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# Bear Facts

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"Voice of the Boone Campus"

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## SAB starts new agenda

# Board moves to improve quality of life on campus

By Zach Evans  
Bear Facts Staff

The SAB's first meeting took place Monday morning, and several important issues were dealt with. The group also elected officers, deciding on Bob Eschliman as President, and Kari Hull as Recorder.

Kelli Kupke, who was elected as the fifth delegate to the SAB, was removed from her position because she isn't a full-time student. The group discussed whether or not part-time students should be allowed as members of the SAB, but the group voted against the idea due to the fact that SAB members must be more accessible to the student body.

The SAB voted to reinstate Homecoming on the Boone Campus, bringing back a tradition that had died off in the past few years. The SAB reinstated this tradition to help increase student activity.

After several years of minimal student activity, the SAB has shown that it is committed to providing students with activities that they enjoy. The SAB needs student input though, and encourages all students as well as faculty and staff to attend its weekly meetings. SAB meet-

ings take place Wednesday mornings from 8:15 to 9 A.M. in the Courter Center.

The SAB also voted on other issues, including the purchasing of a new message board exclusively for SAB use, as well as beginning an investigation on the cost of an ATM in the Courter Center. The SAB also made an amendment to the Student Action Board guidelines that any group or organization that desires funds from the SAB must have a delegate attend an SAB meeting at least once a month. They also established October 30 as Student Costume Day on campus. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

As the student activities for the next year are being planned, students should ensure that they get the activities they want by attending the SAB meetings and bringing up ideas for activities. The general consensus around the campus last year was that there weren't enough activities. Before complaining, student should attend a Student Action Board meeting to make their voices be heard.



Photo by Jay Cue  
Members of the winning team (from left to right): Melissa Munson, Liz Hagan, and Joy Weidow.

## Physics Team wins Brain Bowl

By Jay Cue  
Bear Facts Staff

With brains racking, hamsters wheels spinning, and light bulbs glowing above all of the contestants heads, the third Brain Bowl was held in the auditorium on October 8. The three-team contest brought out such proclamations as Georgia being the origin of the Dakota Sioux Indian tribe and Andy, Sandy and Randy being the members of the Bee-Gees. Though some of the wrong answers were highly entertaining, many of the questions were impressively answered correctly making the event a close, down to the wire contest.

The winners of the event were to be awarded rights to the traveling trophy, as well as gift certificates to area restaurants. The defending champs, the baseball team, were not represented at the event, leaving no chance for a returning champion. The champions from two years ago, however, were present. Editor Bob Eschliman, and staff members Elizabeth Osting, and Zach Evans represented the Bear Facts newspaper team. The Physics program was represented by Melissa Munson, Liz Hagan, and Joy Weidow. The final team was one person short, but regardless, Christa Dickens and Wade Marsh represented the Rotaract club.

The format of the event was modified from last year's format. In order to speed

up play, event director Terry Jamieson monitored the questions, and those found too difficult were thrown out. Another change made was not letting the teams choose their own categories. Instead, each team took turns receiving a question from a general category. If that team was unable to produce a correct answer, it was passed on to the next team, and so on. This style prevented a team of students specialized in certain areas from dominating that specific category. This year's format encouraged participants to be well rounded in all forms of education.

One point was given for each correct answer. When a team reached seven points, all teams moved to the second round. This was played a little different. Instead of a wrong answer being passed on, once a question was missed, it was dropped. The first team to improve their score to ten was proclaimed the winner.

The Physics team was first to receive a question, followed by the Rotaract Club, and then the Bear Facts. The Bear Facts jumped out to an early lead answering their first three questions correctly, but a first round slump gave the Physics team a two point lead at the end of the first round. They had seven points followed

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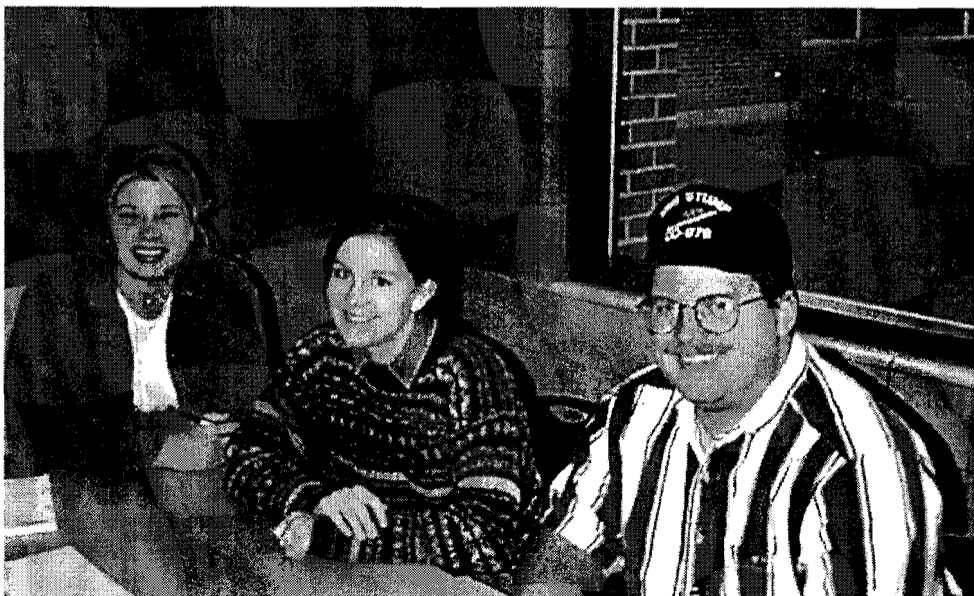


