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Assault awareness hangs on ‘Clothesline’

Jess Baldus  
Banner Staff

“I am but three, tonight my daddy murdered me,” said the back of a t-shirt displayed in the Courter Center on March 31 during the Clothesline Project.

Stories about violence and rape of women and children were displayed during this project.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and that is exactly what this project was meant to do. The Project is put on by ACCESS, Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support, to “air out society’s insidiously silent ‘dirty laundry.’” There is a shelter located in Ames and counseling available in Boone.

“It is a powerful tool that surprised and shocked DMACC students,” said Susan Smith, outreach director at ACCESS.

Initial shock moved towards disgust as the students read the shirts. Andrea Hicks, DMACC student from Boone, said, “It was a very powerful way to show students that things like this actually do happen. It really shows the reality of it all.”

All of the stories written on the shirts are true. Many of these stories were never spoken because the victim felt shamed or at fault; they use this project as a healing process for the victim or for those who have known a victim.

Abuse comes in more forms than just physical abuse. According to ACCESS you may be a victim of Domestic/Dating violence if your partner hits, kicks or shoves you; uses temper, jealous rages or anger to frighten you; isolates you from your support system; calls you names; controls what you do; forces sex against your will; or intimidates you by smashing things, destroying your property or abus- ing your pets.

If you were pressured or forced to engage in sexual activity by a stranger, acquaintance, or partner; touched sexually without your consent; touched inappropriately when you were a child; unconscious, intoxicated, or otherwise unable to give consent to sexual activity; or lacking the mental capacity to give consent; you were a victim of sexual assault/abuse.

Hanging on the clothesline is one shirt made by someone who knew the victim. The shirts were part of the Clothesline Project put on by ACCESS and were on display in Courter Center on March 31.

Josh Hutt  
Banner Staff

Professional and beginning writers kicked off DMACC’s Celebration of the Literary Arts on Monday.

The celebration started off with Rob Lumbard playing music in the Courter Center, with literary guests upstairs.

Students who placed in the Boone Campus creative writing contest were recognized. Prizes were a certificate and cash, which according to Judy Hauser, “was in the mail.” First place for short story and poem received $100, second place, $50 and third place, $25.

Carrie Larson, who won best poem for, “Children,” said, “I was surprised. It’s great my extra effort paid off.”

Chelsea Muench, who finished 3rd in the Poetry contest, was excited about placing. “I really enjoyed it,” she said with a smile.

After the awards were handed out, professional writers got up in front of the group to read samples of their work. Fiction writer Sharon Oard Warner read a section out of her book, “Sweetness.” Warner, who lived in Ames for seven years and taught at DMACC for a year, is the Founding Director of the University of New Mexico’s Taos Summer Writer’s Conference.

“It is a response to my love of reading,” Warner said of her work.

Warner was followed by poet Kevin Stein. Stein’s poems and essays have appeared in American Poetry Review, Boulevard, The Gettysburg Review, and The Kenyon Review.

He read four samples of his poetry which ranged from his first day on the job, to inventions that give you a second chance. “It makes you feel you’re not so alone in the universe.” Stein explained of why he writes.

The celebration continued on all campuses until today.

Short Story
1st Andrew Austin – “Walden”
2nd Travis Cochran – “Nature Walk”
3rd Laura Anderson – “Cruise Together”

Poem
1st Carrie Larson “Children”
2nd April Walker “Walking with Dinosaurs”
3rd Chelsea Muench “Sharp and Pointy”
“Wealth is the number of days, weeks, or months that I can take off without having to work,” said David Holcombe, vice president and partner of Insights Marketing Group.

Last week in the Boone Campus Theatre, he gave an hour-long seminar on the importance of entrepreneurship in our country as small businesses in our economy seem to disappear.

He stressed how businesses are beginning to de-couple and areas of the country can be doing great while others are at the bottom, evening out the economy with no one really noticing.

The technology of computers has taken businesses to a much higher level and in large manufacturing jobs, there’s no reason to hire people when computers can do the job for a much cheaper price. Since many manufacturing companies don’t invest in re-training, workers can’t progress to a higher level job that doesn’t require line work and, therefore, many civilians are out of jobs.

An average of 150,000 people will be looking for jobs next year as managers of the Fortune 500 industries are looking to do more with less, Holcombe said. The fact that retiring pensions no longer exist put all workers at a responsibility to save up for our retirement through programs such as 401 K.

Holcombe pointed out how all of our manufacturing jobs are landing in China, which bears five times the number of people than the United States alone.- China is now producing 5% of all goods, and in 20 years, 200 million of their farmers will have left their work in search of an urban job with another 200 million following.

As those workers’ incomes grow, they will become consumers themselves, and when the demand for certain products grows exponentially, prices will go down.- China is currently the low cost center of the world that also produces chemists, engineers and

**Graduation speakers named**

Laura Griffin  
Banner Staff

A graduation ceremony lasts only as long as the speakers make it and the number of students graduating.

