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30 years strong
DMACC Boone Campus open house September 28

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

What students, faculty and staff now refer to as DMACC Boone Campus came into existence in 1969 when the overseers of Boone Junior College insightfully joined the Des Moines Area Community College system.

Since the switchover, the DMACC Boone Campus has nearly tripled its enrollment while continuing to offer its patrons an affordable tuition. Iowa residents attend DMACC for just $63.40 per credit but nearly 10% of the Boone Campus students come from out of state while another 10% travel to DMACC from abroad.

Around the same time that Boone Junior College gave birth to the DMACC Boone Campus, another institution benefiting many collegian clientele came into existence. The Boone Campus Foundation, representing many local businesses, gives DMACC Boone Campus students the opportunity to gain additional funds needed to cover tuition costs through scholarships.

Like Boone Campus, the Boone Campus Foundation has also grown considerably in the last three decades. According to DMACC Foundation secretary Cheryl Spencer, 120 Boone Campus Foundation scholarships totaling $27,989.80 were awarded to 116 Boone Campus students this fall—'that's a $9,010.40 increase over last fall.

To celebrate their 30 years of association and combined success, the DMACC Boone Campus, the Boone Campus Employees Association and the Boone Campus Foundation are teaming up with the Greater Boone Area Chamber of Commerce to sponsor an open house Tuesday, September 28, beginning at 5 p.m. in the L.W. Courter Center.

"We hope a lot of students, colleagues from other educational institutions such as Iowa State University, Boone, Ogden and Ames High Schools (to name a few) as well as parents and other community members attend the open house," said Boone Campus counselor George Silberhorn.

According to Silberhorn, Boone Campus department heads representing all campus departments—Communications/Humanities, Computer Science/Math/Science, Management Support Systems/Business Administration, Management, Nursing, Civil Engineering, Academic Achievement Center, and Social Sciences/Art Music—will be available to answer questions. Guided tours of the campus will be offered along with refreshments.

DMACC Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips said, "Our last open house was four years ago when we expanded our campus to include the L.W. Courter Center, new computer labs and five new classrooms.

Philips continued, "To me, it's an exciting time for this campus to show off to the community what we've accomplished over the last 30 years and what we're currently doing."

Welcome back DMACC students! For those of you that have been here before, it must be nice to get back to the familiar faces around campus. However, if you are new to DMACC, Boone, or college in general, you may be a little overwhelmed with all the changes.

Over the past couple of weeks, you may have walked into the wrong room for fear of looking like an idiot if you double-checked your schedule. If you only went to class on Thursday because your schedule said TR, you probably figured out, much like Scott Cue, DMACC freshman, that TR means Tuesday and Thursday.

If you have not yet picked up a student handbook, there are a few things you should know. The last day to drop a course this semester is November 8, which is about two weeks after midterms. The Academic Achievement Center provides free tutoring and help with assignments. It is located on the first floor by the bookstore. All students at DMACC have their own e-mail account. You may access this in the computer lab off of the library or the computer classrooms throughout the building. If you have any trouble with your e-mail the man to talk to is Ron Erickson located in room 267.

You may have decided Sunday night that you should have done your homework Friday afternoon. Or perhaps Friday morning at your 8 a.m. class you figured out that you shouldn't have drunk so much Thursday night. Over the next semester you will learn these things and many other basic survival tips of college. For those of you that already know, then you're one-step ahead. Have a great semester!
Phi Beta Lambda in full swing for fall

DMACC Boone—The Omicron Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, DMACC’s professional business organization, picked up several new members this fall, and according to Nancy Thomas, 1998-99 PBL president; Marie Dostal, 1998-99 PBL vice-president; and PBL member Nikki Scott, the club has wasted no time in getting involved with their campus community.

The Boone Campus division of Future Business Leaders of America got some good exercise Friday while participating in the county’s Adopt-a-Highway project. Keeping a small stretch of land east of Boone free of litter is just one of PBL’s community service projects.

On Saturday, the group got another good workout while carrying banners in Boone’s annual Pufferbilly Days Parade. From both horseback and by foot, the group delighted parade-goers by handing out candy and pencils along the route.

PBL is currently making plans to attend the PBL State Fall Leadership Conference to be held October 8 through 9 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Des Moines. Attending the conference, the club will stay overnight at the Holiday Inn in downtown Des Moines.

