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Fight For Your Rights

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On September 25, local diehard motorcycle riders braved the weather to help support a good cause and support a local woman, Jo Holland, who has donated a list to DMACC for her cause.

These riders were in town for Ride for the Red. This cause is a fund raiser in which riders register to ride along a predetermined route. While registering for the ride, raffle tickets are also purchased. For each stop along the ride, their raffle ticket fills out so at the end of the ride, they can receive prizes.

Ride for the Red was organized by Doug Yetman, the director of the Red Cross (the Lincoln Way chapter), and Jenny Spyry-Kinztov, a professor at DMACC and instructor for the Red Cross. They heard of a similar event in Ohio and thought it would be a nice fund raiser for the area. All proceeds go towards disaster relief for local area disasters. The local areas include Boone county, Story county, and Greene county.

Donations that have been made towards this ride came from many different local groups including ABATE, which is A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. The ride started at the Boone DMACC parking lot, then to the Boone County Hospital. From the hospital, the riders continued on to Spring Lake State Park to Don Williams State Park. They then went to the Ledges State Park and ended at the Colorado Grill.

At this benefit, Jo Holland presented a plaque to DMACC in remembrance of her husband, Ross Holland, who passed away in a motorcycle accident on June 22, 2002. Holland has donated many things to DMACC including the chairs outside the auditorium, and 2 full ride scholarships. One scholarship is available for the fall semester of 2006, and also for the spring semester of 2007. These scholarships are available to students who have taken and passed a motorcycle safety course. All students need to do is apply (and pass) the class, then apply at the Boone DMACC office.

If any student is interested in more information about the scholarships, they may contact Brian Green.

Ride for the Red Brings Out the Diehards

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- Keynote Speakers:
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  *Tom Vilsack, Governor of Iowa
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DMACC press release photo
Letter From the Editor

As a journalist, I try to notice everything. I see stories while driving to school, and hear quotes while walking around the halls. Call it eavesdropping if you will, but one remark I “journalistically” overheard became the fuel for this letter.

Last week, a fellow classmate referred to John Tinker (see front page) as an “idiotic left-wing hippie nut”. Never mind that the student didn’t even know whom Tinker was, his snide comment really made me mad. Not only did Mr. Tinker take time out of his extremely busy schedule to visit us, but also the actions he took against the school system during the Vietnam War established OUR rights as students. It has been frustrating for me to see the amount of ignorance being accepted on campus. And it seems no one has an interest in opening their minds! Is it a coincidence that there was easily five times the amount of people at the lawn dart games then listening to Tinker’s presentation?

One word that seems to appear again and again with people unwilling to hear the left wing view is “hippie.” I’m familiar with the word; being called it on a daily bases for my political views, choice of clothing, and music I listen to. It has never bothered me up until recent conversations where the phrase “you’re such a hippie” ends with a sneer rather than chuckle.

Why is being a hippie a bad thing? Should I be ashamed? To me, being labeled a “hippie” should be celebrated! Originating in the 60’s, being a part of the hippie lifestyle was all about peace and freethinking. And sure, drug use and promiscuity were two “hippie” should be celebrated! Originating in the 60’s, being a part of the hippie lifestyle was all about peace and freethinking. And sure, drug use and promiscuity were two stereotypes. But it was the 60’s.

We’re obviously not in the 60’s anymore, and for those of you that think all hippies live their lives through a lazy stuper in vans mooching off of our otherwise pristine society, let me clear some things up. I have two jobs, I’m a full time student, I eat meat, I pay taxes, I shop at big corporations, and generally try to contribute to my community. We don’t all dance naked in the rain, eating granola and dried fruit, or get high and contemplate naming future children Sprite. I’ve never even been to a protest. Until now that is.

So flip to the centerfold and see what life on the left is like. I promise it is isn’t nearly as destractive as you think. And if you’ve already become tired of my “hippie politics”, I suggest you flip past pages six and seven.

Emily Cooper
Editor-in-Chief

How to Use Portal

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner Staff Writer

Since the beginning of the term this fall many students at DMACC have had trouble using the Portal, or even know what it is.

The Portal gives you a chance to access your hard drive (P Drive) from home, announcements from DMACC and a list of your courses.

To access the Portal, enter my.dmacc.edu – and yes, a period must be between my and DMACC— for the URL. This opens the default My DMACC page, but to enter your personal homepage you must click the yellow button labeled My Site.

In your site is a list of the classes you are taking and a list of the classes you are teaching if you teach classes. If the classes that you are taking are not currently listed, click the Refresh button on the menu bar. If this works, click on the class you want to enter. The course documents section is where your teacher leaves important class documents.

In addition, to access your P Drive at home, go to the DMACC Virtual Lab in your site. This asks for a login, so just use the same login as when you access a computer at DMACC. The virtual desktop projects you onto the DMACC server, as if you were sitting in a campus computer lab. Here you can check your email in Microsoft outlook and open the documents in your P Drive. However, your documents are now in a folder on the desktop called My Documents. Keep in mind that you cannot print documents from the Virtual Lab. You must first send those documents back to your desktop via the email system.

A third application on your site is Web CT, accessed by the same computer login. In Web CT is a list of classes you are taking. This is where teachers post tests for students to take online.