For the spring Boone Campus ceremony, a student speaker is invited to welcome everyone to the ceremony and a graduate of DMACC is invited to be the keynote speaker.

On May 7, James Joy and Lt. Col. Timothy Orr will be those two speakers.

George Silberhorn, associate provost, said, “It was recommended a half a dozen years or so ago that we have a student speaker at graduation. A few of us got together and decided to have a student do the welcome at the ceremony.” “We follow and keep track of our students. We also receive recommendations from the faculty,” Silberhorn said about picking a student speaker.

Silberhorn said that he picks someone who has been a leader and is recognizable to his or her peers for the student speaker.

James Joy, Jefferson, is the current editor-in-chief of the Banner, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was president of Rotaract last year, and the photo club. Joy is married to a Boone Campus student, Melissa, and has two children.

“It is an honor. I look forward to doing it,” Joy said about speaking at the ceremony.

His advice for current students to achieve their goals at DMACC is, “Don’t be afraid to try something new. As soon as you limit yourself because it may be hard, or for whatever reason, you might miss out on something.”

“Orr was recommended by some of the faculty two years ago but couldn’t because he was a student at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania,” Silberhorn said.

Orr graduated from DMACC in 1981. Orr, 42, is originally from Winterset. He is married and has two children. Orr was a part time business teacher at DMACC.

“I am honored to come back home, not only to Boone, but to DMACC, the roots of my college education. I owe many thanks to the DMACC staff for the experiences they allowed me to gain while being a student and a part-time teacher. I am honored to come back and provide the graduation address and hopefully give something back to DMACC in return,” Orr said.

Orr has been in the National Guard for over 25 years. He is a full time employee and is responsible for the weekend and summer training of about 7500 soldiers.

“My responsibilities include everything that involves training, scheduling all training in and outside of the United States, managing a $20 million dollar budget, and the training of all soldiers deploying for the War on Terrorism,” Orr said.

He was recently selected for the position of the Commander of the Counter Drug Task Force that will start in June 2004.

His advice to students is to gain many experiences as they can while attending DMACC. “Whether you are a part-time or full-time student, continue your education beyond the two years. I would encourage you to keep working towards your advanced degree and remember the hardest part of any education is starting,” Orr said.

This month the members of PBL will bring the issue of Child Abuse to DMACC.

They will set up a table with information on this topic in the Courter Center between April 14-21, from 10:30 – 12:30.

Also, there will be posters displayed in different areas of the campus, as well as, brochures covering a broad range of topics associated with child abuse.

In addition, ribbons will be passed out to remember the children who now suffer from child abuse and, hopefully, bring the issue of child abuse to the community. Community involvement is one way to make sure there will be, “No child left behind.”

Laura Soder  
Banner Staff

Looking for a new job or internship anytime soon? Try checking with Good Connections.

“Good Connections is a private, non-profit human service agency. They serve people with mental illness or retardation, including the elderly and adolescents,” said Dr. Steve Albaugh, the Executive Director of Good Connections.

In the past, DMACC students have been employed with Good Connections. The agency has also taken on student interns looking for practical experience in community based human service or people who want to be professional providers.

In addition to providing work, employees of Good Connections have brought their knowledge to DMACC by teaching courses here, including Sue Stidwell, Cheryl Chopard, and Dr. Albaugh himself.

If students are interested in contacting Good Connections, they can call 432-6911 or visit one of their offices located at 1109 Division St. or 9th and Keeler Streets.

**Good Connections Offers Internships**

Laura Soder  
Banner Staff

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Searching for new faces on DMACC campuses

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

The faces of DMACC photo sessions made their way to the Boone campus for the second year in a row. Students signed up to have their photo taken to be used for different types of DMACC use.

Viki Voogt, the marketing and public relations web designer for DMACC, was on a DMACC campus tour hitting all of the campuses. “This is our only day in Boone,” she said of the excursion. “Yesterday we were in Ankeny, tomorrow we’ll head to Urban. Then it’s on to Newton and Carroll.”

The turnout seemed to be great on the Boone campus. Flyers had been posted all around including the Courter Center. Location may have made a difference as well. “Last year we set up in a much different location.” Voogt added. The shoot was set-up in the west hallway, across from the financial aid offices, as opposed to the east end of the building like last year.

The pictures of students are used for many DMACC advertisements. The most commonly referred to example are the pictures of different students that pop up when the DMACC home web site is opened. “It’s great to get students involved, and their actual DMACC students. We’ve already had 385 students sign up, but more and more are seeing the drawing that’s available and signing up as we go.” Voogt said. Every student that signed up and showed up for their photo will be entered in a drawing to win a free 3 credit class or a $250 bookstore gift certificate. One student, Angela Berte, said it was the drawing that pushed her over the edge to sign up. “It wasn’t that bad, but it felt kind of awkward,” she said.

“We’ve had such a range of students show up. They of course have to sign releases for us to have permission to use their picture, but that hasn’t stopped them. It’s been a real success. We’ve had young and old students. We even had a mother and her daughter get their picture taken together,” Voogt added with a grin.