In an article written for the Bear Facts last spring, two-year PBL veteran Tanya Smuck said, “Phi Beta Lambda has been a great asset to me. Not only does (being a member of PBL) look good on a resume, it also helped me personally.”

Coming to DMACC’s Boone Campus was a big step for Smuck. “Was I going to know anyone? Would I fit in? Would I be able to find someone to relate with?” were just a few of Smuck’s concerns, and “Yes!” was Smuck’s eventual answer to all of her initial questions.

Smuck continued, “I have been able to develop friendships that have meant a lot to me…PBL gave me confidence that I now can carry through into my career. To anyone who thinks about joining PBL, do it! It will be one of the best choices you make.”

PBL’s first official meeting of the semester is Friday, September 17, from 12:20 to 1:15 p.m. in Room 205. Current PBL members Thomas, Dostal and Scott invite any Boone Campus students interested in learning more about PBL to attend.

For more information regarding PBL, contact Boone Campus PBL advisor Linda Plueger in Room 201.

Rezoomers Club off to a good start

DMACC Boone—Six members attended the first meeting of the DMACC Boone Campus Rezoomers Club, an informal organization for adult returning students, on Wednesday, September 1, in the Lloyd Courter Center.

Maggie Stone, who serves as the club’s sponsor as well as coordinator for the Displaced Homemakers-Single Parent Project located on the Boone Campus, said, “Joining the Rezoomers Club is a great way to get acquainted with others who may be juggling kids, a job and school! It’s an especially good way to make friends if you’re a new student on campus.

“I encourage all students who have been out of the school setting for two to twenty years or more to join the Rezoomers Club,” continued Stone.

The next meeting of the Rezoomers Club is Tuesday, September 28, in the Lloyd Courter Center.

L.W. Courter Center.
Upcoming Rezoomers Club events will include:

- Tuesday, October 19—Jimmy Silberhorn, Director of the Boone Campus Academic Achievement Center, to speak on Test Anxiety.
- Saturday, December 11—Free Family Day. Club members are invited to bring their families to a DMACC Bear basketball game.

The club-sponsored event will include free admission to the December 11 game, free pizza and a tour of the Boone campus.

According to Stone, a presentation on Stress Management is also in the works for the fall semester.

For additional information about the Rezoomers Club contact Maggie Stone in Room 124.
Super Nationals return to Boone

By Mandy Olson
Bear Facts Staff

This year you didn’t see Harold Haggeman, DMACC Boone Campus custodian, mopping the halls of DMACC during Super Nationals week. He took the week as vacation time and stayed in a RV at the racetrack for the first time ever.

Every September, racers, their pit crews and race fans rush to Boone Speedway for Super Nationals. At this big race event, there are five car classes: Modifieds, Late Models, Sprint Cars, Stock Cars, and Hobby Stocks.

This fall marked the 17th annual anniversary of Super Nationals. This year’s highlights will be televised on a national cable channel later on in September. This event hasn't been televised since 1996.

I.M.C.A. President Kathy Root, according to the official I.M.C.A. web site, said, "We're excited about having Super Nationals on television."

This year the Boone Speedway expected around the same number of drivers as the last couple of years to attend. In 1997 and 1998, the car counts totaled over 608. The drivers came from all over the country to participate in Super Nationals.

In the past, there have even been drivers from Canada and Australia. In addition to Iowa, drivers mailed in entries from more than 15 states.

As far as race fans go, there were plenty. Haggeman, said, "I have been a race fan since I was five years old. I grew up with this stuff." Haggeman used to race his own car at the Webster City track.

"Once, I loaned my car to a friend to race in a Fraternity race, and he flipped it and rolled it 12 times."

Although, most of the drivers came from near and far for the Super Nationals, many were from right here in Boone. Scott Davis, modified driver stated, "It takes lots of hard work and lots of good luck to get a car ready for Super Nationals." Davis has attended eight Super Nationals and won two, including last year. (The two wins were in the stock car class. This was his first year as a modified driver at Super Nationals.)

Davis, who usually races against approximately 30 modified drivers at Boone Speedway, competed against approximately 145 at the 1999 Super Nationals.

