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Boone Campus hosts Participatory Arts Festival

Approximately 165 high school students enjoyed pizza and soda in the Courter Center at the end of their morning of workshops, Friday, October 16, during the Boone Campus Participatory Arts Festival.

Boone Campus Participatory Arts Festival

Artist Jo Myers-Walker, Ames, demonstrates techniques during her watercolor session for the DMACC Boone Campus Participatory Arts Festival. The festival, organized by Judy Hauser, Boone Campus instructor, brought many community members, students, and their children to campus during the second day of workshops.

Rodney Bohner, Norski cartoonist, draws one of the youngsters during his session, "Drawing Caricatures." Bohner was one of more than a dozen artists "in residence" for the day of fun for adults and children alike on the Boone Campus.
SAB sponsors HALLOWEEN costume contest

By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

As the autumn days grow shorter, it becomes the time of year when ghouls and ghosts, vampires, witches, mummies, as well as an occasional Power Ranger, come out and “haunt” the neighborhood in search of candy. DMACC is no exception, as the SAB will be sponsoring a costume contest on Friday, October 30.

The SAB has provided some gift certificates for the best costumes. A $25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart will be awarded to the scariest, funniest, and most creative costumes. Judging will take place around noon, and three anonymous judges will roam around the building and conduct the actual judging. All students are encouraged to participate, since most students know that there isn’t anything as scary as an empty wallet.

AAC Testing Center

Rules and Regulations

By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

If you need to make up or retake an exam, your instructor may ask you to go to the Boone Campus Academic Achievement Center (AAC) in Room 102. The hours for the AAC are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exams are not given during school breaks.

You need to be aware of the following regulations:

- You must have a picture I.D.
- Know your instructor’s last name.
- Ask your instructor when the test will be on file in the AAC.
- Exam will not be given if there is not adequate time before the testing center closes. Give yourself at least one hour unless the instructor tells you differently.
- Exam will be returned to the instructor.

This service is available to all DMACC students. Students are strongly encouraged to use this testing service.

Psychological resources for the stressed-out student

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff & SAB President

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- **Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support (ACCESS)**
  P.O. Box 1695, Ames, IA 50010
  (800) 203-3488 (Crisis Hotline)
  (515) 232-2303
  Boone County Legal Aid
  Boone County Courthouse, 1st Floor
  Boone, IA 50036
  (515) 433-0519
  Birthright, Inc.
  108 Hayward, Ames, IA 50014
  Mailing Address: Box 52
  Ames, IA 50010
  (515) 292-8414
  Services: Provides confidential coordination of services for pregnant women and their support persons (including boyfriends, husbands, family members, or friends).

- **Center for Addictions Recovery, Inc.**
  (Formerly R.S.A.C.)
  2nd Floor, Room 391, Boone County Hospital
  1015 Union Street, Boone, IA 50036
  (515) 432-2946
  (800) 286-3205
  Displaced Homemakers Center
  (Iowa New Choices)
  Des Moines Area Community College – Boone Campus

Students are reminded that meetings are held every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the L.W. Courter Center. Activities are reminded that their delegates must attend on a weekly basis.

The board then moved into a brief discussion about old business. First, they discussed the Halloween Costume Day for students on October 30. Next, they discussed the progress on getting an ATM for the Courter Center and photo ID cards for students. Then, they moved on to discuss Homecoming for this year.

Homecoming would take place during the week of December 7 - 12. Activities for each day of the week will be announced once final arrangements have been made. The theme will be “Bringing Back the Spirit,” and a dance will be held in the Courter Center on Saturday, December 12.

Students are ultimately reminded that students would be allowed to dress semi-casually or more formally, as they wanted, but a flexible dress code. Next, the talk turned to the newly written SAB Constitution for the Boone Campus. Revisions were made to the wording of the first draft, and it is expected that the newly revised Constitution will be ratified at the October 28 meeting.

During the discussion of the Constitution, a debate began over filling the vacancy left by the removal of Kelli Kupke. The issue was one that was evenly divided by the members, with Executive Dean Phillips strongly believing that the vacancy should be filled. The issue was tabled, and will be addressed again at the October 28 meeting.

