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Construction running out of good weather

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

A lot of work is getting done on the Boone Campus.

The north addition currently has a closure around certain areas to help heaters dry concrete and warm the workers. As winter sets in, the new addition begins to set in, workers are getting as much work done on the outside as they can.

“We know we are running out of good weather,” grounds superintendent Dean Hatch points out.

Weather has been an issue for the workers. Construction remained on track despite the rain and cold weather.

The parking lots are now opened for the students, despite no lights in the north lot. The electrical wiring is already in place but lights will not be put up until next spring.

The new addition is the main focus outside Courter Center windows, but what isn’t noticed is all the work being done on the campus heating and cooling system. New duct work is making its way across the campus. The heating and cooling is currently not equally regulated among classrooms, making rooms either too cold or too warm. The new system will regulate the heating and cooling automatically. The duct work is set to be operational by next fall.

As a result there will be no air conditioning for a time during the summer semester.

The biggest project recently was the removal of the chiller from the boiler room. "It took about four days of preparation before Reppert Rigging came in to take it away," said Construction Superintendent Dan Goldsworth. A crew of four workers cut the chiller into four pieces in order to get it out of the building. Workers took off doors in order to get it out of the building.

The device was scrapped when it was all said and done.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, the water was shut off on the lower level of campus. The plumbing on the upper level was left on.

Campus would have had to be shut down if the water was completely shut off. Water remained off until Monday afternoon.

It has become routine for Hatch when it come time to shut off certain utilities.

“When we get the news, we just do it,” Hatch said.

Holiday season may trigger domestic violence

Editor’s Note: This is the first of a two-part series on domestic violence. The first part deals with the victim and the police, the second part, which will be published in the Dec. 8 issue, deals with volunteers and workers in the program.

Breget Medley
JNAD 121 student

Part 1: The Victim & The Police

Women are threatened, assaulted, raped, mutilated, and killed every minute around the world; statistics underestimate the extent of this problem each year, according to the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project.

The violence cuts across boundaries of culture, wealth, faith, and ethnicity.

Dr. Debra Marquart, Assistant Professor of English at Iowa State University was a victim of domestic abuse.

She said, “The man that I married was abusive before we were married, and I knew that he had been abusive in an earlier relationship.

Although Marquart’s husband had told her these things, she chose to ignore them. “I knew that he had come from a physically violent home—his father was violent with his mother, and his father was violent with him when he was a teenager. I knew him for a year, and then we moved in together and lived together for seven years. We got married after seven years, and the marriage only six months. The abuse escalated after the marriage.”

She continued, “The abuse ranged from a verbal and emotional abuse (criticism, silence, cruelty) to actual physical abuse. The first time was about four months into our relationship, and it was one of the worst. I ended up with a black eye and bruises on my body and arms. After that, I learned how to avoid that much violence by not bringing up certain subjects, not confronting him, basically, not having an opinion.

“As the relationship wore on, we would have violent eruptions from time to time. The worse incidence of violence occurred in the end, during the weeks when I was trying to leave him.”

Of 200 thousand visits to the hospital emergency room, 40 to 50 percent were female victims who were assaulted each year by their intimate partner; one out of five domestic violence victims will seek professional medical treatment, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and The United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, men are more likely to be victims of violent crimes but, domestic violence is primarily a crime against women from their intimate partner.

Dr. Pete Conis, a DMACC sociology professor is considered an expert in the field of domestic violence.

He said, “There is a certain portion of the DMACC student population who has experienced this sort of crime.” Conis gets a number of students who come to him and ask what he had done before coming to teach. Once they find out what he used to do, they will share information and ask for direction.

Conis said, “The problem with domestic violence in a small town is that everybody knows everybody, and there is so much pressure on the victim not to report.

And if they happen to be close friends with law enforcement, there is so much pressure for them not to act. If a police officer is involved in domestic violence, they lose all rights and privileges to fire arms, if convicted of domestic assault.”

The Bureau of Justice Statistics Fact book states that the most common reasons for not reporting domestic violence to police are that victims view the incident as a personal or private matter, they fear retaliation from their abuser and they do not believe that police will do anything about the incident. However, only half of domestic violence incidents are reported to police. African-American women are more likely than others to report their victimization to police.

Dr. Conis said, “My biggest frustration with law enforcement is about 25 percent generally have very little respect for women. That’s not just law enforcement. If you look around at various occupations, women are always second fiddle. They just don’t command the respect that they deserve. In the ‘good ole boy’ situation, it doesn’t make any difference if you are female or any minority, you aren’t going to command any respect.”

