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High Rates for Student Dropouts

Cindy Wisecup
Banner Staff Writer

According to government statistics, only 63 percent of all students entering four-year colleges have their degrees within six years.

"Why do students drop out of DMACC?" said DMACC Director of Student Affairs, Kim Kirschman. "Students who are doing poorly," Kirschman said. "Students who drop out may have lost hope, but there is free help available within DMACC.

"Students need to get as much advising and proper placement as one can get which is available within the school. Also, getting tutoring from the academic achievement center can help those students who are doing poorly," Kirschman said.

"Students who get more involved with their schools are more likely to stay in school. That's always been a factor for any student, whether you're in high school or college," Kirschman said.

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The difference between high school and community college is students' enthusiasm. "I haven't suspended a student [at DMACC]," Lee said. He laughed as he said he had to take a more disciplinary stance in high school.

"DMACC is not for everyone, but DMACC is for every level of education," he said, whether to go on to job or four-year college.

He also shared his plans for DMACC. "My vision for this campus is growth," he said.

His hope is five percent, or 75 students, per year, more interaction with community and continued offering of new programs and more sports.

"I said that he personally hopes to see women's soccer and men's golf."

Provost Lee currently resides in Ankeny but plans to move to Boone in December when construction for his house finishes.

Lee began his duties as Boone Campus provost following Vivian Brandmeyer's retirement.

Chan Soo Park
Banner Staff Writer

Tom Lee, provost, discussed his first semester on the Boone Campus and his future plans.

Lee is an experienced educator who has been through all steps from elementary school. "I had been in public education for 34 years," Lee reminisces.

The position he had before coming to Boone was a high school principal at Des Moines East High School. He said it was a place he would not have given up unless it was for the Boone DMACC.

Lee finds community colleges much like high school. "That is our strength," Lee said, especially the Boone Campus. It has quality and rigorous education and enthusiastic faculty who interact with students in personal level.

He finds that interaction pleasing. He said he has had students who came to speak to him in his office or in the Courter Center.

Program on Campus

Volunteers needed for Recycling Program on Campus

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Des Moines Area Community College

See what books you can sell back this semester
I don’t really think about it because I don’t ever need to go to the doctor. Plus no one has ever called me and said it was time for my physical.

-Justin Dye

I basically go to the hospital every year for injuries, but I haven’t had a physical since high school. I haven’t really thought about it.

-Michael Frost

Do you go to the doctor every year for a physical or check up?

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

Smoking, drinking, sex, unhealthy diets. These are things that most college students experience from time to time. Although they are sometimes a regular occurrence in a student’s life, it may also be dangerous.

With all of the medical technology around today, dangerous diseases can be cured without any major after effects if caught early enough. However, many college students do not get tested regularly to find out if anything could be starting.

Mary Lamoureux, RN-director of patient services for MCFARLAND Clinic in Ames, stresses that “individuals need to have a routine maintenance in their health care. For younger students, this is extremely important.”

Students should find out whether or not they are still covered under their parents insurance. If a student is not covered under their parents insurance, DMACC has alternatives for students and faculty in case a health concern arises.

Most insurance plans do cover regular physicals. However if any student has trouble getting an appointment or establishing their healthcare, and they don’t know where to go, Lamoureux says she will help if there are any questions.

It is also a good idea for students to know what they are getting into if they are letting themselves get into certain unhealthy acts.

With drinking, smoking, sex, or unhealthy diets students may subject themselves to chronic coughing, STDs, depression, unhealthy weight gain, or even cancer.

A 2002 study in the Los Angeles Times stated that “many serious psychiatric disorders, including major depression, bipolar disorder or psychosis, first emerge in the late teens or early 20s. And students’ erratic sleep patterns, along with heavy alcohol or drug use, may instigate depressive episodes.”

Some students have thoughts that these things will not happen to them, especially cancer, since they are so young. However, no one is immune to everything.

When moving out of the house for the first time, or starting out college, everyone has responsibilities to figure out. Establishing healthcare is no exception.

