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Lee selected as new Boone Campus provost

Tom Lee, principal of Des Moines East, was chosen last week to lead the Boone Campus into the future. "I'm really excited about the opportunity to be part of the Boone Campus, the Boone community, and the DMACC community," Lee said.

The announcement will become official this week at a press conference to be held Thursday, March 31 at 4 p.m. in the Boone Campus Courter Center, which is open to the public.

Current Boone Campus provost Vivian Brandmeyer is retiring at the end of the semester. "We interviewed five top candidates and they were all amazing," said Boone Provost Search Committee member Shelby Hildreth, a campus educational adviser. "One thing about Tom Lee that did stand out was his ability to communicate and his ability to raise funds."

Kim Linduska, senior vice-president of academic affairs, said, "His dedication to education, commitment to students, and involvement in the community [set Lee apart]."

"We have offered the position and he has accepted; it has not yet gone to the Board for approval," Linduska said.

DMACC President Rob Denon and Linduska made their decision to choose Lee early last week. The DMACC Board of Directors who must approve the choice before Lee can officially be hired by the college. If he is approved, Lee will begin August 1, 2005.

"He wants to move the college forward," said Provost Search Committee member Shelby Hildreth.

Tom Lee Boone Campus Press Conference
4 p.m.
Courter Center
Thursday, March 31

Boone Campus blood drive needs donors

The Student Activities Council is sponsoring a blood drive at the Boone Campus on Monday, April 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the L.W. Courter Center.

The event will be facilitated by the Blood Center of Iowa, a local company that has served Iowa communities’ health care needs for over 40 years.

“We serve 46 hospitals in 42 Iowa counties, including the Boone County Hospital,” said Meg Miller, mobile marketing specialist for the Blood Center of Iowa.

Any blood that patients require from the Boone County Hospital is supplied from the Blood Center of Iowa, Miller said.

“We also make sure that all blood collected stays here in Iowa to help Iowa patients, but we need more donors,” Miller said.

The company supplies all of the necessary medical staff, beds, materials, equipment and complementary refreshments for this event, in exchange for the donors and use of the location, Miller said.

The Center will be on campus for over three hours, creating approximately 20 time slots available for donors to give blood.

Currently the SAC has a little over half of the available slots filled, meaning more blood donors are needed.

“We need to fill a lot of time slots,” said Nate Lahner, president of SAC.

“We are shooting for around 24 time slots to be filled,” Lahner said.

Signing up and donating blood is something easy to do, and important for the community, Lahner said.

According to the Center’s Web site, blood donors save up to three lives with each donation they provide, but fewer than 8 percent of the Iowa population donates blood.

The Center reports that it needs to collect more than 100,000 units of blood each year to meet the rising needs of Iowa communities.

Monday’s blood drive is a way for students, faculty members and members of the greater Boone community to get involved in a charitable cause with a local objective.

Anyone interested in participating and donating blood Monday is encouraged to call Ben Conrad, SAC adviser, at 433-3797 or reserve a time slot through the Boone Campus front desk.

There are still times available that need to be filled.

More information on the Blood Center of Iowa can be found online, at http://www.bloodonor.org.

Authors to read on campus

The Boone Campus will play host to two nationally published authors as part of the Des Moines Area Community College Celebration of the Literary Arts, on Monday, April 18.

Lisa Chaves, an associate professor from the University of New Mexico and H. Lee Barnes, an English instructor at the Community College of Southern Nevada, will read selections of their works for Boone Campus students.

"It is a great opportunity for students and the public to interact with published authors," said Judy Hauser, an English instructor on the Boone Campus.

Chaves is the author of two books of poetry: Destruction Bay and In an Angry Season. Barnes is the author of three books, including The Lucky, a novel.

It is important for our many Boone Campus students who like to read selections of their favorite authors to attend this event and hear these authors read.

For more information, please see page 2 for more details.

See AUTHORS on page 2
PBL member takes 1st in C++

Boone campus PBL members attended the State Leadership Conference at Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa. Several awards were presented to the first place through fifth place winners, and Boone came home with 15 awards. The awards were as follows:

Jennifer Kruse – fifth place business law, second place business graphics and third place desktop publishing; Trudy Seidel – third place future business executive, fourth place business law and fourth place applied business knowledge; Tricia Fogarty – second place job interview and fifth place in word processing fundamentals; Lori Johnson – second place multimedia presentation, second place business graphics and fourth place word processing; and Megan Runge – third place desktop publishing and fifth place computer applications.

