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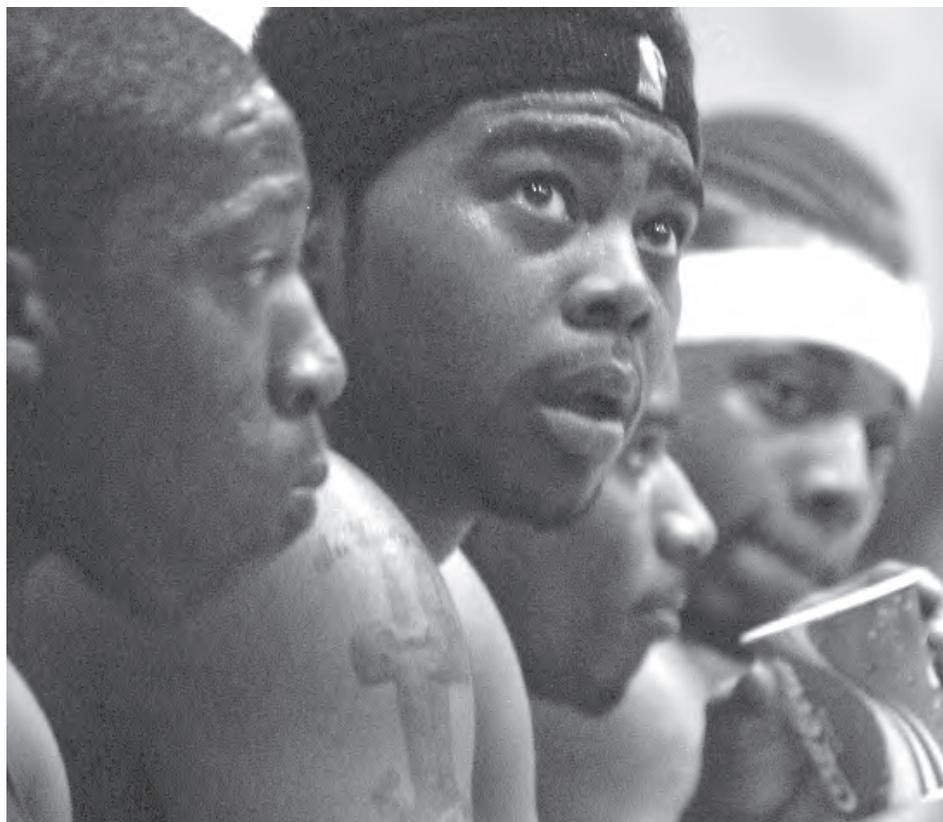


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Season ends in 6.7 seconds: Shaun Williams looks on during the two point loss to Kirkwood in the Regional Finals. Williams earned First-Team All Tournament.

Heartbreaker

DMACC 90 Kirkwood 92

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Expansion planned for DMACC Boone Campus

James Joy
Banner Staff

DMACC's Boone Campus is seeking expansion in the areas of nursing, classroom space and science labs to allow for the recent growth in student attendance and the aging of current facilities.

Provost Vivian Brandmeyer has compiled several proposals with the assistance of faculty and staff that she believes are of great importance to the Boone campus students.

"This is in the preliminary phase, sort of my wish list for the campus," Brandmeyer said.

One aspect of the renovation of the current facilities is the updating of the biology, chemistry and physics labs. New "prep rooms" for each of the labs is under consideration along with new hoods and updating the fixtures on the sinks and oxygen connections.

"We are also looking at adding some new benches and work space in those rooms as well," Brandmeyer said.

Nancy Woods, physics and mathemat-

ics instructor, hopes the proposed ideas become a reality.

"These improvements to the labs are a long time coming," said Woods. "These are not totally new rooms, but a good start," she added.

An addition to the north side of the building from the Courter Center is under consideration to provide class room space for the nursing department with a classroom equipped with new computers.

Along with the class rooms will be six new exam rooms and office space for instructors.

Connie Booth, Boone's nursing program chair, is excited about the proposals. "We are really looking forward to it; we have an upcoming increase in demand," she said.

The nursing program will increase its student acceptance to eight more students per year, starting this fall. They will be accepting new students two times a year, a change from the current policy of once a year.

The new addition north of the Courter Center will also relocate the Knowledge

Board oks tuition hike

James Joy
Banner Staff

Students at DMACC will see the tuition increase next fall from \$83.40 per credit hour to \$91.40.

The DMACC Board of Directors was considering an earlier proposal that would have increased tuition by \$10 per credit hour and would have been the largest increase in the schools history. The increase was proposed partly based on expected state financial aid shortfalls and allowing for only a two percent growth in enrollment.

