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DMACC examines diversity

Teresa McCane
Banner Staff

Dr. Mary Chapman, Vice President of the Community and Workforce Partnership Division, at DMACC, led Boone Campus students, faculty and concerned residents in a conversation about diversity. Twenty-five people attended the luncheon.

The purpose of the Taskforce is to identify the kind of climate DMACC wants to exist on all campuses, one that is welcoming, open, and responsive to all students. Once identified, the goal is to achieve that ideal campus for all involved.

Dr. Chapman said, "Boone campus is unique and rich. With that richness spilling over into the community. We are fortunate to have students from all over the world. Diversity is so much more than gender and race. It's not about black and white. It's about how people are treated. One must respect people's cultures and values. Our thoughts, ages, languages, beliefs, religion, and perhaps sexual preference are different from one another."

Extracurricular activities help to bring cultures together. Coach Orv Salmon added, "I've had quite a few athletes from different backgrounds. Although at times the language may differ, we are brought together by common goals."

Chapman continued by saying students may also share the same common goals in the classroom, we are a multi-cultural campus.

The Taskforce has accomplished the following goals as of Nov. 22: Identified nine key elements involved in "living diversity at DMACC" and from those elements, three top priorities were selected for 2002-2003. Defining an operational definition of diversity, institutional support, diverse faculty and staff.

Task force members are currently preparing for future conversations on diversity. Prior to her present position, Dr.



Photo by Megan Thomas

Dr. Mary Chapman, Vice President of the Community and Workforce Partnership Division, talked with concerned faculty and students in a conversation about diversity on the Boone Campus.

Chapman served as the Executive Dean of Des Moines/Urban Campus for 11 years

For more information log on to www.dmacc.edu/outreach/staff.htm.

PTK membership skyrockets

Holly Losh
Banner staff

Membership in the Boone Campus Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa tripled Monday night. Sarah Hart, one of the new members being initiated said, "It's nice to be part of a prestigious society."

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honors society for two-year colleges. PTK provides a variety of services to the community and offers rewards to those who join the organization.

By joining, PTK members also have the opportunity to get scholarships to certain universities when transferring. One example of this, Iowa State University offers a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to 50 individuals.

During this initiation on Feb. 17, 54 members were admitted into the Tau Phi Chapter. The membership before this ini-



Photo by Holly Losh

Lisa Wilson, from the Iowa Region of PTK, lit candles during initiation ceremony on Monday night in the theatre.

tiation was around 20.

When asked why she wanted to join, Tammy Hartmann said, "I've waited so long to go back to school; I think it can benefit me for finding a college that will help me. If you work hard it's to your benefit."

One purpose for joining the local chapter is to meet people. "This is all about inclusion and being a part of the college, a

Scholarship deadlines approaching

Chris Barrett
Banner Staff

Scholarships at the Boone campus are available to all students. Although there are certain criteria one must meet, students applying for scholarships must keep at least a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least six credit hours.

Many scholarships are available. Some are for specific needs of students, like the Moore Scholarship, which is based on financial need only. The Cunningham Scholarship is given to physical science students that apply. Others like Lions Club and Jensen Scholarship are not need based and can be given to anyone who meets the basic criteria.

To apply, stop by the front desk and pick up an application. Then write a personal letter outlining special circumstances, describing financial need, and academic achievements and activities.

A four-person committee consisting of: George Silberhorn, Associate Dean of the Boone Campus; Maggie Stone, Displaced Homemaker Coordinator; Nancy Woods, Physics Instructor; and Robert Flynn, Boone Campus Alumni. At least two out of the four committee members must review an application before it is considered.

Silberhorn said, "Many scholarships are available, but with the recent economic troubles there may be less money on hand."

Last spring \$19,000 in scholarships was awarded compared to this spring's \$9,000. Dropping interest rates are the reason for the sudden decrease in available money. Silberhorn said, "We will try to help as many students as we can."

Scholarships can range anywhere from \$150 to \$500. Boone campus student Adam Sisson received a \$300 scholarship this semester.

Sisson said, "It was very easy to apply for and it only took about a half hour."

The deadline for applications is April 1 for summer term and June 1 for the fall.

For more financial information see the FASFA article on Page 3 of this issue.

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Photo by Ben Carstens

Darin Longman takes a stab at the number of candy hearts in the jar while Karen Shepard looks on. PBL sponsored the guessing game in the Courter Center for Valentine's Day. Jeff Stone guessed the correct number of hearts, 586, and received a stuffed bear, a \$50 gift certificate to the Broiler and the jar of candy hearts. About 105 students participated in the Valentines Day event.

KWBG airs from DMACC campus

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

If you're not an avid reader of the DMACC Banner, 1590 KWBG has a weekly radio show called "Tuned In" hosted by Jim Turbus.

The show covers what is going on in Boone. The subjects vary from agriculture, health issues, to Boone High School. It has been on the air for 10 years.

Once a month a guest who what is going on in the Boone Campus. This month the special guest was the president of DMACC, Dr. David England.

Vivian Brandmeyer, dean of the Boone Campus and George Silberhorn, Associate Dean of the Boone campus and the Ames Center, sat in during the broadcast.

England first discussed the fact that while tuition at DMACC is high, our funding is low. He has been working hard with the legislature to increase funding and monitor cuts. Dr. England pointed out that enrollment has gone up by 13 percent and applications for enrollment turned in so far this year exceed last year.

The plans for the Boone Campus

include new science labs and classroom expansion. One of the key issues Dr. England stated was making good use of our resources. Ten years ago technology was thought to save money in the long run, but it is now one of the greater expenses. England wrapped up his interview by saying he wants to catch up on the DMACC ballgames.

"Tuned In" airs on Thursdays at 8:40 a.m. on 1590 KWBG. The next DMACC special will air March 20, 2003. Due to spring break, the guest is yet undetermined.

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

James Joy, Jefferson, current Boone campus Rotaract president has announced many projects for the upcoming year.

Rotaract's main goal is to promote peace and international understanding through service and friendship. "Pennies for Polio" is the international project for this year. Jane Martino, Rotaract advisor, said, "Our goal is to work in conjunction with Rotary and Rotaract groups around the world to help eradicate polio. Your spare change may save a child in India from the horrible disease." Collection boxes are located at the registration and café windows.

Rotaract is service club for men and women between 18 and 30 and is sponsored by the Boone Rotary. DMACC is the only community college in the state

Deployed soldiers to get money back for tuition, books

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

Forty American flags stand behind the registration desks representing the 40 students who have been deployed from the DMACC campuses. Five of the flags represent Boone DMACC students.

The flags were displayed to show support for the soldiers and their families. The flags were donated by evening maintenance man, Harold Hagaman.

Soldiers being deployed, currently enrolled in DMACC classes are entitled to a refund.

The process starts by contacting the Veterans Services Office at the Ankeny DMACC campus. The Veterans coordinator, Pat Butin, gets the ball rolling. Soldiers need to contact Butin and supply the deployment assignment.

If the orders are available, the office will drop the student from his or her classes. A 100 percent refund will be given for tuition and other fees. If the soldier has receipts from the bookstore, their books can be returned also for a refund.

Most soldiers do not get their orders right away, so a note will be attached to their drop sheet saying the orders are coming. Butin says, "Our goal is to get the soldiers out clean so they don't have to mess with F's from supposedly dropped classes when they come back."

