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Bugeja visits Boone Campus to discuss his book ‘Interpersonal Divide’

Michael Bugeja, Director of the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, lectured in the Boone campus theatre on March 30 about the effects technology has had upon society and human beings. Instead they have too much technological interaction. “I predicted that newspapers would die in ten years, and they are [dying].”

Bugeja’s lecture material came right out of his most recent publication “Interpersonal Divide: The Search for Community in a Technological Age,” his book published in 2005. "I predicted that newspapers would die in ten years, and they are. There is no more journalism anymore. It doesn’t matter anymore; no one reads newspapers anymore,” remarked Bugeja.

Interestingly enough, Bugeja had each member of the audience recognize what their own personal connection with technology was, such as what gadgets they were carrying on them at the time. He quickly assured everyone in the audience that there is more to life rather than relying on a technological device to communicate and do things for us. "Technology is honest, but only when money is not the main issue at hand,” Bugeja said.

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Bugeja spoke throughout the lecture with quite a startling thought for people today. To remove yourself from the vast amount of technology you use on a daily basis. Convert back to how things were in the past. Actually interact and communicate face-to-face with other human beings again. “Culture wanted information, now we want affirmation of that information," said Bugeja.

He is not asking people to fully remove all of the technology from their lives, just use it in moderation and in small doses. Nobody can beat me in Command and Conquer, but that’s only on the weekends,” added Bugeja. His intent is for people to cut back and to acknowledge that interpersonal connections are still necessary between human beings. “Socialize with the people around you and be active,” said Bugeja.

Bugeja’s message of how tainted journalism is today is that news is rewritten to appease the interests of big corporate industries and their overpaid CEOs across the nation. “We need a society that needs to know what the truth is,” he added. “We only know what we are told,” said Bugeja. “However I’m not knocked down yet, I’m still alive and kicking.”

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Final Exam Schedule for Spring 2009

Monday, May 4, 2009 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, May 5, 2009 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, May 6, 2009 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
4:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. …………………… 3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. …………………… 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. …………………… 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 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 7, 2009 Tuesday/Thursday courses
Class Time Range Exam Time
7:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. …………………… 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
10:10 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. …………………… 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
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Monday, May 4, 2009 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more courses
Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)---------------- May 4
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)---------------- April 28
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)-------------April 29
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)------------- April 30

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The price of a pack
Hannah Quinn
Staff Writer

The new price-per-pack is hoped to finally be enough for people to kick their cigarette habit.

The federal cigarette tax will increase from 39 cents to $1.01 per pack in April, which will be added to the current average $1.19 state tobacco tax.

“When I started buying ciga- rettes a few years ago they were four-something a pack,” said Jamie Johnson, 24, of Ankeny.

Before the current raise in prices, the national average price per pack, including state and federal taxes, was $4.32.

On February 4, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the congressional SCHIP bill that included another increase in the federal tobacco tax by 61.66 cents per pack of cigarettes, and as of March 9, 2009, 17 states were pending to increase their state tobacco tax as well.

The goal of the 62-cent per pack federal tax increase is to fund anti-smoking programs, prevention among kids and also to aid those trying to stop smoking.

Another desired outcome of the federal and state tax increases is the financial boost they hope to have on the economy.

The 62-cent federal tax increase is also hoped to help smokers break their habit.

The only thing I have noticed are a few people trying to decide on a cheaper brand,” said an Ames Kum and Go employee.

Cigarette smokers are not the only ones being targeted by the tax increase. In fact, the tax on everything from cigars and roll-your-own tobacco products will go up in consideration.

There are any worries associated with the tax increase? Initial decreases in tobacco sales and the idea of “stockpiling” or traveling to neighboring states with a lower tobacco tax have all been taken into consideration.

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Boone Area Humane Society
Annual Garage Sale
April 22 - April 25
At the Boone County Fairgrounds
April 22, 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
April 23 - 24, 9:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
April 25, 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

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Bears continue to dominate their opponents

Justin Mitchell
Sports Writer

In today’s world of sports we typically see all dominate teams hit a snag or two during their quest for league supremacy, but during this season the Bears look to avoid the hitch all together. Usually the snap hits teams with a combination of fatigue; both mentally and physically, and the injury bug that likes to poke its ugly head around once or twice during mid-season.

The number one ranked Bears (26-6), have avoided both of their amazing start to the 2009 campaign. They have also bested their record at this same point in the season last year by 3 wins. The longest losing streak of the season which is just two games, hints at the Bears overall dominance and the amount of work the coaching staff puts in while preparing them to play.

Both Jake Astor and Joel Hutter continue to crush the ball, hitting over .400 and placing in the league’s top five in hits. The Bears are getting solid pitching from both Eric Holmes and Mark Schroeder who are tied for the league lead in wins with six, while hard thrower Patrick Cooper leads the league in strikeouts with 42.

While they are full of individual league leaders the Bears are also on some personnel statistics. With a team batting average of .353 and an opponent’s earned run average of 10.53 the Bears are simply feasting on opposing pitching. The Pitching has also played at a much higher level than their opponents as they have the best team earned run average (3.43) in Division II.

The overall success of the season can’t just be put solely on the big name players. Solid contributions from role players like Nick Anderson, batting .300, in limited playing time is crucial to a team’s success. Additional role players for the Bears include Mark Radmacher and Parker Price and they are also performing well in their limited playing time. With less than a month to go in the season the Bears bench looks to continue in helping keep the every day players fresh and ready to make a difference.