Board member Lloyd Hill of Urbandale, proposed the amendment that increased tuition by \$8 dollars. He said that a four percent increase in enrollment this fall is expected and should help raise the money necessary to lower the increase in tuition from \$10 to \$8.

An increase in enrollment larger than the budgeted two percent was expected because of expansion of the nursing and dentistry programs. The new mortuary science and sports management programs are also expected to help increase enrollment. DMACC's enrollment increased this spring by over six percent.

Provost Vivian Brandmeyer said that when viewing the entire spectrum of the college's needs, the \$10 dollar increase was probably necessary. "It's unfortunate that we have to pass our costs to the students," said Brandmeyer. Part of the need for the increase was the rising costs of faculty and staff health care needs and the overall operating costs. "The increase was necessary," said Brandmeyer.

With a larger than expected increase in state aid or enrollment, tuition could decrease one dollar for every one percent that enrollment increases, school officials have said. Along with student tuition, funding is provided by state aid and local taxes.

The largest tuition increase was in 2002 when the board passed a \$9 increase per credit hour. Last year tuition was increased by \$3 to its current rate of \$83.40.

Chris Davies, Boone student from Canada, is frustrated with the rising costs. "I'm getting fed up with it; ever since I started here it has been getting raised," said Davies.

DMACC President Rob Denson said, "Any increase in state aid more than the last budget would go toward reduction in tuition."

"It's unfortunate that we have to pass our costs to the students."

Knook bookstore. Lisa Savits, who works at the bookstore, is cautiously optimistic. "It's fabulous! We hope that it happens," she said.

Multiple cash registers and lines along with increased storage room will accommodate students needs better, according to Brandmeyer.

"With easy access from the Courter Center, students will be closer and accessibility will be easier," said Brandmeyer.

It will increase in overall size and be able to accommodate more items. The relocation of the bookstore will allow for the expansion of the Academic Achievement Center into the area that the bookstore now occupies.

DMACC will be offering a new sports management program in the future, and new additions are planned north of the gym entry with proposed new locker rooms and a new weight room.

Also planned is a general purpose room, along with office space for the new program's instructor.

As for the possibilities of new weight equipment, Brandmeyer was quick to

point out that this is all in the planning stages and nothing is finalized yet.

"This locker room area will be great for our non-athletes to use because many do not use the current rooms we have," said Brandmeyer. A tentative plan is in the works to recondition the auditorium in the future as well.

Parking is being considered with the other expansions, and the new parking area is proposed to be built north of the main buildings.

At this time is unclear how many spaces would be added if the new parking lot is approved. Boone students have expressed their concern for new parking for several years. So based on student input, this would be a welcomed addition to the campus.

"We are awaiting the proposals of the architect to see what kind of figures we are looking at," said Brandmeyer.

Depending on the funding available, expansion may have to be limited to only a portion of the proposed ideas.

"If it is necessary to cut ideas, I will get input from all staff and faculty on priorities," Brandmeyer said.

Student to travel to Cuba over spring break for credit

Jess Baldus
Banner Staff

Jill Sodahl is going where few Americans are allowed to go. Sodahl will be going to Cuba over spring break with other DMACC students, Iowa State students and faculty for credit.

Sodahl is a little nervous about going to the communist country.

"I am afraid that I am going to do something wrong and get thrown in jail," she says.

Just getting to Cuba and going through customs is a little nerve wrecking. If the American security doesn't like the way someone answers a question the whole group must stay and potentially miss the plane from Miami to Cuba.

This is not the first time Sodahl has traveled over seas. Last spring break this 18 year old from Storm Lake traveled to Spain. She believes it is very beneficial



Jill Sodahl

to travel abroad if you are interested in foreign languages. Sodahl is a Spanish major and her trips to Spanish speaking countries helps her become more familiar with their way of life and speech.

"I was spit on last year in Spain; hope-

fully people are more friendly in Cuba," says Sodahl. Sodahl believes there was a conflict between Spain and the United States and the people there were angry with the Americans.

The trip to Cuba will consist of a three-part tour. The first two days will entail a tour of Old Havana visiting such places as the Palace of the Captain-General, the Plaza de la Catedral, and Havana's famous boulevard along the sea. Next is to study Cuban agriculture and the geography of Pinar del Rio during March 16-18. The study will end with tourism during March 18-20 visiting Varadero, the premier tourist area in Cuba.

The cost of this particular trip is a little more expensive than most Spring Break trips costing \$1800. What the student gets out of the trip tends to be more beneficial than lying in the sun at a beach.

Learning and experiencing a new culture is an excellent opportunity and

it's worth 2 college credits. To receive credit one must read the book, "Cuba Confidential" by Anne Louise Bardach. Students must then write a four to six page review of the book including an overview of the relations between the Cuba and the United States.

