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Registration dates nearing for summer classes

Amy Davis
Bear Facts Staff Writer

For those of you planning to attend summer school, registration will begin soon. The summer schedules should be out in mid March. Registration will begin on April 22, but you can pre-register as soon as the schedules are out.

Several classes are being offered over the (Iowa Communication Network) this summer. A new class on the summer schedule is Race, Ethics and Gender Relations; Fundamentals of Speech is also offered. Computer Aided Drafting is also new for the ICN for the first time this summer.

Besides the new courses on the ICN, three completely new classes are being offered in the regular classroom. Cobal II, Visual Basic and Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting.

Art in the Elementary Schools has always been taught at night, but this summer it will be offered during the day, and COMS 174, Applied Programming 1 Pascal is normally offered only during the fall semester, but it will be offered this summer.

If you want any additional information, you can talk with a counselor or an advisor.

Auditions held for fall play

Auditions for the spring play were held Monday February 26 in the theatre/auditorium at 3 p.m.

Kay Mueller, Boone Campus drama director, was choosing from: "See How They Run," "The Butler Did It," or "Catch Me If You Can."

DMACC students visit legislature

2-year college funds way below regents

On Tuesday, February 20, 1996, both the Reporting Principles class and Student Action Board spent the day at the State Capitol visiting with legislators concerning issues important to all students, faculty and staff.

The group's main purpose in Des Moines was to lobby state legislators about an appropriations bill involving, kindergartens through 12, community colleges, and the three regent universities.

Boone Campus Dean Kris Phillips attended with students and said, "It was a beneficial day. It was an excellent example of how the legislators and committees function."

According to Dave Palmer, Assistant to the President on the Ankeny Campus, the most important incentive for DMACC students to show interest is that the general fund budget supports staff and faculty on the Boone Campus. As it stands right now schools K-12 receive $4500 per student, community colleges $3500 per student, and regents $10,500 per student. Community colleges are the lowest funded public institution. Lobbyists for community colleges have proposed to receive $8.5 million while the House of Representatives targets $3 billion.

The community colleges do not propose to tear down the regents, instead they would be content for legislators to raise funding to levels closer to regents. Considering over 50% of the DMACC Boone Campus students transfer on to any of the three regent schools.

The road block holding the funding back is the appropriations of the House of Representatives and Governor Terry Branstad. Both the House and Branstad are republicans which are considered to be fiscal conservatives that would rather invest the states surplus of funds rather than distributing them towards education.

The Democrats in the Senate have compiled 36 votes but need 51 to pass.

Boone Campus counselor George Silberhorn felt, "The trip was a good experience for everyone. We are all in this together, from the faculty up through the students."

DMACC will be seriously affected by the repercussions of the legislators decision if they do not improve funding to community colleges. DMACC will experience a harder time hiring and maintaining faculty and staff. DMACC students will also be denied proper resources in keeping ahead in the world of technology.

DMACC administration encourages all students, faculty and staff to become involved in this issue. You can do this by visiting, calling, or sending a letter to your district representative.

Cecelia Burnette, Democrat from House District 61 (Ames), talks with Greg White, DMACC sophomore during Boone Campus students' trip to the capitol.
Audrey Burgs...
Mingling with the stars

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Hollywood films are making Iowa their home. After a long absence from Iowa, filmmakers are rediscovering the beauty of the state and its people. DMACC's own Audrey Burgs appeared in last year's The Bridges of Madison County.

In the summer and fall of 1994 Iowa was a hot bed for motion picture filming. Two of these films are now nominated for Academy Awards. The more publicized of these is The Bridges of Madison County filmed near Winterset. The other is Troublesome Creek: A Midwestern nominated in the Documentary Feature category.

The Bridges of Madison County is a story of a three-day romance between a married woman, nominated actress Meryl Streep, and a National Geographic photographer (Clint Eastwood). Award winning director Eastwood is missing from the nominees this year both for acting and directing.

Many Iowans were used as extras in both films, most notably DMACC's own Audrey Burgs. Appearing in Bridges was the highlight of 1994 with the chance to meet both Eastwood and Streep. She was one of a handful of African Americans picked for the jazz club scene where the two main characters go to meet away from the town gossips.