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Student Action Board members (l-r) Recorder Kari Hull, Jen Kovach and President Bob Eschliman discussing re-instating Homecoming at their last meeting. Other issues, such as placing an ATM and an additional television in the Courter Center were also discussed. Students are encouraged to attend all SAB meetings, which are held every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Courter Center.



photo by Bob Eschliman

**BOONE CAMPUS --** The DMACC Board of Directors met on the Boone Campus for what board president Doug Shull (far left) called their "annual organizational meeting." Standing to receive the oath of office are Steve Goodhue (left) and Harold Belken (right) from Ames and Des Moines, respectively. Joe Pugel (Newton) and Naomi Neu (Carroll), two other board members are seated between those standing. In the foreground is DMACC's Vice-president of Academic Affairs, Kim Linduska. The Board meets once a month to discuss agenda items of concern to the overall operation of DMACC. At the October 12 meeting, Shull was re-elected president of the group. Belken was elected vice-president. Trudy Little will remain secretary and Gregg Martin takes over the role of treasurer.

## Fowler shares experience at DMACC

By Brent West  
Bear Facts Staff

Kay Fowler, the new Associates Degree Nursing instructor this fall on the Boone Campus, came to DMACC after teaching five years at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida.

Fowler found out about the position while visiting her parents last spring. She called the Employment Division office for DMACC and asked if there were any job openings in the Associates Degree Nursing program.

Fowler teaches the 11 credit Nursing II course at DMACC. "My short-term goals are to learn about the DMACC system and get to know the nursing instructors as quickly as possible. My long-term goal is to participate in the changes within the nursing program and the new structure being established to educate nursing students," said Fowler.

She replaces Lou Blanchfield, former Boone Campus nursing instructor who transferred to Carroll, to replace a nursing instructor retiree.

Fowler said, "DMACC has a lot more new technology than I had at Central Florida Community College, such as the ICN distance learning program and the new computer system software."

According to the September 2, 1998 issue of the *Boone News Republican*, Fowler thanks her mother for encouraging her to attend



Kay Fowler

college when it was more common for women to get married out of high school.

Fowler received her B.S.N. from the University of Iowa and her M.S.N. from the University of Washington in Seattle.

In the same *Boone News Republican* story, Fowler said she likes to teach in a hands on clinical setting because that is how students understand what goes on in the real world.

Fowler brings a lot of career experience to DMACC as a former clinical practitioner, nursing staff developer, nursing manager, registered nurse and nursing instructor.

Fowler commented, "Everyone at DMACC has been extremely helpful to me, and helped me get off to a good start, especially the nursing staff."

## Students attend community college media conference

By Lorraine Powell  
Bear Facts Staff

On September 28, two Bear Facts staff members, Brent West and Lorraine Powell, with their adviser, Jan LaVille, attended the Iowa Community College Media Association Conference at the Scheman Center in Ames.

Kevin Cooney, the Channel 8 news anchorman from Des Moines spoke about leadership in television news. Cooney reported that a leader in the media is the person who always tells the story using the real facts.

Also featured was Ken Sidey, editor of a small newspaper in Adair County, who talked about small town newspapers and the opportunity they offer for journalists to get started. Iacovos Zachariodes, an ISU instructor, reported on the new technology being used in journalism today.

The last session of the day was composed of a panel of ISU students who had previously attended community colleges. Two of these students, Audrey Burgs and Angela Cherryholmes, both graduated from the Boone DMACC Campus. They spoke about their appreciation for the community college atmosphere, which offered them the advantages of smaller classes and more student and faculty involvement.

Burgs has been recently hired by the *Des Moines Register* as a full time copy editor, and Cherryholmes is working in the ISU sports media department in public relations.

## PROFESSOR R O F I L E



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By Brent West

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## Brain Bowl

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by the Rotaract and Bear Facts teams tied at five.

The second round was a nail biter as the Physics team incorrectly answered five consecutive questions, giving their opponents a chance to bridge the gap for first place. Though the Bear Facts were the first to strike in the second round, the Rotaract Club, with their two faithful team members, were right on their heels. After the Bear Facts jumped out into the lead late in the round, the Physics team became red-hot. They answered three of four questions to the Bear Facts' two of four. This meant the score at the end of regulation was tied at ten, with the Rotaract Club finishing third with six. The Physics

team and the Bear Facts were then required to go into sudden death.

In sudden death, the Physics team won the coin toss and began by correctly answering their first question only to be countered by the Bear Facts. But the second set of sudden death questions clinched it for the Physics team when they answered correctly, and the Bear Facts team did not. The Physics program representatives captured a close win, and claimed the traveling trophy until next year.

Members of the Brain Bowl will be putting together an all-star team, which will be taking on various teachers in a Students versus Faculty Brain Bowl to be held on November 4 in the theatre.

