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Some students frustrated with life at Borgen Square

Campus housing still a concern

By Benjamin Bolluyt and Jennifer Schumacher
Banner Staff Writers

The managers of Borgen Square Apartments, located directly east of the Boone Campus, are under fire from some student residents.

Complaints include lack of basic maintenance work, overcharging on deposits and either being unavailable to residents or infringing on those residents’ privacy. What changes they have made to the new contracts are unwelcome to many who live there.

“There’s no privacy, and they don’t fix anything,” said Michelle Smith, sophomore basketball player for the Bears.

Fellow basketball player Katie Reihmann agreed, citing fixtures that have been broken in her apartment for longer than a year without repair.

However, managers say students aren’t speaking up if they are having problems. “Students need to fill out a maintenance request form,” said Randy Bird, Borgen Square apartment manager.

“We go through the apartments with a ‘fine-toothed comb’ and inspect everything before anyone can rent out the apartment,” Bird said.

The changes the students may be reacting to include charging a higher monthly fee for those who sign a nine-month lease instead of this year’s lease, despite the initial purpose for the Borgen Square apartments expressed in the original contract: to provide housing for students as a first priority.

In return for renting out the apartments, High Property Management is allowed to rent the land and existing buildings from DMACC for a cost of only one dollar per year, plus maintenance costs and taxes.

Educational advisor Shelby Hilbreth was among the first to see the changes, which were faced to the Boone office. She said that when students inquire about housing, she advises them to speak directly to the on-site managers, Faith and Randy Bird.

She does this, she said because she feels the administration has little authority over the apartments.

Hilbreth went on to say that there are avenues of complaint for students regarding campus life, “but that’s [the Borgen Square Apartments] a private organization, so they don’t apply there.”

The lease changes will affect students who already live in the apartments, and will disqualify some from residing there next year. However, these changes can be contested according to the terms of the contract, if the administration chooses to do so.

One item ripe for debate is the definition of a “qualified, credit-worthy student.”

While these issues are arguable from either side, other complaints from student-residents address more glaring problems.

Both women interviewed for this story also noted financial inconsistencies as well, where the managers claimed to be owed more money than was in the lease.

With the exception of one anonymous student found to have a positive impression of Borgen Square, may have them shivering in their seat.

As of this week, the custodians will completely turn off both the heat and the air conditioning, allowing no fresh air to even circulate.

Fans and door stoppers will be supplied in the classrooms and windows may also be propped open to increase air flow, but that doesn’t guarantee that some rooms might be a little steamy.

The staff isn’t doing this to punish students; they’re actually doing it to better the school.

This spring, new floors and ceiling linings, lighting, and heating and cooling systems are being installed to improve the quality of the classrooms.

Though the process may seem long, tedious, and a bit drawn out, come this fall, many students and staff will be thanking the custodians for all their hard work.

If you’re taking this summer off, the fall will be nice, new, and comfy to come back to.

However, if you are enrolled in classes over the summer, then Dean Hatch, supervisor of buildings and grounds for the Boone Campus, suggests you, “check

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Silberhorn to retire after 30 years in Boone

By Andrew Austin
Banner Staff Writer

George Silberhorn, a longtime student advocate and veteran of the Boone Campus, has announced he will retire June 30, 2005.

“I’ve really enjoyed being around the students throughout the years,” Silberhorn said. “It keeps your perspective young.”

Silberhorn has outlasted five campus deans, four DMACC presidents, and seen the Boone Campus nearly quadruple in size since he began in 1972 as a counselor.

Silberhorn works to coordinate commencement every year, serves on the campus foundation.

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Heat, AC to be turned off ‘til fall

By Sarah Vasquez
Banner Staff Writer

The air’s a bit stuffy. You don’t know if it’s going to be hot or cold, and temperatures may vary from classroom to classroom.

No, I’m not talking about the next heat wave; I’m talking about the heating and cooling situation we are soon going to be facing on the Boone Campus.

