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International Week 1999

Boone Campus celebrating ‘Ireland Week’

Jen Kovach
Staff Writer

Every year DMACC picks a country to focus on, and this year Ireland was chosen. This is DMACC’s fifteenth international year of serving central Iowa as a source of educational and cultural exchange to promote a greater understanding among people.

Ireland Week (April 12-16) will provide various educational and entertaining activities open to the public. All five DMACC campuses are participating in this cultural event, and there is a wide range of activities spread across the campuses.

Tonight Duane Anderson, a retired DMACC Horticulture Professor, will conduct “A Tour of Irish Gardens” with Ken Walter, Master Gardener (Boone) serving as “host.” Refreshments will follow the “tour.” On Friday, April 16, Colm McDonagh, math and chemistry instructor from Ireland, will speak on “Irish Education.” McDonagh will speak several different times during the day.

Mary Jane Green, DMACC Boone campus instructor, contributed to the Waterford crystal display in the library. “I’ve always liked crystal, and when I learned there was a Waterford crystal society, I joined,” Green explained. She also said she would like to go on a tour in Ireland to see where the crystal is made.

Boone campus student, Josh Keller, said, “I love Ireland! I’m enthralled because of my Irish background, and it’s good to see Ireland respected.”

Members of the Boone campus portion of the Ireland Year Committee are Jan LaVille, coordinator; Ron Erickson; Cindy Cory, and George Silberhorn.

'Doing my civic duty...'

Campus Blood Drive nets 26 units

Boone Campus student Brian Parrish proudly points to his “badge of honor”—the neon green bandage that displays his courage in giving blood at the recent blood drive, held April 6 in the L.W. Courter Center. The drive netted 26 pints from 32 people—8 of whom were first-time donors, like Parrish. The majority of those who donated were faculty or nursing students. Katie Kirkegaard and Barb Hanson served as co-chairs. The nursing students are thankful for the donations that were received this year, and encourage more students to participate in the future.

Swatting the bug out of the millennium

Hilary Gaumer
Staff Writer

Y2K to some means nothing. To others the year 2000 means the end of the world, but don’t worry students, the general opinion here on campus is that everything will still be up and running come January 1, 2000.

For those of you still in the dark about what Y2K actually is, the answer is here. Y2K stands for “year to come,” or Year 2000. More recently it refers to a potential problem created by early computer programmers in order to save space. The programmers only used two digits for the year, hence ‘99. What has been realized is that come 2000, without the two extra number slots, the computers will date back to 1900 rather make the jump forward to 2000. This could cause quite the problem for many government agencies such as Social Security and the welfare, which deals with date-sensitive materials.

When asked what the Y2K bug will do to DMACC computers, Boone Campus LAN Specialist Ron Erickson said, “I am pretty sure Ankeny has made sure that our systems are ready.” The fact that all the computers here on the Boone campus are relatively new helps with the problems due to the fact that they were built compatible.

Erickson also said that the student systems should be fine because the Y2K bug hits mainly those computers dealing with dates. The only problem he foresees would be those students working on spreadsheet calculations. “I really have no major concerns. Anything that comes up should not be too much trouble to fix,” stated Erickson.

Dean Kriss Philips shares the same opinion: “I have talked to the people that know these computers, and they have told me they are ready for the year two thousand.” Items such as transcripts and other record information will also be secure. “Even if there is a temporary problem, we have all of that information Y2K.”

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SAB highly active in final weeks

The SAB held its district-wide conference on Friday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It began with a tour of the campus led by Kovach and Marsh. The SABs discussed possible name changes and a new logo. After discussion, the name that was decided upon was the Student Activities Council (SAC). The new logo will be decided by collecting ideas from the art departments and the campus community. A vote will be taken at a meeting to decide which logo will become the official one. For the remainder of the meeting, the group discussed several possible activities for the next semester. Some ideas included hiring a magician, a stand-up comedian, musicians and other acts.

