of what is to come. He has only one friend on campus, a roommate named Charles (Paul Bettany).

In 1953, Nash is called by the government to crack Russian codes, which he does by just staring at random strings of letters and numbers. A man in black named Parcher (Ed Harris) insists that the Russians are communicating to each other in newspaper articles and ads. Nash is to crack all the codes and help rid the Russians of doing any harm. Nash comes to find meaning in everything. This new job takes a toll on his wife Alicia (Jennifer Connelly), a student who seduced, then married, Nash.

Nash is committed to a mental hospital, where Dr. Rosen (Christopher Plummer) diagnoses him as a schizophrenic. He’s forced to endure shock treatment, and this ends his thrill of code finding. This movie is a true story and is very well directed by Ron Howard, who won a Golden Globe for motion picture of the year.

Crowe plays his part beautifully. He held nothing back, and it shows. For this, Crowe received a well-deserved Golden Globe for his role in this movie.

Connelly, who showed her acting abilities to the fullest and deserved her win at the Golden Globe for best supporting actress.

A “Beautiful Mind” is a Universal Pictures, DreamWorks Pictures production. It is rated PG-13 and is now playing at theaters everywhere.

Black Hawk soars

Robbie Maass
Banner Staff

“Black Hawk Down” is one of the most authentic war films of modern times. It is a true story of Americans involvement in the Somalian conflict, based on journalist Mark Bowden’s 1999 bestseller of the same name.

The story is about a group of U.S. Army Rangers and elite Delta Force attempt to capture two of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid’s top henchmen. This assignment, which was supposed to take about an hour, turned into a day with a result of 18 U.S. soldiers and more then 500 Somalia dead.

Director Ridley Scott returns to the camera after last year’s “Hannibal” and is truly at the top of his game. The battle scenes in this movie are what give it its authenticity. Scott has a knack with working with a lot of people on screen at once. He did it in “Gladiator” and he does it again in “Black Hawk Down” with scenes of shoot-outs and helicopter crashes. These are very intense scenes filled with emotion as well as awe. From a soldier falling out of a helicopter to an unarmed pilot being attacked by hundreds of angry Somalia, I’ve never felt proud, scared and sick to my stomach all at once. Thank you, Mr. Scott.

The one thing this movie is lacking is character development. But I’m not going to criticize it for that. Scott did not make this movie to get a couple of actors’ Oscar nods. We don’t learn, nor do we need to learn, these soldiers’ histories or where they’re from. We see them as a group of young men, not fighting for their country, but doing a job that they were assigned to.

Josh Hartnett, Tom Sizemore, Ewan McGregor and William Fichtner are some of the more recognizable actors in this movie, but as soon as the shooting starts, telling the different soldiers apart can be a bit confusing.

This movie was made before the Sept. 11 attacks and was questionable as to whether or not it be released. But the decision to release it was not so people could go to it to gain a sense of patriotism. If you do, great, but this is a brilliant piece of filmmaking, and that’s a reason, if any, to see it.
Pleasantly surprised by The Strokes

Nathaniel D. Hawkins  
Banner Staff

Fun loving, energetic and just plain crazy, are the three phrases that come to mind when I think about "Is This It," the debut full-length album from The Strokes, a group of five close friends from New York City who began assembling together sometime in 1998 to lay the foundation of a rock ‘n roll band.

I have to admit I was a little hesitant when my roommate handed me "Is This It" suggesting that I listen to it. Especially when I asked him what genre of music it was. When he replied that it had a punkish flavor to it, I was a little turned off. I haven’t really listened to all that much punk music before, aside from The Ramones. However, my immense love for music gave in and I decided to give the album a shot.

