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Campus housing to change policies, may send students packing

Leases to be “evaluated”
Many students may not qualify for lease renewal

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

Policy changes effective at the end of the semester may send dozens of DMACC students looking for a new place to live and make signing an on-campus lease more difficult and potentially more costly.

Shelby Hildreth, academic adviser on the Boone Campus said, “This (change) will definitely have a huge impact on the student body.”

According to a Jan. 14, 2005 fax from Borgen Square Apartments to Hildreth:

- Anyone with a delinquent balance or a history of destruction to the property/noise violations will not be renewed.
- We do not automatically rent to the first applicant but the one with the best credit and rental history.
- We reserve the right to require a co-signer and/or double deposit.
- A lot of Boone students come here without knowing each other,” Hildreth said about the Boone campus population.

Borgen Square, the Boone campus “Student Housing Apartments”

Speculated policy changes have been confirmed, making signing an on-campus lease more difficult and potentially more costly to do.

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

Approximately 50 teams of children ages 9 to 14 came together Saturday to participate in the 4th annual FIRST Lego League state robotics tournament in Howe Hall at Iowa State University.

Over 150 ISU student volunteers, members of faculty and a sea of public spectators attended the competition, hosted by the college of engineering.

According to Iowa State’s press release announcing the tournament, the goal of FIRST Lego League is to “inspire interest in science and engineering among students age 9 to 14.”

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Two suspected terrorists arrested in Germany

By Matthew Schofield
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERLIN -- German police Sun-
day arrested two suspected al-Qa-ida terrorists, one attempting to buy enriched uranium for a nucle- ar bomb, the other allegedly plan-
ning a suicide attack in Iraq.

German Federal Prosecutor Kay Nehm said the two arrests took place early Sunday, and came af-
fter months of investigation. He described one of the suspects, Ibrahim Mohamed K., a 29-year-
old German citizen with an Iraqi background, as a high-ranking member of al-Qaida in charge of recruiting and planning terrorist activities and plann-
ing attacks from Europe. It is not clear if the enriched uranium Mohamed K. was alleg-
edly attempting to purchase actu-
ally existed.

In the Final Report of the Na-
tional Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, the authors note: "The greatest danger of another catastrophic attack in the United States will materialize if al-Qaida or other dangerous terrorists acquire the world's most dangerous weapons ... al-Qaida has tried to make nuclear weapons for at least ten years."

A CIA assessment from Novem-
ber reached the same conclusion, saying that the world community should be prepared to stop nuclear weapons from entering the hands of terrorists.

But Nehm noted that Abu S. had tried to take out more than $500,000 (about $1 million) in insurance policies. The of-

Experts say that the "Islamic terrorist threat is the most dangerous we have seen in the last ten years." It is a sobering thought that the world community address this with us so we can defeat it."
Johnny Carson dies at age 79

By Lee Winfrey and Jonathan Storm
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Television's greatest late-night talk-show host, Johnny Carson, died Sunday at age 79.

Carson, who suffered a heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass surgery in 1999, died at his home in Malibu, California, on Jan. 23, 2005.

Carson was unique. As Shakespear said of Hamlet, "he was "the glass of fashion, and the mould of form."

The handsome, confident comedian joked that his fans watched "between their toes" while lying in bed, around midnight. But his opening monologue defined the day's events for a congeries of viewers, and a guest spot on his show was the launchpad for many a young comedian's career.

His greatest skill, however, was one that possibly many of his viewers never noticed, but which his show-business colleagues admired. He brought out the best in his guests, feeding them lines, stroking their egos, sublimating himself for their benefit.

And he did it as if by fly. One of the most intelligent people in the industry, he was able to lead and follow the conversation wherever it went, making the hard work of interviewing look as natural as a dinner-party conversation, but almost as wryly amusing.

"It's a sad day for his family and his country," Letterman said. "All of us who came after him watched his predecessors. We will not see the likes of him again. ... He was the best, a star and a gentleman."

Just last week, it was disclosed that Carson occasionally sent Letterman jokes for his CBS show. Some made it into the monologue.

Oprah Winfrey, in an interview taped Wednesday, said, "For his time and what he represented, there is no one bigger. There is "different.""