The phone number to the Veterans Services Office is 1-800-362-2127 ext 6278 or if on campus just dial ext 6278.


Rotaract projects help out needy

that has a Rotaract chapter. Through this program, members enhance their knowledge and leadership skills through serving the DMACC community, as well as the Boone community.

Rotaract has many projects for this upcoming year. Another project is "Books for Newborns." Its goal is to supply 150 books for children born in the Boone County Hospital.

Rotaract meets monthly and includes lunch for the members. Martino said, "Since DMACC doesn't charge any dues, students can email me and consider themselves members. All students are welcome and it looks great on a resume."

Contact Jane Martino at *jhmartino@dmacc.edu* or stop by her office in Room 122. A meeting to elect officers will be at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 26 in the Courter Center.



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High achievers make the team



Name: Susan Smith
Hometown: Nevada, IA
Transferring To: ISU
Major: Business Administration
Activities: Member of Phi Theta Kappa and current president of Tau Phi chapter. Member of the Roteract Club. Work-study to Dr. Jane Martino, a Boone Campus psychology instructor. Participated in several projects including Feed-a-mind, Breast Cancer Awareness
Honors: President's List: Spring 2001; Dean's list: Fall 2001, Spring and Fall 2002.
Quote: "The opportunities for leadership within my community college are many, and my role as President of my chapter is an ideal tool to affect change within my school and community."

ACADEMIC ALL-IOWA

Kristen Sampson
Banner Staff

Heather Wargo, Boone, and Susan Smith, Nevada, have been named to the 2003 All-Iowa Academic Team. Both are members of Phi Theta Kappa on the DMACC Boone Campus.

"To be nominated for this award is a tremendous honor. I will be granted favor as a transfer student, which will include additional scholarships, and I expect it will be a part of my resume forever," said Smith.

Members of the All-Iowa Academic Team will receive statewide recognition for their achievements and attend a formal evening with many legislators, education and corporate leaders in attendance. The 2003 All Iowa Team Banquet is March 12 at the West Des Moines Marriot.

"This will be a very distinguished event honoring all members, with awards and perhaps cash stipends," said Smith.

Iowa's first lady, Christy Vilsack, is

scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the evening.

Those who finish in the top three of the All-USA Team receive scholarships, national recognition of leadership in their chapter, as well as academic scholarships. There is also the opportunity for all nominees to apply for an internship in Washington D.C. for an 8-week period.

"A plethora of opportunities immediately becomes available to these students on the All-Iowa Team," said Nancy Woods, Iowa Regional Coordinator Phi Theta Kappa.

Each community college campus can nominate at most two representatives for the team. Before International accepts these representatives, they look to see that a complete application was submitted and that each student is eligible. After being accepted to International, the All-Iowa Team is officially named.

"To have been nominated for this award is a tremendous honor," said Smith.



Name: Heather Wargo
Hometown: Oswayo, PA
Transferring To: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Major: Liberal Arts
Activities: Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Volunteer Youth Basketball Coach for 5 and 6 grade girls. Room mother, Garfield Elementary. Bell Ringer for Annual Salvation Army Christmas Drive.
Honors: President's List, Dean's List, Hartley Award-2001, Runner-up Best Story DMACC Creative Writing Contest 2002, Cunningham Scholarship Winner.
Quote: "I believe leadership is all about how to make the people with you, under you, and around you function as a fluid team, not as separate entities."

FAFSA application deadlines quickly approaching

Adam Sisson
Banner Staff

Financial aid application deadlines are coming close. With numerous applications to fill out for a variety of scholarships, the biggest of them all is the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for most types of monetary aid. It is what allows a person to take out U.S. Department of Education loans and qualify for Federal Pell grants. Department of Education loans must be paid back after college ends, Federal Pell grants do not. Along with these, there are several smaller

grants and work-study, which are made available by filling out a FAFSA.

Filling out a FAFSA is no easy task. It could take several hours if the needed documents are not at hand. It will require this year's tax information for 2002, both the students and parents. If taxes are not yet filed, an estimation will do fine until the correct information can be provided. There are also several forms to fill out concerning monetary gifts received, other scholarships, and any other form of money accepted.

When the FAFSA is sent in, the Department of Education determines your SAR, or student aid report. If the student

is labeled a dependent, the SAR shows a student's and his or her parent's expected contribution to the student's education, even if parents do not help out financially. A dependent student is anyone who attends college and is under 24. Students who are married, have children, or are over 24 are not considered to be dependents.

After the Department of Education receives the FAFSA, it will determine the amount of aid the student is eligible for. The student can then either accept, decline, or partially decline the award, if for some reason they no longer need it, or if education plans have changed.

A FAFSA form can be obtained by looking in the file rack near the front desks. An electronic FAFSA can be sent via the Internet by going to www.fafsa.edu.gov

Generally, filling out an electronic FAFSA is faster and easier than mailing one. Electronic forms are also processed seven to ten days sooner than paper forms.

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Bulimia: battling with the mirror

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff

Jane (not her real name) is a 20 year-old female with Bulimia. Jane looks like your average young college woman. She could have been any one of my friends, and strange enough, she was. I've known her for a while now, and was more than shocked when I found out by chance she suffered from this disorder.

BANNER: When did you first make yourself puke?

JANE: December 2000, when I was a freshman in college. I was away from home for the first time in my life, all alone with no friends to talk to. I was a small town girl in a big city and I hated it. Most of all, I hated the way I looked. No one knew me and I guess I thought when you looked the way I did, no one would want to. So I did it, and it hurt like hell.

BANNER: If it hurt, why would you do it?

JANE: I knew one time wouldn't make a difference, but after a while the hurting stopped.

BANNER: How often do you do it?

JANE: Back then I would do it about three times a day. It's all I would think about. You could call it the high point of my day. Now it depends if I have to work. Three times on a day off, once or twice if I work.

BANNER: How do you get away with it when roommates are around?

JANE: At first it was easy because my roommates were never home. If they were home I would say I was going to take a bath. I'd turn on the radio and bathwater so they couldn't hear me. Now it's a lot harder. I have more roommates, and they are always around. They figured it out in the beginning. I told them I stopped. So now I have to do it in a trash bag in the basement and take it out to the dumpster.

BANNER: You say they figured it out. Did they confront you?

JANE: It was during lunch one day this September. I puked in the bathroom, and it didn't go all the way down or something. They told me I needed to stop, like I didn't know that. And that it is bad for me, another given. They also told me it didn't help that I smoked.

BANNER: How did it affect your life at first?

JANE: It didn't really. I'd get really tired. It got easier as I got into it. I lost 65 pounds by April. I was so depressed, and no one knew. So, I moved back home and dropped out (of college). At home I would go out on nice days, sit somewhere all alone, eat two or three pizzas and puke, then go home.

BANNER: Did it make you any happier?

JANE: Hell yeah it did. I would see peo-

ple I haven't seen since I graduated, and it felt so good when I'd hear their comments on how good I looked.

BANNER: Didn't it bother you at all the way you did it and them thinking you did it the right way?

JANE: Yeah it did, but it felt so much better to not have to hear the old comments.

BANNER: Like what?

JANE: Just names, things I would let get to me. When you're heavy, especially for girls, guys love to call you every name in the book.

BANNER: Do you want to quit?

JANE: Yeah, someday. When I am at the weight I want.

BANNER: So you think you can quit when you hit the weight you want?

