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## Professionals Discuss Leadership Qualities in Forum

**Chan Soo Park**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

The Boone Campus community had a chance to directly question leaders from business and science and learn their views on leadership.

The four panels, all volunteering, came to the Boone Campus on Friday, Nov. 11 at the request of Jeff Schroeder, political science instructor. The forum was held in auditorium from 11:15 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Before the discussion began, a comparison of surveys on leadership between the general public and DMACC students was displayed on a screen behind the panel. One of interesting differences the moderator, John Holcombe, Vice President of Insights Marketing Group, noted was the characteristic of leadership each group valued most. The general public picked "integrity" by 36 percent, and DMACC students picked "team work" by 28 percent. The panels seemed to agree

more strongly with the general public as they mentioned integrity more often. Especially, a former Boone Campus adjunct instructor now a University of Iowa professor, Kim Brogden, strongly em-



**Guest speaker, John Holcombe**

phasized the importance of integrity.

He stressed that "integrity could be even more important in some aspects for science."

After the display of the sur-

veys, the four panels answered questions from the audience.

One of first questions was about how to display one's integrity, a quality not readily observable, when applying for a job. Steve Clarken, director of Pfizer Animal Health, said that integrity follows professionalism, that display of professional attitude and work history can be enough for a good first impression.

Since the audience was mostly students, questions were often job-related.

Panel members said to be successful, to stick with your decision and to enjoy it.

The moderator, relating to what he advised for his nephew, said, "Do something and do it for 10 years."

Other panels agreed by saying that it takes effort and commitment, and to do that for a long time, you need to enjoy it.

Clarken also encouraged listeners to do something you enjoy and not to be afraid to "take risks."

In an interview before the



forum, one of panelists, Jonathan Carr, National Sales Director of AGI Signs, shared his view on what leadership should be like.

Arguing that dictator-like leadership may "work for a while, but people [will] get tired," Carr said it is important to "trust employees" and "let the management team pick their directions."

Carr believed that leadership

comes both naturally and from practice. Although he did not think there is a set way to enhance leadership, he said it is important to practice with a trustworthy mentor whose leadership you like. For good role-models, he picked Sandy Weill of Citigroup, Jack Welch from GE, and Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple.

## Spring Registration

It's time to register for spring semester. Registration can be done by appointment, over the phone at 1-800-342-0033 or 1-515-964-6800, or online at [www.dmacc.edu](http://www.dmacc.edu).

"For the best class selection, you should register early," said Rita Davenport, student advisor.

Registration started Nov. 8, and runs to the end of the first week of class on Jan. 15. Tuition payments will be due on Dec. 9, for those who register between Nov. 8 and Nov. 27. Register between Nov. 28 and Dec. 14, the due date for payment is Dec. 12. If it is between Jan. 5 and Jan. 8, the due date is Jan. 13. Registration done from Jan. 9 to Jan. 15, payment is due at the time of registration.

Graduation applications for spring semester graduation are

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### New Classes

**FLA 142 Elementary Arabic II** - M W 2:30-4:30 4 credits

**SDV 164 BA Electronic Portfolio Development** - T R 11:15-12:10 2 credits

**ART 225 BA Photoshop For Photography** - M 6:00 p.m.-9:00p.m. 2 credits

**GLOS 200 BA Country Study-Belize** - M 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. 3 credits, instructor's approval required. Contact Jeff Schroeder at [jsschroeder@dmacc.edu](mailto:jsschroeder@dmacc.edu).

**SDV 165 BA Transfer Planning** - T R 1:25-2:20 1 credit, Begins 3/7/06

## Deadline for Creative Writing Contest Approaching

**Moses Powell Eckstein**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

The deadline for the creative writing contest is midnight Monday, Dec. 5, less than a month away.

Any DMACC student registered this fall is eligible, but three works must be submitted. English instructors from several DMACC campuses judge the entries.

"Some of the stories and poems might make it into Expressions, a compilation of student work published by DMACC," said Jerrine Mc-

Caffrey, Boone Campus English instructor.

Winners and runners-up will be invited to a luncheon in Ankeny in the spring to receive their awards.

**"The best overall writer will get a \$1000 scholarship. Runner up... will receive a \$500 scholarship."**

The best overall writer will get a \$1000 scholarship. Runner up best overall writer will receive a \$500 scholarship. Both scholarships must be used toward DMACC classes.

Winner of the best story will receive \$100 and the runner up \$50. Winner of the best poem will receive \$100, and the runner-up \$50.

Contestants are limited to one prize. Students can contact a Boone Campus English instructor to send their work to Ankeny or can mail their work to the contest coordinator, Rick Christman.

The Ankeny Campus SAC, Ankeny Campus Foundation, and the Boone Campus Foundation provide the scholarships.

### DMACC Creative Writing Contest

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## What's Inside

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## Thanksgiving Break!

There will be no classes after 3:00 PM Wednesday afternoon.

*Have a great break!*

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## Winter Weather Safety

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Banner Staff Writer

With the winter season rapidly approaching, students are going to have to start breaking out the mittens, scarves and sweaters in preparation for the cold.

