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Low turnout for Xbox tournament

Grant Mulholland
Banner staff writer

Despite getting started about an hour late, the Xbox tournament held on Tuesday Jan. 31, was met with mixed reactions. The tournament, while not really a competition, did give students who don’t often play video games a chance to try them out. According to Jeremiah Blount, a representative of Cutting Edge Productions, the company that provided the equipment for the occasion, his company provides services to approximately 70 schools every year.

Among the other events the company puts on are flight simulators and video dance parties. According to Jeremiah, the most popular game by far played at these tournaments is Halo 2. Unfortunately, not many students took advantage of the festivities, according to the C.E.P. representative. The turnout was a little below average with only an estimated 50 students taking advantage of the equipment. With a price tag of $1,750, this activity cost more than most students realized. This means it cost an average of $35 per person. For the same price, DMACC could have purchased 11 XBoxes for students to use all year long.

When informed of the cost and asked if he thought the high price was worth it, one DMACC student who asked to remain nameless responded, “Are you kidding? At 1,750 bucks, I don’t think it was worth it to the students, but at the same time there might have been a lot more participation if more people knew about it. I hadn’t even heard about it until I walked past this afternoon and saw it.” Other students present declined to comment but did say that they enjoyed the event despite the high cost.

2 + 2 program comes to Boone campus

Beth Carlson
Banner staff writer

Have you ever considered a career in technology management? If you have, finishing a bachelor’s degree in technology management just got easier and thanks to a new program.

Starting this fall, Boone campus is offering a program together with the University of Northern Iowa that will allow students to complete all coursework from the Boone campus. The 2 + 2 program is designed for students who are place-bound, or otherwise unable to finish a bachelor’s degree without moving to UNI’s campus. Students will be able to earn their associate of arts degree with a business emphasis from DMACC, and complete the remaining coursework from UNI at the Boone campus, through ICN and web-based classes.

According to Shelby Hildreth, the Boone campus coordinator for 2 + 2, “every student is different, classes are offered online and at night” to help facilitate those who are already in the workforce. Students become part of a cohort, a group of students who will take all their classes together. The purpose of a cohort is the idea that students will be able to work together in understanding their coursework.

A new cohort will start every two years at Boone, with the first one starting in the fall of 2006. With the addition of this new program, Boone campus provost Tom Lee believes that this will help enrollment for this campus.

“Students know what they’re taking will directly correlate with a four-year institution,” and that will provide for a “smoother transition and a closer relationship we can build with students.”

If you’re interested in becoming part of the fall 2006 cohort for the technology management program, contact Shelby Hildreth here at the Boone Campus, either by appointment or email. The deadline to register for the first cohort is April 1.

Bird Flu:

Arley J. Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

In recent weeks, the avian flu also known as the bird flu has become a new scare for Americans, but should we be scared?

The bird flu could become a pandemic at some time in the future and it could affect the human race, according to the World Health Organization. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Avian influenza is an infection caused by avian (bird) influenza (flu) viruses. These influenza viruses occur naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the viruses in their intestines, but usually do not get sick from them. However, avian influenza is very contagious among birds and can make some domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys, very sick and kill them.

“I’m not worried about the bird flu. The media is trying to scare people. The United States has the power to make people believe it, to keep out minds off of Iraq,” said Teresa Rouse, a DMACC secretary.

The first detected cases of the bird flu in humans was in 1997, in Hong Kong, where it infected both chickens and 18 people 6 whom died, according to the Official Avian Bird Flu Information Zone. For the moment it is hard for a human to become infected with this virus. Over 100 million birds have died as a result of bird flu infection over the last two years, compared to just 80 humans, according to Medical News Today.

Millions of birds in Asia have been destroyed. According to a Reuters report, an estimated $10 billion to $15 billion in losses to the poultry industry have been recorded so far, with the heaviest losses in Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

At the moment, the influenza virus is mainly a threat to birds. The virus can infect and kill other animals but only if they have close contact with infected birds. The big concern is that it will gain the ability to pass easily from person to person, possibly by exchanging genes with an ordinary flu virus in the body of some unlucky person infected with both. That has not happened yet, and until it does, there can be no pandemic, according to Times fox. “The bird flu can’t be transferred from human to human, only human to bird. I’m not scared,” said Jessica Maher-Lawis, a DMACC student.
**Don’t touch that cell... if you’re drunk**

Andrea Lorenz  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Uh oh. You woke up with a headache and an intense thirst. You’re still wearing last night’s bar clothes. And your cell phone is lying dangerously close to the bed.