Results of a “Survey Conducted by the Metropolitan Police Department of Victims who Reported Violence Against Women,” in only one-third of the domestic violence calls did an officer take photographs or ask about prior abuse.

Conis was a law enforcement officer for 27 years. Most of the time he was on patrol; as a result, he spent a lot of time responding to domestic results. The last four years of his career, under a federal grant under the Stop Violence against Women Act, he started the program called, “Stop Violence against Women Project” at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. His responsibility was to train new recruits and in-service officers on how to invest...

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SAC encounters snafus

Matt Christensen
Banner Staff

The Boone Student Activities Council does not have much to be thankful for this season. The Council encountered roadblocks in their plans for only two activities, a student game-show program and free Thanksgiving dinner, planned for November.

The game show, originally called Dush for Dollars, was scheduled for Nov. 17 but was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with the company SAC hired to plan the event, Kramer Entertainment, Inc.

“Kramer had two events scheduled for the same day so we had to reschedule,” said Lisa Mathes, faculty advisor to SAC.

The Thanksgiving dinner held on Nov. 22 was hindered due to effects from construction work. Water service was shut off to portions of campus, including the Courter Center Campus Cafe, as part of a new water-heating-and-cooling system installation. Cafe workers said they were forced to boil bottled water on the kitchenette’s range to get hot water.

In addition to the hot-water shortage, sources in the Cafe said they didn’t know that most of the Thanksgiving dinner would have to be reheated by Cafe employees, or that all of the stuffing had to be made at the Cafe just hours before the buffet-style meal was served.

With the exception of stuffing, Fareway supplied the dishes served, which included turkey, baked beans and corn. Campus Cafe employees reheated the food before the meal was served to students and faculty at 11 a.m.

Grading appeal process

Jason Moore
Banner Staff

If a student receives a grade that he or she feels is unfair, several steps can be taken to appeal the grade.

A student may appeal the following actions related to his or her academic performance: assignment of a final grade, sanctions taken for failure to make satisfactory academic progress or academic misconduct, enrollment denial or drop or other faculty/staff actions. Ombudsperson, Rita Davenport for the Boone DMACC campus, is available to assist students through the appeal process.

If a student believes he received an incorrect final grade, the first step is to collect information about the course requirements to help make an educated decision. The sources should include the course syllabus, an informal discussion with the instructor to learn the expectations for the course and the recorded earned grades.

This is the informal step in the grade appeal process, basically a session for you to hopefully resolve your differences and to help you with your next decision; pursue the appeal process or not.

After the first informal steps if you still believe that you still have received your grade under an “unfair grading process”, you will need to obtain a copy of the Student Academic Appeals Procedure. They are available in the office.

After you submit your Student Academic Appeals Procedure, which includes a written statement that provides details in support of your appeal, the instructor must complete the “Step One” portion of the of the Student Academic Appeals Procedure.

After this is completed, you must submit the form which includes the “Step One” signatures to the chairperson or group leader of the appeals process within three weeks of the next college term.

If resolution of the appeal cannot be made with the chairperson/group leader, you proceed to “Step Three” by submitting the appeal form with which includes the “Step Two” signatures to Vivian Brandmeyer, the campus provost, within five full college class days of the chairperson/group leader’s decision.

After all of this if the appeal still isn’t resolved you can proceed to “Step Four” by submitting the appeal form which includes the “Step Three” signatures to the Chairperson of the Judicial Review Board within five full college class days of the dean’s decision.

If you disagree with the finding of the Judicial Review Board, you may submit your appeal for which includes all four steps with signatures to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs for a final review.

At each step of the appeal, you will be notified of the decision in writing in five days of receiving the written appeal from you.

Despite the water problems, construction workers were invited by Mathes to eat free of charge. Mathes said she estimated between 300 and 400 plates would be served when she placed the food order with Fareway.

Campus Cafe workers estimated 350 people were actually served meals.

Johanna Temple, of the Boone business/financial aid office, said this year’s dinner cost SAC $797.03. Fareway received $797.03. The Campus Cafe received $30 for preparing the stuffing.

SAC President Nate Lahner said the postponed game show, now being titled Blizzard of Bucks, is rescheduled for Jan. 25. Mathes said Kramer has promised to extend the length of the program by a half hour to compensate for the scheduling mishap.

America in the Movies

During the spring semester, the America in the Movies class (Humanities 133) will feature a variety of films involving individual, social, psychological, and cultural issues.