However, students should also prepare for winter's threatening weather as well. For commuters, snow and ice may have a disastrous effect on those who are not prepared.

Teresa Rouse, the clerical assistant in the main office, said "we pretty much watch the weather warnings and how bad the storms will be. If they are bad enough, the provost or assistant provost will make the decision to cancel classes."

If there is snow and ice on the ground, and the roads are slick, motorists need to drive defensively. If going the speed limit feels unsafe, drivers are cautioned to slow down.

Also, just because a vehicle has 4-wheel drive, it does not

mean it will not slide off the road into a ditch.

A precautionary step that should be taken is to keep a blanket, coat, and walking shoes in the trunk in case a situation arises when students need to walk for help.

If there is an accident, one thing that must be done is check the exhaust pipe on the vehicle. Make sure nothing is blocking it because that may cause the inside of the car to fill with fumes.

If students think the weather is bad enough for classes to be cancelled, they can call toll free 1-800-362-2127 and press 3 to listen for cancellations. They can also check the school website at [www.dmacc.edu](http://www.dmacc.edu). Another good source for cancellations is the radio.

The decision to cancel classes will usually be made around 6 a.m. If the decision is made later in the day, the radio stations and the staff will be informed as soon as possible. Evening classes will usually be cancelled around 4:30 p.m.

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## National Guard Visits Campus

Moses Powell Eckstein  
Banner Staff Writer

Two members of the Iowa Army National Guard staked out the L.W. Courter Center last week.

SFC Patty Alley from Iowa State and Specialist Josh Rockwell from a Headquarters Company stationed in Boone spoke with students about joining bonuses. One of the benefits of the Guard said SFC Alley is that it pays for your schooling.

"There are a lot of people already in the Guard and already getting their tuition paid at DMACC,"

said SFC Alley. "We're here to give out interesting info and talk about the Guard."

The soldiers handed out pamphlets about the various jobs open in the Guard. A lot of people know very little about all of the job opportunities in the Guard, said SFC

Alley.

In addition to pamphlets, the soldiers also gave out green pens, key chains, and DVDs about basic training and job opportunities. If a student managed to do 40 push-ups, he or



Patty Rockwell poses between Specialist Josh Rockwell and SFC Patty Alley

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## Palmer Speaks to SAC

Moses Powell Eckstein  
Banner Staff Writer

David Palmer, Iowa Association of Community College, addressed the issue of educational spending at the SAC meeting held last week in the L.W. Courter Center.

Palmer said that for every \$1,000 spent on four-year educational institutions, DMACC only receives \$50. In addition, the majority of the Boone area supports the plan to allocate more money to DMACC, said Palmer, based on a recent vote.

Palmer urged students to attend the IACCT's Legislative Days to be held in January 2006.

In other business, the council discussed several events that will occur at DMACC in the next few months. A Thanksgiving feast is slotted for Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 11-1 p.m. in the L.W. Courter Center.

Topics for the spring semester included the hypnotist on March 1

as well as the upcoming ski trip. SAC next meets on Thursday, Nov. 24 in the student center.

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## Where Does Boone Stand in a Controversy Between Intelligent Design and Evolution?

Chan Soo Park  
Banner Staff Writer

Even in the relatively small community of the DMACC Boone Campus, diverse views on intelligent design exist.

Instructors were asked for their opinions concerning intelligent design proponents' demand for an equal treatment of the idea in science classes as Darwin's natural selection.

Tim Bergin, biology instructor, expressed the most interest in the topic, showing the reporter his own research on the topic.

According to Bergin, ID is not science, for "there are natural laws to discover" in science, something ID lacks, according to him. He also argued that the concept lost even religious perspective in its attempt to mimic science, becoming a "metaphysical assumption" and a "political philosophy."

Bergin also points "suboptimal designs" such as relatively easily damaged human back and organs seemingly to have deteriorated through evolution such as a mark of tail bone and appendix present in human.

Jan LaVille, English instructor, was not as enthusiastic as Bergin. Still, cautiously noting that her opinion formed from what she learned from newspapers, she questioned ID's validity as a science since ID lacks "replicable data to back it up."

She initially considered ID as a religious idea saying, "I don't know how you can think that's not another name for God." But she later agreed with Bergin after learning his opinion that ID lost even religious perspective by refusing to specify the designer as God.

LaVille also shared her own reason to question ID. Her nephew, "a picture of health" according to her, was an athletic young man who carefully checks diet and runs marathons. One day, he had a strong headache and visited a hospital to learn that he could have died in two weeks had he not visited the hospital because of an existing brain tumor. LaVille questions if "that is a part of design."

For Nancy Woods, instructor of math and physics, the concept of ID was new, but she quickly grasped the concept for she is well versed in both science and religion as a physics instructor and as a daughter of a minister.

Woods is a scientist who believes in God. And she's not alone; according to a survey reported in 1997 in "Nature," 40 percent of American scientists believe in God.



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"I do not see disharmony," she said. To her, creationism and evolutionism can support each other. If evolution is what enabled diverse life, "Where did this ability to evolve come from," she asks.

