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Provost to retire

Robin Cazavanil
Banner Staff

“It’s a people oriented job. I will miss the people that I work with day in and day out.” said Vivian Brandmeyer. Brandmeyer has worked for DMACC for 30 years. Her title has gone from teacher, to administrator and finally, to DMACC Boone Provost for the last 3 years. June 30 of 2005 will be her last day here at DMACC.

“I chose to work at DMACC because they gave me the opportunity to try new things with teaching.”

When asked what her job description is, Brandmeyer responded, “I am responsible for all campus activities, supervising campus staff and faculty and working with the community.”

Review of applicants begins after the first of the year.

For now--

DMACC athletics to stay on Boone Campus

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

The Ankeny Campus has 9,366 registered students on campus while the Urban campus has 2,536 students. Despite the number of students on both campuses, the DMACC sports program’s home is at the Boone Campus with its 1,526 students.

This has been a big issue for the Ankeny Campus Chronicle managing editor Tommy Birch. Birch has expressed his opinion about DMACC sports through his column, “It’s My Line Anyway.”

“I am just looking out for the best interest of the school,” Birch said.

Birch points out more student athletes in Des Moines area high schools would be drawn to the athletic program if the program was moved to Ankeny.

So what keeps the DMACC sports program in Boone?

“Tradition, but I don’t know if that holds any water,” Boone Campus Provost Vivian Brandmeyer said.

DMACC took over operational control of Boone Junior College in 1968. Boone Junior College was established in 1927. The athletic program slowly began some time after that. Basketball games against other junior colleges were arranged when possible.

Boone Junior College had great success in its athletic program, despite the lack of organization. The school produced national golf champions and a competitive basketball team.

It wasn’t until 1965 when a biology instructor named Harold Johnson became the school’s first athletic director. As a part of the merger, the Board made a deal that it would keep the sports at the DMACC Boone Campus.

The sports played at DMACC include baseball, basketball, volleyball and the newly formed women’s golf program.

Despite no written documents keeping the sports program in Boone, George Silberhorn, Associate Dean of the Boone Campus and a part of the Boone Campus for 33 years, doesn’t see any sign of athletics changing campuses anytime soon.

“We have always had strong support from the Boone Community and the student government has always been very generous,” Silberhorn said. As of this year, SAC contributed 44 percent of its funds to the athletic program.

Silberhorn also points out the one flaw in the athletic program. “Our college just has never had a strong alumni association,” said Silberhorn. This attributes to the lack of proper records for the sports program prior to the DMACC and Boone Junior College merger.

Despite the flaw, DMACC President Rob Denson is committed to keeping sports on the Boone Campus.

“The program has built a following and a tradition. We are all proud of that,” Denson said. Denson also said he never rules anything out.

“Any move would be expensive,” Denson said. He also said he wouldn’t change any program that is successful.

Birch recognizes that the move may never happen.

“Boone is a nice little town,” Birch said.
Knowledge Knook Bookstore buyback list

Beginning Monday, Dec 13, the bookstore will be accepting books in return for a cash refund of 1/2 the price paid for them at the beginning of the semester if they were bought new. The list below is the complete list of books being accepted and the amount of money that they will pay for them.

School books that are not on the list will be bought by a wholesaler who will have a table set up outside of the library.

**Refund**

| Book/ Author | Amount
|-------------|--------
| **Elementary Statistics w/CD/ Bluman** | $22.75
| **Meeting of Minds: Brief Rhetoric for Writing/ Callaghan** | $24.75
| **Biology w/CD/ Campbell** | $40.50
| **Fundamental Abnormal PSCH. w/ CD/ Comer** | $43.75
| **Politics in States and Communities/ Dye** | $51.25
| **Understanding Psychology/ Feldman** | $4.00
| **Sophie’s World/ Guarder** | $23.75
| **Invitation to Philosophy/ Honer** | $49.50
| **Understanding Human Sexuality/ Hyde** | $38.25
| **Music: and Appreciation w/CD-ROM/ Kamien** | $54.50
| **Finite Math/ Lial** | $39.50
| **Intro to Physical Education/ Lumpkin** | $30.00
| **Society the Basics/ Macionis** | $48.00
| **Microeconomics w/ Discoverecon Online/ McConnel** | $48.00
| **Microeconomics w/ Discoverecon Online/ McConnel** | $44.25
| **Strategies for Effective Teaching/ Omstein** | $51.25
| **Human Development w/ CD/ Papalia** | $34.75
| **Human Communication/ CDR/ Pearson** | $24.50
| **Common Culture/ Petracca** | $71.25
| **Physics for SCI and ENG w/ CD/ Serway** | $52.75
| **Trig for College Students/ Smith** | $25.50
| **Ethics: Theory and Practice/ Thiroux** | $62.75
| **GEN, ORG and Biological CHEM w/CD/ Timberlake** | $66.00
| **Microbiology/ Tortora** | $64.00
| **Accounting Principles w/ CD/ Weygandt** | $52.75