Healthcare for College Students

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

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What makes it harder is the lack of suitable pick-up services. Current Boone Campus’s trash pick-up service does not collect recyclable materials.

Good Connections Inc., run by handicapped persons, provides recycling services. However, it is limited in that they do not have the capability to handle large volumes at once like regular trash pick-up services. It’s necessary for papers for recycling to be bagged so that Good Connections can pick the bags up with ease.

That is where volunteers come in. “[We need] volunteers that are organized into a group or an existing organized group,” Lee said. “[Recycling would be] affecting a lot of areas,” Green said. This is an opportunity to do the community a good service.

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Recyling Program Seeks Out Volunteers

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Dave Guthrie goes back to Canada for holidays or other events, it takes him at least two days to make it home. Guthrie's parents are married and live with his older sister in Canada. He said that they live in what most would consider an ideal home: his father works, his mother stays home, and their two children attend public school. Dave's dad speaks primarily English and works as a vice-president for a railroad company. His mom is French and is a stay-at-home mom.

Guthrie's first language is French. Most people in Montreal "pretty much only speak French, unless they are talking to an American." It seems that, only many people of Quebec do not consider themselves typical Canadians. Forty-seven percent of Quebece votes identified a desire to become a sovereign state. They even once tried to separate from Canada, but the vote didn't pass, said the "Countries of the World" reference.

As they might concern with possibilities, students distinguish the positive and negative facts as the detailed plan of purchase. After that they figure out the plus facts are bigger, student would like to purchase the DVD. If the minus facts are bigger, s/he needs to consider the minus facts and borrow the DVD instead of buying.

The other tip is a financial aid. DMACC has several programs every year including the U.S. Department of Education of financial aid. Financial aid helps students who need money paying for tuition, room, board, and transportation.

Richard Dereck, a second year in DMACC, said, "Now I am a student and need money to cover my tuition, textbook, and housing. So I applied for financial aid and fortunately, I got the opportunity." Richard said that one of the benefits from financial aid is that he can spend his time for studying instead of earning money for living expenses.

LaRosa said, "When students use a credit card and get back home, they should check their credit card account to realize how much they paid for the item and how much they have in the credit card account. Also, they should try to pay more than the minimum payment.

Because if students pay only the minimum payment, that means the students will have to pay more money later on. LaRosa said, "Basically the bottom advice is that students don't have money, don't use it. But some students have debts, the best solution is not only to pay the minimum payment because the minimum payment never meant to be a life style.

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Canadian plays ball for DMACC

Mason Duckett
Contributing Writer

Dave Guthrie is not your average college baseball player. He time to the United States for one reason: baseball.

Guthrie became familiar with Dave Moines Area Community College, a small school in central Iowa, when his baseball coach from Montreal introduced him to DMACC's baseball coach John Smith.

Guthrie was comfortable with the idea of attending a small school because his school in Canada and he must have many people either. Although he had two years ago, Guthrie did not have many people either. He is considered a freshman by DMACC and the National Junior College Athletic Association. He is only taking classes so he can stay eligable for baseball.

The second to Iowa from Montreal, Quebec, Canada. According to "Countries of the World and their Leaders Yearbook".

Dave Guthrie

Canada is 9.9 million square kilometers, the second largest country in the world. Canada has ten provinces, one of which is Quebec. Quebec is the second most populated province. Montreal has a population of 3.4 million and is more than 20 hours away from Boone. When Guthrie went back to Canada for holidays or other events, it takes him at least two days to make it home. Guthrie's parents are married and live with his older sister in Canada. He said that they live in what most would consider an ideal home: his father works, his mother stays home, and their two children attend public school. Dave's dad speaks primarily English and works as a vice-president for a railroad company. His mom is French and is a stay-at-home mom.

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Benefit Supper Planned

Friends and family of Shuan Smith-Downs, sister of DMACC student Cord Smith, have a benefit supper planned. The supper, raffle, and bake sale will be on Dec 9, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Boone County Historical Society.