We need to watch out for one thing, according to her, and that is a literal interpretation of the "Bible."

"God's day" does not equal "men's day," she said, referring to a seven-day creation. Men's day

keeps changing, too, as scientists make adjustments to it.

Although instructors had a varying tolerance on ID, they all agreed that students be open to various opinions. Students should "make up their own minds," LaVille said.

Even Bergin, while most fiercely opposing the view seeing ID as science, said it should be taught but just not in science class.

For Woods, creationism and evolutionism are competing ideas that could enrich each other. Just like Newtonian Mechanics failed in the realm of light, creationism and evolutionism could face limitation in the future with increasing information.

"Creationism needs evolution, evolution needs creationism," she said.

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## Bears Outscore GVC

Andrew Penner  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team played their home opener on Nov. 1, hosting the Vikings' JV squad from Grand View College. The starters for the Bears were Buster Battreall a 6'3" freshmen guard, Will Smith a 6'7" sophomore forward, Adam Weig a 6' sophomore guard, Vince Johnson a 6'5" sophomore (G/F), and Jerry Bennett a 6'7" sophomore (F/C).

The game started with the Bears getting the ball off the tip-off which was quickly stolen from them. Under the Vikings basket Johnson managed to steal the ball twice and took it to the hoop, putting the Bears on the board first at 4-0.

Later Weig hit a three pointer, and Bennett blocked a shot and got the rebound. Then it was Shawn Colwell who stole the ball and through it to Battreall who made the bucket.

Battreall went coast-to-coast with the ball late in the first half to increase the Bears' lead to 14, and the score to 40-26. Then nearing the end of the half, a roar from the

den could be heard after an ollie-ooop from Battreall to Smith.

The Bears were just running down the clock and the last second buzzer beater came from Demetrious Eason, to end the first half. The score at half time was 46-27 in favor of the Bears.

Early in the second half Smith went up to tip the ball in the basket, but someone took his feet out from under him and he came down hitting the ground hard. Smith made it to the bench, and didn't return until late in the second half.

The game continued with David Prince shooting the free throws for Smith. Later Prince turned a shooting foul into a three point play.

At about six minutes left in the game Mustafa Mosley had fouled out, and with less than three minutes left the Vikings left Dan Clark wide open. He then drained a three pointer. The final score from the den was 92-54, with the bears on top.

Showing their skills were Battreall with four three-pointers, Weig with two, and Austin Palm with one.



Banner Photo

**Bears player Adam Weig (13) goes after the ball after he stole from William Penn's Matt Johnson (5) on Friday, Nov. 11.**

## Eight Is Enough

Andrew Penner  
Sports Editor

The DMACC women's basketball team has only eight players right now.

Coach Steve Krafcis said, "We are working on getting more players on the team, but the process is slow."

Those eight players are Kayla Richter from Council Bluffs, Elizabeth Weinheimer from Des Moines, Emily Duffy from Hazelton, Michelle Kumrow from Hubbard, Monica Hernandez from Des Moines, Alisa Brinkman from Rolfa, Jocelyn Anderson from Gowrie, Kristin Van Zee from Pella.

The women have already established a record of 3-1 this season, most recently beating Mineapolis JC (73-56). The previous wins were as follows: Faith Baptist (88-33), and Air Force Prep (96-42).

The Bears' only loss was to NE Colorado by only eight points. "We have a talented group," said Coach Krafcis.

High scoring games as well as inside and outside threats are going to be the women's strengths, said Krafcis.

The women take to the court tonight at 6 p.m. hosting Southeastern, and on Friday at 7 p.m. hosting Central JV.



### Home Basketball Games

#### November

##### Women's

11/16 Southeastern 6:00 p.m.  
11/18 Central JV 7:00 p.m.  
11/27 Australia Sports 7:00 p.m.  
11/30 Riverland 5:30 p.m.

##### Men's

11/22 Australia Sports 7:00 p.m.  
11/30 Riverland 5:30 p.m.

