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Although he dropped a fish in her face...

**Couple finds love at DMACC**

by Amy Davis

They are here every day. You see her sitting at her desk and him lecturing upstairs. They are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Sandi and Harold Johnson met for the first time here at DMACC in 1966. She was in his biology class. Their relationship was strictly student/teacher based. She really didn't like him all that well, due to the fact that he had accidentally dropped a fish in her face. Needless to say, she does not like fishing that much anymore.

Harold was the basketball coach and Sandi was a cheerleader, so they did see a lot of each other outside of the classroom, but nothing more than at games.

Sandi started working in the office here for the dean. She would sit and watch Harold as he left each day. She thought he looked rather sophisticated in his black coat and white scarf. She thought it would be nice to meet him again but never thought it was possible.

Little did she know that in November of 1970 she would see another side of him. They renewed their acquaintance at a faculty/staff meeting and their relationship blossomed. Shortly there after, they began dating.

At the time Sandi had her own son, Chad, and Harold had three boys he was caring for. Sandi compared them to the Brady bunch, because of the confusion of who was related to whom. Later, the Johnsons had a daughter, Angi, who is a graduate of the DMACC nursing program.

Sandi believes that she and Harold were brought together by their love of sports and working in education. The thing that she liked most about Harold was that he treated her son like one of his own.

Harold says he was attracted to Sandi's interest in sports and her ambition. He also says that he loves the way she is always ready to do something, whether it is for work or pleasure.

Harold is retiring from DMACC after the spring semester. He plans to spend more time with his family, work on his house, and travel. He also has a couple of old cars he would like to restore. Sandi has been at DMACC for 28 years and has no plans to retire yet.

Photos courtesy of Sandi Johnson

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**Weather causes problems for area students**

by Cory Williams

The Blizzard of '96 claimed many things including headaches, backaches, and misery for the DMACC staff and the student body. Let's hope there are no more surprises in the forecast for February and March.

DMACC was closed and so many other business in Boone except the groceries stores and the gas stations.

The aftermath of the blizzard included shoveling your vehicle out of the snow, because the city plowed it in, or doing the sidewalk for ten minutes if you have a snow blower. The students and staff

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**Dole wins in Iowa**

Negative campaigns discourage student voters in caucus

by Angela Cherryholm

The state of Iowa has clearly become a significant stop along the road to the White House for presidential candidates, simply because of the Iowa caucuses held here February 12. Iowans are first to hear the major issues presented by the Republican Presidential candidates.

However, with all of the negative campaigning exhibited throughout Iowa, it is understandable that Iowans are still mystified as to where the candidates stand on certain issues.

The majority of DMACC students reflect similar feelings about the Republican Presidential candidates negative campaigning. DMACC student Laura Parrish said, "I wouldn't vote for any of them because they are too worried about slandering each other and not about their beliefs."

Another DMACC student, Misty Miller stated, "I wouldn't support any of the candidates because none of them seem to be worth the effort of voting for them. They all seem to be fake and untrustworthy."

DMACC student Chris Larson believes, "No one has really shown sound ideas toward government. Everybody is pointing out flaws and are just trying to show a voter why the other guy shouldn't be running and yet they aren't really showing why they should."

"All these negative ads within the same party makes a person wonder how in the end a person can rally behind their choice for president."

Only three gain support

Of all the Republican Presidential candidates there were only three that gained support from DMACC students interviewed: former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, commentator Pat Buchanan, and publisher Steve Forbes. Reasons for supporting these candidates varied considerably.

DMACC student Chris Abbott supported Alexander because "he seems to know what the farmers want, and he does not ride around in limos and wears flannelette shirts and jeans, not $500 suits."

Buchanan supporter, DMACC student, Dave Smith feels "the problem with American politics is the way our media reveals the moral issues of the candidates and their families. That is the reason we have the low quality of candidates that we do."

Forbes, the surprise contender, has DMACC student Troy DeVogd’s attention because he has a little bit more liberal views on welfare and reform programs. Even though his proposed flat tax may not get passed by Congress. I still think he has better ideas."

Whether the winner of the Iowa caucuses would have been Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, Alexander, Forbes, Buchanan, Keyes, Dornan, or Taylor, Iowans will have suffered through months of campaign commercials, survey phone calls, and an abundance of literature to help narrow the field for the rest of the voters in the other 49 states.
Writers’ Club meets today in Courter Center

Samantha Hutcheson
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The Creative Writers Club was started last semester by Martha Griffiths and some students in her Creative Writing Class. The group’s purpose is to help writers of all kinds work on skills, proof reading and come up with new ideas. Anyone is invited to join the group and the only entry fee is a piece of writing that you would like help on. Just turn in your work to Martha Griffiths before the meetings and then you come to that meeting, read your work, and get comments and help on it.