Winfrey made her first "Tonight" appearance with Carson in December 1987, when she was a local host in Chicago.

"The first time you're on this show is one of the single pivotal moments in the careers of everybody who's ever been on it," Winfrey said. "To get that call means that somebody thinks you've made it. We all remember the first moment, standing behind the curtain, hearing the music. It's an out-of-body experience."

Hosting 5,000 episodes and chatting with 25,000 guests made Carson a multimillionaire and a fixture in millions of memories. His superior may never appear.

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John William Carson was born Oct. 23, 1925, in Corning, Iowa, and grew up in Norfolk, Neb. His father worked for the Nebraska Light & Power Co., rising from lineman to district manager.

A book set Carson upon his career course.

When he was 12, he bought a copy of "Hoffman's Magic Tricks."

After mastering its contents, he made his show biz debut at age 14, billing himself as the Great Carson, earning $3 for an appearance before the Norfolk Rotary Club.

Carson served as an ensign on the battleship Pennsylvania from 1943 to 1946. He added ventriloquist to his magic tricks as he entertained sailors.

When he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska in 1949. His senior thesis, about comedy writing, included quotations from and footnotes about Jack Benny, Bob Hope and Fred Allen, whose techniques and timing he studied closely while listening to them on the radio.

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First Lego League

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Lego tournament

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The competition was separated into heats, and teams competed head-to-head in a series of nine missions following a designated theme.

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Vivan Brandmeyer, provost of the DMACC Boone Campus, has been selected to receive the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Phi Theta Kappa presents this award to honor the organization’s annual international convention, to retiring college presidents or campus chief executive officers who have been nominated for their outstanding support of Phi Theta Kappa over their tenure. “I consider it an honor to be recognized,” Brandmeyer said, upon notification of being presented with the award.

Meredith Woods, Regional Coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, nominated Brandmeyer for the award, after the provost of three years an- nounced her retirement last fall. “She leads, participates, serves and assists as the model of a true servant leader,” Woods said. “During her tenure as provost, she worked hard to promote academic excellence and scholar- ly leadership.”

By Andrew Austin
Bannon Staff Writer
Banner has new look

Welcome to the first issue of this semester’s Boone Banner! There have been extensive improvements made to this publication since last semester, and many more changes are on the way. These changes represent how the Banner will better supply its readers with newsworthy information, and serve as a medium for students to voice their thoughts, concerns and suggestions.

Faculty have had the opportunity to distribute surveys, asking what you’d like to see in your campus newspaper. Please take the opportunity to fill one out for us. We want to know what you want to read in your school paper.

The Banner is undergoing some cosmetic changes. For starters, the Banner is now produced utilizing the newspaper industry’s top-of-the-line, most cutting-edge software, Adobe InDesign CS—a format the Des Moines Register, Chicago Tribune, New York Times and other industry superpowers have yet to switch to.

Lyle Boone, design editor for the Des Moines Register, states that the Register will be using this technology in about 6 to 8 months. This is true for most of the professional papers in circulation; the Banner is using it now. Despite its apparent scarcity in today’s print media industry, InDesign CS is soon to be the industry standard for publication production.

Another improvement to this semester’s Banner is its full-color front page, middle spread, and back section. The Banner is now at the capacity to run full-color advertisements, sports photos and graphic elements it never before could.

The publication has a new look to it, as well. The Banner has several new sections, more content and a new layout to show off. It was created under the guidance and expertise of Michael Keenan, assistant managing editor from the Washington Post.

He spent a great deal of his own time away from work to assist with the Banner’s layout production and solving the many technical problems along the way.

Without him, the Banner would not be what it is today. One of the most important aspects of the Banner is its involvement with and its impact on DMACC students.

To be most effective, the Banner needs students’ story ideas, breaking news tips, suggestions, complaints, gossip, advice, photos, restaurant reviews, drink recipes, weekend ideas and letters to the editor on a regular basis! To emphasize its urgercy, recent administration esti- mutes of the eventual deficits have tilted “forever” as a proposed time frame, instead of the government-standard 75-year calculations.