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on hard copy," assured Philips. For those of you running Windows 98, you are already Y2K compliant. For those of you running Windows 95, help is on the way. Microsoft is now in the process of a "windowing" update that should fix date glitches and bring Windows 95 up to full Y2K compatibility.

Many suggest that not only should we worry about our home, office and school computers, but we should be checking to make sure that our banks, phone companies, electric/gas companies, and airlines are all checking into how their individual systems will handle the possible year 2000 problem. The website at http://www.everything 2000.com, the Federal Communication is in charge of overseeing all local and long distance telephone companies and has been making the rounds to be sure that Y2K compliance has been met. According to the FCC, they have found no major problems in normal phone lines. As for cellular systems, they have their doubts due to the fact that most did not comply with FCC suggestions. To insure cellular phone usage is not interrupted at the beginning of the new year, cellular phone customers are advised to call their providers and question their Y2K preparations. Products such as stereo equipment should be checked with the manufacturer. RCA has stated that all their products are ready for the Y2K, including VCR's. This has been debated due to the date timers on most video players. To avoid this problem, the suggestion has been made to date your VCR back to 1973 come January 1, 2000, due to the fact that the date calendar of that year is the exact same for the year 2000. Or to fix the problem before 2000 actually hits, set your VCR to 1972 which is the same calendar year as 1999.

Taking precautions just in case could be a good idea since no one is really sure if all the preparations and planning are really going to solve any and all problems that will occur on the first day of the newest Millennium—2000. Which brings up another point—January 1, 2001 is the actual start of the Millennium, but due to the popular belief, and cash-in value, the year 2000, in some circles, been accepted as the Millennium.
Review

"In 25 words or...DEATH"

By Josh Keller
Staff Writer

At the end of a hectic week, when the hustle and bustle of life neared overwhelming, the drama department pulled me out of the chaos. The play "In 25 words...or death" was presented on April 8 and 9 in the Boone Campus Theatre. It's blend of light humor and hilarious antics, directed by Kay Mueller, made it enjoyable and well worth my time.

The cast members portrayed their characters with great skill. They captured the audience's attention and held it for the duration of the play.

The synopsis

The day before Thanksgiving a group of "lucky" winners in the Foam-X soap company's essay contest met to claim their prize, to spend Thanksgiving weekend in a summer resort run by Olive Dunker-Hill (Jen Kovach), even though it was winter.

Phantasmagoria sets in when Miss Pruce (Dee McKnight) first noticed a strange figure in the window. Soon other events, including noises and missing objects, followed.

The audience soon find out that a small band of diamond smugglers, played by Jay Cue and Carla Wood, had decided to use the resort as their meeting place to collect their diamonds. The smuggler's henchman Nicholas (Brian Parrish) was sent to kill the intruders. However, rather than kill the contestants winners, Nicholas mistakenly killed the man who was carrying diamonds, Severied (Nate Clark). The diamonds were lost and the smugglers blamed the now unlucky contest winners and tried to force them to hand over the loot.

The smugglers took the group upstairs, which also included Mrs. Van Pelt (Jackie Lloyd) and J. J. Hooth (Mike Hilgten) except for Kelton Garwood (Jaret Moran) and Barbara Driscoll (Ollivia Hoff). These two were left with Nicholas to watch over them.

In time Kelton and Barbara befriended Nicholas and used him to turn the tables on the smugglers. The group left on the boat that carried the diamonds and headed for Salem to have a nice thanksgiving at "a site chosen by our pilgrim forefathers."

Special attention must go to Mrs. Pruce played by McKnight and Nicholas, played by Parrish. McKnight had the audience rolling with laughter, as her character cowered in fear at every little thing. Parrish played his character, a savage beast of a man, with unequaled ability. Although he had no speaking parts, his ideas were clearly delivered through superb acting.

Along with the great acting of the cast, the set was beautifully designed and used to the fullest. The only problems with the play were a few glitches with the sound effects. Other than that, mistakes went unnoticed to the naked eye.

Overall the play was a masterpiece for this overworked student who just needed a little break away from all the seriousness.