Martha would like to say to everyone “I encourage all people that have an interest in writing to join us for input and encouragement in their writing.”

The next meeting of the Creative Writers Club is today at 2:30 in the L.W. Courter Center. Just look for Martha Griffiths and a big group of people. Hope to see you there.
A special thanks ...

Robin's Nest
By Robin L. King
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Being a single parent in today's society is far less of a tragedy than it was assumed to be years ago. Many adults have either chosen or were left with no choice but to be a single parent, both mom and dad. That's what I am. I'm a single parent raising two boys.

There is never an ending list of the needs of children ranging from emotional needs to the physical needs, from love and support to friendship and understanding and from patience to discipline. Those things are only a few of the vast requirements of what children need that does not have a dollar amount attached to it.

The financial requirements for having, caring and providing a suitable, safe and healthy home for children is so enormous that I would be afraid to even guess. There is always a bill to be paid, food to purchase, necessities to buy and a toy to pick out.

I have always wanted to write and give them life. I cared for them, similar to the nursing profession, I taught them, as a teacher would and I guided them through life as counselors do. This list could go on and on.

Parents are their children's providers, guiders and inspirations which gives children their desire to grow to their full potential. This column is the first in a series to come that will tell of different areas of parenthood. Raising children has got to be one of the most difficult and challenging jobs in the world. This column will tell of the challenges and decisions that face me and a good majority of other single parents in the world today.

Students: Do you know what you're missing without Internet access? If you do, write a letter to the editor.

Mud slinging not new

Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff Writer

You don't think mud slinging is new, do you? It's been going on for over 200 years!


In 1824 during the presidential race between John Adams and Andrew Jackson tracts were distributed, "One more vote for Cleveland." Negative campaigning began at the birth of our two party system in 1796 and continues in 1996.

DMACC Boone Campus students view the quilt on display in the Courter Center during the recent Student AIDS Awareness Day. A 12' by 12' panel of the quilt was on loan from a group from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Student Action Board, Bear Facts newspaper and the school's AIDS education coordinator paid for the loan of the quilt. The entire quilt will come together in Washington D.C. this fall. Several AIDS awareness groups are offering chartered bus trips to the display.

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Self-sacrifice can be best Valentine remembrance

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The first myth to dispel about Valentine’s Day is about love. On Valentine’s Day, most think of red roses, candy hearts with “I love you’s” on them and pretty romantic cards proclaiming one’s overpowering love for her or his chosen partner. As far as I’m concerned, that is not love. Those roses will wilt and die within days. Those candy hearts are eaten and those romantic cards are soon forgotten. It is not what one says or what one gives that shows love for another. Real love is about “sacrifice.” It is about being a friend in all kinds of weather and sticking close no matter what circumstances may arise. Real love requires putting up with things about another that you hate and can’t stand.

Another myth to dispel is that “Valentine love” makes for a good long lasting relationship. “Valentine love” makes for a good passionate affair but it is not the stuff that a long lasting relationship is about. A long lasting love is one in which each partner overlooks all the things that he or she does not like about the other. Or, if it can’t be overlooked, at least be honest enough to let the other know the truth about what is the problem.

If you really want to do a special thing on Valentine’s Day, why not go visit an older person in a nursing home or go sign up to be a big pal to a fatherless child? That takes sacrifice on one’s part. It does not involve giving of your money but giving of yourself. Unlike “Valentine love”, it gives back something one will not ever lose. It gives the one satisfaction of knowing that what has been done for someone who is hurting or alone, can create a little more happiness and a little more trust that there are still those who care on this earth.

Lovescopes ❖❖❖❖

By Audrey

❖❖❖❖Astrologist to the Ordinary❖❖❖❖

Aries (Mar 21- Apr 19) You have been lonely for far too long. You will soon receive the kind treatment and true love that you deserve. Be patient.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) A stormy relationship is about to come to an end. Concentrate on developing inner peace instead of looking for a new love.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Romance is all around you. Use your inventiveness to plan a special surprise for the one you love.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You have been looking for love in all the wrong places. A close friend will become your soul mate.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Wait for just the right opportunity to show your special someone how much you really care. Your endurance will be rewarded this Valentine’s Day.

Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22) Be cautious. Everything that looks good to you is not good for you. Don’t jump into anything too hastily.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) You are about to be blessed with a love that is greater than anything that you are capable of imagining. Open your heart and let this true love in.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) Your expectations of what a partner should be are so high that you may remain single the rest of your life. Consider relaxing your standards.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) You will soon be falling in love with your dream person. Be on the lookout for love in the place you would least expect it.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You must find a better way to attract attention to yourself. Practice discretion over being daring.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Don’t spend another Valentine’s Day curled up in your flannel nightgown. Take the lead and make a more on that someone you wish would notice you.

Pisces (Feb 19- Mar 20) Take your sweetheart on a delicious daytime excursion. Shower your love with gifts and make a promise that won’t be hard to keep.

Graphic Designs By Robin
**Review**

**“Bed of Roses” a perfect date movie**

**Mark H. Williams**

It’s Valentine’s day. Have you sent your sweetheart flowers yet? If not, then you may want to take her, or him, to see “Bed of Roses.” This small and unpretentious movie is the perfect Valentine’s gift: a love story, like most others in plot, but with a fine cast that makes it worth your time.

The basic boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back story line is done with a clear sense of purpose. On a late night walk, Lewis (Christian Slater) spies a sobbing Lisa (Mary Stuart Masterson) through her apartment window. Not liking to see a person crying, Lewis sends her flowers from his florist shop. Lisa is mystified at who would be sending her flowers anonymously, and sets out to find out who the culprit is.

After going through her list of suspects and coming up with blanks, she turns to the florist for help. A customer who wants his anonymity kept that way, is the response she gets. Perplexed and a bit frightened, she returns to her apartment that night only to see Lewis across the street. Returning to the store the next day, Lisa confronts him with the facts. Lewis confesses and explains why he sent the flowers. He likes to make people smile.

Lisa ends up spending the day helping Lewis deliver flowers and experiencing the pleasure of making strangers smile. The next day Lewis sends Lisa dozens of roses, buying the city out of her favorite rose, Perfume Delight.

Throughout the movie, Lisa is asked personal questions that are never answered or are only vaguely answered. It turns out that she was adopted and that her adopted parents never really gave her a birthday. Her father was an alcoholic and never cared much for his daughter. This is the death that had her sobbing that started this new relationship.

At Christmas time they decide to visit Lewis’s family in Connecticut. They are the perfect family, loving and caring and all that good stuff. Opening a present on Christmas Eve, Lisa all but has too much of a good thing and flops the house.

The fate of these “star crossed lovers” is what propels the movie from one scene to the next, a true love story that audiences of all ages can and should enjoy. The cynics will say that the movie is too sweet and sappy, with far too much sugar coating. Maybe, but in this day of violence and sex on the screen, we need a bit of well-done sweetness.

Is this the perfect love story then, or is it a story of our modern world and the pressures that we all must face? This movie is by no means a heavy thinker, but it is also not a no brainer at many love story-type movies are. Though thoughtful performances, an interesting script, and an excellent cast, this movie has been saved from mediocrity.

This movie rates a @@@, as this season’s perfect date movie. Take my advice, and go see “Bed of Roses” with someone you care about.

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**Valentine Movies**

1. **Breakfast At Tiffany’s @@@**
   Classic based on Capote’s story.

2. **The Bridges Of Madison County @@@**
   Good cast, but...

3. **Love Story @@**
   Seems somewhat dated now.

4. **Maurice @@@**
   A different kind of love story.

5. **Sabrina (54) @@**
   Great cast, great fun.

6. **Sabrina (95) @@@**
   Well done remake.

7. **Sleepless In Seattle @@@**
   A little too cute.

8. **A Star Is Born (54) @@@**
   This rating is for the 170 minute version.

9. **A Star Is Born (76) @@@**
   Streisand is the only star here.

10. **The Way We Were @@@**
    Streisand and Redford, need I say more?—Mark H. Williams
Researchers not in agreement about history of Valentine's Day

Audrey Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Was there an actual St. Valentine? What do cupid's arrows, red roses, and heart symbols have to do with Valentine's Day? Why are boxes of chocolates seen as a token of love?

Cupid was the mythological Roman god of passion and love. His arrows are said to pierce the heart causing lovesickness and heartache. A person who has been "struck by cupid's arrow" seems to lose all reason courtship. Various legends exist which means "a lover of rated box for the exchange of love". These discounts range from $1 to $3 off per ticket.

DMACC I.D. now accepted at M-Shop

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Now, at last, the students at DMACC can enjoy the fine entertainment value of the Maintenance Shop at a reduced rate. Since the beginning of the spring semester, the M-Shop has offered students at DMACC, ISU, and Drake a discount on tickets to performances. These discounts range from $1 to $3 off per ticket.