The final item discussed during the meeting was the purchase of a new television for the Courter Center. The board felt the issue had been well discussed previously. The measure passed by a 4-0 vote. With the 9 a.m. hour fast approaching, there was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

**Student Board discusses Homecoming, membership**

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff & SAB President

On Wednesday, October 21, 1998, the Boone Campus Student Action Board met for their weekly session. Members present included President Bob Eschliman, Recorder Kari Hull, At-large members Charity Peterson and Jen Kovach, and Alternate member Mike Bill. Delegates present were Wade Marsh, representing the Rotaract Club and Zach Evans, representing Bear Facts.

The first order of business was to read and adopt the minutes. Recorder Hull read the minutes, and they were adopted by a 4-0 vote.

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Meet the Press

This year’s Bear Facts team is one of the freshest ever. Many of the members of our team are experiencing journalism and reporting for the first time. Even with a fairly young group of writers, Bear Facts is still one of the best community college newspapers in the state. Something this group of writers are incredibly proud of. When the semester started, we struggled to fill eight pages, but now we have to cut back to fill twelve pages. Future issues can be expected to be as big as sixteen pages, allowing Bear Facts to compete with newspapers on bigger, four-year campuses. I am very proud of the hard working writers we have this year, and thought it would be an excellent opportunity to introduce them all to you. If you see them in the hallways, feel free to let them know what you think of Bear Facts and the articles they write.

Bob Eschliman, editor

Reporter Brent West is a 1997 graduate from Ogden High School, where he was a freshman on the Boone Campus majoring in broadcast journalism. Brent is also involved in the school paper in his spare time. He enjoys baseball, football, hockey, acting, and professional wrestling. Brent’s true love is writing. Brent’s one true belief is that there was a second gunman on the grassy knoll. He is earning money and experience in the field of journalism, though his first love is acting. Brent is seeking a SWF who enjoys acting as well as eating Starbusts; Country Club job optional. Contact Brent with news concerning Bear Facts, SAB, and Administration (brw20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).

Reporter Chad Lowe, from Waukee is a 1998 Waukee High School graduate. Chad is a DMACC sophomore, joining the staff for the first time. Chad is a huge sports nut, Jay enjoys writing and as a freshman at DMACC, is discovering a college-level newspaper for the first time. After transferring to Iowa State University to pursue a degree in religious studies, Chad said, “I truly enjoyed working for the Bear Facts, and I believe it will be helpful in the future.” Besides, being a reporter, Chad also writes the Talk Back column, in the Bear Facts.

Contact Chad with news concerning arts, humanities, and social science (crl20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).

Elizabeth Osing was born and raised in Boone. She was editor for 2 years for Boone High School’s newspaper, the Spotlight. She will be transferring in 2 years to Wartburg College in Waverly to pursue a degree in religion. She wants to be a youth and education director at a church. Elizabeth is an avid Chicago Bears fan and enjoys football, writing, and being with his fellow staff members at WWF videos. Zach has four siblings and is also a junior at Boone High. He works at the Boone Health Center as a “Professional Life Saver” and is a member of the swim team at his high school. Contact Zach concerning Rotaract, SAB, and Administration (zje20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).

Lorraine Powel, a part-time student at DMACC, is in her fourth year. Her plan is to be finished at the end of the first semester. After her fourth year, she will be transferring in 2 years to Wartburg College in Waverly to pursue a degree in religious studies. Zach is Lamar, an eighteen-year-old SWF, an Aquarius who enjoys long walks and stargazing. He also enjoys baseball, football, hockey, acting, and professional wrestling. Zach’s true love is writing. Zach’s one true belief is that there was a second gunman on the grassy knoll. He is earning money and experience in the field of journalism, though his first love is acting. Zach is seeking a SWF who enjoys acting as well as eating Starbusts; Country Club job optional. Contact Zach with news concerning Bear Facts, SAB, and Administration (zje20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).

Knowen to the Bear Facts staff as “Boy Wonder.” Seventeen-year-old Zach Evans is a DMACC sophomore. Joining the staff for the first time. Zach is an avid Chicago Bears fan and enjoys football, writing, and beating his fellow staff members at WWF videos. Zach has four siblings and is also a junior at Boone High. He works at the Boone Health Center as a “Professional Life Saver” and is a member of the swim team at his high school. Contact Zach concerning Rotaract, SAB, and Administration (zje20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).