**2004 Fall Semester Graduation Reception
DMACC Boone Campus
Tue Dec. 14 3 p.m.
L.W. Courter Center**

For more information, contact Nancy Woods on the Boone Campus.

**Weather Cancellations**

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

**BOONE**
- **LITE 104**
- **Star 102.5**
- **Lazer 103.3**
- **KIOA**
- **KRNT**
- **KPSZ**
- **FM 104.1**
- **FM 102.5**
- **FM 103.3**
- **FM 93.3**
- **AM 1350**
- **AM 940**

**AMES**
- **KKRL**
- **KCI**
- **K Audience**
- **FM 93.7**
- **AM1380**
- **FM 106.7**
- **CARROLL**
- **KDL**
- **KDL**
- **FM 105.5**
- **AM 1310**

Cancellation announcements will also be recorded on the Boone Campus telephone system. The direct number for Boone Campus is 432-7203. Students and/or staff can also call toll free 1-800-362-2127, press 3 for Boone Campus to hear announcements of weather cancellations. Weather cancellations will also be announced on DMACC’s web site www.dmacc.org.

If the weather condition during the school day warrants an early dismissal I will make the decision, notify staff and notify the radio station as soon as possible. The decision to cancel evening classes will most generally be made by 4:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence affects everyone

Editor’s Note: This is the second of a two-part series on domestic violence. The first part (Nov. 24, 2005) dealt with the victim and the police. This second part discusses those who work and volunteer for the ACCESS program.

Breget Medley
JNAD 121 Student

According to the Domestic Violence Information Center, women between the ages of 16 to 24 are most likely to be victimized by their partner. In the age group of 20 to 24, African-American women experience more violence than their white counterparts, and Hispanic women are less likely to be victims than non-Hispanic women in every age group. Women are more likely to be abused if separated from their intimate partner; the second most vulnerable group is divorcees, discouraging women from leaving their abusive husbands. Most at risk are the three of four female victims. At the same time there was a sharp decrease of men being killed by their intimate partners. This was attributed to the fact that there were more shelters to go to.

Ann Greenfield, Executive Director of Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support in Ames has worked for ACCESS for ten years. She said, “We serve Story, Boone, and Greene County, but will take families from anywhere. We served 1,150 survivors last year, but will take families from anywhere. We have also seen a number of physical abuse cases, etc. The difference in the kind of person in this situation. This kind of experience can happen to anyone. She said she gets very frustrated when she hears people being condescending about ‘women like that’ who put up with domestic violence and how they, themselves, would never ‘let’ someone treat them like that. While I think it’s great that people have strong feelings about what they expect in a relationship,” said LaVille, “domestic violence is not usually about women having lower standards or a lack of self respect. It is about one person in a more powerful physical and/or social position making a decision to treat another person in a way no one should be treated. There are often so many barriers to getting out of the situation, that it is a miracle how many women manage to do so.”

LaVille said this isn’t just a problem with American women. “In the Ames community, I saw many international women at the shelter. Many of them came from countries where this behavior was considered a part of marriage, or a husband’s right. I will forever remember the courage and strength it took for those women to leave that situation because, for many of them it meant they could never return to their country, or for some, it meant that they were dead to their families and communities at home.”