You don’t have to be a CPA to realize how unusual this is. When preparing your personal bud- get, do you organize by the week, month...or “forever?”

Here’s another curiosity: as well as the certainty that the high risks of stock market investing will leave many seniors broke, the govern- ment’s own Congressional Budget Office has found that, even on av- erage, benefits will be lessened by privatization.

But the administration still in- sists we entrust our retirement to Wall Street, as soon as possible. For the uninstructed, these facts boggle the mind. But despair not, dear reader, for I have an explanation. I have been taught the three rules for journalist- is following politics, and with few exceptions, they explain every curiosity or seeming incongruity of lawmaking.

The three rules are: follow the money, follow the money, follow the money. Money pays for mass mailings, magazine and tele- vision ads, campaign tours, buttons, baseball hats and everything else.

Seven out of the top ten donors to President Bush’s last campaign were securities and investment firms: Wall Street. Altogether, they contributed millions towards his current presidency. These are not people who are known for throwing their money away. The last round of tax cuts championed by the President have generated billions in revenue for Wall Street. That’s quite a return on their investment, and it’s only the beginning.

Putting everyone’s retirement account in the stock market will mean huge gains for investment brokers, who take a cut of the money whether their clients’ safety nets fall through or not.

Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and their contemporaries would say that they’ve earned the presi- dent’s full support towards giving them a share of our retirement.

Energy bill inadequate

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

With the session of the 109th U.S. Congress coming to order with the reintroduction of H.R.6, the Energy Policy Act, and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman’s re- cent announcement that he would support oil drilling in ANWR, the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge, the environment has seen an as-ault with renewed vigor.

H.R.6, a house bill re-introduced by Republican lawmakers to the house is virtually the same legisla- tion ratified by the house lawmaker- ers in both 2003 and 2004, before being defeated in the Senate. The bill openly provides subsidies for coal, oil, and gas producing industries while simultaneously calling for only voluntary cut backs in energy outputs by major energy-consum- ing industries.

Bodman has said that he would support drilling in ANWR to help reduce the United States’ depen- dency on foreign oil, a dependency propagated by the government’s unwillingness to begin a major shift away from fossil fuels and into cleaner-burning alternative energies, such as hydrogen.

No wonder the United States’ is so inescapably indebted to for- eign oil producing states with the emphasis our government places on using fossil fuels at every turn. The incentives for producing and then burning “cleaner” fossil fuels provided by H.R.6 far outweigh the incentives for producing clean-burning alterna- tive fuels in the same bill.

Drilling in ANWR is not the solution. Because the end result, whether it be independent of for- eign sources or not, is still bound to the Greenhouse Effect, an effect that is growing at alarming rates.

Elimination, not reduction, of fossi- fuel is essential to a “green” future.

The complete text of H.R.6, the Energy Policy Act, is available on- line from the U.S. Congress.
DMACC men suffer conference defeat

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

The shots just wouldn’t drop on Wednesday night for the DMACC men’s basketball team, as they suffered their first conference setback of the year to Ellsworth 64-50, falling to 14-4 overall, and 2-1 in the conference.

Both teams entered the game undefeated in conference play, but Ellsworth used good old-fashioned hard work and hustle, teamed with an enthusiastic home court to beat the Bears.

“This is the worst loss I’ve had here at DMACC as far as getting beat physically,” commented a dejected Head Coach Orv Salmon after the game.

Things didn’t start all bad for the Bears, as they played somewhat sloppy, but kept the game within striking distance, trailing only 30-26 at the half. At times throughout the first half it looked as though Ellsworth would pull away, but tight defense by the Bears teamed with key buckets from sophomore Naim Benjamin kept DMACC in the game.

The second half got a lot worse for the Bears however, as they were beat for loose balls, and outrebounded, never allowing them to poise a serious threat to the Panthers lead. DMACC was outscored 34-24 in an ugly second half, as chants of “overrated” came from the Ellsworth crowd in the waning moments.

“You have to give Ellsworth credit, they’re a good team,” Salmon said of the Panthers, who played at Kirkwood on Saturday for sole possession of first in the conference.