Bob Eschliman has been a productive member of the Bear Facts staff for nearly three semesters. After completing his first semester as a reporter, this 25-year old North Tama graduate attended the National Writer’s Seminar in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After the convention, Bear Facts advisor Jan LaVille offered Bob the editor job. He has spent the last two semesters as such. A disabled veteran from Traer, Iowa, Bob is a computer science major, and is contemplating a minor in journalism. Bob is not taking the class for credit, nor is he a work study member. Contact Bob regarding AAC, music and the Bear Facts in general (rde20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us).
US Senator will be oldest human to orbit planet

Glenn to return to space after 35 years

By Robert Eschlin
Bear Facts Staff

The early morning sun shines brightly on the glistening white hull of the space shuttle Discovery, as she stands ready for her historic flight from launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. At approximately 1 p.m. CST on Thursday, October 29, 1998, Discovery and her crew will help a former astronaut make history.

Discovery awaits its October 29 launch on Pad 35B, the same pad that launched several of the Apollo lunar missions. (courtesy of NASA)

US Senator John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, will be onboard, making him the oldest human being to ever go into space. This trip will be the crowning achievement in a life of many achievements for the Ohio native.

The early years

Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr., USMC (Ret.), was born July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio. As a child, he moved with his parents to New Concord, Ohio. He attended primary and secondary schools in New Concord, where he also attended Muskingum College.

His wife is the former Ana Margaret Castor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Castor of New Concord. The Glenns have two children: John David, 53; and Carolyn Ann, 32.

The military years

He entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in March 1942 and was graduated from this program and commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1943. After advanced training, he joined Marine Fighter Squadron 155 and spent a year flying F4U fighters in the Marshall Islands.

During his World War II service, he flew 59 combat missions. After the war, he was a member of Fighter Squadron 218 on North China patrol and had duty in Guam.

From June 1948 to December 1950 Glenn was an instructor in advanced flight training at Corpus Christi, Texas. He then attended Amphibious Warfare Training at Quantico, Virginia.

In Korea he flew 63 missions with Marine Fighter Squadrons 311 and 27 while an exchange pilot with the Air Force in F-86 Sabres. In the last nine days of fighting in Korea, Glenn downed three MiGs in combat along the Yalu River.

After Korea, Glenn attended Test Pilot School at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. After graduation, he was project officer on a number of aircraft. He was assigned to the Fighter Design Branch of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics (now Bureau of Naval Weapons) in Washington from November 1956 to April 1959, during which time he also attended the University of Maryland.

Glenn is a highly decorated combat officer, having been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on five occasions, and holds the Air Medal for his service during World War II and Korea.

In July 1957, while project officer of the FBU, he set a transcontinental speed record from Los Angeles to New York, spanning the country in 3 hours and 23 minutes. This was the first transcontinental flight to average supersonic speed.

Glenn was assigned to the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in April 1959 after his selection as a Project Mercury Astronaut.

The Mercury Project

On February 20, 1962, Glenn piloted the Mercury-Atlas 6 "Friendship 7" spacecraft on the first manned orbital mission of the United States. Launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, he completed a successful three-orbit mission around the earth, reaching a maximum altitude of approximately 162 nautical miles and an orbital velocity of approximately 17,500 miles per hour.

Glenn's Friendship 7 spacecraft landed in an area in the Atlantic approximately 800 miles southeast of Cape Kennedy in the vicinity of Grand Turk Island. He landed 41 miles west and 19 miles north of the planned impact point. The time of the flight from launch to impact was 4 hours, 55 minutes, and 23 seconds.

Glenn's brush with disaster

Glenn's mission had a few bugs in it. At Mercury Control Center, an engineer at the telemetry control console noted that an instrument providing data on the spacecraft landing system indicated that the spacecraft's heatshield and the compressed landing bag were no longer locked in position. If this were the case, the all-important heatshield was being held on the capsule only by the straps of the retropack.

Almost immediately Glenn heard noises that sounded like "small things brushing against the capsule."

"That's a real fireball outside," he radioed the Cape, with a trace of anxiety perhaps evident in his tone. Then a strap from the retropack swung around and fluttered over the window and he saw smoke as the whole apparatus was consumed.

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A Neighbor You Can Bank On

A community is made of dependable neighbors—someone you can count on when you need them. We're the home of full-service Saturdays where our entire bank is open from 8:30 to Noon. We're the home of Boone's best checking with our attractive MercOne & Mesa Club accounts.

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Glenn

Friendship 7 came now to the most fearful and fateful point of its voyage. The terrific frictional heat of reentry en-veiled the capsule, and Glenn experienced his worst emotional stress of the flight.