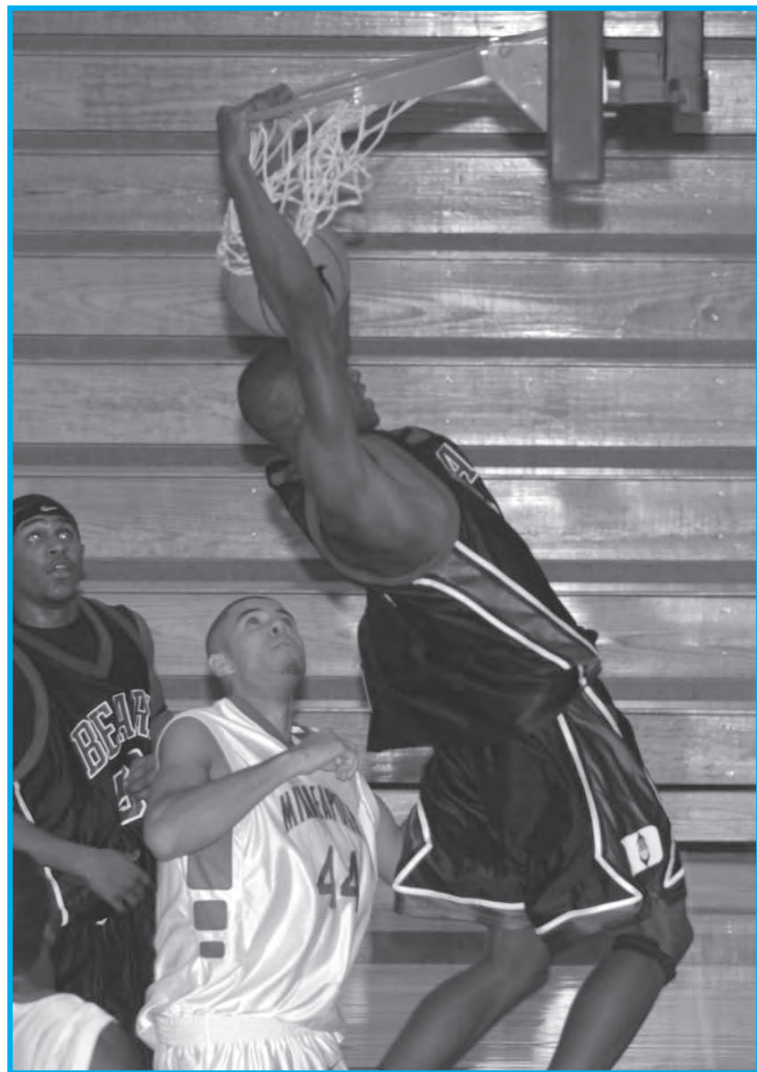
#### December

##### Women's

12/10 Ellsworth 3:00 p.m.

##### Men's

12/6 Simpson JV 7:00 p.m.



**Shawn Colwell (21) drives through for a slam dunk in the Minneapolis JC game, Saturday, Nov 12: Final score: 56-65 loss.**

## Bears Annihilate Statesmen

Andrew Penner  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team is already off to a great start for the season and still undefeated with a record of 3-0. The Bears downed the William Penn JV Statesmen with the final score reading 101-25.

The game started with the Bears getting the ball off on the tip off, but couldn't do anything with it. Then the Bears went on to take

a 14-2 lead during the first seven minutes after many turn overs by the Statesmen.

Adam Weig turned up the heat in the den with under six minutes left in the first half. Weig stepped it up a notch by stealing the ball and then taking it to the hoop several times.

Towards the end of the first half the Statesmen managed to put more points on the board. At half time the Bears already had a quite impressive lead, as the score

was 48-8.

The second half began with a bang for the Bears when Will Smith took the ball to the hoop as a slam dunk. The Bears continued to increase their lead as the game progressed.

In the final minutes of the game the crowd intensified while they watched the scoreboard as the Bears neared 100 points. Once the Bears reached it, there was no question as to who was going to win the game.

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## 'Traveling Pants' on DVD Realistic Reviews

Mary Elizabeth Drahos  
Banner Staff Writer



At first glance, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* looked like something to rent and make fun of. The previews made it sound like the whole movie was centered around a pair of pants that miraculously fits four friends perfectly, therefore making the pants good luck.

The previews did not do the movie justice. At first, the movie started off slow. Tibby, Lena,

Bridget, and Carmen are showcased as giggly best friends who happen to be friends from birth.

While shopping, they happen to find a pair of pants that fit all of them. They end up making a bunch of rules about the pants while each of them embarks on their own summer adventures.

After each turn, the girls think the pants are cursed bringing nothing but bad luck to their lives. However, what they don't know until the end is the pants help them realize something about themselves that makes them stronger in the end.

Even though the plot was a little rough in the beginning, and some of the scenes have a teenybopper feel, the individual stories were nicely written and acted. The two stories to really watch are Tibby's and Carmen's. Expect to be emotionally involved.

This movie was surprisingly entertaining, but make sure to have a box of Kleenex nearby. They will definitely come in handy.

**Rating:** PG

**Running Time:** 119 Minutes

**Stars:** 4 out of 5

## 'Collapse'

Chan Soo Park  
Banner Staff Writer

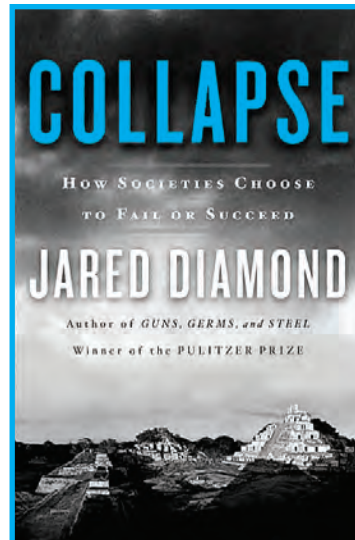
The present is the key to the past, and the past provides lessons for the future.

An acclaimed author of "Guns, Germs, and Steel," Dr. Jared Diamond once again masterfully combines history and science in "Collapse."