One class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11:15-1:15 in the theater. This class is full, so another class featuring the same films will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. Both classes are taught by Boone DMACC instructor, Dr. Jerriene McCaffrey.

The movies for the spring semester include the following:

- Chariots of Fire
- Pride of the Yankees
- Hoosiers
- Any Given Sunday
- Love and Basketball
- A League of Their Own
- Miracle
- National Velvet
- Sunshine
- National Velvet
- The Hustler
- Victory
- Center Stage
- Enter the Dragon

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Creative Writing Contest deadline coming close

Just a reminder that the deadline is approaching for the DMACC creative writing contest. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 6, 2004 if students are attending next fall, there will be a $1,000 scholarship given out. The $500 scholarship is for runner-up best writer.

For those who are planning to graduate or transfer for the next academic year there’s $100 for best story, $50 for runner-up, and the same amounts go for poetry.

Feed A Body
Feed A Mind

Tammy Hartmann
Contributing Writer

Did you hear it? Chugga, Chugga... Chugga, Chugga...Maybe you’ve heard it? Big, brightly colored in red, lots of empty cars. It’s the Feed A Body / Feed A Mind train sponsored by the Tau Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and it pulled into the DMACC station on Nov. 17.

The train will be here through the coming holiday season to collect non-perishable food items, as well as, new or gently used books to be redistributed to the community. With rising food, heating and medical expenses hitting the Midwest, lending a helping hand to those in need can bring joy to both the giver and the receiver.

Help to fill the cars with “food” for the mind and the body.

Plasma TV update

The new plasma television in the Courter Center is currently nothing more than a wall hanging.

Grounds Superintendent Dean Hatch has called MediaCom several times over the past month with no reply. Hatch has even written to MediaCom hoping for a reply. To date there has been no response.

The intent for the new plasma television is to broadcast CNN and the occasional sporting event. It also will serve as a message board for campus events.

Member of ICMA & ICCMA
Problem.

Start on getting to know new friends, but sharing each other's air space. Typical close quarters with one or more students, ing air droplets and direct contact with infections.

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There are two types of a disease called meningitis—viral and bacterial. Viral meningitis, or aseptic meningitis, is the more common form, and most people who contract it recover quickly — therefore it's rarely serious. It's an infection of fluids that surround the spinal cord and brain. It's caused by a number of different viruses, and about half of the cases in the U.S. are caused by common intestinal viruses.

It is also associated with other diseases, like those that are mosquito-born. It can be spread by people-to-people contact or by insects.

Signs of viral meningitis are those common to the flu or cold: fever, headache, stiffness in the neck, fatigue, rashes, soar throat and even vomiting. These symptoms occur roughly one week after being exposed, and can last around 10 days. There are no treatments since antibiotics don't work against viral meningitis.

Viral meningitis can be prevented by keeping up personal hygiene and avoiding mosquito bites during season when they are abundant.

The other form is bacterial meningitis, also known as meningococcal meningitis. It's more serious, and even deadly, if not found quickly. Twenty-five percent of cases in adolescents result in death, with the disease striking about 2,250 Americans each year—that's roughly 625 American lives taken by this disease. College students living in dorms are at more risk than students living at home or alone. An estimated 100 to 125 cases are found on college campuses, with a result of 5 to 15 deaths. Survivors aren't always safe after the disease is treated; up to 20 percent have long-term disabilities such as damage in the brain, hearing loss or limb amputations.

Bacterial meningitis has two forms: swelling of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord, or the more deadly blood infection meningococcemia. The bacterium that causes this deadly form of meningitis is Neisseria meningitidis.

Bacterial meningitis is often confused with flu or even migraines, and early signs are often misdiagnosed. Some symptoms include high fever, headache, stiffness in the neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting and exhaustion. Later on, a rash may develop. If any of these symptoms occur unusually sudden and severe, contact a physician—don't wait!

Antibiotics in heavy doses are used for treatment of bacterial meningitis. In 2002, according to the National Meningitis Association, a new drug called Xigris was available on the market, which helps avoid amputations and fight septicemia.

People who have come in close contact with infected persons can also take an antibiotic to help avoid contracting the disease. A vaccination called Menomune is available to reduce the risk for the majority of adolescents and young adults. Menomune provides three to five years of protection and has no reported serious side-effects, but sometimes can come with a slight fever and redness. Vaccines are available for around $10.

For more information, go to the National Meningitis Association website, http://www.mmaus.org.

