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Board to vote on bookstore sell out

Molly Lumley Managing Editor

Next semester there may be new management in the bookstore.

During the first part of May, the DMACC Board of Truste-
es will vote to contract out DMACC’s bookstore to Follett, a company that provides colleges around the country with educational supplies.

According to President Rob Denson, DMACC wants to con-
tact with a private company because the school needs new software for the bookstore. It would cost the school around $25,000 to buy the software, and between $50,000 and $60,000 a year to maintain it. Follett has agreed to install the new software for free if the school allows the company to run the bookstore for the next five years.

Last December when the Manager of Bookstore Operations, Carol Tomh, expressed a desire to retire sometime later this year, Denson and others decided to contract with a private company in order to get a replacement for Tomh and to get new software.

“We need new software and the Ankeny store needs to be up-
dated,” Specials Carol Petersen. “They felt like if they outsourced that it would be a

way to bring someone in and do it. It won’t cost DMACC anything.”

If the proposal passes, there will be a sales tax added to the books because Follett is a private company. Denson doesn’t expect that the prices for student will go up because Follett is going to cut there markup on books to accom-
mmodate the added sales tax.

“We forced them to cut the markup on books to absorb the sales tax,” said Denson. “They don’t charge tax now because we’re state sup-
ported and so we’re tax-exempt.”

Full time bookstore staff will remain DMACC employees. Fol-
lett is the only company DMACC looked into that would allow the school to use their own employ-
ees.

“I’m getting ready to retire, it’s scary for me,” said Petersen. “They assured me that we’re still going to be DMACC employees, so it should be ok. Our benefits will still be DMACC, pay scale, everything will be the same.”

“DMACC will retain the full-time employees,” Provost Tom Lee said. “They will work in a joint effort between DMACC and Follett.”

Temporary staff person Vicki Jones of the Boone campus book-

store is unsure of what will happen to her. “I haven’t really given it much thought. You start getting a plan B,” said Jones. “I don’t think anybody knows.”

There are mixed opinions about the proposal around the campus. Petersen doesn’t believe that contracting out is a good

move for the college.

“I don’t feel like, in the long run, this will be good for the col-
lege,” Denson said. “I don’t see why we’re already making a profit that we should do this. If we were losing money, then I could see it,” said Petersen. “DMACC will be guar-
anteed so much a year from this company, but my feeling is that there is a lot more money that could be made if it’s done right. I just think this is an easy fix.”

The Boone bookstore staff expressed frustration on not be-
ing informed on everything that is going on. “I feel like we’re being kept in the dark,” said Petersen.

“I hope we can stay connected with the campus, everything just seems so connected. I don’t know if it’s that way with the rest of the campuses,” said Petersen. “I hope with our sports clothing line that we have some say into what kind of clothing we want. I hope they don’t say ‘Oh we have your logo’ and then just make stuff up.”

Denson believes that Follett will do their best to work smooth-
ly with DMACC’s bookstores.

“It’s in their business interest to encourage people to buy DMACC

books,” Denson said. “These people are out to make people happy, not mad. As a whole, we try to make sure everybody’s happy.”

Lee believes students won’t notice much of a difference. “I always try to look at things in a positive light,” Lee said. “I’m sure that the [Board of Trustees] believe they are making the best decision for our students and if it wasn’t good for the students then they wouldn’t do it.”

Denson is excited to see new changes in the bookstore. He said, “I’m very excited. As a student in Boone, you may not notice a difference,” said Denson. “It’ll be a period of transition and change. I’ll be a pain for whoever has to learn the new software, but it will be better for the students because we’ll be better able to keep track of what we have.”

The final decision will be made by the Board of Trustees during the first part of May.

Bloom speaks to Boone Campus about Postville

Fiona Flatt Staff Writer

On April 10, writer Stephen Bloom spoke in the auditorium about his latest book, "A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America." The books take a look at the town of Postville, and how cultural differences between Iowa farmers and the Orthodox Jews that run the meat packing plant in the town, affect their lives.

“Iowa farmers have a very dry sense of humor,” said Bloom. “I told me it is just as foreign a culture as any, and I’ve been to countries across the world. In the morn-
ing I’d have coffee at the bakery with the farmers, and then we’d go across the street to an-
other bakery. In the afternoon I’d hang out in the break room of the packing house with the rabbis.”