JANE: Yeah, without a doubt. Then I will be where I want to be, and I'll just work out to stay that way.

BANNER: Can't you just work out now? It's healthier.

JANE: For one I don't have the time, I have a wedding soon. It may be healthier, but not faster.

BANNER: Doesn't it scare you that you've been doing it for two and a half/ three years and you're still not where you want to be? Do you think you'll ever be there?

JANE: Sure it scares me, but I think if I keep it up I'll get there. It's not as scary as other things out there.

BANNER: So how do you think your health is?

JANE: Ok, as far as I know. But then, I don't like to go to the doctor.

What is it?

Bulimia nervosa is an eating disorder that affects millions of people a year, mostly young women. The disorder consists of binge eating, or eating more than usual in a short period of time, followed by purging: vomiting, or taking laxatives, diet pills and even enemas.

Bulimia usually starts with a psychological problem, but over time it brings serious physical effects on the body, and can prove to be fatal. Vomiting twice a week for at least three months is what separates this from the other eating disorders, but the more serious cases are what put it in a class by itself.

BANNER: Any side effects?

JANE: I used to get dizzy every morning. One time at college I ate and puked before I got in the shower. When I was done, I hurt so bad inside I couldn't stand up. I got so hot and dizzy I had to lie on the bathroom floor because it was cold and I passed out. I still do get tired and dizzy.

BANNER: You don't see that as a health problem?

JANE: Not really.

BANNER: Do you realize it's killing you?

JANE: Sure I do, I know it's not healthy, but it works for me. There are a lot of things that could be worse.

BANNER: Like what?

JANE: If I am not the ideal body type, no one will want to be with me. And I want someone to be with so I can be happy. I can't be happy alone. I guess it's just that people don't find me attractive.

BANNER: Who says they don't find you attractive?

JANE: I have not met one person who thinks I am.

BANNER: Could it be your self-image is so low, you wouldn't see it even if someone did think that?

JANE: That's very possible, but I don't know to tell you the truth. I just know

What Are the Symptoms?

- Recurrent episodes of binge eating and purging.
- Unrealistic fear of becoming fat.
- Weight fluctuation (although people with bulimia may have a relatively normal weight).
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Tips for students traveling abroad

Leah Reeves
Banner Staff

With spring break right around the corner many students are looking forward to trips taking them as far away from DMACC as possible. In some cases this means leaving the country. While traveling abroad there are many things to keep in mind.

According to the US Department of



State Bureau of Consular Affairs more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad each year. Nearly half of the arrests are on narcotics charges. These people are not necessarily smuggling multiple pounds of cocaine. Arrests

can be made for possession of very small amounts of illegal substances.

Drug possession is not the only thing that gets Americans in trouble abroad. Alcohol is the main factor in many arrests. As in the United States it is possible to be arrested for public intoxication, underage drinking, and for drunk driving.



Commentary: Advisor speaks about racial issues

Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff

As Black History Month winds down, American society has started to take the extra step to stress the importance it has on American history.

Commercials featuring prominent black figures ranging from athletes, music artists, entertainers, and politicians has struck up public interest in general.

Stations like BET and MTV in particular have had movies and informational programs in an effort to educate the younger audiences.

As important as Black History Month has become, it is a vision of people such as DMACC's very own Hal Chase to see it

become one with American History.

"Dr. Chase used to teach us that without Black History, there would be a lot missing from American History," said Rita Davenport, educational advisor at the Boone Campus.

"He's taught at a lot of institutions, seen a lot of things... his rap sheet is more like a laundry list."

Although this goal has yet to be fulfilled, there have been many things done to get closer to this goal.

Davenport also acknowledged that perhaps stereotypes and false assumptions is the biggest snag in reaching civil equality. "A lot of times people assume I am from somewhere else because I am African-American; the general thought of Iowans is straw hats and tractors, but this is me, and I've lived in Iowa all my life."

As simple and perhaps even irrelevant as this may sound, one needs to read between the lines to see that this rings true on a larger scale.

The larger scale means defamation,

racism, and discrimination.

In a sense, placism has partially restricted African-Americans equal employment opportunity. "At times, I have been asked if I wanted to be a minority student advisor at job interviews, where I was looking to be an advisor for the whole student body."

Thankfully DMACC looked past this and gave her the freedom of being an advisor for anyone at this institution.

Nevertheless, Davenport agreed that her hiring does raise the comfort level with the diverse student body.

"I think that not just black students, but any minority student coming here feels a little more at ease by knowing that they can talk about certain issues to someone who's a little more like them," cited Davenport.

The bottom line however, is the importance of Black History Month being more than a historic event, but a celebration of interracial, and intraracial unity.

DMACC Students study in London

On Feb. 13, eight DMACC students left to study for the semester in England. The students will live in London and attend classes at the University of London as well as take regular community college classes.

The students left while the United States was in a heightened state of

"we were all expecting to see men with guns"

alert. This made some of the travelers nervous. Nicole

Winger a DMACC student in London said, "As you probably know London Heathrow airport was put on a high security watch a few days before we left the states. As soon as we arrived, we were all expecting to see men with guns and lots of chaos, but it was nothing of the sort. I think the press got a little excited at the thought of heightened security and blew it out of proportion."

The students made the trip safely and are enjoying their time in London.

DMACC schedule of events for March

March 1

DMACC WBB vs. Waldorf (2:00 pm)
DMACC MBB vs. Waldorf (4:00 pm)

March 2

DMACC WBB vs. Ellsworth (3:00pm)
DMACC MBB vs. Ellsworth (5:00pm)

March 4

ASDN: Nrsg. Mtg. (8am-12:10pm) Rm 220
Computers Don't Byte Workshop (5pm-9:30pm) Rm218

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Online play shines in 'SOCOM'

Chris Barrett
Banner Staff

Grab an AK-47 and some hand grenades and get ready to engage in some military warfare with people all across the world.

I recently purchased the network adapter for my PS2, which allows games to be played online all over the world. I have never played games online before and I was really excited about "SOCOM: US Navy SEALs."

The online menus for setting up games and chatting with other players are fairly

easy to learn. A very basic knowledge of computers and broadband Internet access is all that is needed.

Once it's all set up, there are many cyber rooms from all over the world to choose from. Want to play against people from China, Australia, or Europe? You pick what region to play in.

Once you pick a region to play in there are many games in the to choose from.



Navy SEALs await the enemy.

Tons of options are available. Teams can range from 2-on-2 all the way up to 8-on-8. All games pit a Navy SEAL team against a terrorist team. Scenarios range from rescuing hostages to just eliminating the terrorist threat.

It only took a few minutes of gametime for me to realize Socom is a fantastic online experience. Nothing beats playing against real people instead of computer-programmed opponents. Human opponents can make decisions much quicker and more realistically than a computer. This makes every game different and exciting.

The way the game is played depends on your teammates. Talking to your teammates can be accomplished by use of a headset, similar to a cellular phone headset, or via preset text boxes. Strategizing with your teammates is a must. Traveling in groups of 2 or 3 increases your chance of survival.

'Socom' has excellence written all over it. The sounds of bullets hitting the ground



next to your feet are absolutely frightening. The gameplay has a little bit of a learning curve, but after a few games, chucking grenades at terrorist will be second nature.

Quick reflexes are a must in Socom, terrorist can suddenly run around a corner and send you to an early demise. Stealth is also a key factor in winning. Perching atop a building is a great way to snipe some people from a distance.