“Oh oh” is right. You were drunk dialing.

“That’s the scariest thing, to wake up Saturday and Sunday mornings and look at the outgoing calls,” says Scott Crosby, 26. Not that Crosby isn’t a fan. In fact, he hopes to one day make those messages his job. Three months ago the St. Louis native and Westminster College graduate founded the Web site www.drink-dialed.com, where people submit voice-mail messages they’ve received from over-secured friends.

Crosby lives and works in Washington, D.C., as a media marketer. His site gets about 200 hits a day and about 100 submissions a month, which Crosby says would usually be a lot more. Crosby says his site gets about 200 hits a day and about 100 submissions a month, which Crosby thinks should increase when he finds a better way to collect the messages.

(Right now, Sprint subscribers can forward messages to Crosby’s phone. He plans to expand options by buying more phone numbers.)

Virgin Mobile in Australia offers a service that will stop tipsy fingers from dialing certain numbers until 6 a.m. Users input 133 toeland the number of their ex/crush/former boss, and for a mere 25 cents, they’re safe from embarrassment, at least for the night. Sarah Koenig, a Virgin Mobile USA spokeswoman in Warren, N.J., said the company is considering bringing the service to the United States, but plans are not yet firm.

With an increase in text messaging, drinkers have one more reason to dread the morning after.

A drunk text message could be as simple as “I know you’re going to bed but I need a place to crash please please please,” which is what a friend sent recently to Kimberly Martin, 23, of Overland Park, Kan.

“It’s not very normal,” Martin says, “But there’s a very drunk text message.”

In Martin’s case the message was sent by an old friend, but some would argue that bar-hopping dialers call only a) someone they used to hook up with or b) someone they want to hook up with.

It’s less likely you’ll want to make the call when you finally crash out on your couch, and texting makes it all too easy to send an “I’m over you, you heartless jerk” message while conversing at a noisy bar.

Obviously alcohol should be blamed more than technology.

“At the beginning of getting wasted, you’re a lot more assertive,” says Robert Jey, 38. Such assertiveness might be a catalyst for asking out a crush or standing up for oneself to a jerky ex.

Both are arguably good things.

Jey says that once drinkers pass a certain point, they turn blubbery. “You’ll say all these things about how you were hurt. If you’re going to drink and dial, do it before you get submissive,” he advises.

“No one likes someone who is pathetic.” Jey should know; he’s a former bartender. “I saw how people changed as the night went on,” he says. “I’m the same way. (Tonight) I’m not picking up the phone after 1 a.m.”

Crosby says two things lure partying people to pick up their cell phones and start dialing: love and hate.

“Calling your ex is what most people associate drunk dialing with.” Crosby says. But instead, he says more often the calls are simply to get friends out of their homes to come join the debauchery.

“When you’re out and your friends aren’t with you, you do kind of miss them a little bit,” Crosby says. “Or you’re calling to brag that they’re not out. I’ve heard from people who say that’s the only way they keep up with people they’ve lost touch with... checking out the site Monday morning after the calls have been downloaded.”

Crosby is against drunk texting but says, “I’m all in favor of the drunk booty call.”

Even one you’ll regret later?

“Even one you’re going to regret,” he says. “Why not?”

To hear hundreds of drunk-dialed voice messages, go to www.drink-dialed.com.

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**2006 Winter Olympics kick off Friday**

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Banner staff writer

The 2006 Winter Olympic Games kick off Feb. 10 in Torino, Italy, with opening ceremonies beginning on Saturday.