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Allyson Buckles	Liberal Arts	Boone
Angela Campbell-Lovett	Liberal Arts	Madrid
Miu Chan	Liberal Arts	Ames
Norma Enos	Nursing Associate Degree	Carroll
Jennifer Ensley	Liberal Arts	Ogden
David Flemmer	Liberal Arts	Montezuma
Jeanna Fowler	Liberal Arts	Boone
Wambui Gakinya	MIS	West Des Moines
Nicole Geisler	Liberal Arts	Perry
Yan Ling Guo	MIS	Ames
Patrice Harson	Liberal Arts	Boone
Tamara Haser	Liberal Arts	Ames
Samantha Havenstein	Liberal Arts	Ames
Cory Hucka	Liberal Arts	Lake City
Kathleen Kirkegaard	Nursing Associates Degree	Ogden
Jayne Kragel	Liberal Arts	Gilbert
Heather Mackey	Leisure Studies-Recreation	Churdan
Danielle McGowan	Accounting & Bookkeeping	Hubbard
Matthew Mills	Accounting Specialist	Boone
Marylin Moehlmann	Accounting Certification I	Ames
Kathryn Niemants	Leisure Studies-Recreation	Ames
Kimberly Paul	Liberal Arts	Boone
Mary Pepper	Liberal Arts	Ames
Jodee Phelps	Nursing Practical	Boone
Lorraine Powell	Liberal Arts	Nevada
Jean Sandquist	Liberal Arts	Huxley
Susan Shenk	Leisure Studies-Recreation	Carlisle
Martha Sherick	Liberal Arts	Ames
Elizabeth Stachour	Liberal Arts	Ames
Tasha Thornton	Liberal Arts	Ames
Gretchen Tighe	Liberal Arts	Jamaica
Jo Webster	Office Technology	Perry
Jacob Wedemeyer	Liberal Arts	Ames

## Boone DMACC Summer Semester Dean's List (3.5 GPA or higher)

Student	Major	Residence
Debra Bailey	Computer Programming	Woodward
Leisel Barrett	Office Technology	Luther
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Matthew Brennecke	Liberal Arts	Des Moines
Judy Brower	Office Technology	Boone
Jane Burrack	Liberal Arts	Gilbert
Megan Carstens	Liberal Arts	Bagley
Shawna Check	Liberal Arts	Jewell
Arthur Davis	Liberal Arts	Boone
Diane Dearden	Liberal Arts	Boone
Patricia Duehring	Liberal Arts	Boone
Mark Edmonson	Leisure Studies-Recreation	Boone
Robert Eschliman	Liberal Arts	Boone
LaReen Fagg	Liberal Arts	Jefferson
Shana Farley	Liberal Arts	Boone
Myra Gilbert	Liberal Arts	Ogden
Diana Glandon	Office Technology	Nevada
Susan Hansen	Liberal Arts	Ames
Aulia Hardjasamudra	Liberal Arts	Ames
Erin Harrington	Liberal Arts	Ames
Sandra Honsey	Liberal Arts	Ames
Teri Hughes	Liberal Arts	Ames
Lau Huynh	Liberal Arts	Des Moines
Tchi Kim	Liberal Arts	Ames
Dawn Lacallade	Liberal Arts	Ames
Binnie Larson	Accounting Paraprofessional	Pilot Mound
Douglas Marsteller	Liberal Arts	Norwalk
Brian Moussalli	Liberal Arts	Nevada
Lisanne Moynan	Business Administration	Ames
Linda Mulia	Liberal Arts	Iowa City
Deasyanti Nata	Liberal Arts	Ames
Kimberly Netcott-Hancock	Liberal Arts	Ames
Michael Noss	Liberal Arts	Ames
Laylim Ong	Liberal Arts	Ames
Elizabeth Osting	Liberal Arts	Boone
Heather Rasmussen	Liberal Arts	Boone
Owen Reese	Liberal Arts	Huxley
Amy Roden	Liberal Arts	Boone
Kay Seufferer	Liberal Arts	Ames
Tanya Smuck	Office Technology	Story City
Janet Steinkamp	Office Technology	Auburn
Sarah Towers	Liberal Arts	Ames
Pamela Vitzoski	Nursing Associate Degree	Carroll
Tasha Vorm	Liberal Arts	Ames
Amanda Walker	Liberal Arts	Perry
Jennifer West	Liberal Arts	Ames

## DMACC's "Honor Roll"

By Zach Evans  
Bear Facts Staff

In many high schools across the United States, "being on the honor roll" has become a big achievement. Students strive to have the top grades in their class, just so that they can have their name in the newspaper. What many students don't know, however, is that an organization similar to the honor roll exists at DMACC, except that the rewards are much greater. Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for two-year schools, has a chapter in DMACC, and they are looking for full time students with a 3.5 GPA or better to join.

The DMACC Boone campus's Phi Theta Kappa chapter is lead by Lee McNair, and is assisted by other faculty and staff, including Sandi Johnson, student services, Bruce Kelly, History, Jan LaVille, English and Journalism, and

Ann Watts, library. "Phi Theta Kappa is one of the oldest organizations on the Boone Campus," McNair said, "dating to when it was Boone Junior College, prior to 1968." He urges all full time students with a 3.5 GPA or better to join, and reap the many benefits available from Phi Theta Kappa. "The scholarships you can receive when you transfer can be substantial," McNair stated. "We're not talking about a hundred dollars or even a couple hundred dollars. Sometimes the scholarships can reach into the thousands." McNair was also quick to point out that membership in Phi Theta Kappa is a great thing to be able to put on a resume later in your career.

A one-time entrance fee of \$35 is required, but this is a small price to pay compared with all of the benefits listed above. Mr. McNair has forms available now, and the deadline to turn them in is Friday, Oct. 30. Join a club that will work for you the rest of your life.

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# New faces add to new look of library

## Library consultant joins DMACC staff

By Jay Cue  
Bear Facts Staff

Those who visit the library are in for a treat if Dreama Deskins is on the job. As far as enthusiasm towards work goes, she doesn't disappoint. Hired to help out part time on the library staff this year, Dreama has been a helpful addition.

Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Deskins has been involved with libraries for most of her life. After graduating from Drexel College in Philadelphia with a Masters Degree in Library Sciences, she became an independent library consultant. A library consultant aids other libraries in choosing the right books, organizing the library and helping with other associated media. Dreama has enjoyed being a part of the library business since 1985.

