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Boone Campus Blood Drive November 30

Make the “season of giving” a season for living

By Brent West
Bear Facts Staff

Make the season of giving, the season for living, by giving a blood donation at the upcoming blood drive on Monday, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bob Dodd and Katie Kirkegaard, Boone Campus nursing students, will serve as chairpersons for the event.

To help ensure blood is available for you or someone you know during the holiday season, please donate your blood at the DMACC Boone Campus Blood Drive. The blood drive will be held in the Courter Center. It is sponsored by the Blood Center of Central Iowa and promoted by DMACC’s members of Nursing Students United.

The Blood Center of Central Iowa is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing blood to hospital patients in need. In operation since 1962, it collects approximately 50,000 units of blood each year which are converted into blood products such as red cells, plasma, and platelets to be used in surgery, trauma, cancer and disease treatment. They currently provide blood to 26 hospitals in 22 central Iowa counties.

Statistics say that 75% of citizens have at least one personal acquaintance that has needed blood or blood products. Nine out of ten people who will live to age 70 will need blood in their lifetime, yet in Iowa only 6% of the eligible population actually give blood.

Bob Dodd commented, “I have given blood in the past. I encourage all people to give blood because in my chosen future profession, you see how your blood really helps people who are in need of it. Every drop counts and could save someone’s life.”

Katie Kirkegaard, commented, “This will be my fourth time for giving blood. I feel good about giving blood because the benefits outweigh the time it takes. It is good to give blood, because you never know when you are going to need it to survive.”

Donating blood is quick and easy, and your one-pint donation may help up to four other people. The entire procedure, including a medical history and refreshments afterwards, takes about one hour. The actual donation of your blood will take between five and seven minutes.

All eligible donors must be in good health, well nourished and well rested prior to their donation. The donor should be at least seventeen years of age or older and be able to understand and respond to all of the questions. Seventeen-year-old donors must have written consent of a parent of guardian on the Blood Center consent form. International students that are seventeen may have host parents sign consent.

Married or court approved emancipated minors may donate at age seventeen if they bring proof of a marriage license or emancipation. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, and donors must eat a regular meal prior to donating.

After donating, donors must limit the heavy use of arms and intensive exercise and avoid overheating, dehydration, and overexertion. Donors should drink extra fluids for the next few days. The donor history is a confidential process between the nurse and the donor. The donor must provide an interpreter if one is needed due to language barrier or hearing impairment. No children are allowed in the history and drawing area at the blood drive.

Boone Campus Blood Drive co-chairpersons Katie Kirkegaard and Bob Dodd hope that all Boone Campus students choose to make the season of giving the season for living.

When was the last time you had a chance to save a life?

Boone DMACC Blood Drive

Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courter Center

At the blood drive, individuals with appointments will be seen before walk-in donors. Appointments can be made by calling Bob Dodd or Katie Kirkegaard at 433-5075. For information about specific medical questions may be answered by The Blood Center nursing staff at (515) 288-0270 or 1-800-287-4903 or look on the website at www.bloodonor.org.
Creative writing contest deadline approaching

DMACC -- Students are reminded that the deadline for submitting entries in this year's Creative Writing Contest is Wednesday, December 2. So far, the contest has six entrants, according to Rick Chapman, contest advisor.

DMACC has nearly doubled the contest scholarships from $500 to $900 for the overall best writer and from $250 to $450 for the runner-up. Contact any DMACC English instructor for further details.

There are certain guidelines for the creative writing contest. Any DMACC student registered for the fall 1998 semester may participate. The entrants are limited to one prize. The award-winning manuscripts or those receiving honorable mentions may be published in DMACC's Expressions.

The judges from DMACC will evaluate the manuscripts and award the prizes. The judges and the coordinator reserve the right to determine if the prizes will be awarded in all categories.

Participants must submit at least three original manuscripts but may submit up to five. The manuscripts must take the form of poetry, short fiction, or personal essay, or you may submit a combination of the genres. The manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced, accompanied by a single cover sheet. They must contain your name, social security number, college program, and home address and phone number. Participants must also type and sign the following agreement: "The following pieces of writing are solely my own work. I am currently a student at DMACC. I do not object to the publication of my writing if it is properly acknowledged."

Send works to:
DMACC Creative Writing Contest
c/o K.W. Chapman, Contest Coordinator
Sciences and Humanities Dept.
2006 S. Ankoriy Blvd.
Ankeny, Iowa 50021

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Homecoming plans underway

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Boone Campus Student Action Board met in regular session Wednesday, November 18.