The best web browser to use when accessing My Site is Microsoft Internet Explorer. If you use other browsers, some functions may not work properly. Also, if you encounter problems that still cannot be solved, consult a librarian first. Because the Portal is collaboration between DMACC and Microsoft, many kinks still need to be worked out. If your problems persist, email Ann Watts at alwatts@dmacc.edu or see Ren Erickson in his office adjacent to the library.

http://my.dmacc.edu
**Intramural Activities**

- **Oct. 5**: Bocci Ball
- **Oct. 12**: SAC Activity - no Intramurals
- **Oct. 19**: 4 on 4 Flag Football
- **Oct. 26**: Home Run Derby
- **Nov. 2**: SAC Activity - no Intramurals
- **Nov. 9**: 9-Ball Pool
- **Nov. 16**: Free Throw Contest
- **Nov. 23**: Hot Shot Contest
- **Dec. 7**: Texas Hold 'em - Poker

**The Bulletin Board**

**Quick Notes & Reminders For Events on Campus**

- **Women's Volleyball Home Games**
  - Oct 8, Monday Clinton 7PM
  - Oct 21, Monday Southeastern 6:30pm
  - Oct 26, Wednesday Simpson JV 6:30pm

- **Wellness Activities**
  - Oct 12 Pumpkin Fitness Walk, 1 pm
  - Oct 17 Fitness Walk, 1 pm
  - Oct 31 Costume Contest and Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, noon

- **Graduation Candidates**
  - Below is the message from DMACC notifying what you need to know in order to graduate.
  - A graduation application is required for receiving a diploma.
  - Once the Credentials/Graduation Office receives the graduation application, we run a degree audit to see how the student's coursework fits into program requirements. We then mail the student a letter letting them know if there is anything else they need to complete before they can graduate.
  - Degree audits can be completed by advisors and counselors if a student has more than one semester to complete before they will graduate but wants to make sure they are registered for classes they need.
  - The graduation applications are also how to indicate interest in attending the commencement ceremonies in May, which is open to graduates of that academic year (fall 2005, spring 2006, and summer 2006 will attend the May 2006 ceremonies). Boone and Carroll each hold individual ceremonies, the other campuses participate in a joint ceremony at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

- **Students can tour, learn about admissions, financial aid, programs and student life. Lunch will be provided.**

- **Discover DMACC**
  - Friday, Oct 14 10am
  - Students can tour, learn about admissions, financial aid, programs and student life. Lunch will be provided. Activities should wrap up around 1pm.

**Disney on Campus**

**Does Mickey Mouse = Road To Success?**

Emily Cooper
**Editor-in-Chief**

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The program is geared toward all majors, freshmen through seniors.

“It's great for students who don’t know what they want to do quite yet,” Evans says. Lasting for a semester, the college program offers participants a chance to work in Orlando at one of the many parks or facilities.

The starting wage is only (on average) six dollars an hour, and you can take advantage of classes that transfer for credit and free housing during the entire semester.

Other perks include deluxe amenities in the gated apartments students live in (located on Disney ground), and theme park admission/discounts on resort accommodations.

“You can choose whatever you want,” Evans says. “One of the best things about the college program is the versatility of jobs.”

And a little networking can hurt either. According to the representatives, Disney is known for hiring within its own company, and especially through it's other internship option - The Professional Program - Jennifer Alessi, 21, landed in the professional program as an education presenter in Animal Kingdom.

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Getting involved in the Disney internship programs is easy. Although GPA is a factor, as well as good recommendations, there aren’t any lengthy essays or long interviews to go through.

One application is all it takes.

Go online at www.disneycollegeprogram.com to watch a virtual presentation or download an application.

**Wild Wednesdays Offers Excitement**

**Go Wild! with Wednesday Intramurals from 11:15 am - 1:15pm**

Sign up for Go Wild! Intramurals in the Fitness Room in the Gym.

Here’s what’s coming up!

Come to seven Go Wild! events and receive a free t-shirt.

Photos by Andrew Penner

Shelby Hildreth, student advisor, enjoys a sunny afternoon playing lawn darts as part of Go Wild Intramurals.

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Bears Snatch Win Out From Under Panthers

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

The DMACC Bears came out looking to rebound after their 1-3 loss to Marshalltown, and that, they did. In the first game against the Ellsworth Panthers the score was kept in a deadlock, with neither team allowing the other to be ahead by more than four points.

The Panthers allowed game one to be taken by the Bears after they hit the ball out of bounds, which ended at 30-27. The Bears also ended the second game on top having the same score as the first game.

The Bears were mauled by the Panthers' blocks near the end of the third game, giving them that game at 24-30. The Panthers had a commanding lead of being up by eight points. But our Bears rallied back and stole game four right out of the Panthers' fingertips at 31-29, which gave the Bears the victory over the Panthers at three games to one.

The Bears were lead by Ashley Bayer with 20 kills, Rachel Vander Schel served up five aces, Rachael Dahl had 14 digs, and Amanda Judisch captured nine blocks. Although the Bears, did picked up 14 errors total.

The Blue Crew

Jennifer Corbin
Banner Staff Writer

Meet the Blue Crew, Boone DMACC’s dancing team. They perform during the Bear’s basketball games instead of cheerleaders. Hard work and lots of fun drive the team, and for some, the five performances are the ultimate reward.

