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Borgen Square offers shelter for DMACC students

Isaac Rittman
Banner Staff Writer

"It's like we're all just one big poor family," said Quintez Gillespie, a Boone campus student who recently moved to the Borgen Square Apartments.

The majority of the students living in the apartments, located on the east side of the Boone campus, are grateful for a place to live so close to the school. Most of the students who live in the Borgen Square Apartments are either athletes from another state, or students going to DMACC from out of state.

The primary complaint from these students was that they had to buy their own groceries, instead of mooching off their parents.

DMACC basketball player, Jesse Blackwell, said, "I mean don't get me wrong, the apartments are nice and clean, but all of my money I get goes straight to my rent payments."

The Borgen Square Apartments are unfurnished except for appliances. Most of the students who live in the

apartments don't have enough money to furnish their whole apartments. Many rooms basically consist of a bed and small television in the living room.

John Holmes, Bears forward, said, "The living conditions aren't really all that bad. The only thing I really dislike about living here is when there are parties going on or music is up too loud when I'm either trying to take a nap before a game or practice, or if I have a big test to study for."

The noise in the Borgen Square apartments has been a major complaint for many of the tenants. "The people that live above my roommate and I are very loud, if it's not music playing at its max volume it's them stumping around, one of these times they just might come through the floor," said Becca Swalla.

Tenant, Ali Mackey, said, "The walls here are extremely thin, so when I lay in bed some nights I can hear my neighbors performing sexual acts."



Prince Osayi naps in the hallway of the Borgen Square apartments.

Photo: Isaac Rittman

There have been many complaints about privacy by tenants. Many of the door locks in the rooms can be picked with a butter knife.

Appliances in the apartments aren't always in working order. DMACC student and Borgen Square tenant, Prince Osayi, said, "The first time I walked into my

buddy's apartment I thought that I heard gun shots zinging through the room, but later he would inform me that it was just his dishwasher acting up."

Student actor breaks a leg, performs show from wheelchair

Tim Larson
Executive Editor

"Break a leg," a phrase often heard in the theatre, as actors and crew implore one another to perform well. The etymology of the phrase is unclear, what is known is that it is not intended to be taken literally.

Twenty minutes before the DMACC Theatre's presentation of "Murder is a Game," Mary Elizabeth Drahos, one of the leading actresses, took a well wisher's advice literally. Drahos, while preparing backstage, fell, chipping a bone in her foot.

After quite some debate, it was decided that the show would continue, with one small adjustment. Nurse Helga, played by Jackie Zimmerman, was added to the script at the last minute to push the temporarily handicapped Drahos' wheelchair.

"Originally she [Zimmerman] was going to play my part while I went to the emergency room." Said Drahos, "I went on anyway because I spent a lot of time working on the role; I didn't want to waste all of that hard work and let everyone down."

The idea to put the chair bound Drahos on stage was not initially a serious suggestion. "Jonathan said it would be really



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Mary Elizabeth Drahos performs in 'Murder is a Game' after injuring her ankle moments before the presentation began. For further play coverage, turn to Page 5.

funny if I did my part from a wheelchair," said Drahos.

Despite her injury, Drahos was able to deliver her performance convincingly. "[The wheelchair] made it difficult at the time because I had to direct [Zimmerman] where to take

me." Said Drahos, "I did it in character, but my character was kind of a bitch, so I just pointed and snapped my fingers."

Kay Mueller, the Director, informed the audience of Drahos' injury before the performance began.

Snow, fierce wind strand drivers in Midwest

Doug Glass
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Fierce wind blew snow across roads and stranded hundreds of drivers on Midwestern highways Friday, as thousands shivered without power and airlines were forced to call off hundreds of flights.

At least 15 storm-related deaths have been reported since the snow began falling Wednesday, including a 10-year-old Wisconsin boy who died Friday in a car accident.

The storm left more than a foot of snow in some areas Friday. Even as the flakes stopped falling by afternoon, gusts of 40 mph prompted blizzard warnings and prevented major highways from reopening.

Officials at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport canceled 500 flights, blaming bad weather elsewhere.

In the Northeast, a storm dumped snow across northern New England, while areas to the south were left with a messy mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

Hundreds of miles of interstate highway in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota remained closed for much of Friday, with plow drivers forced

to pull off roads because of the wind-blown snow.

