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Managing had potential to cause you serious harm

Paintball relieves stress, provides “excitement”

By Joshua Keller
Managing Editor

Imagine playing a sport that not only had potential to cause you serious harm but also made you a hunted animal. Such is the case with the widely spreading game of paintball.

Paintball guns work using compressed CO₂ cartridges. These cartridges come in a variety of sizes, ranging from 12-gram powerlets up to 20 ounce or greater canisters. The hopper, located on the top of the gun, loads a ball into the chamber. When the trigger is pressed, a burst of CO₂ pushes out the paintball. The ball can move at speeds of more than 300 feet per second.

So, why would anyone want to play a game where an object moving at such high speeds is purposefully shot at them? Sophomore Luke Morgan stated that he played for “the rush of adrenaline and the excitement” that comes along with the game. Freshman Matt Banford added, “It is a fun way to get together with your friends...it is also a great stress reliever.”

The game

The most commonly played game is capture the flag. The object of the game is to capture the opposing team’s flag without getting hit. But it takes a lot more skill than some may first think. For example, team work is of the essence. Teams must organize themselves so that they have both an offense trying to seize the flag, as well as a defense guarding the home base. Players learn to become patient as well as learn some basic military strategies.

The equipment

Paintball guns can be bought at several locations including department stores such as Wal-Mart and K-Mart, or at local hobby shops, such as Hobby Town in Ames. Prices for guns range from $35, for a pump action gun, up to $200 or more for a semi- or fully-automatic gun. Note that while fully-automatic guns may be fun, they are not allowed in tournaments. Paintballs themselves come in different quantities, colors and prices. Two hundred rounds range from $7 to $9 depending on brand and quality. Cases, 500 paintballs, cost between $16 and $22.

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Paintballs are made with different coatings to vary the weight and thickness. All paintballs hits are easily washable with soap and water. They are also biodegradable.

The Next Level

While the game of paintball may not be as recognized as football or basketball, it seems to be well on its way. Tournaments are being held across the country, including right here in Iowa. Banford participated in The Pride of Iowa Shootout on September 14 with four of his friends. His team placed third in the tournament.
Office assistant major speaks out
Walk a mile in my shoes

April Richards
Contributing Writer

This is my third semester at DMACC. My major is Office Assistant. As a requirement for Office Assistant, I am taking the professionalism class. I was not too enthused about taking this class this semester, but it isn't as bad as people may think. It is actually a fun class and I am learning a lot. The book for this class is really interesting. It doesn't require doing a lot of homework or taking a lot of tests. Being a student in the professionalism class makes me an automatic member of PBL.

As a member of PBL, I participated in “Adopt a Highway.” Most people are not aware of how much trash is being thrown out. I did not notice the trash along the roads until I participated in “Adopt a Highway.” Now, when I'm driving down the road, I catch myself looking toward the shoulder of the road and in the ditches, and I am surprised to see that there is lots of trash being thrown out. People would think twice about throwing trash out their windows if they “Walked A Mile In My Shoes.”

They would also pay more attention to the signs in the hallways at DMACC that say, “POP CANS ONLY!” if they had to dig through the garbage that is thrown in with the pop cans. I also participated in the “Pufferbilly Days” parade. I had planned to walk with the group, but when I saw one of the members carrying a magnetic sign that read, “DMACC--Clearly the best!” I decided to drive my purple car. I transported the candy that the group was throwing out to the crowd and any tired bodies that wanted and/or needed a ride.

Last but not least, I participated in the PBL State Conference in Des Moines this weekend. It was a great experience and a lot of fun!
Many members of the Boone Community attended an open house September 28 to celebrate the campus’ 30 years of success. Hosts for the occasion were, from left to right, DMACC President, Dr. Joseph Borgen, Boone Foundation President Wanda Goepinger, Boone Campus Executive Dean Kriss Philips, DMACC Senior Vice President Kim Linduska and Boone Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jeff Brittain. According to Borgen, one future improvement to the Boone Campus is student housing to be located on the east side of campus. “We’re negotiating with the developer now to make (student housing) a reality in the next year to year and one half,” said Borgen.