DMACC offers a Global Studies course every year taking faculty and students across the world. The GLOS 198 course is going on its second year to Cuba.

This will most likely be the last year to travel to Cuba because DMACC only has a two-year license allowing the United States to visit.

Since Cuba is a communist country with Fidel Castro as the iron rule, the United States does not allow Americans to tour Cuba. The U.S. government does not want to put more money into the country to help Castro rule longer.

To visit Cuba, one must go with an approved group.



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Shelby Hildreth, academic advisor, holds Josie Irene, while brother Jacob looks on. Josie was born on Feb. 28 at 9:37 p.m.

Denson changes title to provost

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

Beginning March 1, 2004, Vivian Brandmeyer's title changed from executive dean to provost.



Vivian Brandmeyer

According to Webster's, provost means the "chief dignitary of a collegiate or cathedral chapter."

The title is relatively

new to community colleges, DMACC President Rob Denson said.

"The title of provost more accurately reflects the wider breadth of job responsibility," said Denson.

The provost has the responsibilities of enrollment growth, strategic planning, opportunity management, economic development, and workforce training, Denson said.

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Canadian Year club to tackle second book over break

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Many members of the Book Club are excited for their upcoming meeting. They will be discussing a Sinclair Ross book, "As for Me and My House."

The Candian Year Book Club will be meeting Monday, March 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the L.W. Courter Center. Some of the feedback from some of the members has been very positive.

"Ross has his book narrated by a female character. He's such a good writer that it's almost as if a woman is writing the book," said Dr. Jerrine McCaffrey, head of the book club.

The club members discussed the difference between Canadian authors and American authors.

"I think that Canadians (authors) are more subtle than Americans. I've noticed that the British are very similar. Americans almost hit you over the head," said Kate Auston, a DMACC student.

Stephan Clemmons, a local Ames resident and member added, "It's hard to compare. They are our next door neighbor."

"One of the things I definitely like about the group is the different perspectives. Even though all the people read the same book, we all came away with something different. Each person seemed to come up with something different they liked and thought was important," said Kate Auston.

"I would encourage people to join. It is a good environment in which to learn about writers and their works. Rather than just reading the stories and having your opinion you can get other peoples opinion and feedback," said Auston.

"We are now at an earlier time so more people can make the discussion. Our first group got us off to a good start," Jerrine added.

If one is interested in joining the Book Club, Jerrine McCaffrey can be reached at jamccaffrey@dmacc.edu.



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The Candian Book Club discussed their first book on Feb. 23.

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Johnson: 36 years at DMACC

Alisha Benson
Banner Staff

"If you need help, let me know."

Sandi Johnson uttered these words 36 years ago, and has been helping people ever since.

Johnson grew up on the farm outside of Boone. She now lives in Boone with her husband Harold and her cat Dias. She has two children and five grandchildren.

Johnson has been working at DMACC since 1968, first as the dean's secretary and later as an advisor.

Johnson graduated from DMACC in 1972 with an AA in business and accounting. She is now furthering her education taking classes part-time at Iowa State, with the intention of getting a degree in Liberal Studies.

Johnson went into education hoping to meet a wide variety of people and help them in any way possible. She said, "It's important to make people feel good about themselves, and give them confidence."

She has had many duties at DMACC throughout the years. Johnson used to help with scholarships, nursing admissions, and budgeting. Her main focus is now on room scheduling and registration. "I do a little bit of everything," said Johnson.

Johnson has been an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) since it was first established in 1969. She received an award at the Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony this spring. The award was for recognition of her being an advisor for 35



Sandi Johnson

years. She said she wasn't expecting the award and she didn't even realize it had been that long.

As an advisor for PTK her responsibilities consist of attending meetings, getting actively involved in projects, and supporting students in any way she can.

According to Johnson, students should be rewarded and given recognition for the work they do.

Johnson has no plans for retirement in the near future. She enjoys photography,

genealogy, painting, sewing, and quilting. She would like to help kids with reading programs at area schools in the future. "I like to be a mentor for a child," said Johnson.

Johnson said she enjoys working here at DMACC with lots of great students and faculty, and it is very rewarding to her. She has been here working hard for 36 years, with plans to help more students in the future.

Bargains online

Laura Soder
Banner Staff

Every college student loves a bargain. Because of this reason, among others, students today may find themselves using services such as ebay.com to buy everything from clothing to textbooks.

Dave Morris, a DMACC student from Boone, is a user of ebay.com. "It is a good service because people can buy many things, including textbooks, for cheap prices," he said.