Members present were Zach Evans, Kari Hull, Jen Kovach, Wade Marsh and exiting member Charity Peterson. Peterson resigned her SAB membership due to a drop in credit hours that puts her below the SAB's constitutional requirement that all members be full-time students. Due to an unavoidable schedule conflict, SAB President Robert Eschliman was absent. SAB alternate Mike Bill, along with non-voting students Jay Cue and Amy Bernard, also attended.

SAB adviser, Terry Jamieson, said that during the four or five working days that the sign-up list was posted, approximately one dozen Boone Campus students showed an interest in the December 5 SAB-sponsored trip to the Mall of America. More DMACC faculty and friends of the faculty showed an interest in visiting the mall than students. Due to the apparent lack of student interest, Jamieson requested that the SAB send the question of whether or not the mall trip should occur this semester to the Spring Semester. Jamieson said, "I've given this a lot of thought. I think it's okay if we have our opinion about whether or not we think (admission) costs too much. (This question) is not any different than someone having an opinion about athletics, Rotact or any other club." Jamieson also stated that concern over future admission prices to Boone Campus productions, Jamieson said, "I've given this a lot of thought. I think it's okay if we have our opinion about whether or not we think (admission) costs too much. (This question) is not any different than someone having an opinion about athletics, Rotact or any other club." Jamieson also stated that if the board decides to take up the admission price issue, Kay Mueller, drama instructor, should be invited to a SAB meeting and be given the opportunity to participate in the board's discussion. Jamieson relayed DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips' request that the Student Action Board members involved with the planning of the Boone Campus homecoming activities relay to Phillips in writing, each member's specific role or responsibility regarding preparations for this event.

Since the Student Action Board as a group has, according to SAB recorder Kari Hull, "done nothing" other than talk about homecoming, Jamieson took the liberty of checking into the cost of music and informing Phillips of the possible dates for homecoming, the possible location (Courter Center or gymnasium if needed) and investigated the cost of a disc jockey versus a band. Unable to reach the actual vote of the SAB, Jamieson suggested that a disc jockey would be "far more efficient and cheaper" than a band. With President Eschliman being gone, Jamieson said, "(Sponsoring homecoming) is a member's initiative but your own." Non-member Amy Bernard brought up the question of what type of decorations to purchase for homecoming along with the amount of money that should be spent on decorations. The board briefly discussed using silver and blue banners and other methods to carry out the proposed homecoming slogan, "Bringing Back the Spirit." The board also discussed offering cheese, crackers, soft drinks, dips, chips...and plenty of "em...to homecoming attendees. Tentative plans for the week of homecoming are as follows: Monday, Activity Day; Tuesday, Spirit Day; Wednesday, Jam Session; Thursday, Art Display; Friday, Hamburger Feed, then concluding the week with a dance on Friday night. Although the SAB originally considered designating December 7 through 11 as Homecoming Week, conflicts with other DMACC and Boone community activities may delay Homecoming Week to the Spring Semester. The SAB will supply students, faculty and staff with homecoming details after their plans are finalized at the next SAB meeting on Wednesday, November 25.

About the attempt to regenerate spirit on Boone Campus through sponsoring a homecoming, Jamieson said, "Don't worry about the size of the crowd. If the students...just stop by for a while and mingle...hey, it's a success because it served its purpose of getting people together." According to Jamieson, just like the tremendous turnout for the Boone Campus play, if the SAB makes homecoming a "decent get-together," the students will remember the good time they had and bring a friend next year.

In other business, the SAB allotted English instructor Joann Hauser approximately $1,000 for organizing and conducting the Boone Campus Arts Festival held October 16. Jamieson informed the SAB that Hauser will be reimbursing the SAB soon, and after deducting a token payment to Skyline Brass for their performance on Boone Campus November 18, the SAB will have sufficient funds available to plan more student events during the upcoming Spring Semester.

Funds to purchase a new television set for the Courter Center are also available. The SAB only has to pick up the television and then Boone Campus students will have two televisions from which to choose their programming.

The Boone County Community Credit Union in Boone is not responding to requests made by Eschliman regarding the installation of an ATM machine on the Boone Campus, so Eschliman is in the process of contacting banks in Ames in hopes of finding an institution willing to work with DMACC on this project.

Jamieson reported that SAB President Bob Eschliman requested copies of DMACC's Boone Campus budget for student activities, and Jamieson submitted this "extensive data" to Eschliman as requested.

Student Action Board meeting minutes are posted on the SAB's information board located in the hallway connecting the front offices with the Courter Center. The next regularly scheduled SAB meeting is Wednesday, November 25 at 8:15 a.m. in the Courter Center. Meetings are open to the public and all students as well as faculty and staff.
Thanksgiving: a holiday overlooked

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff

The first Thanksgiving in the United States was celebrated in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in November of 1621. The "Pilgrims" had come over from England to find religious freedom. Governor Bradford dedicated a day of praise and prayers.

