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Student housing unresolved issue on Boone Campus

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

An overwhelming 75% of students questioned in a recent Bear Facts survey feel that the lack of student housing is a decisive factor in whether or not students choose the Boone Campus as a place to study.

Des Moines Area Community College in general has many things to offer students. But once you break down the campuses individually, you begin to see the strengths and weaknesses of each.

For example, the Boone Campus is the home for DMACC athletics. The campus supports men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball. Many of these athletes are recruited outside the state, meaning finding housing may be difficult. The larger Ankeny Campus plays no supporting role in the sports program.

DMACC Executive Dean, Kris Philips, agrees saying, "The need has grown and is greater now more than ever."

DMACC Basketball player Chris Larson, second from right, was honored at a reception after his signing to play Division I basketball. Also pictured are his parents Gerald and Deb Larson, with Coach Russ Jones.

First Division I player in 25 years

Larson to play Division I

By Angela Cherryholmes
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Chris' father Gerald. He also added that anyone who knows Chris realizes he is a quiet person but his father believes deep-down Chris is "tickled silly."

He expanded saying, "He worked hard for it, he deserves it, and he made it on his own."

Chris' mother Deb is tremendously proud of her son's accomplishment, but is mostly proud of his type of play. She feels good sportsmanship has been a major key to Chris' success. "I'm proud of his type of play without the ego problem some privileged athletes develop," stated Deb.

Larson's former varsity basketball coach from Boone High School, Tim Olson, believes Larson has been instrumental for both Boone High School and now here at DMACC. "Chris is a great representative of the community and an important role model to follow," Olson said.

Olson also feels the qualities that set Larson apart from other

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Science on-line with Project BIO

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Wednesday, November 15 Dr. Karin VanMeter's Health Science Microbiology class had the chance to go on-line. The class visited the home-page for the new biology arrangement between Iowa State University, the Community Colleges of Iowa, and the high schools across the state, known as Project BIO.

This project has been funded by a grant from the Harold Hughes Medical Institute.

Three members of the Iowa State Staff that helped to bring this program into existence came along to give a little more of the history about the program. Dr. Tom Ingebritsen is the head of the committee, and a professor in the Department of Zoology and Genetics at ISU.

This program was set up to allow biology programs across the state to become uniform. It is an excellent way for the biology teachers in Iowa to stay up to date in their area of study. The main objectives of this project are to provide proper training for instructors in this field, have the biology teachers throughout the state work together, and most importantly a place to share information.

Project BIO has three main goals that it wishes to accomplish. First being to improve the biology offerings in Iowa to stay up to date in their area of study. The main objectives of this project are to provide proper training for instructors in this field, have the biology teachers throughout the state work together, and most importantly a place to share information.

The second goal is to share the resources that ISU has with the community colleges in the state. They are accomplishing this task by getting all community college biology instructors on-line by January 31, 1996, so that there can be a direct line for communication. They are also sharing the competencies and syllabi of all classes offered at the different schools across the state, on-line, so that it will make the transfer process easier on the students. ISU will also provide a list of the equipment that they no longer need and offer it free of charge to any instructor who wishes to use it. This way someone will benefit and the equipment won't be taking up space in a warehouse. The final goal is to get high school instructors involved in the project so that students will have a general knowledge of the subject area before they enter college.

Another advantage of this program is the ability for the instructors to get continuing education. There will be seminars offered on the different state university campuses, and they hope to put many of them on the computer so that all that want to get the chance to learn from it.

This is the only such system that has been established on the Internet and in ISU, the community colleges of Iowa, and the high schools of Iowa are doing groundbreaking work on what is most likely to become a very important field.

On the web-site, the Project BIO Description stated, "We believe that Project BIO will have an international impact on biology education as a model program for university outreach to community colleges and high schools. The materials developed in Project BIO will be available world-wide on the internet."

Writing club to meet Thursday

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

On Tuesday, November 14 the DMACC Creative Writing Club met in the Courter Center at 12:30 p.m. with Martha Griffitts, Club advisor. They first discussed what the members wanted out of the group. This included feedback about their writings, motivation for further writings, and information that will help to build and fine tune their skills.