As far as things go for DMACC, the schedule doesn’t get any easier, with games against last year’s regional champion Kirkwood, and Iowa Central looming. “In the next week or two, we’re going to find out if this team is any good,” Salmon stated.

Al Stewart and Benjamin paced the Bears with thirteen points apiece, followed by eight from George Pruitt, and seven from Marcin Konarzewski.

The Bears next home game is on Jan. 26 vs. Kirkwood.
DMACC prepares to face rival Kirkwood

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, Kirkwood Community College will come to invade the Courter Center for two games with Iowa Community College Athletic Conference title implications. Both the Kirkwood women and men are currently undefeated in conference play.

The women’s game will be for sole possession of first place in conference play, with Kirkwood entering the game at 7-0, and DMACC at 6-0. Last year Kirkwood edged DMACC by a single point in Boone, and ended the season by going to Nationals with a conference title, and regional title. Kirkwood is led by sophomore center Beth Halter, while the Bears are led by sophomores Ashley Freerksen and Michelle Smith.

Although the men’s game is not for sole possession of first place in the conference, it too has title implications, as DMACC is just one game behind Kirkwood in the loss column of the conference standings. DMACC comes into the game with a 3-1 conference record, while Kirkwood is 4-0. The Kirkwood men are led by redshirt freshman Todd Haupt and sophomore Mike Kilburg, while the Bears are paced by sophomore Naim Benjamin and Drake bound point guard Al Stewart.

This night will also feature a special halftime performance from The Bear Crew, a dance squad composed by DMACC students, as well as tunes from the DMACC band throughout the night.

Tip-off for the women’s game is set for 5:30 P.M., while the guys should get underway anywhere from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Women easily defeat Ellsworth in Iowa Falls

By Jack Simonson
Banner Staff Writer

For two minutes the Ellsworth women’s basketball team was able to stick with DMACC. But after the Bears broke a 4-4 tie with a bucket, it became the Katrina Washington show.

Washington was all over the court, as she and the rest of the Bears stormed out to a 45-16 half-time advantage.

"I just went out there and played my hardest," commented Washington.

And despite a few mental lapses, the second half wasn’t much different as the Bears cruised to a 92-50 conference win over the Panthers. Even with UNI-bound Michelle Kumrow scoring only three points, followed by Ashley Martin with 14, Katie Reihmann with 12, Ashley Freerksen with 11, and Tracie Harris with 10.

Conrad wasn’t at a loss of words when it came to his freshman guard from Omaha. "Katrina just had a breakout night. She’s going to be a very special player for us."

Perhaps the biggest scare of the night for the Bears came late in the second half when freshman guard Michelle Kumrow took a shot in the nose while battling for a loose ball. "Michelle may have broken her nose," Conrad said after the game.

Fortunately for the Bears, Kumrow was able to play in their next game Jan. 26 against Kirkwood. DMACC and Kirkwood both have unblemished records in conference play and Wednesday night’s game, which is scheduled to tip-off at 5:30 p.m.

The Bears also saw action against NIACC Saturday, January 22, winning easily by a margin of 87-62.
Horoscopes

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This month is your month, but it is also “reverse” you. Avoid sunlight, beer, the opposite sex, the same sex, and electronic devices of any kind.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) That sound means you should check your oil. The stars also indicate that your self-image is a big, fat lie.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Your sign has brought you nothing but bad news, and shows no signs of changing. Muliks or Virgo immediately.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Avoid your usual mode of public transportation for at least a week; the “bad” gnomes have spotted you, and are planning an ambush.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Hip-hop superstar—or at least your time has come for you to choose your career path, Numberz, and stick to it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You don’t need to talk to your family’s advice. If you steal their car, it will take you where you need to go.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Careful fact-checking reveals that the print media has been lying to you for years. Read only your horoscope from now on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be struck by a very case of “hydrophobia at the peak of a 'cannibal.'” Luckily for you, the pool is a block of ice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) After months of bachelorhood, a multiplicity of suitors overwhelms you. A game of “Eeny-meeny-miny-mo” will reveal the best prospect.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoidance and denial are not working; this month is a good time to finally accept the size of your grotter.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A professor’s teaching has been baffling you. Record your lecture and playing if backward will clarify things.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A significant other will split up with you in public. You can’t win him/her back, but you can
A College Girl Named Joe
By Aaron Warner

I feel so disheartened:
I thought college
Would be all about
guys, crazy life
and me always smiling.

