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Boone Campus
Commencement to be held May 5

Grant Mulholland
Banner staff writer

It’s that time of year again. It’s warming up outside, the trees are starting to show leaves, and the semester is drawing to a close.

For some students, this time of year represents the frantic race to prepare for finals. For others it means their DMACC experience is drawing to a close. That’s right, it’s graduation time. At 10 a.m. on May 5, 105 students will be taking part in the graduation ceremony in the DMACC gymnasium.

The speaker at the graduation ceremony will be Dave Palmer. Palmer graduated from this campus and has been a lobbyist for community colleges here in Iowa. Over the year he has held various positions here at DMACC. On July 1, 1994, he was hired as the assistant to the president of DMACC. In May 2001, Palmer became Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs. He retired from DMACC in 2004 to become effective in June 2005. He now is a consultant to Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

Palmer has been an adjunct faculty member for many years at the various DMACC campuses.

Graduates will be accompanied by the 37 faculty members who are participating in the event. Dave Howell will be playing the organ to accompany the DMACC choir. Sam Pritchard and Tammie Foltz will announce the graduates after Tim Bergin and Jeff Schroeder lead the procession as marshals.

After the ceremony there will be a reception in the Courter Center.

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“Once the semester is over, we will be starting the moving process. It will be a one to two week process,” said Brian Green, the Associate Provost.

The financial aid office, advisors, admissions, student records, registration, provost and assistant provost will all be moving.

According to Green, when they did the construction last year, the office was left out. DMACC staff is now putting the heating and cooling and new carpet in this summer.

For the office staff, the move is a lot of work, but will be worth it in the end. “You just have to smile through it. The heating and cooling is a positive change and it’s a good way to clean house,” said Shelby Hildreth. Some staff members have other views on the construction.

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Letter to the Editor

Boone sports ‘dangerously out of kilter’

In the view of this humble observer, many schools today spend far too much of their increasingly limited resources and energies on what has become, to say the very least, a national obsession with college sports, in many cases to the detriment of academics. My fear is that Boone Campus might be in the early stages of falling victim to this temptation. Thus, I hope a patient reader will maintain an open mind regarding my reservations about a system often thought of as being sacrosanct.

The most oft-repeated argument in defense of money devoted to college sports rationalizes the dollars as well spent for the revenue seen rolling into the institution as a consequence. So, let’s take a look, and see if such is the case. According to the United States Department of Education Equity In Athletics website, two of the forty-five Texas community colleges saw returns on athletic spending in an impressive forty percent range: Navarro College at 42 percent and Texarkana College at 41 percent.

From there, a precipitous drop brings us to the third highest revenue earner, Western Texas College at a 24 percent profit, if that’s what one wishes to call it. All other colleges, 93 percent of them, earned less than the low-teens in percentages of revenue over expenses on down, and most made virtually no money at all on their athletic programs or actually lost money. Nearly seventy percent earned less than four percent on their athletic programs, and nearly half earned literally nothing. In fact, one school spent $260,500 to gain just $3,500 in total revenue, something one would not expect to see on any for-profit company’s earnings statement. Another school, Kilgore College, reported a one dollar net loss on $87,000 in total revenue, something one would not expect to see for a school with just thirty-one student athletes.

Furthermore, when I’m in charge, the drinking age will be lowered to 18. If you are old enough to go die in a war, then you sure as hell old enough to have a frosty brew. Also, marijuana will be decriminalized and taxed even more than alcohol. I promise nothing on athletic scholarships and $83 million on recruiting those eight athletes. A brief look at the college catalog reveals an impressive course offering, with Palo Alto College listed just the basics in the core areas, even though the school is only slightly smaller. Palo Alto also appears to have a superior faculty, as judged by their website.

Let’s take a look at an example: it is a little closer to home. Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls has, according to Equity in Athletics, some 644 full-time undergraduate students, yet of those 644, only slightly smaller. Palo Alto also appears to have a superior faculty, as judged by their website.

Next I will get rid of people who just plain suck. Those who are deemed unfit to remain in my utopia will be given a trench filled with rabid badgers. France doesn’t like it, then I will just quell the uprising by myself with some roman candles and bottle rockets. Like I always say, “Yes, I speak basic French… I surrender… there, basic French.”

Gas prices too high for broke college students

Arley Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

Since everybody else is complaining about the sky-rocketing gas prices, I thought I would comment on what I feel about gas prices.