The colonists, because they were eager to befriend the Indians, invited Chief Massasoit and his ninety braves to celebrate in a three-day festival. The Americans hunted wild turkey, deer, and quail, and baked corn bread, cranberries, and pies. Today, the customary Thanksgiving dinner is made up of turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, cranberries and stuffing. This feast was never repeated, though, so it can't be called the beginning of a tradition, nor was it termed by the colonists or "Pilgrims" a Thanksgiving Feast. In fact, to these devoutly religious people, a day of thanksgiving was a day of prayer and fasting, and would have been held any time that they felt an extra day of thanks was called for. Nevertheless, the 1621 feast has become a model that we think of for our own Thanksgiving celebration.

"I'm thankful this year that my family and I are all in good health. That includes my extended family, as well. I'm also thankful that we haven't had a lot of snow yet this winter to cause us any problems." — Boone Campus Executive Dean Kris Phillips

Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a holiday that is set aside to give thanks to many of life's blessings. The first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving an annual holiday to be commemorated on the last Thursday in November. For three years (1939-41) under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the day was celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a day of thanksgiving was a day of prayer and fasting, and would have been held any time that they felt an extra day of thanks was called for. Nevertheless, the 1621 feast has become a model that we think of for our own Thanksgiving celebration.

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In the end, America must ask itself one question: "What am I thankful for this year?" Maybe if people were a little more thankful and thankless, the world would be a better place.

A Boy's Thanksgiving Day

Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house we go; the horse knows the way to carry the sleigh through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house away; We would not stop for doll or toy, for 'tis Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood, where Grandmother sees us come, She will say, 'Oh dear, the children are here, bring a pie for every one.'

Over the river, and through the wood, where Grandmother sees us come, Hurr'rlt for the fun, Is the pudding done? Hurr'rlt for the pumpkin pie!

A poem written by Lydia Maria Child, which appeared in "Flowers for Children, Vol. 2" in 1844.

Five Big Reasons to take ESL Courses this spring

(English as a second language)

1. Register for the courses that best fit the student's needs in language proficiency.
2. The abilities in reading, listening, speaking and writing are essential skills required for a college class.
3. Remember the proverb, "more haste, less speed." It's understandable if students want to progress a bit faster in their studies to enter a degree program. But students should be aware that they might not get what they want if they set their pace too fast. A building must be laid on a firm foundation, and the same is true for students, as they must have a solid foundation in their English proficiency.
4. ESL classes can help the student get over the cultural shock and help the student become familiar with the American culture.
5. Experienced trained instructors teach the ESL classes. These instructors understand the student's feelings and desires in his/her study.

(ESL Classes: Spring 1998)

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Out with the Wall

DMACC Boone Campus Offices, AAC and Library will Close today at 3 p.m.
For Thanksgiving Holiday Offices, AAC and Library Reopen Monday Classes resume Monday

Off the Wall

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff
Show gratitude by remembering those less fortunate

Drop a canned good item or two into one of the many DMACC Rotaract Canned Food Drive Boxes located in the hallways of Boone Campus

Cash for books!

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Deskins awarded citation of merit

By Jaret Morlan
Bear Facts Staff

On October 15 Dreama Deskins was awarded The Citation Of Merit award by the Iowa Library Association. Deskins received a letter of presentation and a plaque.

The letter of presentation stated the many qualities Deskins possesses to have qualified her for this prestigious award. Some of these qualities being her tireless work ethic, ability to solve problems and her encouraging personality.

Deskins works as a part-time librarian in the Boone campus library.

The Rant

By Bob Eschliman

I attended the women’s and men’s basketball games on November 18. Both games were blowouts in favor of NIACC, but that wasn’t the most disappointing part of the evening.

Despite the poor play of our Bears, I was more disappointed in the lack of crowd support. “The Den,” has a very large capacity, yet entire sections of bleachers remained empty. And with the exception of a couple of times in the second half of the men’s game, the crowd was definitely more vocal in support of the Trojans than the Bears. Why?

Both games were free to students and offered excellent entertainment for the Boone community. Concessions are very affordable priced, and there’s not a bad seat in the house. Come to a few of our games! You might actually enjoy yourself.

And to those of you who had enough spirit to make it to the game, a big thank you. I’m sure the players appreciate it quite a bit. However, I do have one suggestion: Live up! Get some courage and yell like hell, folks. You’d be surprised how much it helps the players.

Off the subject of sports, I was in the library again today, and noticed that the bookshelves are still in desperate need of replacement. Not only for aesthetic purposes, but for safety reasons. Can you imagine the damage that can be done by one of those bookshelves falling on top of a student? The sooner they are replaced the better, for all of us.