Students that missed this wonderful opportunity will just have to make sure that they sign up next year.

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Businesses experience changes

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doctors at an alarming rate.

Holcombe kept stressing how we need more entrepreneurs as a period of change will lead to the loss of many jobs. “We’re going to have to employ ourselves into the future, and we need to focus on what can be,” he said, while projecting graphs on a screen.

“Anyone who graduates from high school, college or graduate school and is only ready to be an employee isn’t ready to work,” Holcombe remarked.

The speaker explained how we need to understand the value of money at a young age.- He mentioned how community colleges have great programs in entrepreneurship.

Holcombe went on to ask how many people knew of Jimmy Buffett.- Most people raised their hands.- Jimmy Buffett was his prime example of a great entrepreneur. Buffett owns restaurants, a recording company, produces food and tequila, writes books and albums, and still goes on tour.- All of these things produce cash flow, which is the key to personal finance.

To end the seminar, Holcombe posted a picture of his niece holding several bills of all amounts and asked what wealth meant to us.- Several students answered with comments such as profitable cash flow and being able to take a vacation and not worry about anything.- The speaker said the answers were good and once again stressed how an early education in money is quite valuable later in life and a person’s credit score is fundamental.

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Students, faculty question SAC guidelines

Laura Griffin  
Banner Staff

Questions are surfacing about one particular subject of the DMACC Boone Campus. Kay Mueller, drama advisor and instructor, has posed many of them. Others are wondering about the Student Activities Council.

Who is on SAC? When do they meet? How to they notify students and faculty of meetings? How much money does or did they have and whom did they allocate it to? Do they hold elections? What process do they use to make decisions?

“I am not sure that our students know that that is their money being spent and that they can have a say in how and what it is spent on,” Mueller said.

SAC stands for Student Activities Council. The group is the Boone Campus student government. It organizes events for the student body and is in charge of where the money in the activity budget goes.

“I had no idea that we had a student government. I knew Ankeny did,” said Joe Sneathen.

DMACC did not always have a student government. In 1970 Boone campus formed one. George Silberhorn, associate provost, became advisor of the student government in 1972. The name has gone through many name changes, including Student Senate, Student Government Association, Student Action Board, and Student Activities Council. He said that when he started the government, it was allotted an $8,000 budget.

“We planned one social for the fall and one for the spring. The social usually meant a dance,” Silberhorn said. Special events were held, such as a hypnotist, singers, and solo performances. He said that one really popular event was a two-series meeting about rape and abuse for women. “The theatre was packed,” Silberhorn said.

Elections used to be held on the first week of October every fall. “They used to be a big deal, but interest has dwindled,” Silberhorn said. He attributes work and family to the lack of involvement. He said that students don’t want to put the time it takes into it to make it work.

According to Silberhorn, SAC meetings used to follow Robert’s Rules of Order. “It (SAC) usually fell apart by the end of the year. They always started off strong, but by the end, we were lucky to have half of the members attend.”

JoAnn Morlan is advisor of the Carroll campus student government. She said, “Meetings are held once a month, early morning on Fridays. The DSAC president sends out an agenda a week in advance as a reminder to board members. Each DSAC member has a mailbox in my office and is expected to check it two-three times a week. Meetings are run by the president or vice president.”

Morlan said that they have a problem with membership dwindling toward the end of the year also. “This seems to be a reoccurring problem each year. I’m not sure how to alleviate it,” Morlan said.

Mary Lonsdale, advisor of the Ankeny student government, said that they meet weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. “We seem to lose members and struggle some in the spring semester,” Lonsdale said.

Lisa Mathes, SAC advisor and volleyball coach on the Boone Campus, became advisor this past year, taking over from Shelby Hildreth. “Shelby walked me through how to run the meetings. I make up an agenda and the members and myself talk about it,” Mathes said. Mathes does not see her position of advisor and volleyball coach as a conflict of interest, even though two members of SAC are players on the volleyball squad.

“They don’t even compare to each other,” Mathes said. She considers volleyball and SAC separate accounts.

At the meetings, every group is supposed to send a representative, they are to plead their case, and then the members vote on it, Mathes said. However, two recent events, yesterday’s hot dog feed and the voter registration breakfast were suggested by Este Huston and Betsy Dunphy, SAC board members and executed by Mathes through an email.

SAC’s budget now depends on enrollment. Money for the budget comes from the student activities fee. Vicki Lauzon, bookkeeper, said, “$1.05 per credit hour goes to the fee.”

Jason Grabau, from Boone, said, “I knew we had a government body, but I didn’t know that I helped fund it.”

Maggie Stone, Iowa New Choices coordinator and pep band advisor, asked for money to buy new music for the pep band. Stone said, “The SAC is a logical place to ask for money and they came through.” She wished the money would have come in sooner but was glad to receive it. “We can use the new music we bought next year.”

