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CyRide expands services to DMACC Ames Hunziker Center

Ten DMACC students were named to the 44-person 2008 All-Iowa Academic Team, who were honored at a recent recognition banquet held in West Des Moines. The DMACC team includes (back row, left to right): DMACC President Rob Denson, Mary Glenn of Denison from the Carroll Campus, Wendi Detlefsen of Manning from the Carroll Campus, Peter Huffman of Ames from the Boone Campus, Xiabin Zheng of Ankeny from the Ankeny Campus, Randy Sparks of Knoxville from the Ankeny Campus, (front row, left to right): Marcy LaFratte of Winterset from the West Campus, Marie Lane of State Center from the Urban Campus, Cynthia Sari of Boone from the Boone Campus, Jennifer Michael of Newton from the Newton Campus and Deborah Cory of Des Moines from the Urban Campus.

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CyRide is now offering rides to the Hunziker Center by changing one of its routes to stop at the Hunziker Center and students have to park at Jack Trice Stadium and ride with friends." Students who have a difficult time commuting to DMACC can now have an easier option thanks to the CyRide program. Contact Matt Thompson at 515-663-6708 or mthompson@dmacc.edu or the Hunziker Center at 515-663-6700.

Taylor teaching first year as full time instructor

Sean Taylor is teaching his first year as a full time employee at DMACC.

Taylor taught as an adjunct for about eleven years. Prior to his position at DMACC, Taylor worked as a school psychologist. "At my last job I had to deal with delinquent students and parents and school administrators. Here, if you don't behave you get kicked out," said Taylor. Teachers at DMACC are required to instruct a five class course load to be considered full time.

Taylor enjoys interacting with people, having fun and watching videos on YouTube. "It's a sweet life if you think about it," said Taylor.

Taylor also teaches educational psychology at Iowa State University. Aside from teaching, Taylor is the proud parent of five children, a husband, and a soldier for the National Guard. His wife, Shannon, is mainly a stay at home mom, but also teaches online courses at DMACC.

My degree was in early childhood education. I started off teaching preschool," said Taylor. "When I was working on my masters I started teaching here as an adjunct and I really liked it.

Taylor's father worked as a college professor, and though Taylor swore he'd never be like his father, he has found his place in the teaching profession. "I plan on being like, 94 [years old] with a "trache" and being able to push a button on my throat to talk and still be in a classroom," said Taylor.

In his free time, Taylor likes to hang out with his kids and run. "You don't need your brain to run," said Taylor. "I like to run by myself." Taylor will be the head coach for the women's cross-country team and the faculty advisor for the running club. "Any girl who wants to run cross-country should come talk to me," said Taylor.

Saying goodbye to the community college

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On March 12, 2008, one current student and one former student from the DMACC Boone campus represented the Tau Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the 2008 All-Iowa Academic awards ceremony. Students Cynthia Sari and Peter Huffman were at the ceremony, which took place at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel.

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All-Region Basketball Teams

MEN

1st Team
Ali Farokmanesh- Kirkwood
Grant Burns- DMACC
Cornelius Vines- Iowa Lakes
Tony Lewis- Ellsworth
Rodney Grace- DMACC

2nd Team
Edin Suljic- Ellsworth
D'Rell Crittendon- Kirkwood
Corey Veit- Kirkwood
Jimmie Marshall- Iowa Lakes
Brent Jackson- DMACC
Laurence Ellison- Southwestern
Mitch Bahn- Iowa Lakes
Elijah Wilson- Clinton

Honorably Mentioned
Clay Weber- Clinton
Avery Tyler- DMACC
Willi Estrella- DMACC
Mike Candelaria- Ellsworth
Leterrious Thomas- Iowa Central
Jackson Parr- Iowa Lakes
Royce Phillips- Southwestern
Tyler Raach- Southwestern

WOMEN

1st Team
Lauren Thomas- Johnson- Kirkwood
Bream Hill- Kirkwood
Jessica Huntecke- Iowa Central
Jamie Sickles- DMACC
Catrina De La Fuente- Marshalltown
Samantha Boje- Iowa Lakes
Lara Landis- Southeastem
Kyle Dilla- Iowa Central
Ellie Ritscher- DMACC
Allie Lindemann- Kirkwood

2nd Team
Rachele Monroe- Kirkwood
Ciera McGaughey- DMACC
Madelyn Houser- NIACC
Danni Huss- Sophomore
Kristin Rasmussen- Ellsworth
Shandra Novak- Iowa Lakes
Kim Thissen- DMACC
Danielle Ballard- Ellsworth
Tonya Davis- Marshalltown
El Sara Greer- Kirkwood