Maggie Stone is the Coordinator of the Single Parent/Displaced Homemakers Center at the Boone Campus where she has worked for 18 years. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a B.S. in sociology. She worked for 12 years as a caseworker for the Iowa Department of Human Services primarily in the areas of child protective services, foster care, and family counseling. She has worked with clients who have been in domestically violent situations for 30 years. “I have dealt with many different situations in this position; certainly not all include domestic violence. When I do see abuse, it is often mental or verbal, but I have also seen a number of physical abuse situations. I have not seen any males that have been a victim of domestic violence.”

She continued, “I have worked primarily in rural areas. Sometimes a victim feels quite isolated in a rural area simply because of the logistics and not having nearby family and/or services available. I believe that domestic violence causes considerable insecurity in children.”

“It also seems to set the stage for the next generation of abused and abusers. Young girls grow up thinking that is what to expect in a relationship, and young boys see that as the example of how to treat women. Not a good cycle.”

She added, “My advice to young students is that even one instance of any kind of physical shoving, pushing, etc. should end the relationship. Don’t wait around thinking it won’t happen again. It will only escalate unless the abuser gets professional help to deal with it.”

Heather A. Priess, MPA, is coordinator of the Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). She has been a part of SART since September 2002. While there is an overlap between sexual assault and domestic violence, most of her work involves sexual assault. Out of the 50 to 60 cases to which SART responds each year, about five to 15 percent involve people who are formerly in an intimate relationship which varies each year.

In individual cases, ISU police follow state guidelines and call out an ACCESS advocate from the rape crisis and domestic violence program. Several members of the department, including Priess, are involved with the Story County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and several officers helped plan and attended a coalition conference on the topic that took place a few weeks ago. All officers have training on domestic violence.

Priess said that students need to be aware of the warning signs that they might be in a potentially dangerous relationship; to learn about the resources available for people who have been sexually or domestically abused.

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**PBL helps collect for girls**

**Ashley Crouchamel**  
**Banner Staff**

Tragedy strikes families all the time—it’s on television and in newspapers and magazines. In Boone, two young girls have faced tragedy this past month. Jasmine and Janessa Oldenburger’s mother was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and passed away the first of November. DMACC’s Phi Beta Lambda chapter is sponsoring a fundraiser to help make their Christmas special this year.

Lori Johnson, PBL treasurer and co-vice president to the Oldenburgers, feels that this is a great opportunity for DMACC’s entire campus to help make this a special Christmas for them.

“I’m in hopes that everyone at DMACC can find it in their heart to donate to this special event,” John Johnson said. “The girls have been through major life changes in just a short amount of time, and this holiday season will be especially hard for them because of not having their mom with them.”

“They now live with their aunt and uncle who are providing them with lots of love and support, along with any material things they need along the way. It’s a big adjustment for the entire family, and I would like to see people from DMACC becoming involved and be recognized as a major part of giving these two girls one of the best Christmases they’ve ever had!” she added.

Underneath the DMACC Christmas tree in the Courter Center, decorated by PBL, there are boxes for donations to be placed. Donations will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 10. They will be given to the girls on Saturday, Dec. 11. There is also a canister for money at the snack bar, which will be used to buy presents. Money can also be donated to Johnson or Linda Plueger, PBL adviser, Office 201.

“The girls love dolls and doll clothes, and they both love to read,” Johnson said. So far, books have been donated along with backpacks filled with makeup and nail polish, as well as hair accessories. They are still looking for dolls, coloring books, crayons, and clothing items to be donated.

“If there are any questions, Johnson will be glad to answer them. She can be reached by email, pjjohnson7@dmacc.edu, or by phone (515) 432-1474.

**Jasmine’s sizes:** Pants, 14  
**Shirts, 12-14**

**Janessa’s sizes:** Pants, 7-8  
**Shirts, 10-12**

**MPAA counts on colleges to end movie piracy**

**Breget Medley**  
**JNAD 121 Student**

The Motion Picture Association of America held a teleconference to get the word out to all colleges that there will be lawsuits brought against anyone who is charged with movie piracy.

Dan Glickman, CEO of MPAA, participated in a teleconference with select university journalists. The universities and colleges that participated were Iowa State University, Des Moines Area Community College, Harvard, Yale, Boston College, Ithaca College, and Loyola of Baltimore.