“I like performing because it is a rush for me,” says Gennypher Drake center.

Christina Graham is the new advisor for the Blue Crew this year and says there are still spaces for more interested dancers. If you are interested in joining the Blue Crew, speak with Graham down at the registration desk.

Show your support for the Bears and the Blue Crew coming up on December 11. The Bears face off against Southeastern at 3 p.m. in Des Moines at the Drake center.

Errors, A Big Obstacle

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

Everyone has a bad day, and the Bears’ volleyball teams bad day was Wednesday, Sept. 21, the day they took on the Iowa Lakes Lakers. It was the Bears who came out and aggressively attacked the ball. Although it wasn’t enough for them to win the first game with the Lakers.

During the next game the Bears battled back trying to deplete the Lakers lead, but it went unaccomplished.

In the following game again the Bears went on an 11-0 run, putting the score tied up at 20-20. Failing to maintain the aggressive edge allowed the Lakers to slip past the Bears.

Crushing all hopes of a three game come back by the Bears. In the end it wasn’t the Lakers who conquered the Bears, but the Bears who beat themselves that day.

Game one ended at 21-30 loss. Game two was a 23-30 loss. And game three was lost to the Lakers at 37-30. The Bears were just too aggressive, which lead to their demise.

On the leader board for kills was Ashley Bayer at 16. Amanda Judisch and Rachel Vander Schel each had two aces, Liz Schreck and Bayer dug out with 15 digs apiece, Vander Schel leading the team with eight blocks, and the team averaged about 4.4 errors per person.

Eagles Soar Over Bears

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

Our DMACC Bears awoke from their weekend slumber and came out to a slow start with the attack on the Kirkwood Eagles from Cedar Rapids. The attack on the Eagles began with a kill, and two assisted blocks from Rachel Vander Schel, with the help coming from Liz Schreck and Rylee Olsen, putting the Bears ahead. The Eagles rallied back and regained the lead, after several errors coming from the Bears. From that point the Eagles’ lead continued to grow off of more errors from the Bears, with the fatal blow coming from a Bear serving error to end round one.

The recipe for game two was that of game one, minus the slow start from the Bears. The errors from both sides were what allowed the other to stay in the game. Although there were some kills, blocks, from each side. And again being dealt to the Bears through an ace was that final blow left ending the second game.

Entering the face off with the Eagles, the Bears had an overall record of 10 wins, 14 losses and were 2-2 in the conference. The Bears left their den after lasting only three rounds (10-30, 27-30, 25-30) to a not really more superior Eagles team.

Again it was Amanda Bayer who led the Bears with 6 digs, Schreck having 13 kills and Vander Schel had 7 blocks.
Yolanda King Speaks About Brighter Future

Moses Powell Eckstein
Banner-Staff Writer

Last week Yolanda King, the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., performed and lectured on embracing humanity’s differences at the Hoyt Sherman Place Theater.

In the lecture she covered the issues of violence toward other people and the power of embracing one another. She insisted that less than 1 percent of human DNA divides any person in the world from one another.

“We must celebrate our differences,” said King. “They’re not going away. You can choose to embrace diversity or not.”

King mingled performances that included one of Rosa Parks. Her performances relied heavily on the events of the Civil Rights movement, which occurred 40 years ago.

“The Civil Rights movement was not a mirage,” said King. “We do have choices. What I am doing is to encourage peace and love in my own life.”

Following her speech, King called everyone to action. “The more you venture out to other people, the more comfortable you become,” said King. “In every ook and cranny of college life, you can make a difference.”

King is a seasoned speaker whose career led her to 40 states and overseas to Europe, Africa, and Asia. As an actress King starred in portrayals of Rosa Parks in the NBC-TV movie “King” and Dr. Betty Shabazz in the film, “Death of a Prophet.” She played Medgar Ever’s daughter, Reesa, in “Ghost of Mississippi.”

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., and other peaceful groups. She is also a sponsor of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and she is a lifetime member in the NAACP.

In addition, she coauthored “Open My Eyes, Open My Soul,” which demonstrates her understanding of diversity. Her newer book is “Embracing Your Power in 30 Days, a Journey of Self-Discovery and Personal Freedom.”

To learn more about nonviolent social change and the coming of a multicultural world, visit her website at www.yolanda-king.com.

The Ice Age Has Come

Cindy Wisecup
Banner Staff Writer

Iowa’s new legal restrictions on over the counter sale of pseudo ephedrine have greatly decreased the availability of anhydrous ammonia based methamphetamine but unexpectedly has increased the sale of new form of the dangerous drug, a form called ice.

A recent Gazette Online article summed up the problem. The source states that a new kind of methamphetamine that has been a destructive force in Hawaii has come to Iowa as Iowa produced meth has diminished.

The Gazette article quotes Ken Carter, Head of the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement. The smokable, crystallized form of methamphetamine, known as ice, is being seen in increasing amounts in many states, from Arizona, the Dakotas, Texas, and Florida. Carter said “I’m afraid the ice age has come to Iowa.

“Many meth users are turning to ice after the federal and state government clamped down on homemade meth production,” Carter said.