"I thought the retrack had jettisoned and saw chunks coming off and flying by the window," he said later.

This mission patch is a fraud, according to Glenn. In a recent issue of People Magazine, he said that his flightsuit had no patch on it.

He feared that the chunks were pieces of his ablative protection, that the heatshield might be disintegrating, but he knew there was nothing to gain from stopping work.

Obviously the heatshield had stayed in place and at 28,000 feet the drogue automatically shot out. Glenn, with immense relief, watched the main chute stream out, reef, and blossom at less than 17,000 feet. Friendship 7 splashed into the Atlantic about 40 miles short of the predicted area, as retrofire calculations had not taken into account the spacecraft's weight loss in consumables. A destroyer code-named Steelhead, shortly picked up Glenn.

After splash-down

After his successful mission, Glenn became the most widely known Mercury astronaut. His fame and the significance of his achievement lead President John Kennedy to institute an Executive Order that banned Glenn from any further spaceflights.

Glenn was a national hero. A place in Arlington National Cemetery, among the greatest heroes of United States history was set aside for Glenn for after his death.

However, should anything have happened to Glenn in any subsequent flight, the consequences could have been detrimental to the entire space program.

Glenn resigned from the Manned Spacecraft Center on January 16, 1964, and was promoted to the rank of Colonel in October 1964 and retired from the Marine Corps on January 1, 1965.

He continued to remain active with the space program, acting as a consultant for the Apollo Project. He was a business executive from 1965 until his election to the United States Senate in November 1974, where he is now completing his fourth and final term.

Glenn volunteers to be guinea pig

Recently Glenn asked NASA if he could fly again to conduct space-based research on aging, but only if he met the agency's physical and mental requirements. During STS-95, Glenn will conduct a series of investigations designed to better understand the correlation between the aging process on Earth and the physiological effects of spaceflight on the human body.

Many scientists and political pundits have questioned the validity of Glenn's usefulness and ability to perform as an astronaut. Some say he is only going up for a joy ride, one last hurrah before his retirement from the Senate. NASA officials, doctors, and scientists disagree.

The support isn't very strong for Glenn on the home front, either. According to a quote from Glenn in the October 26, 1998 issue of People Magazine, Annie Glenn and his children aren't very enthusiastic about a return to space for their 77 year old husband and father, either.

NASA declares Glenn fit

Before NASA made the decision to fly Glenn, the senator underwent a battery of medical tests conducted by NASA physicians and by independent consultants. They all found him medically qualified for space flight. According to NASA flight surgeons, Glenn's fitness level is excellent.

Senator John H. Glenn, Jr. (D- OH)

"We have 42 years of medical history on Senator Glenn, and we were able to perform an exhaustive medical evaluation," said Dr. Denise Baisden, a NASA flight surgeon. "He is medically qualified to fly."

A distinguished group of multidisciplinary medical experts, led by Dr. Clifford C. Dasco of Baylor College of Medicine, concurred with Baisden's recommendation and concluded "There are no significant medical issues that would prevent Senator Glenn from going into space on the Space Shuttle."

The experiments

Since aging and space flight share a number of similar physiological responses, the study of space flight may provide a model system to help scientists interested in understanding aging.

Some of these similarities include bone and muscle loss, balance disorders, and sleep disturbances. Space biomedical researchers and gerontologists believe more research in these areas could help older people live more productive and active lives.

This could reduce the number of individuals requiring long-term medical care in their later years. Glenn has been a catalyst in promoting the use of space flight for the benefit of healthy and productive aging.

Will Senator John Glenn’s return trip to space be helpful to the advancement of science? Critics say it is questionable, but NASA officials say it will.

"The research on this mission will contribute to building our knowledge and understanding of the aging process," said Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging. "The data collected will be used to conduct continued research on how aging affects sleep cycles, muscle deterioration, and balance."

Dr. Michael DeBakey, Chancellor Emeritus of Baylor Medical College, who reviewed the medical data on Glenn said, "I see no evidence to prevent him from going into space. Flying Senator Glenn offers important opportunities to study the effects of the space environment on aging systems as has never been done in the past."

Why John Glenn?

According to NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin, "Not only is John Glenn a Marine test pilot, an astronaut, and the first American to orbit the Earth, he brings a unique blend of experience to NASA.