Following a press conference at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, Glickman made a major announcement. “Lawsuits will be issued to those people that trade movies online. It wasn’t an easy decision to make but our fear is with changing technology in the rapid nature of the broadband in the compression, it will be soon that movies can be downloaded at speeds equal to the movie industry and that can have a profoundly negative affect on the future of the film industry and film producers.”

He continued, “This is not the only part of our strategy to lawsuits, we are also reaching out to college administrators, and educators. My own involvement in college university environment has lead me to believe that you must do a better job of talking with college students all over the country as well as elementary and secondary institutions to discuss this particular issue; how we stop piracy. The bottom line is as we have seen in the movie industry which suffered rather dramatically as a result of piracy. Piracy left unpunished has the great potential of really inhibiting a new works of art, particularly in the movie industry.

Spiderman II, which of course was a very significant movie in terms of its gross, was camcorded illegally. Camcorded is the way a lot of movies actually get reproduced and then get sent on the Internet. It was Camcorded illegally in three theaters at midnight screenings on its first day. By 4 a.m. that night, the copy was already on the internet. Within 48 hours pirated DVDs were made from those Internet copies and were surfacing with street venders, store fronts in illegal DVD labs, not only in the United States but four other countries around the world.

Within 48 hours it was subtitled in three languages. Within two weeks of opening day, it was found in 15 countries on five continents and in very respectable form, that is, quality wise.

Eli Kaufman, Student Filmmaker, at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, said, “From a film maker’s perspective, regardless of your affiliation with studio or independent or amateur or beginner, there’s a lot of hard work that goes into film making. We work very hard to do this work and we need to be respected and to be given the due compensation for that work. When people rip movies off from the Internet or where ever, it goes against the good natured spirit of the creative processing. That is the main thought that we want to get out to people.”

Anybody breaking the law will be subject to the lawsuits. Glickman can’t tell what the demographics are, but he suspects they are a little different than from movies than they are from music. Right now he didn’t know that for a fact.

Simon Barsky, General Counsel, from MPAA said that the issue isn’t demographics or identifying the infringer by name. “What we know is that we have been able to capture a movie offered by an individual at a particular IP address, we know their screen name, if they have one, we know their date and time. Armed with this information we are going to be able to get that from the internet service provider (ISP) servicing that individual’s account their name.”

The issue about what their demographic qualities are is really irrelevant because anyone who traffics in a motion picture, even a single copy, whether old, young, healthy, lame, they leave it open for millions of perfect copies to be trafficked around the world, instantaneously in perfect form. The damaged that can be done from that one copy, regardless of who it is that is doing it, is enormous and is something that has to be addressed. That’s the nature of this program.

John Malcolm, Senior Vice President and Director of Worldwide Anti-Piracy Operations, of MPAA said, “Demograph-
My 19 years of Black Knight, Ben Franklins, Happy Days & Wal-Mart

Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

The first things I remember of Boone were of my house on Benton Street and going to daycare at New Horizons, across the street from the Ericson Public Library. From those first memories of my life in Boone I literally took for granted. Not too long ago in Boone there was a prosperous community of clothing stores, ice cream shops, a Ben Franklin’s and even a Pamida store, before there was even a Wal-Mart. There were family owned restaurants and businesses like the famous Black Knight restaurant and the well loved Hickory House by the fire station.

When I was little it was a real treat when my parents took me to Happy Days ice cream and let me get any flavor of ice cream I could imagine. Then we’d go to Hickory House. I’d have ice cream at Boyd’s, a family owned ice cream place that was by Family Video on the east side. I also remember that almost every Sunday my grandparents would take my mom, dad, and me to the Hickory House and have a family supper all together.

When my friends and I hit sixth grade, that’s when the boy band craze hit Boone hard, almost like a hurricane. We all had our teeny-bopper magazines and cut-outs for all to see and swoon over with. But it all came to a sudden halt when we entered eighth grade. That’s when my friends and I would hang out and watch TRL together chanting rhythmically for Limp Bizkit or Eminem to be in the number one spot. The only things to do in Boone on the weekends was go to the movie theater in Boone and play on the internet, which would never get old. It wasn’t until I hit high school, when I first realized that there was more to life than Boone.