For most college students, today’s rising gasoline prices are an anoyance and a serious financial burden. At almost every gas station near the surrounding areas, the price has gone from around $2.00 to $2.79. What a joke! It is because of the rising oil prices, the people in the government have not done anything about it so far. I think it is going to be a relief if the government does something about it. I think it is a problem that is going to get out of control and do more.

In my opinion, it’s due to a combination of all three of these things. While experts say gas prices are going to be going up for some time, I do not think it is going to last. In fact, gas prices are only climbing.

Crude oil prices hit a record $75 per barrel, which is up from $69 a week ago, according to AAA.

Prices jumped 14 cents last week alone. Now, is that necessary? I can remember when gas prices were $1 per gallon and when they went up, it went up 1 cent to 2 cents not 14 cents. Why is it that gas prices every year jump as soon as the weather gets nice? Yes, more people are driving. So demand is higher, but does that call for a 50 to 60 cent increase in prices?

I guess we could all buy hybrid cars which are going to get better gas mileage, but how many college students can really afford a 2006 Honda Civic Hybrid? In the near future, students will fill their gas tank up before they will eat that day, just to get to class and work.

For most college students, it’s their way of feeling safe and secure, knowing that they are in real danger of running on empty.
Having read Matt Bockert’s recent editorial “Creation explains the true origin of the Earth,” Mr. Bockert, we felt compelled—Chris-
tians and university students—to respond to the claims that he made in that piece. We applaud Mr. Bockert for his deci-
sion to run the editorial, if for no other reason than for the discussions that it will no doubt inspire. But we cannot allow the assertions that he made to go unchal-
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Mr. Bockert uses the following definition of Creation: “the divine act by which, according to various religious and philosophical traditions, the world was created.” Mr. Bockert, in a number of crucial areas: he presents only one view of creation as norma-
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Mr. Bockert implies that Christianity teaches a young earth (where in fact this is only one of a number of competing inter-
pretations) and even seems to imply that in Genesis one creation of the universe (the day-age view) is only one of a number of competing inter-
pretations: applicants to the Creation Research Society, for instance, must subscribe to a statement of belief that affirms, among other things, creation of the universe by God, a world-wide flood, and the scientific truth of every statement of the Bible.

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Mr. Bockert’s editorial asserts that “Creation” is scientifically more sound than Darwinian evolution and that “scientific evidence supports re-
cords in the Bible more than the ideas of Darwin”. Yet Mr. Bockert cites only one source—creationscience.com, a site that can hardly be described as a source of im-
partial scientific reporting. If we may be so bold, we suggest that had Mr. Bockert done more thorough research on all of the available observations, he would have found that there is near-universal rejection of the young-earth hypothesis among the scientific communi-
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Religious creationism, on the other hand, relies on deductive reasoning: it proceeds from the general (the Genesis creation account) to the particular (the age of the earth, for instance). That is, creationism begins with its conclusion (e.g. God cre-
ated the world, the earth is ten thousand years old, or Genesis is a factual account of the beginnings of the universe) and then proceeds to look for particulars to support that conclusion. An approach to the study of nature that begins with inflexible presuppositions cannot properly be called science, because the very nature of science is to allow the data to take you where it will. In this way, religious creationism runs the course backwards: it begins with a conclusion in place, and then goes looking for evidence for support to that con-
clusion.

It is for this reason (among many, many others) that creationism has been roundly criticized from scholarly, scientific, and theological perspectives. The Bible says that “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky pro-
cesses the work of His hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge” (Psalms 19:1-2) and that “since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his etern-
ally power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made” (Rom 1:20, emphasis added). That is, nature itself communi-
cates to us, revealing God, and science is the interpretation of nature.

Lutheran creationism is a form of religious creationism: it is inflexible and cannot be used to develop a scientific cosmogony (a theory of the origin of the universe). We affirm, with Mr. Bockert, that the Bible gives an account of the creation process to serve the ability of our campus to provide...
Musician Rob Lumbard played for students

Beth Carlson  
Banner staff writer

The Literary Arts Festival started on Monday, April 17 with a performance by Rob Lumbard in the Courter Center. Lumbard, a left handed acoustic guitarist from Des Moines, provided a “refreshing break from class,” said Andrew Jones, a DMACC student.

Lumbard has a blues style, with more inventive lyrics than you might expect, including a song about a vasectomy.

Jeff Birel, a DMACC student, thought Lumbard is a “good guitar player, even though I don’t really listen to this.”

During the performance, Lumbard took a break to allow the winners of the Boone Campus Creative Writing Contest to be announced.

Jarrod Appenzeller, a DMACC freshman, won first place in the fiction category with a story he described as being about “an alcoholic forced out of the army who is struggling in civilian life.”

