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New classes offered this summer

Samantha Hutcherson
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Summer class schedules are out, and it’s time to register. Official registration runs from April 22 to May 29, but you can pre-register as soon as you get your classes chosen.

Several of the classes listed below are known to be difficult to schedule at ISU according to George Silberstein, DMACC counselor, and he recommends that you take them here and get them out of the way.

Summer classes run from May 22 to August 2, and finals will be on July 30, 31, and August 1.

As you look through the class schedule, you may notice that there are some new classes, along with classes that are condensed into a few days. Out of the nine new classes for the summer, two are in the science area: Environmental Conservation (BIOL 115), 3 credits, and Ecology of Iowa (BIOL 115), 3 credits; six of them are in the computer area: CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) (CADD 401), 3 credits, Cobalt II (COMS 126), 4 credits, Basics (Visual) (DATA 103), 3 credits, Excel (DATA 335), 1 credit, Spread Sheets (DATA 345), 1 credit, and Pascal (COMS 174), 3 credits.

The last one is in the sociology area: Race, Ethnic and Gender Relations (SOCI 105), 3 credits.

Accelerated Classes
Three week-long classes run from May 11 to May 22, and finals will be on May 22 and August 1.

How has the weather affected you this semester?

The canceling of classes caused me to get behind and not get my assignments done on time. The weather also made me lazy and not want to go to the library and study.

Mohamed A-al-Kasas
Sana’a, Yemen

A play within a play

Amy Davis
Bear Facts Staff Writer

“It’s a play where nothing is as it seems,” says Greg Hager, one of the actors, in the upcoming play The Butler Did It. Hager says he enjoys playing Detective Mumford.

He has been in six other plays, most of them here at DMACC. Perhaps you’ve seen him in shows such as Barefoot in the Park, done last fall, or Something’s Afoot from last spring.

Another actor in the DMACC Boone Campus spring play is Tim Rose, who plays Anthony Leftcourt in the upcoming play. He has played a lot of faces throughout his life, being in nearly 35 to 40 plays.

“Something’s Afoot” from last spring.

Adam Wile plays Michael Severino, who plays Aldo the Butler in this spring’s play. Wile has done several plays and even a few commercials. He’s auditioned for movies, but hasn’t quite made it to the big screen. The last play he did was Love, Sex, and the IRS.

One rookie in the group is Curtis Neff. This is his first play ever, and he is really enjoying it. He is playing Robert Lattimore, who plays Raymond Butler. “I’m not doing it for the glory, just the experience,” he said.

Tina Smith plays Claudia, who plays Victoria Butler in the play. Smith, from Las Vegas, Nevada has been in plays before.

The performances will be on April 12 and 13 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. They are $2.00 for DMACC students and staff and $5.00 for the general public.

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Summer employment available

Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff Writer

A group of people dressed in swimsuits covered with long pants and long sleeved shirts, possibly a hat or kerchief stand waiting for a bus. They’re carrying work gloves, a lunch and thermos of water or other drink. The bus will take the crew to a cornfield where daytasselers will walk down the rows of dew-laden corn pulling tassels from the female corn.

Daytasseling is only one of the many summer jobs available in central Iowa. Prairie Meadows needs part-time toddler and an art gallery needs people for setting up and coordinating for art auctions. Public pools need lifeguards and managers. A nursery service needs people to travel to New York or Philadelphia to care for children and the list goes on and on.

These and many more job opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

George Silberhorn, DMACC counselor asks that if you get a job to let him know so that the notice will be removed from the bulletin board.

Perhaps a summer business would be more to your liking. Garden space, some seeds, and young plants are the ingredients for a business at the Farmers Market. Membership costs $50. For more information contact Greg Rinehart at 432-4480.

DMACC instructor Jan LaVille suggests that the part-time job chosen should match your career goals.

An internship is another avenue for consideration. Mary Jane Green is DMACC’s Internship Coordinator. Her office is room 212. An internship is a paid or unpaid on-the-job training for college credit. DOT offers an unpaid internship. Adventureland offers several paid internships.

Green said that some of the best paying jobs offer unpaid internships.

Whether looking for an internship or regular summer employment, check the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Courter Center and the cork strip outside RM 212 for possible jobs for this summer.