Now at age 38, Deskins has been in the part-time librarian business since 1991. She happily resides in her Boone home with her parents, fourteen-year-old nephew, and three cats. She took the job as part-time librarian at DMACC for a number of reasons, but mostly because of the aid it gives her full-time occupation. Deskins commented that as a library consultant, she seldom gets the opportunity to be the librarian herself.

"It's good to experience things you teach other people," Deskins commented.

Deskins not only has a love for her job, but she enjoys sharing this passion with others. She stated that her favorite thing



**Dreama Deskins**

about the Boone Campus library was the people she sees when she works, which is around six to seven hours a week. She also enjoys cataloging the many new items the library receives. This gives her a chance to get a first hand look at the most recent features the library has to offer.

Deskins is most excited, however, about the new face-lift the library is to receive this winter. With a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, and adequate shelving, Deskins assures that the library will be eye appealing, as well as educational.

## Karen Kovach, the other "Karen"

By Zach Evans  
Bear Facts Staff

Every year, there is almost always some measure of faculty turnover. This year, we have several new faces, one of them being Karen Kovach, a new librarian. She joins Karen Messler and Ann Watts as full-time employees in the library.

Karen isn't short of experience. Before joining the DMACC staff, she worked at Ericson Public Library for five years. While she remembers her tenure at Ericson fondly, she looks forward to working in the DMACC library. "One of the reasons I decided to work at DMACC is the opportunity to 'do everything,'" she says. "At DMACC, you get to do a wider variety of jobs."

Another reason she took the job at DMACC is because she enjoys the staff there. "Karen (Messler) and Ann (Watts) are just terrific," she remarked. She also said that she enjoys the wide variety of students that she gets to meet and interact with at DMACC.

Karen isn't the first of her family to walk the halls of DMACC's Boone campus. Her son, Scott, is a former student as well as a former writer for the *Bear Facts*. Scott is currently attending ISU. Her daughter, Jen, is also currently attending DMACC.

One of Karen's favorite hobbies is reading, "Which is probably why I enjoy being a librarian so much," she mentions with a chuckle. She also enjoys gardening and precepts ministries Bible studies, which is an in-depth, inductive study of the Bible.

When asked to recount how she was hired by DMACC, she described "a long



**Karen Kovach**

process." She responded to an ad in the Boone News-Republican and applied for the job. She didn't hear anything for three weeks; then she was called in to interview with Watts, the head librarian at DMACC's Boone campus. After her interview, she had another interview with executive Dean Kriss Philips. Finally, her application was sent to DMACC's central campus in Ankeny for approval.

She started August 24, just in time to get accustomed to the system before the fall semester began. Everyone DMACC uses the library at one time or another (but not nearly enough as any of the librarians would tell you), so when you're "in the neighborhood" be sure to stop and say hello to "the other Karen."

## "A slap of paint is all she needs"

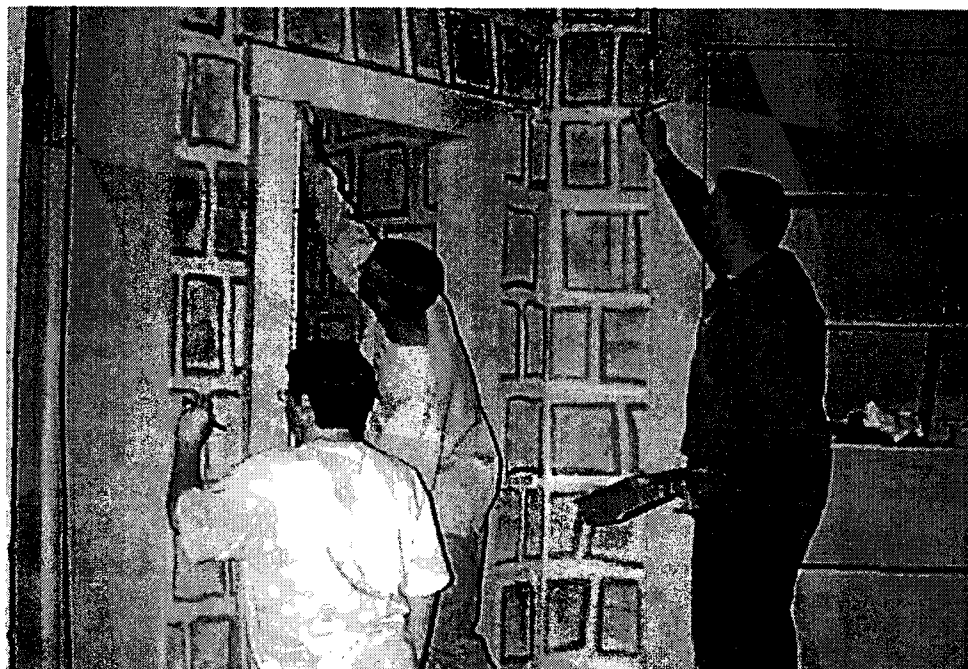


photo by Bob Eschliman

Construction is continuing in the theatre for this fall's play "I Shot My Rich Aunt." Construction on the set began in late September and is nearly completed, with only minor painting left to do. Pictured painting the set are (l-r) Jesslynn Hamilton, Jay Cue, and Jaret Morlan. The cast is currently practicing in the afternoons in the theatre. The play will be in production November 13 and 14 at 8:00 p.m. each night.

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# The Rant

By Bob Eschliman

Well, here we are at the middle of the semester. Mid-term grades have gone out, and most of us are probably feeling a little stressed. I know I am. But I try to relieve that stress by getting away from it all for a while. Ledges State Park is a nice place to go for a little bit. The leaves are changing colors, and it's so beautiful. Another way to get away from it all is by either catching a good movie, like "What Dreams May Come" or reading a good book.