In high school, I made new friends quickly and learned that no one usually stays in Boone on the weekends, unless there is a party, but my friends and I didn’t go for the party life. We’d go to Ames, roam the mall and catch a dollar movie at the dollar theater. But slumber parties never became uncool no matter how old we got.

Always during Christmas break there would be Christmas and New Year’s parties for us to hang out and just have fun, since everything in Boone seemed to close during Christmas break and soon disappear.

Not too long ago I realized that Boone had a pretty prosperous life while I was growing up here, with Ben Franklin’s, Pamida, Randall’s and even ice cream shops to keep the people busy. But now all that is gone. All that’s left downtown is a movie theater, a nail salon, jewelry stores and a few family owned restaurants. Where has Boone gone? The Boone I remember was fun and even fun to brag about to other people while I was away at summer camp, but now there’s almost nothing left.

So when people ask you where you grew up or what was Boone like while you were growing up, just answer “It’s Boone, there’s nothing much else to say, except it used to have family owned businesses and even a coffee shop that sold awesome fudge, but now Wal-Mart has taken Boone over.”

Bridget Jones in print versus the big screen

Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

She’s on TV, she’s in the news and she’s in all the magazine–she’s the woman of the year. She’s Bridget Jones or as some might know her as Renee Zellweger, or the feisty ‘Ruby Thewes’ from Cold Mountain or even the over imaginative ‘Roxie Hart’ from her leading role in Chicago.

The newest romantic comedy in the theaters today is “Bridget Jones’s Diary: The Edge of Reason” an adaptation of the best selling novel by British author Helen Fielding, who also wrote Cause Celeb.

When one begins to read Bridget Jones, you have to realize this is a diary of a thirty-something woman looking for the right man while trying to quit smoking, drinking and lose weight on top of that. All of her diary entries consist of her writing down how much she weighs, how many cigarettes she’s smoked and how many alcohol units she has consumed for that day.

“Bridget Jones’s Diary: The Edge of Reason” begins exactly four weeks after she finds, who she thinks is mister right for her, Mark Darcy, played by the handsome Colin Firth. And it shows her journey through the life of rejection, prison, and even betrayal.

As the movie starts to progress, it goes along with the book almost word for word, until she runs into her ex-boss, Daniel Cleaver played by the remarkable Hugh Grant, who now works for the same television station as her. As a faithful reader of the books, like I am, I realized that Daniel Cleaver doesn’t show up in the second diary except for a small part, and through this I thought for a moment, maybe with Daniel Cleaver in the movie it will make it more interesting.

Towards the middle of the movie it starts to coincide with the book again, with the exception of Daniel Cleaver. But once again it strays from the book, when Bridget Jones and her friend take a trip to Bangkok, Thailand; in the book it clearly states that she went on a holiday trip not as the movie had it, a business trip with Daniel Cleaver. Also during those scenes in Thailand, Bridget was supposed to be put in prison for a few weeks, not a couple of days that was shown in the movie.

In the end, I finally told myself to enjoy Renee Zellweger as my all time favorite character, Bridget Jones and to stop comparing the movie to the book. All in all I enjoyed seeing one of my favorite books on the big screen and see my favorite actress portray the quirky Bridget Jones once again.

I recommend that you read the books first, which seem to read very quickly to me, then see the movies and I will guarantee that you will laugh while you are reading “Bridget Jones’s Diary” and “Bridget Jones’s Diary: The Edge of Reason,” because both books are flat out hilarious and the movies are just as funny, if not funnier.

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Behind the Desk

A final farewell to a Banner experience

Josh Hutt
Banner Staff

When a stu-
dent picks up
the Banner
newspaper, all
they see is head-
lines, articles, and
epic photos, but there is a lot more to it
then meets the eye.

I remember sitting a crossed from
George Silberhorn’s desk like it was yes-
terday. He asked me what I liked to do,
and I simply responded with “I like to
write.” He then asked me if I wanted to
join the school newspaper. I decided to
give it a go. Four semesters and 27 issues
later I can look back and honestly say I
have no regrets.