It was determined that they will meet every other week. With the next meeting on Thursday, November 30 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Courter Center. All the people who plan to attend the next meeting are to bring a piece of writing to share with the members of the group.

The new club also discussed suggestions for future guest speakers.

Many chances for students to travel

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

Over the next year students at DMACC will have the chance to go on a number of trips to foreign countries. Four of the trips that are coming up are discussed below. Three of the four are trips that aren't correlated with a class, but one includes spending an entire term in England studying.

FRANCE
COST: $2,165
The trip to France will depart on May 11, 1996 and return on May 20. The trip will leave from Des Moines and the cost of the program is expected to be $2,165. The cost of the trip will include the air fare, accommodations, full time bilingual tour director, some transportation, and various types of insurance.

All eight nights will be spent in Paris, France. You will have the chance to visit the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral as well as many other impressive Parisian sites. There will be a number of structured tours as well as time on your own to explore the city. There will be a boat ride along the Seine as well as a visit to the Versailles.

For more information about this trip please contact Laura Nelson on the Ankeny Campus at extension 7032.

ITALY
COST: $2,300
There will also be a trip offered to Italy in the summer of 1996. It will be a ten-day trip which will cost in the area of $2,300.

There are a number of things that will be done on each day of the trip. On the second day of the trip upon arrival to Italy there will be a visit to Italy's largest lake, Lake Garda. The third day of the trip will be spent in Venice. On the fourth day the trip will go into the heart of the Renaissance of Italy. The fifth day will be spent in the town of Florence.

On the sixth day there will be a chance to visit the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral as well as many other impressive Parisian sites. There will be a number of structured tours as well as time on your own to explore the city. There will be a boat ride along the Seine as well as a visit to the Versailles.

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For more information about this trip please contact Randy Jedele on the Ankeny Campus at extension 6417.

YUCATAN
COST: $2,000
There is a trip being planned to the Yucatan in December of 1996. The official title is, "The Yucatan--An Adventure in Archaeology, Anthropology, and Ecology for Students, Staff, and Friends of Iowa Community Colleges."

The plan is to leave the Eppley Airport in Omaha on December 27, 1996 and return on January 8, 1997. The flight will go to Cancun.

Some of the attractions during the trip include a bus trip through the three Yucatan states of Quintana Roo, Campeche, and Yucatan, a visit to Mayan archeological sites, and a day in Izamal which is the "City of Three Cultures." There will also be time to visit street bazaars in Mérida, ensuite restored over or looking haciendas, and spend several days in the newest and largest national park in Mexico.

It is estimated that the trip will not exceed $2,000. Lloyd Miller is in charge of the trip and he may be contacted at the Ankeny Campus extension 6435.

ENGLAND
COST: $3,450
For the 1996 Fall Semester DMACC is offering a study abroad program for students.

The term will be spent in London and Cambridge.

Yoshiko Swift on the Ankeny campus is the contact person for this project. She may be reached at extension 6484. The airfare for the trip will be $645, round-trip from Des Moines to London. The fees will total $3,450, which doesn't include tuition, textbooks, airfare, and other fees.

For those interested there is a possibility for financial aid. There are a number of loans and grants available to help finance the trip to London. A student must contact the DMACC financial aid office and say they are interested in the financial aid and state that they may be a potential student for the London program.

The flight will depart on September 12, 1996. The stay in Cambridge will begin on September 13 and will end on October 20. Then, the group will visit London. The trip to London ends on November 3 and it is back to Cambridge. Classes will end on December 6 and students will return to the U.S. on December 7.

Friends will have the choice of living with a host "family" or sharing an apartment or studio. There will be a chance to explore the British culture and observe their social activities. Those on the tour may also want to volunteer or work at an internship. There may even be opportunities for students to spend a weekend in the home of a British family to see how customs are different.