Allison Cobb won first place in the poetry category for her poem “Mums,” and was asked to read her winning poem. She read her poem while Lumbard played background music.

After the music finished up, students and faculty alike filed into the auditorium to hear Deirdre McNamer and Bart Edelman read their work and answer questions.

Final Exam Schedule

Glendale College Professor and poet Bart Edelman (left to right), Ankeny Campus English Instructor and Celebration of the Literary Arts Coordinator Rick Christian and University of Montana Creative Writing Instructor and fiction writer Deirdre McNamer answer questions on the DMACC Boone Campus. Edelman and McNamer were among the area writers and literary instructors who visited DMACC campuses as part of the College’s fourth annual Celebration of the Literary Arts. Both Edelman and McNamer read from their works while on the DMACC Boone Campus.

Mumps vaccination available at Ankeny campus

A free Mumps vaccination clinic provided by the Polk County Health Department will be held on DMACC’s Ankeny campus on April 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Quiet Lounge.

Facts about Mumps

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<th>What is it?</th>
<th>The mumps is an infectious virus caused by the mumps virus.</th>
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<td>How is it spread?</td>
<td>When an infected person coughs or sneezes, their mucus or droplets from the nose or throat is airborne.</td>
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<td>Who can get it?</td>
<td>Anyone, more common in infants, children and young adults. 85% of those who have not been given the shots will have mumps by adulthood, but since symptoms are mild they are not recognized.</td>
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<td>What are the symptoms?</td>
<td>Common symptoms of the mumps are a fever, headaches, and swollen salivary glands under the jaw. It can lead to hearing loss, aseptic meningitis (an infection covering the brain and spinal cord), and in 20 to 30% of males who have reached puberty, it can cause painful swelling in the testicles.</td>
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<td>How soon do the symptoms start to appear?</td>
<td>They appear 12-25 days after infection, but usually within 18 days.</td>
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<td>How long is a person contagious?</td>
<td>From 3 days prior to the symptoms and 4 days after.</td>
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<td>What is the treatment?</td>
<td>There is no treatment, a doctor should be called and given medications as directed.</td>
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<td>Is there a vaccine to prevent it?</td>
<td>Yes, two doses of mumps-containing vaccine, the MMR vaccine, separated by at least four weeks, are given to children. (The first dose is given on or after the first birthday; the second dose is given at 4-6 years of age.) The MMR vaccine is a live attenuated vaccine. Pregnant women and people with immunodeficiency or immunosuppression should not receive the attenuated vaccine.</td>
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<td>What can stop spreading the mumps?</td>
<td>Anyone with the mumps should not be around children, school or work until 5 days after symptoms began or until they are well, whichever is longer. Contact to the mumps should have their immunization status evaluated. Anyone who has not received two doses of the mumps-containing vaccine should be vaccinated. And anyone who has been exposed should seek medical attention as soon as symptoms show.</td>
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Source: Iowa Department of Health - http://www.idph.state.ia.us/default.asp
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Therefore, if an interpretation of science disagrees with an interpretation of scripture, one of them must be flawed, and it could be either of them. These contradictions call for further study and research, and ultimately or the other must be abandoned or adjusted. Therefore doctrines of science and theology must be held loosely, because they might be in error.

If a doctrine of theology is shown to be in error, one ought to abandon it, just as one would abandon a defunct scientific theory. No less venerable a source than Augustine of Hippo recognized this point. Augustine recognized that while scripture is perfect, humans are not. And because doctrine is the result of imperfect human work with perfect scripture, those doctrines might be in error. Augustine therefore advocated a readiness to abandon a doctrine that is shown false, lest the faith be ridiculed.

Faith has abandoned outmoded doctrines before. Scripture was once used to prove that the earth was the center of the universe. When Galileo Galilei proposed a model of the solar system with the sun at its center (heliocentric), he contradicted church dogma, which held that the earth was the center of the solar system (geocentric). Although the heliocentric system is hardly challenged today, the Catholic Church (of the 17th century) believed the geocentric model based on a particular interpretation of the scripture. He was tried on suspicion of heresy and was required to recant his heliocentric position, which was declared “formally heretical.”

To the modern reader, this seems absurd, at best. Science has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that the sun is the center of the solar system; the outmoded interpretation has been abandoned. We do not suggest that the case is closed on young-earth creationism; we merely insist that with Dr. Mortimer Adler (from his book Truth In Religion) that, "No doctrine of faith should remain firm among the dogmas of the Church if what it claims to be true runs counter to what we know by other means and methods."