Last year, 5,600 adults and almost 300 youths from Iowa sought treatment for meth addiction. There are still thousands of estimated people who still use the drug; and ice may replace most other forms of meth, including the anhydrous ammonia-based meth that have been made from homemade labs found here in Iowa.

About 60 percent of the cases law enforcement officials discover now are ice cases according to Sandy Stolen, a chemist and supervisor at the state crime laboratory in Des Moines. This new form of the drug will probably cause even more problems because it is more expensive and therefore users will have to resort to more illegal activities to obtain the new form of the drug.

The Gazette source cites Dr. Jeff Allyn, an expert at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines who stated that more meth users seeking help at the hospital are using ice.

“It is just what is available,” he said. Some of the street names for the methamphetamine known as ice are glass, crystal, ice cream, cray, and quartz. This is probably because it looks like shards of glass or ice chips. Most addicts smoke it using a glass pipe or a “bong,” though some may also use aluminum foil, or use the needle.

Task Force Officer Nathan Kester of Boone and Story Counties said, “I can’t say exactly but I think there has been an estimate of right around 50,000 in 2004 and ’05. Numerous busts have been because of ice being involved with the crimes.

“It’s always ice. It’s the only thing available since the new pseudo ephedrine law took effect,” Kester said.

“I really don’t think this new law will slow down any of the criminal activity, if anything it will cause more, but not less,” said Kester.

Since Kester is part of the Central Iowa Drug Task Force, he only deals with the drug criminal activity that is going on in Boone and Story Counties.

“Most of the ice that is coming into Boone and Story Counties is coming out of California, but I believe it originated from Asia,” said Kester.

When asked if he thought that they would eventually gain control over the ice invasion, he said, “Probably not, but it may slow it down a little, but not much.”

C-FARI, which is licensed by the state in 1970. The facility in the state of Iowa to be after-care treatment facility that is located in Boone and Story Counties. It became the first facility in the state of Iowa to be licensed by the state in 1970. The Boone office is located at 806 7th St. The phone number is 515-433-3413. You must contact the office in Ames for an evaluation which is located at 1619 High Avenue. The phone number for this office is 515-232-3206.

Sasha Comito, a graduate of DMACC in Carroll, Iowa, has been a certified drug counselor from the state of Iowa since the year 2000.

Comito said, “Between 60% and 80% of my clients came into the program due to being addicted to meth, being their

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A Journey Toward Understanding

Emily Cooper
Editor-in-Chief

On Sept 23 I found out about a peace rally happening in Washington D.C. I drained 100 bucks from my dwindling checking account, and less than 24 hours later I was on a bus.

Surrounded by 56 strangers and equipped with only my camera, my credit card and a change of clothes, my 24-hour journey to DC began.

An older man passed around peace sign sugar cookies that his wife had made. I later learned she was battling breast cancer, and was too sick to come along. Everyone on the bus had a story. There were friends who a stayed up all night making signs, a man who’s brother was in his third tour of Iraq, and a parent who’s son had died in the war last year.

The trip was long and exhausting, but once DC popped up outside our windows, our energy returned. We spent the whole morning at the rally. It was amazing to see that many people (There have been estimates everywhere from 400,000 to 600,000) all coming together for one common goal: bringing home our troops. People of all ages, races, and purposes were carrying hundreds of signs. I visited a friend’s picture that was strung along in an endless line of U.S. military deaths that have resulted from the war.

After the rally, we all marched in the streets. The sense of unity and love were found in every person’s faces. Chants and songs drifted through the air, and even one of the many cops guarding the White House was singing along.

Following the march I drifted among the streets of DC, taking in all the activities and people. I had just enough time to grab some dinner, hop onto the subway and settle back in for another 20-hour drive home.

So there you have it. I guess I’ve been officially entered into the staying of a hippie. I yelled at the White House (even though Georgia was in Colorado), surreally surveying the Hurricane Rita damage.

I’m proud of it.

A Quest for Peace

A call for justice draws thousands to rally in Washington D.C.

Iowa Schools Help Displaced Students

Cham Soo Park
Opinion & Editorial Editor

Iowa colleges and universities have responded to help students who lost their academic haven to Katrina.

A survey was conducted through emails. Of 11 colleges and universities surveyed, 7 have responded. Among those respondents, University of Iowa accepted the largest number of students, (5 undergraduates and 11 graduates). Cornell College indicated that they were able to secure all spaces which they were still filling out at the time of response on Sep. 26.

Others accepted smaller numbers, two having none enrolled. However, Grand View College expressed that it was willing to work with requests from student-victims. Dr. Strubbe, the registrar of Grand View College, said there were just no such requests.

According to the New York Times, associations representing the country’s colleges and universities urged their members to waive tuition. Only if students had previously paid or charge in state tuition if not paid and request that to the home institution.

Most Iowa colleges wanted to have similar tuition plans, some of them even taking one step further. One College indicated that one student it reached was receiving a financial aid.

Cornell College also indicated that they were giving financial aids on a case by case basis. University of Iowa was the most generous. According to Provost Troyer, the most generous among the University’s response to Hurricane Katrina, U. of I was able to offer scholarships to all student-victims.