Socom is the first game I have played online and my experience was an enjoyable one. If you have an Internet adapter for the PS2, you owe it to yourself to pick-up this game.

Graphics: 8
Gameplay: 10
Sound: 10
Overall: 9

DMACC's music man

Leah Reeves
Banner Staff



Steve Hoifeldt

Most people who spend any time around the auditorium on Tuesday or Thursday mornings have seen Dr. Steve Hoifeldt bustling about. Although, few realize how many things this man has on his plate.

Hoifeldt teaches music appreciation and applied voice on the Boone campus. This is just the beginning of what he does. Besides his DMACC students he has 33 private voice students that he instructs from his in-home studio. He also directs the Ames Choral Society as well as a women's choir called Good Company. He can be seen performing with the group Identity Crisis. This quartet sings barber shop, do-op, country, classical, and if Hoifeldt gets his way, may some day even dabble in rap.

Hoifeldt's commitments go beyond DMACC and directing music groups. He also has an upcoming presentation for the Opera Guild in Des Moines, and a pre-concert talk on the Nylons at the Iowa State Center. (The Nylons are an a cappella group best known for their hit "Na Na Hey Hey (Kiss Him Goodbye).") He also helps out the Ames High School choir department by pre judging their voice students before All State auditions.

Rob's one-minute reviews

Robbie Maass
Banner Staff

New in theatres *Daredevil*

Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Gardner, Collin Farrell

Director: Mark Steven Johnson

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Ben Affleck stars as Matt Murdock, a blind lawyer in Hells Kitchen, who doubles as a crime fighter at night. Matt's blindness happened at a young age, involving an accident with a radioactive isotope.



Though it left him blind, his other senses became super-human, and he developed them into becoming the city's trusty crime fighter.

Mark Steven

Johnson creates a nice world for the action, and all the actors do a good job in their roles. What this film lacked was story development.

The relationships and rivalries between the different characters weren't as good as they could have been. It seemed that production of this film was sped up to beat the other comic-book movies coming out in the near future (ex. *Incredible Hulk*, *X Men 2*, *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*)

The Life of David Gale

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet, Laura Linney

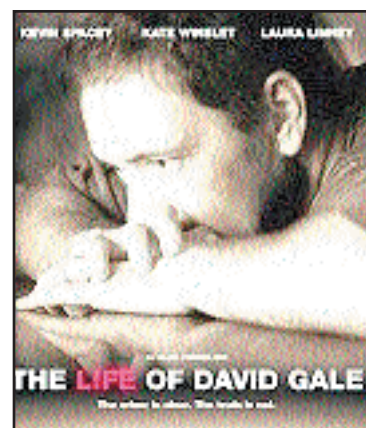
Director: Alan Parker

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Kevin Spacey stars as David Gale, a college professor and protester against the death penalty, becomes a convicted murder himself and is sentenced to death row. He requests a popular magazine journalist named Bitsey (Kate Winslet) to tell his story to, and the two create a relationship while David convinces Bitsey

of his innocence.

I don't know if the movie was supposed to be suspenseful but it was anything but. It all rides on the twist that lies at the end



of the movie. I knew nothing could surprise me after sitting through two hours of this, and sure enough it didn't. Or maybe I didn't care enough to be surprised. Instead, director Alan Parker leaves it with his political view on the death penalty, which I don't care for.

New on DVD

One Hour Photo

Starring: Robin Williams, Connie Nielsen
Director/Writer: Mark Romanek

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Robin Williams stars as a lonely employee of a one-hour photo lab who becomes obsessed with a suburban family whom he has been developing pictures for.

The film was released at Sundance Film Festivals a year ago to critical acclaim so Fox bought it and released it in theaters back in August. Many Williams' fans were turned off by him playing such a dark character, so the film wasn't much of a box-office success.

I find it to be one of Williams' best performances and adds to the variety of characters he is capable of playing.

Attorney general fights for CD buyers

Adam Sisson
Banner Staff

Nearly 40 states have filed and settled an anti-trust case against five major record labels and three music stores due to inflated CD prices.

Music fans across the nation were paying almost 20 dollars for the latest CD in stores such as Sam Goody or Musicland. Savvy shoppers knew certain retailers like Target or Best Buy offered the same CDs for considerably less, and this is where the problem started.

The major record labels and price hiking stores began an illegal badgering system to keep the public from knowledge of the cheaper CDs. They implemented a system that would withhold distributor reimbursements from retailers if those retailers simply advertised the CDs for lower prices than the labels recommended price. Stores that did not comply could risk the loss of millions in advertising dollars a year.

After a short time, more restrictions were enforced until stores couldn't even promote lower priced music in the store-

front displays. The only indication that consumers had of the reduced prices was a small sticker on the product itself.

This illegal practice came to the attention of several states that decided to do something about it. They filed the lawsuit in late 2000 and it was resolved in late 2002. The states came out on top and the courts ordered the record labels and stores to pay nearly 140 million dollars in return for their illegal actions. The merchandise will be dolled out to undetermined charities. The cash will be divided among the states according to population, so Iowa will not be receiving as much as

other states might.

Iowa has chosen to give that cash to its citizens. All someone has to do to get some of that money is to file a claim.

To file a claim, a person must go to www.musiccdsettlement.com. In order to be eligible for the cash refund, an individual must have purchased a CD from any store between Jan 1 1995 through Dec 22 2000.

It takes less than five minutes to fill the name and address blanks, and to check a few boxes clarifying eligibility. A person may only file one claim, two if filing for a deceased person.

Depending on how many people sign up, the refund can be anywhere from \$5 to \$20. If enough people sign up to cause the refund to drop below \$5, the entire sum will be donated to Iowa charities.

An individual must file a claim before March 3 to qualify for the refund.



Record companies hand out refunds for purchase of overprice music CDs.

Rejects: all-American punk pioneers

Darin Longman
Banner Staff

In the battle for pop-punk supremacy, there are many vying for the crown. The Sum 41's and Blink 182's might need to take a step back because a new band has jumped on to the scene.

Catapulting itself into the mainstream, while bending the traditional sound of what pop punk is defined as, The All-American Rejects self-titled debut is pop punk at its simplest. The use of keyboards and synthetic drumbeats are what sets these guys apart from other bands of the pop punk persuasion. This mesh of traditional pop punk with Get-Up-Kids type emo is a sure fire hit for all those who love both genres. The Oklahoma based band has currently been gaining a fan base at an incredible rate, with help from their TRL

hit *Swing, Swing*. In fact, the Rejects have used their regular rotation on MTV to catapult them into mainstream radio.

The CD itself is very wonderfully



Photo courtesy of www.aversion.com
Members of All-American Rejects look dejected as they pose for the camera.

crafted. The guitar and drums are very simple at best with ode to their punk roots, but the special treats are the singing and the use of added instruments. It is evident in the xylophone of *My Paper Heart* or the organ at the beginning of *Swing, Swing* that extra effort was put

“The All-American Rejects self-titled debut is pop-punk at its simplest.”

forth to make this anything but the normal record. One of the standout tunes on the album is titled *The Last Song*, in which Tyson Ritter's vocals warble loud and with heart wrenching feeling. Then, after fast-paced rocking, the build up with the string instruments is phenomenal.

This album is a bit on the redundant side though. The record's inventiveness is muddled by the fact that every song touches on the very same topic.