Boone campus received communications award, placed second in event sponsorships; and second in largest local chapter membership.

Authors read work

Authors read work

to read and write to hear famous writers read their work,” said Dr. Jerinne McCaffrey, an English instructor on the Boone Campus. “It gives them an opportunity to participate in the writing process themselves.”

Winners of the Boone Creative Writing Contest will be announced. Thirteen students entered the contest, which garnered 49 poems and 11 short stories, according to Hauser, who helped organize the contest. The winners will be selected by the Boone Creative Writing Committee. The winners will be announced beforehand.

Members elected to state offices

Brazilian culture

Art historian, author speaks at DMACC Boone campus

Art historian and author Dr. José Neistein will speak on “Brazilian Culture” from 10:10 to 11:05 a.m., Wednesday, April 13 on Boone Campus. Dr. Neistein is the Executive Director of the Brazilian-American Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C., a member of the Brazilian and International Art Critics Associations and a contributing editor to the Handbook of Latin American Studies of the Library of Congress.

Dr. Neistein, who earned his master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Vienna, Austria, is the curator of nearly 300 Brazilian Art shows presented in the U.S. and in other countries. His latest book, “Brazil Is Painting Now,” just appeared in Brazil, and is printed in Portuguese and English.

Following Dr. Neistein’s presentation, a free Brazilian lunch, prepared by the Colorado Grill in Boone, will be served in the L.W. Courter Center.

DMACC’s annual international year focuses this year on Brazil. Dr. Neistein’s presentation is free and open to the public.

Lifetime achievement: DMACC Boone Campus Provost Vivian Brandmeyer (right) receives the prestigious Michael Bennett Lifetime Leadership Award from the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. PTK Division III International Vice President Brandon Marsh presents the award to Brandmeyer at the All-Iowa Academic Team Recognition Ceremony.

Boone campus Provost Vivian Brandmeyer was one of five candidates interviewed by the Boone Campus Provost Search Committee; Lee was the principal of East High School since 2001.

"His background is perfectly suited to the position [he will be accepting],” Goldsworth said. Lee was one of five candidates interviewed by the Boone Campus Provost Search Committee; Lee was recommended to DMACC Provost President Rob Denson and Kim Linduska, senior vice-president of academic affairs, by the committee.

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Past Banner editor to work for Bruisers

Eschliman

PAULLINA, IA—Fresh off one of the most impressive inaugural seasons in North American Football League history, the Northwest Iowa Bruisers have been looking to elevate its profile on the Iowa football scene. The first step in that process began this month with the addition of Bob Eschliman to the team staff.

Eschliman will serve as the media relations director for the Bruisers this season. His duties include preparing all official team communications with the media, assigning game-day press credentials and acting as the go-between for players, staff and the media.

“I am honored the owners, Jeremy and Trever Coxworth, would ask me to help them elevate their team's stature in the public eye,” he said. “I believe this team is going places — in a hurry — and to get to share the ride to the top is going to be a lot of fun.”

Eschliman’s duties are the polar-opposite of his regular duties as a staff writer for Iowa Information Publications in Sheldon, IA. There, he often works with media and public relations directors as an entertainment writer for DISCOVER and as a features writer for OKOBOJI. He also writes stories for NWIATION BUSINESS and the NWIATION REVIEW, the 16-time Iowa Newspaper of the Year.

Eschliman began his career in journalism as a staff writer and managing editor for the Bear Facts student newspaper at Des Moines Area Community College-Boone Campus. From there, he worked as a news editor for the Dallas County News in Adel, IA, and as sports editor of the Mason City Sentinel-Press before taking on his current duties at Iowa Information.

“Last year, we looked at DISCOVER and liked what we saw,” said general manager Trever Coxworth. “He’s already done good work for us and we’re really excited to see where it will take us in the future.”

Under Eschliman’s guidance, Bruisers news releases are now read in more than 30 newspapers across the United States, including the Orlando Sentinel, the New York Daily News and the Los Angeles Times. The team also is about to launch its own regional radio network.

