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What students are expecting

Barrack Obama elected 44th President of United States

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Nov. 4, 2008 marks the day history was made. Senator Bar- rack Obama is elected the 44th President of the United States of America.

It will become official on January 20, 2009. Obama will be sworn in as the next President and make history.

Reactions to the outcome of the election varied from person to person but some individuals here on the Boone campus had their own opinions to share the day after the election.

Emily Chambers said “it’s a good change for America and its people, and is a worthy achievement of African-Americans all over the nation.” When asked who she voted for Chambers exclaimed, “I Bar- racket-the-vote in 2008.”

Vice President Joe Biden with be running this country with in 6 months of Obama’s inaugura- tion” said student Coty Mallicoat “He’s bound to get assassinated sooner or later. It’s because part of the U.S. is still blue collar and really red-neck. They don’t share the same views as everyone else does.”

It is this enthusiasm of col- lege students across the nation to vote and it is those votes that helped Obama clinch the popular vote over McCain. Obama won with popular votes over McCain 66,760,924 to 58,279,894.

President-Elect Barrack Obama addressed a jubilant crowd of supporters on Nov. 4, 2008 night at Grant Park, in Chicago.

He was joined on stage af- ter he delivered his acceptance speech by his wife Michelle and their two daughters, Malia and Sasha. Other guests that made it out to the rally were a near-eyehad Oprah Winfrey and even the awe-struck politician Jesse Jackson.

According to www.CNN.com and www.Time.com over 240,000 people attended the victory rally in Chicago to help celebrate the win with Obama and his family.

As Obama approached the podium to deliver his ac- ceptance speech, he was warmly greeted with a standing ovation from his crowd of supporters.

While the crowd stood in awe as Obama delivered his speech he stated that “If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer”.

He is the first African- American to be elected to the highest office in the country. He will be remembered far lon- ger for his accomplishment of being elected President than for what he actually accomplishes while in office.

In his speech Obama stated that “It’s been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this elec- tion, at this defining moment, change has come to America."

Amy Vinchattle
Contributing Writer

On the east wing of the Boone campus something may look different if you have walked by room 170 this semester. In the small room, complete with a desk for the instructors, tables, chairs, computers and plenty of sunlight streaming through the windows is the new Writing Center.

The Writing Center is new to the campus this fall and is not a branch of the Academic Achieve- ment Center.

It is staffed by composi- tion instructors with the intent of helping students write. Tom Lee played a major part in the creation of the Center.

The time they spend in the Writing Center is part of their 40-hour teaching load; however adjunct teachers are helping to fill the open slots. Therefore the Center does require additional funding beyond part-time.

Some students may have no- ticed their composition instructors assisting students at a table within the room and wondered why.

Students and staff can ob- tain assistance from the instruc- tors, which Composition instruc- tor Jerrine McCaffrey feels is a huge benefit.

McCaffrey said, “It took a while for students to realize we are here and they may not have needed as much help in the be- ginning of the semester.”

Composition instructors are strongly encouraging students to utilize the Writing Center,” said McCaffrey. McCaffrey added that all levels of student work, anything from a paper to nov- els are appropriate to seek help with.

McCaffrey said, “You can make appointments ahead of time or you can simply walk in if no one else is receiving help.”

Being able to walk in is no guarantee; therefore making an appointment is recommended.

Appointments are set up for 30-minute increments and can be extended if needed as long as no one else is waiting for assistance.

Composition instructor Krystal Hering, who was hired full-time this fall as director of the Writing Center said, “When students come in they are en- couraged to bring an assignment sheet, or any information about the subject or writing assignment. This helps them have an idea of what is expected; it keeps the ses- sion on task and is useful to know what type of writing the assign- ment is.”

During a session at the Writ- ing Center one of Hering’s Com-
Works of canned art contest helps hungry families

Shane Meier  
Staff Writer

Food pantries are common around the country and are meant for people and families in need. The Boone Campus has a food pantry which is meant specifically for the students of DMACC.

Along with the towns’ food pantry, known as Red Rock, three student organizations worked together to collect non perishable food items.

At first, lately due to the recent economic crisis, the two food pantries have become alarmingly low. In an effort to restock the pantries three of DMACC’s student organizations, Circle K, PBL, and Phi Theta Kappa have been conducting several food drives throughout the semester.

To further their efforts, on Nov. 13 these three organizations each constructed sculptures made out of the non perishable food items that they had collected for a contest against one another in an effort to heighten awareness of the food pantries.