For more information, contact Yoshiko Swift or look at the brochures hanging outside of the Bear Facts room.
From where I sit

By Audrey Burgs

The things people do in their cars can annoy the hell out of me. Have you ever noticed that drivers do things as they are cruising down the road next to you that they would never do if they were sitting next to you in a room? These people act as if their windows are one of the 'onlooker' seats.

They seem to think that while they can see out, other motorists cannot see what they are up to.

The activities these drivers participate in include the most disgusting of personal habits such as nose picking, trash-strapping, or finger licking while the car's occupant has shoved down a Big Mac in three or four bites. The more bold and nasty of this group will roll down their windows and cough up a wad of multi-colored phlegm and spit it out on the street next to you.

I think that most of us were taught to take care of personal hygiene in the privacy of the bathroom. From the number of women I see applying makeup and fluffing their hair in car mirrors, I am beginning to believe that good grooming habits have fallen by the wayside.

The people that truly amaze me are those who find it necessary to read the newspaper while zipping down the highway at 65 MPH! I thought I was mistaken the first time I saw someone with a newspaper folded across the dashboard while I was cruising, but since then I have come to believe that good driving habits have fallen by the wayside as well.

Do students really believe that they have no use for algebraic formulas? It should be "obvious" to a casual observer that there is one application of algebra which has fundamental importance. For example, if you need to drive 200 miles before 3:00 p.m., it is through the use of a formula that we can calculate a reasonable time to depart. Another everyday example of formula usage lies in the calculation of our electric bills. The electric company uses a base formula to calculate the cost of the energy which each household uses. This is a formula which we, as consumers, have access to in order to check the validity of our bills. Is there a need for us to elaborate on the fundamental importance of graphing, equation solving, inequalities, and application problems? We think not.

A liberal arts education implies that you have become a more well-rounded educated person. This means that English majors must take math. This, on the other hand, also means that math majors must take English! As a matter of fact, this is usually the time that math people learn to never mix no double negatives grammatically as well as mathematically. Should students not be required to take classes outside of their areas? We think not.

The future of our world as a whole is becoming more and more technical. In our own lifetime calculators were birthed, computers were invented, and the information highway was opened! All of these inventions were developed in response to people's need to do things faster and better. Who was responsible for the answers to these problems? Was it a math illiterate person? Was it a person who believes numbers have nothing in common with letters? Was it a person who did not believe in mathematical logic? Was it someone who preferred personal inflection of pain before solving a math equation? We think not.

Logic gained from taking math classes helps to solve everyday problems. Although not all of life's problems are centered in mathematics, the logic that it takes to accurately solve any problem is rooted in mathematics. For no other reason than this, students should take mathematics and learn to appreciate the intricacies of its logic in order that they may someday hope to help young people (perhaps their own children) who are struggling in their math classes. It should be our hope that next generations will be more successful, more inventive, more literate, and more inquisitive than we ever dreamed possible.

Nancy Woods

Jenis Dixon

DMACC Instructors

Gambling good for Iowa

By Steve Coil

Boone Campus Student

Guest Editorial

I pulled into the parking lot and stepped into an open stall about two hundred yards from the machine. It was five o'clock; I had four hundred bucks in my back pocket. I rolled down the window and a personnel who works around here called out to me. "You know when they started calling them a 'game of chance' and a 'game of skill' instead of gambling.

My brother is a good example of the type of driver that I find hard to tolerate. He has his car wired so that members of the band James Brown are heard on the radio. When I sped up to double-check, I got a good look at the driver and his companion. They seemed to think that while they were developing a car habit, they would somehow cause an infestation of pain. I was disgusted by the dashing remarks in your horoscope reading, even if it is complimentary to the cook in the kitchen. I sit.

I usually do not read horoscope sections of your newspaper. This is the first time this year that I have read the Bear Facts. When I first sit down to read the paper, I looked at what the horoscopes have to say. I usually enjoy what they have to say, true or not, but this time I did not.

I feel that I do not have to see such smut in the paper as, "You may be the King of the castle, but belching and farting are not seen as complimentary to the cook in this country. . . ." I feel that there are better things to put in a horoscope reading, even if it is for fun.