I spoke recently with Ann Waits, the campus librarian, to discuss this issue. She indicated to me that unless they are replaced soon, the shelves would have to be moved twice in the coming months: once while the new carpeting is laid down for the face-lift during Winter Break and again when the replacement arrives.

Now I might just be way out in left field here, but wouldn’t it make more sense to get the bookshelves replaced while making the face-lift? Okay, I thought to myself I’m delusional.

Well, I think I’ve gone on long enough. I’ll just step down from the mighty (reinforced) soapbox and keep my mouth shut now. Have a very happy Thanksgiving and drive safely. And when the State Trooper gives you a ticket for doing 90 in a 55, just remember TANSTAAFL!!!

One Earth

How many are left?

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

Worldwide, there are at least 25,000 different species of fish, making them the most abundant of all vertebrate animals. Over the last two hundred years, human activities have had a very negative effect on fish ecosystems and habitats.

In the last several decades, because of the increase in human activity, the number and range of many fish species has declined. Due to both environmental and man-made problems, the sustained yield that fisheries management strives to obtain, does not happen.

Natural limitations to that yield include storms, flooding, increase of sedimentation, animal and vegetation disturbances and winterkill. (Winterkill occurs when snow and ice accumulation prevents sufficient sunlight penetration into lakes and rivers and hinders the process of photosynthesis. When oxygen levels greatly decrease, large amounts of fish kills occur.)

Besides the natural consequences to fish ecosystems, there are also human-induced ones. The greatest of these is man-made water pollution. More than 30 million fish are killed by water pollution in the United States. Some of these kills have to do with industrial and municipal pollutants. However, many tons of soil are washed into nearby lakes and streams as a result of abusive land practices. Thousands of fish die annually in American lakes and streams from fertilizers and pesticides polluting the water. In addition to death, reproductive behaviors of fish are affected.

Another very serious man-made problem is what is today termed “acid” rain. This is brought about by the burning of coal which releases sulfur dioxide gas into the atmosphere which combines with the oxygen to form sulfuric acid and water. Scientists are predicting that if present trends continue, acid rain will eliminate all fish from 40,000 Canadian lakes by the year 2000.

Fisheries management plays a very important part in maintaining fish ecosystems. They must regulate the number of fish caught and also maintain and restore fish habitat. Most fisheries management operate under the principle of maximum sustained yield. A MSY is established for each fish species which is the highest sustained fish catch that can be allowed without affecting the reproductive capacity of that species. This becomes difficult to manage, however. In the open oceans 200 miles out from the shoreline where no single nation has sovereignty. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, more than two-thirds of the world’s important marine fish stocks are being fished above their maximum sustained yield.

In December of 1995, a U.N.-sponsored conference resulted in an international agreement that calls for more conserving measures to be used in fisheries management. However, it is up to all of us to become aware of the grave possibilities caused by man-made air and water pollution and to do whatever we can to help regulate and control the activities responsible for them.

Did you play high school girls’ softball?

We need you this spring for DMACC’s club team! Call Merrill Tam at 432-9558.
With SEVERE winter weather on its way...

Where do you go when the weather...

By Bob Eschliman
Bear Facts Staff

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series of informative articles geared to help the students of Boone Campus get ready for the coming winter season.

With the recent spring-like weather, students should remember that severe winter weather is just around the corner. With a very large portion of DMACC students commuting, this is a tremendous concern for faculty, staff, students, and administration.

Boone Campus Executive Dean Kris Phillips takes great care in deciding when to cancel classes and when to close the school early but has to base that decision on the greatest number of students. A small number of DMACC students, staff and faculty live as far as an hour away from the campus, making it very hard to know what the weather is like at home while they’re at school.

While it is clear and sunny here in Boone, it could be snowing several inches in Jefferson or Perry, making the drive home treacherous for some. DMACC instructors are very conscientious to commuting students’ needs in the winter. So, the final decision on staying in school is ultimately the student’s. This leaves the students wondering, “How do I make an informed decision?”

Making the decision

The first thing a student needs to know is where to find out what the weather is like back at home. If someone is home, the student could always just call, but that won’t tell the student what the weather will be like by the time they were to get home. Weather updates on the radio and television are too infrequent to make the best-informed decision, as well. The solution lies on the computer, in online weather information.

By being enrolled in DMACC, all students have access to the Internet. Once the student is logged into the computer network, all that needs to be done is to start the Internet Explorer program, by double-clicking on the IE icon. With the web browser activated, the next question the student might have is, “Where do I look?”