The first group, Circle K, built a playground. Adrian Elliott, a Boone campus student, believed it was the “Golden Gate Bridge,” while Michelle Tedrow thought it was a “Limo.” Only our cook, Connie Ferguson, guessed correctly that it was a “swing set.”

“We decided to build a playground, children don’t play when their hungry.”

Dr. Jane Martino
Professor Jane Martino replied, “We decided to build a playground because children don’t play when they are hungry.”

Phi Theta Kappa also had their sculpture setup early. They had set up for theirs a picturesque Christmas theme. Students looking on had a much better idea of what Phi Theta Kappa’s sculpture would be: everyone who was asked unanimously responded that it was a Christmas theme.

Nancy Woods, head of Phi Theta Kappa said, “students came up with it.” Phi Theta Kappa’s winning sculpture not only drew the attention of judges, but it also helped the Boone Campus food pantry by donating food.

“Phi Theta Kappa won the contest but it isn’t too late for students to get involved. More information is available from Phi Theta Kappa head, Nancy Woods.”

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Higher One  
‘Higher’ costs for students

Hailey Hitchins  
Executive Editor

After DMACC’s well laid plans to instill a communication grid to protect students against emergencies such as school closings and most importantly shoot downs, some complaints are beginning to arise.

Students and staff alike are finding problems with this system by not getting the promised text messages or e-mail, it leaves them questioning, how safe are we?

Students are supposed to register their cell phone number through the web site called Rave. However, students are finding issues with trying to log into the site, finding that their cell phone numbers already exist in the system.

Or if their numbers are registered they get the e-mails but not the text messages.

Adjunct teacher and security officer Ned Miller feels that this system will definitely help. As for the issue for students not getting the text messages Miller said, “In the few login situations we have had it was usually when someone tried to use the “join” feature instead of the “log in” feature.”

Students have to take the initiative to sign into the Rave system to log in their cell phone numbers.

“If someone is having trouble getting in what I tell them is to use the “forgot password” feature and follow the prompts.” This will allow the student to set their own password and log in their cell phone number.

According to Miller, students who have gotten both e-mails and text messages already had their cell phone numbers in DMACC’s Banner system which automatically logged students into the Rave system.

“If DMACC did not have a cell number those the students need to go to www.getrave.com/login/dmacc and log in and add the cell or land line numbers they want to get messages.”

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Vietnam veteran recalls his active duty days

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The theatre department showed their hard-worked production of ‘No Time Like the Present’, a romantic comedy involving time travel and torn love interests.

I have to say, I enjoyed it. I was able to find my suspension of disbelief. I prefer entering plays in this desired state. This is the best way to find interest in the story, characters and enjoy a humorous production.

The setting and sound effects were great! I could easily believe the storm was outside in the first scene, that cars were honking their horns.

During the rehearsals, I remember looking in to investigate the sounds, thinking they might have brought in a small car.

With more time I'm sure he would have been great! His character was supposed to be in love with two of the other characters. Ben is torn between his fiancée, Sheila (played by Wendy Sundberg) and Veronica, a long lost starlet from the past (played by Noelle Brockhoff) who Ben had only seen in a painting.

The feeling between his fiancée wasn't apparent, their feelings seemingly based on aggravation and placentation. With Veronica, the woman from the past, his mannerisms were better, but the emotion wasn't there at all. It was like she might as well have been a block of wood for all he felt.

His lines were automatic, when he didn't stumble over the words before getting the proper line out. By the end of act one, this wasn't a problem, but he still wasn't believable as an impassioned lover.

Keeping in mind, they couldn't seem to keep an actor to play “Ben” and Sundberg had two weeks to memorize his lines and develop some sort of chemistry with the other actors on stage.

I'm sure it didn't help that he was playing alongside his mother who was playing his fiancée and might have found the female leading actor, Noelle Brockhoff, intimidating to work with.

Without question, Nick Gaston stole the show. Playing the confused character Kingsley, he was often amusing and even believable as a man from the past, distressed at the thought of actually having to work for a living without his millions.

I think the last act was too short. The kinks in the acting bad for the most part been worked out and I eagerly waited more, only to find myself let down as the act came to a close and the play ended, leaving the characters and plot unfinished.

The romance between Ben and Victoria was reconciled, if somewhat unrealistically, but the fates of the other characters were left at loose ends.

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

What’s the dilemma of ‘The Omnivore’s Dilemma’

Noelle Brockhoff
Staff Writer

'Omnivore', from the Latin 'omnivorus' is a term meaning an animal or person who eats both animal and plants. What is the dilemma? 'What should we have for dinner?' This book expands on this question while still allowing the readers to decide for themselves.