Business students taking one-day trip to Des Moines

Boone, la. (DMACC)—Twenty-seven Management Support Systems/Business Department students from the Boone campus will be participating in a one-day field trip Wednesday, April 14. They will start the day by meeting in the Lloyd Courter Center at 8 a.m., boarding the DMACC bus (driven by Athletic Director Terry Jamieson), and heading for Des Moines.

The morning will consist of two tours. The first will be at The Principal Financial Group and the second at the main office of the United States Post Office. Students will learn about the types of jobs available and working conditions at both businesses, with lunch at the Spaghetti Works.

Students will enjoy more than 15,000 blooming and ornamental plants on display from tropical, sub-tropical, and arid locations around the world as they visit the Des Moines Botanical Center before heading back to the Boone campus, where they are expected to return at 3:30 p.m.

Accounting Career Day offers "Skills for Success"

Boone, la. (DMACC)—The students, faculty and staff of the Boone campus are invited to participate in the annual DMACC "Accounting Career Day" to be held Friday, April 19.

This will mark the first year in which the Boone campus has had the opportunity to host this event. Business and Accounting students from all of the various DMACC locations will be in attendance. In addition, approximately 200 students will attend from local area high schools.

The purpose of the event is to provide students with the opportunity to meet various business leaders from Iowa. These individuals will discuss such topics as: "Skills for Success" by Robert D Ray, Former Governor of Iowa, "Dress for Success" by Bill Reichardt, and "Start Your Own CPA Firm" by Jim Henkel.

Other honored guests will include Laura West of Pioneer Hybrid, Kurt Letlow of Principal Financial Group, Marilyn Meyers of the State of Iowa, Nicholas Cuccaro, CEO of Centrobe and Julie Grotens of Mercy Hospital.

Representatives from ISU, UNI, Drake, Grandview, Simpson, William Penn and DMACC will also be available to answer questions concerning Business, Accounting and Information Systems degrees. These representatives will be available to discuss their degree programs with those who are interested.

John Deere Team Scholar applications being accepted

Ankeny, la. (DMACC)—DMACC is accepting applications for the next class of John Deere Team Scholars.

John Deere Team Scholars is a two-year program designed jointly by DMACC, John Deere Des Moines Works and the United Auto Workers to prepare the next generation of manufacturing workers for jobs at John Deere. Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Integrated Manufacturing.

This class will begin studies in August, 1999 and would graduate in May, 2001. Approximately 40 students will be accepted into the program.

A John Deere Team Scholars information meeting will be held Thursday, April 22 at the Ankeny Campus Auditorium in Building 6 at 7 p.m.

At this meeting, DMACC and John Deere will explain how to enroll in the program, what classes are required for the program, financial aid opportunities for students, internships at John Deere, and how students can become John Deere employees after graduating from the program.

To receive an application packet, contact the DMACC Information Center at (800)362-2127, then press 1 for the Ankeny campus.

FBA says goodbye to graduates

By: Debra Carroll
Contributing Writer

To some of us in our PBL group, it seems that we've just started; to others, it's almost over. Our local chapter of Phi Beta Lambda will be saying good-bye to a few of our members as they graduate in May. Michelle Fjelland, Tanya Smuck, Nicole Stocks, and Leisel Barrett are current members of PBL and will be graduating in May.

Michelle Fjelland has been majoring in Office Technology while attending DMACC. She has been a member of PBL for two years and has participated in two State Conferences. When asked what she will remember most about being a member of PBL, Majoring in Office Technology, Nicole Stocks has been a member of PBL for two years and has been the local chapter's treasurer. She has also participated in two State Conferences. "I will remember the involvement and being able to be part of a team while in PBL."

While majoring in Office Technology and being a member of PBL for two years, Leisel Barrett has served as the State President of PBL for the 98-99 year. She has competed in three State Conferences and has been to one National Conference, which was held in Orlando, Florida, in July of 1998. Learning to be comfortable with public speaking is what she will remember most about being a member of PBL.