Today, I received unsettling news from Australia. An Internet pen pal of mine from Brisbane, Queensland was killed in a car accident. She was a very good friend, whom I shared many of my trials and tribulations with. I'm dedicating this issue to her memory. Amanda, you will forever be with us. God bless you, Snuggles.



Amanda  
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Death is an issue that is rarely ever dealt with in the college media. Mainly due to the fact that most people don't die in their twenties. When they do, the death is usually random or chaotic, leaving the survivors wondering why it had to happen.

I have always believed that nothing happens without a purpose. For everything there is a reason. Amanda was a very good friend, and we often talked about my daughter and her situation. She cared a great deal about her as a friend and I'd like to think that she is now my daughter's guardian angel.

Amanda was a bit of a dreamer, and she had a heart of gold. She worked as a counselor and advisor to mentally challenged persons in a work activity center. She loved kids, and wanted to have a big family of her own one day, once she met "Mr. Right."

Probably the best lesson I learned from Amanda was to take life one day at a time, because there's always the hope of a new day tomorrow. Her favorite line was, "Maybe...you never know what the future holds."

I still wonder why it had to happen to someone so young, with so much energy and compassion; someone with so much more to give the world. I only hope that through her life others have been touched as deeply as I have. She was truly one in a billion. I just wish I could be there now, while her family mourns their loss, to tell them how special she was to so many of us.

For the first time in quite a while, I find myself at a complete loss of words at this moment, and I'm not sure why. Maybe it's because I need something to talk about. I have an idea...why don't you folks write to me, and I'll respond to your letters. I will respond to all e-mails and letters sent to me.

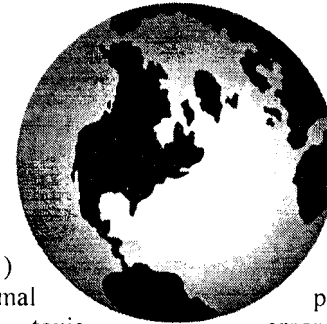
Well, I have gone on long enough now, so take care everyone, be safe, and remember TANSTAAFL!!!

## ONE EARTH ONE CHANCE

# Water...

## Is it safe

By Lorraine Powell  
Bear Facts Staff



## to drink?

Water pollution can be defined as any contamination of water that lessens its value to humans and nature. Major water pollutants can be classified according to their chemical type. They would include: 1) sediment, 2) inorganic nutrients, 3) thermal pollution, 4) disease producing microorganisms, 5) toxic organic chemicals, 6) heavy metals and 7) oxygen-demanding organic wastes.

Pollutants can enter the water in two ways, either through a well-defined location (point source water pollution) or dispersed through large areas (nonpoint source water pollution).

Point source water pollution is the easier to reduce by current technology. For example, a factory that is discharging its waste through a pipe into a stream can be made to treat that waste or concentrate it so that it can become less harmful or can be disposed of in a more appropriate manner. Some of today's companies such as the 3M Corporation are finding ways to greatly eliminate waste through pollution prevention.

Non source water pollution is sources that are disposed over large areas such as farmlands, grazing lands, abandoned mines, construction sites, and roadsides. These pollutants enter streams, rivers, bays and oceans causing major water pollution problems. Accidental manure and fertilizer spills have become more and more common because technology has allowed more land to be taken out of the original natural prairie grasses and forests and used for crops, livestock grazing and large hog operations.

Sediment pollution alone causes about one million dollars a day in damage in the United States. A large percentage of this sediment pollution is coming from farm fields where no or inappropriate soil conservation measures are employed.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 has been the most important legislation passed to regulate and control water pollution. In 1977 it was amended under the name of the Clean Water Act with further amendments passed in 1981 and 1987. Sewage treatment plants in the U.S. today have been required to have secondary sewage treatment plants in operation which can filter up to 90% of organic and suspended particles in the water.

At this point in time the General Accounting Office, a federal agency, reports that the United States has little information on record to prove the quality of the nation's waters. The GAO reports that many conclusions concerning water quality are based on the subjective opinions of pollution control experts rather than on precise data gathered from intensive monitoring programs.

Water pollution problems in less-developed countries are much worse than in the United States. This is due to lack of education, lack of funding for waste treatment plants, lack of legislation protecting water sources and lack of enforcement of legislation.

In 1980, the United Nations launched the International Drinking Water and Sanitation Decade with the objective of making all nations aware of the importance of safe drinking water in the fight against disease. The goal was to provide an additional 500,000 people each day with safe drinking water for the whole decade. Although the goal was not realized, the hope for such achievement is still in effect today as we learn that we are all sharing this one earth.

We need to be concerned about this issue of maintaining safe water quality for this generation and for future generations. Legislators can be contacted and letters written to newspapers concerning the quality of our earth's most important natural resource.

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Jaret Morlan

The credits had just finished rolling and the lights had come up. I stood up, took a deep breath, looked at the person sitting next to me and exclaimed, "What an awesome movie!" The name of the movie was "What Dreams May Come" and it made me appreciate the film industry again after the last few movies I had seen. As I walked out, I saw a poster advertising the movie "There's Something About Mary." I wish I hadn't seen that poster, because all it did was trigger the anger.

I don't think I was angry that I saw the poster, or even angry that I saw the movie, though I wish I hadn't. I was angry that the same industry that was responsible for a wonderful film like I had just seen was also responsible for trash (yes, I used the word trash) like "There's Something About Mary."