There are a total of fifteen sports participating from seven different locations in Italy. Torino is the largest city ever to play host to the Olympic Games, with a population of 2.2 million. There are around 2,500 athletes from around the world competing for a total of 252 medals. Only four of the sport categories, bobsled, ice hockey, skiing and skating, have appeared in every Olympic Winter Games, according to an official viewer’s guide. This is the first time for six events of the Winter Games, which are men’s and women’s speed skating team pursuit, snowboard cross, and biathlon mass start competition. This is the first time for six events of the Winter Games, which are men’s and women’s speed skating team pursuit, snowboard cross, and biathlon mass start competition.

According to an article written by Ann Killiny, Cammi Granato was cut from the women’s hockey team by Coach Ben Smith in August of last year. Granato has since been hired by NBC as a studio analyst, where she will cover the 2006 Winter Games in Torino.

Granato, 34, was the captain of the USA women’s hockey team that captured the silver medal in the 2002 Winter Games, and the gold medal in the inaugural women’s hockey event in the 1998 Games. She is also the leading scorer among women in U.S. history, and has been with the U.S. hockey team since it was formed in 1990.

Cammi Granato comes from a family close to the sport. Her brother, Tony Granato, is currently an assistant coach for the Colorado Avalanche, and is also a former Olympian. He played with the San Jose Sharks before a knee injury sidelined him in 1999.

According to usahockey.com, Krispy Wendell will serve as the team captain for the 2006 Games. She is a forward who played with the 2002 silver medal team in Salt Lake City.
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Black History Month

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Malcolm X

Rosa Parks

Thurgood Marshall

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Nobody can give you freedom. Nobody can give you equality or justice or anything. If you’re a man, you take it.”

“I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice, and prosperity for all people.”

“Lawlessness is lawlessness. Anarchy is anarchy. Neither race nor color nor frustration is an excuse for either lawlessness or anarchy.”

Celebrate Black history every month

Anna Sunstrom
Banner staff writer

Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King Jr. are important to the history of America, but most importantly to a portion of Americans who so often have their history overlooked.

In America, there is a whole month dedicated to Black history, but many Americans feel that their history is too over-looked, and that it should not be condensed to just one month.

However, it wasn’t until 1926 when an African American named Carter G. Woodson organized the first Negro History week which was turned into Black history month.

“I don’t believe any culture’s history should be condensed to one month, because our history (African Americans) is everyone’s history and it goes all year round, awareness is important,” said Rita Davenport, a DMACC advisor.

To emphasize how important awareness is, SAC is planning an event on Feb. 16 to celebrate Black history month. According to Steve Krafcisin, SAC advisor, this event is focusing on diversity by having musician Deidre McCalla perform at noon on that day.

Krafcisin also said, “Things are still in the works but there will be free soul food served starting at 11:45 a.m. This will also help in providing a look into a culture that so often gets over-looked.” This event is a great way to celebrate the history of all African Americans.

February is Black History Month. Boone Campus is celebrating with a quiz and a drawing for a DMACC Boone Campus Bookstore $25 gift certificate.

Below are facts from the history of African-Americans in Iowa. The answers for you to choose from are listed below, too. Match each fact with an answer. Mark the letter of your answer on the line before each fact.

To enter the drawing: Complete the “quiz” below, add your name and contact information, clip out your quiz and deposit your entry in the gold contest box located in the Boone Campus Library by noon on February 24. The winning entry will be drawn from all correct entries received by that date. The winner will be notified and the winner’s name will be printed in the next issue of the Banner.

Black History Month Quiz

________ Won the Miss Iowa title in 1970 and became the first African-American woman to compete in the Miss America Pageant

________ Lawyer who founded the National Bar Association in 1925

________ First African-American athlete at Iowa State University in 1923

________ Scientist who was the first African-American Student at Iowa State University (BS in 1894 and MS in 1896)

________ First African-American woman to be admitted to practice law in Iowa in 1918

________ Known as the “Rosa Parks of Iowa” for organizing the 1948 lunch counter sit-ins in Des Moines

________ World-renowned singer born in Centerville in 1938

________ Location of the Jordan House – a stop in Iowa on the Underground Railroad

________ Location of first US Army training camp for African-American officers

________ Acted as Martin Luther King’s public relations liaison in Iowa in 1965 and served as a leader in the Waterloo NAACP

a. Edna Griffin
b. Jack Trice
c. Anna Marie Weems
d. Simon Estes
e. George Washington Carver
f. Des Moines
g. Cheryl Browne
h. George H. Woodson
i. Gertrude Rush
j. West Des Moines

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Richie Monk  
Banner staff writer

Justin Walsh, a student at DMACC, has more going for him than just school. He is also the lead guitarist in the band Open Season.