Nigerian luncheon scheduled for Apr. 9

Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The year of Nigeria continues to bring international customs and ideas to our DMACC Boone Campus. During this upcoming Nigerian event DMACC students, faculty and staff are invited to attend a Nigerian luncheon. The luncheon will be April 9, 1996, from 12:00-1:00p.m. on the Boone Campus in C108-109.

The luncheon’s menu consists of authentic Nigerian food surrounded by a Nigerian atmosphere, provided by Margaret Spcek Daveison. This will be Daveison’s second appearance here to the Boone Campus. She previously appeared as a guest speaker for students, faculty, and staff. Daveison will again display her Nigerian artifacts, discuss life in Nigeria, and demonstrate Nigerian dress.

Tickets for the Nigerian luncheon can be purchased in advance at the Academic Achievement Center for the cost of $2.00 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold and they will not be sold at the door.

Just yesterday two Nigerian women were guests here on the DMACC Boone Campus speaking about the gender issues in Africa. The speakers Nkechi and Yajeid were hosted by DMACC sociology instructor Lee McNair. Following the lecture Nigerian clothing could have been purchased in the Courter Center.

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Summer School

J topsessional and Small Group Communication (SPCH17), 3 credits, in the speech area.

Jimmy Silberhorn, professor of Interpersonal and Small Group Communication said, “It’s the exact same class as the fall and spring class, only it’s one week long.” The class consists of lectures, group activities, small group presentations, and 3 tests over the lecture and book.

Silberhorn also added, “You will have absolutely no life outside of this class. You’re in class from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. then you go home and read three or four chapters in the book for the next day. It is a very intense class, but you can get it out of the way, and you have the whole rest of the summer for other things or classes.”

This class does run May 13 through May 20, from 7:30-11:30 and 12:00-3:00. There is no class on Saturday or Sunday.

Word runs from May 13 through May 17, from 8:00-2:30. The Intro. to Computer Literacy runs from May 11 to May 20 with classes on both Saturdays from 8:00-3:30. Comp I offered on ICN

Engish 117 will be offered for the first time on the Iowa Communications Network. Students in Boone will be linked up students in Indianola and Newton. The tabloid is incorrect—the class is on Tuesday/Thursday at 12:30-2:35 p.m.

One other error is under the “TV Courses.” SOCY294, Social Gerontology, should have the CRN # 31201.
V & V travel south of border
Vern and Virginia went slightly south of the Boone area over spring break to taste a little bit of Mexico. Pancho's Mexican Buffet in McAleen, Texas is a definite stop for anyone partial to south-of-the-border cuisine. McAleen is a fairly large city about the size of Ames.

The $4.79 price will give you a choice of any or all of the following Mexican morsels: tamales (one of Vern's favs), several kinds of enchiladas, flautas and tacos (both tops in Virginia's book), chalupas, and rellenos. In addition to these, chips and salsa are served tableside upon arrival and the meal is topped off with a basket heaping full of sopapillas. These are light-crust pastries into which you pour gobs and gobs of honey. If this isn't enough, a salad bar and soft ice cream bar awaits your call.

Much of the food is hot and spicy which made Virginia's father's head beat with sweat and his eyes water. Vern tried a tomato-onion salsa that made him go screaming into the night. Nonetheless, he said it was "bueno." (That's the only Spanish word that Vern knows.)

One of the fun features of Pancho's is the "seconds system." When your plate is clean and you want more, you raise a little Mexican flag that's attached to a pole on the table. Soon a waiter/waitress will take your order and promptly return with your request so that you can gorge yourself more.

The dining area was decorated with pinatas and primitive Mexican art. Seating is plentiful with both smoking and non-smoking sections.

Pancho's is located at 2622 N. 10th St. in McAleen and is open seven days per week.

BUENOS DIAS!
Rating: 3 3 3

Former Bear Facts columnist hospitalized
Robert Plumb, Jefferson, suffered a heart attack over the weekend and is hospitalized at Mercy in Des Moines. Plumb graduated from DMACC Boone Campus this past spring and for two years was the "Old Codger" columnist for the campus newspaper. Kelly Plumb, his wife, is currently a Boone Campus student.

Talk Back
How has the weather affected you this semester?

Driving to school on slippery roads was awful. When you add in missed classes and car problems this equals a very bad winter semester.