More than 100 vehicles were abandoned as their stranded drivers were rescued in Iowa, where blizzard warnings were extended into Saturday.

"Mobility and visibility are horrendous right now with wind chills hovering around zero _ conditions are very treacherous," Lt. Col. Greg Hapgood, a spokesman for the Iowa National Guard, said Friday afternoon.

Close to 400 rigs crowded the parking lot of the Trails Truck and Travel Center, where Interstates 90 and 35 converge at Albert Lea, Minn.

"All I see is trucks. It's just a sea of trucks," manager Rick Boyer said.

"Everybody's standing around watching weather reports on our display TVs. They're blocking up the aisles," he said.

Minneapolis had 11 inches of snow by sunrise Friday. Western Iowa got up to 17 inches, and strong wind built up drifts 10 feet high. The eastern Dakotas had up to 18 inches.

The storm, the area's second major winter blast in a week, was part of a larger line of thunderstorms and snowstorms that stretched from Minnesota to the Gulf Coast.

Red Cross helps after storm

Julianne Hamil
Business Manager

The Red Cross Disaster Services set up shop at the Boone DMACC Campus Friday March 2 to aid stranded truckers. The drivers were on Hwy 161, about thirty miles north of Hwy 30, when the white out conditions stopped them in their tracks.

Cory Roundtree, a truck driver from Purcell, OK, said, "DMACC was comfortable for us, being here gave us something to do. We had internet access and the pool tables to keep us busy while we waited out the storm."

A convoy consisting of: a snow plow, two Humvee's from the National Guard and a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy, all came to assist in transferring these stranded motorists to safety. The motorists were transported to the Boone National Guard Armory where they stayed for one night before being transferred to DMACC.

The Red Cross Disaster Service team supplied food and beverages to seven stranded motorists throughout the storm. The DMACC facilities aided in not just shelter for these individuals, but full bathroom and showers facilities along with entertainment.

"Me [sic] and the seven people who were stranded want to thank the Red Cross and DMACC for providing the facilities and giving our families piece of mind knowing we were safe and in a warm place," said Evan Shelton, truck driver from Columbia, TN.

The stranded seven were escorted from DMACC by family and the sheriff's department back to their vehicles Saturday morning.

Red Cross Emergency Services Director, Ryan Doll, echoed the sentiments of Shelton, complimenting DMACC for having such an excellent facility.



Photo: Jennifer Spry-Knutson

Phi Theta Kappa members, Hannah Blum and Adel Fellmet work the sign in desk for the Phi Theta Kappa sponsored blood drive. Together with the Red Cross, Phi Theta Kappa enlisted the help of DMACC students and faculty to collect blood donations for the Blood Bank of Iowa.

SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Easy

To play Sudoku, enter the digits 1-9 in each cell of the 9x9 grid until every region (3x3 grid), row, and column contains only one appearance of each digit.

ANSWERS

This week's puzzle

1	7	6	2	8	9	3	5	4
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7	8	3	4	5	1	9	2	6
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5	1	2	8	9	6	7	4	3
8	9	7	5	4	3	1	6	2
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Blood drive held in Courter Center

Liz Jay
Banner Staff Writer

Within the first 35 minutes of the blood drive on Feb. 22 there were 18 people signed up to give blood and 10 people had already gone through. Phi Theta Kappa had set a goal of 40 units, and only 35 minutes into the drive they were well on their way.

Education major, Pamela Holt, has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa since last fall and gives as often as she can. "I haven't been able to donate at the last two because I've been sick."

"The Red Cross is very helpful. They bring everything, free t-shirts, cookies and juice, nurses and beds. They also help with goal setting," said Holt.

While some students have given blood in the past, others

are first time donors. Morgan Wright, liberal arts, first time donor, said, "I never have [donated] before. It's convenient and for a good cause."

Rosanna Yutzy, another first time donor, said she wasn't scared. "I'm just curious about how things will work out," said Yutzy, "I've heard of it before and I thought it would be interesting to help others if I can."

Sheila Bergman, a regular blood donor, had advice for those who are hesitant to donate. "Don't be afraid of it. It doesn't hurt," Bergman said, "the more you do it you get used to it so it's not as bad."

Red Cross team supervisor, Mary Fritz, said, "I think we are a little busier then last time we were here. We've had a lot of students come in."

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Phi Theta Kappa College Day

Jessi Hackler
Banner Staff Writer

Crammed hallways and university banners marked the Phi Theta Kappa College Day at DMACC.