"He has flight, operational, and policy experience. Unlike most astronauts, he never got the opportunity for a second flight. He is part of the NASA family, an American hero, and he has the right stuff for this mission."

Dr. Robert Butler, professor of Geriatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center, agreed, stating, "It serves both science and a better understanding of what human beings of all ages will experience as we enter the next century to have an older person included on a space flight."

"Senator Glenn is particularly well qualified since he has done this before, and because of his work with NASA and the National Institute on Aging to develop research that will lead to a better understanding of the effects of aging. His involvement makes a bold statement about the capabilities of older people and will help us understand the effects of aging and space flight. Senator Glenn's courage and willingness to undertake this mission are notable."

The mission

Shuttle mission STS-95 has an estimated launch window of about two hours and 30 minutes, and weather is questionable for the expected time of launch, due to Hurricane Mel in the Caribbean. The mission is expected to last almost nine days in orbit, with a projected landing at Kennedy Space Center at 11:04 a.m. on November 4.

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Small in number
Big on talent

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

Things are looking up for the DMACC women's basketball team. For the first time in DMACC Bear's history, the woman's team has a full-time basketball coach. Terry Jamieson took the job for one major reason.

"I chose to coach them because I did not want a part-time person in the role," Jamieson commented. "The girls deserve full-time."

After going winless in the conference during the 1997-98 season, the women's team has much to look forward to. Four sophomores return, and five freshmen were signed to add talent and depth to the team. Although there are only nine women participating, the players have high expectations.

DMACC's greatest weapon is sophomore center Amber Walker. Coach Jamieson regarded her as a player who will be a highly recruited player by NCAA schools. Walker expressed her optimism about the team and their new coach. She commented on how a different coaching style is putting the women into better physical shape.

"We've been running a lot more," Walker added. "I think we can run with other teams now."

Kalyn Young will join her at the post position. Up front, Raedena Madison was referred to by Jamieson as a point guard who is very quick and a good ball handler.

Sarah Myers will provide talent at the off-guard position, and Rhonda Schmidt and Angie White will be shooting threats. The top rebounder on the team is found in sophomore Katie Kirkegaard.

Jamieson also added that Jenny Jerousek and Kelli Busch will also boost the program.

Although the women's basketball program has been a little thin in participation, Jamieson is happy to have the talent the team possesses. The Bears play their first game of the season on November 18 against North Iowa Area Community College.

1998-99 DMACC Women's Basketball Schedule

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DMACC men's basketball fans can expect a much-improved squad for the 1998-99 season. With only two players returning from last season's 3-25 team, a lot of new blood has been introduced, and should move the Bears from the cellar to contenders this season. Head coached by Terry Jamieson, and assistant coached by Larry Schroeder and Matt Crawford, the new Bears should be as exciting as they'll be successful.

Due to academic and athletic work ethic, the team's leading rebounder from last season, Nick Greiner, and fellow sophomore Rusty Hicks were chosen by the coaching staff to act as team captains. They have the privilege of leading a group of 14 talented freshman into the basketball season. The first game is November 17 against Riverland Community College. Coach Jamieson expressed much excitement towards his group of newcomers.

"This year's scholarship dollars have allowed the signing of great talent," Jamieson commented.

At the post position is the biggest addition to the program, according to talent and height. Dan Schomaker, standing 6’9” tall, was referred to by Jamieson as an incredible talent, one who will be a Division I prospect in a hurry. He will be joined by starting point guard Josh Henderson. Henderson had the privilege of playing for New Hampton Prep in New Hampshire, a team full of basketball stars.

From Kansas City, Missouri, talents Joey Hupp and Mike Jenkins will also be occupying guard positions. Hupp and Jenkins are no strangers to working together to win. They were both high school standouts at Fort Osage in Kansas City. Hupp won no st valuable player honors for the school last season.

Filling the last of the starting spots will be local player Andy Carrel from Boone. Carrel was honored in his final high school season by being named the Mid-Iowa High School Player of the Year.

The team’s sixth spot will be filled by Paul Christenson. All the way from Denver, Colorado at 6’4”, Coach Jamieson has regarded Christenson as an acrobatic dunker with great skills.

Not only is Jamieson anticipating a successful season with his newly found talent, he has even speculated about the possibility of post-season play.

"Size, strength, and speed are premium with this group," commented Jamieson, "and the expectations are high."
Talk Back

By Chad Lowe

Why are you taking night classes?

