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Students celebrate Constitution Day



Photo by Amber Smith

DMACC Bear basketball player Brad Burton gives a "shout out" to his friends on the soap box.

Eden Hinrichs
Executive editor

Boone Campus celebrated Constitution Day/ First Amendment Fest on Sept. 16 with a banned book table, soapbox and a feast of all American food that consisted of chicken, corn and pie in the L.W Courter Center.

Banner News gave away free T-shirts to those brave enough to speak their minds on topics ranging from urging people to vote responsibly to shout outs to friends.

Rep. Donovan Olson also joined the festivities to see what students had on their minds. "Stu-

dents have a unique opportunity to get involved and to see that the candidates are real people," said Olson.

Students said they were shocked to see what books have been banned from libraries all over America. "Some of these (banned books) don't really make any sense to me, but I guess it's all subjective," said Deb Clair, DMACC student. "The Bible (being banned) shocks me the most."

A number of popular books and classics sat on the table along with reasons on note cards as to why they were banned.

According to the message on one card, "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker that deals with race issues became banned because it was deemed to deal with sexual and social explicit issues

"Some people believe discrimination persists because people keep telling the story," said Michelle Tedrow, Boone Campus librarian.

Two students, Nick Gaston and Allison Berthel, sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" in tribute to Constitution Day. "It was her idea," said Gaston. "She came up to me and said 'let's sing

the national anthem! It was nerve wracking," said Gaston. "I don't even know why I was so nervous, I didn't know anyone here."

While students ate, some students stood up to voice their opinions but a few students took the time to fill out a First Amendment quiz. Of the 51 quizzes that were filled out, most students got three questions out of six right. Most student did not know that flag burning is protected under the First Amendment. (Find more results to the right)

The first Constitution Day, called First Amendment Fest, was held in the fall of 2005. "The idea was based on something Iowa State already had been doing for several years," said Julie Roosa, adviser for The Chronicle, Ankeny Campus newspaper.

Roosa applied for a grant that funded the event and paid for food, soap boxes, and various speakers. One of the speakers who came to the First Amendment Fest was John Tinker.

In 1965 Tinker chose to wear a black armband with a white peace sign to protest the Vietnam War. The high school in retaliation instated a policy banning armbands. Tinker decided to violate the policy after agreeing not to. He was suspended and not allowed to return to school.

This issue went to court in the infamous Tinker vs. Des Moines Independent Community School District, where the courts decided symbolic speech was protected under the First Amendment. Tinker spoke in Ankeny and Boone on free speech rights.

“Some people believe discrimination persists because people keep telling the story,”

-Michelle Tedrow,
Boone Campus Librarian

By 2006 when Roosa applied for another grant, she said, "According to federal law, all educational institutions that received federal dollars (had to) hold an educational program about the Constitution on Sept. 17 each year. . . the First Amendment Fest combined with Constitution Day, thereby enabled DMACC to comply with the law and the First Amendment Fest committee to continue to host a First Amendment Festival even though we couldn't apply for grant funds."

Paula Goldsworth recognized for twenty years on the job



Paula Goldsworth

Torrey Smith
Staff Writer

Paula Goldsworth, administrative assistant to Provost Tom Lee, on March 2008 marked 20 years in her career at DMACC.

Students, sitting in a classroom, sometimes find it hard to believe how much dedication and hard work it takes to run a campus and still love what you do. Goldsworth modestly refers to her role as minor, but with her help, often

times behind the scenes the campus keeps running smoothly.

Goldsworth's duties include, taking minutes of meetings, sending out agendas for faculty meetings, arranging calendars, writing e-mail alerts and helping new teachers become acquainted with the Boone campus. She helps the provost in all of his duties.

“This is the foundation for the future; we should all be lifelong learners.”

Goldsworth started out as a student on this campus. After her college years, she decided to start a family by raising two daughters. When her daughters got older, she decided to return to campus life and continue her education. After spending some time working at a

bank, Goldsworth came back to her roots to work at DMACC.

This life experience, as a former student, helps her do her job. "I think being a student here first really helped," said Goldsworth.

A proud mother and grandmother, Goldsworth surrounds herself with positive memories that help apply to her everyday life. A real passion of hers lies in gardening, which is described as "near obsession" over her flowers in the spring and summer. "My garden is my Calgon. I have too many flowers," said Goldsworth.