These graduates have been very helpful to our group since we've had several of new members and a new leader. They will always be remembered for their hard work and dedication to PBL. Good luck to these members as they graduate!

"In 25 words or...DEATH"
Cross dressers visit sexuality class

By Josh Keller  
Staff Writer

Upon entering Dr. Bob Taylor’s Human Sexuality and Gender Roles class, a student would hardly think that the three women at the front of the class were, in fact, born men.

“Beverly,” “Julianne” and Anna are from an organization called Iowa Artistry. It is a group that deals with transgender issues and offers both social and personal support for cross dressers.

Each of these “women” were born male; however, they each came to a point in their lives where they could no longer hide themselves from the truth, they like wearing women’s clothing. For Anna (who is now legally a female because of surgery) this realization came at the early age of 4. She said, “I just knew that I was different.” For “Beverly” and “Julianne” it came in junior high.

The “ladies” discussed what they were and what they were not. They claimed that most “transgenderists” are male (because you really wouldn’t notice or mind if a women was dressed as a man), heterosexual, and do not talk about what they do. They stated that they are not the same as “drag queens” because queens are usually homosexual and use their behavior to attract men. Both “Beverly” and “Julianne” are currently married and both of their wives know what they do. Anna was married, but after she had a sex change operation, she divorced.

When it came to telling children about their lifestyles, the responses were varied. “Julianne” decided not to have children. Her surgery would make it difficult to hide the fact that she is now a woman.

Dealing with parents was another difficult area. For Anna, her entire family knows. They are very supportive. She said that her father wanted to place blame at first but then came around. She also said that she and her grandmother go shopping together.

“Beverly’s” wife is the only one that knows in his family. “Julianne” said that his sister probably knows, but he has not told his family. He also says that he does not hide who he is. He goes to church as “Julianne” and that is how the congregation addresses him. He said, “It is a very understanding church… They take it in stride.”

When public bathrooms came up in a question all three “ladies” turned to the board behind them and crossed out a number. They had made a pool to guess when this question would be asked. They simply stated, “Go to whichever one you are best dressed for, and always make sure your feet are facing the right direction when in the stall.”

When describing how they got to where they are now, the “ladies” said that “it starts off slow but once you start it is like a roller-coaster. It moves fast and there are ups and downs.”

The “ladies” were very open and answered nearly every question. The students were also open and asked questions appropriately. Summing it all up “Julianne” stated, “I’m different, so what?”
Parents have to teach morals to their children. I'm not talking about brainwashing them—just the basics from which they can make their own decisions. If it takes a village to raise a child, I suggest locking the child up. Parents need to take their responsibility seriously.

American society has many different cultures inter-mingled. Mores and taboos conflict and morals have become hard to define. But the solution is simple: pick a set of moral guidelines and follow them.

Whether you chose to use the Bible, the Koran, the Book or Mormon, the Torah, the Lamrim, or Dianetics, you need to have your beliefs and hold to them, and leave our Constitution alone!

Veishea or VEISHEA? I suppose you're now wondering what the hell I took this morning before I started writing. Few people see the significance between Veishea and VEISHEA, but there is: only one is right and the other is wrong.

Now, I don't know John McBride at all, and I don't know where the Iowa Daily got his front-page story for their April 5 issue, but let's get one thing straight—it's VEISHEA.

VEISHEA is the nation's first and largest all-student-run festival. It began in 1922, when all of the different student festivals on campus were combined into one celebration. The name of the celebration is attributed to Frank Paine, a professor of electrical engineering.

VEISHEA is an acronym in which the first letters in each of the five colleges were combined. It stands for Veterinary Medicine, E for the College of Engineering, IS for the College of Industrial Science, HE for the College of Home Economics, and A for the College of Agriculture. It is pronounced VEE-sha.

So, the next time you want to let people know where to party this spring, let them know you're going to VEISHEA—because I haven't a clue what Veishea is.

Who invented the Internet? Okay, so who really created the Internet? Al Gore says it did. The history books say it was a conglomeration of various projects from several colleges.