While sitting in class, many students have already noticed the overwhelming heat that seems to blur a student’s concentration, while the next class they attend

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Forecast for April

Ben & Cass Speak Up

In a few weeks, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sale calls. You will be charged for these calls.

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Students named to all-USA team

Not one, but two Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) students have been named to the 2005 Third Team All-USA Academic Team.

The DMACC students are the only students in Iowa to earn positions on any All-USA Team this year.

The students are DMACC Ancenky Campus student Danielle Morton of Ankeny, Iowa, and DMACC West Campus student Carrie Rae Wauker of Waukee.

For being named to the Third Team All-U.S.A., Morton and Rae Wauker both automatically earn a full-ride scholarship (tuition for two-years) to either Iowa State University or the University of Iowa, both will receive a special medallion and a full-page feature in the All-U.S.A. First, Second and Third Team was published by USA Today in their April 11, 2005 issue.

In addition, Morton was named as Iowa's 2005 New Century Scholar. Selection criterion for this honor was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. The highest scoring student in each state in the All-USA Academic Team competition was named a New Century Scholar and will receive a $2,000 stipend funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

While at DMACC, Morton has been involved in the following activities: President of the American Sign Language Club, Chairperson of the Student Life Committee, Vice President of Scholarship for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, a Student Activities Council Representative and the Student Representative to the DMACC Curriculum Committee. She is a DMACC Alumni Association Scholarship recipient and has been named to the DMACC President's list numerous times.

MacRae was chosen to the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges List and received an Outstanding Student Leadership and Personal Achievement Award at DMACC. In addition to being named to the 2005 All-Iowa Academic Team, MacRae was chosen to the 2005 Third Team All-USA Academic Team, an honor which he has held for the past three years.

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not work at DMACC, and that several managers had come and gone at Borgen Square since the lease was signed.

"It does seem strange that someone as distant as Cedar Rapids would be presiding over a [residency] here," said Silberhorn, "but it's happening."

Borgen Square Apartments located east of the Boone Campus.
Lee introduced to campus

Tom Lee, the newly hired provost of the Boone Campus, speaks with current campus provost Vivian Brandmeyer (left) and Kim Linduska, executive vice president of academic affairs, during a press conference announcing Lee’s hiring.

The press conference was held March 31, 2005, with DMACC President Rob Denson introducing Lee to Boone Campus staff, faculty, students and members of the community.

Lee, the current principal of East High in Des Moines, said he was “very excited” about the opportunity to lead the Boone Campus.

Brandmeyer, who has been the provost of the Boone Campus for three years, will retire on June 30, 2005.

Lee will assume the duties of provost on August 1.

Tips

- Bring a sweatshirt or jacket
- Dress in layers
- Keep a change of clothes in your car
- Carry bottled water

Heating & cooling

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the weather on a daily basis and dress accordingly."

To the right are tips and the two-week predicted forecast to help students prepare for the inside temperatures.

In anticipation of the summer temperatures, the administration has been working on arrangements with the downtown civil engineering tech lab (in the old Hy-Vee building), as well as the Boone National Guard Armory, located east of Boone.

Classes will be moved to these locations on an as-needed basis.

The deadline for submitting applications for Boone Campus scholarships for the 2005-2006 Fall and Spring semester is Wed., June 1, 2005.

Two-week Forecast--April 2005

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Bears baseball swings big at home

Ben Bolluyt
Banner Staff Writer

Speak softly, and carry a big stick—that seems to be Coach Smith’s approach to the classic American pastime, and his players reflected it in last week’s home games.

John Smith, Bears’ baseball coach said, “I don’t know if we have any strong points.” Smith has been the head coach for over thirty years at DMACC and has seen several of his players move into the big leagues. However, he said, this year’s team doesn’t have as much raw talent or focus as some of his previous players.