Good Luck finding a hotel room to stay in during the Super Nationals. At the Amerihost Inn, general manager, Jesse Howard, said, "Our rooms had been booked for six months. Jeff Lawton (Boone Speedway manager) buys them (hotel rooms) early for the officials, and the promoters."

Last year, at the Amerihost Inn, there were over 200 racecar drivers. "This year, we had a few rooms available Tuesday through Thursday night," Howard stated. The room rates ranged from the lower eighties to $140 for a suite.

First place winners were as follows this year: Jeff Anderson in the Stock Car class, John Louge, in Modifieds, Scott Anderson in Hobby Stock, Jerry Bell in the Sprint Cars and Curt Martin in the Late Models.

So, even though Haggeman’s favorite local driver, Kelly Lyons of Boone in the modified class didn’t win, you will probably see Haggeman back out at the track next year.
BMACC Volleyball Scores

DMACC 0 Indian Hills 3
6-15 6-15 3-15
DMACC played well in their first game of the season. The team served 82% with Tracy Shaw going 7-7, and Jaclyn Sprong serving 4-4. The team’s hitting leader was Victoria Rowley going 12/15 with 9 kills.

DMACC 0 Iowa Central 3
1-15 7-15 6-15
DMACC lacked enough accuracy on their serves and hits to stay with Iowa Central. Serving leaders were Tracy Shaw and Wendy Johnson, each serving 100%. Steph Henderson was 9-10 on hits, and Emily Brooks was 10-13.
1999 Women’s Volleyball Schedule

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and tendencies to rally. Once the ball leaves the server’s hand, nearly every head in the crowd is watching and anticipating. Split second timing and reaction is what differentiated the volleyball player from the average Pam, Sue and Mary.

“You are not only trying to outplay your opponent,” Slight pointed out, “but also out-smart them.”

Because there is no time limit in junior college volleyball, each team has a chance to win the game no matter what the deficit. Not only is volleyball exciting to follow from game to game, but from season to season as well. No player, coach or fan knows what may develop next. “You’re going to see a lot of changes in volleyball,” Slight commented. “Every year there are different rule changes.” Johnson has also seen his share of changes in his years of coaching.

“When I started,” he stated, “you could only hit the ball from the waist up. Now you can use your feet.”

The Bears have nine games left on their schedule, the last being their only remaining home game. The top eight teams in the conference at the end of the season advance to the conference tournament. With less than half of the amount of games most other conference teams have on their schedule, this task could be difficult. But with enough support and success in the rest of their games, it is not an impossible achievement.
This column is designed to inform the reader as to the quality of movies currently playing; what's good, what's not-so-good, and what's a complete waste of film space. Those of you who are new to this column will, of course, notice nothing different since you don’t know any better. However, those of you who read this column will notice many changes, which, I hope, are for the better.

Starting this semester, I will be covering at least two movies an issue, sometimes more, where as I usually covered only one. Secondly, I will be posting a "HOT RENTALS" list about once a month to keep you updated as to what is good in video stores. The biggest change, however, is the ratings system itself.

Looking through past issues I’ve concluded that my original system was too vague and didn’t provide the reader with a clear idea of the films’ quality. So, I will be converting to the traditional (though cliché) star system. The highest rating a film can get is that of four stars and the lowest is a flat out BOMB.

I look forward to a semester of quality films and being able to inform you of them. I would like, in this first issue, to go over what I thought were some of the best films this summer.

American Pie 🍔 ★★★★★ (R)
Dir Paul Weitz; Eugene Levy, Jason Biggs, Chris Klein, Thomas Ian Nicholas, Natasha Lyonne, Tara Reid, Mena Suvari, Eddi Kaye Thomas

This witty, though occasionally off-color, comedy about the sexual frustration of teenagers is frighteningly accurate and consistently side splitting. The story is about four high school friends who make a pact to lose their virginity by the time of their senior prom. This film is well played, sharply funny, and leaves no teen-age stereotype untouched. The embarrassing situations and pleasant antics of the four stars leave no room for boredom. It is very worth seeing, but should be shielded from younger viewers.