Tears and shattered heart references run rampant on the album and seem to get a little tiring. Only the severely depressed could enjoy it fully. I can see where the subject matter would get seriously annoying to the extremely happy. Then again, it could be the news catalog of anthems for kids to crawl into the dark and emote to.

Retro Merchandise includes toys, clothing

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

With the dawn of the 21st Century, a new trend has started to surface. It is called Retro Merchandise.

The definition of retro is reviving styles and fashions of the past. Shoppers can see a display of remade toys, such as Masters of the Universe and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.



photo credit to he-man.org
The most powerful man in the universe is back.

The toys have a new, more detailed look. These characters are being introduced to a new generation. Many twenty-somethings are sneaking up to the register with an action figure. Some put them on display with the old figures, others secretly play with them.

You can also go to your local Hot Topic or Gadzooks to buy clothing from a favorite cartoon character or icon of the past; whether it's Care Bears, Mr. T. or even Pee-Wee Herman. This wave has also helped pave the way for comebacks to television on commercials and programs. New episodes are also in the making.

The entertainment and action figure realms are not the only ones to get involved. Professional sports teams have an occasional throwback game. The players get to wear the same style of jerseys that players before them wore. Throw back jerseys are one of



Throwback jerseys, such as this Chicago baseball jersey from the Thirties, are the latest rage in fashion.

the hottest selling sports items today.

With retro merchandise being the hot item, the huddled masses of merchandise manufactures will try to come up with a new strategy to think of the next trend.

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The Way I See It



Ben Carstens
Editor-In-Chief

So most everybody saw the Michael Jackson interviews on TV. If you didn't, check your pulse, you just may be dead. Yeah it was scary, strange, weird and many other words that fall under abnormal. But I went away from it thinking one thing, Jacko has a point.

"They didn't invent plastic surgery for Michael Jackson." You got that right my pale-faced compadre. How many people in this world, especially in Hollywood, have had plastic surgery? And I'm sure that a lot of them have lied about the amount of work they've had done.

What I don't understand is why we are so infatuated with this guy's plastic surgery bill. Does it really matter? Yeah, we all know he lied about how many surgeries he's had. Even O.J. Simpson called the kettle black on that deal. I just really don't care. Carve your face up if you got the time, money and energy. I really don't want to hear about it.

"White people tan everyday to get darker; why is that ok, and me getting lighter a problem?" I salute Mike on this one. I have never ever understood the infatuation with frying your skin in the winter to get darker. I got news for you people. In the winter, NO ONE EXPECTS YOU TO BE

TAN!

Ok, so now we come to the kids. It is hard to know what to say about this. I commend him for the things he's done for underprivileged children: the types of things they never show on TV because they aren't controversial. It also angered me to find out that he held his son Prince over the balcony for the fans to see. Just like he had done with the baby, which was well covered in the media. I guess the older child didn't look quite so scary, so they decided not to show us that.

Now I don't know if he's ever done anything inappropriate with children. I could understand if the charges in the past were all made up, people trying to make a quick buck, opportunism at it's worst. I do understand the way he acts though. He never had a childhood, it was taken away from him. He was performing and in the public-eye since he was five. He's trying to experience that which was taken away from him, and is that so wrong?

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With the recent snow storm that dumped on us here as of late, came many groans and moans from Iowans. I heard many people say things such as; "I hate Iowa," and "This place sucks!" Instead of cursing while trying to drive through the weather, I just smiled. It reminded me of a story from a similar storm last winter.

I was back home at my friend Tony's house. It snowed all night long, and I decided to spend the night at his place. In the morning we woke up and went out to move my car.

Sure we could have grabbed the scoops and started shoveling, but I figured I could just bust right through the 3-foot drift behind my car. I mean, no one wanted to work up a sweat. I fired up my fierce machine ('89 Ford Tempo), pulled forward then put it in reverse and slammed on the gas. My back tires burst through the drift, and I thought I was home-free. Then I stopped.

The car wouldn't move an inch. It was high-centered on a block of ice that had formed at the end of the driveway. "Ok, lets scoop it out now," I said. Tony smiled at me and came back with one scoop and handed it to me.

"That's all we got," he said grinning from ear to ear.

I scooped for probably a good 15 or 20 minutes while my buddy sat in the car soaking up the heat and trying to move it from time to time. He also would shout words of encouragement like, "More behind that side," and "Hurry up." No luck.

We stood outside looking at the car scratching our heads. "Maybe if I back my car in front of yours, and push it real hard with my bumper it will come out?" I looked at his car and realized I had thrown all the snow around it. "Or you could try and lift it up and turn it around?" Apparently my friend thinks I'm Chief Iron Bear, world's strongest man.

While we stood and thought about how to move the beast, an old truck pulled up and a man stepped out.

"Stuck?"

How observant, I thought to myself. "Yeah," I said, "High-centered."

He walked around and looked at it, assessing the situation. "Got any rope?" Tony ran inside and looked. He had nothing.

We thanked him for stopping by and he left. We laughed about how odd it was, him showing up and leaving just as quick. And the fact that we had never seen him before, which was rare in our town. He also bore a strong resemblance to Kenny Rogers. "Must of had a poker game to get to," I remarked.

We went back inside and plopped down on the couch and started to watch TV. I guess we were going to wait for spring to melt the ice. Outside we heard some noise. I looked out the window, and there he was, Kenny Rogers with his truck backed up to my bumper. He was laying in the snow getting all wet in his nice clothes hooking the chain under my car. I ran to put my shoes and coat on and went outside. He was already in his truck. He nodded at me. I jumped in my car, and he pulled me out.

I got out and unhooked the chain, threw it in the back of his truck, and walked up to him.

"Thanks a lot. What do I owe you?"

"Nothing at all," he replied with a smile, "Just do it for someone else some time."

As the sun set in the west, the gambler road out of town, never to be seen or heard from again.

"Only in Iowa," I said out loud.

Good trade off for the crappy weather.

Road Rage is not just a big city issue

Patrick Valdez
Banner Staff

When most people think of road rage, they think of the typical big city "rat race" where everyone is against everyone else on the highways. Not something that happens in the middle of nowhere west central Iowa, we're too easy-going for that.

Who hasn't been shocked or angered at the incidents that we have seen in the news. The soccer mom who shot another soccer mom on an off ramp in Alabama, or the man who grabbed a small dog from the car of the woman he had an altercation with and threw it into traffic, where it was killed. Seemingly normal everyday people behaving like raving lunatics. But that could never happen here, we're too easy-going for that.

I found out first hand last Wednesday that even here, not everyone is so "easy-going" and road rage does occur in nowhere west central Iowa and can turn a simple drive home from class into a yellow line nightmare.

I live in Jefferson so my normal com-

mute is along U.S. 30. Usually this drive is uneventful, about 31 miles according to the road sign heading out of Jefferson. A cop here and there, and traffic tends to be pretty light. For those of you who never venture west of Boone, U.S. 30 reverts back in to two lanes just west of Ogden and the U.S. 169 south junction. East of Jefferson is the small town of Grand Junction, where the old 1930's route of U.S. 30 and the modern path that it follows today diverge.

Sometimes I take the old road home, other times I stick to the new road. I have no real reason why I would choose one or the other, just one of my many quirks. On this day, I stayed on the new road. I had gone about two miles past Grand junction when I came upon a late 80's/early 90's maroon Oldsmobile 88 Royale with Iowa plates, from Greene County with no rear bumper.

