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SAB, committee work to save Campus Cafe

By Charles Whiteing
Bear Facts Staff

Due to the decision of the Student Action Board, the Campus Cafe may be acquiring new culinary technology. Last week, the SAB unanimously vote, to install a fryer in the Campus Cafe, assuming that it is approved through the Dean's office.

In two separate meetings held last week, SAB and the Campus Cafe Committee met to talk about the recent survey. Out of 765 student responses, it was learned that Boone DMACC students want more "fast foods." Pizza, burgers, fries, along with interest in a salad bar and/or a potato bar. Other edibles requested were soft serve ice cream and frozen yogurt.

Students also expressed a preference for the cafe to be open more hours during the day. In the surveys, where students were asked how many times they purchased items from the cafe, the majority of the feedback was five to ten times a week. Beginning spring semester, the committee decided to keep the cafe open and serving until 1:30 p.m.

Another committee concept was the

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Study shows open lab times

Complaining on our campus due to the congestion in the computer lab has become common. So, when the Bear Facts staff couldn't find computers to "save our souls," we conducted an investigation. Although the graph below shows an abundance of computer vacancy, our findings are more detailed and may prove otherwise.

The first investigation took place on a Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The staff found that of 40 computers available, 25% were being used for an Internet class; 20% for student studies; 17% for entertainment purposes, either playing computer games or "surfing the net"; 18% for E-mail; and 15% of the computers for miscellaneous purposes, leaving 5% of the computers unoccupied.

Here we see that the lab was quite full, with only 5% of the computers open for use. Although a class was being held at this time, a good portion of the lab users were using it for recreation.

On the following Wednesday at 9:45 a.m., 33% were being used for student studies; 33% for entertainment purposes; 10% for E-mail; 17% for miscellaneous purposes, leaving 7% of the computers unoccupied.

Again there were not many computers available, only 7% open for use and the majority of the computers were being used for recreation.

The next Thursday at 1 p.m. 7% were being used for student studies; 25% for

entertainment; 13% for E-mail; 12% for miscellaneous purposes, with 43% remaining unoccupied.

This investigation was held later in the day, showing a higher percentage of unoccupied computers. But it also showed that more students were using the lab for recreation.

Another investigator studied the lab from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Of the computers being used, 27% were being used for student studies; 36% for entertainment purposes; 10% for E-mail; and 12% were being used for miscellaneous purposes. Computers unoccupied were 15%.

Again a low number of computers were available with most used for recreation.

At 2 p.m. 15% were being used for student studies; 40% for entertainment purposes; 15% for E-mail; 13% for miscellaneous reasons, leaving 17% unoccupied.

No classes were being held, and there were a larger amount of recreational use compared to student studies at this time.

The night investigation was on Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., out of the 40 computers in the lab, 25% were being used for student as well as instructor studies; 5% were used for entertainment; another 5% were used for E-mail; 65% remained unoccupied.

At 6:30 p.m. the lab seemed to be moderately vacant. Most of the lab users

though were using it for studies. The recreation usage had dropped.

At 7:30 p.m., 13% of the computers were used for studies; none were being used for entertainment; 2% were being used for E-mail. This left 85% of the computers unoccupied. The lab was still considerably vacant but all computers being used were for study purposes.

At 8:30 p.m. 10% of the computers were being used for study; none were being used for entertainment; 3% for E-mail; leaving 87% unoccupied.

Keeping in mind that the graph shows both day and night usage combined and tends to show a greater amount of lab vacancy, there are still problems that need to be addressed.

A number of alternatives can be suggested: instructors can schedule classes that need computer use later in the afternoon and students can save recreation time for later in the afternoon or at night when students needing the lab for class work can find a spot.

Making a few adjustments to this morning congestion may eventually reward students and faculty with more available space and hours. When computer lab users see a lab full of people working, they might save the games and personal e-mail for a later time. If classes are scheduled in the afternoon, students need to take advantage of them to open up this \$100,000 lab to its full potential.

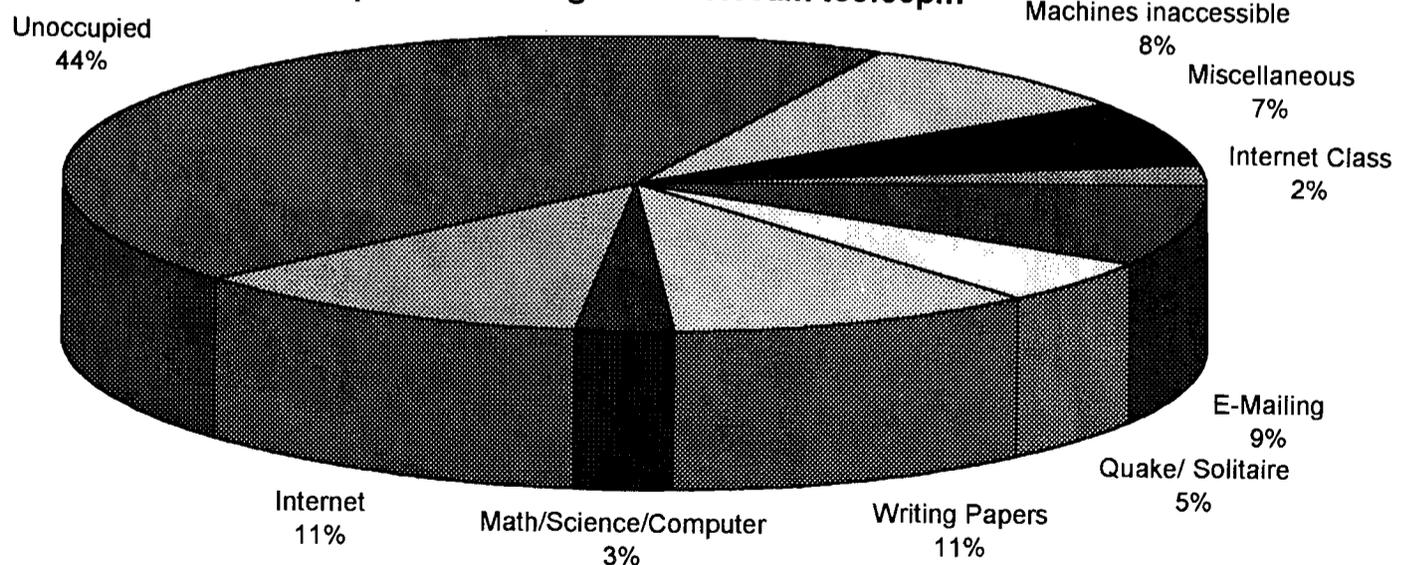
Rezoomers establish emergency fund

The REZOOMERS Club voted to place some money into an emergency fund to be available to adult students who might have an emergency situation occur while a student at the Boone Campus.