Her biggest challenge lies in keeping up with technology. The most recent change is the updating of Microsoft Office 2007. "I resisted the new changes at first with the software, but it grew on me," she said.

Goldsworth sees the campus constantly changing and reflects on the last 20 years with warm thoughts. "This is the foundation for the future; we should all be

Go Green Profile of the Week

What are you doing to make yourself more green?

Alex Kirby

“Just use less household appliances.”



Nick Gaston “I don't drive a car.”

High gas prices: A national nightmare

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

Gas prices as you probably all know this year are the highest they've ever been in history which translates to a high commuter cost for faculty and student. The reason for this is that as for as production is concerned we have pumped out about half of the available supply. This means that the amount that is produced is just going to keep dropping off leading to the rise in price.

The average price of gas in Iowa this year has been about 3.38 and will most likely continue to rise in the future.

Even though a lot of people feel it's just been this year the price has actually been steadily rising since 2004.

This to no surprise affects DMACC students as well. With a lot of students coming in from Ames, the price of gas can really put a dampener on their other activities. "[I] don't go anywhere unless [it's] necessary," said Felicia Albaugh when asked to comment about how it had affected her driving habit. On top of this, even with such precautions, it still tends to become a financial problem as Shawn Martin point-



ed out by saying "[It] probably [will] hurt me in the end." Shawn Martin even went as to state his belief that the government was, "Watering down the gas," so as to stiff consumers.

There are many ways that students can conserve fuel. They boil down to three major things, drive more efficiently, maintain your vehicle, and plan your trips ahead of times.

You should also relax while driving since driving aggressively will hurt your fuel efficiency by 33 percent.

You should keep your win-

SAC to retreat

Craig VandeVenter
Staff Writer

DMACC students will come from all six campuses to the Boone, to participate in a team building retreat on Oct. 4, 2008. The retreat is an opportunity for all the Student Activities Council to share ideas and ways that they can help make the year a success. The retreat is being put on by the SAC and is a primary tool for the council to start off the school year on the right foot.

The retreat schedule consists of collaboration time to practice group dynamics, share standards and guidelines for all of the councils, and to educate themselves on how to reach out to the students to participate in the SAC. The retreat allows for fellow SAC members to communicate about potential ideas for activities and trade

ideas on campus improvements.

The Boone campus SAC adviser, Steve Krafcisin, has been with DMACC and the SAC for four years. Krafcisin's goals for the SAC is providing interaction with the students and creating an atmosphere of fun and by increasing student's awareness level of social issues.

Krafcisin said, "I still consider myself a kid and enjoy having fun while providing the students with activities that promote things like student safety and awareness." Krafcisin believes the SAC activities aren't just for students; they are for faculty as well. The mixture of faculty and students helps the SAC to exist.

Students participating on the SAC help plan activities and provide their services to the social, personal, and the profes-

sional life of all DMACC students. The SAC is the primary student representative body on all six of the DMACC's campuses. It promotes school spirit, provides a focal point of discussion for both students and faculty, and gives the students a representative voice in college affairs. Each Council has guidelines and procedures that they must follow.

Students are only eligible to participate on the SAC if they are enrolled as a DMACC student, in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 and not under any current disciplinary actions. However, these terms do not apply to first semester students. Any students looking to join and participate on the SAC should contact Krafcisin at sjkrafcisin@dmacc.edu.

dows closed while traveling on the highway. Open windows reduce your fuel efficiency by 10 percent.

When driving avoid dirt and gravel roads whenever possible for they reduce your fuel efficiency by 30 percent. Avoid revving your engine as cool as it may seem for it wastes fuel needlessly and contributes to a loss in oil pressure.

Buy your gas in the early morning and evening for during this time gasoline is at its densest note that gas pumps measure volume not density.

Even though it's hard to picture this as being a problem in the short term it will probably as Shawn Martin put it, "[It] probably hurt me in the end."

some of her husband's most important views for his four years in office. He vowed to increase the maximum amount of the national Pell Grant awarded to college students up to \$5,100. On top of increasing the national Pell Grant he wants to make the process of applying for financial aid from the Federal Government a much easier process.