There has also been a memorial account set up at Community Bank of Boone for the family.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance call Bobbie (435-0438) or Tricia (4328097)
Men, Women Win Double Header

Bayer Back on the Court

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday Nov. 30 the women’s basketball team lost to the Australians. The game ended in a 67-55 score with the Australians winning.

Jocelyn Anderson shoots two from the line against Riverland College last Wednesday night.

Bears Top Riverland

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

On Wednesday Nov. 30 the men’s basketball team hosted Riverland College from Austin, Minnesota. The Bears finished the game winning with a score of 67-55.

Three Pointers Dominate

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

The women’s basketball team recently hosted an international game between DMACC and a talented group of Australians.

Athlete of the Week

DMACC—The ICCAC Division II Men’s Basketball Athlete of the Week (Nov. 24-30) is George Pruitt a guard from DMACC. During the Milwaukee, Wis. Tournament Pruitt led the Bears to a first place finish.

JUCO Shootout

DMACC—The 2005 Impact Sports JUCO Shootout will be held at Drake University’s Knapp Center in Des Moines on Sun., Dec. 11.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a ticket should send a check to the Boone Campus business office no later than Dec. 6. Please make your check out to Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC). Ticket prices are $7 for adults and $5 for students. The student tickets are for anyone with a student ID. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event.

From The Outback

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

The men’s basketball team recently hosted an international team from Australia. The Australians put up a fight but were out matched by the aggressive playing of the Bears. The Bears won with a final score of 83-52. During the first half the Aussies tried to keep up with the fast pace set by the Bears, but struggled to do so, and allowed the Bears to take a 20-7 run to lead 44-27 at half time. After half time the Bears increased their pace and out scored the Australians by about 3 to 1 in the first ten minutes. Continuing to run up the score on the Australians, George Pruitt took the ball coast to coast in the final minutes of the game. Although the Australians lost...
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Internet plagiarism rampant in colleges

By Michael Shaw
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (KRT)

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It’s not just deans who are concerned about academic fraud. In a case filed not too far from St. Louis, a student is battling a Carbondale, Ill., company that she says offered her essay for sale online without permission. Such businesses are known as “paper mills.” As with cut-and-paste plagiarism, it’s out of bounds for students to use them.

The suit, filed in August in U.S. District Court in St. Louis, is handled by a company named Blue Macellari, which is enrolled in a joint program offered by Duke and Johns Hopkins universities. According to the suit, a friend entered her name into the Google search engine, and the results turned up a paper Macellari had written and posted online while finishing undergraduate studies in South Africa. The paper had been available after the payment of a registration fee at several Web sites.

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Yet another semester is finally over. For those of you who have had a pretty light semester, I suggest a little stress to liven up this spring. I recommend getting yourself involved with something that takes an extreme amount of time, say a student newspaper, and blow off all of your other classes.

Then when finals week rolls around you have five English papers, 30 anthropology summaries and a whole lot of studying to do all at the same time. As you run yourself into the point of insanity and wonder if you’ll actually pass anything this semester you’ll finally feel the exhilarating rush of stress.

A new individual will be taking on this task. You most likely know her as the individual who writes 80% of The Banner, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Drahos.

Pasta factory guard by night (really?) and adventur seeking photographer by day, she has the perfect blend of enthusiasm and journalistic drive to bring you a great paper this next semester.

She’ll need your help as well. After all, this is your school paper. I can only hope that the Boone DMACC students will voice their opinions.

Besides a few whispers in the hall and an incident involving two unknown students ripping up a stack of papers in front of the office, The Banner was practically void of any controversy or varying student opinion. (we actually DO have a student voice and letter to the editor section)

So good luck to you all in the spring, and look forward to more great news with a great new editor.

Emily Cooper
Editor-in-Chief

The True Spirit of Christmas

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

I like Christmas. It is one of my favorite holidays. However, some people are really starting to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

This is the time when we should be spreading joy and generosity instead of throwing our money around on frivolous things.