College students at risk for deadly disease

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Students raise money to fight fistula

Many of us do not know what fistula is or who it affects. In Ethiopia and Nigeria, fistula is a well known disease and unfortunately part of everyday life.

Girls as young as 10 are married off and then start having children. But since their bodies are still small and have not yet developed, the process of childbearing causes them to tear in their uterus.

Once this happens the baby is left in the womb to die and the young woman is now left childless and socially unacceptable. She is given back to the family and isolated from society, usually forced to live in a shack outside the home. Because of the tear in her uterus she is unable to control her bowel movements as well.

Fortunately there is a way to treat fistula. A doctor by the name of Dr. Catherine Hamlin runs a hospital that is able to perform surgery on these girls. They are able to have children again (through a caesar-ean operation) and a normal life.

The surgery to correct this problem costs anywhere from $100 to $500 depend- on the severity of the tear. With this money the girls are given the surgery, physical therapy, a new dress and a bus ticket home.

Pete Conis’ Courtship, Family & Marriage class is having bake sales on Thursdays to raise money. The goal is $500 but would love to collect more. Donating a little bit can help them toward their goal and help a girl at a chance to a new life.

You can also donate to the Fistula Foundation by going to the website www. fistulahospital.org and clicking on “How to Help.”

The group appreciates all of who helped them out at their last bake sale and hope students and staff continue to do so.
The light went dim. I uneasily shuffled around in my theatre seat, which is obviously built for an 11-year old girl and not a full-figured gentleman such as myself. However, my interest perked when I saw naked people on stage. Well, almost naked.

This near-naked display was the opening to Robin Hawdon’s play “The Perfect Wedding.” From the moment the play started, I knew I was in for something completely different.

Bill, played by Kevin Bushwald, and Judy, played by Emily Cue, wake up in a hotel suite and realize they’ve made a huge mistake. Bill thinks he has cheated on his fiancé, Rachel, played by Liz Bennet.

To make matters even worse, he doesn’t know the woman he has slept with. To make things even more complicated, Bill is supposed to be married that day. In the meantime, Bill’s friend Tom, played by Neil Garvey, shows up to find out what has happened. To make things even more complicated, Bill convinces Tom, before Rachel shows up, to act like he and the chamber maid, Julie, played by Danielle Knutson, were the ones sleeping in the hotel suite, and not Bill.

When we find out that the woman that slept with Bill is Tom’s girlfriend, all hell breaks loose.

The entire play takes place in the hotel suite previously mentioned. The set designs were extremely good and very appropriate for the play. The best details were the little painted hearts all over the walls of the suite.

Uncanny performance

Ashley Crouthamel

Three hours of an affair and a struggle with a heroin addiction. Three hours of swinging jazz, gospel, rhythm & blues and country music from the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s. Three hours of Ray Charles Robinson’s struggle and success in the music business in the new movie simply titled “Ray.”

Comedian and actor Jamie Foxx (from “Collateral”) did an uncanny performance in the movie “Ray.” The movie goes through his struggle as a blind black musician with a powerful voice and an incredible talent on the piano trying to make it in a Jim Crowe world and overcome the prejudice against the blind.

The movie starts out when Charles is seven, living in poverty in Florida in 1937, dealing with the death of his younger brother and his battle with becoming blind. It then goes forward to the beginning of Charles’ quest in the 50’s to make it in the music industry. From there, flashbacks from childhood flood Charles’ mind as he gets deeper into his drug addiction, helping round out the story of his life.

Through his different styles of music and copying styles like that of Nat King Cole, Charles finally finds his own voice and style which led to his success in the 1960’s and revolutionized American popular music. Throughout the next 15 years, his music diversified into other styles such as country, soul, gospel, and R&B, making him hit the top of the charts; his affair with one of the Raylettes, his backup singers, led to an illegitimate child; his drug addiction finally led to rehab. As Charles’ fame grew, his “on the road life” involving drugs and women posed a threat to strip away the things most precious to him—his wife and kids, and his music. Overcoming those demons in his life showed the audience how inspiring this man was, and makes “Ray” a true story of human triumph.

This movie was better than I had anticipated, showing the sides of Charles and aspects of his life most probably don’t know, let alone expect. The swinging music made me sway in my seat, and sing softly when I know the words. But, the shadowy parts of this incredible man’s life made me tear up. I feel this biographical drama of Ray Charles Robinson deserves 4 stars.

Nearly naked actors romp around in British accents

The actors all fit their rolls extremely well. Bill seemed to always be distraught with the impending doom that looms over his head. Tom supplied comic relief by making threats to cut off the penis and give a vasectomy to the man who slept with Judy. Tom also came off extremely loyally to Bill, although reluctant at first, to go through with Bill’s insane schemes.

