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Erin Kiernan to leave KCCI, to work for WHO TV

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

Erin Kiernan, anchor/reporter with KCCI News Channel 8, announced her resignation from Iowa’s top news station to join WHO TV Channel 13, KCCI’s top competitor.

As reported in a recent Des Moines Register article, Kiernan’s departure from KCCI has been largely mysterious. Kiernan recently spoke with the Banner on her transition.

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DMACC holds highest black student population percentage in Iowa, little planned for Black History Month

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

February is Black History Month, which presents one of the nation’s least-diverse states with a unique opportunity to remember the accomplishments of black Americans, learn something about black culture and realize the increasing need for diversity.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Iowa’s black community comprised 2.3 percent of the state’s total population in 2003, indicating Iowa as the fifth-lowest black population in the nation.

Fred Gilbert, provost of the Urban campus, said, “The most important aspect of Black History Month is that the contributions African Americans have made for the betterment of society are expressed and explained … these are things that others need to know.”

Local organizations are also doing their part to promote diversity throughout Iowa with similar views on Black History Month.

“The importance of Black History Month lies in its ability to educate, inspire and uplift all people of African descent to and enlighten the rest of humanity about our cultures,” said Kimberly Baxter, director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans. “(Black History Month) is a source of strength, cultural pride and inspiration that we can draw upon to improve our nations, our communities and our lives,” Baxter said.

Despite the state’s seemingly ethnic homogeneity, DMACC’s black student-body percentage ranks highest of all colleges and universities in Iowa, with 705 black students enrolled in 2004, according to the Iowa College Student Commission’s “Student and Faculty Ethnic Diversity Report,” released January 2005.

The report reveals DMACC had more black students enrolled in 2004 than at the University of Iowa and only 10 black students fewer than at Iowa State.

“What’s important to note here,” said Fred Gilbert, provost of the...
Pope's health fuels retirement speculation

By Matthew Schofield
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ROME -- Ten years after an assassination attempt on his life, Pope John Paul II laid it in the crown of a statue of the Virgin Mary. The meaning was clear: He was thanking her for sparing his life so that he could continue the work of the church.

So how does a man who believes he was appointed to his job by God and saved it for him by the Virgin Mary face the idea of retirement as his health fails? Simple. He doesn't, and for many, that's a growing issue, though perhaps more outside the church than inside.

"Outside the Vatican, there's a lot of talk of retirement, of whether or not he's still healthy enough to perform his job," said John L. Allen Jr., the author of "All the Pope's Men" and "Conclave," books about the inner workings of the Roman Catholic Church. He's also the Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter.

Inside the Vatican, Allen noted, "the issue is a nonstarter. He's very clear on the matter." Pope John Paul appears to be recovering from his most recent health scare, prompted by the flu and a throat infection that made it hard for him to breathe. He was rushed to Gemelli Hospital in March, but the alarm quickly gave way to relief as Vatican officials reported he was gaining strength. Wednesday, Vatican officials said he was able to talk comfortably.

Friday, Vatican spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls offered an upbeat assessment: "The state of health of the holy father has improved," he said. "Tests confirm that he has stabilized and his breathing is much better."

The pope is expected to deliver his usual Sunday homily from the window of his hospital room.

Still, there's much speculation about whether the 84-year-old pontiff - who has Parkinson's disease along with a medical history that includes the gunshot wound, stomach surgery and various broken bones - is strong enough to preside over the affairs of the world's largest religious organization.

No one in the Vatican is willing to be quoted by name advocating that the pope step aside, and reports discussing the subject are sparse as to who feels how. Some Vatican observers say the discussion isn't needed right now, with the pope on the mend.

But they still wonder if the subject won't have to be confronted soon. "We are talking about an 84-year-old man with advancing Parkinson's," said one Vatican observer who works for a church-related entity and who asked that neither he nor his organization be identified.

The pope's health also is a subject of concrete concern, particularly for what happened at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo.

"It's a painful moment for the president, and it's a painful moment for many Americans," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "It's a moment of optimism and a moment of challenge, and the president has to work with both." Schumer, the Senate's top Democrat, said the president should be robust in his defense of his policies and the war on terrorism.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., who says the war is "a cause that America and the entire free world must win," also said the president should be robust.