In 2004, the Bruisers broke all of the unwritten rules by locating its team in Paullina, IA, a town of little more than 1,000 people and drawing a North Central Division-record average 1,011 fans to each home game. The remainder of the division averaged a little more than 300 fans. The team finished 6-4, just missing the NAFL national playoffs.

“People are going to see that 2004 wasn’t a fluke and I’m glad that I get to be the person who shares that with the public,” Eschliman said. “We’re bringing in a load of new talent this season and a lot these guys have some very compelling stories to tell. I can’t wait for the season to start.”

Spring training started in February for the Bruisers with practices at the indoor arena in Worthington, MN. The team is moving to outdoor practices on April 2 and will host a media day in May. The first game of the season will be June 18 in Paullina. In the meantime, the team is still signing players to fill out its 50-man roster.

For more information about the Bruisers, visit http://nwiabruisers.bravehost.com online.
Bears one shot short of championship

Ben Bolluyt
Banner Staff Writer

The DMACC Bears men’s basketball team streaked past two opponents in the regional tournament earlier this month in Mason City, but was defeated in the regional championship by Cedar Rapids’ Kirkwood Eagles.

DMACC vs. NIACC

The Bears showed little tension in their first Mason City game versus NIACC on March 12, despite having won their last regular-season game against the Trojans only by virtue of a Kenny Jackson two-pointer in the closing seconds.

George Pruitt’s three-point goal with two seconds left in the half sent the Bears into the locker room with a 36-19 lead.

The Bears didn’t let the Trojans get any closer in the second half, and the game ended at 76 to 56.

DMACC vs. Ellsworth

Ellsworth proved a tougher opponent on March 13.

The Panthers and the Bears traded leads throughout the game, with DMACC leading by two at the start of the second half.

With the score tied and fewer than ten seconds remaining, Al Stewart hit a pull-up jump shot near the free throw line to pull the Bears ahead.

On the next play, Stewart snagged the Panthers’ inbound pass to effectively end the game.

These two clutch efforts earned Stewart MVP honors alongside the Bears’ leading scorer, Naim Benjamin, with 17 points.

DMACC vs. Kirkwood

The tournament’s final game was to be played at the home of the top-seeded contender. The Bears were ranked second, behind the Kirkwood Eagles, who defeated Iowa Central in the semifinal, despite a second-half Central surge.

Two chartered buses full of Bears fans rolled into Cedar Rapids on March 15. The supportive atmosphere filled the Eagle’s gymnasium with as many Bears fans as Eagles fans, regardless of the distant location.

Cheers were loud and raucous throughout the tightly-contested game.

Stewart and Benjamin would reclaim co-MVP honors, scoring 13 and 15 points respectively in a game that was marked by tough defense on both sides.

The Bears went into the locker room with a 35-32 lead at halftime.

In the second half, DMACC fans were dismayed to see the lead vanish, and the Eagles led by as many as 10 points. But the Bears picked up their game again in the final minutes, and secured possession of the ball with a one-point deficit and time left for only one more play.

It was a familiar situation for DMACC, in which they had triumphed before, but this time it was not to be. Their season ended with a missed shot, and not enough time left to put the rebound back into the basket.

Bears fans returned to the buses, and players to the locker rooms, with the strange sadness of those who know they can triumph, but who have fallen short this time.

Coach Orv Salmon came into the chartered buses to thank everyone who made the trip and was greeted with cheers from grateful fans.

The Eagles would go on to two national tournament victories, losing only to Brown Mackie College from Kansas in the championship.

Final shot of season: Bear fans look on with anticipation as time runs out, and George Pruitt takes the final shot in the regional championship game against Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids on March 15, 2005.
Dear Cass,

Decisions. I wonder what the future holds. Sometimes I'm torn and I don't want to make decisions. I want others to make them for me. What do I do?

I really don't want to finish. I don't want to be here. I am not doing a good job, and I am wasting my own money to do something that I don't want to do. I am torn; I have "wasted" a lot of money to come to school, and I really don't want to finish. This isn't my dream. I am just afraid that I will look like a failure and my parents might not forgive me. What do I do?

Frustrated in school, M.S.M.