Mueller said, “Money that the drama club has received has varied by who was on SAC and who was in charge. In the past, whatever faculty member was in charge of SAC seemed to have a lot of decision- making power as to how the money was allocated.”

Iowa has laws about open meetings. Iowa Code: Section 21.4 states, “A government body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting, and its tentative agenda…Reasonable notice shall include advising the news media, and posting the notice on a bulletin board which is easily accessible to the public.”

It also says, “Notice shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting of a governmental body. Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public, and at a time reasonably convenient to the public.”

“As a club advisor, I used to receive a copy of the minutes from SAC meetings. I would like to see that reinstituted as a method of sharing information,” Mueller said.

Mueller said, “I have not been notified at all this semester of any meetings and since drama club is entitled to send a representative, it would be nice to know, well in advance, when the meeting are.”

She said it is part of DMACC’s job is to help train SAC members in leadership. “As such, I would like to see the group get training in how to run meetings using standardized guidelines.”

Mueller feels that the SAC needs to be more visible. “It would be nice to see a more diverse group of students be on SAC, one that is more representative of the student population.”

Jessica Peel, from Boone, said, “I think they should let us know how they are spending the money we are giving them.”

Phi Beta Lambda awards prizes to egg hunters

Alisha Benson  
Banner Staff

An Easter egg hunt took place on campus Wednesday, April 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It was put on by PBL, and funded by the DMACC bookstore, DMACC café, Provost Vivian Brandmyer, Wal-Mart, and Fareway.

Wednesday morning, Karen Shepard, Trudy Seidel, Lori Johnson, Kathleen Crouse, Mary Lynn Papin, Megan Runge, and Trish Fogarty, all members of PBL, hid colored eggs around the campus. Each egg contained a slip of paper with a number on it.

Students who found the eggs took them to the Courter Center to redeem them for prizes, based on the number on the slip of paper.

The prizes given away were a portable CD player, 2 Wal-Mart gift cards in the amount of $15 and $25, a 60 minute phone card, a $25 gift certificate to the bookstore, 3 gift certificates to the Campus Café in the amount of $3, 2 bunny rabbits, a camera, mouse pads, pop, Gatorade, and candy.

Second year nursing students were not on campus for the event, so nursing instructors have been given eggs to hide throughout their department. Students still have the opportunity to claim their prizes.

“I would like to see the group get training in how to run meetings using standardized guidelines.”  
Kay Mueller

Dana Sieve, Jennifer Kruse, and Trudy Seidel, members of Phi Beta Lambda, hand out prizes at the Easter egg hunt.

photo by James Joy
President Denson pitches increase to SAC members

James Joy
Banner Staff

DMACC Board of Directors recently approved a tentative $8 increase in student tuition, which was lower than the proposed $10 per credit hour increase. The board voted in favor, after hearing DMACC’s SAC members expressed their support of the proposed increase.

Prior to the March 8 vote, DMACC President Rob Denson held a meeting on Feb. 23, to discuss tuition, and was attended by SAC students from several of DMACC’s campuses. Boone campus was represented by SAC member Nate Lahner, who said that President Denson tried extremely hard to convince the students at the meeting that they should be in favor of the tuition increase. “It was necessary, because we were going to lose faculty and programs,” said Lahner. “He was pushing it pretty hard.”

Denson provided the students with a handout that outlined the need for the tuition increase and highlighted the fact that DMACC would still have the seventh lowest cost per credit hour in the state, after the proposed $10 increase.

Following the meeting, Lahner was approached to speak at the DMACC Board of Directors’ meeting, where the proposal of the tuition increase would be discussed. Lisa Mathes, Boone campuses SAC adviser, told Lahner that the Boone campus needed a voice. The three students who were heard by the Board were all SAC students who were present at meeting with President Denson. They all spoke in favor of the proposed tuition increase. “It was my impression that no other students were aware because there were no non-SAC students present,” said Lahner.

Some students and faculty on campus were unaware that a member of SAC spoke on their behalf to approve of the tuition increase. “Obviously he wasn’t speaking for everybody,” said Trish Johnson of Ames. “I didn’t agree with any tuition increase, especially a $10 increase,” she said. Paula Goldsworth, an administrative secretary on Boone campus, said, “I just assumed that he argued to lower it.”

According to Mary Lonsdale, the Coordinator of Student and Alumni Services Laurie Wolf, Boone Campus SAC Adviser Lisa Mathes and Lonsdale. Along with the DMACC staff and Lahner (Boone SAC) were SAC members Barb Blackburn from Urban, Donovan Klingel, Tumie Gobagoba and Jim Vilmain from Ankeny and Ben LaVoi from West campus.

Alisha Benson
Banner Staff

Graduation is soon approaching, and Phi Theta Kappa needs your help for Project Graduation.

Project Graduation: Feed a Body, Feed a Mind is a project developed to battle the social issues of hunger and illiteracy.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture report, eight million Americans go to bed and wake up hungry every day.

“Today, there’s a growing sense that a certain level of hunger is inevitable in Iowa, that a percentage of Iowans are destined...to exist on the state’s leftovers,” said an article in the Des Moines Register.