SAC elects president, recorder
By Zach Evans
Bear Facts Staff

The Student Activities Council (SAC) officially began by electing officers during their Monday, October 11 meeting.

Jaret Morlan, a sophomore from Glidden, Iowa, was elected president and Mystique Eschliman, a freshman from Boone, was elected recorder.

Morlan said, “I’m really excited about how things are going this year. I think that Terry (Jamieson) has done a good job of getting the ball rolling.”

Other business included talk of getting an ATM machine to place in the Courter Center, placing a pay phone in the Courter Center, and purchasing a big screen TV to use to start a “movie night.”

All of these ideas were met with almost unanimous support from the members. “We’ve tried to get an ATM machine in the past, and it hasn’t been easy,” Jamieson said. “Hopefully we can talk one of the local banks into placing one on the Boone campus.”

Correction: Last issue, the Bear Facts incorrectly spelled Jodi Daigh’s last name. The Bear Facts apologizes for the error.

Patrice Harson: Originally from NW Iowa, Patrice resides in Boone. This is her final semester at DMACC; she will transfer to Iowa State with an Associate of Arts degree. She plans to major in journalism and is debating whether or not to minor in psychology. She has gained experience with both while being part of the staff. Patrice also enjoys reading, writing, swimming, bowling, laughing with friends and watching well-written screen plays. She also enjoys the company of her two daughters Nikki and Kristi.

Catherine Houghton: Previously attending Iowa State for two years, Catherine is now taking classes at DMACC to save some money. She is majoring in advertising and will graduate, from ISU, in May 2001. Catherine plans to write radio, television or magazine advertisements. Along with school, Catherine enjoys meteorological sciences and experiencing many new journalistic viewpoints. Catherine graduated from Hoffman Estates, a high school outside of Chicago in 1997.

Meet the Press
McNair retiring after 18 years with DMACC

By Scott Cue
Bear Facts Staff

At the end of the spring term, a familiar face will be lost, Robert Lee McNair, better known as Lee McNair, is retiring. During his 18 years at DMACC, McNair taught mainly in the fields of anthropology and sociology.

Lee McNair
McNair was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and lived there for about seven years. He then moved to Missouri for a short time, Arkansas for one year, and Missouri where he went to high school at Central in St. Joseph, Missouri. After he graduated in 1956, he moved on to St. Josephs Junior College for two years. He went on to get a degree in anthropology and specialize in archaeology from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

McNair was very successful in his studies at the University of Missouri. He went on many excavations in places like Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The most exciting dig was in Oklahoma where he was sent to help excavate the site of a Woolly Mammoth. The crew he was with tried to find if there was evidence that the Paleo-Indians hunted the Woolly Mammoth. McNair personally found a stone spear point near the ribs of the enormous creature. So he is credited with finding one more piece of vital information about the lives of the Paleo-Indians.

McNair has taught at 5 colleges around the United States in his 33 years of teaching. He started out at Trenton Jr. College in Trenton, Missouri. McNair also moved to Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico for a couple of years, then to Henderson Community College in Henderson, Kentucky. Prior to his 18 years at DMACC, he spent 12 years at Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

McNair was appointed by Dean Kriss Philips to be the group leader of social sciences, the faculty member that assists the dean. McNair enjoys getting to know the students and getting to work closely with them. He likes to take his students out on field trips so they understand what it is like in the “real world” and so they know how to apply what they have learned.

McNair is very interested that these two clubs continue through the years to come. McNair enjoyed getting to know the students and getting to work closely with them. He likes to take his students out on field trips so they understand what it is like in the “real world” and so they know how to apply what they have learned.

Book club offers opportunity to learn more about Israel

DMACC Boone Campus—DMACC has reserved the library for you on Wednesday, November 10. To help support Israel Year, a book club has been set up to help learn about the culture and customs. Ten copies of the book Four Mothers are in the library for you to check out. If you plan on attending the discussion following the reading of this book, you are encouraged to come. More about this book club opportunity, contact Judy Hauser by e-mail at jahauser@dmacc.cc.ia.us or by phone at 433-5093. Come and enjoy the stimulating dialogue on Wednesday, November 10, 1999.