Several different colleges and universities flooded the Courter Center to talk to DMACC students about what their schools had to offer. Each college had representatives to promote their educational programs.

"All Phi Theta students are amazing,"

said, Cornell College representative, Sharon Grice. "We are offering \$10,000 to \$20,000 scholarships for Phi Theta students," said Grice, "65 percent of our students go on to grad school."

Buena Vista representative, Brittany Schmitt, said, "We're looking to provide students with information about BVU and to let them know what we offer." Mike Walden, another BVU representative, promoted several internment programs that Buena Vista offered their students.

"Two thirds of our students participate in

internships," said Walden.

Briggs Siitari, from The College of St. Catherine, said, "We have a small community of learners. We have a strong social justice piece. We encourage our students to volunteer." St. Kate's is offering \$3,000 scholarships for PTK students.

The Director of Transfer Enrollment at Simpson College, Gwen Schroder, said that Simpson was awarding \$7,000 scholarships to Phi Theta students.

Spring break Mar. 19-23

Steven Fisher
Banner Staff Writer

As spring break approaches, many students are planning their vacation in the sun. Travels to Mexico, Florida, Texas, and California are some of the most popular.

For the lucky few who get to travel over this up-coming break, there are some precautions that need to be taken to ensure a smooth and exciting time.

Choose the group wisely and make sure everyone gets along with each other. Generally a group of high school buddies or college roommates can work very well.

Once the crew is finalized, each person should figure out where they want to go and how much money will be available to them on this trip. Some people will have more than others so group cooperation is a must. Knowing everyone on this trip can make this aspect easier when planning and booking.

With a budget in place, research the area where the group will be traveling. This will help prevent the group from wasting time trying to find the hot spots.

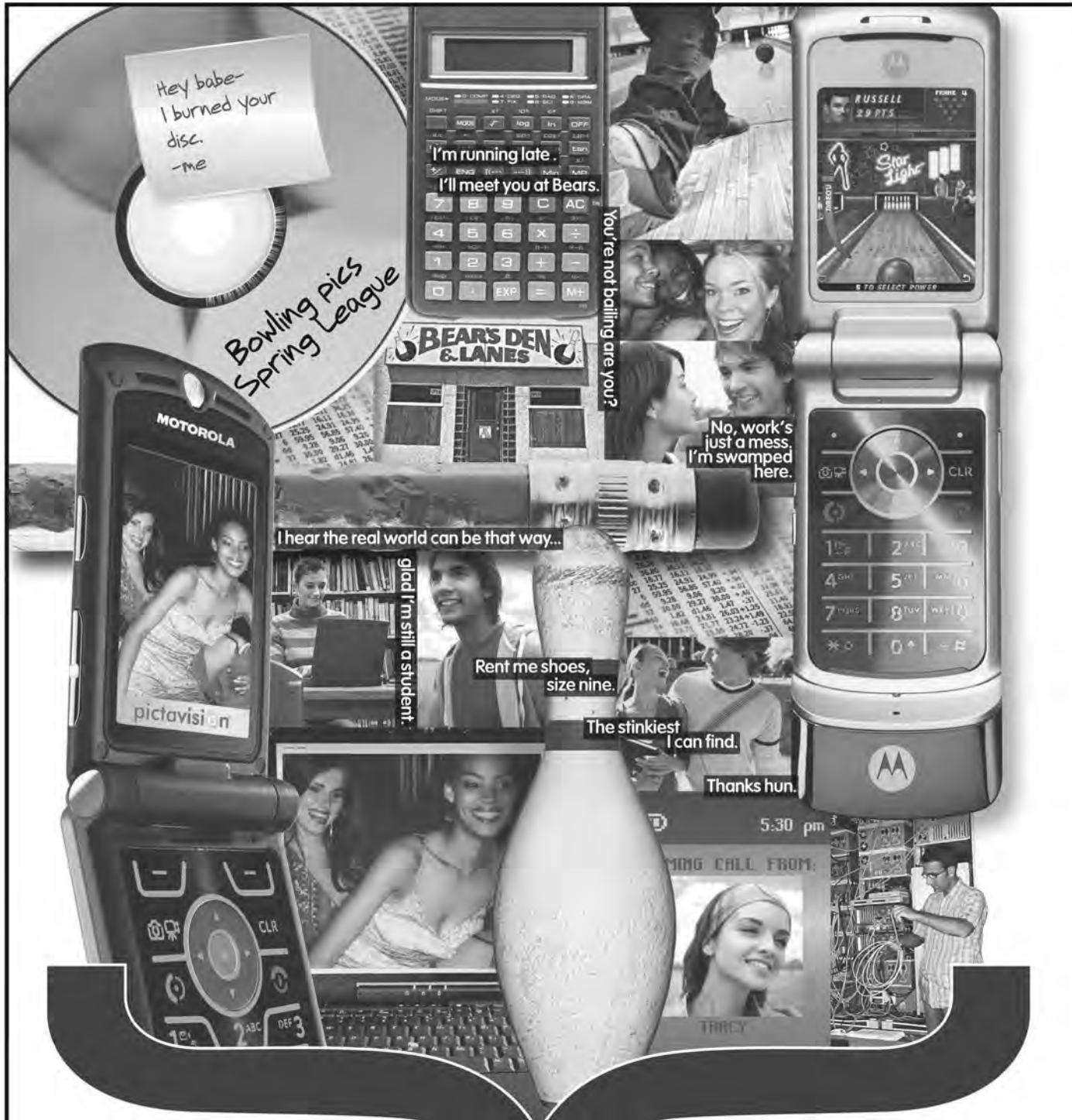
Once the destination has been chosen, figure out the travel plans. The group's budget will determine if this will be a trip of luxury or economy. Local travel agents or internet travel sites can help with this.