Dear Frustrated in school,

So, if you know me, the next time you walk past, give me a "Hey." Casual, friendly, hard to trip over. But these phrases don't always fit the context in which they're used. This brings me back to greetings. Way too many people are asking me, as I pass, "What's up?" You mean, what's happening? Well, I think my car is losing gas mileage and I'm not sure why. I keep forgetting to buy dish soap, so I've been settling for a hot-water rinse on my pizza pan, and I think I might be getting some kind of rash...but you don't actually want to know that, do you? I didn't think so. And I would return the greeting, except that I don't expect you to answer, and even if you did, I don't want to know about your uncle's intestinal blockage, your abandonment issues or the decision regarding mane vs. sepia for the new paint in your house. I could pretend to be interested, of course, but I'm not going to. Plus, sometimes a person will ask me this as one (or both) of us is either walking or driving by. As they fade into the distance, responding becomes even more difficult. "Well, I'm not really sure if this corsioline is working out on my nasty feet!"

So, if you know me, the next time you walk past, give me a greeting that simply acknowledges our presence and our mutual acquaintance. And don't feel put off by a simple, "Hey." Gentle, unassuming, sometimes a person will ask me this as one (or both) of us is either walking or driving by. As they fade into the distance, responding becomes even more difficult. "Well, I'm not really sure if this corsioline is working out on my nasty feet!"

I would like to rant about a trend in casual greeting. When I pass someone I know, they will support you whether they agree or not with your decisions. Sit them down, talk to them, and guide your case, and hopefully they will understand your decisions.

So, if you feel strongly about dropping out and continuing on with your dreams, go for it. Follow your heart, and lead the happiest, most fulfilling life you can.

Ben's Banter

Benjamin Bollay

"Over spring break, my family and I went to the Reiman Gardens and we ventured down to the Des Moines Art Center to see the impressionism art." Judy Hauser

"I didn't really do all that much this spring break. I stayed in Ames, worked a little bit, and hung out with my friends." Kendra Ewing

"I went to California: Long Beach, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Venice Beach and even Disneyland." Chris Johnson

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Other side of the Courter

"What did you do on your spring break?"

Judy Hauser

Boone Campus English Instructor

Kendra Ewing

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)
The goal you’ve been after for so long is almost within your reach. Conditions are in your favor, finally.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Lately your resources and figure out what you have and what you don’t. You’re in for at least one pleasant surprise, and you’ll know where to focus attention.

 Gemini (May 21-June 21)
You’re wise to keep your opinions to yourself for a little while. The odds are not good that you will, but it would still be wise.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
A change in how you do a job will free you up of a lot of time. It’s OK to get assistance, that’s not cheating in any way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your relationship grows stronger the more stuff you do together. Declare your intentions then ask the questions that lead to a relationship.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You’re close to making a change that you’ve been contemplating for ages. It has to do with your home, family or possibly your decor.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Don’t be stopped just because you have no idea what you’re doing. You’re a quick study, especially now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)
Keep pushing, your reward is closer now than ever before. Accept more responsibility, and the included benefits.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You’re lucky in games because you’ve got a few tricks up your sleeve. Amaze them with your fabulous sense of humor, too. You’re that kind of guy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Push to get a household job wrapped up in the next day or two. You get extra points for stuff you already have in storage.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You’re in an excellent frame of mind to learn an amazing trick. Something that is impossible is about to become commonplace.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
The effort you’ve put into a project is more than a fatter pay check. You also are granted more respect and, quite possibly, a promotion.
Could China be to blame for high gas prices?

Extra demand for world's oil may be causing U.S. prices to soar

By James Bregenzer
Banner Staff Writer

The nation has seen steadily rising oil prices over the last month of filling up fuel tanks, and prices are only expected to get worse later this year.

As high prices continue, there are several possible reasons.

Extra demand for world's oil may be causing U.S. prices to soar. As seen in recent years, the Chinese market is considered to be a major factor in the rise of oil prices. China's rapid economic growth has increased its demand for energy, particularly oil.

The Boone Banner welcomes letters in an attempt to provide a forum for the many diverse views of the campus. The views expressed in the Boone Banner are not necessarily the views or endorsements of Des Moines Area Community College or the Boone Banner editorial board.