A total of 260,000 residents struggle to feed themselves and their families,” the article went on to say...and this is just in Iowa.

“If you’re hungry, you can’t learn,” said Nancy Woods, Tau Phi adviser.

The Boone Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter and Boone High School’s National Honor Society are teaming up to collect nonperishable food items and new and slightly used books for Project Graduation. The goal is to obtain 900 food items and 275 books, exceeding the entire state of Iowa’s totals from 2003. “I’m very excited about this opportunity for our campus to team up with Boone High School to make this truly a community service project, and I really hope our campuses can rally together to beat Iowa’s totals for 2003,” said Woods.

Nonperishable food items and books will be collected on the Boone campus the week before finals and the week of finals, including the day of graduation.

Boxes and shopping carts will be placed throughout campus for donations. Campus groups and students are encouraged to gather food and books for this event. “This is not just a Phi Theta Kappa project. We are hoping that all of the different groups on campus sign-on with us to make a difference,” said Woods.

All collected items will go to six agencies in our community that are desperate for our donations. These agencies include Rosedale Youth Shelter and Beloit Lutheran Children’s Services in Ames, and Salvation Army Shelter, Head-Start, WIC, and Good Connections Shelter in Boone.

“There are a lot of people in our community in need, and here’s a great way that the Boone campus can help,” said Perry Carlson, Tau Phi president.

Supplies needed: new and slightly used books, hair care supplies, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, personal hygiene items, children’s pajamas in sizes 5 through 14, slippers, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Dixie cups, Baby Wipes, diapers, socks, bathrobes, children’s underwear, children’s clothing sizes 3 through 5 (unisex), nonperishable food items such as peanut butter, muffin mixes, Jello, juice, soup, cereals, canned tuna or chicken, pasta, rice mixes, crackers, instant meat items, Hamburger Helper products, canned fruits, canned vegetables, legumes and non-refrigerated tortillas and more.

http://www.projectgraduation.org/ or contact Nancy Woods at nawoods@dmacc.edu.
Phi Theta Kappa writes about trip to Minneapolis

April Walker
Contributing Writer

DMACC Boone’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter sent six delegates to the Phi Theta Kappa 86th International Convention which was held in Minneapolis, April 1st - 4th.

These Delegates were Nancy Woods, Iowa Regional Coordinator and Tau Phi Advisor; Rebecca Miller, the Iowa Region N.W Vice-President 2004-2005; Perry Carlson, Tau Phi Chapter President 2003-2004; Tau Phi Members, Junyoung Chang, Crystal Hein, and April Walker and one guest, Sarah Woods.

The Iowa Region had a record number in attendance. Iowa had 117 members and advisors representing 18 chapters attending. (If I counted right, we were the 8th largest group in attendance!)

Gerald Steichen opened the Phi Theta Kappa 86th International Convention’s First General Assembly with a piano medley of Andrew Lloyd Weber songs. Steichen is an Alumni of Phi Theta Kappa. He is also the conductor of the New York Opera and conducted the last presentation of Cats on Broadway. Steichen is the winner of the most Distinguished Alumni Award for 2004.

The Second General Assembly speaker was Linda Ellerbee, an award winning television journalist who currently works for ABC News. Her keynote address was entitled “Surviving Cancer to Laugh Another Day.” It was about being a breast cancer survivor and the pain, confusion, betrayal, and anger that one has to plow through to survive cancer. We were reminded of the horrifying statistic that 1 in 8 women will have breast cancer in her lifetime, and that cancer rates are rising, so that by the time the current generation of children are adults the statistic could be as high as 1 in 4 women.

Unless we find a cure.

When she was finished there were few dry eyes in the crowd of approximately 3300 people.

Phi Theta Kappa has teamed up with the American Cancer Society to help find a cure. According to the American Cancer Society,”

In 2003, members from 180 chapters across the country formed teams and raised more than $260,000 through Relay For Life! Phi Theta Kappa raised more money than any other organization and was second in the nation to Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in the number of teams from an organization. Phi Theta Kappa’s contributions to the American Cancer Society in 2003 exceeded $344,000, more than any other collegiate organization.” Way to go Phi Theta Kappa!

Iowa Region headed the International Service Project at the convention; this meant Iowa was responsible for making the collection booth for Hope Lodge in Rochester, Minn. Hope Lodge is similar to The Ronald McDonald House but it is affiliated with the American Cancer Society.

Nancy Woods and Perry Carlson headed a forum entitled “Project Graduation” in which they talked to PTK Members from across the country about how to implement Project Graduation in their chapters and communities. Project Graduation sometimes referred to as “Feed a body, feed a mind.” Phi Theta Kappa chapters arrange a food and book drive to benefit local shelters and aid agencies.

Dick Clark introduced the new Honors Study Topic for Phi Theta Kappa, “Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are.” He gave an exciting speech entitled “The Impact of Music and Television on American Culture.” He discussed how music and TV have changed through the years. He prepared a video medley about Pop Culture showing top performers, commercials and clips from T.V. shows all spanning four decades, there was something for everyone.