Taunya Winters

“Why are you taking night classes?”

Robin Malin

“I have four kids and my husband is in classes during the day.”

Jon Grove

“To fit my work schedule I must take some night classes.”

Terri Pattison

“I work and have kids to take care of, so I need to attend night classes.”

One Earth/One Chance

By Lorraine Powell

One of our major natural resources is the soil. The main reason for conserving soil is to maintain it as a permanent, useful resource for future generations. We all rely on the soil for food, clothing and shelter. In order to preserve the soil, it must be protected from wind and water erosion.

Geological or natural erosion has occurred at an extremely slow rate since the earth was first formed 4 and ½ billion years ago. The Grand Canyon is an example of this type of erosion. With the appearance of humans, a much faster rate of erosion began which is called accelerated erosion. Worldwide, each year, about 75 billion metric tons of soil are removed from the land by wind and water erosion, most of it coming from agricultural lands.

Soil erosion rates are highest in Asia, Africa and South America. It is lowest in Europe and the United States. However, even the lowest rates in Europe and the U.S. greatly exceed the average rate of soil formation. The Dust Bowl of the 1930’s carried fertile topsoil all the way to the Atlantic seaboard. This condition was brought about by the uprooting of the natural prairie grasses and trees whose root systems had helped to keep the soil in place. Cleared lands for agriculture, grazing lands deteriorated by the pounding hooves of millions of cattle, and wheat and cotton farms whose soil structure had been broken down by heavy machinery, set the stage for the Dust Bowl.

The federal government launched a massive shelter belt system in 1935 to prevent future dust bowls. Millions of

How much is left?

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* Looks like Grandma is in one of her moods again. 

As the result of a linguistic fluke, Dracula experienced the worst night of his life.

“Waiter, two glasses of water, please. And none of that tap stuff... make sure this comes straight from the toilet.”
Survival: Goal for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer is a disease that can affect men and women of all ages, even before puberty.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death. Every 12 minutes a woman dies from breast cancer. One out of eight women get this disease. In 1997, 44, 190 people died (43,900 women and 290 men) due to breast cancer.

Jeannine Schaub, the associate publisher for the Boone News Republican, is a breast cancer survivor. In April of 1985, at age 47, she discovered a lump on her breast, and had the tissue removed by a mastectomy.

As she went through six months of chemotherapy, other than losing all her hair and being very tired, she made it through fairly well. In 1987, she had a mammogram, and her doctor suggested that it was very hard to prevent the cancer from developing again in the other breast, so she had the other one removed. She later went through a reconstruction. She said her mother died of breast cancer, so the disease could be hereditary in her family.

An estimated 75% of women have no known symptoms of breast cancer. The earliest sign of breast cancer is an abnormality that shows on a mammogram before it can be noticed on a woman by a doctor or practitioner. When breast cancer has grown to a point where physical symptoms exist, the breast changes. Changes may include a lump, thickening, swelling, dimpling, skin irritation, distortion, retraction, scaliness, pain, tenderness of the nipple or nipple discharge, according to the American Cancer Society.

Connie Booth, head nursing instructor on the Boone Campus and President of the Boone Chapter of the American Cancer Society commented, “The more people know about the risks of breast cancer, the more they can detect it early. The majority of breast cancer survivors detected the cancer at early stages.”

There are several risk factors for breast cancer. The risks increase with age. The risks are higher in women who have family histories of breast cancer, some forms of benign breast disease, early menarche, late menopause, lengthy exposures to post-menopausal estrogens, recent usage of oral contraceptives, never having children or having children at a later age. International variability in breast cancer incidence rates correlates with variations in diet and fat intake.

Dr. Bob Arnot, an NBC television consultant, explained that estrogen is the key fuel that causes breast cancer to grow. Dr. Arnot’s book, The Breast Cancer Prevention Diet, explains a diet that blocks estrogen receptors to try to prevent breast cancer. He uses a food approach to block the estrogen receptors. Soy and flax have drug-like components to block estrogen. Arnot suggests that one should consume 35-60 grams of soy-based foods for prevention, such as baked tofu and the Bocceburger, a soy based hamburger sold in health food stores.