ATTENTION!
Over $18,000 available in grants and scholarships through the DMACC Alumni Association. Applications available in Business Office Deadline: October 29, 1999

McNair enjoyed getting to know the students and getting to work closely with them. He likes to take his students out on field trips so they understand what it is like in the “real world” and so they know how to apply what they have learned. A major goal of McNair was to use what they had learned in the fields of psychology and anthropology in their everyday lives.

East Timor--struggling to retain freedom

By Joshua Keller
Managing Editor

East Timor
Slaughtering, pillaging, raping, genocide, no this is not about the Second World War, this is what is happening in East Timor. Timor is a small Island off the coast of Indonesia. From the 6th century up to 1975, Timor was a Portuguese colony, but that year Indonesia invaded.

Since that time over 200,000 men, women and children have been killed. Some of the escaping citizens fled to the mountains while other formed a resistance. This resistance was the only protection the people had. That was until the UN finally stepped in and lent a hand. The UN finally stepped in and lent a hand. The UN finally stepped in and lent a hand.

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East Timor conflict. Indonesian soldiers did not leave the territory. In fact, plans were made to depopulate the little country. In late September, 232,672 East Timorese had been registered in West Timor. A map smuggled out of West Timor outlined the plan to disperse 100,000 more East Timorese out of the country.

Who will lead the torn nation? Xanana Gusmao was the leader of the Timorese resistance from 1981 to 1992 when he was captured. In February, after years of international lobbying, Gusmao was moved from Jakarta’s Cipinang jail to house arrest. The people of East Timor hope that he will be allowed to return to his homeland and lead the country into the next millennium and out of the madness of the war.

While the violence continues, we can only pray for peace in the newly formed country of east Timor. The leaders of the world need to reach a decision before the people of East Timor are no more.

To help ease the troubles in east Timor go to these sites:
http://www.timoraid.org
http://www.onfamamerica.org/help/donate.html
http://www.grassrootsonline/donate.html

You can also write your representative or congress and let them know that you want the US to send aid to east Timor.
Random violent acts haunt American society

Chad Nelson
Bear Facts Staff

As a society today, violence haunts all of us, with murder, hate crimes, drugs, and even date rapes on our University campuses.

Why does this happen in our society? What are we doing wrong? How can we prevent this from happening again? These are many questions asked by law officials, teachers, government agencies, and concerned parents.

If you could ask most people what kind of violence they’re most terrified of, it would probably be random violence. In the last few years random violence has grown into an alarming trend where the general public has to watch their backs. It’s coming to the point in society where people don’t know whom they can trust? Can we trust a co-worker? Can we trust our classmate? Can we trust our neighbor? These are questions that disturb and concern us.

On March 4, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed twelve students and one teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Now, I know many of you knew that, but the main question is, why did this happen? How can two young men in a middle-class suburb open fire on innocent people? Who knows, experts can come up with many reasons why the two young men committed those horrendous acts of murder? But we still cannot deny that it was an act of random violence. Many people just blame the educational systems, parents, or have the attitude that the today’s youth has gone bad.

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If that is the case, why did Mark Barton kill his family of three and four co-workers in Atlanta? Experts have their own conclusions, but who really knows. All I see is random killings. These killers are two students in High School and a church going family man. Would anyone have expected these people to be murderers, probably not? The next question is can we prevent this from happening? Your answer, not really. That’s why it’s random violence; it’s random and unaware to the victims. It’s scary to think that something like that could happen at DMACC. The odds are probably slim to none, but to the victims in Atlanta and Columbine, they probably would have said that it wouldn’t happen to them either. I’m not trying to make people paranoid, but to be aware of these situations. Random violence is a major issue in our society, so as productive members of society we need to take an active role in finding the causes and affects of random violence.

Stolen Land
By Catherine Houghton

Columbus Day is celebrated nationally on the second Monday in October. Some states celebrate this holiday with a day off of work or a day off of school. We are supposed to celebrate this day, as a day of discovery. It was the discovery of the Americas.