"Collapse" is a scholarly book examining societies collapsed in the past and comparing them to current societies. What's stunning are the amazing amount of knowledge the author presents so understandably and the reasoning he uses to explain the causes behind fall of past societies.

He starts with the state of Montana, a beautiful rural state that attracts tourists and rich seasonal residents. Even in this remote and perhaps the least damaged of U.S. states, numerous environmental issues mostly caused by humans. The author explains how those issues lead to economic decline and cause political conflicts among interest groups.

Then, the author shows how past collapsed societies caused environmental damages that resulted in economic decline which in turn led to increased conflicts and many times caused war. Those factors contributed to collapse of not only that specific society but



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also other closely linked friendly societies. To see so much adverse effect one society has on others is tragic, yet fascinating.

Another fascinating fact is that many collapsed societies declined rapidly after reaching their peak. How can a society suddenly collapse when it is more powerful than ever?

This dilemma is answered as well. It is not a collapse despite becoming more powerful but a collapse precisely because they became too powerful, consuming more resources than nature can provide.

If people with stone tools were able to deal enough damage

to nature, the author inquires how much more damage modern technology would be capable of. Not only that, the current societies are so intricately linked in the name of globalization that seemingly unrelated conflicts in Africa or West Asia concern the whole world.

When past societies collapsed, they only affected nearby ones while leaving others untouched. In this modern society where the only isolation is between the Earth and the rest of the universe, will the collapse of one society have a domino effect? Or will environmental damage such as global warming cause mutual doom for all?

One may think of him as a fearmonger seeing so much emphasis on the environment, but one of the merits he has is a balanced and scientific view. While environmentally active, he has been called names by environmentalists, who erratically consider pro-business as non-environmental, because Dr. Diamond praised environmentally effective measures businesses used in the past. He speaks what he sees.

Either ways, "Collapse" provides valuable lessons on some of the possible consequences of our actions and challenges readers to consider what we should do with the knowledge the past provides us.

## 'The Brothers Grimm' Movie Guy Review

Moses Powell Eckstein  
Banner Staff Writer

What would happen if the most famous fairytale writers were really dashing fortune-hunters seeking ale, women, and wonder? *The Brothers Grimm*, a film directed by Terry Gilliam—think Monty Python and the Holy Grail—is the answer.

When young Jacob Grimm returns to his mother's cottage with naught but a handful of magic beans, his brother, Will, is irate. How dare Jacob trade away all the family's money that should have gone for medicine to heal their dying sister.

Years later the Brothers Grimm are making a living in French-occupied Germany in the 1700s pretending to be demon slayers. When Will (Matt Damon) and Jacob (Heath Ledger) are found out by the French General (Jonathan Pryce), they can choose between an almost certainly gruesome death or aiding the French by finding the culprits behind the missing children of a German town.

Unbeknownst to Wilhelm and Jacob, this time the demon is very real, and it will stop at nothing to accomplish its will.

Damon and Ledger are magnificent as two quarreling brothers who just cannot seem to find a middle ground. Also a

wide cast of supporting characters like the Trapper's Daughter (Lena Headey), the French executioner (Peter Stormare), and two actors from *The Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* make strong and amusing performances.

The cinematography in *The Brothers Grimm* is truly enchanting like a fairytale book come to life. Most viewers will recognize several references to the original Grimm's work as well (i.e. "Little Red Riding Hood").

However, the fairytales references, based on the actual tales, are frightening at times and may be inappropriate for younger children.

In addition, the music is charming like a melody from childhood. Every scene seems to have a score written especially for it.

*The Brothers Grimm* is rated PG-13 for violence, frightening sequences and brief suggestive material. Again because several scenes might evoke nightmares in younger children, it may be better to leave them at home. Otherwise be prepared for a riot of laughter, suspense, and adventure.

9 out of 10 Smiles

## He Said/She Said: Two Reviews 'Five Women Wearing The Same Dress'

Moses Powell Eckstein  
Banner Staff Writer

If God were in the audience with the rest of us last Friday night, he would have vomited. Never before has a play so degraded the American citizenry.

The only redeeming part was the fantastic performances by many of the actors, notably Hannah Frederick and Paul Kardell. Frederick (Meredith) delivered a memorable moment when she described how she was sexually assaulted at 12 by her older sister's boyfriend. Kardell (Tripp) was believable as a Southern Casanova with a taste for the ladies.

Despite strong performances, nothing could save the audience from the vulgar material. The

Emily Cooper  
Editor in Chief

I could tell that "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" was going to ruffle some feathers. It's characters talk and act openly about sex and drugs. They cuss, drink and smoke pot. And for all those reasons, (and more) I loved it.

I related to the material, and most college students can as well. Writer Alan Ball does a great job of addressing real issues like love,

dialogue was a colorful—not in a good way—mixture of swearing and vulgarities. Nothing was too disgusting to leave out of the dialogue. I kept a tally of senselessness from the beginning to the end, which soon overwhelmed my notebook. Not a single politically correct statement made the chopping block.

In one scene, the bridesmaids lit up a joint and smoked it. In another, Meredith flashed her parents as they arrived for the wedding reception. In yet another, Trish states, "Momma always referred to me as that little whore." Yes, **that** was a punch line.