From the dark, dusty, and deserted remains of the old mechanical department's shop area, arose a jewel in early 1974 for college music lovers. The birth of the world famous M-Shop bar came about in the early 70's when renovations to the ISU Memorial Union relocated much of their office space.

Filling a void for students, the M-Shop opened as a bar in January of 1974 by the Student Union Board to serve the students of Iowa State University. At that time the drinking age was 18 and there where few bars in the college area that catered to a non-Greek oriented crowd. Shortly after opening, the M-Shop started to put on student theater productions along with movies and lectures. As time marched on, they began to slowly change into a live music venue. The musical sounds coming out of the Shop has changed as tastes in the college music scene has evolved. The M-Shop has always stayed one step ahead, starting with folk and evolving into alternative and now becoming one of the country's top blues bars.

Proving their motto, "None of our band's suck," the M-Shop in 1994 was recognized as one of the best blues bars in the country when they received the W.C. Handy "Keeping The Blues Alive" award for outstanding commitment to the Blue's.

Central Iowa's only all-age bar

Today the M-Shop continues this tradition by having some of the top performers in the blues, jazz, and alternative rock appearing on its stage. Many artists with recognizable names, such as Chick Corea, Arlo Guthrie, Bela Fleck, Tripping Daisies, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Soul Asylum, Blind Melon, and The Doobies have appeared on their stage.

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Galantin's Day (the valentine cards tralni~ons of love and romance) have been passed down ex-

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Valentine cards started to appear around 1723. They were embossed with symbols of love and inscribed with sugary prose.

The custom of sending cards remains popular today. Valentine's Day ranks behind Christmas and Mother's Day in the number of greeting cards sent.

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S 2/17 Kelly Joe Phelps
8 & 10:30p $4

S 2/24 Marlee MacLeod
with Jason & Allison
9p $3

Su 2/25 De La Soul
with Camp Lo
7 & 10p $10

Where student prices are listed, tickets must be presented at door with DMACC ID or class schedule

All ticket prices go up $1 day of show

Iowa State Memorial Union
DMACC Bears home tonight

Sophomores play last home game Feb 24

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The men's and women's basketball seasons soon come to an end with only four games left. Nine sophomores will play their last home game for the Bears on February 24.

Some athletes will be leaving DMACC-Boone and continuing their education or taking their athletic talents to a new school. These nine sophomores have come to DMACC as far away as Lacrosse, Wisconsin; Springfield, Illinois, and as close as Boone, Iowa.

The men's team will lose five players this year: Malcolm Holman, Dax Connelly, Chris Larson, Noel McLaughlin and Mark Otten. The women's team will lose four players: Laura Tilley, Angela Kading, Meleena Henderson and Diane Schmitt.

MALCOLM HOLMAN

Malcolm Holman came to DMACC from Indian Hills, Illinois. Holman averages 14 points per game (ppg) and 5 assists per game (apg). "Malcolm has been one of our more exciting players. He has consistently produced on the offense and defensive end. We are looking forward to him going and playing basketball next year at a Division I college," stated coach Russ Jones.

A highlight for Holman this year was playing Indian Hills and being up ten points with five minutes left to go.

Holman came to DMACC because he wanted a change and a different scene from the city life, and he wanted to go where no one knew him to play basketball.

"I think softball and baseball are the two top sporting teams here. I worked harder at basketball in high school than I do here. We need someone to push us harder. I think the athletic teams reflect the coaches," stated Holman.

Holman's future plans do include basketball and getting a degree in accounting. There are four Division I schools looking at him right now.

DAX CONNELLY

Dax Connelly comes to DMACC from Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Connelly averages 20.0 ppg and 6.0 rebounds per game (rpg). While the main reason Connelly came to DMACC was to play basketball, "Consistently Dax has been one of the best scorers on the (basketball) team. It has been a pleasant surprise because we didn't expect him to produce this much," stated Jones.

"DMACC has a relaxed and fun atmosphere, it's a great stepping stone to move on to a bigger college," stated Connelly.

Connelly's future plans have school and basketball in them. He hopes to get a baseball scholarship and play at a Division I school and then get drafted. Majoring in elementary education, Connelly would like to teach and coach basketball someday although his biggest hope is to play major league ball.

CHRIS LARSON

Chris Larson is a hometown boy, living in Boone, Iowa. Larson chose DMACC because he wanted to go to a junior college to get to the higher level, and also to produce in the classroom. "He allowed us flexibility we didn't have in the past." Larson averages 20.0 ppg and 15.0 rpg. "Chris has been excellent all year, he has consistently hit the boards. He is probably one of the best rebounders in our conference. We will miss Chris next year, but I'm excited for him that he reached his goal of playing Division I basketball," stated Jones.