What opponents claim

Opponents claim that with the rapid spread of casinos in the Midwest, there has been a serious rise in the number of people who have become addicted to gambling. Since the opening of Prairie Meadows, the number of people calling gambler's hot-lines has skyrocketed. Last year Gambler's Anonymous received 4,000 calls. This year they have received over 12,000 calls. But opponents still say that the fact that there are people having problems with gambling justifies banning it.

However, if you used this logic, you would have to ban things like cigarettes, alcohol, and even food. Could you imagine banning eating such foods because people overeat and have heart attacks? I wouldn't think so. Just as I can't imagine banning eating because some people have a problem with that, I can't imagine banning gambling because some people have a problem with it.

So, next time you see a commercial for a gambler's addiction program or hear someone on TV putting down casinos, just remember that while it's true that gambling does pose a problem for some in our society, for most it remains entertaining. Also remember that gambling can help communities tremendously. It can give area residents jobs, pump money into the economy, and show you a good time—which reminds me, how did I really do at the casino last night?

I played for about four hours, lost twenty bucks, and had a pretty good dinner at the buffet. All in all, I had a good time. And I did it all without ever breaking into a cold sweat.
Some spend extra time listening

Rich Finnestad

Rich Finnestad, Coordinator of Student Services/Counselor, had been employed by Des Moines Area Community College for the past 25 years, since 1971.

Working with the students and his colleagues are what he likes most about his job. He said, "It’s very satisfying to see students complete their degrees or even just a course."

If the Boone campus were to provide daycare services and student housing, Finnestad feels this would benefit a great deal of the student population.

Finnestad does many things for the Boone campus including counseling students for career planning and enrollment and leading up the Foundation Scholarship Committee. He also helps students with course selections, transferring of credits and degree requirements. In addition, he heads up the Advising Program for the campus.

In his opinion, everyone at DMAACC is very helpful because they are all in this together. "It’s very interesting work," he adds.

His favorite part of the campus is the new student center. It not only gives the students a more open area to socialize and congregate but it also gives them a place for other activities such as the dinner theater that was held last month.

Finnestad has many interests and hobbies that he enjoys during his spare time. Some of these include golf, fishing, hunting, and traveling. He also enjoys being with his family and his grandchildren.

Ivette Bender

Ivette Bender has been employed by Des Moines Area Community College for 16 years since the fall of 1979. She is the evening counselor but also teaches classes.

Part of her job as counselor is to help students register for their classes, change their schedules, and add or drop classes. She also talks with students about career decisions and about their personal problems.

Bender does spend more time with the new students and sometimes their parents discussing the programs available at the Boone campus.

If she were granted three wishes of her choice her first wish would be for the Army National Guard and is also the State Director of Army Aviation. Together they have two sons. Their oldest son and his wife are working on their doctorates at the University of Georgia.

The younger son has attended both the Boone and Ankeny campuses before transferring to Northwest Missouri State.

Her favorite part of the campus is the Courter Center. She likes all the windows and seeing the students enjoy it.

Bender feels that a daycare center would be beneficial to the campus but that the campus is also fortunate to have the daycare center located across the street.

One thing that she feels would be a benefit to students on campus would be for there to be more students activities. She feels that it is important for the students to socialize and do activities together.

If she were given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for just one day, she would definitely go to Lincoln, Nebraska, "preferably on a game day but any day would do."

If she were given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for just one day, she would go to New Zealand. Everything that she has ever read or seen about New Zealand has intrigued him.

If he were to be granted any three wishes of his choice, he would wish for health and success for his children. His second wish would be for there to be peace in the world. For his third wish he would ask for a long and happy retirement, even though it will be at least ten years down the road.

Silberhorn is available to students from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are fine, but he encourages students to walk in anytime if they need to see him. "After all, I’m here for them," he says.

Maggie Stone

Maggie Stone is the Coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Center. She has been employed with the Boone campus for nine years.

She helps displaced homemakers, single parents, homemaker, and single pregnant woman with career assessment and counseling. She also does pre-employment counseling, referrals to appropriate agencies that can assist, personal and career development workshops, and financial assistance towards transportation and daycare costs.