Jessica Lucas, a travel advisor for STA Travel in Ames, said, "We have contracts with many airlines and travel companies to give students and faculty members extra discounts. Our student tickets have reduced rates and are flexible tickets that can be changed and cancelled. We also have many tours and accommodations that have special rates for students."

Web sites like Orbitz, Travelocity, Expedia and Hostel world, offer overviews of local hotels and attractions to help further your decision from the comfort of your home. Hotels are a good choice for a larger budget. For the low budget traveler, youth hostels cost much less and offer a unique atmosphere.

DMACC student, Nate Prindle, said, "Every other college has spring break the week before, if ours was matched up with Iowa and ISU it would be much easier. So maybe next year DMACC can match their break with Iowa and ISU."

When traveling outside the U.S., check for government travel and health warnings at travel.state.gov. A passport is also needed to travel almost anywhere outside the U.S. Since it can take a while to get approved for a pass-ort, make sure you get it a head of time.

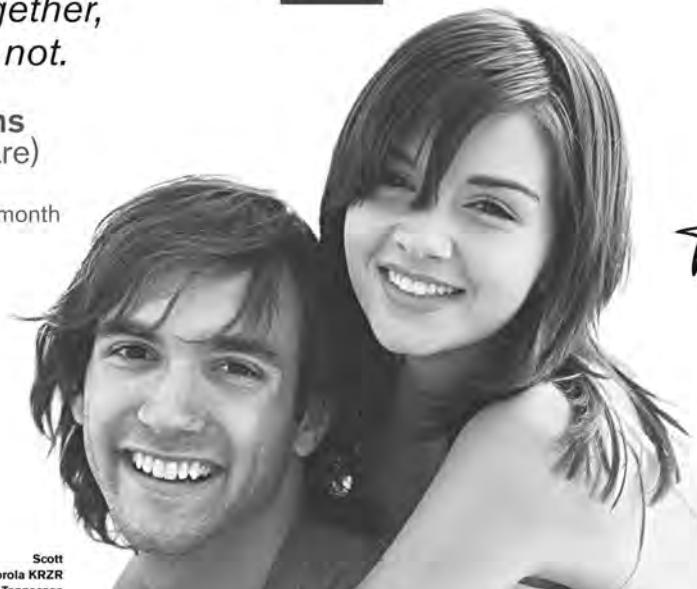


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Eric Blake attracts a crowd



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

Comedian Eric Blake performs in the Courter Center on Feb. 21. Blake's performance was funded by the Student Activities Council.

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Opinion Editor

Students and instructors filled the Courter Center on Feb. 21 for some laughs and some unexpected insults made in good fun.

Eric Blake, a comedian, has been seen on Comedy Central's 'Premium Blend.' His comic timing and improvisation skills kept audiences entertained. "He's great. I've seen him [sic] on TV. He's really funny and relates to everyone here," said student, Cy Wynn.