"It is still the responsibility of the president and his administration to make the case to the American public that the war in Iraq is a war for freedom and a war for justice," Lieberman said.

Gonzales will be first Hispanic attorney general

WASHINGTON, DC -- Alberto Gonzales, left, joins President George W. Bush, right, in the Oval Office after being nominated to fill the spot of U.S. Attorney General to replace John Ashcroft.

By Frank Davies
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON -- The Senate confirmed Alberto Gonzales as the first Hispanic attorney general Thursday, ending a bitter three-day debate that focused on his controversial role in pushing the legal limits on the treatment of prisoners.

The vote 60-36 to confirm Gonzales, President Bush's longtime friend and White House counsel, to succeed John Ashcroft as attorney general, Vice President Dick Cheney swore Gonzales in shortly before 6 p.m. at the White House.

The 35 Democrats and one independent who opposed Gonzales exceeded the 13 who opposed Condoleezza Rice for secretary of state. Four years ago, 42 Democrats opposed Ashcroft for attorney general.

Six Democrats voted for Gonzales, and he had the unanimous support of Republicans. Republican leaders called Gonzales a highly qualified nominee who renounced torture and became an unfair target of Democratic opponents who choose Bush's policies. "He is a total professional with a high regard for the law, and he has been subjected to groundless criticism," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said before the vote.

Democrats said Gonzales made serious mistakes that led to abuse of prisoners at U.S.-run detention facilities in Afghanistan, Cuba and Iraq. They also said he evaded questions during his confirmation hearing and lacked the independence ever to disagree with the president.

"It’s hard to be a straight shooter when you’re a blind loyalist," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Democrats criticized Gonzales for key legal advice he gave to Bush, including scaling back Geneva Convention protections for detainees, deciding that some anti-torture laws don’t apply to foreigners held overseas and asserting that a president can override U.S. laws and authorize torture in "unusual circumstances.

Republicans said Democrats voted against Gonzales because they want to attack Bush's policies and lay the groundwork for opposition if Gonzales is ever appointed to the Supreme Court.

"He has been charged with monstrous offenses," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "His opponents are blaming him inappropriately for what happened at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo.

US renews role in Mideast peace process

JERUSALEM -- After a three-year break, the United States is returning to the job of helping broker peace between Israel and the Palestinians, but it is moving cautiously for now.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, less than two weeks in office, arrived here Sunday to confer with Israeli and Palestinian leaders on the eve of their summit Tuesday in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. The summit could lead to a formal cease-fire.

Rice immediately declared it “a time of optimism” and said the Bush administration will help take advantage of the sudden momentum toward peace talks after 4 1/2 years of violence and despair.

A new direction for Mexico’s airlines

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All the airlines are controlled by holding company Citrus SA, which is 55 percent owned by the state with a minority state trading on the Mexican Bolsa.

A successful sale would herald a transformation of the Mexican aviation industry — one that could bring lower airfares and more airline service not just for Mexicans but also for tourists, businesspeople and migrant workers on the booming routes between Mexico and the United States.

New anti-Putin youth movement draws old reaction

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By Melissa Isaacson
Chicago Tribune

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Boone campus sets enrollment record

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

The Boone campus drama department has begun rehearsals for the spring semester play, “Don’t Mention My Name.” The production, a comedy-drama by playwright Fred Carmichael, was cast Jan. 24, and will be directed by Kay Mueller, speech communications teacher at the Boone campus.

Nathan Edwards stars as “The Man,” the main character, who is affiliated with amnesia. Longtime DMACC actress Liz Bennett plays Jane. Tammy Hartman is Chandler; Patty Rockwell is Wilma. Jessica Peel is Sylvia and Michele Anderson is Kitty. The play centers around “The Man,” who tries to discover his identity throughout the production, while constantly being called different names by different people. The performance is scheduled for March 4 and 5 in the Boone campus’ Courter Center.

DMACC – Spring semester credit enrollment at Des Moines Area Community College’s Boone campus has set an all-time record, even eclipsing the fall semester numbers which are typically higher than spring semester figures.

The DMACC Boone campus credit hour enrollment is 15,306, up 4.7 percent from the 14,643 credit hours taken by Boone campus students last spring semester. Overall, spring semester credit hour enrollment is up 1.5 percent on the six DMACC campuses and head count is up 1.6 percent.