Using online buying services for personal items is one thing, but with textbook prices soaring these days, it can prove an economical option. In fact, the DMACC bookstore charges \$79.25 for Sociology by John J. Macionis an introduction to sociology textbook. This same book can be found on half.com by ebay.com for only 75 cents.

Carol Petersen, manager of Knowledge Knook Bookstore, said that the book store does not set the prices for books they sell. The books are sold at 25% above regular cost so the bookstore can make a profit. Profits end up helping DMACC students in various ways, such as helping pay for tutoring or with student services projects.

However, although DMACC's prices for books seem relatively high, Petersen has not noticed a change in business for the bookstore.

Entry-level jobs projected

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

Deciding what you want to do with the rest of your life is one of the biggest decisions anybody can make.

Careers are chosen in many different ways. Money, location, interests, and convenience are all reasons for deciding on a major.

Research shows that students who are committed to their career goals tend to have higher grades, and tend to have a lower college dropout rate than students who are still undecided in their major.

"It is not uncommon for most students

to change their major at least once in the first couple years," George Silberhorn Associate Dean said.

Because there is such a demand for positions in health care, the nursing program at DMACC is one of the fullest programs. The nursing program has an increase over the last year because of the demand.

Entry level positions have gone up 12.9 percent in the past year. According to collegegrad.com, businesses like Enterprise Rent -A-Car and Lockheed Martin each project their entry level hiring to exceed 3,500.

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On a date with Jess A night out with the girls

Jess Baldus
Banner Staff

Sometimes it is just better to go out with the girls.

It was 11:45 p.m. by the time we made it to Sips in Ames. I waited with my friends in line for about 45 minutes before we had the chance to get inside the bar. As I stood in line, I saw groups of people skip the line and walk right in. It is good to know people on the inside. Others noticed the stream of people walking right past us, and the crowd grew uneasy. I tried to ignore the yelling and the pushing, but the guy yelling at me was a little harder to ignore.

It started out with some guy yelling

profanities from behind me. I turned to see where the noise was coming from and the guy switched his attention to me.

"Hey, Baby, what's your name?" said the tall guy with dark curly hair.

I turned back around and tried to ignore him since he was the one who was previously yelling profanity at a girl walking by.

"Girl, why do you have to be like that?" the guy said to me.

Again I tried to ignore him. The determination set in, and the guy stood next to me with his "Girl" this and "Girl" that comment. I made small talk so I wasn't completely rude until he finally gave up. Next thing I knew someone was touching my butt. I did a pretty good job of

ignoring it until a guy got right in my face and said, "I bet you thought it was me touching you, didn't you?" Thankfully, the fight that broke out in front of us distracted him.

Finally inside, we made a quick walk around to see who was there. As we walked past the dance floor, another guy grabbed me by the arm and asked me to dance. I replied with a simple "No," as I continued on my way. The girls and I grabbed a drink and off to the dance floor we went. I had a Snow Cone, which is made up of Blue Raspberry Vodka, sour, and cranberry juice. If you are 21, you should try it, if not, stick to Pepsi.

The dance floor was a little crowded and made it really hard to move. The mir-

rored wall was lined with men watching the people on the floor. Couples held each other closely as they danced or at least attempted to. I danced for a while until I met a 24-year-old man from Mason City named Brett. We ended up talking and dancing for the remainder of the time. At the end of the night he walked my friends and me outside. In front of the bar he gently kissed my hand, told me that he had a great time, and wanted to know when he was able to see me again.

Maybe by the next column of On A date with Jess, I will actually have gone on a date.

"The Tattooed Girl" Book Review

Gabi Butler
Banner Staff

The new best-seller, "The Tattooed Girl," by Joyce Carol Oates is an excellent depiction of the lives of two completely different people, who happen to live together by-chance of a job offer.

Joshua Seigl is a well-known writer who has inherited a family fortune. At the young age of thirty-nine he has acquired an unknown nerve disease, which causes

him difficulty to walk at times.- As much as he tries to convince himself that he is able to take care of himself, Seigl comes to the realization he is in need of a personal assistant.- After many interviews with promising subjects, he doesn't seem to find any one that satisfies him.

On the other side of town is Alma Busch, a stranger who carries a strange tattoo on her face and hands that seemingly have no meaning.- She is the face

of beauty, but no one knows who she is, where she came from, or what she's doing in Mount Carmel Heights.-

The book takes us through the point of view of each person as every meaningful situation appears through four different sections.- We see how Seigl struggles to face the reality of his health and love for his best friend, and how Alma struggles to survive in a world that seems to have forgotten her.- The pair's estrangement

develops into an odd friendship where both characters realize they have an impact on each other's lives.-

The tragic ending to this wonderful story may or may not shed a tear from the reader, depending on one's sensitivity.- "The Tattooed Girl" is an excellent book written by an excellent writer who deserves appraisal from any reader out there.- The book deserves a two thumbs up as well as more recognition.