This non-fiction book is separated into three separate sections. The first section is the industrial progression of corn into everything that comes from a factory. If not only high fructose corn syrup, then at least in corn fed beef.

While on a tractor in the middle of a field in Iowa, he also explores the strange economics behind corn farming. A farmer has grown to more corn to survive, but by doing so, the farmer is making it harder on himself to keep afloat the following year. This section also makes the reader consider the amount of oil used to produce these copious amounts of food.

The second section is focused on the Organic farmer, and the rise of the industrial practices in organic farming, such as mass producing for whole sellers.

This was surprising in that; correct me if I’m wrong, organic farming found its beginnings in the anti-industrial choice. He also dives into local farming, and the morals and values surrounding it.

Finally, the last section focuses on a personal journey to procure dinner. Pollan went to great efforts to forage for mushrooms, harvest home grown lettuce, bake bread using natural yeast, and hunt feral pig.

It was apparent that this book was written by a journalist. The writing is factual. It doesn’t linger on savory aromas or the hundred different ways to use an egg with wild roast piggy. Instead, he is curious about the process, about the economics, about the people making their living from the food.

It was a good book, even if the writing was a bit dry. Especially in the weeks before Thanksgiving. “The Omnivore’s Dilemma” made me wonder more about where my food was coming from and how it impacted the entire ecosystem.

My only real complaint is the bleak outlook finishing the book, comparing a home hunted and foraged meal to just as insubstantial as a McDonald’s cheeseburger, but still not offering suggestions how to tip the scales in the favor of the natural.

No Time like the Present’ leaves viewers wanting

Eden Hurtrich, Executive Editor

As I turn to the last page of this piece of literary master piece I stare into space shocked by the novel I had just read. I know it was just a story and yet the people seem so real.

Let me start off by saying this isn’t your typical Zombie story. In other books, you have militant people fighting for their lives against a zombie enemy and eventually dying in vein. In this book you have survivors far after civilization has fallen and rebuilt.

It begins in rural communist China with a doctor’s emergency visit to a village and follows the story all the way to the bitter end where humanity rebuilds itself. I’ll be the first to say that not a whole lot of things rattle me but this book was absolutely chilling.

It was so real in the writing that you can believe the characters are real and what could be more terrifying? They are everyday people who, somehow in this bloody mess, came out on top.

The most chilling story came from a drop dead gorgeous teenager named Sharon who was trapped in the mind of an 8 year old, unable to escape from the confines of the invasions.

Her mother and many of her family friends are holding up in a church waiting for reinforcements that will never come and her mother does something unhinkable.

There is a psychological haunting that occurs when you read this book, simply put it gets under her skin. The people aren’t just one type of militant survivor type trapped in the constant fight for their own lives.

It isn’t just Americans, with the entire world in throws of chaos, what is the ultimate outcome? Whatever the answer, one thing definitely happens while reading this book, ‘What if?’
The View from the Stands

BCS system may be flawed

Zach Harder  
Sports columnist

The night before the election Barack Obama and John McCain were interviewed before the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Washington Redskins squared off on Monday Night Football. Obama stirred up a lot of chatter after he made a statement about changing the college football’s Bowl Championship Series, better known as the BCS system to a playoff.

Later that week, USC Trojan head coach Pete Carroll on ESPN, who disagreed with Obama’s suggestion said, “I think it stinks. I don’t think it’s the way it should be.” This controversy now has college football buzzing about possibly changing the BCS to a playoff.

So would some sort of a playoff system work better than the BCS?

I think a playoff would work only as much as having a clear national champion rather than the BCS’s controversial champion.

The BCS system only works when there are only two undefeated teams in the whole nation, and when that doesn’t happen, there is almost always controversy.

USC was ranked #1 in both polls in 2003 and didn’t even see the National Championship game. Nebraska and Miami in 2001 made the National Championship game in the Rose Bowl after Nebraska lost to Colorado and didn’t advance to the Big 12 Championship game.

Colorado went on to beat #3 Texas and eventually after some more upsets, the BCS would end the 2001 football season in controversy.

However, last year also ended with controversy when LSU was selected to go to the National Championship game after an extremely crazy football season.

In the past four years the BCS has advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II All-Region Second Team. In high school, McCaughey was an Adidas All-American, Second Team All-American and Second Team All State. McCaughey is the daughter of Serena McCaughey of Detroit.

Bears dominate Statesmen

Zach Harder  
Sports writer

The DMACC Men’s Basketball team rolled to a (2-0) start to the season after Saturday’s game with the William Penn JV team.