Burgs claims that "to do something like that again, while enjoyable, would take something special." Getting up before dawn in order to be at the location, and then standing around and taking innumerable shots for a scene that lasts no more than three minutes, is not Audrey's idea of a good time. She did know many of the other people that do appear in the scene, so it was like a reunion of sorts.

After a 14-hour day on the set, the cast and crew meet at a tavern in West Des Moines to relax and get to know each other a bit, since this was the first time for many to meet celebrities. Both Eastwood and Streep seemed like "real" people, "the type that you could meet on the street," according to Burgs. She found that she had one important thing in common with Streep, and that was that both were in the process of giving up smoking.

The other film Troublesome Creek: A Midwestern has already won critical acclaim for a documentary film. It has won the Audience Award for documentaries at the Sundance Film Festival. This film chronicles the true story of two sons and their family farm in Cass County.

At press time the odds for Streep winning Best Actress seem "iffy," due to some stiff competition. Troublesome Creek, however, looks like the winner at this time, but no one will know until all 5,043 votes are tabulated and announced on March 25.
Randy Weaver
It's a matter of conscience

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

After reading Jess Walter's book, Every Knee Shall Bow, about Randy Weaver and his family and their Ruby Ridge stand-off, the question came to mind: What was proven by that stand-off and has anything changed since then?

Randy Weaver and his three remaining children were proved that this government will go to any lengths to force its control on citizens branded traitors and a threat to the government, whether the facts warrant it or not.

But what was made very clear to this government was just how far a family would go when their God tells them to do something. It was the Weavers' unbending religious beliefs that produced their unwillingness to change their course of action. It was their preconceived ideas about an existing "secret conspiracy" in this nation that was going to allow their government to take over their rights and possessions if it made them refuse to give up and be willing to fight to the death.

Let us know what you think.
Express yourself in a letter to the editor.

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Editorial
Legislators need to stop dictating morals

Should our government be spending so much time trying to put restrictions on activities that it has no control over? Many of us would definitely say "No."

Let's face it, if they want to make it against the law for teens between 12 and 17 years old to engage in sexual activities then we would like to know how they propose to regulate, enforce and keep the law.

Our children are taught certain moral issues at home and are faced with commercials every day on the television that teach abstinence. Parents can instill values and morals in their children to hopefully give the children a sense of self and to allow them to make the right choices for themselves.

Instead of our government wasting time, energy and money on issues that they want to change, why don't they use their time more wisely on matters that seriously need attention?

Certain issues such as making dead beat parents provide for their children, finding ways to increase funding for community colleges, and locating ways to increase employment with real jobs and not those that just pay minimum wage, would be of more value to the people of Iowa.

Robin King for Bear Facts

The question that arises from the Randy Weaver incident is the same question that has been around for a long time and will no doubt continue to be around for a long time to come. What is the balance between church and state? There are some who would like to believe that there are two sides—either church or state. What these people forget or do not understand is that this government was founded upon the principles of religion or moral ethics or God. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights were written to protect that foundation.

This question is not going to go away because there are people in this nation whose god is not their government. In fact, this same question was asked about 2000 years ago to a man in the Roman government who replied "Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and render unto God the things which be God's." The crux of the matter then is this: what are "those things?" To some, like the Weavers, it was a matter of conscience.

Best pizza east of the Skunk

Are you tired of always going to the chain pizza joints? Then try Minsky's at 605 L Avenue in Nevada (that's NUH-VAY-DEE-HUH). Vern says they have the best pizza east of the Skunk River, west of the Mississippi, north of the Rio Grande and south of the land of 10,000 lakes (i.e. Minnesota).

The menu selection not only contains pizza, but includes sandwiches. Mexican munchies, and salads. Virginia says, "I like being able to order a mini-pizza of my choice without having to agree on a topping with Vern." Minsky's unique choices include pizza bread baked on French bread, twenty pizza toppings to choose from, a choice of three crusts one of which is whole wheat, and a veggie pizza called Salubrious. Spirits of the subdued kind are available in the form of draft beer, wine, and specialty drinks.