He seemed to get most of his laughs when he would single people out and make fun of them. Several people were picked on; student, J.D. Simmons, was singled out for being short. "He got me really good. I'm cool."

The audience especially enjoyed participating in the act. Watching a student be pulled on stage, student, Heather Holler, said, "He is really funny with his subjects and what he does."

"I am enjoying him. There is really nothing uncomfortable for me. Comedians are usually given more latitude than others for being politically correct. Taboo subjects are accepted more in settings like this," said Assistant Provost, Brian Green.



Photo: Eden Hinrichs

DMACC Pep Band founder and director, Maggie Stone, plays her saxophone at last Saturday's game. The performance was the last for the band until the fall semester. The Pep Band is comprised of faculty, staff and students. Anyone interested in joining the band may contact Ms. Stone at mastone@dmacc.edu

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MURDER IS A GAME

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How is it affecting you that our spring break is different from everyone else's?



It's different? Ah, I guess it isn't affecting me at all. I'm going to be working anyways.

-Ryan Logan



I'm just fine with it because I'm not with my family anyway. I'm not even doing that much.

-Karissa Marlow



I have to work one extra day.

-Steve Lochray



My kids go to Sacred Heart and are on a different schedule. We were supposed to go to Florida so I'm kind of bummed.

-Julie Messerly

DMACC careers end for five sophomore players

Reporting: Joseph Maduol



Alisa Brinkman - From Rolfe, Iowa, graduated from Pocahontas High School. Brinkman played in 61 games, scored 650 points, had 464 rebounds, was named to the 2007 Region XI All-Tournament Team. She will play basketball at Kent State in the fall.



Brittany Rose - From Ogden, Iowa, graduated from Ogden High School. Rose has scored 49 points and 45 rebounds in 26 games this season. She plans to attend to Iowa State University, majoring in biology.



Kayla Richter - From Council Bluffs, graduated from Bishop T.K. Gorman High School in Tyler, Texas. Richter has played in 60 games, scored 575 points, including 110-3's and 193 rebounds. She plans to attend Iowa State University, majoring in fitness and sports management.



Emily Duffy - From Hazelton, Iowa, graduated from Oelwein High School. Duffy played in 49 games for the Bears until a season-ending injury in the game against Kirkwood on Jan. 17. Duffy scored 388 points, 79 three-pointers in 49 games and averaged 7-9 points per game.



Jocelyn Anderson - From Gowrie, Iowa, graduated from Prairie Valley High School. Anderson played in 61 games, scored 937 points, had 639 rebounds, and was the blocked shot leader with 324. She was named to the 2007 Region XI All-Tournament Team and has signed to play at Iowa State University.

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Bears beat the Panthers

Quinntez Gillespie
Banner Sports Writer

Boone Bears beat the Ellsworth Panthers, 70-56, on March 3, in the Bears Den.

With ten days off between games, the Bears came into the match fresh. Bears started in a three-two zone, defending Ellsworth's shooters.

Rodney Grace put down a baseline slam, assisted by Brent Jackmen. Jackmen topped his assist the next time down the floor, hitting a jump shot.

Astons Sauls connected with Center, Dusko Stojnic, for a jumper, bringing the score 11-15 with 8:30 in the half.

J'Sean Gaddy threw an assist to his old Indian Hills Teammate Sauls for the fast break lay-up.

John Holmes, on his way to the locker room, said, "I got elbowed in the mouth and it knocked my tooth loose." Bears lead by six at the half, 21-27.

Ellsworth guard, Nathan Kennedy, started off the second half with a technical foul. Sauls split his shots from the line and the Bears took the ball out 36-30. Mid way in the second half, Gaddy came down to hit a three pointer, pushing the Bears lead to nine.

Holmes put in two off of a behind-the-back pass from Grant Burns. Burns got his own points on the next play, picking up the and-one foul.

Eight minutes into the second half, Sauls dropped a three pointer, causing Ellsworth to call time out.

Burns and Grace connected throughout the game. "We [are] getting use to each other," said Burns, "He runs the baseline and I penetrate and find him." Added Grace, "That's my boy we always click."

Francois Harris saw some unexpected playing time late in the second half.

After the game, Head Coach, Orv Salmon, said, "We played good enough to win."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Interesting editorial in the Feb. 21st issue! If the proposed theory that "...if you don't know the correct usage of 'their', 'there', and 'they're' and..." is accurate, then whomever wrote the editorial should not be in school.