So, who really did it—does it matter? Are we supposed to believe that Gore helped to create it? I doubt it. I must say some of his speeches of late have sounded more and more like Hitler's "Thousand Year Reich" speeches. Should I really be all that surprised that he wants to rewrite history like Big Brother did in Orwell's 1984? Even if I was supposed to be surprised, I'm not.

The Balkans War

While I'm up here on the soapbox, I might as well get to something very important. The war in the Balkans is still raging. Now three American soldiers find themselves incarcerated in a Serbian prison. I pray for their safe return and a quick end to this senselessness.

Even after WWII, the Soviet Red Army couldn't stop the anger and hostility in the region. How can we be so arrogant as to think we can do a better job?

I hardly ever hear anyone in the mainstream media talk about the invasion of Muslims into Kosovo in the late fourteenth century. How many Serbs were killed then?

I agree that this is a human tragedy, but we've escalated the tragedy to inconceivable heights with our own arrogance. Such arrogance could cost us the lives of many young men and women.

Stepping down

Well, this is the last time I shall step down from this concrete reinforced soapbox. Next time, without using it, I shall say goodbye to the Boone Campus.

Just don't ever forget the intellectually supercharged conversations we've had (okay—so it was a one-way conversation).

Apply what you have learned and never ever give up on common sense! Anyway—just keep TANSTAAFL in mind as you observe the craziness of the world around you.
Off the Beaten Path

Graduation Celebration

Olivia Hoff  
Staff Writer

Graduation is a special occasion, one that should be celebrated with a big, fancy dinner/supper. Preferably a friend or family member should pay for the dinner. If this is the case for your graduation, then I’ve got the perfect place to milk it for all it’s worth.

The Cottage in Story City is a classy place, to say the least. I felt a little out of place in my jeans and tee shirt, but come graduation day, I’m sure you’ll find yourself spiffed up for the occasion, right?

Now, let me tell you about The Cottage’s unique setting. When I first drove into Story City, looking for this restaurant one of my co-workers told me about, I went right past it...twice! It’s tucked into the residential end of Broad Street. The building is, in fact, a house. There is a sign stuck in the front yard, but without the sign, one might not even know there’s a restaurant in the neighborhood.

When you first step into The Cottage, you feel as if you are walking into someone’s home. It’s a comforting feeling. The dining room is very spacious and has lots of windows. I was in awe of how large it seemed on the inside, especially after looking at it as “just a house” on the outside.

The menu selection at The Cottage is varied, but typical for the classy atmosphere. Lunch offered a selection of sandwiches and salads; for dinner, steak and pasta. (I hear the pasta is wonderful.) If you go out for a graduation lunch, I recommend the French dip—it was excellent.

The Cottage may be on the pricey side, but you only graduate from college once. (Well, some of us only graduate once...some people just can’t get enough and keep going back!) You can’t deny, despite superb performances, this movie drags through two hours with very little excitement. It is predictable and downright unfunny.

TV director Sam Weisman (this is only his fourth feature film) seems to have wasted a magnificent cast on a disappointing movie. One can only hope that this trio attempts a second film even though the picture scratched its way to a high flick.*

* Ratings System
A Film: nothing to get excited about, rent maybe, but don’t waste your time.
A Movie: it’s good and worth your time, but nothing amazing.
An Flick: everything you could ask for, your general five star movie.

Jaret Morlan  
Staff Writer

Hollywood is strewn with dramatic actors who have talent, and just plain beauty. Unfortunately, these prima donnas lack the ability of comic genius, which is why it’s always a treat to see two men with utter comic genius in the same movie. It is, however, discouraging to see them in a bad movie.

The two men I am referring to are none other than Steve Martin (Sgt. Bilko) and Monty Python co-creator/writer/star John Cleese (Fierce Creatures). These two actors who have talent, and just plain beauty. Unfortunately, these prima donnas lack the ability of comic genius, which is why it’s always a treat to see two men with utter comic genius in the same movie. It is, however, discouraging to see them in a bad movie.