Take outs are available. In addition to accommodating small groups in the restaurant, catering is also available for your office, school, or church. Minsky's offers half-baked pizza for half-baked customers (like Vern and Virginia) and others. Freeze it and finish it in the oven at home at a later date.

The atmosphere is nothing exceptional, but it is clean and adequate. Booths are high-backed for privacy (in case you don't want anyone to see who you're with). Ordering and pick-up are at the counter like most pizza places.

Prices are very reasonable ranging between $1.50 for a plain cheese mini-pizza to $12.55 for any of the house specialty pizzas. Pizzas are available in four sizes. Dinner salads are one buck (not of the antler variety!). A chicken breast salad is $5.95. Oven-baked sandwiches range from $3.50 to $3.95.

Hours are Sunday—Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Rating: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ½
Lobbying at the legislature

Audrey O. Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Did you just discover that your 15-year-old daughter is having sex with the 16-year-old boy across the street? Are there wedding plans in your future? or have you been there, done that, and now you are thinking about getting a divorce? If any of these situations fit you, current or propose laws in the Iowa legislature will affect you.

A bill is being proposed that would make it illegal for 12-17 year-olds to have sex with each other. The Iowa House recently passed legislation that would outlaw same sex marriages. Governor Branstad is encouraging lawmakers to pass a law that would make it harder to get a divorce in this state.

If you do not agree with these actions, there is something that you can do. Lobbying your representative or senator is an effective way to influence the passage or defeat of legislation.

When you are ready to contact your legislators, you have three options: talking to them in person, calling them on the phone or writing to them. Lobbying in person is most effective.

Entrance of the appropriate chamber in the Statehouse rotunda and "call out" your legislator. This is done by filling out a message slip that is available in the entrance and giving it to the doorkeeper. A page will deliver the message to the legislator's desk and bring back a response.

Focus on one issue

Choose an issue that is of interest to you and make it the focal point of your efforts. Focusing on a narrow issue will allow you to become an expert on your topic.

You may have strongly held views on your issue, but when lobbying, they are not enough. Research your issue so that you can support your views with accurate information. Being able to back up your views will show that you have done your homework.

Know who to contact

Know who your legislators are. By knowing your audience you will have a better chance of swaying them in your direction. Whether you are successful or not in achieving your legislative goals, lobbying allows you to take an active role in the process.

Boone Campus Area Legislators

To reach your Iowa state senator, call the Senate switchboard at (515) 281-3371. To reach a representative, call the House switchboard at (515) 281-3221. or you may write them at the following addresses:

Senate District 31
Johnie Hammond (D)
3431 Ross Road
Ames 50014

Senate District 32
Randall Gianotten (D)
1235 10th Street
Marshalltown 50158
(represent Nevada area)

Senate District 40
Albert Sorensen (D)
1004 Hancock Drive
Boone 50036

House District 61
Cecelia Burnett (D)
1904 Douglas
Ames 50010

House District 62
Bill Bernau (D)
2340 Knapp
Ames 50014

House District 63
Teresa Garman (R)
Rt. 2
Ames 50010

House District 77
David Lord (R)
1250 K Circle
Perry 50220

House District 79
Michael J. O'Brien
1145 Montana Lane
Boone 50036

Boone Campus students meet with local legislators over lunch to talk about the future of community colleges in Iowa. From left to right is Chris Larson, DMACC student, Michael O'Brien, House District 79 (Boone), Al Sorensen, Senate District 40 (Boone), Audrey Burgs, DMACC student, and Dave Palmer, assistant to the president.

Daffodil Days March 25-29

The American Cancer Society celebrates Daffodil Days during the week of March 25-29. Patty Burns and Connie Booth of the DMACC Nursing department will accept $5 donations for fresh-cut, field-grown bouquets of ten daffodils until March 6, 1996.

Deliveries will be made on March 27. Flowers will also be available in the L. W. Course Center on that same date. Use the form below to place your order.