Arnot also suggests that one should consume 25 grams of flax daily, by putting flaxseeds in yogurt and oatmeal, and consume 35 grams of fiber daily. Diabetics and people with high insulin levels can increase breast cancer susceptibility by 238%, and should consult their dietitian on the proper sugars and fibers to consume, if they are trying to prevent breast cancer. Arnot suggests consuming nine servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Breast cancer treatment can also be found outside the United States. In Tijuana, B.C. Mexico there is the Bio-Medical Center, founded in 1930 that treats cancer. Dr. Boccaburger, a soy based hamburger sold in health food stores.

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Boone Campus play, November 13-14
Mueller: One of the best casts I’ve had

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

Great writers of the past have poured their soul into plays that portray death, agony, love, tragedy, and conflict. The Boone DMACC production is no different, except now it’s time to laugh. “I Shot My Rich Aunt,” a farce by Mark Chandler, exploits all aspects of dramatic theatre in two acts of rolling-on-the-ground hilarity. The show will be performed on the nights of November 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. each night. Admission is free for DMACC students from any campus, and $5 for all others.

The setting for the production is centered in Wendrew Hall, a large tower that was once part of a large castle in Britain. In it resides Valonia Wendrew, played by Angie Mulvehill, a super-rich old woman who opens the castle for tourists in order to raise a few bucks. With her lives her nephew Dustin Wendrew (Alan Fredericksen), a pleasant dimwit who is unwillingly the heir to Valonia’s estate. His fiancée, Judy Blake, played by Taunya Winters, has come to the castle to help Dustin make the official announcement of their engagement. Along with Judy are her brother, and Dustin’s best friend, Bingo Blake (Jaret Morlan) who has also come to join in the festivities. Visiting the castle to see Dustin is his ultra-desirable ex-girlfriend Vivian Rexford, played by Jackie Lloyd. Vivian has left the crowd chuckling all the way home. Rarely during rehearsals has the cast been able to complete a scene without bursting into laughter. “I only hope the audience will find (‘I Shot My Rich Aunt”) as funny as we do,” commented Mueller. “I think it’s a very well done funny show that people will enjoy.”

Rehearsals for the DMACC Fall Play have the actors hard at work. (l-r) Alan Fredericksen, Jackie Lloyd, and Jaret Morlan, run through a scene during rehearsal.

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Windrew (Jay Cue), Judy’s frisky school friend Gwendolyn Natterly, played by Katie Niemants, and the family solicitor Henry Mayhew, played by Brian Parrish.

Throughout the many whimsical moments the group of characters shares, this story centers on one main event: While hunting on the castle front lawn, Dustin and Bingo accidentally kill Dustin’s rich aunt, or so they think. Through comical scenes of scheming, plotting, and deducting, Bingo, Dustin and Vivian attempt to figure out how to conceal this horrible event from the rest of the group. This problem becomes more intense when Valonia’s cooks go on strike because Eloise had helped prepare dinner when the cooks had a day off. This strike causes the cooks to trap the zany group inside the castle for the remainder of the evening. The fun begins.

Kay Mueller, a long time DMACC faculty member, has directed many past performances. Helping her construct the massive set are stage crewmembers Michael Chow, Jeremy Vinchattle and Jessi Hamilton. With cooperation of cast members, stage managers, and the director, the set should be completed soon.

Many of the cast members have past theatre experience, creating a strong nucleus for the upcoming performance. “I have one of the best casts I’ve had,” commented Mueller. “They do a good job of being funny.” Mueller also attributes much of the comedy to the unpredictable Eloise (Dec McKnight), Valonia’s long time maid.

As the play sets up the many unpredictable conflicts, the clan at Wendrew Manor is joined by Dustin’s cousin, Nigel.

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nothing to worry about, they should be reminded that African countries, such as Mali which suffers severe drought and crop unproductivity today, were once called “the granary of Africa.” It could happen here.
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Point

Bob Eschliman

The 1998 DMACC Participatory Arts Festival this year was a major disappointment. I'll be the first to admit that as far as recruitment goes, this festival was a very good opportunity to showcase the Boone Campus and to display the many wonderful courses of study offered at DMACC. However, many things occurred on October 16 which were unexpected, and very disturbing. I fully endorsed the festival at first, but my continued endorsement will have to come with a few conditions.

I guess I understood that the only disruption to students of the Boone Campus would be the use of the Courter Center during lunch, and the extra bodies in the hallways between sessions. This assumption was gravely in error. There were many distractions and interruptions in the day for the students of this campus. This caused undue stress not only on the students of the Boone Campus, but also the faculty and the staff.