I'm a car buff, so I remember details about cars pretty good. I was following a respectable distance from him. We were about a half-mile from the next main crossroad and since I was moving at a

faster clip than he, I decided to pass him, so I turned on my signal. He turned on his left signal as well. Thinking he might be preparing to turn, I backed off and got back into the lane.

He then turned his signal off and kept going, so I decided to pass him. No sooner had I started to gain on him and switch lanes, he switched lanes in front of me, forcing me to slow down.

I got behind him since my pass had been blocked and noticed he was making gestures at me in the rear view mirror. I can only assume that maybe he thought I was too close and was trying to teach me a "lesson" or he decided to play "cop" because he didn't like the speed I was going. I didn't think he knew who I was; I didn't recognize the car or the occupants.

Anyways, I decided to try to pass him again, I managed to get right beside him, and he accelerated to match my speed. Then without warning, he swerved towards me, barely missing my car and forcing me onto the unpaved shoulder. If it hadn't been for my car's good German-engineered handling, I would have lost

control, especially since our speeds were in excess of 75 mph. I got back behind him and he started with the gestures again.

At this point I felt it too dangerous to try to pass him, so I did the next best thing. I grabbed my cell phone and called 911, giving them a good description of the car, and the license plate number, which happened to be in plain view. I followed him into Jefferson and noted where he turned off. I then flagged down a local officer who told me that since it was in the country, the Greene County Sheriff's Department was going to try to locate him. So far I haven't heard back and I doubt I ever will.

I still wonder what caused this guy to do what he did. There is probably no clear, concise answer. Maybe he was having a bad day. Maybe he doesn't like bald guys who drive black VW's. Maybe I should have taken the old road home instead.

The World According to D

Darin Longman
Banner Staff



so it would never be able to disrupt the normal life that I lead. Sadly the comic book delay, and its negative effects only reinforced the fact that I am a geek.

During these moments, I was on the edge of a nervous breakdown wondering how this could have occurred. When did this turn from a simple hobby, into an insatiable thirst for the magical little world of fictional titans, unleashing an unbridled amount of fury upon each other in the most epic of battles. Comic books allowed me to enter a world where excitement and conflict were around every corner, not to mention realistic characters that the reader could not help but to sympathize and relate to. They also caused Mayhem to go from a simple store to a geek mecca for me, and my fanatic comic brethren. How could it go from a pastime to a necessity? That is a hard question to answer.

The dictionary definition of an addict is one who is psychologically or physiologically dependent. Addiction is typically classified with a negative stigma, and most people would not readily admit that they have a problem, even though they might be addicted to alcohol, drugs, or even something like food. Some can swallow their pride and admit to an addiction.

I am an addict. My addiction is something that is nerdier than heroin, and a whole lot geekier than cocaine. I am addicted to collecting comic books. This became apparent when Comic Day (also known as Wednesday to the real world) was postponed until Friday, due to the snowstorm on the East Coast. I was beyond horrified. I watched as my beloved comic book man told me that the shipment of new titles had been delayed. I didn't know what to do.

I always thought that I was one of those borderline comic geeks; I barely ever play Dungeons and Dragons or Magic the Gathering. I just read comic books. I thought I had regulated my secret vice

The year was 1991, and I was merely a boy of 9 or 10 years old. I remember going into a local grocery store and gazing upon a copy of Avengers #332. On the cover it had Doctor Doom hovering over the earth's mightiest heroes, unbeknownst to them while they were all dressed up for a party of some sort. Was Doom going to attack? Would the heroes be able to prevail? I knew at that moment that I had to own this particular gem. I had to know what would happen. The anticipation

grew as I shelled out my dollar and went home to read my prize. I was entranced as Dr. Doom infiltrated Avengers Mansion, and small groups of heroes were trying to track him down and defeat him. My inner geekiness jumped for joy. I was left perplexed though, when it was revealed that there were three dooms, two of them fake doombots, and one that assumed to be the real one. The issue ended with one of them saying that he was wired to explosives, and he was going to blow up the mansion.

The story's cliffhanger ending left me begging for the clock to go faster so I could go back and buy the next issue. I then decided at that moment that I would go buy the next one so I would never be left wondering what was going to happen. I have continued this for thirteen years.

Throughout my journey in the kingdom of nerdiness I have seen many things. The crippling of the Dark Knight and the death and return of Superman were some of the more memorable things that come to mind. Iron Man being revealed as a traitor to the Avengers, and The Silver Aged Green Lantern going insane are also things that spring to mind.

I don't see any 12-step programs for those who are addicted to comic books, so it is likely that I will be stuck this way forever. However there is a bright side to this. My dependency is legal, and it's only about \$2.50 an issue. That is a whole lot cheaper than crack.

Letter to the editor: Handicap laws ignored in Boone

I have a complaint with the city of Boone that no official wants to address legally. My issue is with the city handling of disabled laws in the town: specifically parking issues and the removal of all barriers in public owned buildings. Only twice in the history of Boone, I was told, has a disabled person in a wheelchair attended the public meetings.

Maybe the reason is that Boone will not comply with the law and any disabled person NOT able to walk up the stairs has to use the back doors, which are locked, and confirmed by the Mayor George Maybee, they will stay that way. There is a very long auditorium the disabled must pass through with no lights, and the signal for the ramp is in constant disrepair (again contrary to the law). It either does not work or is ignored when on the top floor.

On January 26, 1992, the United States Government passed a law requiring cities with more than 50 employees to remove all obstacles and barriers to their properties for all of the disabled as well as be trained on how to deal with, react to, and respond to all different disabled individuals. They were given one year to comply unless they met with spelled out obstacles in completing their task, none of which Boone had.

In 1992, an engineer looked at all the properties, and gave his recommendations to the City Council and the City Attorney.

Then, after three hearings, headed by our now present mayor, George Maybee, the recommendations were approved. The parking accessibility to city hall was to be placed where the police cars are now. Then police chief, Don Hart, who now is still stonewalling the issue as the head of the Traffic and Safety committee, ignored this. The mayor has now changed his mind although the passing of those laws is still on the books.

A public official was supposed to sign this document, which none did. A public official was suppose to be appointed and his name, phone number and address were to be made public to see that the projects got accomplished and to take and correct any complaints or wrongdoing. This never occurred though it was mandated on January 26, 1992 and all passed on January 26 1993.

As of December 2002 not one citation had ever been issued for illegal parking or illegal signage, both carrying a fine of \$100.00 per sign or event. The city is required to provide proper signs to anyone who asks for them at cost. In contrast, the city of Ames cited 106 violations of these laws in 2002 alone.

This is the first law that gave police total domain to enforce the laws on private as well as public property without any permission or notification or dealing with any individual. This means this city could make a fortune in just upholding the law

they swore to in taking office, by ticketing illegal disabled signs on private property. Any attempt to address parking on private property is under their jurisdiction and needs to be fined until corrected.

We disabled also have our responsibilities. The signs are a privilege that we have a right to park in, but we too must obey the law on placing placards on the rear view mirrors, not on dashboards, which is illegal. Those driving with their placards as told not to when they received them, should be key people fined, because of the blind spot it makes. These are also \$100.00 fines.

As to the insensitive clods that are not disabled and parking in our spaces anyway (which are enforceable 24 hours per day), they should be towed and fined.