Online weather sources

There are several online sources for current weather information. Local television stations, the National Weather Service, and many commercial weather services offer online weather information that can help the student make an informed decision.

Each site is different from the others and each has its pros and cons, so each student should pick the site that is most helpful, based upon personal needs.

KCCI’s online weather site can be found on the worldwide web at http://www.kcci.com/other/weather/weather.htm. It also offers many links to other weather websites that are useful in deciding whether or not to leave for home.

For local conditions, Boone Campus Executive Dean Kris Phillips works closely with the Iowa State Highway Patrol. These reports are available over the phone and online. To get this valuable information over the phone, dial (515) 288-1047.

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Winter weather tips
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- Check antifreeze level and strength. It should be tested for temps of -30°F.
- Keep gas tank near full for better traction and possible usage if stranded.
- Don't drive alone, if possible.
- Let someone know when you are leaving and what route you are planning to take.
- Prepare a Winter Storm Survival Kit for your car that includes:
  - Blankets or sleeping bags
  - Flashlight & extra batteries
  - Knife
  - Bright red cloth or towel
  - Candy bars
  - Matches
  - Sand or cat litter
  - Shovel
  - Tow rope
  - Jumper cables
  - Water container (empty)
  - Compass
  - Road maps

If ever caught in a storm in their vehicle, students should remember these important points:
- Stay in the car.
- Tie a red cloth to the antenna or to a stick, to be seen by rescue workers.
- Run the engine enough to stay warm, approximately 10 minutes per hour.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow.
- Melt snow to eat; don't eat ice as it lowers your body temperature.
- Turn dome light on at night as battery power permits.
- Raise hood once snow has stopped falling.

If the weather gets too bad to travel, students should remember to stay put. They should try to find someone who lives in Boone that they could possibly spend the night with if needed. In addition to those items listed in the survival gear, toiletries and a change of clothes would be handy for individuals staying overnight.

Weather Sources
NWS Des Moines:
http://www.erl.noaa.gov/dmr/

The Weather Channel:

WHO-TV:
http://www.whoacom.com/whoowx/frame.htm

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Chaos
by Brian Shuster
"OK everyone, stand back, I can handle this, I'm a pianist."
Should Boone Campus have a designated smoking area?

**Point/Counterpoint**

**Zach Evans**

As I proceed to pass through the doors to the outside world, I make one last check of my survival kit. A heavy-duty gas mask is of utmost importance, I strap my goggles onto my eyes, pull my hood down over my head, and take a deep breath. I then proceed to run as fast as I can to a place of safety. Where is this horrible place? A minefield? Nope. A toxic waste dump? Close, but no cigar. Or perhaps I should say cigarette. This terrible place I have described to you is right outside the doors of the Boone Campus academic building. Smoking has been proven to be a significant health risk to those who choose to smoke. Not only does smoking increase the risk of cancer and lung disease, but it also puts more strain on the heart, increasing the risk of heart attacks and heart disease. The effects of smoking are well known, and most smokers know the risks they take when they choose to smoke. The real issue is the amount of damage that smokers do to the rest of the student body. Second-hand smoke is scientifically proven to be a significant health risk, almost as much as smoking. Second-hand smoke is proven to increase the following:

- The risk of lung and other cancers
- Increased breathing difficulties, including asthma attacks
- Increased strain on the heart due to exercise
- Aggravated conditions in those with chronic heart and lung disease
- Health risks to infants and unborn babies like damaging lung tissue

Why is DMACC putting the rest of the student body at risk?

Another deterrent smoking on campus adds is the fact that much of the campus' beautiful grounds go unused because students don't want to brave the smoke. We've been gifted with several nice days this fall, but the ability to enjoy them has been hampered because it is difficult to get away from the rotting stench of cigarette smoke.

A shelter for the smokers has been proposed. I concur with this proposal on two conditions. First, the shelter shouldn't be built with student funds. The point of building a shelter for the smokers to poison the rest of the student body is simply ludicrous. Using the student's funds would just be adding insult to injury.

The second condition I have is that the shelter shouldn’t be built on campus. If you concentrate all of the smokers together, the amount of smoke produced would be as bad as it is now. Poisonous clouds of smoke take something away from the beautiful scenery as well.

The solution to the problem is simple. DMACC Boone Campus should be a smoke-free campus. Any smoker who wants to smoke can simply do it off campus. Why should the rest of us be put at risk? There are quite a few smokers on campus, and I realize that this will inconvenience them no small amount. The facts are plain, though. When students choose not to use a certain door due to the choking blue haze waiting just beyond, the problem needs to be rectified. Students who are concerned or would like to voice their opinions can email the editor at rde20000@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

**Bob Eschliman**

First off, let me say that I do not smoke, but I feel no American's rights should be trampled upon, even for the good of the many. To enforce a no smoking policy on the Boone Campus altogether is not only wrong, I feel it would be unconstitutional.