She believes in her husband's ideas of putting in place an economic plan designed to restore the middle class. Michelle Obama continued to speak of Barack Obama's other goals he has for his first term including increasing female work wages, allowing for five million new jobs to become available, obtaining alternative energy resources, and bringing home U.S. troops from Iraq at a timely and responsive pace.

Obama concluded, "Students must register to vote so that their opinions are heard and their voices can help deliver real change to this country."

Typo in student handbook causes embarrassment

Eden Hinrichs
Executive editor

A Boone Campus student discovered a typographical error in the 2008-2009 DMACC Student Handbook. An item on Feb. 16, 2009, which was supposed to read "Black History Lunch & Learn," was instead mistyped as "Black History Linch & Learn."

In response to learning about the error, DMACC President and CEO Rob Denson wrote a letter to students, faculty, staff and members of the Diversity Commission which said in part, "We deeply regret the error and sincerely apologize." (See page six in this issue for complete letter.) Denson explained that stickers would be issued to cover the error for all the books.

In an email response to Banner News about the error Denson said, "We concluded

that someone's finger hit the 'i' right next to the 'u' when trying to type 'lunch'."

After learning about this error, Dr. Jane Martino, psychology professor on the Boone Campus and advisor for Circle K, began organizing an "Ida B. Wells Day" in celebration of Black History month for Feb. 16, 2009.

Ida B. Wells, a black rights activist and journalist, brought worldwide attention to the mob lynching in America in late 1800s. According to Duke University website, Wells dealt with life as an orphan, being kicked out of town and having her presses burned down. She staunchly supported not only civil rights but became involved in gender equality issues.

She said during her lifetime, "One had better die fighting against injustice than die like a dog or a rat in a trap."

Michelle Obama speaks to college media

Craig VandeVenter
Staff Writer

Michelle Obama took part in a nationwide press conference on Monday, Sept. 22 in Madison, Wisc. She promoted student and young voter registration for the upcoming presidential election. The press conference, held for college journalists, was in support of her husband Barack Obama.

Obama stressed how monumental and important it is that students should register and vote. "When you vote, you don't just choose a candidate or a party. You make your voice heard about where you want the country to go."

Obama encouraged students and young voters to vote for her husband. "Going out and registering to vote on Election Day is better than not participating in the election at all."

The one way to get registered to vote is through the website www.voteforchange.com, said Obama. The website edu-

cates individuals on the registration process by telling how to get registered for the very first time, and getting the most relevant voting information for a state.

"The importance for students to get registered to vote in November is extremely high because they are voting on not only their future but the overall outcome of the nation in the next years to come," said Obama. She said that the youth who have supported Obama in his past attempts are intelligent, hard working, and good leaders.

"The young people that we have in this nation are a good preview of the future generations that will be the most affected by this upcoming election." Michelle Obama said that had it not been for the almost cult following of students on college campuses in the U.S. supporting Barack, he may not have been successful in claiming the 2008 DNC nomination as well as the Democratic presidential nominee.

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Dragoon River Romp



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Adjunct anthropology instructor Bill Martin and his son enjoy lunch at the Hunt and Fish Club after picking up trash on the Raccoon River, near Fraser on Dragoon River Romp.



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DMACC student Chantel Martin is taking a hard earned break to enjoy the company of other Rompers.



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Bill Martin helps his son Zachariah, after getting his foot stuck in his zeal for the project.

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Bears fall basketball league meets Sundays

Zach Harder
Sports Writer

Every Sunday this fall, the DMACC Men's Basketball team will be opening their doors to local high school basketball teams to play in their Fall Basketball League.

The League is completely officiated and managed by the DMACC Bears, as they host eight teams from high schools such as: Des Moines North, Fort Dodge, Boone, Ogden, Colo-Nesco, Gilbert, Prairie Valley, Carroll, and Southeast Webster Grand.

DMACC charges a small fee that is contributed towards the men's basketball program for the teams to participate in the league. Each high school team plays up to two games every Sunday and after the final games, the team with the best record wins a free t-shirt.

The League hopes to give the DMACC Bears an op-

portunity to promote the program to local teams and talent. Fall League Assistant Coach B.J. McGinn said, "This gives a chance for local high school teams to get some work in before the start of the season and for the younger high school players to get to experience DMACC."