The guys were in control from the very start as they led at halftime, 47 to 24 and continued their impressive offensive performance in the second half finishing with a score of 103 to 48. The Bears couldn’t miss from beyond the arc going 8 for 15 and were distributing the ball with 28 total assists.

Their offense was led by Scott Windom, who had an outstanding game with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Willi Estrella also had 12 points with 8 boards and Tavaryus Gray added 13 points as well.

Volleyball women advance to National Finals

DMACC–The Des Moines Area Community College Volleyball team, under head coach Patty Harrison, has advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II national tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Bears advanced to the national tournament being held in The Wisconsin Dells Nov. 22 through Nov. 25 with a 25-21, 25-20, 23-25 and 25-12 victory over intrastate rival Kirkwood Community College to win the regional XI B Championship.

DMACC won ICCAC championship this year. The Bears take a 40-6 record and the #4 seed in the 16-team national tournament.

The Bears will play Hagerstown (Maryland) Community College at 3 p.m. That, Nov. 20. If DMACC wins, the Bears will play the winner of the Parkland (Illinois) College and East Central Missouri winner at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21.
Josh’s two cents

Becoming Me

Josh Marker
Staff Writer

People all over the world have tried numerous forms of weight loss. I have witnessed family and friends go through the pains of quick fix diets and the “Best methods” for losing weight. People spend hundreds and thousands of dollars on their diets in order to try and lose a few extra pounds without lots of effort.

After the hard work of dieting individuals do not always see the dramatic changes that they desire. Some of my aunts who weigh +450 lbs. I have happy I would be fed just enough to make myself feel better. When I was a child I was never sick even a cold. It was an extreme thing to make me sick.

The majority of people I have seen try these quick-fix diets have been family members. I have six aunts who weigh +450 lbs. I have eight uncles and cousins who weigh more than my aunts do. The number of people that come into the building is a normal occurrence. If I was sad when I was a child I would eat to comfort myself and to make myself feel better. When I was happy I would be fed just enough to keep me laughing.

The second story door in building 1305 by throwing eggs at portraits of the new presidential elect Barack Obama. This lack of security brings concerns do arise how will Housing and change such attacks on school property but also displayed vandalism with inappropriate graffiti of the man genitalia and littered with holes from shoes being kicked into the wall.

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With it speciously no purpose. Had housing been up to date with its security measures this act of violence and destruk- tion could be simple to sort out or even avoided entirely.

This lack of security brings up numerous questions about the safety of the residents living in building 1305. Without any security measures in place how can housing officials control the flow of people that come into the building?

Simple, they can’t control it. Being a resident of 1305 this frightens me deeply.

Unfortunately, no change has been noticeable in 1305 since the egging. Regardless of the actions upon the culprits, individuals may feel the need to take measures into their own hands.

Due to the lack of security and change such attacks on school property very well could happen on campus again. If more occurrences do arise will housing be able to handle them when they cannot even control the few that have happened now?

Without the proof of working that my problem was much bigger than being overweight.

After that night, I set my mind to making healthy choices for food and life in general. My grades improved.

As soon as I was able to get over my addictions it was smooth sailing from there.

I exercise regularly and still do. I continued to eat healthy for 60 days and was rewarded with losing 40 lbs.

My skin started sagging but I was doing it. Two months later I was down to 155 lbs.

Now I weigh 165 lbs. My skin has tightened and I feel great. I haven’t been sick since recent-ly for the past four years.

I owe it all to the tools and personal motivation that evolution has given me, myself.

What does it mean to be a hero? We all use the word a lot and throw it around as if it were a verbal baseball and use it to describe people who we look up to in their celebrity glory. What about the old heroes lost in Babylon or the ruins off Greece? All the heroes we have ever needed are walking among us.

Heroism is in characteristics that lie in every person but are stifled under the pressures of “Mind your own business.” So there are not people running into burning buildings or flying over the city to protect the world from evil orries in campy capes. Yet on the other hand, most heroes don’t even know that they are heroes. They are everyday people who do the right thing.

What does it mean to be a hero? It means doing the right thing at all costs, being the right person at the right time to help someone. Who are the heroes? We are, or at least we can be. The potential lies in every moment we live and breathe that we have the chance to help someone. It may be as small as a smile at the right time or a joke.

The fact of the matter is that heroes are everywhere. They are everyday people. The question is, are you one of them?

Craig Rages: Vandalism in Borgen Square is too out of hand!

Craig VandeVenter
Staff Writer

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Late election might, individuals decided it would be a funny idea to vandalize the second story door in building 1305 by throwing eggs at portraits of the new presidential elect Barack Obama. This lack of security brings concerns do arise how will Housing and change such attacks on school property but also displayed vandalism with inappropriate graffiti of the man genitalia and littered with holes from shoes being kicked into the wall.