The main characters perpetuated stereotypes about other cultures as well. The Christian girl, Frances (Anna Sunstrom), was depicted as boring and silly. Her

lost, pain, and self-discovery. He packages all of those elements into the five women, who portray over-the-top stereotypes brilliantly.

There's the rebel, whore, pure Christian, lesbian, drunk, and pot smoker. Just about every type of personality is shown.

While the dialogue was a little over the top at points, the play pushes boundaries which is why it's so clever.

"Five Women" also had its dramatic deep moments that balanced well with the current of hu-

friends overlooked her references to goodness and morality with contempt. Even Mindy (Wendy Pixley), as a lesbian, was a target of many comments at her expense.

"Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" was a poor choice for a campus like DMACC. Many of the audience members were under 18 years of age or younger.

As a primarily Christian people who supposedly respect social institutions like marriage and friendship, very few were as irate about the material as I was. Did young women watching think that it was proper to smoke pot at a wedding or drink or degrade others through harsh language?

I maintain that no one should endure that two hour torture session.

Above all, the acting from our DMACC students was excellent. The actor and actresses made everything witty and relatable. The friendships, issues, and problems came to life on stage and kept the audience involved.

Between the superb acting and smart script, "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" was definitely worth a Friday night out for my friends and I. We're all looking forward to what is coming in the spring semester.

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## Letter From the Editor

**Emily Cooper**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Going back to school sucks. Okay, that might be a little harsh, but hear me out. Ever since being "asked to leave" Iowa State, I've been in an uphill battle to get back in.

First off, my brilliant advisor told me I only need one course before applying for re-admission. So I left my friends in Ames, moved home to Des Moines, and took a class. I was getting my life back on track!

After finding an apartment, quitting my three jobs and getting thoroughly excited, I come to find out that not only do I actually need to get an Associates of Arts degree, but I had to retake all the classes I had passed out of at ISU.

I was furious at the system for letting me think it would be so easy. But it taught me a lesson in being accountable for my actions. I had gotten myself into this mess, and instead of looking for the easy way out, I knew I needed to figure it out for myself.

67 credits, a 17 page reinstatement paper written,



come back" letter.

Of course, I'm not out of the woods quite yet. I have to maintain a high GPA and meet with several advisors and faculty throughout the coming semester.

I'm sure many of you are planning on heading to a university after graduation. And while your journey might not be as complicated as mine, the lesson is simply this: remember to take responsibility.

Not only in school, but in all aspects of life. It seems some students don't need to take any responsibility for anything!

I had to annoy a good portion of the faculty at ISU to get a straight answer, but I got what I wanted.

You can't expect others to tell you what you need to do. The only way to get things done is to do it yourself.

a 4 page application, and weeks of waiting by the mail, I've finally received that little "wel-

## Hard to Know Who to Trust

**Mary Elizabeth Drahos**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

Trust is a major issue affecting us today. Our society has become so corrupt with lies and deceit that it is hard to know who to trust nowadays.

Dating has become excruciating, accepting help from strangers make us hesitate, and we sometimes don't believe people in their cries for help.

Recently, there were a few news stories that caught my attention with this issue. In Los Angeles, a teenager killed his neighbors then himself. Two weeks earlier, he begged for help on an online message board for people with rare mental disorders. He said he was going to make everyone hurt who hurt him.

The people's response to his postings? Some said he was just faking while others offered him with advice, but the authorities were not contacted.

Not too long ago, a girl called a radio station to tell stories about the war, saying that she and her

husband were soldiers. For unknown reasons, she called in on one day and said her husband was killed in action. The radio station and community pulled together to help this girl through her hard times.

However, she lied. She was not in the war. She wasn't even married.

When asked what compelled her to do such a thing, she said she didn't know. That seems to be the answer most people use when caught doing something terribly wrong.

A college-aged girl had an interview with a magazine a few months ago, saying she lied about being raped. She made up this huge lie, and everyone fell all over themselves to help her.

When she told the truth, people understandably became angry.

However, she said she had no idea why these people were so mad at her.

**"Our society has become so corrupt with lies and deceit that it is hard to know who to trust nowadays."**

What compels people to say outrageous things like that? And why do they feel like they are the victim when they get caught?

If you want attention, do something simple like have a makeover, try out for sports or theatre, or even talk to someone about it.

Do not make up lies to have people feel sorry for you, then put on a victim complex when people get mad.

People like these make it hard to believe others when people actually do need help. If more people had believed the teenager who asked for help, would the three deaths have been prevented? It is hard to say, but it is worth thinking about.

## What Are Your Thanksgiving Plans?



**I am going to my relative's house. We will probably eat and talk. There will also be a lot of my annoying little cousins there, so I'm not looking forward to going. But I'm going to have to.**

**-Scott Hagen**



**I am spending time with my family here in Boone. We basically just eat and socialize.**

**-Allison Wetzeler**

## Losing Keys

### Did Luck or Divine Intervention Save Her Life During Tornado

**Cindy Wisecup**  
*Banner Staff Writer*

Saturday morning seemed to me to be just like any other Saturday morning, except I was to be in Des Moines at around 11:30 a.m. So I got myself and my two sons ready and left at around 10:30a.m. from Ogden.