McGinn explained how the DMACC players get a chance to experience the pressure that comes with officiating a basketball game and take on the role of mentors for the younger kids. He also hopes, during the upcoming season, DMACC players might be a little more sympathetic toward a bad call after their experience with the league.

Both high school teams and the Bears will continue to prepare for the upcoming seasons. With just a few more weeks left until the end of the league, the Bears will continue to help younger players with some of the finer points of the game.



Bobbi Bayer, puts one over the net during the Kirkwood match on Sept. 17, which DMACC won 25-21, 25-16, 25-18.

Photo by Eric Ver Helst



DMACC Volleyball

**Team Record
15-4**

**Conference Record
4-0**

Melissa Koster sets up, during the NIACC match on August 27, which DMACC won 25-9, 25-23, 25-17.

Photo (at left) by Eric Ver Helst

DMACC sets enrollment record

Over the past five years, DMACC has grown more than 36 percent, setting an enrollment record each year. This fall was no exception as headcount was up two percent to 18,695 students and the number of credit hours rose 4.34 percent to 161,547.

DMACC President Rob Denson noted that last fall's enrollment grew 8.7 percent. "Last year we experienced a huge jump in the number of students attending DMACC's six campuses, so the bar was set very high," said Denson. "And then to grow in

spite of the weather-related disasters, high gas prices and weakening economy demonstrates that a DMACC education is valuable and remains in high demand."

The DMACC Boone Campus recorded the largest percentage increases of any DMACC campus this semester. For the first time ever, enrollment at DMACC's Boone Campus has surpassed 2,200 students. The DMACC Boone Campus has set a new record with 2,209 students enrolled this semester compared to the 2,090 enrolled in the fall of 2007.

That's a 5.7 percent increase.

Credit hours taken by students on the DMACC Boone Campus this fall total an all-time record of 22,301 compared to the 21,138 credit hours taken last fall. That's a 5.5 percent increase.

Explosive growth continues in DMACC's online class offerings, with the number of online credits offered up 19.4 percent over last fall.

"We continue to expand our sections and computer infrastructure to meet the growing demand for online classes," said Denson.

Online classes are a convenient alternative for many working students."

The number of online credits has grown 601 percent over the past five years, but still represents only 12 percent of total credits taken by students each year. Web blended classes, where students enjoy both a face-to-face and online experience, has grown 3,028 percent over the past five years and 57 percent over fall of last year.

Phi Theta Kappa Helps the Boone Community

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society for two and four-year college students. Students involved had started out because of their interest in the offered scholarships, but remain because of friendships formed at conferences and meetings.

One project that PTK worked in was the Food Drive for the Red Rock Community Action Center in Boone this event was held front of the Boone and Ames Fareway. PTK collected 530 non perishable food items.

PTK has thousands of active members all over world, including member Ashley Runge. "[I joined] because I saw the word 'scholarships.' It was awesome. I met really cool people in the Regional Conference. It really got me hyped about it. I really like helping people."

Stacy Amling, adviser for Phi Theta Kappa said, "When I had the opportunity to join I couldn't resist! I also found it a good way to get to know students in a different environment." Members have joined PTK for the scholarships and travel opportunities.


For the next two weeks, there will be boxes placed around the Boone campus to collect items for care packages to ship overseas to soldiers. They are looking for various items such as CD's, magazines, candy and ready-to-eat food items. These will be bought to the Regional Conference and shipped off by the Tau Phi Chapter sometime in late October.

Other upcoming events in October include the Winter Coat Drive. PTK will be collecting coats, scarves, gloves and winter gear for those who need them in the coming winter months.

PTK always has a "Need it-Take it!" food box located in the northern corner of the courter center next to the microwaves. If you need food for whatever reason students are free to take it

Nancy Woods, advisor for PTK on the Boone campus, is always on the lookout for new members. "It's a little frustrating" she said, "because when I look for those who qualify, the system looks for a cumulative GPA. If it is older than five years, in the case of students who left college and are returning now, more successful, it can mean the system won't recognize them. We can't locate them easily."