Now, I'm not going to be stupid and try to say that smoking is healthy or that it has no ill effects. Anyone who feels that way has either just come out of a twenty-year coma, or is a certifiable ignoramus. Any smoker can tell you that smoking is not only unhealthy for smokers, but also for those non-smokers who breathe the air that smoking pollutes.

However, until the day smoking is banned altogether in the United States, all Americans over the age of eighteen have the right to smoke in designated smoking areas. Currently at the Boone Campus, that designated smoking area is any place outdoors.

With the current situation, smokers tend to congregate during breaks at the nearest possible exit, where places to discard cigarette butts are conveniently located. Unfortunately, that means any non-smokers wishing to exit the building must walk through a cloud of second-hand smoke on their way out.

Also unfortunate is the fact that not all smokers are properly discarding their cigarette butts when they are finished, leaving a virtual minefield of them strewn about the ground near every exit, and in the parking lots. Non-smokers would also appreciate the opportunity to enter and leave the building as they want, without inhaling second-hand smoke.

How do we rectify this situation, without trampling upon the rights of others? The school should initiate a smoking policy similar to other community college campuses around the state. There should be one designated smoking area for the campus. It should be protected from the elements and should be large enough to handle the large number of smokers within the faculty, staff, and student body.

With the designated smoking area, much less time would need to be taken to clean the areas surrounding the exits of the building. Smokers would have a place to smoke, where they are at least partially shielded from the elements, which will lower the chance of catching a chill or a cold while outside in the winter months or in a rain during the spring, summer, and fall months. Non-smokers would be able to avoid the cloud of second-hand smoke, improving their chances of avoiding lung and throat cancer.

Who pays for the cost? It should be paid for evenly by the Student Action Board and the administration. The SAB has a duty to facilitate the improvement of the quality of life for students, and the administration has a responsibility to the health of the faculty and staff. When you weigh the benefits of a designated smoking area against the associated costs, one can only come to the conclusion that it is a good idea for everyone.

In the end, the Boone Campus will be a cleaner, healthier environment for the students, staff, and faculty; a place where we can be proud that both the rights and health of smokers and non-smokers are important.
Is America really “One nation...indivisible?”

By Bob Eschilman
Bear Facts Staff

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Almost every American has said this pledge at least a thousand times in his or her life, especially as a school student. But is it really the case today? Does affirmative action work as it was designed, and level the playing field, or does it divide this country even more along racial and gender lines?

Groups like the National Organization of Women (NOW) and Angry White Men for Affirmative Action say they do. The State of California and, as studies show, an overwhelming majority of all Americans say they do not.

Three major points of contention exist between the two sides in this bitter battle: whether or not affirmative action and equal opportunity lower standards, lower productivity and quality, and ultimately discriminate against non-minorities.

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According to Oakland, California’s Paul Rockwell, co-founder of Angry White Men for Affirmative Action and writer for In maneuvers magazine, affirmative action works to diversify the work force and ultimately improve the entire work force as a whole.

He uses affirmative action on the University as an example, stating that through affirmative action and gradual integration, the school was turning out more successful, better prepared graduates.

His argument is heart-felt and emotional, and is capable of easily swaying the hearts of many, but it lacks statistical data to back his convictions.

Former California Governor Pete Wilson, defending the 1996 Proposition 209 movement, responded by saying, “Everybody should play by the same rules.

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[California should] return to a public system based on merit, not preference.

Rockwell argues that a “return” to the meritocracy of old is a return to an “era operated to protect white, male supremacy.”

He argues that all meritocracies serve social ends: all of them are qualified by social concerns, some enlightened, some reactionary.

Yet once again, Rockwell’s argument lacks a statistical basis. Without statistical data to back up the argument, it fell on deaf ears, as California overwhelmingly voted to repeal affirmative action in a referendum vote.

The Civil Rights Act of 1997, a bill by Florida Rep. Charles Canady, was written to ban preferences based on race or gender at the federal level. To support his bill, Canady said, "This is about fundamental American principles. We can't have this kind of group mentality fragmenting our country. Including minorities, are starting to recognize that reverse discrimination is not the way to solve our problems."

Fearing retribution from minorities, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was extremely reluctant in his support of such a measure. He voiced his position by stating, "I'd rather talk about how do we replace group affirmative action with effective help for individuals, rather than just talking about wiping out affirmative action by itself."

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Americans support a change in the current racial preferences practice. A 1995 CNN/USA Today poll concluded that 61% of Americans would like to reform affirmative action, while 22% favored scrapping it altogether. A 1997 study by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies showed that 79% of the total population is against preferences. Within the Hispanic population, 54% are against such practices, while 30% of African Americans are against it.