Concerning outside aids such as state and federal aids, most colleges lacked information except U. of I which helped students to apply for FEMA aids and aid from the American Red Cross according to Provost Troyer. He also indicated that U. of I was monitoring movements in Congress concerning funding.

Dr. Casey of Cornell College was also aware of federal aids, but more than that, she stressed Cornell’s efforts on service, philanthropy, education, and reflection, support, not just outreach to displaced students.

Provost Troyer wished to let readers know that U. of I is receiving contributions from individuals wishing to help displaced students. Contributors are to write a check payable to the University of Iowa Hurricane Katrina Academic Relief Fund and send to Office of Grants and Gifts Accounting, Bldg. 31, 31st Street, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

For more information and list of colleges supporting student-victims, www CampusRelief.org/ site.xml provides information on conditions and requirements of colleges and universities.
Kapila Presents History and Culture

As part of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) India Year Focus theme, the Boone Campus at Grinnell College invited Shuchi Kapila to speak Sept. 29 at the Ankeny Campus.

Kapila, who focuses on the history and culture of India, the influence of the British colonial period, and the impact of that history on writers of Indian descent.

Dr. Kapila is an Assistant Professor of English at Grinnell College specializing in Victorian, British, and Post-colonial Studies (post-1947).

Kapila graduated in English from the University of Delhi in 1986, earned a Masters Degrees in English and Philosophy also from the University of Delhi; and obtained her doctorate in English in 1996 from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Kapila joined Grinnell College in 2000.

Kapila’s discussion is part of a series of presentations and events scheduled for the DMACC 2005-2006 India Year Focus. For each of the past 22 years the DMACC faculty, staff, and students have focused on a country to be individually recognized and showcased with presentations, speakers, and musical programs. Regional food, dress and dance will also be featured in select locations.

As noted by DMACC President Rob Denison, “We are delighted to have Dr. Kapila as our guest speaker to enlighten our students about India as the country of focus. There has been an increase in political, economic, academic, information technology and cross-cultural interaction between our two countries during the past few years and we look forward to facilitating this relationship between the world’s largest democracies to even greater heights.”

During the Sept. 29 presentation Kapila noted some fiction writers of Indian descent that may be of general interest: Ghosh, Amitava -- “The Shadow Lines” Second novel in a series that begins with “The Circle of Reason,” about a young weaving who is wrongly accused of being a terrorist (Library Journal 1986).

“The Shadow Lines” is the story of an Indian family living in Calcutta and Dhaka, India during the 1964 Bangladesh Partition, and their connections with a family living in England. Themes include emigration, exile, and cultural displacement (Library Journal, 6/15/96)

Narayan, R.K. “My Dateless Diary” Fictional diary of an Indian and his visit to America, most notably New York City. Also, “Swami and Friends,” a novel about discovery of the world through the eyes of a 10-year-old Indian boy. Originally written in 1935 this novel is the first in a trilogy set in pre-independence India.


“Midnight’s Children” is the story of two children, both born on the day of India’s independence in 1947 that are switched at the hospital, one to be raised Muslim and the other Hindu. “Midnight’s Children” is available through the DMACC’s library.

Other events involved in the India Year Focus include a seminar October 14 in Ankeny focusing on business, commerce, political and humanitarian relationships between the United States and India.

Planned speakers include Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India to the United States, the World Food Program, and Madhuda Gupta, the Director of the India Chamber of Commerce, Ranjana Khanna, and other U.S. and State of Iowa officials. A dinner and evening entertainment follow the seminar.

The seminar is free for DMACC faculty and students, $25 for other guests. Registration is required... Information is available at www.dmacc.edu/india/indiayearregistration.asp. According to Boone Campus India Year Coordinator, Sande Chaco, Boone Campus nursing instructor, events scheduled for the Boone Campus include the Kapila discussion, an Indian

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

During the past few weeks, I decided to interview name other than Brian Green, our associate provost.

Green grew up in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he graduated from high school there (in 1981), he attended Iowa Central Community College.

He then went on to University of Northern Iowa, where he graduated in 1984. He taught at St. Edmond’s High School from 1986-1988. He also coached boys and girls cross country, boys’ basketball, and girls’ tennis.

He ended up getting his master’s at the University of Iowa for education and administration in 1989.

After obtaining his masters, he worked at Grinnell College from 1990-1995 where he was involved with career and crisis intervention counseling, director for student activities and organizations, assistant director of the student union, and trained student advisors.

He worked for Ankeny DMACC from 1995-2000 running the Perry Learning Center. In 2000, the Perry school district hired him to continue running the Perry Learning Center, which he continued doing until 2005.

In 2005, he was hired to be the Associate Provost for the Boone DMACC campus.

Green lives with his wife, Teresa (a music teacher and he is also a media specialist for Edwards Elementary School in the Ames school district), and Snulher (the dog). They live in Ames right now, but hope to relocate to Boone next summer.

ME: What exactly is your job function here?
BG: Well, I work closely with the faculty, advisers and secretaries here. I am also working with the Union Pacific. I deal with any job fair and any type of campus visits from other colleges. I also work with the course schedules like what classes are offered or what ones will continue to be offered. I just try to help everyone with everything.