We appeal to Mr. Bockert to thoughtfully consider the possibilities which may challenge his assumptions, given that all men are imperfect. And we conclude our response to his editorial echoing Thomas Aquinas: “The truth of our faith becomes a matter of ridicule among the infidels if any Catholic, not gifted with the necessary scientific learning, presents as dogma what scientific scrutiny shows to be false.”

-- Tim Larson
DMACC Boone campus student

-- Caleb Keller
Iowa State University student
Sam Pritchard, Boone Campus writing instructor, reads a poem in the library during National Poetry Month, sponsored by the DMACC Boone Campus Library. Pritchard was one of many volunteers who read a poem.

The Clothesline Project in the Courter Center raises awareness about domestic violence.

Members of PBL enjoy free pizza from Domino’s Pizza of Boone following the Earth Day cleanup, sponsored by The Banner newspaper: (clockwise) Emily Hitsman, Ashley Blizzard, Christine Farrington, and Jenna Carlson.

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Be a voice on your campus--join staff this fall!
Arley Sitzmann
Banner staff writer

The Boone campus newspaper is a long running newspaper which will be celebrating 50 years on Sept. 27, 2006. The newspaper was started in 1956. When it was first started, it was called the Bear Facts and is now called the Boone Banner. Alex Watts, a DMACC graduate, started archiving the newspaper Dec. 4, 2005.

“I’m archiving 50 years of the newspaper dating back to the beginning,” said Watts.

People who graduated years ago will be able to read the paper that they wrote for or find historical events about DMACC.

“Paper doesn’t last forever, that is why I’m putting it into digital format. Students can read historical facts about DMACC,” said Watts.

Watts has been working on archiving the paper for awhile now.

“I started towards the middle of December and more than half of it is complete,” said Watts. He doesn’t know how much longer it will take him to finish because the newspaper was published so irregularly. In 1993, the paper started being published regularly, prior to that there was no real schedule on when the newspaper was published.

“Some years it would be weekly and the next year there would only be six within the year,” said Watts.

There are also interesting articles to read dating back 25 years ago.

“During 1979-1981, the reporters made things up with fair regularity. There wasn’t much news in the newspaper,” said Watts.

With all the work Watts has put into this, there was one thing he was proud of.

“I think it’s safe to say, I have read more Boone campus articles than anyone else,” said Watts.

Beth Carlson
Banner staff writer

In late August, Amanda Pence leaves for Wisconsin, and a few months later, she’ll arrive in Kuwait.

A Cherokee native, Pence graduated in 2002, and later moved to Boone, where she lives now. She is currently a Boone Campus student.

She’s been called to active duty from the Army Reserves, and will serve up to one year in Kuwait as a food inspector.

“I can’t wait; I’m one of the few of us looking forward to it,” said Pence. She won’t be alone, either. Her best friend will be stationed with her, and her boyfriend is being deployed at the same time, but at a different site.

Pence didn’t always have plans to join the Army Reserves; in fact, she did it on a dare. A friend told her that she’d never make it through Basic Training.

When she signed up in June 2003, she wanted to be a veterinary technician, but all of those positions had been filled. Instead, she became a food inspector.

Pence plans to reenlist after her tour, and said “I wish I was eligible for reenlistment while I’m overseas.” When she returns from her tour in Kuwait, Pence plans to major in chemistry at an eastern Iowa college.

Amanda Pence

Suz MacQueen, an Iowa City native, is a little different from her classmates in the Civil Engineering Technology program. She has three grandchildren, and most of her classmates are older than her sons.

That doesn’t slow her down, though, as she also has just enough time to sing in two choirs, including one here at DMACC, all while maintaining a 3.85 GPA.

Three years ago, MacQueen’s sister talked her into going back to school, but she didn’t know what she wanted to do. She decided to take a career aptitude test, and found that she should go into either nursing or CET.

She decided that since her son is in his residency as a surgeon in Wisconsin, she’d steer clear of the medical fields, and try the CET program on a whim.

MacQueen loves to be outside, and she soon found that civil engineering was a perfect solution to keep her outside and out of an office filing all day.

She likes to work with her hands, as she has refinished or built every piece of furniture in her home that she’s lived in for 30 years.

MacQueen will graduate this May, along with around 105 other graduates participating in commencement on May 5.
Baseball continues on winning streak

The Bears' baseball team swept past Grand View JV and Simpson JV on April 18 and 20. The Bears won against Grand View 9-3 and 14-0, and also won against Simpson 12-0 and 5-1.