Azi Ghozi
Jakarta, Indonesia

I've got spring fever and would like to do things outside. Spring seems to be teasing us this year.

LeAnna Haidishki
Madrid

This was a very hectic winter for me. A family member needed daily medical treatment in Des Moines and traveling there in bad weather added to the stress.

Maggie Stone
Boone

The weather has definitely affected me. I've been depressed and more easily discouraged. Getting to class in bad weather is also a problem when you live out of town.

Julia Edson
Frasier

Knowing the love is gone or was never there, as far as I'm concerned, have it easy.

Vern and Virginia

V & V travel south of border

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

The issue of divorce has become a very important one in Iowa, especially in this past legislative session. Governor Branstad's plans to end the no-fault divorce and to make legal divorce much harder to get has stirred up people thinking about who or what should make our decisions to get a divorce.

Divorce is something that causes suffering to all parties involved, especially children. My own personal experience of divorcing my husband after twelve years of marriage and five children was very difficult. The thing that pushed me "over the edge" in my decision was when I heard the hurt in my little girl's voice when she told a children's group she attended that her most important wish was "to have a friend."

When a parent awakens herself or himself to their children's needs they need to weigh out what is going to cause their children the most hurt. Should they stay married to a selfish partner who thinks of no one but himself? Do they free themselves and their children of another's control and allow the discovery of good things about themselves and the growth of self esteem?

I did not divorce my husband because I did not love him. That would have made the divorce a lot easier. Those who can divorce

How do children cope with death? Do they understand death? This is a question I have thought long and hard about. My oldest son's grandfather was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and has only a year to live if that. I thought of the impact that something like this could have on an eight year old. Will he understand, only time will tell.

When telling my son of the news of his grandfather I was very careful in choosing my words. I told him that grandpa was sick in the hospital. He asked "Why?" to which I told him that his grandpa had cancer like his grandma did several years ago. I also explained that grandma's condition was worse than grandpa's was. Then my son surprised me when he asked if grandpa was going to die.

I told him that everyone in the world dies at some point or another and that grandpa was going to go to heaven earlier. We all hope that grandpa will come back. This is due to the loss of his grandpa and then reappear a week later on another show. I feel that each parent at some point must talk to their children about death and what it really means.
Crossing the

Photo by Audrey Burgs

ESL lunch bunch meets in Courter Center. From left to right, Hendry Muljadi, Tonny Tannur, Elina Tanoto, Juliana Tanoto, Juliani and Achmad Ramadhani

Adding cultural diversity

Ten percent Boone Campus international

Audrey O. Burgs
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Imagine going to school in a different country. Think about the many adjustments you would have to make.

The culture would be different and you would have to adjust to the climate. The most difficult obstacle to overcome would probably be learning to speak, read and think in a different language.

Ten percent of the students on the Boone Campus deal with the language barrier every day. They are international students who have chosen to get their education in the United States.

Many of them have studied the language in their home countries, but find that putting what they have learned in theory is hard to put into practice. Our international students come from every continent, but the majority of them are from Asia. They do not blindly choose this campus, but usually have a connection to a relative or friend that has attended school here or at Iowa State.

The Academic Achievement Center has organized an ESL club to help these students improve their conversational English. The students meet informally the Courter Center at 12:15 p.m. on Fridays. Any native speaker is welcome to join in the discussion.

Finally that day came which in August of 1989, we came to our appointed place in the small village near the access of the sea called "Vung Tau." We hid in a small brush house in the village for almost ten hours, and also I realized that there were a total of fifty people who were also looking for freedom like my family, they all prepared very well.

There were men and women, parents and children, and also some infants from one to three years old. We waited until midnight when the darkness covered the whole scenery in the village until the conductor's voice was loud enough to awakened everyone when he said, "Time to leave!"

His voice was toughened as he proclaimed, "After we get out of this house, everyone must be quiet and follow me; no one can talk or make noise otherwise, you know the consequence!" Everybody kept silent.

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Editors Note: This article, written as an assignment for an English 117 class illustrates the struggle of one student and his family, seeking a new life.

"Where are we going, Mom?"
"We are going to the beach at Vung Tau."
"Are we coming back here?"
"Of course. Honey! Your grandpa is here."

The short conversation between my little sister and my mom almost brought tears to my eyes. My mom had just lied to my innocent sister, she knew we might not come back. It was also the last time we said good bye to our relatives and neighbors without the promises of seeing them again.