Students interested in joining PTK can do so after completing a 12-credit semester with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students can still join at any time and be recognized in the next semester's induction ceremony. For more information on Phi Theta Kappa, look on their website, ptk.org.



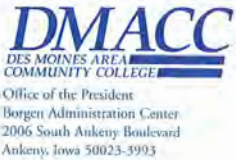
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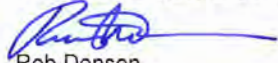
It has come to my attention that a typographical error has been made in the DMACC Student Handbook. It appears in the calendar section on February 16, 2009. It is unfortunate and offensive. We deeply regret the error and sincerely apologize to everyone who received the DMACC Student Handbook this fall.

In response, we are producing stickers to cover the error. The stickers will be available at the information desk of all the campuses next week. In addition, corrections have already been made to the Spring Edition of the Handbook.

As I have said many times before, Des Moines Area Community College is committed to fostering an environment and culture where all people are valued and supported. We take swift action to correct any perception of bias toward any of the diverse populations that represent the student body and the staff and DMACC.

We again apologize for the typographical error that appears in the Student Handbook.

Thank you for your understanding.


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EDITORIAL

Why Should we Care

What makes America great? Seriously. Many see this question and think back to a corny paper they had to write in grade school. Constitution Day should remind us of all the things that make America great but as the soapbox stood empty for long periods of time and silence leaked through the chewing of food and minor talk, I wondered why wasn't anyone saying thing?

Did anyone ever tell us why should we care? Ever since we first stepped in to our first class years ago we were told to care about this or that but never why. We were given numerous facts and told to memorize dates without given the significance behind them. So what makes America great?

We have so many rights that no other countries can ever even dream of and yet how often are we thankful of these rights? Why we should be? Why are we now forgetting

to ask why? Are we so contented with the answers we are spoon fed that we don't bother to question anything we are told? Is it American to question? Or is unquestionably American not to question?

We are never told why should care and now in our so-called adulthood, we remain indifferent to the issues and topics around us. A British parliamentarian, Edmund Burke said "All that's necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." How does this affect us?

Indifference is infecting our brains and I have to stop and think, "Why should we care? It's not our problem." But it is our problem. In so many ways it is our problem, we can't expect people around us to care about things for us. The future is ours and whether indifference will win or not we will have to deal with the consequences.



Josh's two cents

Josh Marker
Staff Writer

On September 11th, 2008, some may hear that date and think of the 2001 tragedies that happened to the U.S.; however, others may think cha-ching! Yes that's right. Student aid money has finally arrived at DMACC and was it shocking to find out what was actually going on with the students' loan money on that glorious day.

I soon realized that the most shocking things that students were spending their money on were school and books. "DMACC doesn't give enough aid to have any extra 'fun-money' leaving it kind of hard to come out of this school a lot of debt" said Shawn Martin.

Boring I know, however I did manage to scrape up a few bottom-of-the-barrel, super- awesome responses. Shawn actually said if he had any extra money he would probably just try to do something fun with it like go buy some alcohol and women! Awesome I know.

Another student, a freshman by the name of Josh Meeks said,

"The 11th was glorious! I was able to take out some extra cash, and I ended up going out to eat. Then just because I needed an upgrade, I bought a brand new Xbox 360!" As to whether he was worried about going into debt, Meeks answered without hesitation, "Who cares, I've got a freaking Xbox 360! But no, I think I will be alright I don't have to pay until I am completely out of college when I have a good job."

The majority of the students that I interviewed said they weren't going to be in debt after two years because they were either paying out of pocket, or they were just taking out enough to pay for school and books. The reason most of those students actually came here was because they wanted to have a cheap way to get their college career started.

So, not a lot of them really wanted to spend the money. They were here to save money. All and all DMACC students are way more responsible than the average college student should be; however, smart that may be, it makes for a boring story to report on. To all my readers, be a little more fun! Splurg!

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Horoscopes

By Shane Meier

Aries: you are feeling down but don't despair for things will get better

Taurus: There is an individual in your life who is constantly haggling you. You should listen to that person for their wisdom is great.

Gemini: Be careful for you are about to be attacked by giant bugs.

Cancer: this week will be a week of great bounty for you for crabs shall fall from the sky.

Leo: You will someday be rich and famous if you only eat three vegetables every day.