To my pleasant surprise, I instantly fell in love with the album. From the initial beat of the softer, slower title track “Is This It”, all the way to the final chord of the album in the more upbeat, “Take it or Leave It.” The Strokes take you on a joyful musical ride. Such a ride that it makes you almost want to get up and dance like Carlton Banks from “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air” does, when he hears Tom Jones belt out his classic, “It’s Not Unusual”. Although it may be a little zany and possibly certifiable that kind of immensely pure joy oozes from this album.

You may laugh now, but until you hear lead singer Julian Casablancas screams out "LAST NITE" from the albums climax song “LAST NITE”, words can only express how much you are missing by not owning a copy of, “Is This It.” So I urge you…no, I insist that if you love good music that you rush to your local music store and pick yourself up a copy.

The Grammy Contest

Since the last publication of the Banner a new year has come, and with it has come a plethora of award ceremonies. The Grammy contest gives The Banner readers a chance to win a CD, from the Album of the Year category. Choose the winners from all ten categories listed, and drop off your ballot in the gold box located in the library. Deadline is 9 p.m., Feb. 26.

Watch the 44th Annual Grammy Awards, which airs on CBS, Feb. 27 from 8-11p.m. and see how you did. Whoever gets the most correct picks wins. In the case of a tie, Banner staff will draw from a hat for the winner.
DMACC Boone Campus fall semester president’s, dean’s list

Des Moines Area Community College President Dr. David England recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester President’s List. To be eligible, a student must have earned a 4.0 grade point average.

President’s List
Amber Adams, Arts & Sciences, Boone
John Anderson, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Svetlana Andronova, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Carol Bacon, Practical Nursing, Maxwell
James Ballalis, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Surena Benjamin, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Kyle Bennett, Civil Engineering Technology, Boone
Amy Bogges, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Monica Bolmert, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Kristin Bravard, Accounting Paraprofessional, Boone
Krista Brittain, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Marie Bronbaugh, Civil Engineering Tech., Boone
Brenda Browning, Arts & Sciences, Roland
Stephanie Core, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Emily Cue, Arts & Sciences, Madrid
Larry Cunningham, Mgt. Information Systems, Boone
Tom Dooler, Civil Engineering Technology, Ankeny
Lindsay Eller, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Jean Fristad, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
Melissa Gourley, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Bethany Grettet, Practical Nursing, Ames
Sung-Nyung Han, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Jeanne Hansen, Early Childhood Edu., Des Moines
Corey Hayes, Civil Engineering Technology, Dayton
Benjamin Howe, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Teresa Huntley, Arts & Sciences, Ogden
Tracey Kander, Practical Nursing, Boone
Shonelle Kudma, Exercise Science, Boone
Diane Lahm, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Cameron Lollar, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Lucia Mallinger, Medical Administration, Ogden
Molly McConkey, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Debra McFarland, Arts & Sciences, Colo
Donald Mellwain, Land Surveying, Boone
Amy Mekemson, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Milliang Millang, Arts & Sciences, Ogden
Neil Modeland, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Megan Montag, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Larkin Moore, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Florence Mwangi, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Karen Myers, Criminal Justice, Boone
Mary Navratil, Arts & Sciences, Story City
Beth Newgaard, Arts & Sciences, Des Moines
Merle Phillips, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Jaime Plueger, Practical Nursing, Ogden
Frances Raab, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Gayle Ray, Accounting & Bookkeeping, Ogden
Jessica Robinson, Arts & Sciences, Ames
Jennifer Shaffer, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
Jean Smith, Practical Nursing, Ames
Stacy Snavely, Associate Degree Nursing, Nevada
Brian Varcoe, Arts & Sciences, Kelley
Amanda Venard, Arts & Sciences, Adel
Shanae Waddy, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Lucinda Wenger, Medical Transcriptionist, Beaver
Konni Westrum, Arts & Sciences, Stratford
Christina Wilber, Medical Assistant, Boone
Melissa Wild, Arts & Sciences, Nevada
Theresa Wilson-Salts, Arts & Sciences, Perry
Nicholas Wirth, Arts & Sciences, Roland
Raymond Wiseup, Arts & Sciences, Boone
Christopher Young, Arts & Sciences, Forest Lake, MN

DMACC’s fall semester dean’s list. To be eligible, a student must have earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average.
Superbowl XXXVI Preview

Ben Phelps
Banner Staff

As another year gets off to a start, the NFL post season comes to a close. Two teams are left standing, while the others prepare for an off-season that will see arguments over contracts, firings, new coaches, and of course, they have to decide whom to leave unprotected for the upcoming expansion draft.