Make checks payable to:
Boone Unit: American Cancer Society

Place in mailbox outside room 222

Donating blood is safe, simple, and saves lives!

Students study in Des Moines

Des Moines--Dave Palmer, assistant to the president of DMACC (standing), instructs Boone Campus students in the art of lobbying. Journalism students and members of the Student Action Board attended the day-long session earlier this month in Des Moines.
Access offers services to women, kids

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

ACCESS stands for Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support. It provides 24-hour confidential help to women and children who have been battered or sexually assaulted. Its services include: 1) 24-hour crisis line(1-800-203-3488 or 232-2303) 2) Temporary housing for women and children 3) Children's counseling services 4) Individual short term counseling for victims 5) Support groups for battered women and children living in situations where violence is common 6) Provides information and referrals to all clients within the legal, medical and social service systems and 7) Educational programming to community groups, public agencies and schools. All services are free.

ACCESS began in 1974 as a volunteer organization working with the Mid-Iowa Rape Crisis Center and Iowa State University. In 1982, a women's temporary housing site opened in Story County. ACCESS allows women the opportunity to work towards self-empowerment and self-determination both within the framework of the family and of society. Our society has been male dominated for thousands of years. It is only with women winning the right to vote in the nineteenth century that they began to rise out of their inferior social and legal position as chattel or property of male fathers and husbands.

According to F.B.I. statistics, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States. In the U.S. almost four million women are beaten by male partners every year. In Iowa alone, over 4000 women and 5000 children seek refuge in Iowa's domestic violence shelters each year. Since the beginning of 1990, 45 women have been killed by their partners. There is a 75% greater chance for women to be killed after they leave a violent relationship. A rape is committed every 40 seconds in the U.S. and one in every three women will be raped in their lifetime. Rape is a violent act and 70% of them are planned.

The ACCESS shelter in Story County provides information, referrals, or counseling to approximately 70 new clients every month. They shelter over 200 women and children every year. They have a full-time staff of eight persons and two part-time persons. They also have three college interns working with the program. They provide volunteer training to interested persons and at this time have over 60 volunteers.

For further information about ACCESS call 1-800-203-3488, 232-2303 or 232-5488 (business line) or write to ACCESS, P.O. Box 165, Ames, Iowa 50010.

Myths and facts about battering

Myth: Children need their father even if he's violent.

Facts:
- More than three million children witness acts of domestic violence every year.
- Children of abused mothers are six times more likely to attempt suicide and 50% more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.
- More than 75% of the women surveyed reported that their children have been physically or sexually abused by their partners.
- In a 36-month study of 146 children, ages 11 to 17, from homes where wife-beating was a major problem, all sons over the age of 14 attempted to protect their mothers and 62% of them were injured in the process.

Myth: They only need counseling, his drug or alcohol use is why he batter.

Facts:
- The majority of abusive men do not voluntarily go to batterers' programs.
- Drinking is an excuse for the violent behavior, not the cause.
- Battering is not a "sickness," most of these men are considered normal. Men use violence by choice, it is not a response of high emotional passion out of control.

Myth: Battering only affects a small percentage of the population. Middle class women are not battered as frequently or as violently as poor women.

Facts:
- Every nine seconds a woman is physically assaulted within her home.
- Battering crosses all class, race, educational, and economic lines. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, causing more injury than mugging, stranger rape, and car accidents combined.
- In the U.S., almost four million women are beaten by male partners every year.
- If all the women victimized by domestic violence in 1993 joined hands, the line would stretch from New York City to Los Angeles and beyond.

Myth: Battered women can always leave.

Facts:
- Women are at a 75% increased risk of death when they are leaving a battering relationship.
- Between January 1990 and January 1994, at least 30 Iowa women were murdered by a husband or boyfriend. Twenty of the murders occurred after the couple had divorced or separated.
- Police were more likely to file a formal report if the offender was a stranger, rather than an intimate.
- Every month more than 50,000 women seek restraining or protective orders.

What advice would you give to someone in an abusive relationship?

Vicki Mitchell, Rippey
"Get out, definitely!"