Virgo: A great tragedy will occur in which you will be forced to choose between your spouse and your family.

Libra: you will be going on a trip very soon to a land of X's.

Scorpio: your loved one will blow off a date claiming that they got their hands stuck in two vending machines believe them.

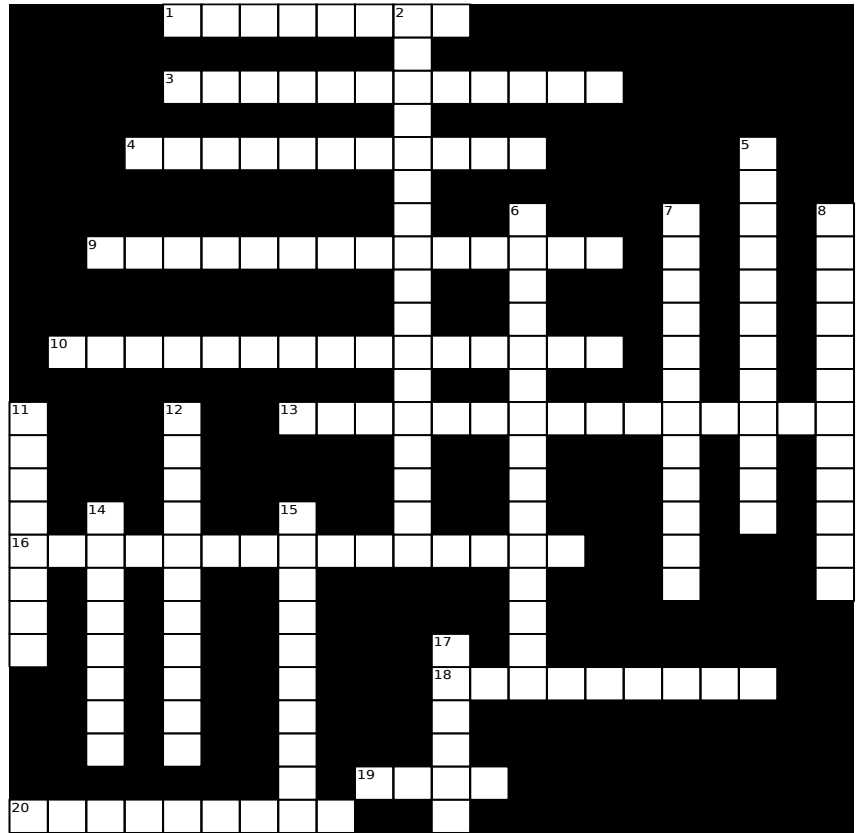
Sagittarius: the light at the end of the tunnel is just an oncoming train.

Capricorn: Wise man ounces said don't pick fights with chickens.

Aquarius: Be sure to stay up late tonight for the ultimate urban legend is going to visit you.

Pieces: You are under a lot of stress as of late you should try to relax it will make what you have to do go faster.

Constitution



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| 1 legislative branch | 2 head of the lower house |
| 3 highest court | 5 right to trial by jury |
| 4 on the hundred dollar bill | 6 election compromise that took place during the creation of the constitution |
| 9 clause in the fifth ammendment | 7 first ten ammendments |
| 10 first president | 8 name of this country |
| 13 the second ammendment right | 11 when we pick our leaders |
| 16 wrote the bill of rights | 12 removal of the president |
| 18 system of presidential election | 14 A specialized group within congress |
| 19 latin word for no | 15 they typically represented with the color red |
| 20 head of the executive branch | 17 upper house of congress |

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DMACC student talks about the recent financial crisis and government bailouts at taxpayers' cost.



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Rita Davenport, counselor speaks out on Constitution Day.

Constitution Day / First Amendment Fest



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Students fill out questionnaires to test their knowledge on the First Amendment. In exchange for their answers, they were given cookies. This project was sponsored by The Banner News.

Answers to the First Amendment quiz

What isn't protected by the First Amendment? *Obscenity, speech that violates a person legal right to privacy and defamation.*

The First Amendment protect a person's right to burn the American flag as a form of political protest. *True.*

The government can ban song lyrics most people find offensive. *False*

A public school can lawfully enact a speech code. *False*