The story is about a married couple, Henry and Nancy Clark (Martin and Goldie Hawn) who have lost the spark they once had and are finding themselves in a rut. After their son leaves home, they seem to have nothing left in common. So, Henry leaves for an interview in New York, Nancy decides to join him in order to re-spark their marriage. But everything that could go wrong does.

Of course, with every bad movie, there are highlights, and this film did have several. The performances of the two male leads were, as fore-mentioned, excellent. Cleese was flawless and was in EVERY good scene. Martin was, of course, fabulous but still wasn’t able to save a bad script. It must be said though that the chemistry between him and Hawn was also fabulous. They were very electric but yet again couldn’t save the movie. Hawn (The First Wives Club) herself was charming and excellent though seemed out shining occasionally by her co-stars.

There were several very witty scenes and site gags that would surely get a smile, but there were only one or two laugh-out-loud scenes. Movie buffs will surely love The Graduate take-off during Hawn’s attempt at seducing a man to get his hotel room.

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From the Editor:
In the last two weeks, I have been asked by a few dozen students as to why I resigned as president of the Student Action Board. I had thought my reasons were well explained in the last issue of the Bear Facts, but I guess more explanation is warranted.

First off, I think it is only fair to explain exactly where the SAB lays in the food chain of authority on campus. The SAB is only an advisory board. Any action taken by the board may be vetoed by anyone higher up.

Above the SAB is Terry Jamieson, the board advisor, who in turn answers to Executive Dean Kris Phillips. Phillips must then answer to President Boggren and the DMACC Board of Directors. As you can clearly see, the SAB has very little to do than to recommend action.

I understand that the majority of the controversy came about due mostly because of my position as managing editor of Bear Facts. Initially, I was at a complete loss as to why and I lashed out. For that, I apologize.

Being an honest and humble person, I could not let the controversy tarnish the reputation of the SAB or the DMACC Boone Campus. So I resigned. I admit I may have made errors in judgment from time to time, but only with the best interest of the student body in mind.

I freely admit that as an adult conservative, who strongly stands for what he believes in, I may intimidate those who work with me on a daily basis. That is not my intention, but I will not apologize for who I am, either.

I hope that everyone involved has learned something from this. I also hope that the SAB can move forward from here and complete its agenda—improving the quality of life for students.
Despite problems of past, challenges of future
DMACC athletics look forward to 1999-2000

Jay Cue
Staff Writer

The DMACC athletic program is starting itself for a huge step in the upcoming 1999-2000 sports season. The step should be a great improvement over the problems and adversity the program experienced this past season.

The biggest of these problems was the absence of a full time women's basketball coach. Because of this absence, ample recruiting was not done, and the women's program was aborted early in the season. The only other women's program on campus was softball. Because of lack of involvement in the past, the sport was dropped down to the level of club sport. This too lacked involvement and was suspended for the season.

Athletic Director Terry Jamieson is determined to resolve these problems for the upcoming school year. With the help of Central Administration and Boone Campus Executive Dean Kris Philips, Jamieson feels he has taken the necessary steps to not only improve the status of DMACC athletics, but also to prevent similar problems from happening in the future.

The biggest step Jamieson took was to initiate the hiring of a full-time coach for every sport. With John Smith coaching men's baseball, and Jamieson himself taking the reigns as men's basketball head coach, this left openings in both current women's sports and in the newly formed volleyball program. With help from Central Administration, Jamieson has resolved this problem.

"DMACC has taken an astronomical step forward," Jamieson commented. "I call it astronomical because we've just hired the first full-time DMACC women's head coaches in the history of the school." The coaches Jamieson referred to were head volleyball coach Lori Slight and head woman's basketball and softball coach Craig Martin.

Jamieson is very excited about the new additions to the athletic department and welcomes the improvements they will bring with them. He commented that without full-time coaches, he has many responsibilities on himself, but now has a staff that can center more attention where it is needed. He is also excited about the timing in which the new coaches were hired. He stated that with so much time for recruiting before next season, the women's program has the opportunity to be quite competitive next year.