She helps students with their personal problems and is there to listen and make recommendations for the students. She can also provide students with support and encouragement.
**Stone**

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Meeting a lot of “near” people is what Stone likes best about her job. She also likes watching people start school and seeing is what Stone likes least about her job.

Stone thinks that the Boone campus would have student housing available because it would benefit the students who are currently in need of housing as well as bring more people to the campus.

Daycare would be another beneficial service that she feels the campus should offer to students.

Her favorite part of the campus is the new computer lab. She says, “It’s fantastic.” Stone is married and has three children. During her spare time she enjoys being outside with her family on their acreage. She also enjoys her thirty-one year old horse who is in her opinion, “Quite a character.”

If she were to be given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world for the day she would go to Alaska because she has never been there before, and it looks like a pretty place to visit. If she were to be granted any three wishes her first wish would be for good health for her family. For her second she would ask for peace in the world. Happy and fulfilling lives for her children would be her third wish.

Stone is available to the students Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Appointments are not necessary but can be set up with her. She adds that students can stop by her office anytime and if she is currently busy that you can schedule an appointment with her for later.

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Graph reflects students responding “yes” in recent housing survey

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Campus builds student housing, it will be modeled after the student housing on the Ankeny Campus. According to Philips, Boone Campus will continue to own the land totaling 38 acres, and lease it to the developer. This means that the company leasing the land will charge students rent. Boone Campus would not gain from students’ rent money.

One major concern of students about housing is if it will effect the cost of tuition. The two are completely separate. Tuition would remain the same because Boone Campus would not own the student housing complex.

When students were asked, “If there were student housing, how much would you be willing to pay for it monthly?” students had three price ranges to chose from: $100-200, $200-300, and $400-500. Of those surveyed, 61% responded to the $100-200 range while the remaining 39% chose the $200-300 budget range. No one surveyed marked the $400-500 price range.

The first step needed to get the ball rolling on this issue is for an investor to develop a proposal. Philips would like to get more local groups involved as much as possible. Two groups from Boone have shown interest but didn’t carry through. Also two people from Ames, already in the housing business, recently expressed an interest.

Philips stresses the need for student housing. The idea, “not to start large, just a few units,” would be a stepping stone toward ending the student housing shortage. Student housing would not only benefit those students attending from rural communities similar to Boone, it would aid in the growth of our academic and athletic programs.

Philips agrees saying that, “Out-of-state athletes and international students are our prime factors in the need to provide student housing.”

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**Other Jacksons arrive on scene**

By Aaron Wright IV

Bear Facts Staff Writer

The next Jackson’s have arrived on the latest music industry scene. No, I’m not talking about Soul For Real, but 3T. Who is 3T? Well it’s Michael Jackson’s nephews: T.J., Taj, and Taryll Jackson, whose father is Tito (the second eldest of the Jackson 5).

Their debut album, Brotherood, just recently hit the stores; the first single “Anything” is in the Top 25 of the Billboard charts.
**Horoscopes**

By Audrey and Anna

Astrologists to the Ordinary

**Aries** (Mar 21-April 19) Your finances are in ruins, so defy the urge to spend extravagantly on gifts this year. Now you can find out if people really mean it when they say, "It's not the gift but the thought that counts."

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) Stop with the bullheaded act and buy that special gift even though it is expensive. It may prevent you from getting coal in your stocking for Christmas.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) A two-for-one sale may offer good buys, but be careful. Giving duplicate gifts to your family may be more than you bargained for.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Stop being so crabby and nitpicky when it comes to shopping. You will find that perfect gift if you just have patience.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug 22) You have been very naughty this year. The only thing you will find in your stocking is lint!

**Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 22) This year you are writing so many hot checks that your checkbook is on fire. Try balancing your account before you begin that shopping spree.

**Libra** (Sept 23-Oct 22) You have a tendency to recycle gifts. This year keep a list to avoid giving a gift back to its original giver.