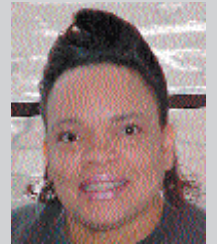
Having no enforcement in ten years is a crime in itself that should have been addressed by the Chief of Police, and those over the police, the Mayor George Maybee, the City Council, and Brent Trout, City Administrator. All these people share in these illegal activities by restricting the police to up-hold their oaths of supporting the Iowa Constitution.

The information in this letter is all supported by documents sent with this letter to the Boone News Republican.

Sincerely,
Robert Abbey

Mentoring- -The gift of giving

Teresa McCane
Banner Staff



One can't help noticing the brightly colored drawings gracing the halls. Next time you see one, stop and take a closer look.

These aren't only pretty pictures; they're our youth reaching out. Each one symbolizes the need for mentors. Ten pictures could be the voices of hundreds asking, "Will you be my mentor?"

Youth and Shelter Services Inc. are encouraging us to be just that. In the words of Oprah Winfrey, "A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself. A mentor is someone who allows you to know that no matter how dark the night, in the morning, joy will come. A mentor is someone who allows you to see the higher part of yourself when sometimes it becomes hidden to your own view."

Each one of us has probably already mentored, without even being aware of it. The smallest gesture of kindness can be seen as mentoring to a child. How many of us have read a book to a child, or shot some hoops with the kids at the park? Simple things like that can mean the world to our youth.

Although January was designated National Mentoring Month, it's not too late to get involved. You don't have to be rich or well educated to be seen as a positive role model. You don't need any special skills—offer words of kindness, support and encouragement. An hour a week can change the direction a child's life may be headed. Time is free. Today, children are faced with the pressures of drugs, alcohol, and premarital sex.

I am especially urging men to mentor. As a single mother of three, I know first hand the importance of a positive male role model. So many children are without a father figure to look up to. A game of one-on-one, the toss of a football, even conversation can help our boys to become men and our girls to become strong women. Ladies, I haven't forgotten that you also can play one-on-one, toss a football, converse and help our youth become strong adults.

If you were mentored as a child, take a moment and reflect. When you think back, do you smile? You can take this opportunity to pass that smile on. Be a mentor. For more information, please contact Barb at YSS (515-689-8273).

DMACC women nearly pull upset over ICC leader

Ben Carstens
Banner Staff

On Feb 22, the DMACC women went to Kirkwood Community College to take on the 24-4 ICC Conference leaders.

Kirkwood has proved to be the team to beat this year in the conference. They have been winning by an average of 25 points a game. Mix in the fact that Kirkwood sophomores were playing their last home game, and it was "Jam the gym" night, you could expect the opposing team to be a little bit threatened; someone forgot to tell the Bears.



Jenny Harle, 5'8" freshman guard from Des Moines, had 14 points in the game.

The Bears came in with a well scripted game plan and a lot of confidence. And even though they lost 56-46, they came away with a lot more confidence and a lot of positives.

"We were one or two shots away from beating one of the best teams, on their home floor. That's something positive to come away with," Coach Ben Conrad said. The Bears were within one point with six minutes to play, and had given themselves a chance to win. "Nobody has put themselves in that position against Kirkwood this year," said Conrad.

Jenny Harle, 5'8" freshman guard from Des Moines knocked down 14 points in the contest. The most impressive aspect of the game was the collective defensive effort by the feisty Bears squad. The Bears also brought a tough no-nonsense

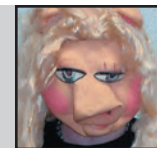
attitude to the court. "When we bring our toughness to the floor we can play with anyone," said Conrad.

"When we bring our toughness to the floor we can play with anyone," - Coach Ben Conrad

Things seem to be coming together for the 17-10 Bears squad. With three games left before tournaments, they hope to be hitting their stride. With a young team this year, this is more than likely just a sign of things to come.

The Bears play tonight at Iowa Lakes, then at home for Waldorf and Ellsworth on March 1 and 2.

Miss Piggy's did you know?



George Williams, catcher for DMACC in 1988, played baseball for the Oakland A's and San Diego Padres.

He began his Major League baseball career on July 14, 1995, with the Oakland Athletics. He played for four seasons and ended his big league playing career in 2000.

Williams played 127 games in his career. He hit for an average of .243, with a .367 slugging percentage.



Baseball swings back into action

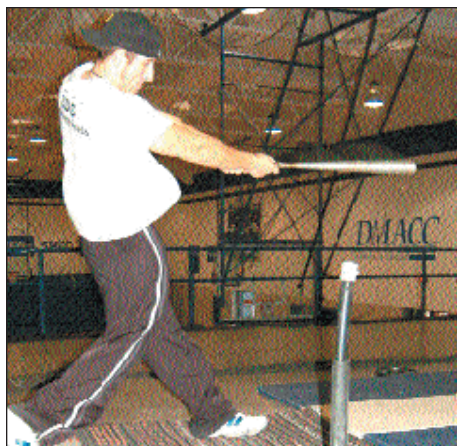
Danai Chinoda
Banner Staff

Coach John Smith will enter another season as head coach of the 27-year old baseball program at DMACC.

He has built the program from scratch to be a top-ranked and highly respected Division I baseball program.

Last year the team's overall record was 28-22, and the team came in 4th in the conference regional.

Spring training has begun, and as the DMACC Bears prepare for the upcoming season, Coach Smith has a new line of players to put up against the schedule



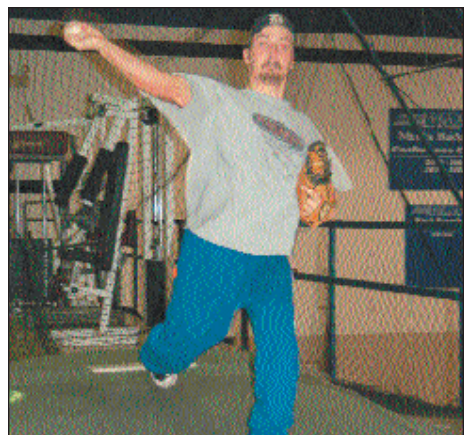
Freshman pitcher Jason Schutt takes some cuts during practice.

this year.

Using his contact in Panama, the coach has found new talent from all across North and South America with eight international students: three Canadians, two Columbians, two Venezuelans, and one Panamanian.

He is returning eight sophomores, has four transfers, and 18 freshmen.

Coach Smith said, "The pitching and defense is better this year than it has been in the past 3-4 years." The team appears to be disciplined and ready for the new season that begins on March 23, 2003 at Fort Dodge as the Bears take on Iowa



Sophomore pitcher Jeff Sperber fires a pitch during practice.



Photo by Robbie Maass

DMACC Baseball coach, John Smith instructs the runner during a home game last season.

Central.

Coach Smith said, "We will win if we play good and between the white lines; we have to be consistent."

The first home game will be on March 28 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Park in Boone.

The players are showing their enthusiasm and say they are ready for the season to begin.

Coach Smith said, "I think we have a better team than we had last year overall."

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THANK YOU

Justin Thies has been working on the Boone Campus through the co-op training program of Boone High School. Justin displayed a good attitude, as he learned work ethics and support staff duties from the Boone Campus custodial staff.