Open Season is a band from the Storm Lake area that plays regional shows around the Iowa area. Although Justin has only been with the band for 3 years, it has been going strong for about 8, and they have developed quite a following.

The past 2 years on the July 4 weekend the band hosts a mini Lollapalooza with around 600 attendees. That may not seem like a lot, but have you ever been to a show at the M-shop in Ames? It can get pretty crowded for bigger names bands. And 600 people are over 3 times what the M-shop can hold.

Open Season has a wide array of songs in their arsenal. They have everything from slow songs to harder scream songs. They even do some of their songs in acoustic for those of you who don’t like to “rock” as hard as some. But for those of you who need to know what genre they consider themselves, it is “Hard rock meets pop metal.” And they have influences such as “the Deftones, old school Green Day, and Breaking Benjamin,” said Walsh.

The band has obviously stood the test of time, and they have a regional following, but that doesn’t mean anything when it comes to music. There are bands all over the country.

Could Open Season even hold a torch to the other bands? Well, VH1 seemed to think so. In a recent “Song of the Year” contest held by VH1, Open Season finished in the top 5 for the month of April, and got honorable mention a number of other times. I don’t know about you, but I’d say that’s pretty good, considering VH1, a leader in music television, was the judge of the contest.

If you haven’t seen these guys in concert, or heard their music, you don’t, know what you’re missing. You can check them out on their website www.openseason1.com, where you can find upcoming shows and listen to their music.

If you want to see them in concert, you’ll have to wait awhile. They are in the process of getting a new full length LP on the shelf. It should be done around May 1.

Iowa regional officers Laura Holm, Melissa Magin, and Jessica Arends

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors trip to Seattle

Brenda LaGrone  
Banner staff writer

The Iowa Regional Coordinator Nancy Woods and a Guam Community College advisor Eric Chong, facilitated an International Convention Education Forum months ago and realized how expensive a trip to the United States can be.

“When I found out a plane ticket from Guam to Seattle would cost $1,500, I knew we had to help,” said Woods. The idea was presented to her Regional Officers and they became really excited about the project.

The project is known as the “Got Guam” plan. Fund-raising included bake sales and raffles, but the majority of funds were donated by other campuses and their presidents.

“A huge thank you needs to be given to Rob Denson, Des Moines Area Community College president, for donating $500,” said Woods.

In order to decide upon a recipient, an essay contest was put into play. Mari Galeno was the winner and the chosen individual to attend the upcoming 2006 International Convention in Apr. It will take place in Seattle, Washington, which is 5,666 miles away from her home in Guam.

The project kicked off in Aug. and in December a $1,500 check from the Iowa Regional Officers was presented to Galeno by Chong. Galeno was very appreciative, mentioning that she could hardly wait to thank everyone who made the trip possible.

This is only the beginning. There is much ahead for Galeno. “We are actually in phase II of our project. Phase I was raising the funds for the plane ticket, but now we need to raise money to support Galeno’s accommodations and food expenses,” said Woods.

Corrections:

--Due to an editorial error, the amount of money added to tuition to pay for SAC events is $1.05.

--Due to an editorial error, the Blue Crew Willy Wonka candy bars were 22.
Editorial

The State of the Union is a time for the President of the United States to give a report to the American people on how the previous year went. It is also a time for the President to outline proposals for this year’s legislation. For me, the word “union” means togetherness and unity.

So, why is it that I don’t really see any “union” in the State? Many of the points Bush made in the speech didn’t seem like a call for unity. The points of the speech were black and white. It was you or either with us or you are against us, you are strong because you fight or you are weak because you want to retreat, people are either good or they are evil, there is either freedom or there is defeat. With all of these opposing views, where are citizens going to find middle ground?

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This Day in History......