Tim Keincht, Indiana
"Get out of it!"

Ann Vander Martin, Boone
"Seek counseling!"

Jim Latta, Madrid
"Get out. Try to seek help for that person!"

Entries wanted for festival

Audrey O. Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Search foundation, Searchlight Films, and Population Communications International announce the Second Annual World Population Film/Video Festival.

Festival Director, filmmaker Rawn Fulton, has issued a call for entries for the 1996 competition. The Festival is an international competition for college and secondary students to encourage critical thought and self-expression regarding population growth, resource consumption, the environment and our common global future.

This year, the Festival is offering $10,000 in prize money, an increase of $4,000 over 1995. The college awards will total $7,000 with $3,000 for the first place winner.

The pieces can be any length. Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 1996. They will be juried by a distinguished panel of environmentalists, population experts, humanists, filmmakers and broadcast executives. Winners will be announced on October 15, 1996.

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or
232-5811

Available for area residents of Boone, Greene, and Story Counties.
“Broken Arrow” not on target

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff

Like a speeding bullet out of control, “Broken Arrow” buries itself across the screen at super-sonic speeds, only to plummet to earth shortly after takeoff. Careening recklessly from one plot twist to another, this movie shamelessly exploits violence as a means to its end. With flagrant disregard to reality this movie lands belly up in the quagmire of its own relentless violence.

As an entre into the action adventure genre of movies “Broken Arrow” crashes, bounces, and bungs its way in. The plot, or what there is of one, is totally unbelievable. The director and writers have taken such liberties with the script and story lines that I gave up trying to figure out what was going on. Why would any government put a live nuclear missile onboard an aircraft that is still in the test stages? Just once it would be nice if the script gave the audience just a bit of credit for having an IQ!

The basic premise of the movie is that Maj. Vic Deakins, a hot shot test pilot for the Stealth Bomber program, gets fed up with the government and the fact that he is continually overlooked for promotions. As he is out on a flight with his copilot, Capt. Riley Hale (Christen Slater), Deakins decides to take the Stealth on its own personal “joy ride.” After ejecting Hale and holding the bombs for ransom, Deakins crashes the bomber. Of course, not before the bombs have been parachuted to safety. Once all this has happened the bombs then are jettisoned from one end of the desert to the other.

Every thing about this movie is just too unbelievable and unnecessarily violent. Travolta’s Maj. Deakins is way over the top. Sorry, but I just do not think that any military would keep a Major on that way. Slater’s Hale was slightly more believable, but just plain boring.

I am not adverse to this type of movie. I do want a movie that at least seems to be real, even if it is a fantasy. The problem here, in part, seems to be the reliance on the action. There is far to much blood and guts with no reason for it.

By the end of the movie all I could do was shake my head and ask “why?” Why did I waste my 5 dollars, why did the producers waste their millions of dollars, and just plain WHY?

As I saw it, , do not waste your time on this one unless you have seen everything else in town. That includes everything at the video store too.

Oscars announced And the winner is...

Mark H Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

On February 13 the Academy Award nominations were announced. As always this year contained some surprises, both in what was and was not nominated. Bear Facts is having a contest to see who can predict the winners. This contest is open to all currently enrolled students of DMACC, but not to Bear Facts Staff members. The winner will receive a gift certificate for two, to the Boone Theater. Entry forms will be printed in the next issue of Bear Facts.

The following categories will be included in the contest, so start thinking about your choices. Good luck, and remember, there are no real losers.

Best Picture: Apollo 13

Best Actor: Anthony Hopkins (Nixon)

Supporting Actor: James Cromwell (Babe)

Best Director: Mike Figgis ( Leaving Las Vegas)

Supporting Actress: Susan Sarandon ( Dead Man Walking)

Best Actress: Elisabeth Shue (Leaving Las Vegas)

Student Oscar: Travis’ first movie and award nominations.

Staying Alive , This one died, mercifully.

10. Two of a Kind

John and Olivia again, HELP!

11. Urban Cowboy

Travolta in the saddle.

“Nothing is more un-American than a government that wastes tax money and殄们 the American people.”