Although, Christopher Columbus never set a foot on the land now known as the United States of America, we still celebrate this day.

What about the people who were here before the Europeans came here? Some statistics show that millions of the native people were killed during the discovery and growth of the Americas. So are we actually celebrating the Europeans conquering the Americas from these native people?

I believe that this historical holiday is the most ridiculous of all the holidays. Many of these innocent native people were killed and their land was taken away from them.

Is it fair to celebrate any conquering in which murder and stealing is the basis of this? No, and this holiday just proves how selfish the people were who made up this country.

Didn’t these native people own this land before the Europeans? Yes, and that is why I think a celebration is not appropriate, unless you believe that coming to the Americas and stealing land was not yours to steal—a discovery.

Columbus no hero
By Josh Keller

I have but two words for Columbus Day, Bah Humbug! Now before you go and declare me the American Scrooge hear me out. First of all, Columbus did not discover America. He did not set foot on North American soil during his entire life. In truth, no one “discovered” America, it was well inhabited by the natives before anyone else came here. So, why should we celebrate someone that did not even do what we are told he did.

My next argument is that Columbus did not discover that the world was round. It was already believed by the educated populous to be round, the only question was the exact circumference. Columbus landed in the Bahamas because he underestimated the size of the earth by one-fourth. This whole idea was thought up to earn Columbus a little more respect.

My final argument against Columbus day is that, in my eyes, Columbus was a thief and murderer. He swindled the land away from the natives by trading glass beads for gold. Eventually, Columbus began taking slaves back to Spain. Many of the slaves died on the trip, so Columbus focused on collecting gold. He made the natives bring him an allotted amount of gold or he would cut off their hands and let them bleed to death.

In addition to the actual killing, Columbus also killed thousands of natives just by being there. He brought with him diseases that the natives just could not fight off, and so died.

Columbus was no hero. He was a thief in the eyes of the natives who had trusted him. He was a greedy man bent on getting rich regardless of who he hurt. And yet, Columbus day will continue to come. I, however, will not celebrate the evils of the man named Christopher Columbus

Information for this editorial was gathered from previous History teachers, Columbus Mythbustes by Joseph Lauffer and from the web-site: http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/8533/columbus.html
Drama students in rehearsal

Cast announced for fall play

By Chad Nelson
Bear Facts Staff

There is no further adieu, the cast for See How They Run—

CAST

Ida
Mystique Eschilman

Miss Skillon
Emily Milani

Lionel Toop
Jaret Morlan

Penelope Toop
Olivia Hoff

Clive Winton
Jay Cue

Intruder
Josh Keller

Bishop of Lax
Mike Hiltgen

Arthur Humphrey
Scott Cue

Sergeant Towers
Michael Chow

Crew Member
Becky Perkovich

Director
Kay Mueller

Welcome back
Dance
Friday October 15
8 p.m.- midnight
Courter Center
$ 3
Sponsored by PBL
& Volleyball team
FREE FOOD!
Support DMACC

Jamie Myers (left) spoke to the Mass Communication class as part of Spencer Vaughn’s creative media project for JNAD 120. Myers is station manager at KWBG in Boone. Vaughn, a Boone Campus sophomore, works part time at the station.
New semester brings many opportunities for students

Jamieson strives to offer fun activities

By Jay Cue
Sports Editor

It seems as though the activity drought that has engulfed the DMACC Boone Campus in recent years may finally be over. In the past, Athletic and Activities Director Terry Jamieson had offered a number of school activities for DMACC students to participate in to cure weekend night boredom. Unfortunately, the students weren’t too quick to take advantage of these opportunities. Activities build on past successes

Last year, for example, such fall activities were offered as pool tournaments, running clubs, the Brain Bowl and open gym to name a few. Participation of these events was so low that often the activities were postponed to try and gain interest, or even cancelled. Even the sport of women’s basketball was forced to surrender its participation due to lack of numbers.