Smith said the important question was, “Is it important enough to really work hard enough to play at the next level?” And for much of his squad, the positive answers so far had been less than resounding.

DMACC is also battling injuries early this season. Last year’s most promising freshman pitcher, Eric Belter, is out this season with an arm injury, and the shortstop position has been hobbled as well.

These factors combined to give the Bears a 2-8 record going into last week’s games. Unlike other DMACC sports teams, the baseball players are classified as a Division One squad. This tribute to the team’s history brings with it a higher level of challenge and expectation.

Last week, the Bears reminded visiting teams—and fans—what it means to compete at the highest level of collegiate athletics. DMACC sweeps Ellsworth

In the first game of last Tuesday afternoon, both teams took advantage of the lack of depth in their competitor’s bullpen. Brad Rieke (11) managed to keep the Panthers off home plate in the first, but allowed four runs in the second and fourth more in the third, culminating in a three-run homer.

Ellsworth’s Adam “Meat” Johnson didn’t do much better against DMACC’s batters, and both teams had replaced their openers by the end of the 4th, but not before the score stood at 9-12, with the Panthers leading.

The Bears gained real momentum after the fifth inning, however, when Sonny Glover hit a grand slam off of a pitch from Ellsworth’s second replacement, Ty Shavley. Chris Richardson hit a solo homer next, and when Ellsworth brought in a fourth pitcher, Dan Wineland, his first pitch went straight out of the park as well.

That proved to be the last point scored in the two-and-a-half-hour slugfest, which ended at 18-10—Panthers.

The second game looked a lot better for DMACC, owing to a stronger pitching lineup. The Bears used only two replacements, including the closer, Kellen Derry (7), who held Ellsworth scoreless in the fifth and sixth, despite the Panther coach’s call-to-arms with the score at 12-4, which was audible from the stands: “We need ten runs right here! We need ten runs right here!”

DMACC, meanwhile, kept swinging away as if the first game hadn’t ended. The game was called, due to the ten-run rule in the sixth, after another homer from the first baseman, Nick Rivas, made the score 14-4.

The days’ games pulled DMACC’s record up to four wins and eight losses.

Bears, Vikings trade blanks

Early morning clouds gave way to clear daylight as DMACC and Grand View took the field last Thursday. Coach Smith had made a few changes to Tuesday’s lineup, but this was not unusual, he said; it helps keep competition alive between teammates.

George Christman was the opening pitcher for the Bears, and struck out the last batter of the first inning with Viking runners on second and third; this was only the beginning of DMACC’s good pitching fortune in the first game.

The Vikings stayed scoreless through Christman’s run, which was ended in the third by replacement Jamie Bouchnick.

The Bears, meanwhile, seemed to be swinging enlarged bats throughout the early contest. Numerous home runs made the score 11-0 after only two innings, but the coaches agreed to ignore the ten-run rule so the players could keep on. They finally called the game in the fifth, with the score at a whopping 20-0.

The second game presented a near-complete reversal of fortune for the teams. Despite calling in replacement pitchers in the second and third innings, the Bears couldn’t keep the Vikings from rounding the bases, and the Bears’ bats had stopped working too.

The second game ended at 0-10 in favor of Grand View, making DMACC’s record 5-9.

Bears Sweep Spartans DMACC hosted Southwestern Community College over the weekend of April 9 with final scores in favor of DMACC: 10-9, 3-1, 11-4, and 9-3. These wins earn the Bears an overall record thus far, at nine wins and nine losses. Their conference record, however, is 4 wins and 0 losses.

The team’s schedule is available at www.dmacc.edu/Athletics/baseball/schedule.asp.

What a homerun swing looks like

Chris Vidmar, 6’ freshman from Channahon, Ill. hits a homerun near the end of the second victorious Ellsworth v. DMACC doubleheader last week on the Bear’s home field.
other side of the Courier

“Do you ever use any of the DMACC services offered outside the classroom?”