Two teams that are happy to put the off-season off for another week are the AFC Champion New England Patriots and the NFC Champion St. Louis Rams.

For the Pats, a trip to the Super Bowl seemed hopeless at the beginning of the season as the team was coming off a 2000 season that saw the team go 5-11 with offensive starts Drew Bledsoe and Terry Glenn. To start the 2001 season, Glenn refused to play, and Bledsoe was injured in week two.

A winning season seemed out of reach, much less a Division title, playoff berth was a 10-win week by. Then a Super Bowl berth? Not a soul in the football world believed that this team had the ability to accomplish what it did. Though people didn’t believe, the players did, and that’s what makes teams win.

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Horoscopes

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Guard against overindulgence in food or drink. Your spirits may be lower than usual, so perk yourself up with a haircut or a brisk walk outside. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 3, 14, 22

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A sensitive partner may need extra understanding from you today. Minor delays are likely to cause some expensive cash-flow problems. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 13

Aries (Mar 21 - April 19) If you’re thinking about loaning money, get over it. A tendency to rush things could lead to errors, so be sure to give details right attention. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 10, 15, 33

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You are very energetic and on top of things. If shopping, take care that you don’t spend without thinking first. Never do anything for anyone that they can do for themselves. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 5, 18, 31

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Make sure that the signals you give others are clear. You may be lucky with a game of chance. You’ll enjoy going out for an evening of fun times. Romance: Poor| Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 1, 16, 42

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Don’t pay attention to any rumors. You may encounter some minor obstacles in trying to complete a task. Good news will come to you and you’ll feel at peace. Romance: Poor| Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 9, 23, 26

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) There is a valid reason for everything that happens, although it may not become clear for quite some time. Try not to let anyone lead you astray. Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 19, 26, 28

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) An outgoing attitude will help to improve your reputation. Make an effort to meet new people, and be open to discussions. You will find out some very important information. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 9

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) This is not the best time to start taking new risks. You believe strongly enough in a cause to sacrifice some of your personal happiness. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 16, 17, 19

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Try to come up with new ways of earning extra cash. Use your creativity and strong energy to increase your income. Opportunities will be plentiful if you look for them. Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 14, 29, 30

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You have friends in places you never thought of. They could open new doors for you and help you to get where you want to be. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 1, 14, 32

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Spend some time alone to think things over. An adviser has a puzzling suggestion for you. Get involved in groups that offer you intellectual stimulation. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 18,32,38

Horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only.

Photography offered in community

If you were planning to take a photography class this semester, you received a massage that your class has been canceled. Now what do you do if photography is what you planned to do for the future? There are a few places, besides the Ankeny Campus, you can go for the photography skills you are looking for. However, they don’t count for DMACC credit.

One such offering is from Bob Person, who taught the photography class at Boone Campus. He is offering a studio class right now at Persons Studio on Story Street. The class lasts as long as the spring semester. Students learn how to use a studio, lighting, backgrounds, props, and a dark room. This class costs $318 and this includes use of the dark room chemicals.

“I am glad that Bob is offering a class because there is so much more to learn than what we learned in principles of photography,” Boone DMACC freshman Heather Christensen.

There is also a camera club in the Boone called the Boone Y Camera Club. They meet and discuss the new things and ways to use photography. For more information contact the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

For students wanting to earn DMACC credit, there are still photography classes being offered on the Ankeny Campus.