Jamieson attributes this lack of involvement, in major part, to the fact that DMACC is a commuter campus. He commented that without dormitories, many of the students are forced to live away from campus, some in other towns. This creates difficulty in travel and motivation. It’s much easier to walk across the street from a dorm than it is to drive across town.

This year, however, it seems as though DMACC activities and their participation rates are back on the increase. The first step to resurrecting DMACC student involvement was adding one of the state’s most popular women’s sports to the mix. Women’s Volleyball was added, bringing more student athletes and enthusiasm to fall student activities.

Volleyball brings out the numbers

Another major factor in bringing up involvement rates was the philosophy Jamieson used to attack the problem. “We need to stop and think about what the people want instead of offering and expecting them to participate,” Jamieson commented. This is exactly what he did.

Seeing the popularity the new volleyball program generated on campus so far this year, Jamieson has set up intramural volleyball games for 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights. In its debut, intramural volleyball attracted 14 participants, enough for nearly 3 of the 5-player teams Jamieson was looking for.

The interest was not just sparked in the women that attend DMACC. Although volleyball is only offered to the women as a sport on campus, the men who participated on Monday outnumbered the women 9 to 5.

The Brain Bowl was another good example of increased participation. In 1998, only 3 teams participated in the event. This season, teams representing 5 different departments joined in the activity, and drew a crowd of about 15 people compared to 3 from the previous year.

Jamieson has taken it upon himself to ask the students what types of intramural and school activities they would be willing to travel to participate in, and he feels he has comprised a variety of activities that will please a great number of people.

The activities offered for the rest of the month includes flag football every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (times may be changed as it gets darker earlier), co-ed cardiac ‘The Round Guy’ will perform in the auditorium at 11:00 a.m. on October 20, a student versus faculty Brain Bowl is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 28, and a DMACC 5K run/walk is going to be held at 10 a.m. on October 30.

DMACC Bears Volleyball
Rest-of-the-Season Schedule

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Brain Bowl II

Needed: 3 teachers, 5 students

Find out once and for all who is better

Age against youth

For information see Terry Jamieson

DMACC Student Activities Schedule

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Mondays: Intramural Volleyball at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Flag football at 6:30 p.m.
**Talk Back**

“What would you do for an ‘A’?”

By-Catherine Houghton
Bear Facts Staff

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Ian Anderson
“I would pay money!”

Kathy Semke
“Make some fudge.”

Kelly Turner
“I would study.”

Kaci Crim
“I would never miss class.”

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“Untitled” was submitted to “Spilled Creativity” by Adam Carlson, DMACC sophomore of Stratford Iowa. He said, “The grave stone pictured is located five miles north of Stratford in the Vegors Cemetery. The engraving tells of her being the first white woman settler in Webster County.

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**Be prepared for Iowa weather**

As wintry weather approaches, it is important for Boone DMACC students, staff, and faculty to know what to do if the weather is bad.

According to Kriss Philips, Boone Campus Dean, “The decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather will most generally be made around 6 a.m. if the weather is bad in the early morning hours.”

If classes are delayed, the offices will be open for business at a designated time, and classes will begin with the first full class period beginning on or after a chosen delay time.

When rough weather occurs during the school day, Philips said, “I will make the decision to cancel classes, notify staff and notify the radio stations as soon as possible.” As for evening classes being cancelled, a decision will be made by 4:30 p.m.

The following radio stations will broadcast any weather delays or cancellations:

- KWBG AM 1590 BOONE
- KLRX FM 96.1 AMES
- KLT1 FM 104.1 AMES
- KASI AM 1430 AMES
- KKRL FM 93.7 CARROLL
- KCIM AM 1380 CARROLL
- KDLS FM 101.7 PERRY/JEFFERSON
- KDLS AM 1310 PERRY/JEFFERSON
- KGRA FM 98.9 JEFFERSON

Anyone wanting to know if a decision has been made concerning the weather may also access the DMACC telephone system by dialing (515) 432-7203 or 1-800-362-2127 ext. 3.

Winter weather will most likely cause delays and/or cancellations. (Hey, this is Iowa!) At least now, DMACC drivers should be prepared by listening to their favorite radio station.