Some potential emergency situations might include sudden car repair or unusual child care expense. Other emergency expenses will be considered.

Application for the funds can be made by filing the DMACC Foundation Scholarship application form and including the pertinent information and circumstances in the attached one page letter. Applications should be marked REZOOMERS Club Emergency Fund and turned in at the registration window.

Computer Lab Usage From 8:00am to 9:00pm



This graph shows research conducted on an informal basis by the Bear Facts staff over a one-week period. Averaging usage of the 40 computers in Room 135B, Melinda Gorman, staff writer, put together this pie graph representing 12-hour "daily" usage.



Dean's Comments

The fall 1996 semester has been the most rewarding and exciting time that I've experienced on this campus. Four new employees, Terry Jamieson, Tim Bergin, Judy Hauser, and Jane Martino helped to bring new enthusiasm to the campus. The high utilization of the computer labs also brought great satisfaction.

Over 400 students have preregistered for the coming semester. Some classes have begun to close.

Concerning the Campus Cafe, it looks like in the month of November, we broke even. This was due to more traffic and some changes in the food items. A few suggestions from the Committee have already been put in place, including hours being lengthened to 1:30 P.M. Others will be put into place starting next semester.

The main areas I considered in the recent budget hearing included the following:

- Recent accomplishments
- Enrollment trends
- Budgetary needs
- Remodeling requests
- Departmental updates

I wish every one a very happy and safe holiday season. I know that some will be completing their studies with us and I wish them well in their job assignments. The ones that have not completed their education, will be welcomed back January 13, 1997.

Feliz navidad!



Scott Andreson

"Guru" talks with journalism class

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

Scott Andreson, creative director of the *Campus Reader* spoke to the Intro to Mass Communication class about ethics last week.

Andreson, a former reporter for the *Iowa State Daily* while a student at ISU, wrote a controversial column calling himself the "Tattoo Guru." He still maintains this identification and column in the *Campus Reader*, a weekly in competition for the college audience. The *Campus Reader* is owned by the same group who own the *Ames Daily Tribune*.

The *Campus Reader* deals with entertainment from a new angle. It has lots of color and special creativity in its ad layout. It reads "easy" and "quick."

Andreson talked about his career as a young journalist and offered his suggestions to all students considering going into journalism. He believes that writing about controversial issues or bringing controversy to an issue "is a good way to get people to read your stuff."

Although there is not a lot of money in journalism, according to Andreson, when you write something that makes people react, "It feels good to have them recognize you and pay tribute to what you wrote."

DMACC responds to blood drive

The volunteer donors of Des Moines Area Community College responded to the call to donate blood at the December 9 drive, where 48 people registered and 39 units of blood were collected. There were 13 first time donors and 7 walk-in donors.

Chairperson, Connie Booth, played an important role in motivating faculty and students to participate at the drive and is to be commended for her effort.

The Blood Center of Central Iowa looks forward to its next visit to DMACC and would like to express its appreciation to the volunteers and donors who made a valuable contribution to the volunteer donor program.

Venga a la Fiesta de México

By Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff

Every year DMACC has chosen a country to celebrate and learn more about. For 1996-1997 DMACC's International Year is Mexico.

Mexico is the most populous Spanish speaking country in the world. In celebration of the Mexican holiday, "Dia de Los Novios" DMACC is throwing a party at the Boone DMACC campus, Friday February 14, 1997 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

The Fiesta is for all DMACC students from the five campuses, their families, ISU Latino groups, and the surrounding community. A band will play traditional Latin music. Dancers will demonstrate the traditional dances of Mexico. Children's activities such as crafts are planned.

Chips and salsa are free. Authentic Mexican foods will be available at a reasonable price. DMACC will provide transportation from all the other DMACC campuses.

The Mexican Fiesta will kick off the activities before International Week, April 7 to April 11, 1997. Tentative guest speakers include, artists and poets, Ruben and Yoce Barcelata, Alicia Re

Cruz, speaking on changes due to tourism in Cancun, author and educator, Margarita Robleda, and Maria Luisa Camacho with her fashion show of Mexican dress and costume.

The Boone Campus SAB will host the event with the Boone Campus International Club doing the decorating. PBL of Boone and Urban are in charge of the food. Ann Watts, Boone Campus librarian will organize the children's crafts, Pat Theiben, business instructor on the Boone Campus and Dan Hilgers, Urban Campus business instructor will work with PBL on the food.

Jim Bittner, Bruce Kelly, and Jan LaVille, Boone Campus instructors; Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Executive Dean; Cindy Miller, PBL representative; Tuan Trinh, president of the International Club; and Teresa Johnson and Amy Herrick, SAB representatives are also helping with preparations.

Lloyd Miller, Ankeny Campus Spanish instructor heads up the Mexico Week committee.

The International Club will meet over break to work on decorations.

The next planning meeting will be January 17 at 1 p.m. in C109. All interested students and faculty are asked to attend.

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creation of value meals. The value meals would be combination meals, for example, burgers, fries, and a soda, or a pasta dish, salad, and a drink, costing \$3.00 per meal.