'Passion' Review



The Passion of the Christ: Peter, Jesus and John at the Last Supper

James Joy
Banner Staff

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" depicting the final 12 hours of the life of Jesus is a gut-wrenching experience that generates the full spectrum of emotions.

The word passion, in reference to Biblical stories, has developed a romantic overtone. However, the word is of Latin dissent and refers to suffering and pain. This is an appropriate title for this movie, as we witness the graphic scenes of torture throughout the movie, culminating in His crucifixion. This would be a good movie for parents to leave children 16 or under at home.

Gibson wanted to make a movie that accurately depicted the price that Jesus paid as He died for our sins. It is a very brutal movie, and when you enter the theatres, you must be prepared to witness continuous brutality and unrelenting suffering. There has never been a film that portrayed Jesus' last hours in such a graphic manner. However, the violence is interrupted repeatedly with flashback scenes to offer a bit of reprieve for the audience, who is at times numbed by the constant violence.

One scene that showed Jesus interacting with Mary showed his sense of humor and sense of happiness. These breaks in

the violence really help the audience deal with the imagery.

The behavior of the Jewish characters in this movie offered a balanced range of behavior, and does not create the feeling of anti-Semitism, as some critics have suggested. With the exception of the few who call for His death, the rest of the Jewish figures in the movie are depicted favorably. Simon helps carry His cross and is sympathetic by the end of his task; Veronica passes the Roman guards to offer a cloth to wipe His face and offers Him a cup of water, while the Jews in the crowd call out against his torture.

The performance of James Caviezel (Jesus) in this movie is Oscar-winning-caliber. The imagery and cinematography are outstanding, all without the help of special effects. This movie is scored in a way that only adds to the power of the story and doesn't overpower the scenes.

This movie was a deeply moving, personal experience, and it's difficult to find words to prepare you for what you are going to see. The main point is not specifically what happens, but why it happened and what was the result. This movie doesn't preach, and it doesn't try to convert its audience to accepting a religious way of life. The movie's message of love and forgiveness is entrenched in those that do not let the brutality of the scenes overpower the message.

Battle of the sexes agree, play receives four stars

She says

Laura Griffin
Banner Staff

A couch, a small table, two chairs, a desk, bookshelves full of books, and a fireplace with various vials set the stage for last weekend's play, "Murder by Membership Only."

The murder mystery was very well performed and directed. The set was built realistically and never changed throughout the entire play.

The cast, all returning from last semester's play, except for three new faces, was a welcome sight. British or French accents added a unique quality to each character. All the actresses did an excellent job of portraying the attitudes and mannerisms of the characters.

Madame Lecoq (Patti Rockwell) performed as a cultured writer who was a good hostess and a very noble person. Her French accent was hypnotic.

Octavia Sturges (Julie Sharp) was hated by all who met her, but yet an important person to the Orczy Club. She eventually gets murdered.

Hester Tandy (Sarah Whitford) played a very knowledgeable mystery writer who liked to use diagrams to help her with her stories. Some of her lines were lost in the speed of her delivery.

Mrs. Plimpton (Kami Mussel) was a very mysterious character throughout the whole play, but took control at the end and brought the group together, as well as pulled them apart.

May Cobbs (Liz Bennett) played the clumsy newspaper reporter who didn't know anything about murder mysteries but wanted a good story. She did a very good job at making the audience laugh at her clumsy antics.

Clarice Fergusson (Tammy Hartmann) played a snobbish writer who hated the featured guest with a passion and let others know about it.

Lydia Beaton (Jessica Peel) was the secretary who hated her employer but stuck around for an unknown reason.

Mrs. Balser (Erin Bradley) played the cook who was very hot tempered and seemed to be the perfect person to murder Mrs. Sturges.

Eve Hawkins (Caley Harvey) played the role of the new American writer who walked around with a recorder so as to gather material as it happened for future novels.

The ending was the only thing that I didn't like. It seemed to move too fast, and I couldn't really follow it. Other than that, this play was definitely worth my time.

He says

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

Ego, murder, mystery, and a bunch of writers trying to figure out which one of their colleagues did it. All these factors equal a pretty good mystery.

Murder by Membership Only, written by Thomas Hischak, takes place in a club of female writers. The writers sat around chewing the fat and arguing about originality. The writers seem to be into themselves no matter how good or bad they are. The writers range from famous, second rate, retired, rookie, stenographer, to journalist. The cast is rounded off by a disgruntled servant and a psychologist.