I make this observation based on column 2, paragraph 2, final sentence. The writer obviously does not know the difference between "Then" and "than."

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Diary of Samantha

"I just don't have any patience for you, or mom or Joe. So f*** you and f*** them and f*** everyone! Don't ever speak to me again!" This is only a sentence of the message my sister left on my answering machine at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. Leave it to Rose to show such class. I called her the day before to wish her good luck. I got her machine; I told her I would call her later to check on her. Apparently, this wasn't a good idea.

I got a call from Rose demanding that I talk to our mother about her father (my sister and I have different fathers). Rose's father wasn't exactly a shining example of fatherhood. Think Charles Manson with children. This 6-foot-tall taxidermist had a distinct taste for sadism and never hesitated to demonstrate this proclivity in front of his children.

My mother tried to leave him once; she grabbed me and ran. My brother and my sister were left at the house in the middle of a dank deep forest away from the eye of civilization. She ran out of the house with nothing but her clothing and me thinking that he would never harm his own children and that if she ran hard enough she could make it in to town, put me somewhere safe and then go back for Joe and Rose.

Unfortunately she was horribly incorrect in this assumption. She only made it two miles before he found us hiding in an old abandoned tool shed. I was incredibly young, but I vividly remember that day. I remember quivering against my mother's chest as she rocked me back and forth, tears streaming down her face. I remember the heavy sound of his hunting boots crunching against the forest floor as he approached our hiding place. He didn't yell her name or threats. I wonder if he just enjoyed the hunt, the fascination with fear.

I remember her heart beating faster and faster until he threw open the door to the dilapidated tool shed. He stood there breathing heavily, 7-inch Bowie knife in hand. A whimper escaped my mother's lips as his eyes rested on her. After what seemed like an eternity he finally spoke coldly and calmly. "I am giving you an option. Either you come back to the house with

me and pretend that none of this has happened or-" He ripped me out of my crying mother's arms. "I kill Samantha right in front of you, then I'm gonna kill you. When I am done with you I'm going back to the house and slowly, very slowly, kill Rose and Joe. Make your choice." I wouldn't be writing this if she made the wrong choice.

This one incident is one of many that led to their inevitable separation. We had to go into hiding so that the psychotic taxidermist couldn't hunt us down. We spent years moving from place to place. Whether we were living out of our truck or an apartment, we never spent very long in any one place. Sometimes a year, sometimes only three weeks, never long enough to be found.

My mother would dress me in wigs, different kinds of hats; sometimes she even dressed me as a boy. I remember her standing in front of mirror using a marker from my pencil case to quickly color the wisps of hair escaping from under my wig. I knew better than to question my mother and why she did what she did.

Rose was the complete opposite. Rose would pester and question our mother at every turn. When our mother left Rose to watch over me and Joe, she would wait for our mother to come home and berate her with questions and accusations.

My mother began to drink heavily and do drugs to bury the memories. I knew the sleepless nights she had endured for all of us she had had taken their toll. I never blamed her for her faults or for the ills that had befallen us.

She was only 26 when her addictions started to get the better of her. Yet, she was still a good mother to us; she always took care of us. Rose never saw it that way; they still fight 27 years later.

Rose is always trying to use me against anyone she can; she'll certainly try to use me against my aunts. For all I know, she is attempting to turn the tables on me and make me look bad. The same day I got the message from Rose, I played it for my Aunt Mary so that she would understand why I would not be speaking with Rose. I tried to right my wrongs, but fate is seldom kind.

Three men you shouldn't date



Mary Elizabeth Drahos

Opinion Editor

Recently I was mindlessly looking through MSN when I noticed an article that talked about the 5 men and women you should date.

The article itself was fine, but not exactly what I would call funny, which is where I come in. Therefore, let me introduce you to the 3 men that you shouldn't date.

1. The anal retentive picky guy

At first he seems perfectly harmless. Okay, so he refuses to go on with his life if a CD or DVD of his is in the wrong spot, but that seems sort of cute, at first. Then the dating actually starts.

You start realizing that he won't open a door unless he has a tissue protecting his hand or won't even use public condiment containers unless they are rubbed down with wipes.

Even after that, he still seems harmless.

Then you start noticing he always uses Purell after holding hands. He also seems to like to debate the fact that he can actually taste the difference between different colored M&Ms.