3rd Team
Karissa Kramer- Iowa Lakes
Mckenery Long- Kirkwood
Morgan Brown- Iowa Central
Ashley Gosh- Kirkwood
Angela Brinkmeyer- Iowa Central
Megan Homa- DMACC
Stephanie Schuerer- DMACC
Abby Blundell- Iowa Central
Hannah Armstrong- Southwestern
Katie Morin- NIACC

Contact Jan LaVille at jrlaville@dmacc.edu if you are interested in being a sports writer next fall for Banner News and attend this workshop for free. Transportation provided.

Audition
Sunday, March 30th
Sign-in: 9:30am • Audition: 10:00am
Ballet Des Moines
502 East Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50309
Applicants must view an online presentation prior to audition. Visit disneycollegeprogram.com/representation.

WE’RE LOOKING FOR TALENTED STUDENT PERFORMERS!
The Disney College Program is seeking Animated Character Performers and Parade Performers to perform at the Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, FL. Special consideration will be given to Disney Animated Character “look-alikes” and individuals of “P-3” and individuals of “P-3”.
Check out our website at www.disneycollegeprogram.com/entertainment for further details and an online application.

Jocelyn Anderson, first DMACC women’s basketball player to go on to play at ISU, hit the game tying shot vs. #1 seed Kansas State to send the game into overtime in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament, a game which the Cyclones won 66-65. Anderson broke the single season and junior class record vs. Kansas in blocked shots with 68 blocks going into the Semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament. Anderson ranks 9th overall in blocked shots at Iowa State. Anderson, a NJCAA All-American while playing for DMACC, was named to the division 2 All-American second team both seasons that she played on the Boone Campus. Anderson, currently a finance major at Iowa State, played high school ball in Gowrie, Iowa.
Eden’s Easy Bake Cheesecake

Eden Hinrichs
Staff Writer

Cheesecake Recipe
Filling ingredients:
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 4 pkgs. cream cheese
- 1 cup and 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- A pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- 4 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 cup sour cream
- 4 beaten egg whites

Crust ingredients:
- 18 graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 9” pie pan

What to do:
The first step in the cheese cake process is to let the cream cheese soften to room temperature. If you are not certain if the cream cheese is at the right temperature, you can use a thermometer to check.

Next thing you need to do is make your crust. Finely crush the graham crackers. After the graham crackers are crushed, mix two tablespoons each of butter and sugar. Press the mixture evenly into the pie pan, making sure that the mixture reaches the top of the pan all the way around. While you are doing this, preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

After the cream cheese is softened, mix together with 1 cup and 2 tablespoons of sugar. After those are mixed together, add your level tablespoons of flour, the pinch of salt, and the teaspoon of vanilla. Tip: if you are not using vanilla extract and are using an imitation vanilla instead, be sure to double the amount needed to obtain the proper flavoring.

After the mix is stirred, add in 4 beaten egg yolks and combine 1 cup of sour cream into the mix. Carefully fold in 4 stiffly beaten egg whites and pour into the graham cracker crumb-lined pan.

Put the mixture into the oven and bake at 350 degrees for about one hour. Remove the cheesecake from the oven and allow it to cool. Whether you are serving the cheesecake very shortly after cooking, or the next day, put it in the fridge to cool. Wait until you are about to serve it before you add the cherry filling on top.

Add the cherries to each piece to provide an aesthetic look.

Madame Guillotine visits Boone Campus
Shane Meier
Staff Writer

The Boone campus was flooded with questions at the sight of a guillotine in the Courter Center.

It was brought by Boone campus student Wendy Sunburg. She was inspired to bring it after hearing a lecture on the French Revolution from instructor Bruce Kelly in Western Civilization. “Just [wanted] to show what it looked like,” said Sunburg. The guillotine was built for a friend by Sunburg’s husband. Travis Walter is the owner of the guillotine.

Student response to the guillotine was varied, some couldn’t wait to stick their head in it and get their picture taken. Others complained about it. “Eye sore, it was an ancient way of killing some innocent people according to their superstitious beliefs,” said nursing student Danielle Thurmond.

Part-time English teacher Krystal Herring jokingly said that this wooden version couldn’t do the job that the original mechanism was intended for. “I thought it was great,” said student Jesi Smith. “It was crazy to walk through the Courter Center and be like ‘whoa!’ is that really there?”