Rachel’s mother Daphne, played by Jessica Peal, although a minor role, kept true to her status as a mother by constantly singing bits and pieces of “The Wedding March” and making sure that Rachel’s dress was hemmed to perfection. Julie the chamber maid also added much to the humor element—she is the first one to find out that Judy is actually Tom’s girlfriend and drops numerous hints around Tom and Bill.

Overall I thought the play was a good show. I was entertained the whole time and kept trying to guess what would happen next.

The only folly was that, occasionally, the actors and actresses would accidentally slip out of their British accents and use their normal accents. Later in the scene they’d usually remember that they were supposed to be British and eventually everyone would jump back on board with the accents.

Occasionally a line was flubbed up or someone spoke out of turn, but it was not such a problem that it ruined a scene or the play as a whole. With that aside, the play deserves 3.5 stars out of 5. Definitely worth a look, but nothing spectacular.

We’ve go spirit--how ‘bout you?

Ashley Crouthamel

Free. That word is music to students’ ears. Not much is truly free anymore, but one thing that is free are sporting events and plays. School spirit is an apathetic struggle at some schools, with lack of interest and participation from students—meaning lack of support for sports players and those involved in drama. Do DMACC students have school spirit?

Volleyball season is over, and there have already been a few men’s and women’s basketball games, as well as the fall play “The Perfect Wedding.” How many of DMACC’s 1,438 students have supported the campus Michael Jordans in training, or applauded those who strive to be the next Julia Roberts?

Ory Salmon, athletic director, said about the sports, “Our community and school involvement is certainly as good if not better than any other school in our conference.”

Salmon said that since students and faculty are admitted free with a library card, it was hard to come up with a count of how many have been attending games, but mentioned that attendance improves drastically nearing December and conference play. “We are proud of the following we have received in the past and look forward to having this year,” he said.

“I think it’s important that students go [to games] because the teams need the support of their fellow classmates,” said Tasha Riddel, 18, of Boone.

Kay Mueller, head of drama, estimated between 40-45 students attended the fall play. “Not only would I like to see more students attend, I would also like to see more students audition for the play. I would also like to see greater non-student attendance,” she said.

Some students seem to have the spirit and support our school’s activities, but there are quite a few who don’t. It’s not just the students—community involvement is also appreciated and welcomed. So next time there’s a game or a drama production, instead of sitting at home, come cheer on the efforts of our players, and applaud a job well done to our community and school involvement.”
Not just any Iowa concert
Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

The average concert is about two to three hours long, but the last concert at the Maintenance Shop in Ames on Nov. 13 was almost five hours long. It featured four bands for the price of one band, $14.

This concert wasn’t just any concert; it was one central Iowa has been longing for for the past two years: a punk/ska concert that was affordable.

The line up for the night was the fast-paced punk/rock music from The F-Ups. Then came the jumping saxophone and trumpets from the punk/ska band Big D and the Kids Table. Next was the all girl pop/punk group Go Betty Go. The feature act, a hardcore/ska/Latin band called the Voooodoo Glow Skulls, closed the show.

The F-Ups are an incredible band to start the night off with — they were young and energetic guys from Minnesota who just wanted to play. The band consisted of four wild members who liked to rock as hard as they possibly could. They played at least five songs in their set before Big D and the Kids Table took the stage.

The crowd died down waiting for Big D and the Kids Table to start their set. After all seven members got into place, the saxophone, trombone and trumpet players began the first number. Then the drums, guitar and finally the vocals came in, which got the audience in the mosh pits to skank. Big D and the Kids Table is an excellent punk/ska band of their time, especially at a time when ska in Iowa has almost died.

After Big D and the Kids Table finished their set, the pop/punk all girl group Go Betty Go came on stage. They tried in vain to play their instruments and sing at the same time — the lead singer ended up screaming their songs while trying to play guitar. Go Betty Go has a good instrumental sound, but the screaming drove people out of the Maintenance Shop to stand outside and wait for the next band to start.

When it came time for the Voooodoo Glow Skulls to perform, the lead singer came on the stage with a Mexican Wrestler’s mask on, and performed the set while wearing it. After about four songs, a guy in a costume jumped on stage wearing a mask with huge bulging eyes and just danced around on stage. The Voooodoo Glow Skulls sang a few songs in Spanish, but rocked the heck out of the Maintenance Shop with audience participation.