**Scorpio** (Oct 23-Nov 21) If you are considering using your credit cards for shopping, think again. Your cards are at the max, and trying to use them may prove to be embarrassing.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 21) Your past generosity will be rewarded this holiday season. Expect a big gift in a small package this year.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22-Jan 19) Starting your shopping early is a good idea. You will meet your match in the aisle of the local K-mart.

**Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 18) Go ahead and splurge on holiday gifts. Your financial picture looks rosy for the coming year.

Reviewing Expressions

By Robin L. King

Bear Facts Staff Writer

**Expressions** is a publication of Des Moines Area Community College that features the talents of students who entered the DMACC annual creative writing contest. It also features an Iowa artist. This year Expressions features Paul Micich, Iowa artist, songwriter, and poet.

Several stories, poems, art work and photographs are featured in Volume XVII of Expressions, as well as an in-depth interview with Micich.

The first short story, written by Ann Presley, is entitled "The Gift." This piece was awarded Runner-Up Best Overall Story for the 1993-94 DMACC Creative Writing Contest. It touches on the reality of how one’s words can affect people, especially when the one talking does not know the other one is listening. It is a reality check for those who do not realize that it does not take sticks and stones to hurt someone. Words are just as powerful if not more dangerous.

"Daddy's Closet," written by Taiyon Coleman, was awarded the 1994-95 Expressions Runner-Up Best Overall Writer in the 1993-94 contest. This story is written about a child's perspective of the world. Its description of what the child sees allows the reader to visualize from a child's viewpoint. It also tells about the way a child looks up to the person she most respects and cherishes in the world, her daddy.

A poem written by Bahria Amatullah, entitled "38 Caliber," was awarded Best Poem. This piece is uniquely compares the consequences of sex to the consequences of playing with a loaded gun. It reminds the reader that it does not take a weapon to kill you. There are many other ways for people to die in the world today.

"Fish," a poem written by Mary Biesk was juried for the 1994-95 Expressions Best of the Festival of America for Poetry. It tells the story of a small town and of the catfish that are told to be very good there. I found this poem to be confusing.

The interview with Micich was very informative. It details his life, his career, and his work. It is written by Kitty Jacobson, the editor of Expressions. It tells of the many talents of Micich which include being an artist, author, and a musician.

The story, "The Fan," by Grace Tripp, is a well-written piece although some might think otherwise, due to the nature of the story. However, people do judge others by their actions or their lifestyles instead of by the person themselves. "Coming out" is the major issue in this story. I recommend the readers decide for themselves.

Along with the writing, the photography and artwork are both fantastic. Expressions, overall, is an extremely interesting publication. I enjoyed reading the efforts of the talents of people who attend DMACC. However, I would have liked to have known which campus each of the writers were from and maybe a little bit about each.

**Rotaract supports Lighthouse Project**

By Ken Clark & Lynnette Linderblood, Rotaract Club

You may still donate blood today, November 29 in the Courter Center.

Rotaract participated in the Great American Smokeout this month. Congratulations to all who participated and allowed their lungs to heal at least for one day.

December 4 is the Lighthouse Program Open House. The Lighthouse Program was initiated by Youth and Shelter Services as a program to open doors to self-sufficient living. The Lighthouse Host Home is a transitional living center for homeless women who are pregnant or parenting.

Please donate your kids’ clothing, Christmas decorations, toys for the Lighthouse Project by using the boxes outside Mr. McNair's office near the north stairs.

The next Rotaract meeting is December 12. See Joanne Johnson or Lee McNair for membership.

**Vittles with Vern and Virginia**

Bradshaw's gets high family rating

We had one of our most pleasant experiences last week when we ate at Bradshaw's Family Restaurant in the American Inn on South Story Street in Boone. We were seated immediately by a congenial hostess in an immaculate dining area. Our order was taken promptly and we were served soon after.

Two daily specials were available: one was soup- and-sandwich and the other was a plate lunch. We both chose the latter, which was roast pork, mashed 'taters and gravy, and nicely seasoned green beans. The menu had numerous choices for breakfast (served till 11:00 a.m.). Lunch starts at 11:00, dinner at 4:00 p.m. with both available until closing. Virginia immediately noticed the loc-cal plate on the lunch side of the menu.