The model of fryer being discussed is a self-contained model that is insurance friendly, as well as environmentally friendly. The food is put in at the top, cooked inside, then automatically fed out through the bottom. Because the food is cooked inside the fryer, no grease is exposed, thus narrowing the chances of operator injury. For this reason, no added insurance is needed. It is environmentally friendly because no ventilation or exhaust fan is necessary for operation.

Operating the fryer is very simple according to Terry Jamieson, SAB co-advisor, who mentioned that he had, in the past, used one that was similar. Jamieson explained that "using the fryer is as easy as putting a car in drive."

From the beginning of the Fall '96 semester through November 19, the Campus Cafe has lost \$1100. Another alternative being considered by the cafe committee is purchasing the cafe's provisions through a different supplier. Currently the cafe is supplied by local vendors. The move to new suppliers would mean seeking business out of town, and for this reason the committee still remains apprehensive.

Also discussed was the possibility of hiring culinary arts students as interns in

the cafe.

In other SAB business, there has been student as well as faculty interest expressed in the acquisition of a walking track for Boone campus DMACC. The SAB thought the idea needed more research, but Jamieson had already acquired the needed information from a local contractor.

A track suitable for Boone DMACC, constructed out of the same material as running tracks, would cost \$35,000. It could be built out of concrete for considerably less, anywhere from half to a quarter of the price, but would not stand up to the weathering or abuses of the more expensive track. This would cause more money to be spent on repairs. No decision was made at this time.

It was also decided that a Christmas tree will not be purchased for Boone campus this year. Due to lack of interest and difficulties with disposal, it was agreed that the Courter Center would be decorated with poinsettias instead of a tree. The poinsettias will then be given away through a drawing.

Members in attendance at the SAB meeting were Theresa Johnson, president; Amie Herrick, secretary; Dana Hesser, member; and Charles Whiteing, Bear Facts delegate. Others present were George Silberhorn and Jamieson.

This meeting was the last meeting of the semester. SAB meetings will resume spring semester.

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DAILY GRIND

By Moses Lueth

Hello, hello, hello! How are you stud-muffins doing? I am in the midst of a most terrific dilemma. You see, I am suffering from a severe case of insomnia. Counting sheep and bottles of beer can get pretty boring. So I am awake deep into the a.m. wondering and wondering...

If you use the back entrance to enter the building coming from the east, you most likely walk past those obscure maroon coin-operated lockers. In fact, I don't think they are classified as lockers. They are more like cubbyholes like they have in kindergarten. Anyway, who in the heck uses them? If *anyone* does use them, I wonder who was the genius behind the idea? It is most likely the same person who came up with chia pet, and you see what a hot commodity those are.

Have you ever gone to a fast food establishment and specifically requested no ice in your beverage? And then they proceed to dump a glacier-like amount of ice in your cup. And what did you just tell them you did not want in your soda? These are probably the same people who see PLEASE USE OTHER DOOR and they still try to use the nonfunctioning door. They hear but don't listen and read but don't comprehend. I wonder sometimes.

Psychic Friends Network? Get real! Where do these bozos come from? I mean, can they really give you insight as to what is in store for your future? Am I going to win the lottery? No, you have a better chance of being struck by lightning. And if they were really so called "psychics", could they help me find my remote? Yup. If you would look in your sofa cushion, you will find your remote neatly nestled between the candy wrappers and spare change my psychic friend would say. And then, being the swell friend, charge me \$3.99 for the first minute and \$4.00 dollars for the additional time. Wow! That penny really makes a difference. "Your honor, I rest my case."

At a theater near you this season

By Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Writer

During break we may all finally have time to go and see a movie. Traditionally a high release time, this season is bond to offer some enjoyment.

Mars Attacks opens on December 13. "A cast of thousands" is on hand for the invasion by a group of warmongering Martians. Director Tim Burton has help from Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Danny DeVito, Michael J. Fox, Tom Jones, Rod Steiger, and Paul Winfield.

The Preachers Wife opens on the 20th. This movie stars Whitney Houston as a gospel singing preacher's wife. She and her husband are helped out by an angel in the form of Denzel Washington.

My Fellow Americans also opens on the 20th. Starring Jack Lemmon and James Garner as former Presidents of the US, with nothing in common, but saving their lives. Thrown into an impending political scandal involving the current President, they traverse the country together.

Michael opening Dec. 25, stars John Travolta, Andie MacDowell, and William Hurt in a comedy from Nora Ephron. An angel (Travolta), finds himself transported to Iowa, where he is pursued by tabloid journalists.

I'm Not Rappaport starts limited engagements, i.e., New York/L.A., on Dec. 25, with wide release set for Jan. 24. It stars Walter Matthau, Ossie Davis, and Amy Irving. Nat (Matthau) and Midge (Davis) are a couple of friends who share many an escapade throughout Central Park.

The Portrait of a Lady opens Dec. 25. Nicole Kidman stars in the classic Henry

James novel, with Barbara Hershey and John Malkovich. Isabel (Kidman) a headstrong woman denies a pursuing suitor, only to be led into a loveless marriage with a self-serving deviant (Malkovich).

Some Mother's Son opens Dec. 27. It stars Helen Mirren and Fionnula Flanagan. Two mothers fight for their sons lives during the tragic Irish hunger strike of 1981. From the same movie makers that brought us "In the Name of the Father."

The People Vs Larry Flint opens on Dec. 27. It stars Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love, and Crispin Glover. This is the story about Larry Flint (Harrelson) and his fight for his, and our, First Amendment rights. From his start as a small newspaper owner, to sex industry giant, to Born Again Christian, to the supreme court decision.

Ghost of Mississippi stars Alec Baldwin, James Woods, and Whoopie Goldberg. Based on the true story of District Attorney Bobby DeLaughter's (Baldwin) fight to bring justice to the death of civil rights activist, Medgar Evers. Thirty years later, Byron De la Beckwith (Woods), a self-proclaimed white supremacist, is finally brought to trial.