First, classes were moved out of their classrooms without proper advance notification. Some classes were moved into the gymnasium, in order to free up space in classrooms for the arts sessions. Not only were the students upset with these moves, but so were faculty members. One student was very indignant about having to move class into the gymnasium and stated, "Why do we have to move? We paid to have classes in a classroom!"

Next, there is the fact that the students were very unruly during the periods between sessions, and during their lunch break in the Courter Center. The noise that they made was very disturbing to the classrooms on the second floor, and many instructors were forced to close the doors to their rooms to be heard. During lunch, the students turned up the volume of the television in the Courter Center and were yelling so loud that no one could study in there. Some students retreated to the library, while the majority retreated to their homes.

Finally, there is the mess that they left behind for others to clean up. Not that our staff is anything but efficient, but the aftermath of the festival was appalling. Garbage was strewn all over the floor, on the tables, and on the seats. It looked as though someone took a garbage dumpster, turned it upside down, and spilled the contents all over the floor. My question is, where were the teachers/chaperones of these students?

The bottom line is a simple one. This year's festival was a recruitment success, but was still a disappointment to the many students and faculty members who still attempted to take classes, study and relax before or after exams. I mean no offense to Judy Hauser, who worked her butt off to get this going, but if the student body is going to fully back and support the next festival, even to the point of assisting with the funding, it needs to be better organized, and better supervised. Judy needs help with it, from the SAB, the other student activities, and especially from the administration.

Counterpoint

Jaret Morlan

When I first met Judy Hauser, she asked me where I was from. When I told her that I was from Glidden, she became excited. Then suddenly I became a one-man recruiting team for the Arts Festival. My duties were to make sure that the already-notified Glidden teachers responded to Judy's letters. What I told them was the following:

"I believe that this festival will be more than beneficial to all high school students. This Arts Festival will allow kids to learn more and enjoy the arts that are around them. Any high school student who attends this event should be considered extremely lucky."

I wasn't lying. The Arts Festival was one of the most incredible things I've seen at the Boone campus since I enrolled this semester. My first reaction to the festival was jealousy. I couldn't help but be jealous of all these high school students being subjected to so many different arts. I was jealous that something like this wasn't available when I was in high school. And if it was available, why wasn't I allowed to go. I can only hope that every student there realized and took advantage of the amazing opportunity they were getting.

Later I learned that DMACC students would also be allowed to participate. I was ecstatic! Finally, what I was deprived of as a high school student, I would get to enjoy as a college student. Another plus was getting to talk to the students, some I knew and some I didn't. I almost felt like an "Ambassador" of DMACC. I asked them if they were having fun and if they thought it was beneficial. With the exception of minor complaints about a few speakers, all were very excited and enjoyed it thoroughly.

I later began to think about what an incredible thing this was for DMACC itself. It was like one big advertisement. Here we were, bringing hundreds of high school students to DMACC Boone Campus. I have no doubt that before then, some hadn't even heard of DMACC. So essentially, in the midst of subjecting kids to the arts, we were also subjecting them to DMACC.

Now I know that there were a few complaints about the festival after it was over. How petty can we be. All right, so the Courter Center was left in shambles. It's not that uncommon to have to pick candy wrappers off the floor after the "Jerry Springer Crowd" leaves. It's a fact that whenever you get that many people in one place its going to be messy. Also, complaints about the number of people were also reported. Who ever complained about this, please step out of your box. This is a college, one who hopes for more people. Why in the world would we complain about too many people! By the way, I didn't hear any complaining when they were handing out free pizza!

The last complaint I heard was from teachers. Some felt it was unnecessary to cancel classes, or move classes to a different place, for a high school arts festival. The American Heritage Dictionary defines the word teach as "To cause to learn by example or experience." As teachers, they should be glad that future college students get such an opportunity. I'm sure that the teachers were also aware ahead of time so they could adjust their lesson plans around it.

My final comments go to Judy Hauser. She was the one responsible for putting the Arts Festival together. She contacted the schools, and the speakers and arranged for the food and the rooms. She even introduced me to one of the speakers, which may prove helpful to my chosen profession. She worked very hard to see that the festival was a hit. Well, Judy, despite what you may hear from others, it was a hit. You brought something I and many others love into the life of so many high school students. I hope you do it for years to come.