Students are enrolled in 124,203 credit hours of classes this spring on the Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Campuses and at the off-campus locations. Students were enrolled in 112,206 credit hours in the spring of 2004.

DMACC offers credit classes in career education, career option and college parallel programs at campuses in Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban Des Moines and West Des Moines.

PBL pulls in 35 members

By Lori Johnson
Banner Correspondent

Phi Beta Lambda currently has 35 members and always welcomes more to the organization. DMACC’s only student-run business organization was started by Glenny Tays in the summer of 1996. PBL sponsors several events on the Boone campus throughout the year. These activities include: • Fundraisers • Adopt a family for Christmas • Chapter Christmas party for PBL members • Graduation luncheon • PBL pride week • Secretaries’ Day • Valentine’s Day (gaming game for DMACC students) • Easter (Easter egg hunt for DMACC students) • Halloween (trick-or-treating in the hallways at DMACC for daycare kids)

Highlighting the year is the PBL State Leadership Conference, which is held in various locations throughout Iowa. The conference joins all PBL chapters for a weekend to compete in a large assortment of events. There are workshops and testing sessions in which each member is expected to compete at least two.

The events and testing sessions include (but are not limited to): • Job interviews and application writing • Salesmanship presentation • Business law • Business graphics • Economics and marketing • Telecommunications/C++ • Java and visual basic programming • Public speaking • Accounting principles • Payroll accounting • Business math • Web site development • Computer applications and concepts

This year’s conference will be held Mar. 18 and 19 in Clinton, Iowa.

DMACC students leave campus late afternoon Mar. 18 and return late evening the following day. Transportation for the weekend will be provided by DMACC. PBL pays all expenses to attend the conference with the exception of $10 and two meals.

Contact PBL Advisor, Linda Plueger at Office 201 Phone: 433-5080 E-mail: ljplueger@dmacc.edu

Campus News Briefs

CHRIS THOMAS
What: The Official Publication for the Elizabeth Smart family
Where: Great Hall, Memorial Union
When: Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.
DMACC BLOOD DRIVE
What: Blood drive
Where: Ankeny campus bldg. 62J
When: Feb. 18, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Mary Lonsdale at x8376 or Barb Aubrey at x8359.

SALON OF THE MIND
What: A philosophical discussion group of students and faculty
Where: Courter Center, Boone Campus
When: Monday, Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.

PHI BETA LAMBDA
What: Meeting
Where: LW Courter Center
When: Friday, Feb. 18, 11:15 a.m.

S.A.F.E House
What: Open house
Where: LW Courter Center
When: Thursday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m.

PHI THETA KAPPA
What: Members meeting
Where: Room 225 Boone Campus
When: Mondays, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
What: DMACC MBB at Clinton Community College
Where: Clinton gym
When: Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
What: DMACC WBB at Iowa Western CC
Where: Council Bluffs Gym
When: Monday, Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Banner Survey Results

Boone campus instructors were asked to distribute surveys to students in their classes. Nearly 400 surveys were received, the top five areas students wanted to see in the Banner are as follows:

1. News (national, state, local)
2. Sports (college/national)
3. Classified ads
4. Opinion page
5. Crossword and cartoons

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going to fall on my head,” Sonder- goth said.

The new heating and cooling system, parking lot and expansion on campus is set to cost approximately $5 million. “We purposely had the park- ing lot done first so that we could use it winter,” Hatch said. “I appreciate students being patient with the clutter in the hallways.” Hatch said that the new parking lot has helped tremendously. It is easier to move snow in the win- ter, and it decreases the number of students parking on Hancock Drive.

“The dirt and dust in the hallways can aggravate people’s allergies and asthma,” said Dr. Mc- Caffrey, English instructor at the Boone campus.

The new addition north of the Courter Center will house civil engineering technology labs and classrooms, four general purpose rooms, a nursing center with two classrooms and a new bookstore, Hatch said.

“I understand that it has to be done, and there is no way around it, but I wish the crew would clean up better in the hallways,” Sonder-goth said.