Hamlet stars Kenneth Branagh, Julie Christie, Billy Crystal, Gerard Depaediue, Charlton Heston, Jack Lemmon, Robin Williams, and Kate Winslet, to name a few. Branagh has gone back to the Bard for this movie. This could and should be better than the 1990 Mel Gibson version.

Newly released or still hanging around: *Daylight*, *The English Patient*, *Jingle All the Way*, *Michael Collins*, *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, *101 Dalmations*, *Ransom*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Set It Off*, *Space Jam* and *Star Trek: First Contact*.

Ladies and Gentlemen... The Bears

By Mark H. Williams
Bear Facts Writer

We are fast approaching the 21st century, and by now we should all be treated with respect and dignity. For the most part we are, even though pockets of discrimination do still occur. The college atmosphere should encourage tolerance and respect for all.

We at DMACC have the opportunity to educate people about the effects of words on people. Why, for example, do we call the women's basketball team "the Lady Bears" and the men's team, just "the Bears?" Is the word Bear gender specific? Or, is it just that this name is a holdover from a bygone era?

The only reason to keep this archaic term is if it is gender specific; otherwise, we need to get rid of it. If we choose not to get rid of it, we should then consider changing the men's team name to, "*The Gentlemen Bears*." Would the men appreciate this change?

The men's name change is not the solution. After all, it does seem somewhat odd, does it not? Then, doesn't the women's team name seem just as odd, at least a little? The women's team represents our school as much as the men's team, and in so doing, represents our pride and dignity. Do we want the rest of the conference to think we are behind the times?

This may seem trivial to some, and it is a small problem when compared to a few other words or names that we hear bantered freely about the hallways. It is time for our campus, and possibly all DMACC campuses, to start holding programs and classes that will make us more sensitive to others. At Iowa State one of the core requirements is a class in diversity. This class has been designed to expose the students to different cultures, races, religions, and sexual orientations. DMACC should consider implementing a class such as these.

When you hear people who should know better using the derogatory names to describe someone of a different race, sex, or sexual orientation, we know then the time has come for a call to action if we want to exist in a world where we expect to be treated with dignity.



What exactly is the Internet?

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

The Internet is a global collection of networks, composed of a collection of smaller networks, which are all linked together.

The beginnings of the Internet was the 1969 Defense Department computer network that allowed military contractors and universities doing military research to exchange information. Later, universities everywhere were added, and also, libraries, schools, government agencies, corporations, and individuals.

NETSCAPE

From 1985 to July 1996, the Internet grew from 1000 hosts to nearly 13 million. A host is a computer through which users get on the network. In some cases, thousands of users' computers go through one host. Taking this into consideration, there may be at least 100 million Internet users.

Hypermedia, or any variety of computer media, including text, graphics, video and sound, can be accessed through the use of hypertext links. To bring a picture stored in a computer in Los Angeles, for example, to display on a computer in New York, one only has to click on an object that has been designated as a link to the picture in Los Angeles.



The total collection of hypertext links creates an interconnected network of links which is known today as the World Wide Web or WWW. Each computer within the Web that contains hypermedia that can be referenced is called a Web site. Thousands of Web sites around the world, can be accessed through the Internet.

In talking with Ann Watts, DMACC librarian and teacher of the Internet class, about the significance of the Internet, she said, "This new age of technology is changing very quickly. This is a huge shift in history."



To date, there are no controls or regulations over the Internet because no one owns it. Whether the government will attempt to do so, is still a question in many peoples' minds. Several states have court cases pending to determine whether this can be done.

In terms of personal regulation, Watts said the following, "Always keep in mind that whatever you put on the network will stay out there in cyberspace forever. So don't put anything out there that you would not want your mother to see."



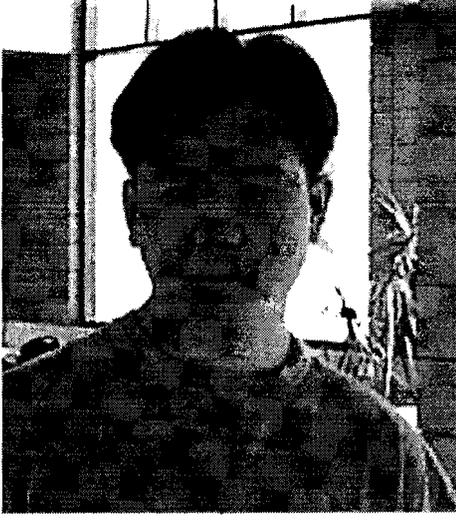
Jeannie Garcia

I took a class for the internet so I was able to do things for a class project. If I had not taken the class, I could not have done it.

Talk Back

What do you like about the Internet?