Some people want to do something for children at fund raisers. Some donate food for the hungry. Others buy lawn decorations for hundreds of dollars. One item that is supposed to be a good investment is a 6-foot work ing snow globe that sits in your front yard. The price tag: $250. For the same amount, a person could feed 5 families in need of a hot meal and a miracle on Christmas.

Another item being marketed is an upside-down Christmas tree.

The evil geniuses behind the marketing of this tree have come up with a wonderful invention for a few different reasons. They start out by saying it takes up less space, which is great. The next sentence, though, is the true statement: it is not as real and is not a true tree.

All you need to do is buy a poor child one gift. Just one. When you hand it to them, watch the happiness and surprise spread all over their faces. That will give you the nice warm fuzzy feeling of the spirit of Christmas.

Realistic Reviews: A Christmas Story

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Banner Staff Writer

You’ll shoot your eye out! You’ll shoot your eye out!

Anyone who knows their classic Christmas movies will recognize this as a line from A Christmas Story. This film will entertain children and adults while getting everyone in the mood for the Christmas season.

The movie has no special effects. Nor does it have any overly dramatic and emotional scenes. With exception for one: when Ralphie finally gets his Red Ryder carbon action BB gun.

It will bring viewers back to the time when they were a kid, and get the one gift they truly wanted.

This plot of this movie is what makes it so likeable and realistic. A boy named Ralphie wants a certain present. All he thinks about is this present day in and day out.

He even dreams about what will happen when he does get this present.

However, there are many doses of reality that bring him back. The time he slips and falls in front of his father is a moment everyone can relate to. At one time or another, every person on the planet has said or done something unintentionally in front of a parent.

Another scene worthy of remembrance is the scene where his father wins a prize: The word fragile is imprinted on the box meaning it is breakable. Ralphie’s father, on the other hand, believes the item inside must be Italian.

What the prize actually turns out to be is a spakka a war between house and wife for the next half hour to come.

Whoever watching this movie with loved ones, or solely by yourself, it will surely make you laugh out loud and bring you back to your younger days.

This movie can be found in any movie retail store, or watch it for 24 hours straight on TBS, starting December 24 at 7 p.m.

Rated: PG

Running Time: 94 minutes
Star Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars

Emeril Lagasse
Chef

‘Surely You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman!’

Chan Soo Park
Banner Staff Writer

A Nobel Prize-winning physicist with his own stamp and a famous lecture, Richard Feynman is an interesting character. His innovative lecture for freshman physics at Caltech attracted more professors and graduate students.

"Surely You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman!” is written by Ralph Leighton but in a way Feynman is talking to his friend about his story. It’s his life in his own words.

It’s not all formal and unvels what an interesting man Feynman is. Many stories are related to science revealing his attitude as a physicist. His words hint that he does not think so highly of philosophy or even biology. His first seminar as a graduate physicist was in front of what he called “monster minds” including Einstein.

But readers will also find many pranks Feynman pulls and ideas he comes up with that are amusing and thought-provoking at the same time.

For example, he talks about a childhood story when he would perform a magic show with his friend. As a grand finale, he would set his hand on fire and run around audiences, surprising them.

Later as a college student, he performs it again in front of his skeptical friends, only to burn his hand.

Why was he able to do it as a child but not in front of his college friends? Well, it’s all in the book!

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You see them on the sidelines of every game of any sport you watch, no matter what level it is, high school, college, or professional. They’re the first ones on the scene when an injury occurs, they are athletic trainers. Ever wonder what an athletic trainer does? Have you ever thought about becoming an athletic trainer?

DMACC is offering a class that allows students to see first hand what happens out on the field as well as behind the scenes in the life of an athletic trainer.

With this new course students can learn exactly what it is that athletic trainers do through various course work and lots of hands on activities.

Students learn how to recognize, evaluate, assess, and prevent athletic related injuries. They learn immediate care techniques that are vital to minimize the seriousness of an injury. When an injury has occurred, students learn how to properly treat, rehabilitate, and condition athletes to return to play.

Much of this is done through hands on injury evaluation and field trips to show different forms of rehabilitative options.