For those of you who are not aware of, or haven't seen the movie; I say you're lucky. The movie is the Farrelly brothers third attempt at solid comedy. Well, as far as I'm concern, three strikes and you're out! The movie calls upon the childish, often inappropriate humor of the Farrelly's other two movies, "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin." As quickly as I am to criticize, I'm equally eager in giving the devil his due. I found "Dumb and Dumber" equally as horrible, until I saw it again. With hopes of this happening again, I yanked myself into the theater to sit through the same two agonizing hours of "There's Something About Mary." It didn't get better. It got worse. It was somehow better the first time. I think this is because the first time I saw it was in New York City. I believe just about anything can be funny in New York City. It wasn't till I was in Iowa, when some friends wanted to see it, and I was willing to give it a second chance. It hadn't been this quiet in a theater since "Schindler's List." The only sounds heard were those of disgust, offense and utter disapproval.

"There's Something About Mary" tends to pick its targets carefully, namely the ones that don't fight back. If it's not the mistreatment of the mentally handicapped, (with the exception of Mary herself) then it is the satirical way that physically handicapped are mocked when one couldn't reach his keys because his braces were in his way.

The innuendos of truck drivers and their homosexual truck stops, and the mistreatment of a dog, whether it be feeding it acid, giving it CPR, or having it jump out the window only to end up in a full body cast. "There's Something About Mary" seems to attempt to redefine comedy. Last time I checked, it didn't need redefining. Being a fan of classical comedy (Abbot & Costello, Steve Martin, Benny Hill, etc.) I feel that this flick was over-stepping its boundaries one scene after another.

While watching comedy movies like "The Jerk" and "The Princess Bride" it makes me curious as to why the Farrelly brothers feel they need to have a man's bodily fluid hanging off his ear, or worse *showing* a man, the same man actually, with his penis caught in his zipper. As if this wasn't bad enough, they persist on having five grown men stalking the same woman! Talk about a step back in society.

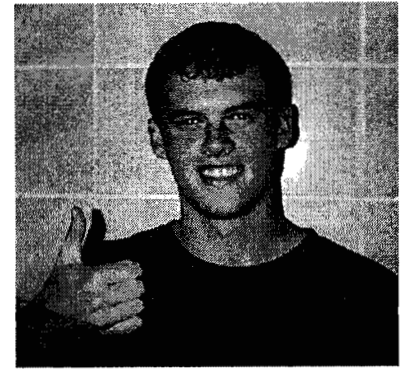
But, with all this negative, there comes some positive, not much but its there. The first is the actors. The actors themselves aren't to blame, they were actually quite good. Cameron Diaz, in her usual bubbly role, and Ben Stiller seemed like they could shed some light on this pitch-dark movie. It was also nice to see Matt Dillon playing a role that isn't a pretty boy out for sympathy; however, bringing Green Bay Quarterback Brett Favre into the movie was the nail in the coffin. Bringing someone such as Brett Favre into a wonderful ensemble of actors such as these was probably one of the Farrelly's top five mistakes. To me, he ruined what looked like it had the potential to be one of the more promising of the show's scenes.

A few other good parts seemed to involve music. First, two musicians pop up in different scenes to help tell the story. Second, theres a rather entertaining music video during the credits. With the actors lips synching and a few out takes from the movie, the song "Why do You Build Me Up" played during the credits.

As far as I'm concerned, good humor has a line. That line was crossed too many times during this flick. I'm not trying to put boundaries on comedy, but there is such a thing as going too far. After seeing this pointless and overly offensive movie, I can only hope that the Farrelly brothers give up film making. I hear Warner Brothers is in need of a couple janitors. "There's Something About Mary," although it was a tough decision between it and "Small Soldiers," was the worst movie of the year, so far.

# Point-Counterpoint

## "What about Mary?"



Chad Lowe



Cameron Diaz

O.k. I have a great idea for anyone who needs a couple hours of entertainment. Go see the movie "There's Something About Mary." This film, in my opinion, is without a doubt the funniest movie I have ever seen.

Directed by Bob Farrelly, who also directed "Dumb and Dumber", this movie has a cast of upcoming stars in the movie business which includes Ben Stiller, Matt Dillon, and the lovely Cameron Diaz. After seeing this great film, there's no way I will forget the actors from this movie. Plus, for all those Green Bay Packers fans, Brett Favre makes his Hollywood debut.

When first viewing this film, I thought I was in for another average "laugh a couple of times movie." Right from the start the laughs just kept building.

One scene that is unforgettable is when Ben Stiller is in the bathroom and is caught watching Cameron Diaz change her clothes even though he was really looking out the window. Feeling like a peeping-tom he hurries to zip his pants up and has a little problem. You'll have to go

see the movie to find out what happens.

This movie has all types of ways to make someone laugh, like feeding an already hyper dog some acid and later having to give it CPR, which leads to an accidental electrical shock.

Another section in the film shows Ben Stiller being nervous for a date with Cameron Diaz. He relieves some tension by masturbating and losing it on his ear, which only leads to Mary finding it thinking it's hair-gel and putting it in her hair.

There are also a couple of scenes that can make anyone's head turn from the screen, such as a certain scene where they show what appears to be Ben Stiller's penis. Also in the film there's a part where when Cameron Diaz is changing and Matt Dillon is watching her, and when he looks back up he sees her elderly neighbor's chest overly baked from the sun.

Starting in the high school days for all the characters and leading to the present day, shows that a high school love will never be forgotten.

This has all the romance to go with the comedy, and some suspense on whom is going to get the girl. Cameron Diaz does a wonderful job of showing some warmth for the character Warren (who's her brother in the film), and Ben Stiller does his best job of making friends with Warren.

Music fans, there are also some numerous scenes where two guys appear and have some good tunes to share during the movie.

This film also let's us, the viewers see some new faces on the movie screen. Cameron Diaz and Ben Stiller make a great couple full of good laughs, who I believe can some day catch the great comedic names of David Spade, Adam Sandler, and the never forgettable Chris Farley.