Construction on campus, in- cluding the new furniture brought in for the classrooms, is projected to be done by Fall 2005.
Minimize the disruption

In the back of our minds, we know the construction on the Boone Campus is for benefit of both the campus, and DMACC as a whole. In the end, we will have an amazing new addition in which to house our nursing program, bookstore, and fitness center; as well as expanded and retrofitted laboratories for the science departments.

However, the end result is a long way off. And while it may be exciting for the campus faculty and staff, the majority of the current Boone Campus students will never see the end result, much less make use of its benefits.

So we find it hard to be enthused about construction that, for all we care, equates only loud noises interrupting our lectures and dust aggravating our allergies and asthma.

We are all here to learn and the facilitation of our learning should be the primary concern of the college. If we cannot hear our lectures, or if students are forced to skip classes because of aggravated allergies, then how is our learning being facilitated?

Furthermore, the constant clutter in the hallways makes traversing those halls more like navigating an obstacle course than walking to class.

We understand that the construction presents a logistics nightmare, however, the primary concern of the campus faculty and staff should be the students currently on campus.

Not that there’s a lot that could be changed to better the situation; the work has to be done and much of it can only be done during the day.

However, one would speculate that certain tasks, say requiring loud noises or inordinate amounts of dust, could be put off until such a time when the disturbance to classes would be minimized.

If drilling through the ceiling is required, then by all means, drill through the ceiling.

But perhaps said drilling could be done later or earlier in the day – times it would be less like an overgrown playground. There’s nothing like missing 15 minutes of your history/English/literature instructor’s lecture because someone is drilling through concrete on the other side of the door.

If overtime compensation is required to complete these tasks with minimal disruption, then perhaps that is a cost the college should consider undertaking.

Staff editorial by Andrew Austin, managing editor

Super Bowl’s half-time show deserves penalty flag

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

As can be an expected result from last year’s “wardrobe malfunction,” this year’s half-time show, brought to you by a joint effort from the NFL and FCC, was totally safe for all viewers: a very wholesome, family-friendly production for people of all ages and levels of open-mindedness. To be straightforward, the Super Bowl half-time show this year was boring and a huge disappointment from years past.

The half-time show for football’s grandest game has followed a pattern of increasing grandiose and over-the-top production, for every year that I can remember seeing the show. Following the familiar “more is more” recipe for American pop-culture production, these shows soon escalated into billion dollar spectacles, and much like every other successful advertising campaign, included “pushing the envelope” in some regard.

And though the actual level of “entertainment quality” was arguably self-destructing, as evident in such transitions as ‘Nsync and Aerosmith in 2001, to Bon Jovi and U2 the following year, to Shania Twain and No Doubt in 2003, the shows under no uncertain terms became bigger and bigger, attracting larger and larger audiences and earning more and more corporate dollars, even if shows did become tacky and shamelessly underthought.

The climax, of course, being Justin Timberlake’s ripping a piece of Janet Jackson’s half-time costume away to reveal a jewelry-festooned breast, causing a nation-wide meltdown, fueled by hundreds of representatives of the overly-concerned public, that is just now starting to settle down.

I can certainly appreciate the NFL’s immediate concerns and dilemma they have faced for the past several months leading up to Sunday’s big event:

Book a half-time show too safe, and you break a long-standing tradition of a somewhat modern, popular show, and run the risk of advertisers pulling million-dollardollar advertisements, as they won’t be reaching their young, intended target audience.

Book a show too risqué, and the public outcry for a more family-friendly production will cost more in legal battles and public-service announcements to actually benefit from planning the event in the first place.

This year’s solution? A reflective stroll down “memory lane” with the sounds of yesterday’s billboard hits strummed out by the infamous Paul McCartney, former rock-n-roll super-star.

Although still quite entertaining, McCartney, 62, has passed his live-show prime yet, can certainly appreciate the live-show prime.

The new Boone Banner sure looks snazzy. All that color and such a nice layout. The only thing missing is an abundance of original student material.

What’s the point of a student newspaper if a large part of the articles are not written by students? If there isn’t enough content to fill a 12 page paper, cut it in half, and spare us the nationally read filler.

I’m not trying to be mean, just offering constructive criticism.

-Trent Kirkpatrick

OPINION

Winners Overlooked

I’ve just started reading through the latest Banner edition. I like the new layout, and admit that I haven’t looked through the entire copy yet, but I have read the entire article about the Lego competition that you wrote. It was well written, however, I am disappointed that you failed to mention that the winner of the 6th grade division was a local team from Ogden, and instead mentioned teams from further away.