Students also learn what goes on before, and after the game; whether its tapping an injury, helping an athletes stretch or massaging out a cramp. They are taught organization and administration paperwork that goes along with the job.

They learn about professional development and the certifications that are required.

This class is an important class if you are planning on going into the coaching profession. This class teaches you aspects that you will need to know when coaching, whether its taping, assessing an injury or just knowing if an athlete should be able to play after an injury or not. This class is a must have for all of those thinking about coaching.

This is a fun and exciting class that is taught by DMACC’s own athletic trainer, Ed Anderson. She does a great job of letting you see first hand what the athletic trainer does. She often lets you decide for yourself if it is the thing for you.
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Today’s Birthday (12-07-05)
Your compulsion this year is to rearrange things at home. You might even decide to move to a whole new place, to get comfortable.

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 7. Finish up what you promised. You gain a lot more than the satisfaction you get by marking the job done. You’ll win valuable kudos.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7. Your friends are eager to help, and have lots of imaginative suggestions. Rely on help from them, rather than digging into your savings.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6. Listen respectfully to a person with unusual ideas. If this works, you stand to benefit, so check it out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8. Postpone travel and new adventures until you’ve finished the job you’ve already agreed to do. It’ll be more fun later, too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7. It’s good to know how much money you have, and how to get more if you need it. Take on a second job instead of going into debt.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7. There’s a flurry of activity over the next few days. The overall outcome is good, however, so don’t get stressed out about it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7. Creative work pays well now, so crank out as much as you can. The stuff you make for your own house counts as money saved.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7. Encourage creative ideas and a loved one comes up with a doozie. Go along with the program and you’ll have a wonderful time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7. Fix up your place with the help of items you’ve long kept hidden. Bring them out slowly, to retain their value.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7. Study the situation carefully, over the next few days. Then, follow a hunch to come up with the right answer.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7. An older, wealthier person is feeling much more generous now. Go ahead and ask for whatever you want. You’ll get some of it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8. All of a sudden the sun comes out from behind the clouds. The world’s a wonderful place again. Share this moment with your best friend.

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Opps & Ends

Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Des Moines Area Community College

Final Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 13
Tuesday/Thursday courses

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The game, they still managed to beat the Bears from the line making 13 of 16.

The Bears made 9 of 16, but one didn’t count due to a teammate stepping in too soon.

Plagiarism

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Macellari’s lawyers are representing her for free, McCabe said. They called him before filing, telling him to expect calls from reporters.

“Someone screwed up,” he said, evaluating what happened with Macellari’s paper. “Whether there was a mistake, legally, that can be sued for, but clearly, there was a mistake.”

Lawyers representing the defendant did not return calls seeking comment, but they have filed answers to Macellari’s complaint. They suggest that their client’s art is not a copy right, and that the student is not a competing business interest.

Advertisements for paper mills used to be relegated to postage-stamp-sized appeals in the backs of magazines, but the services they offer are now easily accessed over the Internet.

Universities now have tools to uncover Internet cheating. Hoffman said faculty at Truman State use a service called turnitin.com, which matches a student’s paper with text found on the Internet, whether cut and pasted into the student’s own work or purchased wholesale. The service costs the university between $3,000 and $4,000, he said.

The service has uncovered several instances of cut-and-paste plagiarism at Truman State. But Hoffman said when a case of cheating comes to light, educators generally want to work with students to correct the behavior rather than punish them outright.

“We have small class sizes and focus on student development. We don’t have the Wal-Mart heistess going here,” he said, referring to Paige Laurie, who returned her degree from the University of Southern California after cheating allegations surfaced earlier this year.

McCabe favors tailoring assignments to make it harder for students to copy parts of generic essays and hand them in as original work. He regards that as better than relying on services such as turnitin.com.

He credited the anti-cheating services with starting a new trend: old-fashioned plagiarism from books found in a library.

“We’re starting to see the first rumblings of that now in our survey,” he said.

Grades Due

December 19
...good luck!

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