At least the brochures made it look like that.

Joe, you can’t expect college
to be like the brochures.

They need to make those
more realistic:
guys that don’t bathe,
no money
and me wearing.

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2 Dudes
By Aaron Warner

Even though you’re
a sophomore now,
there’s still a lot to learn about making it
through college.

... but you guys have been going here for
eight years.

It’s not easy. It looks like we just
realize you have to go to class more
than once.

DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling

Vincent Goes to Disney World.
You Are Here
By Aaron Warner

Solutions

6. Actress Rogers. 
7. Gaiety’s goodbye. 
8. Aeschylus’ tragedy. 
10. Synthetic rubber. 
11. Mentus. 
13. Fish chow. 
15. Improved by pruning. 
17. Territorial. 
18. Dislocate. 
20. Emblem of honor. 
21. Spread seeds. 
22. Lift the spirits of. 
23. Glyned. 
25. The Heart. 
27. Writer Christie. 
31. Spirited assurance. 
32. Sensual. 
33. Tankard. 
34. Dog star. 
35. Eye part. 
36. Tacked material. 
37. Winged animal.
By Jim Johnson
Banner Correspondent

Does it annoy you that Windows makes you open the start menu to do something as simple as shut down your computer? Well, maybe not very annoying to casual users, but to Über-geeks like me, it is. You open the Start menu, click Shutdown, then click Shutdown again (as if the computer thinks you clicked on that button accidentally the first time, although I’m not sure how you could mistake Shutdown for something like Open Program, etc.) After all of this, the computer finally shuts down. Okay, enough ranting, let’s move on. Long-winded power-downs, be gone, for I have some Windows “hacks” that will make your system shut off with a simple double-click of the mouse button.

All of these tricks involve creating a new shortcut icon on your Windows desktop. You do this by right-clicking anywhere on the screen, and in the menu that appears, select New, then from another sub-menu select Shortcut. You will be prompted to enter a location path for the shortcut to run from. From here, things will vary depending on what version of Windows you’re running. For Windows 98 users, enter the following location exactly as it is written here: C:\Windows\rundll.exe user.exe, exitwindows. If your hard drive is a different letter than C, just replace it with whatever your hard drive’s letter is. Once you have entered the location, click Next, enter a name for the shortcut and click Finish. You now have a shortcut icon on your desktop that will shut off your computer with a click of the mouse.

The instructions for Windows XP are slightly different. Not only do you have a simpler command path to enter, but you can also further customize how the computer shuts down. Like in the previous instructions, first create a new shortcut, then when you are prompted to enter a location path, enter one of the following switch commands listed below. This depends on how you would like the computer to shut down. Again, once you have entered the desired command, click Next, name the shortcut and click Finish.

For a basic shutdown type: shutdown –s

For a timed shutdown type: shutdown –t X
Replace X with a numerical value from 1 to 60, and when you shutdown, the computer will countdown from that number before actually shutting down.

For a personalized shutdown type: shutdown –c X
Replace X with your own personal message that you want the computer to say on shutdown. This message can be anything you want. For example, if you enter something like shutdown –c, I am shutting off, a message saying I am shutting off will be displayed before the computer powers down.

For a brute-force shutdown type: shutdown –f
This command switch forces your computer to shutdown regardless of what programs you have open, so if you use this switch, always remember to save your work beforehand.

While the following commands do not shut your computer down, they can be used for security purposes. Enter them as you would any of the other commands.

To logout with a single click type: shutdown -l
To lock down your computer type: rundll32.exe user32.dl,LockWorkStation
To use this command, you must have a password protected XP user account. This command keeps you logged in but locks the desktop to keep others from using the system. To get back in, simply click your user icon and enter your password.

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Apple releases “budget” Mac, new iPod

By Jim Johnson

Looking to get an upper hand on its competitors, Apple Computers recently introduced a less expensive, small scale version of its Macintosh computer and iPod music player. These new products were introduced by Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, on January 11, 2005 at the MacWorld Expo in San Francisco.