The play starts off with the writers developing the perfect murder. But when the ego of the famous writer begins to clash with her peers, it is obvious somebody had to get rid of her. When she gets poisoned by a person in the club, the writers have to use their skills as crime writers to figure out who the killer is.

This play kept me guessing till the end. The cast was very good at not hinting who

the murderer was. During intermission, the audience began to ask each other who they guessed the murderer was while others rushed out to get a copy of the Banner. The Banner has featured stories on the play and the audience was hopping the articles held some clues.

The actresses never over shadowed each other. They in fact complimented each other well. There was not much action in the form of seeing the actual murders, but the sense of mystery would have been gone if we saw the details. The actions were brought out in conversation. It seem almost like a Murder, She Wrote episode, without the convenience of replay.

The only drawback of the play was the lack of men in the cast. The all female cast made it seem as though the play was for women. The blame is not towards the drama department, but the men of DMACC. The nine females in the cast not only have the guts to get up and perform in front of an audience, but they somehow maintained an English accent throughout the whole play.

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Record-setting season ends in overtime loss for women

Jack Simonson
Banner News

If you ask almost any collegiate coach whether or not they'll accept a 27 win season, they will accept it in a second. Unfortunately for the DMACC Women's Basketball Program, it was win no. 28 that didn't happen.

The Bears saw their season come to an end with a heartbreaking 71-70 overtime loss to NIACC in the regional semifinals. DMACC had previously defeated NIACC twice during the teams' two regular season meetings.

"Coach Conrad told us it was going to be a challenge to beat a team three times," said DMACC star Michelle Smith, who scored 15 points in the loss. And unfortunately for the Bears, it was a little too much of a challenge.

The teams traded blows throughout the first half, with NIACC taking a 28-25 lead into the half. During the second half the Lady Trojans built their lead to nine, and were threatening to pull away, but the Bears went on a run, and eventually gained the lead back. And with 15 seconds remaining, the Bears scored what looked to be a possible game winning bucket, when sophomore point guard Ashley Austin scored a layup to give the Bears a 62-60 lead. But NIACC's Janeen Fell connected on a jumper with five seconds remaining to send the game to overtime, and the Bears couldn't survive the Lady Trojans' as NIACC hung on for the one point victory.

"It was a great game, we just got

outplayed," commented Conrad after the defeat.

Jenny Harle was the only other DMACC player besides Smith in double figures, leading the way with 19 points.

The Bears made it to the semifinals with an 82-43 trouncing of conference foe Southwestern in the quarterfinals, and finished the season with 27 wins, which smashed the previous program's record of 20 wins, which was set a year ago.

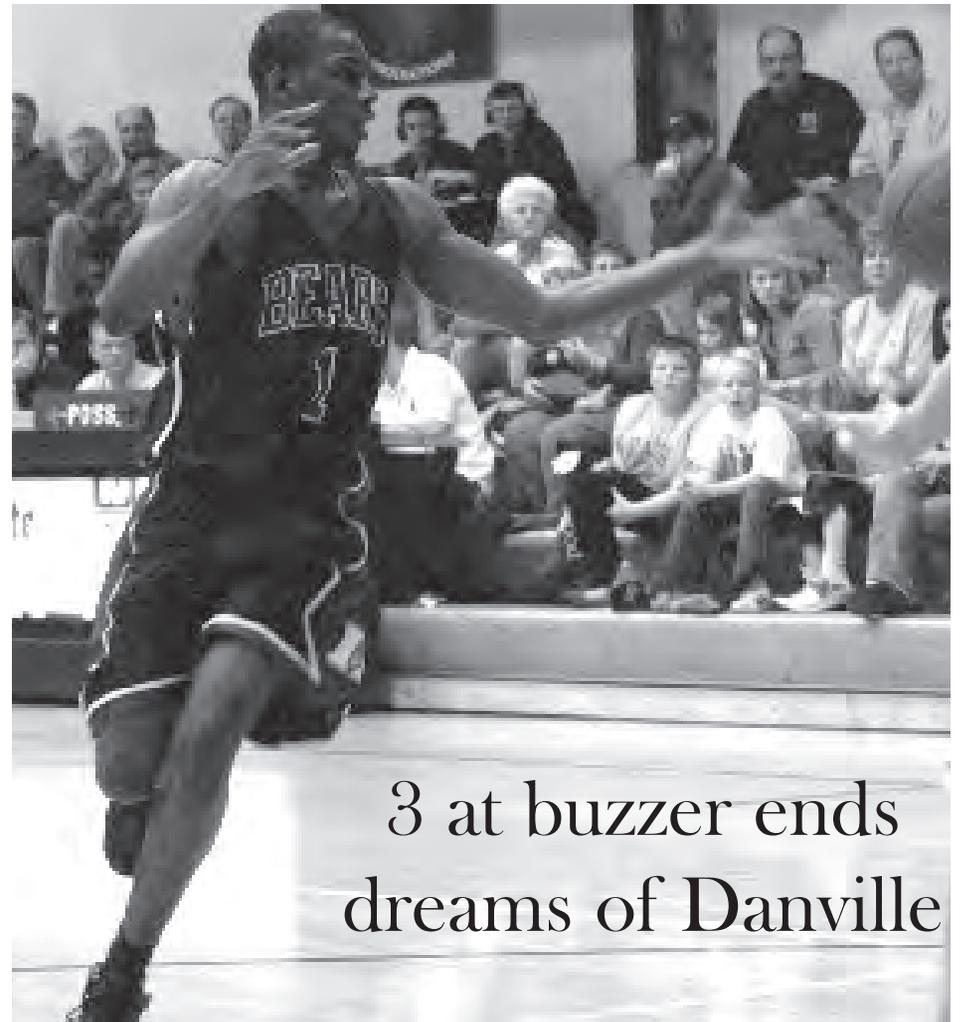
"It was a good season record-wise and everything, but it would've been better if we could've made it to the championship to play Kirkwood," said Smith on the team's season.