Loren LaValley
Boone Campus student

Ben’s Banter

There is an extremely unoriginal comment I wish to make, and I will try to make it interesting through extreme rudeness and hyperbole: “Get off your self-important spoiled lazy leisters, you slovenly bags of aphantic media-numbered smelly duck turds.” I have little doubt that you each have an axe to grind. If complaints were holes, this country would be a piece of Swiss cheese. But it’s difficult to argue that our whining has any affect upon the problems we detest, unless it gets printed in at least a community college bi-weekly.

I walked around and talked to lots of people about housing across the street, for the Borgen Square article this week. I heard about what I would call some sketchy behavior, in the general realm of a business taking advantage of let oversight to cut costs and increase profits. Golly, who’d think it? The only thing that surprised me was how little anyone had done about their own frustrations. Not one of the complainers I talked to had raised Cain with the managers, or even voiced their anger to the school’s administration. The administration was, therefore, mostly ignorant about the students’ feelings, and I couldn’t blame them. It doesn’t seem that long ago in American history that petitions got signed, demonstrations were held, and protesters made cops drag their limp bodies to jail in defense of four trees and a bird.

I’m not just talking about Boone ISD — here, it’s a nationwide thing. Membership in sociopolitical organizations in recent years has reached the lowest it’s been in decades. What’s it going to take for us to get riled up enough to do something about anything? Maybe this will do it: a complete lack of opposition to the corporate-owned system of electing representatives that most of us readily admit don’t represent us? No, not getting much reaction there.

The invasion of a foreign country — whose dictator we put in power—based in lies to cover up ulterior motives? Apparently not. Billions of dollars in wartime fraud, endorsed by Capital Hill to line the pockets of its election financiers, and followed by back-door petitions for more money, which also get granted without question or debate? Nope. Did that bother you?

Eight years ago we impeached a president for lying about oral sex. Somebody convince me that it wasn’t just because it made such great tabloid fluff. Make me believe we still care enough about our own country to get mad when we need to get mad.

To give one’s best and fail is one thing, to go down quiet is another matter entirely. I’m watching a great country fall hard and fast, and the worst part is, nobody’s making much noise about it.

“No, because I am a loser and have no future.”

“Nope, nothing.”

“Yes the people with the tables set up in the Courter Center.”

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19) The more questions you ask, and you’re good this way, the more new questions that emerge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Don’t throw anything away without being sure of its value. A lucky surprise works out in your favor, financially. Get things appraised.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) The Moon is in your sign, Mercury is Direct, and all’s well in your world. A celebration is in order!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Your place is a good meeting spot for those involved in big decisions. The comfort food you provide will help them reach a compromise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) There’s so much information bouncing around, it’s a trick to keep it all straight. But nobody minds explaining again.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You’re getting faster at your job, and more of it’s coming in. More money’s coming too, and yes, these things are all linked together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You’re in a good position to make a fantasy come true. Which one will it be? That choice is up to you. Don’t waste all day thinking about it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can’t wait what you want for your home, affordably, by being creative. Start by calling up people who owe you a favor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You’re a good salesperson, but you must find yourself up against a master. If you can’t beat ‘em, you may have to join ‘em, long enough to pick up a few tips.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Start by calling up friends and family. The one you have. Take on new work and be happy. Just don’t spend more than you’ll make in the first year.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A long talk with a dear friend is a valuable treat. While you’re at it, why not make plans for a voyage together? If you’re past that phase, it might be a good time to think about your old friends, family, teachers, and your very own preachers and pastors—the people that we interact with in our lifetime?

Benjamin Bullough
Do the booths & tables matter?

Throughout the semester, we have seen dozens of booths litter the Courter Center; in any given week, it seems that a college, university, awareness program, or community organization can be found there, unto the point where they are almost to be expected.

This semester we have seen a college transfer fair, two alcohol awareness booths, as well as a domestic violence awareness, among others.