-Jean Brown

Letters to the Editor

We want your views

Send us letters in response to stories or other columns in the Banner by 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and we will publish them in the next issue. Here’s how to get your letter to us.

E-mail: jmbregenzer@dmacc.edu Letters must be signed and include your DMACC campus or hometown. Letters should not exceed 250 words.
DMACC men beat rival Kirkwood in Boone, 78-75.

Jarry Bennett, freshman in business, defends against Kirkwood forward, Jim Strand, for a home-court win 78-75. DMACC men are currently ranked no. 6 nationally with the National Junior College Athletic Association, with a record of 17-4 overall.

DMACC men play defense against Iowa Lakes Saturday, leading to their victory 86-70 at the Boone campus.
DMACC women defeat Iowa Lakes Saturday, 67-58.

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investigation on possible charges of burglary, intimidation and criminal mischief, alleged in the police report to have caused an estimated $1,300 worth of damage to the woman's apartment.

Police are continuing their investigation. Pierce and his attorney, Alfredo Parrish, are expected to meet with investigators this week.

Parrish told the Associated Press that Iowa officials acted too soon in kicking Pierce off the team.

"They should have waited until all the facts were out," Parrish said. "By them jumping way ahead of the curve, we believe they have not acted either in the best interest of the university or the best interest of the students, and clearly not in the best interest of Pierre Pierce."

But criticism on campus that Alford and Iowa officials acted inappropriately in their support of Pierce has not abated over the last two years. That Pierce was allowed to redshirt a season and return to the team, he had to perform 200 hours of community service, receive counseling and be on probation for a year but his record eventually was expunged, was thought to be a main cause of dwindling attendance at games, from more than 4,000 fans to about 500 in the student section.

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**Ben’s Banter**

**By Rachel Sutherland**
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Mama always said it’s the thought that counts. When it comes to Valentine’s Day, the more thought, the better. The from-the-heart holiday is just days away and you’ve been putting off thinking what you could do tomorrow. Do you still have time to impress? You better. If you get crackin’ now, you’ll stay out of trouble with your sweetie. Here, are ideas that will earn you hugs and kisses, and can be pulled off with a minimum of fuss.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF**

There’s nothing more special for your sweetie than a one-of-a-kind gift you made with your own hands.

Flowers are an evergreen Valentine gift, but thinking outside the box will score you points for creativity (not to mention saving you some bucks). Think volume and space: A single carnation is stunning. Buy at least 12 ounces grated dark chocolate (not to mention saving you some bucks). Think volume and space: A single carnation is stunning. Buy at least $128. Banana Republic rocks the lace on killer pumps (below), $128. Banana Republic stores at various locations online at www.bananarepublic.com.

**Can-do fondue**

**By Nicholas Boer**
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Even if you can’t cook. Even if you’re a man who opens cans. Even if you’re more curmudgeon than Casanova. You can make fondue on Valentine’s Day. Try it. She’ll melt.

Pour a bottle of Champagne. Pour some for her and a cup for the pot. Pour a bag of chocolate chips in a bowl and dunk it with Grand Marnier. Nuke it on high for two minutes. Stir until smooth. Bust out the strawberries. Start dipping. I stopped and made this fondue last week after a long day at work. It took notes so you can follow the hollering ball.

CHOCOLATE FONDUE Serves 2

You can use whatever chocolate and liqueur you prefer. High-quality dark chocolate (such as Valrhona or Scharffen Berger) and Grand Marnier make a particularly dead-537877

Now it’s your turn. Make a reservation. Today. Many restaurants are offering dinner specials on Feb. 14.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

Think of it as a mix tape for the new millennium: Make your hon-537877

eye a CD choc-fuck of love songs. They can be silly, syrupy sweet or sexy. If you’re at a loss, check out the “My Groove” section of www.itunes.com. There, you can down-21152

load a prescreened selection of tunes (including Sam Cooke, Wil-98730

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FEATURES

Silicon Corner

Shut down your computer with one click.

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 Uber-geeks like me, it is. You open the Start menu, click Shutdown, then click Shut down 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.dll,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.