The addition of volleyball on campus could spark interest in DMACC for many women athletes planning to play college ball. Jamieson is optimistic that a program such as this could bring more students and fans. "I think the interest in volleyball in central Iowa and state-wide is fantastic," he commented.

Positives this past year
Not only does DMACC have next year's changes to look forward to but also the positives the school has displayed this past season. With the help of Division II scholarships offered to players, the men's basketball team improved their record from the year before. The team will also be returning all but two players next season. To go along with the returning players, Jamieson stated that he has signed two very talented players to join the team in the fall, one of which was a McDonald's All-American high school player.

The basketball players also displayed feats in the classroom. This year's team compiled a very high average grade point average of 3.4, and Jamieson will be nominating three of his players as academic All-Americans. Jamieson takes pride in his players' academic as well as athletic ability, commenting that he feels his players are model student athletes. "These kids were chosen because they will get degrees and make a positive impact on society."

Not only was Jamieson pleased with the men's basketball program, but also proposed that credit be given where credit is due when discussing men's baseball. He commented that John Smith is often overlooked as orchestrator of a highly successful baseball program.

"He's done a stupendous job every year he's been here," Jamieson said. "I hope twenty years from now people look back on my basketball program the way they look at his baseball program."

Funding
With DMACC becoming a five-sport community college, Central Administration has been asked to help out with money for equipment, facilities and scholarships. Jamieson was pleased to say that Central Administration has adequately met his requests. He commented that although DMACC is modest with the amount of money given to athletics, it's more than enough to have a successful program.

"We don't overdo it," he commented. "We use money wisely."

At a recent meeting of DMACC Student Activity Council (SAC), formerly the SAB) members from each of the five campuses addressed funding for athletics. The concern brought up the point that since only Boone DMACC offers sports, why should SAC money from other campuses be required to help with the funding? Jamieson, coordinator of the event, answered the question by describing athletics as an excellent form of public relations. He commented that since athletics are the prime source of intercampus meetings with other community colleges, that a strong athletic program would boost the reputation of the school.

Jamieson also reassured doubters of multi campus athletic funding by pointing out the percentage of students who are involved. The players, themselves, require over 100 students to complete all of the teams in every sport offered. He pointed out that more than just players are involved. After fans and others associated with athletics are included, nearly 10% of the student population can directly relate to DMACC sports.

Challenges for next year
With five sports instead of two, full time coaches in every category and enough money to go around, what challenges does the school have to worry about? The biggest is living up to expectations. In order for DMACC to keep up on these changes, it will require a lot of work and dedication from not only athletes but also from the coaches themselves. Jamieson, however, is not worried. He stated that now that he has a bigger staff, who he feels is talented and qualified to take on the challenge, many improvements are sure to happen.

"I want all programs to be competitive on a national and regional scale," he commented. "Thanks to the Dean (Kris) Philips and Central Administration for giving us a fighting chance."

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 & Visa Club accounts.

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Talk Back

What's your opinion on the military action in Kosovo?

Chad Lowe
Staff Writer

Nate Johnson
Student

Mary Jane Green
Instructor

Brian Myers
Student

Albara Alwuhaib
Student

“I think we should get our three troops out and then send in the Navy SEALs and kill their president.”

“I think it’s terrible in the fact that it is almost like Hitler—what if this were happening in the US? These people may never see their families again.”

“I have no clue. I don’t even care. As long as they don’t draft me, I don’t care. I have COBOL programs to finish.”

“I’m concerned about the lives of our military men and women, but I think the Clinton Administration is doing the right thing.”

Chaos

By Brian Shuster

“Listen kids, I'd love to sell you this fire insurance policy, but I gotta be honest with you... I just don't think you could afford the premiums.”

“Hey Marge, take a look at what just happened to the Havacheeks next-door. Ha! Guess we won't have to worry 'bout that loud music no more.”

“Well, how nice to see you. Can I take your coats?”