Bradshaw's also offers an appetizer selection with the usual fare of cholesterol-laden goodies (Vern says "YUM-YUM!"). Virginia says "It's not in my diet!" They gladly substituted a baked potato for the mashed spuds and gravy at no extra cost.

The coffee is especially good, according to Vern, who was also pleased that his cup was never left empty. Virginia is ecstatic that toothpicks were within arm's reach on the table.

Parking is plentiful. Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bradshaw's is definitely worth your time and money. Boone needed a good restaurant with home-cooking and a "homey" atmosphere. Bradshaw's is it...GIVE IT A TRY!!

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Mystery Solved: The source of the story "The Fan" is right here in Boone. "The Fan" was written by Grace Tripp, a Boone Rotaract member. It is one poem everyone should read and think about.

"Califish," a poem written by Paul Micich, Iowa artist, was featured in Volume XVII of Expressions, as well as an in-depth interview with Micich.

The Lighthouse Project by using the boxes outside Mr. McNair's office near the north stairs.

The next Rotaract meeting is December 12. See Joanne Johnson or Lee McNair for membership.

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athletes is not only his scoring and shooting but his ability to play defense and rebound. "Chris was the epitome student: a quiet leader, and above all else has set a high standard for others to live up to," concluded Olson.

Former Boone High School teammate Ryan Peterson wants to travel back in time to their freshmen year in order to remind Larson how far he has come since then. "I started for Chris, the first and only time he was ever benched. He had only scored four points in the previous game," Peterson said. However, Peterson did reveal that the game following, Chris racked up the points.

"Chris plays with intensity and heart. He will never give up. It's about time he has something happen, and it is positive when he walks out in the floor. Johnson feels he is very deserving of this scholarship. Johnson and Larson share a common interest in a couple of sports besides basketball; they are both avid hunters and fishermen. Johnson commented saying, "I'm sure Chris realizes the hunting and fishing is better down there versus here in Iowa."

When Larson began his collegiate career here at DMACC, Coach Russ Jones, always thought he was a Division I prospect. In the early stages of this season Larson is putting up All-American numbers. He is averaging over 20 points a game and 15 1/2 rebounds.

"Chris, his parents, and I have worked very hard to get to this point," said Jones. For Chris to sign a letter of intent to play Division I basketball is great for himself as well as the DMACC program. "Chris has made us a better team," remarked Jones. Jones hopes to use Larson as a primary tool while recruiting players for next season.

As Larson completes his JUCO career here at DMACC and continues down the road to play NCAA basketball at Northwestern State University, there is one point made crystal clear by his father, "Don't think he will ever give up, because he would never give up."
Senator Tom Harkin, first from left, here at a student forum held on the ISU campus discussed direct student loans. He was joined by Kim Lindiska DMACC Executive Vice President, and by George Silberhorn Boone Campus counselor.

Harkin warns of direct lending cuts

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

The Republicans in Congress have voted to cut nearly $11 billion in student loans, and they would also like to put an end to the direct lending program that became very successful last year. In a fax from Senator Harkin’s office, it states, “In their effort to give $245 billion in new tax breaks aimed mostly at the wealthy, Congressional Republicans have voted . . . ,” for the direct lending programs to be cut. It is estimated that if Congress follows through on their plan that thousands of the students in Iowa and over half of the 38 colleges that now use the direct loan program will be cut out from this venture. It has been discovered that direct loans account for over 57% of the total number of student loans made in Iowa.

Direct loans are here because they simplify the program for the students. Instead of going through the regular maze to obtain money to go to school, a person who applies for a direct loan goes to their school’s financial aid office and borrows directly from the government.

Another advantage of the direct loans is the new type of repayment plan. The plan is income-contingent and it allows for ease of repayment. The program is based upon the varied and changing incomes after a person graduates.

This fax was sent out to the schools that are involved in the direct lending program to let them know what is going on. There was a hearing held on November 10 at ISU to discuss this newest threat by Congress.

DMACC international focus

Celebrating or mourning Nigeria?