ME: It seems like every activity this campus hosts, you are there. Where do you find the time?
BG: My wife is very dedicated to her job in Ames. She also is very artistically inclined so she participates a lot in theatre and productions. We still have time to take vacations, though. Like this summer, we went to Cancun, Austin, Chicago, and Branson. Since she is involved with Quinns, she works with athletics, we try to find a vacation that we both will enjoy.

ME: Are there any clubs or groups that you are involved in?
BG: I was in soccer, football, basketball, tennis, and baseball. I have had 17 surgeries from athletics.

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ME: Are you serious? I watched that show growing up!
BG: (Laughs) I also like old Mickey Mouse and Warner Brothers stuff.

ME: Are there any plans for the future you want to let students know about?
BG: We have a really large partnership with Union Pacific, and we are hosting one of the biggest job fairs. We are hoping at least 500 people apply for jobs. We also hope to form a partnership to do the educational aspect of training with Union Pacific. An education center may be set up and we want to train the new employees and retrain old employees.

ME: Have you had any difficulty with people spelling your name in the past?
BG: (laughs). Well let’s see, look at pages one and four or five in the last issue of The Banner. I really don’t take it seriously, though. I was in the Ames phone book under “Gren” for the longest time and I actually got something in the mail to have the Gren crest sent to me. I actually appreciated the fact that you didn’t call me “Brain” instead of “Braaz.”

ME: Well, formally speaking, I am going to ask a very serious, deep, emotional question. How do you spell your name?
BG: (laughs) B-R-A-N-E-N

Photo by Mary Elizabeth Drahos.
Realistic Reviews: Lost

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

I am going to start off by apologizing for my review. I recently purchased Lost season 1 on DVD, and became preoccupied with that. Therefore, instead of reviewing a movie in a theatre, I am reviewing the show I have become enthralled with.

The basic plot of the show is six survivors of a plane wreck having to live with each other on a remote island. They find out right away that the island isn’t normal. They know there is something huge in the jungle that kills people and knocks down trees. Another surprise is that there are polar bears on this island. Lost not only shows what is going on in real time on the island, but there are flashbacks for the 14 main characters throughout the season.

Some of the main cast members include: Jack, a doctor played by Matthew Fox; Kate, a fugitive played by Evangeline Lilly; Charlie, a has-been rocker played by Dominic Monaghan, and Sawyer, a redneck jerk played by Josh Holloway. This show has a lot of drama obviously, since there is a plane crash, but also some comedic moments. Most of the comedy comes from Charlie and Hurley (Jorge Garcia).

Needless to say, these people all have different backgrounds and styles of living, but have to somehow deal with each other. It seems like someone is fighting with someone else every episode. Sometimes it isn’t people fighting. Some of them have personal demons to deal with such as drug habits, death of family members, or a shameful past. This show won a lot of Emmys so far, and it is easy to see why.

Other critics claim that the personal relationships that are forming. The main one is the Jack/Kate/Sawyer relationship. They both want her, but she doesn’t know what she wants. Another relationship is between Charlie and Claire (Emilie de Ravin). The most surprising relationship so far, however, is between Shannon (Maggie Grace) and Sayid (Naveen Andrews).

Season two, so far, is getting deeper into the cliffhangers from last season. The biggest question on everyone’s mind was “what is in the hatch?” Also, other cliffhangers to be explained this season (hopefully) are what happened to Michael’s son, Walt (who got kidnapped by�sinren while a group of survivors tried to find him), what will happen with Charlie’s drug habit, and who are the other people on the island? After committing my life to this past week to watching the season 1 of Lost, I am already anticipating the season 2 DVD.

Rated: TV-14
Showtime: Wednesdays on ABC at 8 P.M.
My Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

When Science Meets History
‘Guns, Germs, and Steel’

Chan Soo Park
Opinion & Editorial Editor

If someone were to tell you that some races are superior to others, evident from today’s disparities in the world, what would be your reaction to it?

I hope you don’t agree with it for your sake if not for the sake of righteousness, as doing so can get you in trouble. But if you truly believe that such a racist argument is wrong, can you explain why? What then, is the cause of disparities seen in this world?

“Guns, Germs, and Steel” by Dr. Jared Diamond claims the answer lies in the environment. This means luck, not the differences in intellectual capabilities among races, is the dominant factor causing disparities we see today.

His arguments are compelling, supported by strong evidence, and presented with clear, simple, and easy to understand writing that non-experts can understand without too much difficulty.

Such qualities were rewarded with the Pulitzer Prize and the sale of more than one million copies, which is very impressive for a scholarly book.

Dr. Diamond considers the start of agriculture the first turning point of human civilization. This allowed a surplus of food so that not all people had to devote their time to food production unlike hunting-gathering societies. This resulted in the emergence of specialized groups such as bureaucrats, religious leaders, blacksmiths, and professional soldiers.

The population increase rate and the amount of people supported per landmass are much higher for agricultural societies compared to hunting-gathering societies. This, along with the surplus of food, allowed agricultural societies to maintain an army, one of the factors explaining why agricultural societies ended up dominating the world. The question, then, is why some societies developed agriculture early and some later while others never implemented it. This is where luck comes in.