“There are no secrets in a small town like Postville,” re-
counted Bloom. “The farmers would say to me ‘So, we saw you down at the packing plant... What are they saying about us?’ and the rabbis would say ‘Stephen, we know your meeting the goyim, what are they saying about us?’ and I’d tell them both the same thing ‘Why don’t you ask them about it?’”

Bloom explained how he can see a story in towns, and with people, that others might not see.

“It takes an outsider to say ‘Hey, there’s something going on here,’ because the insiders are living it so they can’t see it,” said Bloom.

“This is one of those books you either love or hate. I went back to Postville two years ago and a local recognized me and she did kind of a drive by and she yelled ‘You suck as a writer.’ It’s just one of those things that hap-
pen,” said Bloom.

“The orthodox workers at the plant loath me, they said I should convert to Lutheranism. They couldn’t believe a fellow Jew would write something like this. But the point I need to make is how a point could come to a place and not integrate. There’s a point in which I can’t go down the middle. I have to pick a side,” said Bloom.

One experience in particular stuck with Bloom after he left Postville. “My son and I were walking down the street with one of the rabbis and there were these two men working on something by the sidewalk and as we passed I said good morning to them. It’s not like I was just going to ignore them. And the rabbis took me aside and told me I shouldn’t be talking to them. I asked why and he said ‘Because then our children will play with their children and then

our cultures will start to blend to-
gether and before you know, you have a holocaust.’ I was completely

ly blown away that anyone would think that,” said Bloom.

“It was just this complete re-
jection of American culture, when I was staying with the Ortho-
odox Jews, I couldn’t use my real name, my son and I had to go by the Jewish version of our names,” said Bloom.

Bloom also talked about his work on "The Oxford Project" with photographer Peter Feldstein.

“We tend to interview important people. We don’t really interview other people unless they do some-
thing wrong. But Peter flipped that. All he did was offer to take free pictures. By the end of the 3 months he got 673 pictures of the 673 people in the town.”

Bloom spoke of how easy it was to get the people of Oxford, Iowa to open up to him, and what a pleasant experience it was to hear about their stories. “If you just set down to talk with these people, these average people, they will tell you their stories. We found this one guy who was the last remaining survivor of a group of guys who liberated a concentration camp.”

People have a compulsion to tell stories. When the cave man leaves the cave girl and cave kid and says ‘I go to get food’ the cave kid gets back ‘What’s it like out there?’, said Bloom. “Stories, it’s just stories. I want to tell stories all along the way.”
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Final Exam Schedule for Day Courses – Spring 2008
Des Moines Area Community College
All instructors in all programs are required to follow this schedule. Any deviations should be approved through the appropriate dean or provost. Instructors should consult the dean or provost if their courses do not appear to be included in this schedule.

Monday, April 28, 2008 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 Tuesday/Thursday courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. 6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
6:55 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. 7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2008 Tuesday/Thursday courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Evening/Saturday Final Exam Schedule
Spring 2008
Evening courses will have their final exams at the time and day of the final, regular class meeting:
Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)------------------------ April 28
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)------------------------ April 29
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)--------------------- April 30
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)---------------------- April 24
Last Friday night classes (Final Exam)------------------------ April 25
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)----------- April 28
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam)-------------- April 24
Last Saturday classes (Final Exam)---------------------------- April 26

Graduation May 2

Cynthia Sari
Staff Writer

Graduation commencement is set to take place May 2, at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium with the vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Kim Linduska, as a speaker.

Cynthia Sari, one of DMACC’s most accomplished students, will also be speaking at the ceremony.

Linduska has a long history of working with DMACC. Linduska started out as an instructor and worked her way into other positions including special needs coordinator. Linduska has her doctorate in philosophy and a master’s of science degree in industrial education and technology.

Linduska is very active in the community college society, speaking on various campuses on key issues. Linduska is a consultant evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and schools, and is currently overseeing all the DMACC campuses with particular attention to students growth needs.

Student speaker Cynthia Sari is an international student from Indonesia and a Phi Theta kappa member. “I am so excited! And most importantly, nervous to be student speaker,” said Sari. “To know how supportive my parents are to me (by working super hard to send and support me here) and how blessed I am to have the opportunity, I want to make them proud and repay them someday!”

The DMACC Boone Concert Choir will perform at the commencement. The choir will sing “May it Be,” from the Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring and “Bohemian Rhapsody,” by Queen. The Choir will be accompanied by local music teacher David Howell on the keyboard.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a reception in the Courter Center with refreshments for graduates, friends and family.