This was an awesome concert that was memorable for the Maintenance Shop. The audience had a great night, seeing four punk/rock/ska bands for a reasonable price.
Behind the Desk

Remember to register for next semester

Ashley Crouthamel
Banner Staff

For all of you who are coming back in for the spring semester should be aware that classes are filling up fast.

If you’ve been procrastinating and putting it off, don’t be disappointed when your Spanish 102 class is filled up because there’s only one section of it. Next time you walk by the offices on your way to class, sidetrack and make an appointment with a counselor for as soon as they can get you in, and you’re halfway there.

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time to buckle down becomes evident. All that’s left is paying for classes, and you’re home-free until books arrive in the bookstore.

To make your appointment more efficient and go faster, pick up a copy of the classes offered and look through it. You can highlight the classes that interest you or are needed for your major, and it will help your counselor out a lot.

Remember though, you don’t have to register in person. Registering is also available by phone, fax and via the Internet.

For those who have registered by last week, bills for next semester were sent out and most should have received them already. All that’s left is paying for classes, and you’re home-free until books arrive in the bookstore.

Turkey-Day Top Ten

10. Family gatherings
9. Friends
8. Macy’s parade
7. Turkeys
6. Mashed potatoes
5. Grandma’s home cookin’
4. Walt Disney World
3. National Treasure release
2. Football games
1. Free food in Courter Center

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

From now on, when I hear the number “102” I will think of the 102 people that were generous with their time and energy and stopped by the Bone Marrow Registration Table Monday November 15th to have their names put on the Iowa and National registries as possible donors for life-saving bone marrow! Even more, I will think of those who couldn’t donate, but still stopped by to show their support... those who generously gave valuable funding dollars...those members from our community who came to the Boone Campus for the sole purpose of signing up...those young people who had never donated blood or had a blood sample drawn and yet sat so bravely as they were poked...and those whose life stories and experiences were so incredibly heart-warming.

Our Phi Theta Kappa Chapter had high hopes of getting 65 persons signed onto the registry—but WOW we ended up with 102! What a success! If you did not have a chance to stop by Monday and register with the Iowa Marrow Donor Program, please contact Deb Hoyle at 800-944-8220 or debra-hoyle@uiowa.edu and she will help you set up a (free) test at a local medical facility at your convenience. I have already been approached today by several persons interested in completing this process—don’t put it off!

I whole-heartedly applaud the Phi Theta Kappa student who organized and sponsored this event. Their work has undoubtedly changed countless lives. The kitchen staff was WONDERFUL and helped prepare the spaghetti lunch! (Thank you ladies!) With their help we raised over $300 which was directly given to the Iowa Marrow Donor Program to offset the expense of tissue typing our blood samples. Barilla America, Inc. donated 80 POUNDS of spaghetti and 84 jars of sauce! McDonalds donated the juice! What a team effort the day was!! Thank you Boone Campus—Thank you Phi Theta Kappa students—Thank you EVERYONE for all that you did.

Nancy Woods
PTK Advisor

Editorial

Give thanks for Thanksgiving

A noticeable trend is happening on a yearly basis. Department and grocery stores are taking down the decorations of Dracula and Frankenstein and are immediately replacing them with elves and jolly fat men. The problem is that the decorations were replaced on November 1.

Did they forget about Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is a big holiday. It is a time to give thanks. It is also a time spent with your family and friends. There are no gifts exchanged or stockings stuffed with goodies from Santa. It is just a time to realize how thankful you really are.

But the stores owners don’t care if you’re thankful or not, they just care about you buying presents. After a while, the public may look at Thanksgiving as another day we don’t get mail.

It is important to celebrate Thanksgiving. To be able park yourself among your family with a belly full of turkey and cranberry sauce while adjusting your belt is something to be thankful for.

It really shows how forgotten Thanksgiving is when your own school gives only two days off to celebrate this holiday. Many schools give their students a week off.

There is a stretch run coming up for students as far as grades go. The semester is coming down to the final weeks and this is an important time for students. The need to buckle down becomes evident.

After so long, students tend to get burnt out and run out of energy at the end of the semester. The concentration leans more toward the holiday vacation rather then maintaining or pulling up their grades.

With a week off students would be more thankful. Students can recharge their batteries, and when it comes time to celebrate Christmas, students would be thankful for the better grades on their report card.

That would be something unforgettable.