Text and photos by Lorraine Powell



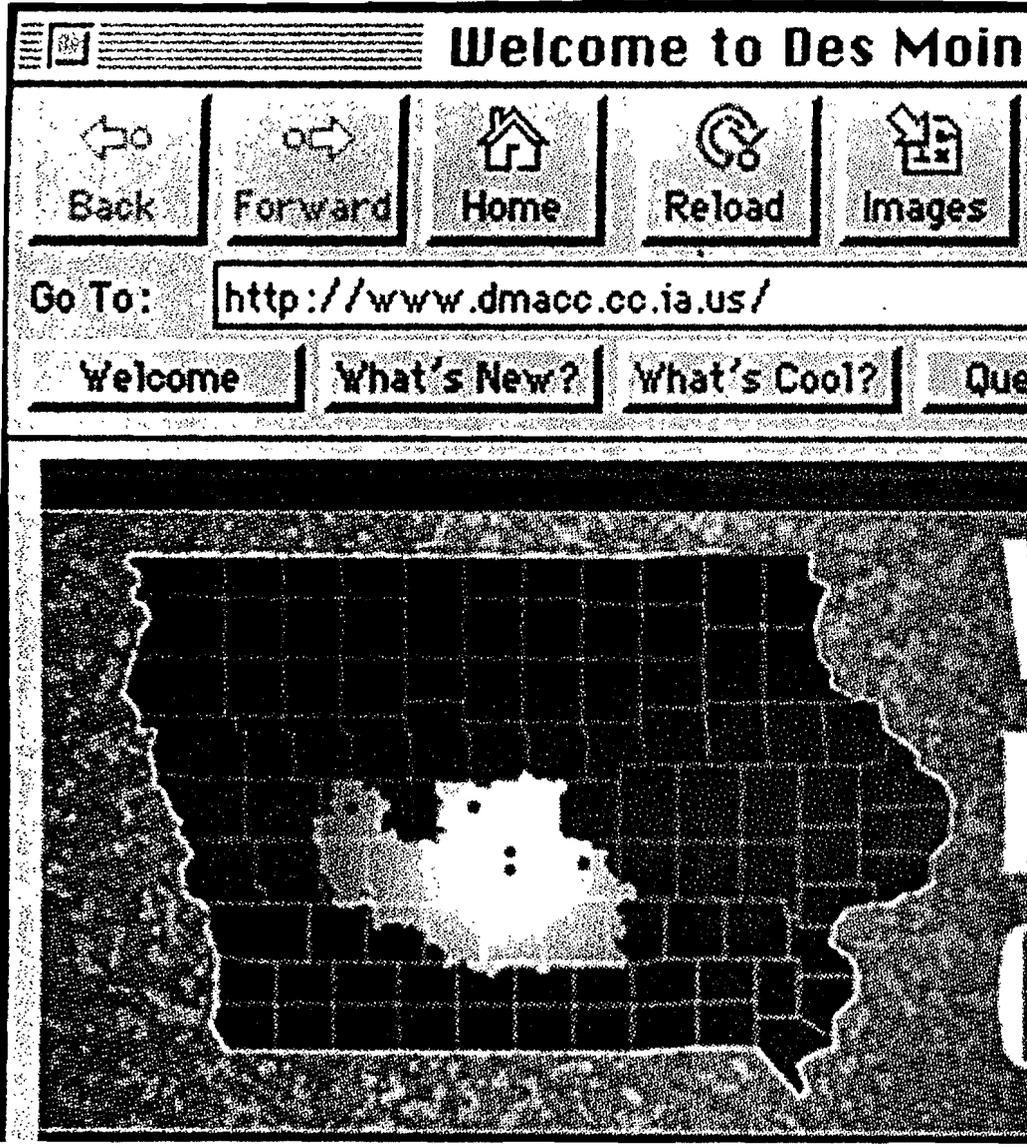
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It's very useful. You can find stuff for research papers. Use it for e-mailing also.



Sarah Robinson

It's good to look at when you do papers. It's good to talk to friends at other colleges.



Static Shock: Profile

By Matt Williams
Composition 117, Section BF

In a small ill lighted room, Static Shock stares at the computer screen as numbers and letters scroll down the screen by the thousands. Throughout the room papers are scattered as if a bomb blown up several spiral notebooks. These pages covered with countless characters and commands that to the untrained eye would be meaningless, but to a programmer or hacker are very precious.

A large coffee pot sits upon a dorm refrigerator next to the desk allowing for easy access to the hackers drug, caffeine. The smell of smoke fills the room as static Shock takes another long drag off his Camel cigarette and extinguishes it in a old tuna fish can on the corner of the desk. There is total silence except for the clicking of keys and the hum of the computers hard drive. Static Shock is a Hacker. His name is a handle by which other hackers know him. No real names are used due to the secrecy involved and in fear of prosecution.

Static Shock glares at the screen as a specific strand of characters found by his sniffer program are displayed. This strand will allow him to access a computer system on the other side of the United States. "There you are my sweet angel," he says as he copies the strand of numbers to a notepad. It seems that these numbers are some kind of address, much like what everyone uses in Netscape, but in IP address form. "Now we can begin our journey," he says as he guides the mouse pointer gracefully across the screen shutting down the line connection. Seconds later the joyous sound of a modem connecting to a computer server

fills the room. With the help of past hacking, he is able to jump from server to server making tracing this hack very difficult. With the stroke of a few keys Static Shock enters the strand of numbers his program discovered and the screen goes blank. "Hmm, well be that way then!" he grunts. He guides the mouse opening several menus that will allow him to change his modem settings. The screen jumps to life with the words "Login:". With the stroke of a few keys another program begins running in the background. This program acts as a worm that is able to penetrate even the most secure computer systems. The worm then returns with a login name that it leeches from the server. This name was the last person to login on this system. He then enters the login name that brought us to a password prompt. With a click of the mouse another menu opens and yet another program begins. This is a password program that tries random words at the password prompt. I sit and watch as hundreds of possibilities automatically entered and rejected. Static Shock grabs another cigarette and lights up saying, "This could take a while." As we waited for the program to come up with the magic string, I asked him about the history of hacking.

Hacking, according to Static Shock, is basically the exploration of computers and all hardware attached to them. They contain gateways to different worlds of knowledge that the general populous would never find sitting at home watching television. He went on to tell me that hacking has been around since the 1950's. People are just getting around to realizing just how much of their personal information is compiled in the millions of



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Welcome to Moines Area Community College

e of a computer hacker

computer data bases around the world. Anyone with knowledge of computers and programming can access this information. That scares the general public. There is so much misconception about hacking, that when people hear the label "hacker" they automatically think of some greasy haired kid who spends too much time on the computer. This is just not true. Although hacking did begin with college students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, many older members of the world discovered the possibilities at the same time. Hacking is also the writing of computer programs or fixing bugs in programs that businesses have produced but had flaws.