Also to those who have already seen this nonstop rollover-laughing movie, you should probably go see it again. There's a possibility that you may have missed some of the numerous laughs till your side hurts scenes, and to those who have been unable to see "There's Something About Mary," don't wait any longer because your missing out on the best comedy of the summer.

So for my review I give the movie "There's Something About Mary," two thumbs way up, five stars, and a perfect ten for comedy of the year.

## REZOOMERS Club

Fall Kick-off meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 1998

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Courter Center



## Creative writing contest underway

**DMACC** – The DMACC creative writing contest has begun. Thanks to the generosity of the DMACC Foundation and the Ankeny Campus S.A.B., the scholarship awards have been significantly increased, particularly to the credit of Pat Butin, Clyde Kramer, Kriss Philips, Mary Lonsdale, and Karen Hawbaker. Works may be submitted until midnight Wednesday, December 2, 1998. Students are encouraged to enter their work, including any composition assignments.

### GUIDELINES:

1. **Eligibility:** Any DMACC student registered for fall, 1998 may participate. Entrants are limited to one prize.

2. **Awards:** The chief sponsor, the Ankeny Campus Student Action Board, has generously provided two writer scholarships:

1) Best overall writer will be awarded \$450 from the S.A.B. The Ankeny Campus Foundation will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$900.

2) Runner-up Best Writer will receive \$225, which will be matched by the Boone Campus Foundation for a total award of \$450.

3) Cash awards include \$100 for the best story and \$50 for runner-up; \$100 for the best poem and \$50 for runner-up. In addition, thanks to the generosity of a recent graduate, there is a special category in detective fiction (which will include police procedurals): *The Stephan Arleaux Award* (\$100).

3. **Publication:** Award-winning manuscripts and those receiving honorable mention may be published in *Expressions*.

4. **Judging:** Judges from DMACC will evaluate the manuscripts and award the prizes. They and the coordinator reserve the right to determine if prizes will be awarded in all categories. Entries will be judged anonymously, for each contestant's work will be number-coded during the evaluation process. Please keep copies of your work for entries will not be returned.

### 5. Manuscript standards:

1) Participants must submit at least three original manuscripts, and may submit up to five. The purpose of this requirement is to select the best writers, not just the best works.

2) Although no thematic guidelines must be followed, manuscripts must take form of poetry, short fiction, or personal

essay (only single, sustained narratives—not arguments, analyses, or expositions). Or you may submit a combination of these genres. For those writers most interested in publication, the shorter the work, especially narrative, the more likely it will be published.

3) Manuscripts must be typed (double spaced) and accompanied by a single cover sheet including; the titles of all of the pieces, the author's name and social security number, college program, home address, phone number, and a single statement as follows:

The following pieces of writing are solely my own work. I am currently a student at DMACC (if you are interested in the scholarships, add that you plan to be enrolled fall, 1999). I do not object to the publication of my writings if it is properly acknowledged.

Title each piece at the top of the first page, but leave your name off since each will receive your entrant number to ensure your anonymity.

### 6. Send your work to:

DMACC Creative Writing Contest  
C/o R.W. Chapman, Contest Coordinator  
Sciences and Humanities Department  
Bldg. 2/ Ankeny Campus  
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Ankeny Iowa, 50021

## Large turnout expected for Arts Festival

By Chad Lowe  
Bear Facts Staff

The Boone Campus is expecting about 165 students from ten area school districts for the first ever Boone Participatory Arts Festival. Schools attending include the following: North Polk, Ames, Carroll Kemper, Ballard, ADM (Adel Desoto-Minburn), Ogden, Boone, Urbandale, Nevada, Gilbert, Story City, home schooled, and Boone Futures.

On Friday, October 16, the high school students will be arriving for the first workshops at about 9 a.m. These workshops will be held throughout the Boone Campus.

- Native Clay with Marck Nystorm Room 223
- Vocal Improvisation with David Scott Auditorium
- Vocal Music Coaching with Steve Hoifeldt Room 116
- Weaving with Rose Hoffman Toubes Lobby of Gym
- How to Get Into Commercials

and Industrial Films with Kim Busbee Room 129

- Jazz Improvisation for Instruments with Don Jaques Room c108 and c109
- Poetry Writing with Robert Tremmel Room 205
- Computer Graphics with Dick Shook Room 219
- Power Point with Nola Hanson Room 218
- Caricature Drawing with Gene Hamilton Room 207
- Cyanotype with Deb Schnell Room c111
- Improvisational Acting with Patti Choate Room 128

On Saturday, October 17, there will be a art workshop for Kindergarten through Adults at the Boone Campus. These activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until noon.