From the time I stepped into room
219, I knew this wasn’t going to be like
any other classroom. Jan LaVille was the
instructor of the class and at the time Ben
Carstens was the Editor-in-Chief, which
meant he was in charge of the newspaper.
Although he seemed intimidating, Ben
kept the newspaper running with wise-ass
jokes and an occasional slap on the back.
The two made quite the pair. They both
were very encouraging to me despite my
inexperience.

It was also Laura Griffins first semes-
ter. She started to help with layout and did
above her call of duty. She would end up
becoming the editor-in-chief the follow-
ing semester.

The third semester featured James
Joy as editor-in-chief. It was during this
semester that Brandon Kleinke came
along with his camera and backwards
hat. Along with Laura we somehow created
an epic headline with the words Southern
Comfort.

This last semester I took over the
Editor-in-chief position. The position
posed many stressful moments and at
times I couldn’t wait till the semester was
over with. Between missed deadlines,
missing students, and computers freez-
ing up I am surprised I still have all the
hair on my head. For keeping me sane, I
award Robin the MVP of the Fall semes-
ter Banner Staff.

Despite the bumps in the road, when
ever I see a copy of the Banner on the
floor of a bathroom stall it makes it all
worth it.

I always have stories to tell when it
comes to our class trips. From the
Minnesota trip which featured a 21 year
old comic book reading hotel roommate,
who made strange noises in the bathroom,
to the Washington D.C. trip which fea-
tured a pair of co-ed Ankeny Chronicle
staffers who made noises of their own
when the lights went out. The infamous
St. Louis trip which featured a quest to
find a Liquor store, a can of Stag being
carried to my bed with Brandon laughing
in the background.

The Banner has featured Qualms, a
World According to D, Dates with Jess
and the short lived Buckshot. My own
stories ranged from sports, plays,
construction and even a story about being
in jail. My first issue covered a new dean
and my last issue covered a retiring pro-
vost.

Physically all that remains of my lega-
cy with the Banner is a scrapbook on my
shelf, but what will always be with me is
the memories of being apart of something
special.

If there was one thing I would like
to spread on to my fellow students it is
peeing in the wind stinks, but if you turn
around everything will go in the right
direction.

The opinions expressed are those of the Banner staff and are
not necessarily expressed by the college or the student body.

Predictions: Contrived for ‘05

Jason Moore
Banner Staff

•George W. Bush and Dick Cheney
marry; it is revealed that their love child
is an alien from Jupiter or something.

•Later divorced when Cheney confesses
to being a transformer.

•Jealous that 2005 is now in power,

•North Dakota secedes from the
United States, no one seems to notice.

•Secretary of Homeland Security Tom
Ridge is replaced by lovable Sesame
Street puppet Elmo. “Bomb them with
hugs!” quips Elmo.

•Bathing becomes wildly unpopular.

•John Kerry runs for president of his
homeless. Loses to wife Teresa.

•Ralph Nader starts campaign for
2008, in hopes to win the purple states.
When it’s revealed to him that all the
states are either red or blue and that
combined they make purple, Nader
breaks down in tears.

•The new reality TV show “Help Me,
My Bus Is on Fire!” fails miserably but
does well among sadists.

•Martha Stewart is released from
prison and releases her best selling book
“Prison and You: How to make an 8 x 10
Cell Ultra Fabulous”

•Spiderman 3 is released. It’s a 2 ½
hour montage of her granny underwear.

•Ozzy Osborne urinates on two
more national monuments for “Old
times sake”

•George W. Bush nominates Henry
Winkler AKA Fonzie, for Secretary of
the Cool. Aaaanaaa.

•DMACC makes world news when
Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, and Dan
Rather now advise the DMACC Banner,
The Ankeny Chronicle, and the Urban
Vibe. Dan Rather’s paper is riddled
with controversy after they printed fake
finals test dates submitted by a shady
source.

•Los Angeles feels the wrath of God
and is sucked into the Pacific Ocean.
No one seems to notice.

•Jesus Christ returns to Earth, sees
what we’ve done with it and promptly
returns to Heaven.

•Former Notre Dame coach Tyone
Willingham coaches the newly creat-
ed DMACC Football team. DMACC
History teacher Bruce Kelly to be
appointed assistant coach.

•DMACC student and thespian, Liz
Bennett, teams up with Jerry
Bruckheimer and Bruce Willis in
Diehard 4.