Hackers believe in the freedom of all information, in that I mean all information. Information such as driving records, medical records, or anything that is entered into a computer. Most hackers don't want most of that kind of information simply because why should they care if so and so had a wart removed from their foot. They are simply more interested in top secret information about new programs that haven't been released to the public. That is all hackers want, information. They don't go into systems and shut them down or destroy web pages, break into banks and transfer large sums of money to Swiss bank accounts as depicted in the media. That is just too risky. Hackers have morals and ethical codes which they follow strictly or they will ruin it for all other hackers. Hackers have become a scape goat for the community of Crackers. Crackers infiltrate computer systems, sometimes forcefully, obtain the information they want, then often destroy or edit a majority of the files on a system. That's what causes these systems to crash. When the

data a system requires to run is edited or deleted, the system can't fix itself, so someone has to do the tedious work of reconstructing the system. Not all Crackers are like this either, just a few bad eggs can Rouen it for a entire group.

"Beep, beep, beep," the computer yells. A big grin comes across Static Shocks face as he realizes that his program has finally found the precious password into the system. "We're in!" he says. The screen jumps into action as the systems menus are displayed. "Lets see if we can find anything interesting," Static Shock says as he selects File Archives off the menu. A folder is opened and all the files on the system are displayed. There are thousands of files in the archives but we are looking for specific files such as prototypes or beta versions of new programs that a corporation has produced and not yet released.

Static Shock begins selecting files of interest to his download directory. "This is when the fun begins," he says as he starts to explain why. It seems that when files start getting moved around or downloaded, the computer records these transfers in a download record. When the system administrator looks at these download records and sees that large programs were downloaded at odd hours they get curious. "All we want to do is get in, find what we want, then get out with out being detected," Static Shock explains. Once all the files he wants are downloaded to his computer, he begins

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"Pornography" by any other name

By Lorraine Powell, Bear Facts Staff

The word "pornography" has different meanings to different people. The meaning it has for me, however, is something that is offensive to my hearing and my viewing which involves the degradation of and violence (both physical and sexual) toward women and children.

Just recently, I have been faced with this issue of pornography. My 10-year-old daughter came home from school and told me that a boy at her lunch table had "entertained" the whole table with certain stories. After hearing just a few details, I realized that these stories had introduced my child to the world of pornography.

It is very possible that this boy might have read these stories on the internet because there are currently no regulations pertaining to the internet at this time as to what is considered obscene and offensive.

Where should the line be drawn concerning what is legally available to persons using the internet and should there be any regulations concerning the age of persons that are allowed to access these things?

My position is that there are three groups of individuals who need to be protected from a totally unregulated internet regarding pornography. They are as follows: 1) minors, 2) unsuspecting viewers, and, 3) women put at risk of violence and/or discrimination.

Childhood is a time of learning. The things children learn can either be beneficial or unbeneficial. No doubt, though, the things they learn affect their entire lives. Children are like sponges, soaking up every new thing that has not been brought into their environment previously. The question then to be asked, is, whether a child has adequate rational ability to make right choices about what is sexually educating and what is sexually degrading.

I believe that many children, as well as "grown up children" of both genders, have no conception of what pornographic acts really teach. Neither does the unsuspecting victim of the internet who accidentally comes upon pornographic pictures and information. The third victim group, or those women who consider that pornography is an invasion of their privacy, their self-esteem, and their moral character are aware, many, because of what they have learned the "hard way."

Catherine Mackinnon, attorney and law professor, believes that the central idea of pornography is the oppression of women. A picture showing a woman being raped is not just a picture but an "action" of rape. Mackinnon drafted a civil ordinance which would have allowed women victims of pornography a civil right of lawsuit against pornographers. However, a coalition of civil libertarians went into court 90 minutes after the ordinance had been passed and successfully petitioned a federal judge to throw it out, as a violation of the First Amendment.

The thing that Professor Mackinnon did not realize, perhaps, is something that I have learned after dealing with the legal system and its officers of enforcement for the past several years. That is, that this United States government is the direct product of patriarchal rule. This nation's laws, when first made, considered women no more than pieces of chattel or property.

This underlying issue, though cut off at its branches with women gaining the right to vote, and other subsequent laws insuring more equality to women, did not cut off at its roots the fact that the woman is still the object of the man's sexual drive. According to Mackinnon, "the sex drive is still a powerful solvent of rationality."

Mackinnon goes on to say that "the final battle for equality between men and women may be much harder than that for racial equality, because it must overcome forces deeper in the human soul."

The next question then to consider is how does one best deal with this root of inequality between the male and female gender? Is censorship the answer? Is total regulation of the internet the answer?

My personal contention is "no." I do believe, however, that what is considered "most obscene" must be regulated. We all know that "no holds barred," means total anarchy or everybody doing to everybody else what feels good to them. This brings about many innocent victims, many of them children, who cannot fight back.

Therefore, just as ideas on television, movies and other media are pushed through the various gatekeepers, should not these same gatekeepers have the same regulatory power over the internet? At least, then, it would be the "market" who would make the decisions on what is considered "most obscene" rather than the 3 to 1 ration of men who currently use the internet.

If potential threats to the President's life should be a reason to take away internet privileges, why not potential threats to physical and sexual victimization of women and children?

But what about the "less obscene" material? Who should decide about these issues? Is it possible that education may still be the viable means to teach the children who grow up to be the adults free to make choices that "there is no moral difference between sexual violence and any other kind?" The old adage still holds true today, "A child (man or woman) convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still."

Is it not possible that education about pornography and its underlying motivations can be taught to the younger generation in their most impressionable years in order to perhaps halt the seemingly never-ending cycle of sexual abuse, domestic abuse, and victim abuse?

If more censorship is the only answer, then, the only effect, as far as I can see, is more decent and more acts of violence committed in the darkness of ignorance and selfishness and greed.

There is an old saying that talks about turning on the light to dispel the darkness. Let's just hope that the "right" light is turned on so that the true darkness of ignorance and man's animal nature can be "educated out" of the human being. If this be the case, there is the potential that human beings can evolve further into what the New Age calls "the enlightened ones" who are neither male nor female in gender.