It was a gray gloomy, dreary rainy day, but there was nothing so unusual about that. It is November right? Joshua, my youngest, had a birthday party to go to: his 1-year-old birthday party with his dad.

His father has a huge Italian family. Very nice, fun people to be around, who are all very generous. He was showered with many gifts.

I wanted to allow myself time to get back home before darkness began to fall. So, we left at about 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon. I had dropped my other son David off at his grandma and grandpas who also live in Des Moines. Before I

returned to pick up David from his grandparent's, I decided to stop of at the Southridge Mall.

First I looked around in the Toy's R Us Store, Finally deciding on one of those broomsticks that have a big horse's head at the end of the stick. Joshua loves to carry around my roommate's canes, so I figured this would be similar enough.

I then headed over to Target. I needed to pick up a couple of things for my oldest child, Katie. After getting what I needed to at Target, I decided to go on into the mall and look around a few minutes and try to find a couple pairs of pants for myself.

Then I decided it was time to head out. As I got almost to my car, I realized that I didn't have my car keys with me. I thought back and realized the last time I saw my keys was when I threw them in the back of the cart along with my wallet in Target, but I didn't remember taking them out of the cart.

I went immediately back

into Target and up to the customer's service station. No one had turned in my keys. By then as you can imagine I was beginning to panic. I had no other set on me or at home. The only other set of keys to my car were with my friend, Brent, who was at this time hunting deer with his friends in Missouri.

I had the store's employees looking everywhere in every cart in the store for about 30 minutes. Then I decided to use the phone at customer's service to call and let David's grandparents what had happened, thinking I might have to have them come and fetch us.

David's grandmother gave me the idea of backtracking, and at that moment I decided since we were having no luck in find-

ing my keys in Target, I thought it was probably a good idea to go into the mall, tracing all my steps. That's exactly what I did. I finally made my last steps back into the Vanity, feeling pretty stupid by now, and asked if they had found any car keys.

"Yes we did," one of the store's employee said.

"Thank God! I love you!" Having said that and grabbing my keys, I finally made it out to my car.

Looking at the sky as I was walking out of the mall got me pretty concerned. It looked like tornados could form in the sky, and it was very windy. I made it over the David's grandparent's house. As I pulled into the driveway, I could see that they were

watching the weather news on the television. I walked in and they told me just how lucky I was that I had lost my keys when I did. If I hadn't had lost my keys, I would be driving right smack into the eye of the storm.

Woodward got hit pretty badly, which is a town I would have been driving through on my way back to Ogden.

My higher power was definitely looking out for me that day. There are a lot of people out there who probably do not believe in a god, but I know it had to be God saving my hide, because I am the person with the worst luck you can think of. T

Thank you, God, for watching over me and my two sons on this day. Amen.



# TAKE A BREAK

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## HOROSCOPES

**Linda C. Black**  
*Tribune Media Services*

**Today's Birthday (11-16-05)**  
Once you've worked out a compromise (and that may take some doing), you'll get to the funding part of your project. That'll almost be easier.

**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.** More research is required. Figure out what you need and how to get it below retail. You'll get farther that way.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
**Today is a 7.** It seems like a good time to ask for money, but it really isn't. What you get from one place, you'll just be giving up somewhere else.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
**Today is a 6.** Your skills are improving, and so is your confidence. But don't get cocky. The competition is fierce.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
**Today is an 8.** You're entering a hectic and confusing period. It won't last long, so don't worry. Just double-check everything.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
**Today is a 6.** The pressure is easing. The test is almost over. Either way, make the best of what you've got and get on to other things.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
**Today is a 7.** Changes are beginning to occur. Your assignment, if you choose to accept it, is to direct traffic.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
**Today is a 7.** It all comes together at home, due to your determination. Be careful traveling, though. It's confusing out there.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
**Today is a 7.** You can afford to be generous with a person who's suffered a loss. Don't put yourself at a disadvantage, however.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
**Today is a 6.** One kind of pressure

eases up, another takes its place. Something that was stuck will start moving quickly. Take care.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
**Today is a 7.** Lots of assignments are coming in, but you shouldn't get complacent. Double-check, to make certain you understand what's expected.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
**Today is a 7.** You're a dreamer, but you also have mechanical expertise. Work on the idea part in more detail before going public with it.