Austip Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me 🍔 ★★★★★ (PG-13)
Dir. M. Jay Roach; Mike Myers, Heather Graham, Seth Green, Michael York, Rob Lowe, Robert Wagner

In the sequel to the ever popular Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, Dr. Evil goes back in time to steal Austin Powers’ Mojo, which is always Austin’s largest strength. This film, though frequently funny with the same charm of the original, falls short due to the tone it generates. Sure, it’s almost as funny as the original, but only because its all of the same jokes! It also is a bit on the disappointing part at times. Even though its too similar to the first, that happens to also be one of its strengths. These are the gags we fell in love with, why not reiterate them? I suggest this movie to fans of the original only. Others may just be insulted by its campy themes and ridiculous antics. Sci-Fi fans will get a kick out of the subtle yet charming parodies.

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Disney’s Tarzan 🎭 ★★★ (G)
Dir Chris Buck and Kevin Lima; Voices of Glen Close, Minnie Driver, Brian Blessed, Rosie O’Donnell, Wayne Knight, Tony Goldwyn, Lance Henriksen, Nigel Hawthorne

Arguably the best Disney movie since The Lion King, this fast paced animated feature is about the second most filmed literature character in history, Tarzan. It follows his life from being orphaned to his acceptance into the ape family to his meeting Jane. This is quite possibly the best animation ever done by the Disney corporation. It’s bright, beautiful and flowing. Each actor’s voice is perfectly cast and the story, though familiar, never tires. Phil Collins wrote, composed, and performed all the music, which happened to prove a vital element to the film. One complaint; the movie was mis-rated. It should have been PG or PG-13. This is due to one scene, the demise of the movie’s villain. It’s not a bad thing by any means, I would just hate to have to explain it to a five year old.

Runaway Bride 📼 ★★★★★ (PG)
Dir. Garry Marshall, Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Joan Cusack, Rita Wilson, Hector Elizondo, Laurie Metcalf

Roberts plays a woman who has a history of running from the altar every time she attempts to get married. Gere is the reporter writing a feature on her who finds himself slowly falling for her. Very well acted and very charming, this film ranks among the second most filmed literature characters in history, Tarzan. It follows his life from being orphaned to his acceptance into the ape family to his meeting Jane. This is quite possibly the best animation ever done by the Disney corporation. It’s bright, beautiful and flowing. Each actor’s voice is perfectly cast and the story, though familiar, never tires. Phil Collins wrote, composed, and performed all the music, which happened to prove a vital element to the film. One complaint; the movie was mis-rated. It should have been PG or PG-13. This is due to one scene, the demise of the movie’s villain. It’s not a bad thing by any means, I would just hate to have to explain it to a five year old.

The Blair Witch Project 🌙 ★★★★★ (R)
Dir. Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez; Heather Donahue, Michael C. Williams, Joshua Leonard

This low budget independent film is arguably the best film of the summer. It is very original, very real, and the scariest movie since The Exorcist. The story is about three film students who go into the woods to film a documentary and disappear mysteriously. Three years later, their footage is found and that is what is seen in the film. What is so appealing, charming, and scary about this film, is it’s seen as if you’re looking through a camcorder. One minor warning— it’s filmed by a camcorder, therefore it has that home video bounce feeling. This can cause headaches, eye irritation, or motion sickness. But if you can stand it, it’s worth it!
New civil engineering program on Boone Campus

By Scott Cue
Bear Facts Staff

One of the new faces in the halls of DMACC this fall belongs to Steve Nelsen, Instructor for the civil engineering program. This is the first year for the program here at DMACC and one of only three in the state and first for central Iowa. Nelsen, lives in Jefferson, with his wife Marsha, and three boys, Joshua, Caleb, and Zachariah. After attending Denison high school, he moved on to a tech school in Arizona. Following that he took a job with the State of Arizona as an engineer technician then moved back to Ames, where he worked for the Department of Transportation, as a design technician.

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Library adds a touch of class

Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

As the new school year begins, much of the school looks the same. Many veteran students remark that nothing seems to change except the library. Needless to say, the new look of the library wasn't a surprise to many students, but most of the students were in for a pleasant surprise at the new face behind the desk.

David Buffington, the new librarian on the Boone Campus, is the epitome of a librarian. Calm, collected, and well-dressed, (Buffington is also one of the retail managers at American Eagle in Ames) Buffington has plenty of experience in the library business. Before being employed at DMACC, Buffington worked at the Davenport Public Library and the college library at St. Ambrose University.