Man on the move

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

In the book, *All The Kings Men*, by Robert Penn Warren, there is a passage that states that there are two types of men. There are men of idea and there are men of action. Terry Jamieson is a man of action.

Jamieson is from Hardy, Arkansas. As a young man, he admired Pete Rose for his style of play and great attitude towards working to his fullest capabilities. "Seeing Pete Rose slide head first into a base was an inspiration to me." Like his hero, Terry Jamieson slides head first into everything. Jamieson attended Pittsburgh State University where he received a Masters Degree in Education Administration. He taught social sciences for most of his life and was also a state trooper.

He chose DMACC because he had always wanted to be an administrator and liked the challenge of trying to resurrect the athletic program. Within the next five years, Jamieson wants to accomplish the goal of establishing Boone Campus as a premiere and nationally renowned program in sports and activities.

"He has been a tremendous and positive impact on the campus," says Kris Phillips, dean of Boone Campus.

Joanne Temple, a Boone Campus secretary adds, "I like his enthusiasm." A perpetually positive thinker, Jamieson is an optimist that views the glass as always half full.

A typical Terry Jamieson day is never without work. His days range from 9 to 12 hours. He usually tries to finish all his paperwork before noon. At lunch, he plays badminton with the international students. After lunch, he coaches the men's and women's basketball teams. During the evening hours, he fulfills his intramural duties with activities in the gymnasium for the general public.

What keeps him going is his work ethic, which he credits to watching his hero, Pete Rose, go to bat. "He (Rose) always played like it was his very last game."

Dottie Ausborn, a student athlete, said of Jamieson: "He always gives 100 percent in everything and lives up to his word."

Karen Wagner, another Boone Campus secretary thinks of Jamieson as "wonderful and a team player." A motto that Jamieson uses daily is "What can I do today to make myself better than I was yesterday?"

Other than his favorite sport of baseball, Jamieson says he misses the peace of fishing. Jamieson classifies himself as a definite outdoors freak and confesses that he would fish all day if he had the opportunity.

A man who goes into everything at 100 miles an hour, Jamieson says that he is fortunate because he has a wife, Jill, who puts up with him. In addition to his wife, Jamieson has a daughter, Jessica,



Terry Jamieson

who is 10 years old, and a son, Aaron, who is 5.

Terry Jamieson is a person with many obligations: family, work, and constant improvement of his environment and himself. He is definitely a man of action.

Dudgeon elected president of Rezoomers Club

By Maggie Stone
Contributing Writer

The REZOOMERS Club recently held election of officers for the 1996-97 school year. Joanne Dudgeon, a second year history major from Ames, was elected president of the club. A DMACC student since fall term '95, Dudgeon plans to transfer to Iowa State next fall with the goal of earning a Masters degree in history.

Dennis Christensen, a Liberal Arts major from Boone, was elected vice-president. Christensen is new to the Boone campus this fall having previously attended the Ankeny campus.

The REZOOMERS Club is available to all adult students (those returning to formal education after being away for two to 20 years or more).

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Melinda's Musings

Ho Ho Ho and Trick or Treat.

While some were shopping for halloween costumes at our local department stores, some were looking in another area of the store at the Christmas ornaments.

On Thanksgiving day, the feast not even in our bellies, the advertising was crowded into the morning paper, making it as thick as the Sunday paper. The day after Thanksgiving is the biggest shopping day of the year. Every retailer in the country is competing for your business.

Ever Christmas shop in July? There is nothing the matter with planning ahead, especially if the gift is hand made. But how far is too far?

It was enterprising for some company to manufacture a string of lights with little pumpkins instead of plain lights. In the dark, the lights still look like Christmas lights.

Many retailers no longer call Christmas by its name. Christmas towels or napkins are Holiday towels or napkins. The signs read Happy Holidays or Seasons Greetings. Would someone from a strange land understand that the "Holidays" or the "Seasons" is Christmas or is it? Is Holidays a generic term for all the holidays from Hanukkah to Kwanzaa? Some don't want their Christmas generic. For heaven sake, call an ace an ace. Call Hanukkah, Hanukkah. Call Christmas, Christmas. Call Kwanzaa, Kwanzaa. It doesn't hurt. Part of the beauty of America is the privilege of worshipping Buddha or even the Devil if one so chooses.

If Christ is taken out of Christmas, Xmas, for example, why even have the event? By the way,

Merry Christmas

Holthus to teach abroad this spring

By Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

Mel Holthus accounting instructor at Boone Campus, is going abroad to teach. Holthus is going to be working for the University of Maryland teaching accounting and finance at U.S. military bases in Europe. He will be in Heidelberg, Ger-

many at the beginning of his stay, and then he will go to Belgium for the remainder of his stay.

Holthus is going to be in Europe from mid January to the end of May. This will be the second time he has been in Europe teaching. The first time was 11 years ago when he was doing a similiar job for the University of Maryland when he taught for 1 year in Europe. Holthus said he is "excited and ready to see something new."

Bear basketball updates

Sports Briefs

By Jason Pugh
Bear Facts Staff

Mens' team

Opening regular season play against the second ranked division II team in the nation and a team that had just beaten one of the top five nationally ranked teams, has not been an easy thing to do for the DMACC men's' basketball team.

Even though the team is off to a slow start this year, it will not be long before the team will be one of the top teams in the state according to Terry Jamieson, head men's basketball coach. "The men's basketball program has not had success in over two decades. I think that we are a couple of big men away from being a real good solid team," said Jamieson.

Freshman guard from Boone, Chad Behn, talked about how he thought the season has been going so far. "The competition we play is tough, so we shouldn't get down on ourselves when we lose. We need to build off of every loss. The team

needs to play as one and show a little pride."

Behn went on to add, "I know I have things to improve on to better the team. If everyone would look in the mirror and improve on the things they need to help the team, we could win some games."

Behn said the team had come a long way since the beginning of the season. "Coach Jamieson has kept us working hard and I think that it will pay big dividends in the long run.