By Jamie Lowe
Bear Facts Staff

This year DMACC is celebrating the Year of Nigeria. Through the speakers and other sources students, faculty, and staff have had the chance to learn more about the country. Last week a frightening side of the country came out. Nine people were executed by hanging. One of those who perished was a Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Due to what occurred the United States recalled the ambassador to Lagos, Nigeria, and will NOT grant visas to Nigerians. This could raise a problem for the guest speakers that DMACC was hoping to have in December. According to the Des Moines Register, “The White House, European government and human rights groups reacted with outrage.” Nelson Mandela and John Major demanded that Nigeria be expelled from the Commonwealth of Britain which has a 52-nation membership.

It is believed that Ken Saro-Wiwa, the playwright executed, was wrongly convicted for the death of four men at a political rally in 1994. Saro-Wiwa has stated to the end that he had been framed because he was opposed to General Sani Abacha, head of the Nigeria military regime. Saro-Wiwa also disliked the fact that 80% of Nigeria’s income from exportation comes from oil. This fact may have also contributed to his death.

The men were executed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17 and the details of their hanging weren’t released until 7:30 p.m. When the bodies were taken for burial the cemetery was surrounded by armed soldiers and tanks.

The Commonwealth was holding a meeting during the execution and is now deciding what should be done with Abacha. Abacha seized power from the elected president in 1993 through a coup.

By George

Much more ado about your education

During this decade, a majority of new jobs will require completing post-secondary educational programs. According to data compiled by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, nearly all new jobs created through the year 2000 will be service oriented; many of those will require higher skill levels. More than half will require education beyond high school. More than twenty percent will require up to three years of college. Thus, an associate degree will prove valuable in landing a job.

The U.S. Bureau has data that specifies that persons who have earned an associates degree earn at least 50 percent more than high school graduates. The census bureau’s figures indicate that associate degree holders earn an average of $1,672 per month while those with just a high school diploma earn an average of $1,077 per month. The degree is more than just two years of college; it is a specific program of study that may be required in order to be licensed or certified for a particular job that often translates into more dollars. In certain fields like nursing pay may nearly be equal to that of a four year college graduate.

As one who has earned an associate degree you’ll be able to demonstrate to employers that you have completed your goal—a degree and a program. You probably held at least a part-time job while taking college classes; you also probably had some other responsibilities that occupied your time. Also importantly, your grades and specific course work indicate to employers that you are able to learn, can comprehend complex tasks, care about your performance, and can manage time.

While you may have been too busy balancing your classes, activities, and responsibilities that you may not have realized what all you know. Use all the services available to you to help hone skills and abilities. Learn how to analyze, evaluate, and communicate and to market yourself.

(The first person to tell me the title of the last column published will win a gift certificate for a medium specialty pizza at Godfather’s Pizza.)

Community colleges offer a variety of associate degrees. If you are about to graduate with a degree intended for transfer you have planned your courses to meet the requirements of the four year institution to which you have planned to transfer.

Five simple steps will lead to a baccalaureate degree: First, select or identify a major area of study. Determine a focus that suits you. Then, choose the college where you’ll transfer. Choose what’s right for you. Peterson’s Guide and the College Blue Book (in your library) have descriptions on nearly every college or university. Visit that college, ask questions; see if you can be comfortable there. Visit students and staff there; ask about campus life. Peruse catalog information for aides and answers to the questions you may have. Visit the college placement office and ask where graduates are finding employment. What firms recruit on campus? Next, ask for transfer agreements or articulation that will show you how your credits will transfer. Know and fully understand the admission process; know deadlines (some colleges require you to submit the application for admission by November of the year before you intend to enroll). Request that appropriate transcripts be sent; don’t forget high school transcripts. You may even be asked for recommendations. Then, check for financial assistance.

The transfer process may seem confusing and overwhelming, but the results of the transfer process are worth the time and effort you invest. Ask you counselor or advisor to help. Carefully plan your steps and research. Take one step at a time through the transfer maze.

A baccalaureate awaits.

(Info extracted from Job Choices: 1996)