I had the pleasure of riding in a very crowded elevator down nine floors with the honorable Dick Clark himself, I shook his hand and thanked him on behalf of my entire generation (Yes, that means you too!), for giving us American Bandstand, his New Year’s Rockin’ Eve show and for all the fabulous musicians he introduced to America.

During the Fifth, and final, General Assembly we discover that Iowa is one of three regions to receive the Regional Milestone Awards. All thanks to DMACC Boone Campus’s own Nancy Woods, the Iowa Regional Coordinator and the Advisor for Tau Phi, DMACC Boone’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter. The Regional Milestone Award recognizes renewed enthusiasm exhibited by a region. The other two regions to win the Regional Milestone Award were the Missouri Region and the Tennessee Region.

Rebecca Miller was heard saying “My favorite thing about this year’s International Convention was probably all of the people I got to meet. It was so awesome to get to hang out with over 3000 other people who have the same goals as you do.” Perry Carlson agreed when he said, “The best part of the convention is to be able to meet new people and to have a chance to converse with old friends from around the country.” The International Convention was a great place to network and meet new people with the same educational ethics and goals. I made friends with people from all across the country that will better enable me to reach my personal goals.

We all arrived home sleep-deprived and excited to better our chapter. The International Convention was an exciting event that raised the fellowship between the members that attended and renewed our enthusiasm for Tau Phi. “Even with the lack of sleep (and believe me I need my sleep!), the International Convention was probably the coolest thing I will do all year!” remarked Rebecca Miller.
How many people do you know?

As the year winds down, how many of these people do you know? Take the time to get to know your peers and win a prize! Write their names down on the official entry form, and turn it into the box provided in the library or email it to jabaldus@dmacc.edu by Thursday April 22.

One entry per person. Open to students only. Winners will be announced in the last issue of the Banner on April 30. The first person with the most correct names wins a prize package donated by the bookstore.

Official Entry Form

Deadline Thursday April 22

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Grilling, talking, and hanging out. I love the warm weather.

As the second to last issue of the Banner, I thought I would get back to the original idea behind this column, to give you ideas of things you can do around Boone.

I love to grill out. I think it is just as much America’s favorite pastime as sports. So when the weather gets warm and I am not at Hy-Vee, you will find me outside by the grill.

My roommates and I grilled last Monday. It was a beautiful day so we packed everything up and walked the block to our grilling area at the apartment complex in which we live. For some reason, we can never remember everything in one trip; one person must always run back to the apartment and get something. Usually it is the spatula to flip our hamburgers or the fork to turn the steaks.

We decided to make something quick and easy, since classes are still in session and we all had homework to do. Hamburgers, fruit salad, corn on the cob, chips and dip were on the menu for that night. My roommate Tina and I lit the grill in a victorious one try and about an eighth of a can of lighter fluid. This is a vast improvement from last summer when it took us at least two tries, a fourth of a can of lighter fluid and three people.

After the grill was lit, we moved over to the open area and played catch with a bright orange and purple Nerf football. We didn’t actually play a game of football because there were only three of us and we don’t know the rules, so to be on the safe side, we stuck to a game of catch or the all time favorite 500.

When our quick game came to an end, the charcoal was ready and the cooking began. The girls and I have not mastered the art of grilling quite yet so we made a couple of calls to someone asking questions just to make sure everything was doing what it is supposed to do.

The food turned out great and it gave us the opportunity to catch up on the busy things happening in our lives. Nothing is better than getting together with your family and friends to enjoy the outdoors and good food. If you do not have a grill or are unable to grill at your home, the Ledges is a great place to go.

Ledges is the Iowa State Park located South of Boone. There are some shelves and grilling locations available to the public. After dinner it might be fun to hike some trails and see the beautiful scenery this little town has to offer.

If you know of any area events, or if you would like your band on the calendar, email Jess Baldus at jabaldus@dmacc.edu

Horoscopes

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Plan brief social encounters before midweek and avoid detailed romantic discussions. Expect continuing interest in lifestyle choices and social habits.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Home decisions and family promises demand clarity. Loved ones may ask probing questions or address changing expectations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Romantic choices, social triangles and conflicting schedules require added diplomacy. At present, loved ones may not appreciate your limitations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). After midweek, love relationships are a top priority. For many Cancerians several months of strained relations will end. Don’t hold back. Rekindled agreements and renewed passion are possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Old romantic memories or distant friends are accentuated over the next five days. Take extra time for contemplation and quiet reflection. Nostalgic impressions will soon allow for meaningful discussion between loved ones.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At present, long-term friends or lovers may be fearful of change, abandonment or emotional loss. All of this is a quickly passing mood, so not to worry. Do, however, offer concrete dates, times or promises.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Friends, lovers or co-workers may feel mildly threatened by last-minute change. Avoid long-term promises, if possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22). Improved workplace skills or new educational programs may soon be key influences. Remain receptive to all creative proposals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Home celebrations and family events will prove rewarding over the next eight days. Social insight and empathy will bring the desired results. Remain open to subtle gestures of affection or small apologies.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Financial promises may be briefly unreliable. Loved ones may ask for added commitments, new promises or shared home agreements. Be expressive. Your doubts are valid.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Property agreements and short-term leases may require detailed revisions. Although worthwhile, important documents may present inaccurate calculations or definitions. After Friday, a new social relationship may quickly turn romantic. Be prepared for passionate flirtations or sudden declarations of love.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Share private moments with loved ones and romantic partners. At present, key relationships may need to move to a more intimate or committed level. Use this time to explore changing affections or discuss common home, social or family goals.
His and Her: Thoughts on Prince’s final tour