Editorial

Avoid holiday madness

Tis’ the season to be jolly- not stressed out, grouchy and broke. For six weeks, we
run around throwing our years savings left and right. We leave one shopping center
and head to the next. The time available to spend with family must be cut short for
last minute Christmas shopping. And to add to this insanity, there is a little sign hang-
ing in many stores which reminds us how many Saturdays we have left to shop before
the unveiling of our efforts.

And the remainder of our Christmas break will be spent revisiting each of these
stores to return the gifts that were given to us. This year, take another approach to the
holiday madness.

Here are a few ideas to stop this cycle.
1- Limit the number of candles, ugly picture frames and candy canes received,
make a deal with all of your friends. Instead of spending money on Christmas presents
this year, spend time with them (something much more valuable). Host a Christmas
dinner or invite everyone over to watch “It’s a Wonderful Life” and decorate ginger-
bread cookies.

2- Your co-workers may not be the kind of people you want to spend an entire
evening watching movies with. The only thing worse than the key chain your co-
worker gave you is that you have nothing up your sleeve to give in return. Here is
an easy way to avoid this uncomfortable situation and make a difference in the lives
of someone in your community at the same time. Instead of presents for each other,
propose a plan to use the money to buy a toy for the “Toys for Tots” organization or
to buy non-perishable food to donate to the food pantry.

3- Depending on the size of your family, Christmas may pose a major problem for
your bank account.

• Simplify. Put the names of all of your family members in a hat and draw one. Now
you have one present to put your thought and money in to. Another way to avoid
using school loans on your family Christmas is to up the ante on Christmas stockings.
Make an agreement with your family members to buy or make one or two small,
meaningful items to put in their Christmas stockings.

And as if you haven’t saved enough money in the last few paragraphs, here are a
few ideas for making meaningful, wonderful Christmas presents for under $10.

1- Make a compilation tape or cd (and you thought these died with the ‘90s).
This is a great way to share your expertise on music and show how well you know the
receiver of this gift. Decorate the cover with magazine clippings or pictures.

6- Restore a piece of furniture. The Goodwill is full of treasures. Find a chair for
$3 dollars and sand it down. Paint it to match your mothers kitchen decor or paint it
one solid color and shellac black and white family photos on it.

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Letter to Editor

DMACC Students, Faculty & Staff

A huge ‘Thank You’ to all DMACC students, faculty, and staff
who donated to our recent ‘PBL Holiday Fundraiser’ for Jasmine
and Janessa Oldenburger.

We received several gifts in our ‘donation boxes’ under the
Christmas tree, along with $100 in
cash donations which were used to
purchase many more gifts. This
very special event would not have
been possible without your generos-
ity and support.

Thank You Very Much and
Happy Holidays to All of You!

Linda Plueger and PBL Members
Bears sink the Vikings’ ship

January

16--Michael Jackson appears in court and pleads not guilty with nine felony counts—seven for allegedly engaging in vulgar acts with a child under 14 and two with giving an intoxicant to a child.
19--John Kerry wins Iowa caucuses with 38% of the vote, John Edwards in second, followed by Howard Dean in third, with his 46.1 points per game.
26--Computer virus affects millions of computers, called MyDoom or Norvag, infected about 1 in 12 email messages.

February

12--Gay couples marry in San Francisco after Mayor Gavin Newsom orders the city clerk’s office to issue same-sex marriage licenses.
18--Howard Dean drops out of presidential candidacy race.
22--Ralph Nadar announces he will run for president as an independent.
26--Investigation reveals thousands of priests abused children, reports of 10,667 children were abused by 4,392 priests between 1950 and 2002.

March

5--Martha Stewart found guilty on conviction of four counts of obstruction of justice, charges from her Dec. 2001 sale of shares of the stock ImClone.
9--John Muhammad sentenced to death for his role in the 2002 sniper shootings in Washington, D.C. area.
10--Muhammad’s accomplice, Lee Malvo, is sentenced to life without parole.
11--San Francisco ordered to stop gay marriages.
15--NASA reports discovery of a distant object in our solar system that resembles a planet, called Sedna.