The nurses pinning ceremony will begin at 11:40 a.m. in the gymnasium.

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Graphic Design students create diversity poster for DMACC

Letter to the graduates

Dear Graduating students,

The semester has gone by so quickly and the majority of you are busy with finals and plans for summer. As the semester winds down, I wanted to express my appreciation for your presence in my classes during your time at DMACC. I have enjoyed hearing about the joys in your lives and have had the privilege to be trusted with some of the sadder moments. I hope that all of you will prosper and do well in whatever occupations you choose and being a part of your educational experience has been an honor.

Furthermore, I have always enjoyed working at this campus because we are a community college with an emphasis on community. As a member of the Boone community I know that the future nurses, paramedics, teachers, electricians will have come through our doors. Because of this, those community connections created at DMACC Boone campus will continue.

I look forward to seeing you living your lives and practicing whatever profession you choose.

Tammie Foltz, MS
Instructor of Philosophy/Sociology

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Minor changes to be made to curriculum

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

As the semester reaches its conclusion students who are returning next year need to be thinking about signing up for fall classes. This crazy rat race that occurs at the end of every semester is nothing new as students attempt to get registered before everything fills up. According to Paula Goldsworth, secretary to the school provost, there will only be one new class added to the curriculum next year which is Differential Equations. A few classes will be dropped due to a lack of interest. The classes that will be removed are Arabic and biology of aging. There will be a change in degree requirements starting in the fall that will entail a diversity requirement. A new full time English instructor will be added to the DMACC faculty.

The Hunziker center will be offering a number of Saturday classes. These classes start later in the semester and run for about 13 weeks. These classes last from 4 to 5 hours per class period. Registration for classes begins on April 21, and it is recommended that returning students register before they leave for summer break because classes will fill up very quickly over the summer.

Stuffed Bell Peppers

Eden Hinrichs
Staff Writer

Ingredients

- 4 bell peppers
- 1 cup crushed crackers
- 2 lbs. ground meat
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp of basil
- ½ tsp of rosemary
- ½ tsp of salt
- A small dash of liquid smoke
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups of sharp cheddar
- 2 tsps of chili powder
- Tin foil
- Square cake pan
- Optional: Butter spray

First, remove the tops and core of bell peppers then chop the onion. Mix the freshly cut vegetables with your meat after the mixture is fully mixed together add in the salt, basil, rosemary, black pepper and crushed cracker crumbs.

Beat the eggs and add a very small amount of liquid smoke. The liquid smoke is incredibly potent so use very sparingly. The liquid smoke adds a “freshly off the grill” taste without having to grill the peppers perfect.

Add beaten eggs with meat mixture. Place meat mixture in the bell pepper shells. First line the cake pan with tin foil, to make for an easier removal spray the lining. You can get a more homemade taste if you lightly spray your bell peppers before they are put in the oven.

Put the green peppers into the cake pan and bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 45 minutes or until done. For an added touch, 25 minutes through your cooking cycle place a ½ cup of sharp cheddar cheese that is mixed with the chili powder, this adds the perfect summer kick.

Reminder: Meet in Courter Center at noon today (23rd) for Earth Day clean up
Bears baseball win over Hawks

First baseman Jake Astor hits a home run during the Bears vs. Hawks game.

From left to right, Sean Taylor (Head coach), Meighan Brown, Melanie Bloomquist, Robin Cornelius, Matt Buns (Assistant coach).

Women’s Cross Country brings three new runners

Jessi Smith
Executive Editor

DMACC Women’s Cross Country has signed letters of intent for the teams first three runners for the 2008-2009 season. The three women are Robin Cornelius, Melanie Bloomquist, and Meighan Brown. The three runners are graduates of Boone High School, and have athletic backgrounds. Cornelius ran cross country and track in high school, and Bloomquist ran track and is new to the cross country idea. Brown is a former volleyball player turned cross country runner.

"Cross country running was probably the first sport to really flourish after humans climbed out of the trees. Back then if you lost, the Saber-Toothed Lion ate you," said head coach Sean Taylor.

Volunteer assistant coach, Matt Buns, is a PhD student in Kinesiology at ISU. Buns is a former coach and All-American athlete.

"We are excited about the new cross country team that was added to DMACC sports," said Taylor. "We have an exciting schedule planned for the fall."

There are still scholarships available for women interested in cross country competition.