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Ready: "Owma, Owma, Owma. Now’s the lice, now?"
Paula: "Hoor over Adol, here comes Osama Touchdown!"
Simon: "Look, here’s the deal. There can only be one Al Qaeda idol and quite frankly, the coutnary dump station attendent has you beat. Sorry."

Everyone thought Bill Junior had a lot of great ideas, but actually he was just too cheap to buy a lampshade.

I wish someone would tinker, tweak and cunningly edit my life the way they do on reality TV.”

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By Megan Shadle
Banner Staff Writer

Over 2,500 fans packed the Val-Air Ballroom March 16 in West Des Moines to see several rock bands from all over the nation.

Performing bands included The Used, My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage, A Static Lullaby and Underoath.

Bands played on two stages set up on either side of the ballroom: the main stage and the acoustic stage.

Ames’s own Sweet Alfon, who won a spot on the acoustic stage in a contest held on http://www.myspace.com, started the night.

By Megan Shadle

The night was filled with music and fun; vendors sold a variety of things including T-shirts, skateboards, sweatshirts, Nintendo DS, hats and much more.

Tons of people bought T-shirts to support their favorite bands, especially Sweet Alfon fans, who bought some of the brand new merchandise the band had just started to sell.

When it came time for the main bands to come on, the audience was more than ready to get the mosh pits going. When My Chemical Romance took the stage, the crowd literally went silent listening to every word the lead singer, Gerard Way, was saying about how much they have enjoyed their short time in Iowa and how they were looking forward to coming back in May when they go on tour with Green Day.

My Chemical Romance played their hearts out with the exception of their missing guitarist, Frank Iero, who had to leave the tour early due to family issues. Guitarist, Quinn Allman, from The Used took his spot for the rest of the tour.

Then came the time for The Used to take the stage, the crowd was yelling and screaming for them to start playing. When they finally got into place the crowd went silent to hear lead singer, Bert McCracken, introduce them, and that’s when the mosh pits started up again, throwing people everywhere.

At the end of the set for The Used, they went off stage for a few minutes and the crowd started to chant for an encore, but little did the audience know that a special surprise was coming. The Used returned on the stage and then My Chemical Romance followed. The two bands began to play together on stage and the two lead singers, Way and McCracken, began to sing their cover of David Bowie and Queen’s “Under Pressure” to show their support for the Tsunami victims.

Overall the Taste of Chaos Tour was a great concert with all kinds of bands under one roof performing for their many fans in Iowa. It was definitely worth the $25 to see all 10 bands.

By Breget Medley

Old jacked up cars screaming,
Unkempt yard, corroded painting cans,
Bricks collecting from a building
That once was.

Lawn mowers rusting, sleeping
Once new, broken glass, trees pass
Their prime, batteries seeping
Acid, and old furniture past
Its usefulness.

As I look at this house stretching
Beyond its limits, who once in
Its glory saw better days. Its
Doors and windows weeping,
And the roof was weary from the
Beating of the elements.

The house inside gutted
From all the years of abuse
And neglect. Ceilings
Cracking, dripping rain and
Snow. Pipes stopped up,
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It’s a new day

Boone Campus student wins DMACC-wide poetry contest

By Breget Medley (right) of Boone receives congratulations from Creative Writing Contest Coordinator Dr. Rick Christman for being named the Best Poem Writer in the annual DMACC Creative Writing Contest. Medley, a DMACC Boone Campus student, received a $100 award.

Award-winning poet: Breget Medley (right) of Boone receives congratulations from Creative Writing Contest Coordinator Dr. Rick Christman for being named the Best Poem Writer in the annual DMACC Creative Writing Contest. Medley, a DMACC Boone Campus student, received a $100 award.

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Several Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) students were recently honored for their writing talents in the annual DMACC Creative Writing Contest.

Lois Knight of Des Moines was named the Best Overall Writer. She received a $1,000 scholarship for her efforts.

Angie Bouska of Altoona was named the Runner-Up Best Writer and received a $500 scholarship.

Julie Herrmann of Johnston was named winner of the best story and received a $100 award.

Breget Medley of Boone was named the Best Poem Writer and received a $100 award.

Michelle Tapp of Ocoee was named the runner-up best story and received a $50 award.

Patricia Peery of Monroe and Mary Beth Jones of Pella were honorable mention recipients in the Creative Writing Contest.