In the second game against Grand View, the Bears sent 14 batters to the plate in the second inning and 11 batters scored, which included a two-run home run by Matt Franke, as well as a solo home run only two batters latter by Phil Bartz. The Bears won both games.

In the match up with Simpson, Bears' pitcher Jordan Duffy had five strike-outs and only walked two batters.

In game two, the Bears turned two in the first inning starting with a throw from second baseman Mason Duckett to shortstop Troy Kelley and then to first baseman Neil Nerem for the double play and the final out.

In the sixth inning, the Panthers had the bases loaded, and the Bears took advantage of that with a double play that started with Bears' pitcher Javier Cicilio stopping the ball and throwing it to the catcher Jared Staudenmayer, who then threw it to first baseman David Guthrie for the second out.

During the second game, neither team scored until the bottom of the sixth inning when Duckett hit a solo home run to put up the Bears up by one. In the top of the seventh inning, the Bears went three up and three down to win the game.
DMACC—Jamie Sickles, a 5’7” point guard from Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for DMACC Boone Campus.

Sickles is the state record holder for assists in a career with 793. She was a first team All-State Des Moines Register selection and a first team All-State INA selection, as well as a McDonald’s All-America nominee.

Sickles was also a conference player of the year and named to the third team All-State as a junior, while leading her team to a conference championship.

“Jamie is a very skilled point guard who is a great addition to our school and basketball program,” said DMACC Women’s Head Basketball Coach Steve Krafcisin.

“She is a fierce competitor who can take care of the basketball, deliver the basketball and score with the basketball. We’re extremely happy to start our recruiting class with one of the state’s best women’s basketball players!”

Remsen standout, Homan, signs with DMACC

DMACC—Megan Homan, who played four years at Remsen St. Mary’s, is the third leading scorer in school history with 731 points and fourth leading rebounder with 478 boards.

At 6’2” Homan is the sister of former Iowa State University men’s basketball player Jared Homan.

She is also the school’s career leader in blocked shots with 99, including a school record 60 this past season.

She averaged 15.7 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. Homan scored a school record 14 field goals resulting in 32 points and a school record 23 rebounds against Spalding on Dec. 13, 2005.

Homan was a First Team War Eagle Conference selection and was named to the Iowa Basketball Coaches’ Association Northwest All-Regional Team.

“I’m very excited to have Megan on our basketball team,” said Krafcisin.

“She can score and run the floor very well and on defense she can alter shots and be an intimidating defender. We’re very fortunate to attract such a student-athlete to DMACC.”

Anderson named to All-American Honorable Mention List

DMACC—DMACC Bears women’s basketball player Jocelyn Anderson has been named to the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Division II All-American Honorable Mention list.

Anderson of Gowrie was first in the conference in blocked shots averaging 5.4 blocks per game, fourth in scoring averaging 15.8 points per contest and had the second highest field goal percentage, making 58.3 percent of her shots.

She was also second in the conference in rebounds with 11.1 rebounds per game.
Today’s Birthday (04-26-06) - Check big projects off your lists this year, one after another. You’ll be amazed at how much better this makes you feel.

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 an 8 - OK, you can launch now. You’ll shoot straighter and get farther than you expected.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You’re generally slow at making decisions. You find it more comfortable. Today, however, act quickly on a snap judgment, and you’ll do fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - If you have a short attention span, write yourself a note. Use bold colors and big letters, and put it where it can’t be missed. Don’t leave anything to chance.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You’re in line for a promotion, a raise or a more difficult work assignment. It could be all of the above put together. If you get an offer, take it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Don’t spend the entire day goofing around, even if you feel like it. You need to present a professional demeanor. Important people are watching.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You can get what you’ve been seeking. Don’t be embarrassed to shop in places where the overhead is low. Find it cheap.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - There’s one way to beat the competition — win them over to your side. Opposites attract, and today you’re very attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Push yourself past your own best time. Work faster and make more money. Great treasures can be yours but only if you move quickly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Recent enterprises have been tiring. Accept encouragement. Let somebody who loves you reinforce your confidence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Something you’ve kept hidden turns out to be exactly what you need. You had a bunch this would happen, and it did, eventually.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Your curiosity is intense now. You can partially satisfy it by yourself, but not completely. Consult a wise older friend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Another’s generosity is tapped, in your favor. Be gracious and accept what you’re given. Yes, you do deserve it.

How are you dealing with the price of gas?

“I drive an hour here and an hour home. It brings new meaning to broke college student.”

Natalie Bullock

“It’s annoying the hell out of me. I try not to drive excessively.”

Justin Dye