Bear Facts

All college students always welcome

Tickets go up $1 day of show

F 3/1 624Q
3/1 624Q with Peppertree
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Sa 3/2 The Nadas
with The Wooldridge Bros.
9p $4/$3 students

W 3/6 Dogtown
CD release party
9p $3

F 3/8 Junkpoet
with Stonefish & Janitor Bob
and the Armchair Bandits
9p $3

Coming up at the M-Shop...
Joanne Bradkeent Quartet, USA Up All Night
College Comedy Tour (contestants needed, call for info!), Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, and The Drovers
Look for the March calendar!
Where student prices are listed, tickets must be presented at door with DMACC ID or class schedule

Ticket Info: 294-8081 or 294-2758
Iowa State Memorial Union
Basketball season wraps up over weekend

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The 1995-96 men’s and women’s basketball season came to an end over the weekend.

Both teams played their last home game of the season to NIACC (Northern Iowa Area Community College) both teams were defeated.

The women’s team had four sophomores end their basketball season, Angela Kading, Meleena Henderson, Diane Schmitt and Lori Tilley.

The women closed their season with a record of 7-17 finishing tenth in the conference.

The men’s team had five sophomores play their last game last weekend, Dax Connely, Malcom Holman, Chris Larson, Noel McLaughlin and Mark Otten.

The men’s team finished their season with a record of 8-20, and ninth in the conference.

Playing the last game as a sophomore at a two year school can bring mixed emotions. Here are what some sophomores said about playing their last home game.

Angela Kading said, “It was a fun experience, but I’m ready for it to be over.”

Meleena Henderson said, “I’m going to miss Coach Criner’s words of wisdom.”

“Thank God,” were Dax Connely’s thoughts on playing his last game.

“It’s just another game, that will end the season and it may also be a little more emotional.” Concluded Malcom Holman.

While the season is over and the Nike basketball shoes get put back in the closet, the memories made at DMACC-Boone will always be saved.

Baseball field gets new press box, backstop

Cory Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The Babe Ruth baseball diamond, where the DMACC baseball team plays has some new attractions. The two new items are a press box and a backstop.

The cost of the whole thing was around $10 thousand dollars. The City of Boone, Babe Ruth, DMACC, and Boone High School all contributed.

John Smith, DMACC baseball coach said, “The old press box was too high and they just wanted to lower it so that it would be easier to see the field. That backstop was worn out, rusting and deteriorating. So they slowly started to tear down the backstop and decided to tear the press box down too. They started last fall and just got done February 22.”

Smith said he plans on having practice outside on Monday, February 26, if the weather dictates. But it’s still a little slick.

Scholarship for Black Hawk County student majoring in leisure studies

The Margaret Short Memorial Scholarship program is designed to recognize, encourage and support outstanding Black Hawk County students who have selected the field of Leisure Services or Recreation for their careers. The criteria used for consideration will be based on the student’s dedication, experience and commitment to the field of Recreation, in it’s broadest sense.

Residents of Black Hawk County who are full-time students (2nd year and beyond) enrolled in and accredited institutions of higher education with a declared major in Recreation or Leisure are eligible for the scholarship. Eligible students must complete the Margaret Short Memorial Scholarship application form and return it to the Director, Waterloo Recreation and Arts Commission, no later than Monday, April 8, 1996. The Scholarship Committee reserves the privilege of an interview if deemed necessary.

Upon receipt of all applications, the Waterloo Recreation and Arts Center staff will request a written evaluation of the applicant by the Head of the Recreation Department of the applicant’s school. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and make it’s recommendation to the Recreation and Arts Commission. The Recreation and Arts Commission will consider the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation take appropriate action.

Submit applications by April 8th to: Thomas J. Reamdon, Director Waterloo Recreation and Arts Commission 225 Commercial Street Waterloo, Iowa 50701.
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and interests in helping the ria. This greeting was given by ing from the Ebo tribe in Nige-

Some of the coordinators of Nigeria Year met recently at the Urban Campus. From right to left are DMACC professors Peggy Gaines (Urban), Hal Chase (Ankeny), Sharon Witty (Newton), and Jan LaVille (Boone).