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The first destruction of school property lacks any effort made by housing officials to catch and prevent the culprit has merely been vent the culprit has merely been vent the culprit has merely been vent the culprit has merely been vent the culprit had no problem identifying a culprit of the egging if 1305 was up to date with the other building’s security measures.

The two other apartment buildings have security cameras in every hallway to monitor the going on of the residents and to monitor their overall safety. However, 1305 does not have any such equipment, unless that is if you count the broken keypad on the south external door.

With it speciously no purpose. Had housing been up to date with its security measures this act of violence and destruk- tion could be simple to sort out or even avoided entirely.

This lack of security brings up numerous questions about the safety of the residents living in building 1305. Without any security measures in place how can housing officials control the flow of people that come into the building?

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Horoscopes

Aries: When ever in doubt always remember the golden rule Do unto others before they do unto you.

Taurus: All that you have ever known is a lie for the true omnipotent being who created humanity is a flying ramen monster.

Gemini: Be careful this week for an evil disembodied brain is going to steal all the National Geographic's from your home.

Cancer: This week you will meet a very petite strange speaking man named Patrick you should to know him for he is the treasurer of a far off country.

Leo: Be careful what you wish for this week for a magical barrier is surrounding you and your wish will come true this week.

Virgo: This week you will go to whacky land to find the last Dodo.

Libra: This week you will learn that humans are not the smartest creature on earth in reality they are the third smartest.

Scorpio: You should be kinder to your stuffed animals because when you’re not around they come to life.

Sagittarius: You should be quiet in your home this week for if you play loud music you will disturb an evil three headed serpent that will devour your entire family.

Capricorn: At the end of this week do remember to do the most important thing you have to do, spin the wheel of Morality.

Aquarius: Be careful this thanksgiving not to over eat for if you do your stomach will explode.

Pisces: Things have been rough as of late take this Thanksgiving Holiday as a time to take a breather and put your feet up.

THANKSGIVING

Original Thanksgiving Menu

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Across
1 Place were the pilgrims landed.
5 A small red fruit grown in bags made into a sauce
6 A Common gourd plant.
9 Iowa’s most famous crop of Iowa.
10 Native peoples of North America.
12 Day of the week Thanksgiving is on.
13 Main course on Thanksgiving.
14 Like potatoes only sweet.

Down
1 The people who had the first Thanksgiving.
2 Ship the pilgrims came on.
3 Common side dish. (2 words)
4 A famous parade in New York that happens on Thanksgiving.
7 Found inside the main course on Thanksgiving.
8 These people gather on Thanksgiving.
11 Put on top of food.

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'Tis the season for wines

Are you looking for that perfect Thanksgiving wine? Then, you should ask three very simple questions. What will I be eating? How much can I spend? Will one bottle be enough?

What you are eating is very crucial to pairing. As a basic rule white wines pair well with white meat and red wines pair with red meat. If you are eating the typical turkey, a chardonnay might be ideal. However, if chardonnay is too dry, try a dry Riesling, it might be a better choice instead. If you choose to go the unconventional route and choose a beef dish, a cabernet might be perfect.

However, if someone does not like a heavy cab, then a pinot noir is a much lighter but tasty alternative. And if you choose to eat fish, pinot grigio is an excellent choice.

What about desserts? Have a person eating that doesn’t like wines? Try Moscato d’Asti or just a simple Asti, these wines are a sweeter alternative for people who are not partial to wines in general. These wines are dubbed the wine for non-wine drinkers and are perfect for desserts or just casual drinking.

Don’t let price dictate what wines you buy. Just because it is a $150 bottle of wine doesn’t mean that it will be any better. Many very good priced wines can range from $7.99-$20.00, but when you shop for wines make sure to ask for the help of the sales associate.

Most of the time they can help steer you away from wines that look flashy but the taste can’t keep up with the label. Asking for advice may surprise you!

Having extra bottles of wine around the house is never a bad thing. This holiday season make sure to buy a variety of wines to be prepared for any and all tastes that company may enjoy.

According to wine master Doris Welsh of Hy-vee wine and spirits in Boone, “The basic rule of thumb is three servings of wine per person.” Yet, all servings of wine are not created equal. Welsh says white wine servings are typically three ounces per serving, where as red wines are four-five ounces per serving.

Every bottle of white wine holds approximately eight servings and red holds six servings. The important thing to remember is to gauge how many guests will be drinking and buy extra wine just in case you are wrong. Worst case scenario, you can always give the extra bottles of wine as an emergency gift.