Some areas developed agriculture independently. It is said only five areas have solid evidence of such development like the Fertile Crescent in the eastern part of the Mediterranean, China and the Americas. This difficulty has two reasons: hardship of figuring out necessary process and lack of domestic plants in many areas. We can imagine how difficult it must have been to develop agriculture through simple reasoning. Most likely the way humans learned about agriculture was through accident rather than conscious observation. For that, certain improbable events must follow such as gathering of domestic fruits or seeds for food, leftovers getting thrown away to a place which meets their growing conditions, and such.

And looking at world distribution of large-seeded grass species, Dr. Blumner shows how concentrated they are in areas where agriculture developed independently.

Of 56 such seeds found in the world, which is less than 1% of the world’s grass species, 32 are found in the Mediterranean zone while the whole of America has only 11 of them. Also notable is that of those 56 large-seed-ed grasses, eight of them were used to start agriculture, and only two were found outside the Fertile Crescent region. So it was no wonder certain areas more readily developed agriculture.

The fact that only a handful of regions started agriculture independently indicates that other areas must have started agriculture through learning. Here, Eurasia proves to be advantageous over others again. If you look at the world map, you’ll notice that only Eurasia has horizontal axis. This is important, for this means there are much larger zones with similar weather.

Therefore, crops could be grown without much difficulties, so spreading of agriculture was easier and faster for Eurasia. It was harder for other continents as America and Africa have vertical axis. Australia was pretty much isolated, obviously.

Of course, a work wouldn’t be complete without people who oppose its views. Some people criticize Dr. Diamond for being all politically correct. However, I must ask what’s wrong with being politically correct? I understand sometimes people overlook other important values in an effort to be politically correct.

Well, I know a case where a game company changed their in-game cat name from Maine Coon to Black Tabby because of complaints claiming “coon” was a racist term. Maine Coon is actually a breed of cat in the real world.

I only mentioned a brief summary of the first important step, the development of an agricultural society. This article not only omits other important information about agriculture, many more important concepts come in such as domesticated animals, the role germs play, and an importance of writing systems.

I hope you found how convincing his arguments are supported by thorough evidence. If you didn’t, I am to blame for not delivering his arguments well. Don’t let that discourage you from reading this wonderful book, please.

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Des Moines Area Community College
Everyone Is Entitled to MY Opinion

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

Ever hear of the phrase “It is my way or the highway”? It is normally office styled humor, but some people take it a little too seriously.

I think you all know the kind of people I mean. They are the ones that won’t let you get a word in edgewise when you try to state your point of view. They are the ones who think “debate” is something you put on “de fishing pole.” They only think that they are right, and everyone else should think exactly the same.

I have come across these people a lot in my life. You could probably tell that I am an opinionated person.

I say exactly what I think (without thinking of the consequences) and am not afraid to let my opinion be heard.

However, I do listen to other people’s opinions and try to understand where they are coming from. I don’t jump all over them. I don’t tell them they are stupid for thinking that way. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. Do you know how boring it would be if everyone thought the same way?

We wouldn’t have such an exciting presidential race because both of the politicians would have the exact same views. We wouldn’t have these colorful fights about pro-choice and pro-life. We wouldn’t care to hear what anyone had to say because we all would say the same thing.

I think one of the bigger debates in our country today is the war. We have people who are for the war, people who are against the war, and people who really don’t care just as long as it doesn’t interrupt their fantasy football game.

I, myself, am in support of the war. I don’t like the fact that a lot of our soldiers are being killed. But if we didn’t go over there and let everyone know they can’t screw with us without consequence, what would happen? The terrorists would try to hurt us again and again. They don’t care about us whatsoever.

At the same time, I don’t want to be in war. War has done terrible things to us and our country. It has pitted people against each other more than ever.

I have lots of friends who are completely against the war, and vent their frustrations on me, but I will not retort back. I have tried to retort before, and a (former) friend of mine jumped down my throat. Every time I opened my mouth to explain my point he started glaring down my throat. He would not let me get past the phrase “I’m for the war.” That is why I will not discuss that topic with certain people.

Another time I tried to state my opinion was with a guy who my friends tried to set me up with. He was a VERY devout Catholic. Very. His opinions were straight out of the Bible and most every view I had was a sin to him. I can’t help the fact that I feel different about things than my religion. We debated about everything from the death penalty to abortion and by the end of the night, we were in each other’s face while being separated by our friends. I wasn’t in his face because his opinion was different from mine, though. I was in his face because he would not let me say what I wanted to say. All he knew was my opinion was not his, and he hated it. He didn’t know WHY it was different, just that it was different.

During a polite manner-filled conversation, it is an unwritten rule that you are not supposed to talk about religion, abortion, politics, or war since they are such controversial topics.

If you want to know my views, ask me and I will tell you. But let me state my case. Do not get mad at me because I feel differently than you do.

It is already hard enough trying to be charming and find a date for myself. I don’t need the added pressure of defending myself on top of that. I will tell you what you want to know, but most likely not what you want to hear.

So be prepared men. I’m single, career driven, and opinionated. It’s a dangerous combination to have, and I am not afraid to let you have it.

Have any questions, comments? If you do, then write to me at Ladi_d81@yahoo.com.

What You Thought...

When in a regular conversation with your friends, do you ever talk about controversial topics?