*Thank you, Justin
Custodial Staff*

DMACC men win 3, lose to tough Kirkwood squad



Top: Sophomore forward Dominique Leake, 45, sets to shoot during a game with Upper Iowa.
Right: Freshman center Carl Hagstrand, 2, gets in position.



Danai Chinoda
Banner Staff

The DMACC boy's team took a disappointing loss 48-57 to Kirkwood on the Feb. 22.

The team is now 35-5 and 10-3 in the conference heading into the last stretch of the season. Ian Young led the team with 15 points in a losing effort. Dominique Leake managed to score 13 points and grab seven rebounds. The teams all around scoring was missing and only assisted each other 10 times. They shot a low 25% from the field.

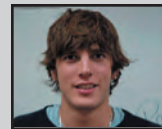
The Bears traveled to Southwestern on Feb. 19, winning a close game 79-78. Dominique Leake lead the squad with 22 points, followed by Ian Young who dropped in the game winning shot, giving him 19 points. Tim Stoops had a good night, getting a double double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The team's strategy was working and all cylinders were firing as the boys team took care of business at Southwestern.

The last home game was against Upper Iowa which DMACC won 96-65. Steve Clayton led the team with 15 points, and also crashed the boards exceptionally by grabbing eight rebounds. Help was also provided by Jordan Jackson who scored 14 points, 12 of which came from behind the three-point line. Shaun Williams scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

They defeated Clinton, 92-86 at home on Feb. 11. The Bears were led by Ian Young, who had an outstanding game by scoring 39 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Other players who scored in double figures were Tim Stoops who scored 12 points and had six rebounds. Dominique Leake scored 11, and Jordan Jackson had 10 points as he shot 3 of 5 from beyond the arc.

QUALM
COLUMN
Ryan Makovsky
Banner Staff



An apology is in order. After running this column since the first semester of this year, I still have not taken the liberty to fill everyone in on the true meaning of the word "Qualm."

I did not realize, however, that I was probably one of a handful of people around campus who actually knows what it means, or even that the word existed.

My bad.

So in all fairness, I present the meaning of the word Qualm.

"A feeling of uneasiness about a point especially of conscience or propriety."

Now that this has been cleared up, we can all move forward.

Thank you for your lasting patience.

Usually, I rant and rave about one topic. This week posed too many topics that caught my attention to follow my usual format. Thus, I chose to touch on all the topics.

The price was obviously wrong for the late Steve Bechler. The deceased Orioles pitcher's death is rumored to have been caused by the drug Xcenadrine, a form of the maligned drug Ephedrine. In essence, the drug is supposed to increase the heart rate, thus helping the body to burn weight faster. Unfortunately, this attempt at a shortcut cost Bechler his life, and is now being ruled as a possible contributing factor to the death of Corey Stringer.

With a war against Iraq beckoning, sports are starting to take a backseat to Saddam and the boys.

Need proof?

In the event a war happens, CBS will give up its rights to the NCAA basketball tournament for exclusive coverage in Iraq.

The front-runner to claim the rights for the 2003 Big Dance is none other than MTV.

Yes, Music Television.

If bearing with that annoying trio of hosts on TRL wasn't enough, here's to the greatest two and a half weeks in the world of sports being ruined by the entrepreneurs of teeny-bop.

All the golf fans had to see this coming.

After Annika Sorenstam became the first female golfer to play in a PGA tour event, a male pro golfer is about to enter uncharted waters.

Brian Kontak, a talented young golfer who has won Canadian tournaments, has entered his name in the 2003 U.S. Women's Open.

If Kontak goes about this correctly, he is a genius.

If he gets rejected, he will be able to sue the association and prove a form of reverse discrimination against women.

If he gets accepted, he will hopefully have the common sense to withdraw in the name of pride.

Not to mention his manhood.

Men's Remaining Schedule

- 2/26 @ Iowa Lakes
- 3/1 @ DMACC vs. Waldorf
- 3/2 @ DMACC vs. Ellsworth
- Regional Quarterfinals
- 3/8 @ Clinton
- Regional Semifinals
- 3/9 @ Clinton
- 3/11 TBA Regional Finals

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The Other Side of the Courter

Pictures and text by Holly Losh

Do you think the U.S. should go to war with Iraq?



Amber Adams
Sophomore

No, in my mind I don't think they (Iraq) have done anything wrong.



Troy Hatten
Sophomore

Yes, it will help stop future terrorist attacks.



Justin Ancel
Sophomore

Yes, they will attack us first if we don't attack them first.



Leah Esser
Freshman

No, I don't think it's right.

Horoscopes

by Pam

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Money matters will take a serious turn when something you have always wanted becomes available. Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 1,4,25

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Watch for a career opportunity you've been looking for to happen soon. Take advantage of any offers that come your way. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 3,13,19

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20) A vacation in the future may not exactly be normal, but it will be good for you to take some time off of your hectic schedule. Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 7,13,19

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21) Most of your troubles will improve soon. Keep focused on your long-range goals and good things will be happening on their own. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 7,14,22

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) There will be many advances with a creative project that you are serious about, to the point of defining yourself by this enterprise. Romance: Poor | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 6,7,21

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) You'll want to take part in more social activities. Try showing off the qualities that make you different and unique. Romance: Good | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 4,16,20

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Your leadership skills are stronger than usual. So much so, that you should put yourself

into situations where you can take a greater leadership role. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 9,13,28

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) Try putting off any major purchases or investments. You'll also want to avoid advising others how to spend their money. Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 11,15,30

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) You'll want to spend more time with someone special because it's time for a relationship to mature. Don't let outside influences interrupt your time together. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 7,19,28

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You'll want to avoid situations that seem overly complex. Choose to do things in the simplest way possible. Romance: Poor | Finance: Good | Lucky Numbers: 10,19,25

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Romance is a much greater possibility because today your nonverbal signals are the key to improving your chances of making a love connection. Romance: Poor | Finance: Fair | Lucky Numbers: 6,8,17

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan. 20) You may be going on a short journey that will more likely turn into an adventure. Just someplace you've wanted to go before, but never been. Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Lucky Numbers: 2,9,18

Alumni Association

A link to the past, future

Patrick Valdez
Banner Staff

Students have an opportunity to stay connected with both former and future students by getting involved with the Boone Campus Alumni Association.

Membership to the Alumni Association is granted to students after graduation. Alumni members are encouraged to attend college events, games, and generally support the campus and the current student body. No dues are required but donations are accepted and go toward scholarship funds.

"Students are a tremendously valuable resource to any institution," said George Silberhorn, Associate Dean for Boone Campus, "Students and former students are our life's blood. We need an Alumni Association as a connection between students and former students."

The Boone Campus Alumni Association has been around since the 1970's, how-

ever they have been largely inactive. Silberhorn, Sandi Johnson, and others are trying to assemble a list of graduates from years past in order to increase participation in the Boone Campus Alumni Association.

Prior to 1969, the DMACC Boone Campus was known as Boone Junior College, which itself dates back to the late 1920's. In 1969, Boone Jr. College became part of the DMACC system. The Boone Campus Alumni Association would like to encourage more graduates, both from the Boone Junior College era and the DMACC era to join.

The Boone Campus Alumni Association is part of the larger Des Moines Area Community College Alumni Association, formed in 1981 that is based at the Ankeny Campus.

For more information about the Boone Campus Alumni Association, please contact George Silberhorn at 433-5025 or via email at gasilberhorn@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

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