Photo: Eden Hinrichs
DMACC offers May term accelerated classes

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

Spring is here and many students have only one thing on their mind, summer. Summer may bring warm weather and a break from school, but it is also a great time to take accelerated classes. The Boone campus offers a few May term classes that run for about 10 days that can be in class or web blended classes.

The Boone campus is offering nine classes this summer, most of which are basic introduction classes. The nine that are being offered are Intro to Computers, Music Appreciation, Intro to Ethics, Intro to Psychology, two classes of Intro to Sociology, Fundamentals of Oral Communications, Interpersonal & Small Group Communication, and Intro to Criminal Justice. Tom Lee, Boone campus provost, said that taking summer classes can be beneficial for students who want to get a specific class out of the way. Because the classes are accelerated, there is a lot of information packed into a very small amount of time; this requires extreme commitment from the students taking the courses. Though these classes offer the chance to get credit hours and classes finished quickly, students should realize that there will be a great deal of reading and a lot of class time involved. When taking a 10 day accelerated class there isn’t time for much else to be going on aside from class work.

For students who are capable of buckling down and devoting the kind of time and effort that is required to pass an accelerated class, this is a great option. However, for those who prefer to take their time and do not like to spend a lot of time reading over several chapters a night, this option could prove to be a waste of money and time.

The DMACC Alumni Association is sponsoring a bus trip to the Indianapolis 500, May 24-26. The trip includes two nights lodging, a reserved $70 seat and transportation aboard a 49-passenger Windstar motor coach. The cost is $325 per person for double occupancy. The trip is open to the public. The deadline to sign up is Apr. 21. Space is limited. Information is available at www.dmacc.edu/alumni/activities.asp. For more information, contact Breck Breitsprecher at (515) 965-7331 or toll free at 1-800-362-2127 extension 7331.

Boone campus to host 10th career day

DMACC-The Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus is hosting an Accounting/Business Career Day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 16 at the Boone Campus. The Career Day will feature keynote presentations from Anderson Erickson Dairy CEO Miriam Erickson Brown and Dice.com CMA Chris Miller.

In addition, there will be break-out sessions on accounting careers, skills for success, DMACC 2 + 2 programs, and exciting opportunities available in accounting and business with key Iowa organizations. For 10 years DMACC has hosted this event that has included presentations from Iowa business leaders such as Bill Reichardt, Robert Ray, “Speed” Herig, William Krause and others.

The event is free and open to the public and includes a free lunch. To register, call Cynthia McCall at (515) 248-7247 or email her at cmccall@dmacc.edu. The deadline to sign up is April 7.
'Horton Hears a Who' makes the transition from book to film

Eden Hinrich
Staff Writer

In our busy lives there are things that are easily forgotten; things that we think should be common sense yet we trample through our lives with out giving those things much thought.

My favorite Dr. Seuss story "Green Eggs and Ham" inspired the cornballness of humor I have today. It had been years since I read "Horton Hears a Who." In fact, it had been so long that all I could remember was an elephant walking around guarding a clover for whatever reason I couldn't remember, but as soon as I reopened the book I quickly remembered, "a person's a person no matter how small."

There's a lot an adult can learn by picking up a children's book and for the most part they are things we take for granted. Like all children's books, "Horton Hears a Who" has a simple beginning, middle and end. Horton, a simple but cute elephant, discovers a small world called "Who-ville" on a speck of dust that lands on a clover. Horton attempts to save this little world and its inhabitants of the Whos of "Who-ville" on a speck of dust that lands on a clover. The changes made to the book were to give it a safe place where the inhabitants of Whoville can live in harmony. The other jungle creatures think that Horton is one can short of a six pack and try to eliminate the source (a.k.a the speck). That is until the Whos of Whoville make themselves known and the animals rejoice and all is well.

There is nothing like an uncomplicated happy ending to go with your morning dose of Fruit-loops. For those who were born while communism was still a threat, one of the key villains of the books is a rather kindly but Loki like vulture named Vlad Vald-i-koff. A 1954 Russian element of communism. Horton is an elephant, which is a symbol of the Republican Party, which in 1954 was in the white west house via Eisenhower. I had to wonder if this was Dr. Seuss's rebellion or view of the Cold war. Horton is trying to save this little world and its way of life (Socialism vs. Capitalism) from the other jungle creatures. The element of communism to save their lives and be heard. Maybe I am reading too far in between the lines, or maybe not. When I went to the theater, I had mixed feelings about what I was about to see. After what I saw from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" I wasn't all too thrilled to see Jim Carrey in another Seuss film. I found that movie campy, even for my tastes (I love corny monster films from the '50s, '60s, '70s and sometimes '80s). I also wasn't all too thrilled at yet another story to be led to the slaughter house, but I kept my mind open.