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Letters of intent out of the way

Women’s Basketball

Katie Reihman, a 5’8” shooting guard from Marengo, IA has committed to Ohio University. Michelle Smith, a 6’3” center from Cresco, IA, has committed to UNI. Reihman and Smith have become the Bears’ first women basketball players to sign to a Division 1 school in DMACC’s history.

“It’s cool. The program (Ohio University) is up and coming,” Reihman said. At Marengo High School, Reihman was 1st team SICL all-conference three years, and a letter winner all four years. DMACC Bears’ Coach Conrad found Ohio University a well-suited fit for Katie. “Katie’s a great shooter,” said Conrad. “Ohio needed a shooter. I haven’t seen a whole lot of kids that can shoot the ball like Katie can.”

Although Reihman was injured most of her freshman season at DMACC, she still was able to contribute some key baskets to the Bears’ season, helping them reach a 27-6 record.

“I’m excited to go on and play somewhere else,” Reihman said. “I like their style (Ohio University). I like to shoot the 3.”

Smith was a First-Team All-Region selection for the Bears her freshman season. Her presence in the post made a profound impact on the Bears’ 27-6 record last season.

“I had it down to Missouri, UNI and Drake,” Smith said. “I thought I’d be a better fit in Missouri Valley Conference.” Coach Conrad agrees with Smith on the perfect fit.

“I told Michelle, if she came here and did exactly what I told her for an entire year, she would have Division 1 offers. Same thing with Katie. Most kids we bring in here we believe have a great chance at playing Division I ball. If we didn’t think they had a chance, more than likely we didn’t think they were good enough to play for us. Michelle is a great big strong kid. She does a lot of good things by the basket.”

Mens Basketball

Al Stewart, a 5’10” point guard from Chicago Ill., has signed a national letter of intent at Drake University, indicating he will join the Bulldog men’s basketball program. Although Stewart redshirted last year at DMACC, he averaged 16.2 points, 12.1 assists, and 4.9 rebounds as a senior and was a two-time All-Chicago Public School selection, while earning All-Scholastic honors as a senior at Manley Academy in Chicago, Ill. His future with Drake started this summer in the Capitol City Summer League in DesMoines. There he had a chance to play with and against many of the Bulldogs. “The players pretty much recruited me before the coaches did,” Stewart said.

With the pressure of finding a four-year school to play for off the table, Stewart turns his attention to this season and winning. “You gotta win first. Go game by game. Win at the junior-college level, then do it at the four-year school,” Stewart said. “But first do it in the classroom.”

Both mens basketball coach Orv Salmon and women's basketball coach Ben Conrad have sophomores that have good chances to sign to a four year Division I school throughout the rest of the season.

Head of fitness and sports management arrives at Boone

Brandon Kleinke
Banner Staff

Jenny Spry-Knutson, the head of sports management and fitness at DMACC, finds herself on the Boone campus. Down the hall, through the gym, past the lockers, into the equipment room, and pressed against the wall... is her office.

But Spry-Knutson doesn’t let her office location get her down. She’s too busy with what’s happening on the Boone campus.

Ashley Adams, Spry-Knutson’s work student, is excited to be working for someone with so much passion. “She’s very hyper-active. It makes it really fun,” Adams said. Spry-Knutson, who commutes from Story City, knows eventually she will have a nice office. Her new office should be finished with the new addition sometime this summer.

Spry-Knutson is going on her 10th year as a DMACC employee. She started as a part-time teacher for about five years. “I wrote the program for Fitness Sports Management, with the idea that we needed it. I never really thought about teaching it full time, but I thought it was a good idea because I knew about DMACC and I knew about Boone campus,” she said.

“What we want to do is offer some P.E. classes at non-tradition times. During breaks are great times for people to pick up some credits, and hopefully we’ll be able to do some weekend stuff,” she said.

“The Boone campus is nice because we can work closely with the athletes,” she said. “We have just added golf, and the crowds at games are getting bigger than ever.

“One thing I’d like to see is people more aware. Some people don’t even know the Bears logo or DMACC’s colors,” Spry-Knutson said.

While she deals with her location now, eventually the new addition will bring a new office, a storage room, and a cardiovascular room. The free weights above the gymnasium will remain where they are.

NBA BAD BOY

Commentary
Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

After a day of hard work, there is nothing like wiping the sweat off your brow and kicking back in your favorite recliner to watch the sports world unfold before your very eyes. So when did sports become a constant episode of Dallas?

Over the past week fans have been bombarded with a constant story line rather than an athletic performance. When I turn to Sports Center, all I want to see is highlights, not the latest cliffhanger.