Buffington said that he loves reading all types of fiction, but said that his favorite authors were John Grisham, Douglas Copeland, and Amistad Maupin. It took him a little longer to decide on his favorite book, but Buffington finally decided on The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Buffington said that he hasn't had any previous connection with DMACC, but thus far loves his job. "I love helping the students, and my co-workers and faculty here are great." He said the small-town feel of Boone also helped him decide to apply for the position. "I grew up in a small town, so this really reminds me of home." Buffington remarked. Buffington replaces Karen Kovach, who took a post elsewhere this summer. So if you need a helping hand in the library this fall, be sure to keep an eye out for David Buffington.

Steve Nelsen

Earthquakes ravish Turkey

Josh Keller
Managing editor

August 17, 1999 has become a day that not many people shall soon forget. It was the day that Mother Nature made her presence known. In the Northwestern region of Turkey more than 25,000 apartment blocks were either damaged or destroyed leaving an estimated 600,000 Turks without homes. The latest death toll states that some 14,022 people died, totaling more than the population of Boone. An additional 27,164 people were injured.

Even after the initial earthquake the Turks worries were far from over. On Aug. 31 tremors measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale swept the northwestern part of the country, destroying those buildings that had been damaged by the original quake.

The destruction is extensive and it will be a long while before it is safe for the Turks to go back home. The earthquake left behind damages that have been estimated at $10 billion. The Turkish government is currently seeking a bond backed by the US that could go towards financing building shelter for those that have lost their homes.

A prayer goes out to all those that died or lost loved ones during Mother Nature’s fury. Any student or staff member wishing to help those that lost so much can send contributions by mail to TAAC-Earthquake Relief Fund PO Box 404 Monterey, CA 93942-0404 or by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-Help Now.

Credit hours up

As of 8 a.m. September 14, 1999, the number of students enrolled at DMACC Boone campus is 1127 students. Those students are taking combined 11,218 credit hours.

Enrollment is down slightly from last fall. However, even though there are fewer students, they are taking more credit hours. In the fall of 1998, there were 1187 students taking 11,044 credit hours.

"The students appear to have a serious attitude about their studies," Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips explains. He adds, "We've gotten off to an excellent start. There have been very few problems, and I predict another great year is in store.

Kriss Philips

Hamsters

Purloined from the Psych Department!
Dr. Martino expects

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Wanted: Intelligent, hard-working students to apply for the Student Action Council. May be either full-time or part-time student. No age requirement and no experience needed. Flexible working hours. Apply to Terry Jamieson.

Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

"I don't know what more I can do!" Terry Jamieson, adviser to the Student Action Council, or SAC, said frustratedly. "It's hard for me to believe the lack of interest we've had in the SAC," said Jamieson.

The Student Action Council is a group of students who plan and oversee many of the activities on campus. They also decide how to use some of the activity money from student admissions. Last year, the SAC sponsored a pizza feed, and the return of DMACC's homecoming, among other things.

Both full-time and part-time students can be members of the SAC. The only requirement of SAC members is that they apply. A forum with the candidates will be held on Sept. 20, and the actual election will take place Sept. 21. The deadline for application is today, Sept. 15. Make sure that you get involved with your student government and your school.

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Spilled Creativity

Welcome back, Boone Campus, to a new school year and a new column in the Bear Facts. This column is a little different than most, however, because you, as students, will be the writers.

Spilled Creativity is a column for your own works: poetry, short stories, photography, paintings, etc. (Bear Facts will photograph sculptures and paintings/works of art, and scan any photography entries.)

In order for this column to work, however, students need to submit their works. Students can either drop entries off in the Bear Facts office (Room 210), in Jan LaVille's office (Room 212), talk to any of the Bear Facts staff members, or e-mail written entries as an attachment to livvy24@hotmail.com.

As we are often limited on space in each issue, we ask that your entries are kept under two pages, double-spaced. Anything longer may be segmented into a multi-issue series.

Students are asked to submit as many entries as they wish, but, again, due to space don't be offended if every entry does not go to print.

Please contact Olivia Hoff with any questions at (515) 432-9565 or livvy24@hotmail.com.

Ode to a Brick by Olivia Hoff
To be a brick
In the walls
Of this classroom
Would truly be
A face-licking experience
Knowledge bouncing off of you
Like a rubber sphere
In a racquetball court
But it must get terribly lonely
In the summer months
Nothing left but the echoes
Of spilled creativity