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

“There are many kings, but there is only one ‘Prince.’” As Alicia Keys coolly gave this speech upon the four jumbo screens dangling from the ceiling at Hilton Coliseum, all eyes of a packed arena were on her. The lights went out and the screams turned up as the Prince farewell tour was about to begin. The deafening screams turned up as the Prince farewell Coliseum, all eyes of a packed arena.

Prince entwined his style with his music. Prince was full of great one-liners and was constantly playing with the crowd. Prince strolled around the stage, which allowed him access to the four sides of the coliseum, telling the crowd how good it was to be back. Prince did an amazing job.

He gave us a beautiful acoustic set with “Little Red Corvette” and many more. Finally he pulled out the electric and rocked our worlds with “Purple Rain”.

I have seen a few shows in my days and have been a part of a few encores. Personally, I think it is the best part of the show. Lights were out, lighting was open and being waived to produce the appearance of candlelight. When Prince came out in his purple jumpsuit, not one person remained seated, myself included. He gave us a beautiful acoustic set with “Little Red Corvette” and many more. Finally he pulled out the electric and rocked our worlds with “Purple Rain”.

Jess Baldus
Banner Staff

A diverse crowd filled Hilton Coliseum on Thursday April 8 for the final tour of Prince. The concert was actually suitable for all ages, unlike the recent concert I went too. The crowd surrounding me was made up of people around the age of 65 to children as young as 8 years old. Most people were screaming, dancing, and singing along except for a couple sitting behind me. The man had his ears covered throughout the whole show while the woman stood with her hands clasped in front of her. They did not appear to be enjoying themselves, however, they did stay for the whole show.

I was there in time to receive Prince’s new Compact Disk, Musicology, for free. Even after the 2 1/2 hour concert, we listened to the CD the whole way home.

I was impressed by Prince’s musical talent and his ability to dance in high, light up, heels. Nothing at this concert really surprised me; there weren’t any outrageous outfits, or songs that made the crowd go crazy. His concert was about the music.

One of the first things Prince did was introduce each member in his band. Each member was mainly of women and the occasional husband that was dragged along, meant the show had started. Without an opening act the show kicked off at about 8:05, running as close to on schedule as I’ve seen any big name concert. Prince is an outstanding performer for all ages. He holds. He is a music legend and is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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Things to know about Prince

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He was to be referred to as “The Artist” or simply, “The Artist.”

At the age of 18 Prince signed with Warner Bros.

Source: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
My days with the Banner

Josh Hutt  
Banner Staff

Three semesters, is that all? I have been a student of DMACC for just three semesters, and in that year and a half I have experienced more things then I did in my 13 Woodward-Granger years and my one year at Hamilton College put together. In those three semesters I have been a part of the Banner. I thought things should have fallen in place within a year of attending college. I went to Hamilton fresh out of high school. After a year of hard drives, motherboards, and servers, I decided there was school. After a year of hard drives, mothballed myself before the age of 20.

I attended Hamilton fresh out of high school. After a year of hard drives, motherboards, and servers, I decided there was more to life then cubicles and computers. I always liked writing so I decided to write for the DMACC paper and see what would come out of that.

I have got a lot more out of the class than I once thought. Far more than I considered the experience a waste. I have also met some interesting people too. From a 21 year old comic book reading roommate in Minneapolis, who made noises in the shower. To a couple of Ankeny campus co-ed colleagues in Washington D.C., who made noises of their own.

I wonder what will happen at St. Louis this weekend? I interviewed Dr. England before he was caught with his stash. I am now on a first name basis with a Hall of Fame baseball coach. I have reviewed books, movies, plays, sports and even covered a poetry reading.

If it weren't for these experiences I would have spent the last year at Woodward, IA watching tractor tires burn.

I experienced the "World According to D", "The way I see it" and I received tips from "On a date with Jess".

I have been surrounded by a very diverse staff during my stay. From Laura Griffin, who has been here as long as I have and poured her heart and soul into the paper, to Jack who disappeared, reappeared and disappeared again. I have worked with three Editor.

When I look at the current staff, it seems that it will have dwindled down by next semester. The current staff will either graduate or pursue other interests.