Cultural bond formed

Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

"Jokwa" the familiar greet-
ing from the Ebo tribe in Nige-
ria. This greeting was given by Mrs. Margaret Speke Davison as she talked to standing room only classroom at DMACC.
The room heard of her travels and interests in helping the people of this area of the world, as she offered "a slice of her experience."

Mrs. Speke Davison is a former elementary teacher, who is now teaching the Des Moines and surrounding area schools on the life and customs of Nigeria. She has journey to Nige-
ria twice, so far, over the Christmas season of 1992-93 and in 1995-96.

"The first thing that you notice as you get off the air-
plane is the colors, everywhere you look you see the brightly colored clothing of the people," she said. Many people also wear western clothing. The material is often hand died in either the Batik or a Tie-died style. People are everywhere that you look, in the streets, on the highways, people are walking to and fro with enormous bundles of goods balanced on their heads. The con-
gestion is far greater than that in any city in the United States, according to Speke Davison.

After returning to her home in Urbandale, a mission came to her as to how to help the people of the village in Ebo. She, along with the Urbandale school system organized Nick-
els for Nigeria, a fund raising activity for the children. They raised over $1,200 for the chil-
dren in Ebo. At about the same time the Des Moines Public Library, after going through their stacks, donated 7,200 books to the cause.

In October of 1995 all of the books and other donated school supplies where shipped, with the help of Ruan trucking, to the east coast. They were then shipped via freighter to Nige-
ria, arriving at the village over the Christmas season. By chance, at this same time, Marg-
aret was there on her second trip to learn more on the cul-
ture.

On her second trip, she found that the community had been building a library for over 5 years. Even more interesting was the fact that when she told the chief of the village of the books, he was excited by the prospect. The village had nothing else to put in the li-
brary. During her time in Nige-
ria she has found that "all parents want their children to learn," as she relayed how the women would push their chil-
dren to get involved.

As an on-going project she encouraged the audience to get involved. By contributing even small amounts we can make a big difference. For further in-
formation or donations contact Margaret Speke Davison at 515-278-5328.

The Hoover Presidential Library

Fellowships available

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association announces The George Olm-
sted Fellowship. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association of West Branch, Iowa announces The Olmsted Fellowship to support research by Iowa scholars in the archives of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library. The Library’s holdings are diverse, and useful to historians, politicians, scien-
tists, journalists, economists and students of public policy.

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search or to fund faculty ac-
companied groups of students who want the experience of working with original docu-
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Horoscopes

By Audrey

Astrologist to the Ordinary

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) You are feeling headstrong and impetuous. Place your aggressive touch on a project that will further your ambition. You are on your way to achieving your high goals.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) Controversy swirls around you, but true friends will remain at your side. Even though the future looks cloudy right now, better days are ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Now that you have found your one and only true love, hold on and do not let go. There are wedding plans in your future.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You continue to walk the very fine line between friendship and falling in love with someone that is close to you. Allow love to blossom. You will not be disappointed.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Turn the tables and try flirting with an adversary. You will spark a fire with results that will surprise you.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) After being snubbed and hurt, it is easy to understand you bitterness. Drawing on your inner strength will bring you peace.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) You have found the genuine and exquisite af-
faction that you are worthy of. Other are jealous of you because of this, but they will get over it.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) All is going well for you this semester, but a temptation to blow everything that you have worked so hard for is imminent. Stick to the path you have chosen.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) You are well aware of your strong points and your weaknesses. A complex situation will force you to decide whether you wish to soar very high or sink to an all time low. Choose the right road.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You are eager to establish yourself and gain the respect and good will of your friends. You will be called upon to fill a position of trust. Remain cheerful and optimistic.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Your love of change may cause you to overlook opportunities to take some of the good things in life. Pay more attention to the present and don’t overlook the treasure in your own backyard.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) You are fascinated by the mystical. You will be given the chance to promote harmony and improve conditions around you. Rely on your strong intuitive powers to bring you success.