1924 The gas chamber was used for the first time as a method of execution in the United States. Gangster Gee Jon was put to death at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

1968 Three college students died in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

Reminder:
February 14 is Valentine's Day!
Seahawks undermined by penalties, mistakes

John Mullin
Chicago Tribune

Mike Holmgren has made his mark in the NFL with his handling and development of quarterbacks. But when it mattered most in Super Bowl XL, he couldn’t overcome quarterback Matt Hasselbeck _ and Hasselbeck couldn’t overcome quarterback Matt Hasselbeck in the NFL with his handling and development of quarterbacks. But when it mattered most in Super Bowl XL, he couldn’t overcome quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and Hasselbeck couldn’t overcome Holmgren.

Ultimately, the Seahawks lost to themselves, with 70 yards assessed in penalties, not including the 52 yards gained then called back on three plays, one a 16-yard touchdown pass. The Seahawks tied for second-fewest penalties in the NFL, destroyed themselves with undisciplined play that cost them touchdowns.

“The thing that bothered me as much as anything else was the penalties,” Holmgren said. “You can’t overcome those things.”

As much as any single factor, however, quarterbacking doomed the Seahawks.

Hasselbeck put the team on his back for the playoff victory against Washington when Shaun Alexander was injured. But Sunday he fell flat on his back.

“I’m not sure they were mental mistakes as much as just mistakes,” Hasselbeck said.

“I guess it wasn’t our day that way. You can’t make the mistakes we made and expect to win the game against a good team like this.”

Never mind Hasselbeck’s 273 passing yards, 135 of them in the second half, and 26 completions. Or even the 67.8 passer rating that was superficially better than Ben Roethlisberger’s 22.6 for Pittsburgh.

Those numbers lie. Roethlisberger averaged nearly a full yard more per pass play, one reliable indicator of NFL success.

Holmgren started the game with his preferred script of passes calculated to help his quarterback settle in.

But late in the second quarter, Hasselbeck wasted a critical scoring chance by having Hasselbeck throw low-percentage deep sideline passes that were incomplete and left Seattle with an unsuccessful 54-yard field-goal attempt.

Trailing 14-10 early in the fourth quarter, Hasselbeck threw an interception directly to Pittsburgh then added 15 penalty yards.

Instead of a go-ahead TD at or at least a field goal, the play set up Pittsburgh’s final score and put Seattle in a hole from which it never escaped.

Richie Monk
Banner staff writer

The Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl XL 21 to 10 over the Seattle Seahawks.

It was a pretty close game during the first half. The only score during the first quarter was a field goal by the Seahawks. By the end of the half, the Steelers were up 7 to 3.

The first score of the third quarter was a 75 yard rush from the line of scrimmage by W. Parker of the Steelers, which was the longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history.

The Seahawks answered back with a 76 yard interception return by K. Herndon, also the longest in Super Bowl history.

The last score of the game came in the fourth quarter by the Steelers to bring the final score to 21-10.

There were a few records broken this year during the Super Bowl.

The one record you can expect to be broken again next year is the amount of money the companies spend for a 30 second commercial spot. According to Wikipedia, this year topped last year at $2.5 million per spot.

Is this money worth it to the large companies that can afford it? Obviously, they think so, and most people would probably agree. According to the Official Super Bowl website, 133.7 million viewers tuned in last year. The ten most watched programs in television history are all Super Bowls.

This year had pretty much the same line up in commercials as previous years, mostly flooded with beer, soda, and dotcom ads. It almost seems as though people are watching the Super Bowl for the commercials just as much for the game itself.

Bears beat the Bees

Andrew Penner
Sports Editor

The women’s basketball team entered the den ranked nationally in the top 15 on Jan. 24 were against the Fighting Bees of St. Ambrose.

The Bears got the ball on the tip off and Kayla Richter took the ball and put up a three pointer which she made. This was followed by four baskets with Jocelyn Anderson and Richter’s each having two. Also in the first half, Emily Duffy made four 3-pointers and Richter’s having another one for herself just before half time.

At the half the score was 40 for the Bears and 22 for the Bees. The Bears would be outscored in the second half by only scoring 24 for the Bears and put up a three pointer which she made. The Bears were defeated in the second half, they still managed to win the game with a score of 64-47.

Bears win at home

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The men’s basketball team entered the den on Jan. 24 to take on the St. Ambrose Fighting Bees.