Thissen to play at Nebraska-Kearney

Kim Thissen

Davenport has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Nebraska-Kearney head women’s basketball coach Carol Russell announced that Thissen will join the Lopers next season.

The 6’0” Thissen earned all-conference honors this past season. Thissen helped the DMACC Bears win 49 games the past two years.

She averaged around seven points and five rebounds per game in her DMACC career and led the team in steals as a freshman. Thissen also shot 51 percent from the field in 2008.

“I’m excited to have Kim join our Loper family. She will help fill the void at the post position,” said Russell. “Kim brings a high level of energy to the game and it will be fun to coach a player with so much enthusiasm.”

Thissen Davenport Assumption High School, one of Iowa’s top programs. For the Lady Knights, she earned all-state honors and was a McDonald’s All-American nominee.

UNK has made two straight NCAA Tournament appearances and averaged 22 wins per season since 2002.

Bears baseball win over Hawks

Edward Hinrichs
Staff Writer

The Bears started out strong against the Southeastern Hawks on Sunday. The second inning gave the Bears a good lead winning them five points.

The third inning scored the Bears three points bringing their lead to 8-0. The Hawks handed the Bears an easy win until the fourth inning where the Hawks came back strong gaining 4 points against the Bears.

By the fifth inning the Hawks were catching up to the Bears. The high pitches for the Bears gave them the upper hand but the irritation amongst the players became contagious to the crowd.

The Bears swapped out the pitcher three times doing little good against the Hawks heavy and tricky hitting. A misleading bunt led the Bears into a frenzy leaving the bases loaded, leaving the Hawks two points behind the Bears.

In the sixth inning the Hawks gained another leg up stealing two points to push the score to 6-8, drawing the competitive gap closer.

The tension between the two teams was thick as the Bears stepped up their game with the help of pitcher #25 Mitch Mormann. Mormann threw clean strikes.

The mounting tensions paid off for the Bears, giving them the edge they needed to come ahead of their rivals with an ending score of 6-9.
Out with the Old: Banner Staff Leaving DMACC

Today I made a list of all the things wrong with me and I tried to pick which was worse of all my faults most were lies and many were of lust some were born of hate and more were made of guilt a few were for love or what a youth thinks it is I found all of the mortal sins not far from where I sleep I narrowed down the list and picked a few of those to keep of dirty deeds and horrible lies blood and truths all of which were my most favorite of sins Today I made a list of all the sins I have done it was not long in length at least from the devil's point of view I tired to pick the worst as I tired before and found I could not pick just one of those to keep Seven did I pick and seven more I’ll keep for all of which I dare not say but whisper in the dark for things much sinester then me Tally up your sins and keep track of dirty deeds someday for you might find your list surpassing mine of horrid little acts and awful hidden truths but can you pick just one of all of those to keep Today I made a list of all my hidden truths of all my dirty lies and found it not so simple to find one so divine of all my sin for many were so clean but few were so vein and those I chose to keep
Barbeque
Burgers
Flip-flops
Golf
Shorts
Sunrise
Volleyball

Beach
Concerts
Frisbee
Hotdogs
Splashing
Swimming

Bicycle
Daisies
Fun
Pizza
Summer
Tee-shirts

Bikini
Fishing
Fun
Sand
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Tornados

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Student rockstar featured on 105.1 Channel Q

Members of the Ames group Ministry of Magic are from left, Jason Munday, Luke Conard, and Aaron Nordyke.

Jessi Smith
Executive Editor

DMACC student Jason Munday’s music was featured on the Garage portion of 105.1 Channel Q’s radio show on April 20. The wizard rock band, Ministry of Magic, has been featured on MTV as well as iTunes.

“They are hundreds of Harry Potter bands out there,” said Munday. “I’ve done the music thing before. So it’s not really all that interesting.”

Munday was the guitar player of the former band 38th Parallel. Munday has toured several countries throughout his music career including England and Kenya.

In the Ministry of Magic, Munday has a hand in vocals and song writing. “We’ve been together for a little over a year. It started out as just a fun thing to do, a joke basically. And then we ended up being pretty popular,” said Munday.

“It doesn’t seem like that now that the books are done that the fandom is done. It seems like it’s going to keep going for a while,” said Munday.

“I’ve been playing guitar for ten years. I can pseudo play drums and keyboard. And I can pseudo play mandolin,” said Munday.

Munday plans on attending Iowa State University after he is finished at DMACC. Munday is currently a business major at DMACC.