Writing for the Banner has changed my life. It extended my interests past the barriers of Woodward-Granger and Hamilton.

Although I will not return to write for the Banner next term, I would like to invite any student to join the Banner staff next semester. Make your voice heard and experience new things.
Bears comeback in a ‘good old fashioned rally’

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

“It’s just baseball.” Coach John Smith remarked after Saturday’s game against the Marshalltown Tigers, which proved to be an emotional rollercoaster for both sides.

The game started slow with both teams feeling each other out. Although it was a clear sunny day, a brisk wind out of the north caused the majority of the small crowd to bundle themselves in blankets and heavy jackets. The fans had a hard time cheering or even making sounds as they huddled together to stay warm so nothing muffled the sounds of the players and coaches through out the game.

The Bears rallied to a 2-2 tie without hitting a single. The same batter would later score on a wild pitch in the same inning. DMACC finished with an emotional rally, “Nothing like a good old fashion rally”, The Bears went on to score nine runs in the sixth inning with only five hits. Making the score 11-6 in favor of DMACC. A triple by DMACC brought in three runs, as the Bears began another “good old fashioned rally”. The Bears remained patient as they loaded bases off of walks. A run was scored off the fourth walk. To help remedy the walks, the Tigers brought in sleeveless relieve pitcher. A triple by DMACC brought in three runs, as the Bears began another "good old fashioned rally". The Bears went on to score nine runs in the sixth inning with only five hits. Making the score 11-6 in favor of DMACC.

Frustration kicked from the Tigers dugout as Benzing came out of the dugout to argue with the second base umpire for a reason not obvious to players or coaches. "Sometimes when you're not playing well, you find reasons and make excuses for losing" Coach Smith explained. The Tigers loaded the bases on the Bears with two outs. Luis Magdaleno of DMACC finished with an emotional strike out.

Coach Smith grinned after the game saying “We just finally started hitting the ball like we should have done. Like I said before that’s just baseball.”

The old Phil Mickelson seemed to think we threw a lot of balls.

The pitching troubles continued as Steve Lawler allowed three hits and two runs. Lawler did strike out two batters in the inning, but a wild pitch struck the Tigers Brad Brown in the face froze the game. The sound of the ball striking bone and the sight of blood caused a numb feeling over players and fans. The game was delayed until an ambulance arrived to take Brown to the hospital.

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Freeze it - Shawn Moran keeps his eyes glued on the ball and prepares to unload.

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Morris’ love for gaming pays off

James Joy
Banner Staff

Many DMACC students find odd jobs to help pay for life’s little amenities. Some work at Burger King, others wash cars and some even do telemarketing. However, in an attempt to help earn some extra money, David Morris’ love for gaming has begun to pay off.

Morris graduated from Prattville High School in Prattville, Alabama in 1995. In 1997 Morris moved to Boone to play basketball at DMACC and his future plans are to attend Iowa State and major in Education. “Education is great,” said Morris. Morris admits that he used to be very timid and very quiet.

Morris remembers taking a psychology exam from Jane Martino and realized how to learn, instead of memorizing. “Something clicked, I never was a very good student until that day,” said Morris. Morris who enjoys it the most.

In 1997 Morris decided to try online gaming. Morris came up with idea while he was trying to name the players on his own game and in an attempt to save time he searched for someone who had developed lists already. He discovered that there were none available at the time. He decided that if they advertised them on EBay that they could make enough money to purchase games for themselves.

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Morris realized that EBay was a tremendous opportunity to help him market his products. “When you need money and have a product to sell, EBay can make you a small fortune if you know how to use it,” said Morris.

For example, the Ohio State running back on EA Sports NCAA College Basketball 2004 is HB#13, Maurice Clarett. The announcers would announce the names that have been changed as well. For EA Sports NCAA Basketball 2004, the University of Connecticut center in the game is C#50, after the roster change, he becomes Emeka Okafor. This will allow you to know all the players names who are your All-Americans and your players of the year.

The new MVP Baseball 2004 game for Sony Playstation 2 was highly advertised release and has been a high selling game. Many DMACC students find odd jobs to help pay for life’s little amenities. Some work at Burger King, others wash cars and some even do telemarketing. However, in an attempt to help earn some extra money, David Morris’ love for gaming has begun to pay off.

Morris has developed the correct AA and AAA rosters for the game. The game has all 60 minor league teams, 30 AAA and 30 AA. You will not only manage these rosters for these teams, but play the complete season for all those teams. So, if you decide play the dynasty mode with the Chicago Cubs, you will also be playing with their minor league teams like the AAA Iowa Cubs and the AA West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx. Also, players that signed with new teams can be changed, like Greg Maddux, that be put into a Cubs uniform.

Morris appreciates getting feedback from his customers and even some of the people that he identifies on the games. “I received a phone call from one of the equipment managers of the Montreal Expos minor league teams asking when the MVP Baseball 2004 rosters were going to be done because they wanted them,” said Morris. “It’s always neat to have the people whose name you are entering, wanting your product.”