Who has affirmative action actually gained for Americans? Absolutely nothing. Today, African American males have an unemployment rate that is twice as high as white men’s rate, the same as in 1965. The median family income has widened between whites and African Americans. In 1973, African American families made 61% as much as white families. Today, they make only 54% as much.

In the meantime, hate violence and other crimes are increasing at an alarming rate. Fringe minorities feel they are being pushed down even harder, while non-minorities feel that they are unjustly discriminated against in the name of fairness or "political correctness."

In their book, “The Scar of Race,” Paul Sniderman and Thomas Piazza write that affirmative action is so despised that it has led some whites to hate minorities.

The Supreme Court, in recent years, has established stricter guidelines on racial gerrymandering. Outraged, Rev. Jesse Jackson equated the high court’s decision of knowing too much.

"Enemy of the State" may fall under the category of government or espionage films, but this movie goes in a whole different direction.

The story is about Robert Clayton Dean (Smith) who is unwillingly slipped a disk containing the video taped murder of a Congressman by government agents. Unaware of his possession, Dean finds himself being framed by the government for acts he didn’t commit and running for his life. This extremely tense film, as most in its genre, has the audience questioning how much the government knows and what their plans for the general public may be.

The story is a basic one. An unwilling citizen is sucked into a government conspiracy. However basic the story may be, it has a little something that most don’t have: Will Smith. This popular actor seemed to be the heart that was pumping blood through this two-hour action drama. However serious or tense the content of the film reached, Smith added his usual sassy humor to enhance the film’s quality. However intriguing Smith’s perform

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The Front Row

By Jarret Morton, Bear Facts Staff

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DMACC fall play draws record numbers

"I Shot my Rich Aunt" is a hit with everyone

By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Boone Campus fall play took place Nov. 13 and 14, and the performance given was of exceptional quality. The comedy had the entire audience roaring with laughter the entire way through, and the acting by the entire cast had people murmuring what a good job they had done after the play.

Last but certainly not least, I must applaud the efforts of Kay Mueller, serving as director during the play. The show could not have gone on without her hard work.

No play is without its shortcomings, and "I Shot My Rich Aunt" had several blunders as well. The dialogue between the cast members often slowed down the rhythm of the play, and the ending seemed to be reaching for a climax that wasn’t there. The British accents of the actors disappeared from time to time for a scene or two, but a few details hardly detract from the wonderful job the entire cast did.

While the play did have a few small faults, it was well worth the price of admission (it was free for DMACC students).

The horizon looks bright for the spring play as well, as much of this truly talented cast will be returning. The members of the student body (as well as the town of Glidden) are urged to return for the spring play. The members of the cast have my applause and gratitude for putting on a such a terrific show.

Letter to the editor
Review of "I Shot My Rich Aunt"

"I Shot My Rich Aunt" is, as the "Bear Facts" describes it, a highbrow, stiff upper lip English comedy. On November 14, I had the pleasure of seeing it performed live by the students of our DMACC campus. It was quite a performance, and I was very surprised at the quality of acting.

The only qualm I had was the lack of volume in some actors’ performances, but other than that there were only a few reversed lines, which really didn’t affect the play much at all.

As for the play itself, well it was a bit much to take in at times. Most of the humor I found to be interpreted correctly (being of British parents I am very in tune with these things). As for the English accents, well, they were dreadful, of course. But they always are when done by Americans.

The play was not the funniest thing I’d ever seen, but it did have a few good lines. The Aunt to the Priest- "I suggest you turn in your door key." The Priest-"I must protest, I'm not even remotely tired; and besides, you are twice as dorky!" or something to that effect. Quite humorous, really.

Another thing I noticed was the speed at which some of the actors delivered their lines was a bit unsettling at times. Overall, it was a great performance, which I wasn’t looking forward to but was quite surprised at.

-Jack Wilson
DMACC student
Men’s basketball review

By Jay Cue
Bare Facts Staff

Bears 91 – Riverland 70

The DMACC men’s basketball team’s preseason has resembled nothing short of a soap opera. From its ability to sign highly talented players to full-ride scholarships, to the season threatening injury of 6’9” freshman Dan Stomacher, a player who head coach Terry Jamieson refers to as an “incredible talent,” the Bear’s have another page in that history book. And the night of November 18 put another page in that history book.

Although Riverland was a non-conference contest, Jamieson commented on the team’s success in the past pointing out that they were contenders for the national title a year ago. Riverland lost a large number of sophomores. “They are very young like us, and awfully good,” Jamisen pointed out. He also noted that Riverland is very well coached.