This all came to a head last Friday. After a week of hearing the sports world complain about Terrell Owens doing a promo with a "naked" woman, Ron Artest gets a $5 cup of beer poured on him and jumps in the crowd to beat up a drunken fan.

I have been an avid sports fan for the past 17 years, and what I saw was a perfect example of stupidity and violence. It reminded me of watching Monday Night Raw.

The event had everything from steel chairs flying, to Jamal Tinsley bringing out a foreign object from the locker room and interference from out of nowhere. Artest almost ripped his jersey, but he is no Hulk Hogan. The only difference was the fans were involved.

The Palace of Auburn Hills became a riot inside of an enclosed cage. Fans who weren’t fighting were throwing anything they got their hands on. This is not sports.

Sports are supposed to be an escape from everyday life. Sports are also a place where children watch their heroes perform great feats and do the impossible.

The one highlight on Sports Center this weekend that I will never forget wasn’t the great Mall Mary pass or a half court game winner. It was a little boy who came to see a simple basketball game, and ended holding on to his dad’s leg crying because he saw his idol and people act in a way no sane human being should act.

It’s Official: DMACC Bears (from left to right) Katie Reihman, Michelle Smith, and Al Stewart all signed letters of intent to play Division I basketball. Reihman -Ohio

SIDE NOTE
Former DMACC men’s basketball standout Ian Young scored 3 of his 28 points on a last second shot, giving the Auburn Tigers the win over Temple. Young holds the DMACC record for most points scored in a game at 42.
Domestic Violence
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responding to domestic results. The last four years of his career, under a fed-
eral grant under the Stop Violence against Women Act, he started the program called, “Stop Violence against Women Project” at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. His responsibility was to train new recruits and in-service officers on how to investigate domestic assaults and sexual assaults.

The problems Conis encountered were unlimited, everything from sexual abuse that was typical in families that are plagued by domestic violence, to child abuse, to spousal abuse, parents being abused, emotional abuse, and the abuse of firearms. Conis related the worst case he had encountered: “A large individual beat up his wife, his son, and his daughter. The neighbors heard them screaming, and we responded to the call. When we got there he decided that he was going to beat up on law enforcement as well. That didn’t work well. Once we got him subdued, we had not realized that he had a knife hidden. After we got through wrestling with the guy, we looked over and saw the bread knife. That could have been disastrous. It took two officers to take him down. He spent very little time in jail.”

Conis said that there is only a mandatory two days now for domestic assault. “There are a lot of great judges in Story County but the judges refuse to give them more than a few days, even for an aggravated misdemeanor, even for a second offense or serious offense,” said Dr. Conis.

Conis urged young students need to recognize the signs and have some education on what constitutes domestic violence. “People who care for each other don’t push or hit each other; they don’t demean, dehumanize, or demoralize the other person. Yelling, screaming, cursing, calling names is not a caring relationship.”

Emotional abuse is so much worst than physical abuse.”

There is plenty of help out there; more so than ever before. Conis said when he started there was only one shelter in Iowa. Women had to travel half way across the state. Now there is one shelter for every three counties.

In addition, there wasn’t a domestic law in this state until the early ’80s. Before that it was a civil matter. Basically, unless the victim wanted to sign the complaint’s affidavit, there was no action by law enforcement. “Regrettably, there are still a lot of law enforcers out there who still think that way,” Conis said.

Conis said he’s convinced that a law-suit might begin to put a dent in domestic violence. “It would basically take a class action from victims. If the department head is not pro victim, and if they’re not concerned with domestic violence and sexual assault stopping, there’s a good chance the command staff isn’t. Then, there’s a good chance the detective division and patrol division is not. It starts at the top,” said Conis.

Conis admitted that domestic violence among police officers is higher than in the average population. Law enforcement has a tendency to track individuals, and officers are in a mode where they want to know everything about an individual’s life and want to control individual’s lives. They’re into giving directions and having their orders followed. Some people can’t compartmentalize their lives; they can not say I’m off duty now and this is my family. They treat their family as if they’re on duty, and sometimes there is a power control issue. Law enforcement officers and the military have a higher rate of domestic assault than the general population; but it’s very well taken care of Conis said.

Very little research has been done regarding domestic violence among police officers, Conis noted. He said that it’s very difficult to get that information even as an insider. “Once you step across the line and ask for this information, its career threatening. If convicted, you’re gone. There’s no job for you, you’re out of there. Military is the same way, too. It’s a historical problem, it’s also a problem people like to ignore.”

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What is your favorite Thanksgiving television special?