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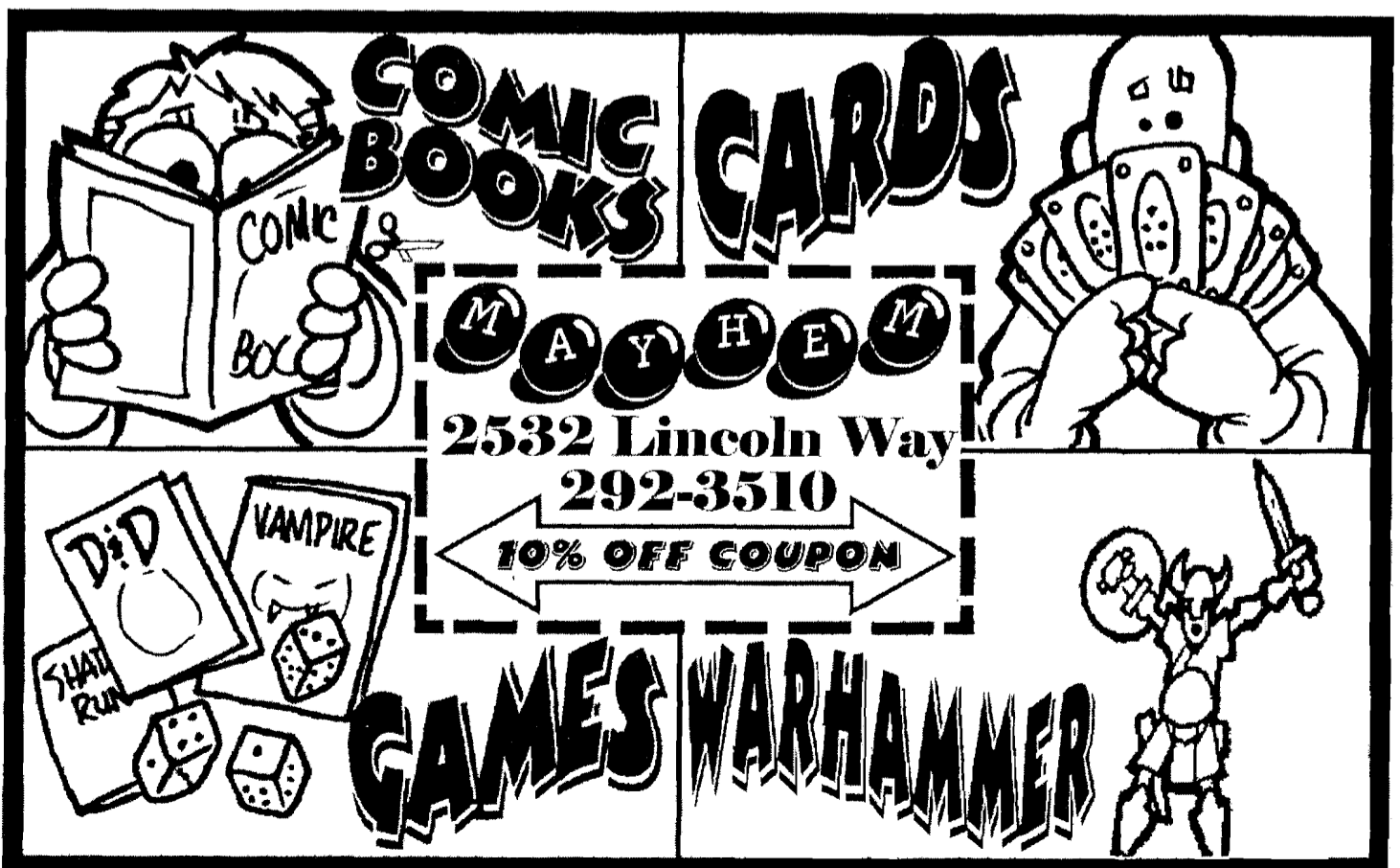
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# Talk Back



By Chad Lowe

Do YOU feel DMACC should bring back Homecoming?



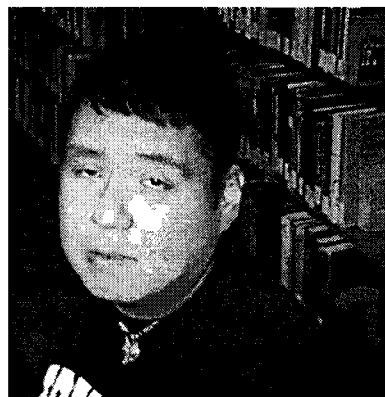
Julie Johnson

"Yes. It would give students something to do."



Dan Leginovic

"Yes. It would probably be a nice change."



Ernest Roberts

"Yeah, try to resemble ISU's."



Kari Hull

"Yeah, it's a good way for students to get involved in activities."

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Boone Campus needs Homecoming

By Elizabeth Osting  
Bear Facts Staff

For several years the Boone DMACC campus had a basketball homecoming that many students attended and seemed to enjoy. However, about three years ago the participation of the students went down so much that it was decided upon that this campus would no longer have a Homecoming. Now the SAB is going to be brave and have Homecoming for the Boone campus the second week of the basketball session.

Now that we have Homecoming back, we, the students need to participate in the activities and the campus to keep this wonderful event.

I'm sure that all of you can recall your

high school Homecoming days and how many students in your school, including you, got all psyched up for the big game and big dance. Why not get psyched up for Homecoming at DMACC?

All students need to show their support for the campus and the people involved in organizing the event. There's lots of work that goes into preparing for it with all the committees, time, and effort the faculty advisors and committee personal put in.

Executive Dean Kris Philips stated that one of the reasons that homecoming was put on hold for a few years was the fact that the Boone campus is a commuter

campus, and that students aren't just going to school full-time. Many students hold full or part time jobs, which makes it harder for them to be involved with activities.

I agree that many students hold jobs while going to school, I'm one of them; however, I still find time to get involved with the campus, be a full-time student, hold two part-time jobs, interact with my family and friends, and still have time to get a good nights sleep. I'm not saying that all students should take on all that I have, and I know that each student's situation is different. What I am saying is that

it is possible for student s to get involved with the campus, even if it's only one activity.

If you haven't got the point by now, then I'll come right out and tell you. It's important for you, as a student, to get involved with the campus and the activities, so they are still here for the next group of students. "It's hard to get an on going tradition," said Philips. Homecoming is a great place to start. Support this wonderful event with the basketball game and the dance. If you don't see it as anything else, at least see it as a great evening with your friends; a social activity if you will.

## Need some extra computer lab time?

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