April

8--National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice tells the committee that President Bush was warned of suspicious activity by terrorist prior to 9/11.
25--Thousands rally in Washington, D.C. to protest Bush administrative policy on reproductive rights.

May

5--Artist Pablo Picasso’s Boy with a Pipe sold for a record price of $104.1 million at a Sotheby’s auction.
5--White House Administration requests an additional $25 billion for the military budget.
26--Oklahoma City bomber, Terry Nichols, found guilty on 161 counts of first degree murder and was convicted in federal court.

June

5--President Ronald Reagan dies at 93, he was the 40th president.
30--Black and white photos from the Cassini spacecraft reveal details of Saturn’s ice and rock rings.

July

4--Construction begins at Ground Zero of the Freedom Tower.
6--John Kerry announces John Edwards as presidential running mate.
13,000 years ago.

August

1--Administration raises terror alert for financial institutions in New York City; Washington, D.C.; and Newark, New Jersey, are venerable.
3--The Statue of Liberty reopens for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks, but tourists are not allowed to climb the crown for security reasons.
30--Bush skeptical that U.S. will win the War on Terror, doubts that U.S. will ever be victorious.

September

1--The Kobe Bryant rape case is dismissed since the accuser no longer cooperated.
2--Formed President Clinton undergoes quadruple coronary bypass surgery to clear four blocked arteries.
28--Skeletons of tiny people called Homo floresiensis, found by Australian and Indonesian archeologists, three-foot-tall people with long arms, heads the size of a small explosion of steam and ash.

October

1--The Washington volcano, Mount St. Helens, erupts after 20 years of inactivity in a small explosion of steam and ash.
5--Half of the U.S.’s flu vaccinations were destroyed because its maker, Chiron Corp., had its manufacturing license suspended.
21--Skeletor’s expected to call Homestead this season.

November

2--Bush reflected for second term after Kerry concedes to Bush.
2--Stem cell research approved in California with $3 billion put aside for stem cell research over the next 10 years.
4--Elizabeth Edwards, Sen. John Edwards’s wife, announces she will have treatment for invasive ductal breast cancer.

Katie Reihmann had 24 points all coming from 3-point land as the Bears trounced the Grandview Vikings Tuesday night 113-42, earning their eighth win this season.

In those eight games Coach Ben Conrad has had his Bears averaging 95.5 points per win and defeating teams by an average of 46.1 points per game.

Their latest victim, Grandview, managed to put up a bleak 13 points in the first half. The Bears managed seven players with double digits, Reihmann leading all scores with 24 points.

Grandview managed to break double digits as a team with 3-03 remaining in the first half, when point guard Kayla Brooks hit a mid-range jumper to put the score 48-10 DMACC.

While Reihmann hit six of her eight 3-pointers in the first half, freshman Ashley Martin added six of her own, scoring 18 points on the night. Michelle Smith cleaned up on the boards and scored 14 points, eight coming in the second half.

She and Reihmann played some inside-outside game as she looked to dish out to Reihmann, camped beyond the 3-point arc.

Brandon Kleinke
 Banner Staff
The Other Side of the Courter  by Jason Moore

What do you consider the most significant moment of 2004?

Jeff Doran
Ames
“The unexpected emergence of religious America in this year’s election.”

Cale Smith
Boone
“I got seven tattoos.”

Jenna Jones
Boone
“When the Boston Red Sox won the World Series.”

Kristen Sampson
Jefferson
“I met the best friends I’ve ever had.”

Movie piracy
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in trying to enforce their own rules. Most universities have their own rules on illegal use of broadband and other Internet capabilities. For example, UCLA has taken the initiative to penalize students who take advantage illegally. Many major private and public universities are involved in this effort.

Barsky adds, “When you are illegally trafficking movies on the Internet, you’re not anonymous. You’re leaving a trail. We are basically following that trail back to the individual, whose computers were used to engage in this illegal trafficking.”

There are legal ways to watch movies on the Internet. Cinema Now and Movie Beams are legal alternatives. In time, more will be developed and will be more convenient to use and they will be reasonably priced.

By enforcing the law, and making people aware that this is an illegal activity, it is the hope that the amount of activity will end or be reduced, and that people will see this as theft and people will not participate in it. MPAA will be working with universities and to make sure that they participate.