I remembered how heartbroken I was when I finished my last journey through the door of my home which was filled with love and a lot of memories. It was, perhaps, the saddest situation my family had to face.

It was six years ago in 1989, when I was thirteen, my parents decided to escape from our homeland, Vietnam, to other countries for freedom. It was a difficult decision for my parents to decide because it was a very dicey flight.

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Remind

ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The Annual International Dinner tonight
When: 6:00 p.m.
Where: The Courter Center

Tuan
Leaving my homeland

seemingly to show their agreement. Looking at my mom's and my dad's faces, I could see how worried they were. So was I.

A group of fifty people all dressed in black slipped out of the brush house following the conductor. He was so experienced at distracting the sailors' attention at the access of the sea. Moving along the shore in the windy, cold, and dark night, I felt very nervous.

"I bit my tongue and tried to keep calm as the coldness of the sea crawled through my body."

I bit my tongue and tried to keep calm as the coldness of the clean, fresh air of the sea crawled through my body and made me feel a little excited. It was so silent that I seemed to be unaware of what we were doing.

My mom's hand was cold when she grasped my hand and pulled a little bit forward to tell me to move faster.

After an hour walking in the icy cold night along the shore, we reached the boat, and time began to race by. I was glad that we were safe after each person quickly jumped down into the boat and sat down quietly. The conductor used his ten fingers to signal everybody to lie down and keep still as we left. The boat was big enough to fit a throng of fifty people and a few supplies for the trip that we could not even decline our legs.

As the boat started leaving, I heard the sobbing from several ladies, and somebody was praying to God to bring fortunes to them and the trip.

I was really depressed when the boat went further. My eyes were full of tears that slowly rolled down my cheeks. I believed that we were really leaving now with an unsure thought of coming back any more.

The boat was bobbing in the ocean combining with the smell of gasoline and sweat, making me very tired. Once while I was sleeping, something was dropping down on my face. "Oh, my god!" I jumped up immediately as realizing that it was the vomit from the old lady dripping down on my body.

When their boat approached closer to ours, we were appalled to realize that they were Thai land pirates. It has always been a fear for people like us because it's hard to tell what would happen when we met them.

When their boat approached,

"When their boat approached, we were appalled to realize that they were Thai land pirates."
The high jinx begin when another Senator dies in the arms of a prostitute. Not just any hooker, mind you, but the black, undergar, illiterate type is portrayed here. What makes this "funny," is the fact that both he and Keeley are the sponsors of the family decency act, part of the conservative agenda. Keeley must flee from the press, who is hounding him for answers. The Keeley's decide to go to South Beach, Florida, to meet Val's parents.

While all this is going on, the Goldman's are busy de-gaying their apartment, getting ready for the impending visitors. In amongst all the usual pratfalls, we get to meet Val's mother, Katherine (Christine Baranski). Her character is played no differently than her character on the TV show, Cybil.

After the parents meet, have dinner, and the media locates them, the big joke hits. We get to see Gene Hackman in drag! Not a pretty sight, nor is it even remotely believable. In fact, none of this movie is believable. In fact, none of this movie is believable. And that is the biggest problem with this movie.

I do not expect comedy movies to be fact based, but I do expect a reasonable amount of realism in them. When was the last time you went to see a drag show and the audience was entirely heterosexual, and the clientele made a point of letting you know? I know the last time I saw one, at least 95% of the audience was gay. South Beach is supposed to represent Florida's version of San Francisco or Greenwich Village, but all you see are heterosexual couples running around on the beach. Yes, all of them are muscle men in thong bikinis, with women hanging all over them.

This movie might not be as offensive as it is, if Hollywood would put out a few honest movies, depicting gay people as the real people that they are.

The only characters that Hollywood seems capable of showing are ones of either psychos (Silence of the Lambs, Fatal Attraction), drag queens (Too Wong Foo, The Birdcage), or as non-sexual/non-emotional (Philadelphia, Making Love). The American independent and foreign film makers have not been afraid to show honest aspects of the gay life. (Maurice, The Living End, My Beautiful Laundrette, Poisson).

It is time for Hollywood to take note and stop continuing to be afraid to show honest aspects of gay life.