On the tip off the Bees got the ball, although it didn’t help them because Adam Weig stole the ball and David Prince got the basket to put the Bears up 2-0. Only 55 seconds into the game, foul number one came to the Bears for Weig, although the Bees only made one of two shots from the line. After this the Bears would go on a 15-6 run with three 2-point baskets from George Pruitt. A three pointer from Demetrious Eason and one basket from Kevio Mosley and Will Smith apiece.

Minutes before half time, Smith had a slam dunk to put the Bears up by 21 with a score of 28-7. And the half time score would be 42-19 with the Bears up by 23.

In the second half, the Bears continued to show their dominance on the court with Weig and Pruitt each hitting two shots from beyond the arc. Dan Chilcote had the Bears bench with a spin move in the paint and a pass to Smith for the basket. Later in the half, Buster Battrell also hit a three pointer and the Bears would soon thereafter take the game with a score of 89-37.
DMACC Program becomes Iowa Culinary Institute

BOONE--DMACC has renamed one of its special programs. DMACC’s Culinary Arts program is now designated the “Iowa Culinary Institute,” signifying the world class prominence of the program.

DMACC President Rob Denson made the announcement at a French gourmet dinner in celebration of DMACC’s 40th anniversary and the 21st anniversary of DMACC’s French Chef Exchange. Chefs Gilbert Grandisire and Olivier Allrand from the St. Etienne region of France were guests at the gourmet dinner and announcement.

The first letters of the Iowa Culinary Institute are ICI. In French, ICI means “here.”

“ICI serves as our logo so that whether you are in France, anywhere in the world or Iowa, for a quality educational culinary experience, ‘come ICI; come here,’” said Denson.

He also noted that DMACC’s Culinary Arts program is one of the College’s great educational jewels for many reasons.

DMACC has just completed a $2 million dollar renovation of its culinary arts kitchen into a state-of-the-art teaching academy. More than 2,000 students over the past 30 years have received training at the College’s Culinary Arts program.

Currently, DMACC culinary graduates are the executive chefs at the following restaurants and clubs: Café SHI, Aunt Maude’s, the Café in Ames, Flemings Steak House, 25 Street Café’, the Wine Experience, the Des Moines Embassy Club, Glen Oaks Country Club, Des Moines Golf and Country Club, the Sheraton Hotel University Park and the Iowa Governor’s Mansion, as well as teach in other culinary programs in Iowa.

DMACC’s Culinary Arts program is directed by Executive Chef Robert Anderson, a member of the Honor- ary Order of the Golden Toque, one of only 99 such chefs in the U.S. DMACC’s Culinary Arts program offers more public gourmet dinners per year than any other Iowa program, so that DMACC graduates truly excel in their craft.

DMACC’s Culinary Arts program is into its 21st year of a French Chef exchange where two world renowned chefs teach French cuisine to DMACC students for two weeks in January. In return, DMACC Culinary Arts students travel to France in May for several weeks, serving as apprentices to the French chefs. More than 40 French chefs have taken part in this exchange.

DMACC’s Culinary Arts program is supported by the community through the “Friends of the French Chefs,” which has raised more than $100,000 over the past six years to support culinary excellence at DMACC.

“The Iowa Culinary Institute name declares the position that the College and our chefs have attained and actually ties us, by language, to our international friends in France,” said Denson.

The DMACC culinary program is at capacity right now with 150 students enrolled in the two-year program.

“The Iowa Culinary Institute brings a lot of prominence to our program,” said Chef Anderson. “ICI raises us up a notch.”

**Money Management Program**

BOONE--For students, money is almost always tight -- that’s just the way it is. Even so, smart decisions and good management can help prevent financial problems and reduce financial stress. Two upcoming workshops for DMACC students will offer practical ideas and tools designed to put you in control of your money.

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**DMACC Foundation Scholarships for Fall 2006**

BOONE--The DMACC Foundation scholarship application process is going paperless. All applications will come into the Foundation/Scholarship Office via the DMACC Web Site (www.dmacc.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp). Students who do not have internet access at home should be directed to one of the computer labs here on campus to fill out their application. The application form which shuts down at the end of the application period in the spring, and students should be encouraged to apply.