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The Bears dominated on offense, and closed Riverland down with a swarming defense. As the first half reached the midpoint, Carrel once again found his hot spot by hitting two more three pointers out of four attempts to help propel the Bears’ lead to 25 points.

DMACC could do no wrong. Their defense eliminated Riverland’s fast break, as well as any offense under the basket. Riverland then resorted to outside shots and found dismal results, only hitting two of ten three pointers. DMACC also controlled the boards, out rebounding Riverland by nearly double.

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The second half provided a much closer contest. Both teams came out committing turnover after turnover to keep scoring low for the first three minutes. Henderson re-ignited the Bears’ offense by draining a three. DMACC maintained a twenty-point lead for most of the half, led in great part by Henderson’s offensive contribution. Henderson made six of eight field goals in the half, as well as going two for two from three-point land. Joey Hupp contributed three buckets in the second half before fouling out with 7:06 left in the game.

DMACC fouls kept Riverland within twelve. The half ended with a 43-29 DMACC lead. With a 1-0 record, the Bears of DMACC hosted the NIACC Trojans in their first conference game of the season. NIACC has a history of being a talented group, and the night of November 18 put another page in that history book.

From the opening tip, NIACC controlled the game. The Trojans began the game with a 9-2 run and refused to let up. Their press eliminated the DMACC fast break, and their size inside shut down any offense the Bears attempted under the basket.

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“Yes, so that there’s a certain place for cigarette filters to go. Plus, they can set up vending machines for nicotine gum or nicotine patches.”

“Yes, as long as there would be good ventilation and non-smokers were not affected.”

“No, they should smoke outside, so that athletes aren’t affected.”

“Yes, because I hate going outdoors and smelling it. They should have their own room.”

Letters to the editor

Skyline Brass puts on excellent concert

I really enjoyed the music of Skyline Brass. They did an excellent job on every song they played. I wasn’t familiar with the names of the songs, but the music sounded familiar to me.

Their music seemed to range from slow, soft songs to fast, more upbeat songs. Some of their music made me want to get up and dance.

The five members of Skyline Brass seemed to really enjoy their music, and I could tell each of them had a love for the instruments that they played.

They would get into their music. The instruments they played, two trumpets, french horn, trombone, and bass trombone, sounded wonderful together.

They made the saying “practice makes perfect” true when I listened to them.

“I wasn’t familiar with the names of the songs, but the music sounded familiar to me.”

Athletes receive no special treatment

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor written by Ethan Anderson about favoritism given to athletes. After reading his inappropriate comments, about what he said in his letter, it appears that Anderson feels that you can’t play any sports at the Boone Campus to be considered a “normal student.” Everyone playing sport on the DMACC Campus must be a student first or he/she wouldn’t be here.

I have never seen any student receive special treatment from a teacher--athlete or non-athlete! I am a student-athlete at DMACC and am around the basketball players everyday.

I totally agree that the main purpose at the Boone Campus is for education first, and the student-athletes are here to get an education while participating in sports. When has sports ever been the main priority at the Boone Campus? Also if you would ask the head basketball coach, Terry Jamieson, he would inform you that the team is loaded with very disciplined students.

Chad Lowe
DMACC Student

How Harmful Are Pesticides?

I am writing to respond to the letter written by Ethan Anderson. The question was, are you a normal fulltime student? Yes, I’m a normal fulltime student who also plays basketball. By the way, what is the definition of a normal student?

I have a few other questions for Anderson. You are not the one helping the athletes with financial aid, are you? It comes from the school budget not your pocket. Were you cut from some YMCA basketball team, or picked last on a good afternoon of nerf football? I personally see no special help from any of my teachers.

Geoffrey Grimes
DMACC Student

LD50 can be measured by oral exposure, or by dermal exposure. This particular chart looks exclusively at the Oral LD50 of some of the most common herbicides. Herbicides are pesticides designed for killing weeds, and are the most commonly used pesticide in this area.

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To help translate the chart, chemicals with an Oral LD50 of 0-50 are classified as highly toxic; 50-500 are moderately toxic; 500-5000 are slightly toxic, and greater than 5000 are relatively non toxic. The facts speak for themselves. Table salt and aspirin are more toxic than many of the pesticides used in this area.

Matt Glawe
DMACC Student

In the last edition, Lorraine Powell wrote an article about pesticides. I am a licensed commercial pesticide applicator, and I would like to help answer the question that is asked in the title of her article.

The most effective way to measure the toxicity of a pesticide is known as the LD50 scale. LD50 is a standard toxicological term that means a single lethal dose that kills 50 percent of the test population. The higher the LD50, the less toxic the pesticide.