In my opinion this movie rates a 0%. Go see it only if you find negative stereotypes funny and amusing.

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**What a Drag**

1. *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* ☑
   An Australian road show that brakes down.

2. *The Crying Game* ☑
   Have you figured out the truth?

3. *Kiss of the Spider Woman* ☑
   Touching story of South American prisoner.

4. *La Cage Aux Folles* ☑
   Much better than the American version.

5. *Mrs. Doubtfire* ☑
   Robin's first drag, and better.

6. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* ☑
   Kinky horror spoof, and Susan Sarandon sings!

7. *Tootsie* ☑
   Jessica Lange's first Oscar, rest of cast as good.

8. *Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar* ☑
   Slow drag show hits the road.

9. *Victor/Victoria* ☑
   Good but overlong, ending is worth the wait.

10. *Yentl* ☑
    What, Barbara Streisand as a man, maybe?

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**Creative Writer's Group Meets Today 2:30 P.M. Courter Center**

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**Horoscopes**

*By Audrey*  
**Astrologist to the Ordinary**

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**Aries** (Mar 21-Apr 19) An old love is about to be renewed. Do not resist. Bend over backwards and give the old flame a chance to blaze.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) You have suffered through a cold, dreary winter. Your turn to bask in the sun is coming soon. Keep your mental attitude receptive.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Use your impeccable good taste to choose an impressive gift for your current love. Being generous will bring you favor.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Love and happiness have washed over you like a fresh spring rain. Your spiritual awareness has been heightened. Take time out to savor all that surrounds you.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug 22) Go beyond the edge and expose yourself to new ideas. Take a risk and explore new physical and mental adventures. You will find the answers you have been searching for and more.

**Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 22) You stand on the verge of a spiritual renewal. Take time out to reflect and meditate. Murky matters will become clear.

**Libra** (Sept 23-Oct 22) Your charm and intelligence allow you to be a good listener as well as an interesting conversationalist. You will become active in a project that will enhance the lives of others.

**Scorpio** (Oct 23-Nov 21) Life is too short to live by a hidden agenda. Get on the peaceful path that will allow you to fulfill your dreams, hopes, and desires.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 21) You are an intelligent and exceptionally imaginative person. You are about to find success through originality, intuition and inventiveness.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22-Jan 19) The wait is about over. After many disappointments and setbacks, you are about to receive great achievement and reward.

**Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 18) Your great artistic abilities will lead you to fame and fortune. Do not allow your success to be detrimental to your personal relationships and happiness.

**Pisces** (Feb 19-Mar 20) You possess many diverse and unusual talents. You are about to embark on a career that will satisfy your material and spiritual needs.
Schroeder anticipates up-coming season

Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Catherine Schroeder has coached DMACC women's softball team for the last four years. Schroeder, according to one of her team member's was, "an awesome pitcher and picked for the All Star Team. However, she was injured in her sophomore year."

Schroeder graduated from Saydel High School in Des Moines in 1976. She worked for ten years and then attended Drake University and DMACC. She graduated from DMACC in 1986 and transferred to ISU where she received her physical education degree in 1991.

Schroeder's main goal is to coach and "represent women as aggressive ball players that have respect for their opponents, umpires and people." She remembers the days when women's sports were unpublicized in the media. Schroeder stated that if it had not been for the Federal Law Title 9 which was passed in the 1970's that things would still be the same. She wants to see women's sports on an equal status with men's, both financially and publicly.

Schroeder believes that the team she has this year is the best group of young women she has worked with so far. "I wouldn't trade them for the world."

The overall record of the team has gone from 1-45 in the first year of her coaching to 26-14 in her third year. She thinks that this year they will win over half of their games.

6 Sophomores

The following are the sophomore members of the team: Nicole Fossen, Lori Tilley, Melissa Henderson, Diane Schmitt, Becky Hostetler, and Tina Stuhrayer.

4 Freshman

This years new incoming freshmen are Emily Pool, Julie Dill, Missy Morena, and Jessica Paulsen.

The first year that Schroeder coached, the team used the Little League Park. Now they have a new field on the Boone Campus constructed through the combined efforts of Athletic Director, Harold Johnson, her husband, Alan Schroeder, and herself. Holly Sefried designed the dugouts and the team members donated their time and efforts. The team now also has new uniforms.