Questions or comments? Did I make a mistake in a certain article? E-mail me at jrjohnson86@gmail.com.
Will Smith talks of his comic return to romance

By Annette John-Hall
Knight Ridder Newspapers

He’s fought off aliens, drug lords, the CIA and—ay!—robots. Heck, he’s even brought George Foreman to his knees. Now, in “Hitch,” his first romantic comedy since he burst onto the small screen as the Fresh Prince, Will Smith finds himself in the battle of the sexes.

Smith, the quintessential ladies’ man—who’s resplendent with his actress wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, on the cover of this month’s Esquire—plays “date doctor” Alex Hitchens, creating situations to help ordinary guys snag the girls of their dreams.

“No matter what, no matter when, no matter who, any man has a chance to sweep any woman off her feet,” Hitch observes. “He just needs the right brouw.”

A smooth operator, funny and debonair, Smith demonstrates in “Hitch,” which opens Friday, that he’s just as proficient at wooing the sultry Sara (Eva Mendes) as he is at beating back three-headed monsters.

Which doesn’t exactly come as a revelation. Even during his days as the hip-loving, slightly goofy Fresh Prince, Smith had “leading man” written all over him. But it has taken Smith, 36, more than a decade to make his way back to romance.

“I’m much more at home in the romantic comedy genre,” he says by telephone from Honolulu, where he was promoting the film.

“Anybody who loved the Fresh Prince will love Hitch.”

By Megan Shadle
Banner Staff

Helen Fielding’s first book, “Cause Celeb,” is a hilarious, serious story about a single woman trying to escape her hectic life in London and ex-boyfriend, to run a refugee camp in Africa. Cause Celeb is loosely based on her own life and what she plans to do.

She is fed up with her London lifestyle, her boyfriend and her friends, so she decides to manage a lifestyle that she doesn’t like, a woman who bases her life around a man.

She tells her boss, her friends and Oliver of her plans in Africa. She uses her publicist skills to convince a few top celebrities to help raise money to help the starving refugees in Africa.

While in Africa, the other volunteers run into a huge problem: a massive famine hits hard and disease starts to set in on the refugees.

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The book jumps around quite a bit, but it’s an easy read, because she has so many exciting things happening to her—one right after another.

It is a real page turner. I personally recommend this book for those who like comedy, romance and of course the heart ache of a break up.
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Blue Crew

By Sarah Vasquez
Banner Staff Writer

The Blue Crew, a DMACC student dance team, has been a popular addition to the halftime routine of the men’s and women’s basketball games since last semester. The Crew has expanded considerably since last semester, and now is comprised of approximately 15 student dancers. The squad first performed this year at the Kirkwood game, Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The dance routines performed by the Crew are choreographed by members of the squad; Spring Tomkins choreographed the first routine, and Jessica Peel arranged the second.

The squad practices every Tuesday and Sunday for approximately two hours each day, learning dance routines. No official tryouts were held, and dancers have joined the team throughout the semester.

“There weren’t any tryouts,” said Shelby Hildreth, the advisor and organizer for the team. “The girls just have to be able to perform.”

The squad is holding a “Kids Camp” for children in third-sixth grades at the Boone and Ogden elementary schools. The children are able to learn a dance routine with the Crew. The dance will be performed with the children at the halftime show of the women’s basketball game, on Feb. 28. Dancers interested in joining the squad are still able to do so, and should contact Hildreth.

Dancing their way through halftime

Bear Crew wows crowds during halftime shows

By Sarah Vasquez
Banner Staff Writer

The Blue Crew, DMACC’s only women’s dance team posed for a picture before their first performance at the Kirkwood men’s basketball game. Front row: Jaime Nissen, Sarah Litwiller, Spring Tomkins, Jessica Peel, Sarah Clemons, Michelle Anderson
Middle row: Crystal Hansen, Heather Lee, Christina Bear, Kelly Whitmore, Christie Fitzgerald
Back row: Katie Nugent, Tasha Riddle, Jessica Millward, Gennypher Robinson

Kelly Whitmore, freshman at DMACC from Webster City, during the Bear Crew’s first halftime performance at the Kirkwood basketball game.

Spring Tomkins, sophomore in accounting and captain of the Bear Crew team, during the its first halftime performance at the Kirkwood basketball game.