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The Banner staff has been talking a lot about controversial subjects lately. We, being a news team, are used to talking about such things in an everyday situation (since we need to report it). However, we were wondering if students usually talk about these subjects in an everyday conversation.

Rarely. It never really seems to be a big concern. Most of our friends have the same views.

-Mark Christensen
-Ian Nelson

Yes, in some ways. But if it gets to a point when we disagree immensely, we stop talking about it.

-Erica Accola

Yes. It comes up because one of my friends is a political science major, so we get to talking about the news. Especially the abortion topic. Our opinions differ, so it’s good to talk about what is happening.

-Rachel Kies

Not really. It just doesn’t come up.

-Alex Johns
Today’s Birthday (10-05-05): Make financial independence a top priority this year. But don’t fool yourself into spending more than you bring in.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. A good strategist would be helpful now, to set priorities. You’re good at multitasking, but this is ridiculous.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is an 8. Conditions are good for making money now, so don’t just sit there. Imaginative creative work pays especially well.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Today is an 8. Devise your strategy. Define your goals and then you’ll see what you need to do, to get from here to there.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Today is a 7. Conditions are excellent for family planning and planning a family, not necessarily in that order. Just plain old relaxing at home works, too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a 7. A private conversation with a close member of your family deepens your understanding. Be curious, and listen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a 6. Loving attention to detail is one of your enduring qualities. Don’t be sidetracked by fantasies, stick with the important stuff.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is an 8. Conditions are good for making money now, so don’t just sit there. Imaginative creative work pays especially well.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is a 6. It’s always darkest just before the dawn, and you’re about to emerge triumphant. You end up looking good.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is a 6. Find a quiet hiding place to rest and ruminate. You need some time and quiet to let new ideas sink in.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is a 6. Time’s right to call your team together for a planning session. Once you’ve got the big picture, the little stuff will be easy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is a 7. Don’t get too far out when explaining your latest innovation. Keep it simple, so even your boss can understand you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a 7. Venture a little farther out than you’ve ever gone. Conditions for you now indicate a positive outcome.
Every event is not listed in The Limelight. For updates on concerts, theatre productions, and sporting events visit www.pollstar.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Prices and times of events may be subject to change.

AROUND CAMPUS:

Oct 5: HOME Volleyball-DMACC vs. Southeastern, 6:30pm
Oct 6: HOME Volleyball-DMACC vs. Simpson JV, 6:30pm
Oct 14: Discover DMACC, 7pm

NEAR BY EVENTS:

Ames
Oct 1: Town Crier People’s, 9pm FREE SHOW!
Oct 7: William Elliott Whitmore The M-Shop, 9pm $7 students, $10 public
Oct 8: Lesser Known Saint CD RELEASE, The Envy Corps, 7pm $7 students, $9 public

Des Moines
Oct 3: Scott/Cole & Cambria with The Blood Brothers, 8pm $12 students, $15 public
Oct 10: Longbeach Shortbus People’s, $15/ $18
Oct 11: Jon Nicholson The M-Shop, 9pm $7 students, $9 public
Oct 13: James McMurtry The M-Shop, 9pm $10 students, $12 public
Oct 14: Head of Femur The M-Shop, 9pm $5 students, $7 public
Oct 15: Billy Joe Shaver The M-Shop 8pm $17 students, $22 public
Oct 16: Autolux The M-Shop 7:30pm $12 students, $15 public
Oct 18: Amy Ray The M-Shop 8pm $12 students, $15 public

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Oct 20: Cake Pershing Arena $15 public

still are staying sober today.”

“I would say what really determines one’s success is basically their determination and their willingness to try a new lifestyle,” said Comito.

Kapila

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dance performance by Gateway Dance Theatre Group from Des Moines, a visit to the Hindu Temple in Madrid, a Diwali celebration of fall and an Indian film festival.

Chadie also plans a presentation of her trip, which she took this past summer to India to attend a Christian-Hindu wedding, visit wildlife preserve and take a boat excursion to the more remote areas of India.

Other Ankeny Campus events in the series include the October 15 performance of Victor Paranjoti’s music, choral music composer from India, by the Ankeny Campus Chamber Choir.

Scheduled for Oct 17 is a performance of the tabla (drum) player Sandip Burman and Friends. Burman is internationally noted for his drum concert and “scat” style vocal improvisations. Burman has appeared on Bela Fleck’s recent album, “Live at the Quick.”

Tickets for the Burman concert are free and seats are expected to fill quickly. Advance reservations are recommended. Additional information for all events is available at www.dmac.edu/india/indiaevents.

CORRECTIONS

(Sept. 21 issue)

This is the correct spelling for Boone Campus Assistant Provost Brian Green.

The DMACC women’s basketball team represented the Boone Campus in the Pufferbilly Parade, not the volleyball team as previously reported.

Eric Echelbinger is the supervisor of buildings and grounds for the Boone Campus.

The correct phone number for Domino’s Pizza is 432-3030, located at 1328 S. Marshall St. in Boone.

Over the past three semesters, 7,200 Des Moines Area Community College registered students were 25 years old or older. They did not all attend the Boone Campus. The number 24,780 reflected the total DMACC enrollment during that same period, not the number of 24780+ students on all six campuses.

The review of “Atlas Shrugged” was written by Chan Soo Park.

The Banner regrets these errors.