Kirkwood will represent the region at nationals, as they hammered NIACC 77-31 in the regional title game.

Although it probably wasn't the storybook ending the Bears were looking for in their milestone season, there appears to be plenty to be optimistic about for next year. "We return a good base for next season, and we're bringing in some good recruits," stated Coach Conrad on the future of the DMACC program.

The Bears will return all but four letter winners next season, and a large percentage of their scoring and rebounding, including leading scorer and rebounder Michelle Smith.

So while another season is in the books for the Bears, and the season didn't end the way the players or coaches would have liked, Coach Conrad certainly appears to have the program headed in the right direction, and the DMACC Women's Basketball Program is on the map.



Jack Simonson
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"Sometimes you need to get a little luck, and tonight we did," said Kirkwood Head Coach Doug Wagemester after his Eagles squeaked out a 92-90 overtime thriller over DMACC last night.

He was talking about a three-point desperation shot by sophomore guard Brett Baumgart that rippled through the nets as time expired to give his Eagle's the win, and a spot at Nationals next week in Danville, Illinois.

After Shaun Williams hit two free throws with 6.7 seconds remaining to give the Bears a 90-89 edge, the Eagles threw the ball in to star James Ebert, who they wanted to take the final shot. Nothing was available for Ebert, however, as he brought the ball up the court, so he dished it off to Baumgart, who had been silent all night. Baumgart then pulled up from the wing, and buried the game winning three, sending a rowdy Eagle crowd into a frenzy, and silencing the DMACC crowd.

"We're disappointed and devastated," said DMACC Head Coach Orv Salmon. "I told the guys how proud I was of them. It's just too bad they don't get to go to Nationals."

The Bears certainly appeared to have a good shot at the upset, leading throughout most of the game. After an ugly first few minutes for the Bears, Naim Benjamin buried a three to give the Bears their first points of the game. After DMACC built a 16-9 lead, it was all Steve Clayton. The sophomore from Fort Dodge dropped in the Bears next 13 points to keep the lead for DMACC at 29-21. The lead wouldn't

last for long though, as Kirkwood ended the first half on a 20-9 run, sparked by the hot hand of Ebert from behind the arc.

DMACC came back strong in the second half, sparked by the play of freshman point guard Euvon Turner. His penetration and hot hand gave the Bears a lead they would hold onto until Kirkwood's Chris Hickey's jumper tied the score at 77-77 with just seven seconds remaining on the clock. Turner got a look at a running shot in the lane at the buzzer, but couldn't get it to drop, sending the game to overtime.

In overtime, DMACC led by as much as seven at 84-77, but a 9-2 run sparked by a Hickey three to tie the score at 86-86 put Kirkwood right back into the game. DMACC then lead up to the waning moments of the game, which was an ending DMACC fans would rather forget about.

"That's the history the last few years of championship games, they usually come down to the last four or five possessions," stated Wagemester.

The Bears used a balanced attack, putting five players into double figures in the scoring column, lead by Williams' 21, followed with 20 from Frashon McGee, 16 from Clayton, 14 from Turner, and 13 from Benjamin.

Williams led the Bears in Regionals, dropping in 18 points in a 74-60 win over Ellsworth in the quarterfinals, and a whopping 38 points in a 95-76 win over NIACC in the semis'. His performance earned him a first team all tourney selection, joining teammate Turner, who averaged just over 15 points per game for the tourney, as well as controlling the Bears' floor game.