In this film there are big comedy names such as Carell, Poehler, these names left me scared yet excited to see what the best names in comedy had to offer. Even though, I was eager to see what would happen (and thankfully for once my dread was unnecessary) I was worried that the overacting of Jim Carrey would ruin the film. I think that Carrey's acting in "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" was atrocious and I still can't watch even the cartoon without cringing. "Horton Hears a Who" was fantastic. Although supposedly geared toward children, it has adult overtones that made it even more hilarious. Like all book-to-film adaptations, there were some things that were severely changed; however, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways. That is until the Whos of Whoville give them the key villains of the books, "Horton Hears a Who" forever tarnish the movie. However, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways. That is until the Whos of Whoville give them the key villains of the books, "Horton Hears a Who" forever tarnish the movie. However, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways. That is until the Whos of Whoville give them the key villains of the books, "Horton Hears a Who" forever tarnish the movie. However, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways. That is until the Whos of Whoville give them the key villains of the books, "Horton Hears a Who" forever tarnish the movie. However, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways. That is until the Whos of Whoville give them the key villains of the books, "Horton Hears a Who" forever tarnish the movie. However, they weren't the kind of changes that would have tamished the film. The changes made to the story were to give it sub text and back story but the main story line stayed the same. I absolutely loved this movie! Its innocence and cute humor won me over. Now in my so-called adulthood I will carry with me the sweet and uncomplicated happy ending that 'Horton Hears a Who' working together saw the error of their ways.

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I admit it! I haven’t gone to the gym like a good girl to reap those numerous amounts of benefits. Actually to be slightly more accurate it’s been since Jan. 18, 2007. I had to restate my membership at the YMCA to start working on a stronger, healthier me.

This journey initially began as a desperate attempt to lose those extra pounds. I had originally thought that if I just would give that extra effort I would have this hot body and I would have no bad self confidence, the sky would open up and all the mysteries of the universe would be revealed! Okay, everything other than the whole secrets of the universe thing. After we suffer then I had some not very accurate concepts of what would happen to me if I let my body through this transformation but after much hard work I began to realize that working out and having the so called “perfect body” wasn’t as easy as dieting and going to the gym, like so many fitness gurus preach. Sure it elevates the mood, helps the heart and makes your body more enduring to the punishment that we put ourselves through on a daily basis. However, unless I only eat 500 calories a day, run 50 miles a day and stand on my head while whistling Dixie tunes through a kazoo while blowing bubbles through my nose the weight won’t just fall off. First off, my favorite food is Pizza. I love cheese, tomatoes and loads of carbohydrates. I am the carb queen. I like to drink the occasional soda with (gasp dare I say it) ice cream! I love food, but I don’t overindulge it, yet according to a lot of magazines this isn’t enough. They post these recipes assuming that people like me actually have the extra time to devote to preparing these dishes. And to top it off, what if I don’t like artichokes, humus or tofu? Then what do I substitute it with? Will that change the “low” calorie count? I end up spending more time on reading and preparing the recipes then I would for a simple bowl of cereal. So for the most part, dieting to lose any extra pounds is out of the question.

I think that we spend way too much time obsessing over what we are eating. We don’t have as much as time as we used to and we settle for something simple from a drive thru. After we suffer the “Mcwrath” of the expanding pant size, we are told magic cures such as eating nothing but grape fruit or some pills is the way to loose weight. Crash dieting isn’t the answer to losing weight, nor are diet pills or using some bizarre system that someone says will work for you because it has worked for everyone else. Let’s face it, we are not all the same nor do we have the same body.

For these reasons I decided to go back to the gym. I am very happy with the body I have. So what if I am not twix thin like the magazine models! I think we need more body role models like Mary- lyn Monroe, Kate Winslet and even Scarlett Johansen. Even the insanely skinny have problems like wanting bigger breasts. The point is that everyone has issues with their bodies, but it doesn’t mean we have to take these insane steps to become something we are not.

I went back to the gym and I was walking around like Quasimodo for three days afterwards, but at least I am trying to better myself. I figure, how am I supposed to love my body if I don’t start spending more time with it?

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