Should you really be with a man who doesn't eat certain colored candies because some of them seem 'unnatural'?

I wouldn't say you will learn any good traits from him, but don't be surprised if you find yourself frantically putting your DVD collection back together if it is out of order.

2. The extremely sensitive mama's boy

This one is a little tricky. When you first meet him you will realize you both have something

in common; you both love your moms a lot.

You won't really know how much he loves his mom until you start hanging around his house a little more. You may start seeing lots of hugging and kissing going on between them. You may also start seeing his mom smoothing down your boyfriend's hair or wiping off smudges from his face.

It seems kind of sweet, in an awkward sort of way.

Then you may one day make the mistake of asking him to do something for you that will take him more than 30 miles away from his mom, such as a friend's birthday party or meeting of your family.

Please be advised that the actual moms of mama's boys will rip apart anything that comes between them and their "little man." After being berated by "mama," you go to your boyfriend, hoping for a little sympathy.

What you will get may make you mad, but shouldn't be surprising. He will always defend his mom. No matter what she says, does, or how she makes you feel. Then if you try to stand up for yourself, he will start crying like a 3-year-old, and run out of the room.

The lesson to be learned from this experience is that even though he thinks his mom is cool, yours will always be cooler. She taught you how to be independent and not rely on her to fight all of your battles for you. Unless you are the mama's boy. Then you may only learn that you can shoot snot out of your nose while crying.

3. The thug wannabe

This guy is possibly my favorite out of the bunch. I did not personally date any of this type, but they certainly have hit me on so I have experienced some sort of mating ritual with them.

The thug wannabe is someone who thinks they are completely hardcore and belong in the 'street,' even though they were born and raised in a little

town like Boone or Nevada.

His mating dance is one that should be documented by the Discovery Channel (enter British voiceover guy). "The pseudo-thug sees his prey sitting at the bar sipping on her drink. He saunters up to her, feigning injury to his hip, he limps nearer the bar. The pseudo-thug believes that the limp enhances his sexual appeal.

As the pseudo-thug slides up to the female at the bar, he slings his arm around her shoulder and recites his mating call. 'Hey baby girl. What is your fine ass doing sitting here all by yourself?'

The female, visibly disgusted and disinterested, responds violently. 'Who the hell do you think you are, putting your hands all over me like that? Why don't you pull up your pants, tip your hat the right way, and learn some class. Come back to me in a year either when you learn to talk to a lady, or after you live in the real streets and get beat down by a real gangsta to learn some humility.'

The pseudo-thug, demoralized by the failed attempt to mate, retreats to the safety of his Camaro."

Now, I know a real lady wouldn't speak like that to anyone, no matter how much they were tempted, but a normal female who is provoked normally can't control the kind of things that come out of her mouth. Especially when he can be taken down a notch and actually been given him a reason to limp.

What should be learned from this type is something you will live with for the rest of my life. Years ago, it would be the polite thing to just say 'no thanks.' This normally does not work.

You can let your voice be heard better while just saying no (or in my case, add a few explicatives). It will also make an interesting story to tell your friends.

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PISCES (Feb.19-March 20) – For your birthday, break away from your friendship circles monotonous routine. This will give you a chance to actually live your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – This week is about listening to others. Their insight will help clear the path of destruction otherwise blocking your concentration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - It's time to take out the trash. Take control of your space for a fresh start before spring break. This will not only give you more time to party but it will make sure you have plenty of time to recuperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) – Shoot for the stars this week! You can have it all and everything will go your way if you constantly think and feel positive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) – Clearly no one around you cares about things the way you would like them to. If the expectation isn't good enough, the job won't be either.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Temporary, flaky friends will leave your life full of crumbs. The flakier the friend the stickier the cleanup.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Details keep your mind racing. The 'what if's' will drive you mad. Leave it all alone and you will sleep far better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Trying for the lead in personal and professional relationships has always kept you on top. Remember the higher the mountain, the longer the fall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Drama, drama, drama! Resist the temptation to add to any dramatic situation. This week it's like feeding a fire you can't put out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Keep your pants on! The only true side affects to sex are empty promises, STD's (STI's) and babies. Guys only want what they can't have!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Listen to your instincts when they are talking to you! When someone's spreading nothing but negative energy, run before it has a chance to absorb.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – You can deal with anything thrown your way if you take the time to look at the big picture. Remember, patience is a virtue.

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