The loss ended the Bears season at



photo by Brandon Kleinke

Looking On : DMACC bench watches intensely during a previous home game.

The Other Side of the Courter Pictures and text by Alisha Benson

What are your plans for spring break?



**Jessica Shoults
Stratford**

"I'm going on my honeymoon in New York or Key West."



**Nabil Sagbini
Barranquilla, Colombia**

"I'm going on the DMACC baseball spring trip to Oklahoma."



**Sherri Walter
Boone**

"I'm going to St. Louis to visit a friend."



**Damon Vilmont
Ames**

"I'm going to watch the NCAA tournament and catch up on studies."

Jack's Major League Baseball Forecast

Jack Simonson
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Here you have it; A biased Cubs fan's look and predictions for the 2004 season that awaits us, starting with where each team will finish in their respective divisions.

AL East

New York-The Yankees had more fun shopping in the off-season than any other team out there, picking up basically whoever they wanted, another winning season for the evil empire.



Boston-The Red Sox missed a golden opportunity to put the Yankees away when they didn't sign Alex Rodriguez.

Baltimore-The Orioles spent a lot of money in the off-season, acquiring Javy Lopez and Miguel Tejada. Unfortunately for them, what they needed most was pitching.

Toronto-Could be put ahead of Baltimore, but no higher. Another slow year in Canada for baseball.

Tampa Bay-The Devil Rays have some young talent, but the most meaningful games they will play this year will be as spoilers in August and September.

AL Central

Minnesota-The Twins lost Eric Milton, LaTroy Hawkins, Eddie Guardado, and A.J. Pierzynski, so why are they here? Because the White Sox unloaded Bartolo Colon.

Chicago-This should've been the White Sox division to take this season, but what do they do? They get rid of their best

pitcher, and tick off their fans by nearly trading fan favorite Magglio Ordonez.

Kansas City-The Royals shocked everyone in 2003, and made no moves to get worse in the off-season, but I just can't bring myself to look at them as a playoff team.

Cleveland-Not a good team.

Detroit-The most improved team in the AL Central. May reach the 60 win plateau this season!

AL West

Oakland-Barry Zito, Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson, and Rich Harden would all be a welcome addition to any teams staff, so it's hard to bet against the A's.

Anaheim-Add in Bartolo Colon, Kelvim Escobar, and Vladimir Guerrero to a .500 team in 2003 and the Angels are looking ready to make a run this season.

Seattle-The Mariners will win a lot of games, but just don't have the power at the plate or the ace pitching that the Angels and A's do.

Texas-The Rangers finally unloaded A-Rod's salary, and got Alfonso Soriano in return.

NL East

Philadelphia-The only thing that kept the Phillies from beating the Marlins out for the wild card last year was a weak bullpen. Adding Billy Wagner and Tim Worrell to the mix solves that problem.

Florida-The Marlins didn't unload completely like they did after their last World Series, but they aren't the same team they were a year ago.

Atlanta-Braves finish with a winning record, but their run in the NL East ends with authority.

Montreal-The Expos didn't help themselves at all in the off-season, losing

Vasquez and Guerrero, and leaving them no chance at contending in the division.

New York-The Mets just can't seem to win no matter how much money they spend. This year will be no different.

NL Central

Chicago-The only thing Cub fans have to be upset about in the offseason is setting for Michael Barrett instead of Pudge at catcher.

Houston-Roger Clemens and Andy Pettite should help the improved Astros immediately.

St. Louis-Why the Cardinals didn't use the off-season to pick up more pitching is beyond me.

Pittsburgh-The Pirates won't win much, but neither will the rest of the NL Central.

Milwaukee-New ownership couldn't be a bad thing for the Brewers. There is nowhere to go but up for this organization.

Cincinnati-A long, long season for Reds baseball.

NL West

San Francisco-The Giants are establishing themselves as one of baseball's "sure things".

Los Angeles-Good pitching beats good hitting, but unfortunately the Dodgers have no hitting to go with their good pitching.

San Diego-The Padres are an organization on the rise. Could be this years version of the Florida Marlins.

Arizona-No more Schilling, plus a lousy lineup equals a disappointing season for the D-backs.

Colorado-Nobody wants to pitch at Coors Field.

Playoffs

New York over Minnesota

Boston over Oakland.

Philadelphia over Houston.

Chicago over San Francisco

Boston over New York

Philadelphia over Chicago

World Series-

Boston over Philadelphia-Schilling comes up huge for his new team and earns series MVP, as the Red Sox win the series in six.

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