The team has 32 games schedule, depending on the weather. Some of their strongest rivals will be NIACC, Waldorf, Kirkwood, and ICCC.

The most important things that the women are learning this year is, "how to handle pain, how to compromise and how to be a real cohesive team," said Schroeder.

She hopes that many of the students will support the women's sports program at DMACC.

JUCO honors awarded to 3 DMACC players

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

Three DMACC-Boone men basketball players Chris Larson, Dax Connelly and Malcolm Holman were honored for their outstanding effort and talent this season.

Larson a sophomore on the team was honored by leading the team and conference in rebounding averaging 15.2 per game. Larson was placed on the second team all-conference and he is also one of the top ten rebounders in the nation.

Russ Jones, the men's basketball head coach, was upset Larson was not named to the first team. "I'm very disappointed with the outcome. If you look at Larson's honors, he should have been named first team all-conference."

Larson was honored by the award he has received, but he is also very disappointed on the outcome. "I'm extremely disappointed we didn't have a player on the first team. We had three of the best players in the conference on our team. It's disappointing that the coaches' votes were effected by our record. I'm happy about the honor but I was shocked that two of our players, one in the top five for scoring and the other in the top five in assists were on third team.

Connelly, a sophomore, was selected third team all-conference, and he was also third in the conference in scoring, averaging 19.8 points per game.

Holman also a sophomore was named third team all-conference averaging 8.0 assists per game.

Coaches from DMACC's conference were responsible for the voting results.

Gibbs spends spring break fishing

Cory Williams
Bear Facts Staff Writer

During Spring break, there was only one thing on Tom Gibbs' mind. That was to fish for walleye and catfish. Gibbs is a DMACC student who enjoys fishing almost all year long.

The reason he was fishing for walleye is they are the most active during the cold weather. Gibbs didn't have much luck, but everybody else he talked to did. Gibbs said, "When fishing after the ice is out, patience is a must. Bait presentation must be slow."

Gibbs has only fished walleye for 2 years but has fished a total of 8 years consistently for other fish. Gibbs would rather fish for crappie and catfish than for walleye. He loves to fish for crappie.

Gibbs fishes for crappie and walleye during the months of February, March, and, April. And when May hits, its time to go fishing for catfish, until October.

Gibbs doesn't fish in a boat very often, he's more of a bank fisherman. He goes by the farmers' almanac or the back of the sport's page in the Des Moines Register. Gibbs says, "The moon plays a big part in fishing, sometimes before a full moon and a couple days after."

Words to live by, "Please practice catch and release."
DMACC student sees it all

Spring break adventures lead to Hollywood stars

Julie Ann Cronin
Bear Facts Staff Writer

While many of you stayed in Iowa over break, I was lucky enough to go to the sunny state of California. I arrived in the Los Angeles Airport (LAX) on March 8, to a sunny day with the weather about 80 degrees. Where I would be spending the next twelve days in California.

From Rodeo Drive to Sunset Blvd; to going to Disneyland, I went to the two days was running into the beach and New Port Beach had a lot of activities for people in their middle 20's. So if you are looking to find a new vacation spot to travel to, I would suggest sunny California.

My last day here, I was lucky to meet O.J.'s bodyguards and taking pictures there and also buying a purse on Rodeo Drive. Highlight of the day was seeing the guy I met last night.

March 17, (Sun.)
Happy St. Patrick's Day--my favorite holiday of the year. Went to the beach all day to play volleyball and get sun. Highlight of the day was being in the sun, playing basketball and going over to Jim's for dinner, the guy I met last night.

March 19, (Tues.)
Went to NewPort Beach today to work on my tan. Highlight of the day was being in the sun, playing basketball and going over to Jim's for dinner, the guy I met last night.

The workshops will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. beginning in April through May. Workshops will be at the Boone County Cultural Center. The cost for the program is $25 per person. You can register at the ISU Extension office at 603 Story Street.

The program consists of a series of seven workshops covering a variety of topics including: organizing financial records, managing your risks, planning for the unexpected, investing for retirement, and a Q&A panel.

The ISU Extension also offers free baby-sitting to anyone that wants to attend the workshops. For more information call 515-432-3883.

If you're a woman concerned about your financial future and wonder what you can do about it, the ISU Extension office can help. They are offering a women's financial information program open to any age group.

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