Larson's highlight of the season was when he signed his letter of intent to play for Northwestern Louisiana State University.

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Larson's future plans include school and basketball. Mark plans on attending University of Iowa or USD to play baseball and get a degree in secondary education.

LOI TILLEY

Lori Tilley came from Churdan, Iowa to play softball and basketball for DMACC. Tilley averages 5.0 ppg and 2.0 rpg. "Tilley is very quick and a dependable player. Working hard everyday is part of her routine, she has a great attitude," stated coach Dick Criner.

Tilley's highlight from the season is winning against Marshalltown. She feels, 'The women's recruiting sucks.'

Tilley's future plans are still undecided as she ends the basketball season and moves into softball.

ANGELA KADING

Angela Kading, from Casey, Iowa, averages 7.7 ppg and 9.5 rpg. "Angie is a great rebounder for her size, and she is also an excellent team player," stated Criner.

Kading's highlight of the season was in the Waldorf game when she scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds.

Kading's view on athletics is that she not only learned a lot in the classroom, she also learned a lot on the court.

"Kading's future plans will take her somewhere warm to finish her education and major in early childhood education. She will do great things at Simpson College next year," stated Criner.

"The club needs more dedication, not only from the players but also from the coaches and the administration." Her future plans are to attend Simpson College in the fall and play basketball and softball for them, majoring in business management.

DIANE SCHMITT

Diane Schmitt also came from West Union, Iowa to play basketball and softball for DMACC. She said she has enjoyed meeting new friends. She averages 1.6 ppg and 2.0 rpg. "Diane is a great worker and shoots well from the outside," stated Criner.

Schmitt's future plans include going to Upper Iowa and playing basketball and majoring in business.
Carver Scholarships may be (515) 232-1334 when it gets down to ten degrees. A severe warning is issued when the wind chill is at 45 lower and will last for a while. Blowing snow and temperatures are in fine powdery storms. Low temperatures and public universities must be submitted to the financial aid office by March. Applications are available in the Boone campus lobby. Undergraduate scholarships are used at any of Iowa's three public universities or at one of the 24 four-year private colleges that are members of the Iowa College Foundation. Individual awards may vary, but the average scholarship is $7,200 at private colleges and $3,600 at public universities.

IBM on campus — On February 21, IBM will be here from 10 a.m. to noon presenting a seminar on Voice-Type Dictation. The Business Department has invited business teachers from area schools and business people from the community to attend this seminar. Teachers and students are invited to attend this seminar — although seating is limited. Contact Pat Thieben, Boone Campus Business Department for more information.

AAC offers tutoring, computer-based learning

Jenny Silberhorn Contributing Writer

For you new students, there is a place on the Boone Campus where students can find assistance, willing assistance for a wide variety of problems — the Academic Achievement Center! You need help in math? The AAC can help you in arithmetic, algebra, Finite Math, Math for Elementary Educators, or Business & Financial Math! Or we can also provide you with a free tutor for those higher level math courses.

Are grammar grumblings causing you problems? We can help you with your grammar, punctuation, spelling, and organizational skills. Four of our instructors are English instructors and can assist you with your composition courses and research papers.

How about study skills and reading comprehension? We have help for test anxiety and can improve your notetaking, test-taking, and time management skills.

We can also help with your content vocabulary, reading speed and comprehension. In addition to our AAC staff, we have peer tutors at no charge to students. Just stop in the Center and ask at the desk. ESL students, you can get a tutor for practice with spoken English. We have 5 IBM computers with Windows available to students in the Center. We will be happy to teach you how to use the word processor and can teach you this on Word Perfect or Word in about 15 minutes. You may even reserve computers to type your papers. We can also help you graph your material for chemistry, physics, and biology on the computer, so it looks great!

Plato 2000 is a computer-based learning system that is networked on four of the computers in the AAC. By typing in a few simple commands, you can get help in everything from basic math to calculus, English grammar to editing and revising, basic science classes to physics and chemistry, and writing a resume to parenting skills. The user-friendly learning program has about 2500 different lessons available to students and staff. The instruction is customized to each individual, so you can focus on mastering only the need skills while learning at your own pace with immediate reinforcement.

Choices is an excellent computer program which gives you a skills inventory and where you can investigate a field of study, where you acquire such training, what it costs for the college you have chosen, and dozens of other things. You can get very current information on trade/vocational schools in the United States. The body illustrated is a computer program that is an excellent help to students in Human Anatomy and Physiology. It's fun too!

Drop in to get individual or small group assistance. We are eager to help! Our hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.