Who can apply: Any current or prospective DMACC student with a verified GPA of at least 2.0. The credit hour requirement is 6 credit hours for part-time awards and 12 credit hours for full-time awards. Since financial need is also a factor, it is recommended that the students who apply for scholarships also fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form at any DMACC Financial Aid Office. New students should be encouraged to apply.

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**Tornado Drills**

BOONE--The city of Boone will be testing the tornado alarms the first Monday of every month at approximately 1 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- If the first Monday falls on a holiday the tornado alarms will be tested on the next day (Tuesday) at approximately 1 p.m.
- If there are weather watches or threatening weather at the time of the test the sirens will not be sounded during the test. One tone will be tested and then a second tone will follow shortly afterwards.

Please take time to look at the emergency maps located in classrooms and hallways so you are familiar with safe areas in the event of an emergency.

**Single Parents**

BOONE--IOWA NEW CHOICES, the Single Parent / Displaced Homemakers Center on the Boone Campus, offers support services for those who are attending DMACC Boone classes.

Coordinator Maggie Stone can be found in Room 124 Monday through Thursday. According to Stone, “For those who fit the criteria, there may be some financial assistance towards child care and transportation expenses while attending classes. Also, I try to be aware of other programs that might be of assistance to students. If you think you might qualify or if you have questions, please stop by my office.”

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Local rockers, Stallions Versus Unicorns of Des Moines, are already playing packed venues as the headlining band in Iowa. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, they played at the House of Bricks in Des Moines with local bands, Cantus Firmus and Bleached Black and national bands: The Effects, an Oklahoma rock band, and New Jersey band Copperpot.

The opening band for the night was Cantus Firmus, who was a last minute decision for the show that night. They played a good set for being a last minute call. Bleached Black was up next playing a few short hurried few songs and ended with a song dedicated to a friend of theirs who recently passed away in a car accident. Copperpot was up next, and they played an outstanding set.

The Effects came on, and with their 60's rock sound and look, they had the entire audience jumping up and down, screaming. Towards the end of their set, two members of Copperpot joined them on stage to sing Kiss’s “God Gave Rock and Roll To You” which was a treat to the small audience.

It came time for the main event, the main band everyone came out to see, Stallions Versus Unicorns. They came on stage, lights went dark and the crowd went silent. Then they started to play a few cover songs to pump up the crowd, then they went straight into their new song, which they had released online the night before, “Tonight is for Lovers” and continued with another cover song, then “BFF” and “Ruby Park.”

All together this was a great show for the House of Bricks, even though the turn out was smaller than expected. Stallions Versus Unicorns played an awesome show and will be returning to the House of Bricks on Feb. 18 with The Effects once again and also local band, Stuck With Arthur at 6 p.m.

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Today’s Birthday (02-08-06).

You’ll know it’s really love when the two of you start making plans together. By this time next year, if all goes well, you’ll both be very busy.

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 _ Don’t procrastinate. It won’t be long before other obligations interfere with your studies. By then, know as much as you can.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 5 _ Collect as many goodies as you can, while you can. Then, get into the preparation for your next project.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is an 8 _ The next assignment is to make more money come in. You know you’re smart, so go ahead and get wealthy. It’s OK.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 7 _ You have some of the answers yourself, in that stack of papers you’ve let pile up. Sort and file.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ If you can’t figure out what a stubbom person is talking about, get a friend to intervene. Maybe you need a translator.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 5 _ Conditions are unstable early, but the bumps smooth out. Don’t get freaked and give up. Stay on course.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ Your fantasies are about to encounter a reality check. The goal can be accomplished, but there’s lots of work involved.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Don’t spend all your savings on fixing up your place. Some, but not all. Save enough to get out of town, soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ Keep studying and practicing. You’re about to make a jump up to the next level of understanding. What you’ve been doing starts getting easy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ Figure out ways to delegate more of your responsibilities. You can multiply your production and give yourself more free time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 9 _ As always happens, love is followed closely by more work. Don’t complain, this is the natural order of things.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 6 _ The prevailing theme for the past few weeks is about cleaning up old messes. That job should go more smoothly now, since you’ve had lots of practice.