For the most part, student seem to ignore the presence of these booths. They have become a staple of DMACC life, and, at the very least, they are taken for granted.

Because of this, one must ask How effective are these booths and tables? They are ever present, yet how much of an impact do they truly have?

We are told the people representing those colleges at the college fairs are present to help us to formulate a decision about our academic future.

Yet, how many students truly choose a college based on pamphlets handed out at a booth?

The alcohol awareness groups are present to raise awareness about what constitutes dangerous consumption levels.

However, how many students would significantly alter behaviors, such as consumption of alcoholic beverages, based on a test given at such a booth?

Student interaction with these events seems low, and if they are not being utilized, whatever their intent may be, then what is the point of having them?

If student participation is poor, then perhaps we should consider that the booths may be ineffective in their intent.

However, if these booths are indeed successful in accelerating Boone Campus students into their future careers, or helping to prevent risky behavior, then they should be maintained.

Perhaps this is something that the Boone Campus should endeavor to discover, because if they are not, then could not the funds dedicated to them be used in a better way?

Staff editorial by Andrew Austin, managing editor

We have been given a voice, so let’s use it and make some noise.

Darfur, Sudan needs our help. The continuing genocide in Darfur has claimed 380,000 lives, displacing over two million people, and continues to kill 15,000 Darfurians each month.

The government-sponsored militias continue the reign as they ruin villages, rape and brand and abduct women and girls, kill men and boys, and destroy food and water supplies. The UN warns that “there is no other place in the world where so many lives are at stake.” The Secretary General, Kofi Annan, describes Darfur as “little short of hell on earth.”

We have the ability to help stop the genocide in Sudan. If you just take some time to write letters to encourage the Legislators to support the Dafur Accountability Act in the Senate and in the House, calling for targeted sanctions, travel restrictions, and asset freezes against key people responsible for the genocide. The UN has stated they will be sending 10,000 peace keepers to Darfur, but they also said it would take several months for that to happen. Do the Darfurians really have several months to wait?

There are a couple websites—www.savedarfur.org and www.sudanreach.org. The websites explain the situation better in Sudan and also have form letters you can send to the president, senators, and representatives. Here are the addresses for our government officials:

• President Bush
  The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500

• Senator Grassley
  135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

• Senator Harkin
  731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Trudy Seidel
Boone Campus Student

Shots from the Courter Center
April is domestic violence awareness month—Photos by Andrew Austin, Banner Staff
COMICS

DITHERED TWITS by Stan Wang

"Hey, aren't you that Ralphie dude I used to pick on in high school?"

2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner

AFTER SEEING HOW MUCH MONEY THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE MAKES SELLING USE BOOKS, I DECIDED WE SHOULD DO IT, DUDE!

SOMEONE TAKING YEARBOOK CLASS, DUDE!

SWEET! HOW MUCH SHOULD I PUT ON THE PHONE BOOK?

You Are Here

By Aaron Warner

"Quick! Go! Now’s your chance! Run!!"

An unforeseen anomaly: Radiation from Paris Hilton’s damaged cell phone causes her chihuahua to grow at an alarming rate.

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CONCERT REVIEW

The Academy IS ...

By Megan Shadle
Banner Staff Writer

Pretty punk rock boys wearing white belts and girls jeans performed on a small stage at the Fueled by Ramen concert April 6 at Skate North in Des Moines.

The skating rink, packed tight with punk rockers from around Iowa, came out just to see some awesome indie bands play.

Iowa, came out just to see some punk rockers from around Des Moines. Rodriguez

The Academy Is...  performs during a concert at Skate North in Des Moines, along with three other bands at the Fueled by Ramen concert on April 6, 2005.

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The overall performances went surprisingly well for being in a skating rink; there were echoes from the microphones a lack of people in the very back of the building. The price for the concert has been one of the best; it was about $16 for seeing four bands. A good deal, considering the fame Fall Out Boy has been getting over the past few years.

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Earth Week Celebration

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