The new “Mac Mini” is slightly larger than an external computer hard drive, yet fully-functioning computer systems. The systems do not come with a monitor, keyboard or mouse.

There are two versions of the “Mac Mini.” One version with a 40GB hard drive which will sell for $499, and another with an 80GB hard drive, which will sell for $599. Panther and new iLife multimedia software suite will shift with the latest update of Mac OS X operating system.

“People who are thinking of switching from a Windows PC will have no more excuses. It’s the newest and most affordable Mac ever,” said Jobs.

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Mary Beth Hanlin sits down with the Banner

By Joanna Golembiewski

FACULTY FACTS

Mary Beth Hanlin sits down with the Banner

By Joanna Golembiewski

Banner Staff Writer

If you haven’t had Mary Beth Hanlin for a biology class, you have probably seen her walking the halls, always with a big smile on her face and saying ‘hello’ to other students. She is a teacher who makes learning fun.

Whether dancing around the room or talking in funny voices, Mary Beth is a teacher who deserves to be in the spotlight. So, who better to be the first teacher featured in the “Faculty Facts” section?

Recently, Mary Beth sat down with the Banner to answer some questions, so we can all get to know her a little better.

Listed below are the questions and her responses:

1. Where are you from originally?
   “I was born in Sheridan, Wyoming.”

2. What school did you graduate from?
   “I graduated college from the University of Wyoming.”

3. What brings you to DMACC?
   “My husband got a job in Ames, and I really wanted to teach, so I came here.”

4. How long have you been teaching at DMACC?
   “I’ve taught here for 6 years.”

5. What is the most difficult aspect of your job?
   “Having the time to research new things out there, I’m just so busy teaching and grading, there isn’t much time.”

6. What is your favorite part?
   “Watching students understand what you are teaching. Seeing the light bulb go on”

7. What is one thing most students don’t know about you?
   “I play the guitar, piano and sing.”

8. Do you have any interesting hobbies or interests?
   “I like to read or sew.”

9. How do you spend your weekends?
   “I spend my weekends with my family, and September through March at hockey.”

10. What is one thing you wish all students knew?
    “I wish students knew time management skills. If students knew how to manage their time, studying would be easier.”
Kinsey’ Amazes

By Andrew Ryan Austin
Banner Staff Writer

In 1947, Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey released Sexual Behavior in the Human Male, the first major publication to address sexual behavior scientifically. Kinsey’s work forever changed our perceptions of “normal” sexual behavior. In part, we owe much of the sexual knowledge and sexual freedom enjoyed today because of Dr. Kinsey’s research.


Kinsey began his career collecting and studying gall wasps. His segue into sex research came more or less by accident when a young couple came to him for advice. Kinsey brought the same detached clinical sterility to his sex studies as he did to his gall wasps. The strength of the film lies in Condon’s ability to craft Kinsey into a human being, complex, nuanced, and yet strangely flat. Neeson’s brings a commanding power to Kinsey, a dwarfing effect that changes between Kinsey and his character.

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He played the role well. The role was just never developed well. In fact, the most common line was, “You are awesome.” Hardly a blockbuster, attention-grabber, love story with passionate, enticing love lines. And although Scarlett Johansson may be the newest member of “Hollywood’s It Club,” it doesn’t look as though she’ll be catapulted into the world of “A” class stardom after this film. It was up to me, I would advise movie goers to think twice before adding “In Good Company” to your list of must see movies.

Drama department holds auditions

Imagine you were suffering a case of amnesia when you ran into someone who seemed to know you. Now, imagine that after they left you alone, someone else came by who knew you by a different name. If you think you can understand how it might feel when a third and a fourth person also called you by other names, you can begin to get a feel for the madness of “Don’t Mention My Name.” Auditions were held on Monday for the DMACC spring play, which is scheduled for the first weekend in March. This leaves only five weeks for rehearsal and set construction, which will also probably be done by the cast. Director Kay Mueller says such a short time frame is not unusual for the DMACC play, but it will require a lot of dedicated work on the actors’ parts.

In Good Company: A movie you could do without

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