DMACC currently has a record of two wins and 8 losses but there are two key players who have been sidelined and will be eligible to play next week. According to Jamieson, these players will make an impact on the team.

"We missed a good opportunity to pick up a win against NIACC last Saturday, but we didn't play as well as I thought we would. Right now we are looking at what we can do to become a better team," said Jamieson.

Womens' team

The women's basketball team is off to

a slow start but according to head coach, Terry Jamieson, the women's program is one or two years away from being a top competitor with anyone in the state.

"The women's basketball program has never been taken seriously here at DMACC. I feel that in a couple of years we will be much better. Right now we are in the stage of trying to build the program up," said Jamieson.

Opening up the season against teams such as Carl Sandberg Community College and Illinois Central Community College has not been the easiest thing to do for a team that is trying to be a building block for the women's basketball program here at DMACC. Coach Jamieson commented on Carl Sandberg and Illinois Central. "They were awesome," said Jamieson.

This week looks like a good opportunity for the women to get their first victory of the season. Wednesday, December 11, Graceland will be paying a visit to DMACC to take on the women. Saturday December 14, Elsworth will also come to DMACC and challenge the Bears.

"Wednesday and Saturday will be a big opportunity for us to pick a couple of victories. We are very capable of beating the two teams. It would also be great for us to get a couple of wins at home," said Jamieson.

Jamieson and the women are trying to build up the program here at DMACC. They are still a team with a great deal of talent and potential according to the coach. "I want more than anything to see the girls winning and having a good time because of the fact that they are such a good group of girls," added Jamieson.

By Jason Pugh
Bear Facts Staff

Next semester there will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for all Boone Campus students that will be free.

There will also be an addition of snow football and coed snow soccer next semester.

According to Athletic Director Terry Jamieson, badminton and ping pong has been filling the gym everyday. Jamieson also added that if anyone would like to play badminton or ping pong, they should see him for the proper equipment.

Godfather's pizza will once again be sponsoring the hoop shoot contest at halftime of the women and men's home basketball games. If interested in "shooting," sign up for the drawing when you arrive at the game. ("Stuffing" the box will result in forfeiture of any prizes!)

If your name is drawn, you will be given four shots from 4 different areas: lay-up, free throw, 3 pt. circle, and half court. If you make one of the shots, you will win a free small pizza, two shots will earn you a medium pizza, three shots will earn you a large pizza, and all four shots will earn you \$100. cash!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian Caldwell a freshman from Ames was the champion of the intramural 8-ball pool tournament held in the Courter Center this semester. Caldwell is a member of the DMACC men's basketball team.



Athletic Director Terry Jamieson presents men's head baseball coach John Smith with a National Junior College Athletic Association top 10 gold star at halftime of the men's opening basketball game. The star was presented to Coach Smith for his 600th career win.

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Former All - American DMACC baseball player Sean Liembek receives his National Junior College Athletic Association Big Stick Award and his All - American certificate at halftime of the men's opening basketball game. The awards were presented by men's head baseball coach, John Smith. Liembek, who is currently attending Iowa State University, also earned the Dick Howser award in '96 which is given to the national junior college player of the year.

Scholarships announced for spring semester

By Maggie Stone
Contributing Writer

The REZOOMERS Club voted to offer three \$200 scholarships for spring semester for adult returning students (those who have been out of school from two to twenty years).

Those who wish to apply may do so by obtaining DMACC Boone Foundation Scholarship applications from the hanging baskets enroute to the L.W. Courter Center or from the staff at the registration windows.

Applicants should mark "Rezoomers scholarship" at the top of the application and return to the staff at the registration windows. If you have already applied for a DMACC Boone Foundation scholarship, you may request to have your application considered for the Rezoomers Scholarship by contacting Mr. Finnestad, Coordinator of Student Services, in the registration/admission office.

Applicants should be adult returning students who have at least a 2.0 GPA (if new, may include high school transcripts). Please note that the application calls for references and also a one page letter explaining need and/or circumstances which would qualify the person for the scholarship.

Deadline for applying is February 1. Awards will be announced by February 15. For additional information, contact either Maggie Stone in Room 124 or Mr. Finnestad.

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looking for the login and download records. With in the login records are the listing of who logged in and when and where they are from. It also records the number of failed attempts of entering a password on that account. If the system administrator looks at the accounts login file and sees that there was over seven hundred failed attempts at entering a passwords he's going to think something is up.

As he was searching for the login and download files he got a broadcast message from the system administrator asking what he was doing. "Shit," static shock yells as he races to find the file he's looking for. Another message comes across the screen asking that we identify our clearance codes. We both look at each other and realize that we had logged in under one of the executives names. Both of our hearts were racing now because we knew the administrator would start a trace to find out where we actually were. "There you are!" static shock gasps in relief. He then opens the file and deletes the entire contents because he doesn't have time to just edit it as he normally would do. With the file gone he sends a message to the system administrator saying "Thanks for the thrill of it all, but you have been hacked." With that Static Shock terminates the connection to the phone line and sits back in his chair. "That was close," he says.

That is what hacking is all about, the thrill of finding new knowledge, and being chased by the system administrators. There was nothing like the adrenaline rush we got when the first broadcast message came across the screen.

StaticShock@hotmail.com

Final Exam Schedule

Class Time	Exam Time
Thursday, December 12, 1996 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)	
8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Friday, December 13, 1996 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or more classes)	
8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
12:20 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Monday, December 16, 1996 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or more classes)	
6:55 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
1:25 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
3:35 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 1996 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)	
6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.	6:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Evening/Saturday final exam schedule - Fall 1996

Evening classes will have their finals at the day and time of the final regular class meeting.

Last Monday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Tuesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 10
Last Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 11
Last Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Monday/Wednesday night classes (Final Exam)	December 16
Last Tuesday/Thursday night classes (Final Exam)	December 12
Last Saturday class (Final Exam)	December 14

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