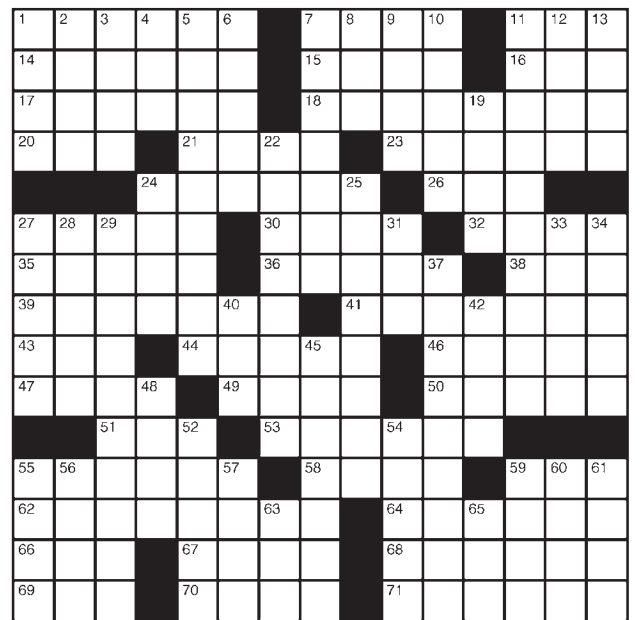
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
**Today is a 7.** Fixing up your own place takes priority for a while. Turn a couple of your dreams into reality.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 Abrasion  
7 Cook novel  
11 That guy  
14 Transport by Black Maria  
15 Lion's den  
16 Pay dirt  
17 Western state  
18 Gunfight locale  
20 Marry  
21 Bonkers  
23 Entertained  
24 Capital on the Mediterranean  
26 LummoX  
27 Awards honcho  
30 Dry  
32 Left aboard  
35 Harvest machine  
36 Neighbor of Tibet  
38 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame designer  
39 Whiteboard wipers  
41 Guard  
43 Periphery  
44 Cartoon duck  
46 Singer Jones  
47 Folder flaps  
49 Bouncy  
50 Wine source  
51 Comic strip cry  
53 Co-renter  
55 Water channel  
58 Pants part  
59 Afore  
62 Indicate  
64 Table setter  
66 Actress Jillian  
67 Otherwise  
68 Good to consume  
69 Put in the fix  
70 Husky pull  
71 Optometric concerns
- DOWN  
1 Third place  
2 Feel concern  
3 Felt sorry about  
4 Math subj.  
5 Led the way  
6 Boredom  
7 Termination  
8 Adult acorn



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10 Bakery bouquet  
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28 Soprano Callas  
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# ODDS & ENDS

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## THE LIMELIGHT

*your guide to events happening near and far!*

Every event is not listed in The Limelight. For updates on concerts, theatre productions, and sporting events visit [www.pollstar.com](http://www.pollstar.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Prices and times of events may be subject to change.

### AROUND CAMPUS:

- Nov 16:** Go Wild Intramurals 11:15 A. M. - 1:15 p. m.
- Nov 16:** Home game, Women's Basketball vs. Southeastern CC, Boone Campus Gym, 6 p. m.
- Nov 17:** New Arts & Science registration begins
- Nov 18:** Home game, Women's Basketball vs. Central JV College, Boone Campus Gym, 7 p. m.
- Nov 19:** Phi Theta Kappa sponsors "Share What You Wear" Clothing exchange.
- Nov 22:** Home game, Men's Basketball vs. Australia Sports, Boone Campus Gym, 7 p. m.
- Nov 23:** Go Wild Intramurals "Free Throw Contest" 11:15 a. m. - 1:15 p. m. Boone Campus Gym
- Nov 24-25:** Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27:** Home game, Women's Basketball vs Australia Sports, Boone Campus Gym, 7 p. m.

### NEAR BY EVENTS:

- Ames**
- Nov. 18:** Pomeroy Peoples, 9 p. m.
- Nov. 18:** Sweet Afton Showcase Bali Satay, 9 p. m. \$5
- Nov. 20:** Lori Line Stephens Auditorium
- Nov 29:** Heiruspecs Peoples
- Nov 30:** She Wants Revenge, The Lovemakers, and Rock Kills Kid Maintenance Shop
- Des Moines**
- Nov. 17:** The Rachel's Vaudeville Mews, 9 p. m. \$8/\$10
- Nov. 18:** Slyde, As I Decay, Drop Point House of Bricks, 5 p. m. \$5
- Nov. 18:** Calous, Moore, Brutal

- Republic House of Bricks, 9:30 p. m. \$5
- Nov. 19:** Kings X Hairy Mary's, \$15
- Nov 19:** Odium, All But Screaming, Gingerjake House of Bricks, 9:30 p. m. \$5
- Nov 19:** North of Grand, Paper Airplane Pilots, Sunday Runners Vaudeville Mews, 9 p. m. \$6/\$8
- Nov 22:** The Envy Corps, Unwed Sailor, Darling at Sea Vaudeville Mews, 9 p. m. \$6/\$8
- Nov 23:** North of Grand, Horseshoe Spatulas, Lookout Loretta House of Bricks - 9 p. m. \$5



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### National Guard

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she received a free Guard T-shirt as well. Freshman Kayla Richter was one of the students who spoke with the soldiers. "I just always thought it was cool," said Richter whose dad was in the Marines. When asked if she was thinking about joining, she said that she was concentrating on school and basketball at the time.

### Registration

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due Feb. 1, 2006. According to Teresa Rouse, clerical assistant, grades for this semester will be posted one week after classes end students can go to [www.dmacc.edu](http://www.dmacc.edu) and choose "student login" to check grades.



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