The bears look to improve upon their 9-1 conference start as they get ready for a home stand against conference foe Ellsworth community college before playing with Longview community college beginning on April 15.

Joslin twins to play volleyball at DMACC

DMACC—Galva-Holstein High School senior Lindsey Joslin and twin sister, Heather, have signed national letters of intent to play volleyball for the Des Moines Area Community College Bears.

Lindsey Joslin was a four-year starter and letter winner for Galva-Holstein. In her sophomore season, she was named to the Maple Valley Conference All-Conference, Honorable Mention team. In her junior year, she was named Most Valuable Player on her team and was a Second Team All-Conference selection, named to the River Valley All-Tournament Team and was a Second Team All-District member, named to the Honorable Mention All-State team and was a Galva-Holstein All Tournament Team Selection. During her senior year, she was named to the Rockwell City-Lyndon All Tournament Team and was a First Team Western Valley Conference All-District Selection, received a Special Mention All-State Recognition, was her team’s Most Valuable Player and was a Galva-Holstein All Tournament Selection. Like her sister, Heather Joslin has been active in AAU Volleyball while in high school.

Lindsey and Heather Joslin have been excellent high school volleyball players and they look forward to their transition to the collegiate volleyball level for the DMACC Bears next season," said DMACC Head Volleyball Coach Patty Harrison.

The Joslin’s join the Bears who have advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Volleyball Tournament for the past three consecutive years. The Bears finished eighth in the national tournament and had a 41-9 overall record in 2008.

From tragedy to triumph

Justin Mitchell
Sports Writer

Everybody has had to overcome things in their life, especially to get to where they ultimately want to be. In certain cases what people have had to overcome cannot be measured. DMACC student Jeremy Brokaw has had to overcome things that most people would win at.

During his junior year of high school Brokaw was the point guard of his state ranked basketball team when tragedy struck. Brokaw suffered a traumatic brain injury that caused damage to his right frontal lobe, with the injury came a loss in his motor skills and his memory.

“A player from the other team punched me in the head during the game, so I basically got assaulted,” said Brokaw when recalling what happened that fateful night. He suffered from chronic headaches for about a year, but he knew that things would get better, “My faith in Christ and the support of my family would pull me through this”. Eventually his motor skills, athletic skills, and academic skills were going to return but the process was slow, “I went from knowing 80 to 100 basketball plays to knowing only one. I was irritable all the time and I just didn’t know how to deal with myself.” The process was described as not knowing who you are anymore and feeling like your identity was truly lost.

Not only did he have to bring the focus back on school work he had a constant reminder of the accident in the form of a lawsuit. Court hearings and going on trial was something else he had to overcome. It was the type of things which no 17-18 year old should worry about. Especially when his main focus was getting his life back to normal.

Head baseball coach Dan Fitzgerald has willingly allowed Jeremy to be a part of the baseball program here as a student-coach. Brokaw jokingly describes his job on the team as, “doing all the things the coaches don’t have time to do and don’t want to do”.

His passion and work ethic associated with his job with the Bears provides a little foreshadowing into his future dreams.

Brokaw will be graduating from DMACC this spring with a degree in liberal arts and is preparing for next fall in which he will attend Louisiana State University and focus on a major in sports administration. While LSU will be different from Iowa and anything Brokaw has experienced before he will have some familiarities as he will become the team manager for the LSU Tiger baseball team.

My dream job replied Brokaw “is to work in the front office of a major league baseball organization, hopefully the St. Louis Cardinals.” With all the things he has his dream can be looked at as just another obstacle he needs to overcome to get the where he wants and needs to be.

Jeremy Brokaw, first base coach (right) chats it up with Jake Astor, the Iowa Community College Athletic Association player of the week.
Question of the Week

How do you feel about the recent Iowa Supreme Court ruling concerning same sex marriage?

screens for alcohol abuse

Derrick J Roffman & Shane Meier
Staff Writers

Community and Family Resources visited DMACC Boone campus Thursday, April 9, offering a screening test to see if people are susceptible to alcoholism based on drinking behavior.

“Alcohol use disorders are identified on a one page screening to see if people are at risk,” said a representative of Community and Family Resources.

This is a national screening that is done once a year and is put into a database in order to gain funding for government programs, so that people who would like help from the community are able to receive it.

Also, by doing these screenings, Community and Family Resources hopes to gain awareness into the problems of alcoholism and the side affects they bring to families in the community.

“We want the public and students to be aware of the problems of alcoholism,” said a representative of Community and Family Resources. Raising awareness to the abuse and mistreatment of alcohol and its affects is one goal of the outreach center.

In addition to substance abuse, a spokeswoman said, “We offer gambling services covering Boone County and the surrounding counties.”

Clickers on campus

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

Clickers are remote control devices used to record answers to assignments in academic settings. They function like TV remote controls, utilizing inferred signals in conjunction with receivers.

The nursing department is currently using these clickers.

“We had some research articles saying they’d be useful; we’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback from students. They make their answers more anonymous,” said Vicki Imerman, DMACC Boone Campus nursing instructor. “We primarily use them to review tests.”

A number of the nursing instructors use them: Connie Booth, Vicki Imerman, and Cori Peterson.

They have not had any significant problems, said Imerman, although set up was a bit difficult.

Josh Marker, sophomore
“It’s been a long time coming. I’m indifferent, but good for them.”

Teisha Hartle, sophomore
“Religion should be taken out of government and left to the churches.”

Lizzie Jones, freshman
“It’s wrong because of my evangelical background. I hope it is overturned.”

Tim Schafer, freshman
“I’m all for social equality. No discrimination.”