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PBL serves community
Reverse ‘trick or treating’
at Eastern Star Home

DMACC BOONE CAMPUS--
PBL students were busy the week before Halloween taking treats to the residents of the Eastern Star Home. Prior to going to the Eastern Star Home, the students assembled 125 sacks of treats with Halloween stickers on the outside.

The residents were appreciative of the treats, as Ruth Nolan wrote in her thank you note, “How thoughtful of you to treat us for Halloween! Your treats recall past days when we gave out treats.”

PBL advisor, Linda Plueger, accompanied the students.

LEFT: Students Rosie Fuentes and Lynn Dutcher visit with the residents of Eastern Star Home.

DMACC receives technology center grant

DMACC—Des Moines Area Community College will be receiving a three-year $750,696 grant to establish a large technology center in the heart of the Des Moines Enterprise Community and in satellite centers set up in ten different rural locations.

DMACC was the only college in Iowa and one of only 40 colleges nationwide that received the federal funding. The U.S. Education Department’s Office of Vocational and Adult Education received a total of 750 applications from all 50 states.

In a partnership with the Iowa Department of Workforce Development, DMACC will locate the Community Technology Center (CTC) program at the Urban Campus at 1100 Seventh St in downtown Des Moines, at the Workforce Development Center at 215 Keo in Des Moines and in the rural locations. The centers will deliver educational technology to disadvantaged citizens in both urban and rural communities. In addition, the centers will be established at Workforce Development Centers in the following ten communities: Adel, Audubon, Boone, Guthrie Center, Indianola, Knoxville, Newton, Pella, Perry and Winterset.

DMACC Grants and Contracts Director Jim Riordan said the state’s Workforce Development Centers are the primary point of contact for most Iowans requiring job training, public assistance and unemployment benefits.

DMACC Adult Basic Education Coordinator Mary Entz said the computer-based programs that would be offered at the CTC’s include General Equivalency Degree (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL), Microsoft Windows 95/98 and Microsoft Office. She said math and reading programs for adults, Internet and e-mail instruction, life and job skills training and academic enrichment programs for children will also be offered.

“The most exciting element of this grant is the opportunity to partner with the Workforce Development Center in Des Moines and in the rural communities in an effort to reach a segment of the population that is often times underserved,” said Entz. “This is about bringing computers and computer-based technology to people who might not otherwise have access to it.”

A total of $9.9 million in federal grants will be distributed nationwide to help working families gain Information Age benefits by bringing computers and the Internet to community centers, public housing and libraries.

The DMACC Drama Department presents See How They Run, a farce by Philip King. Directed by Kay Mueller, this play stars a small cast of DMACC students. The play opens November 12 and will also run November 13. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theater. Admission is $5 dollars to the public and free to DMACC students who show their library cards.

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New Choices to aid single parents and displaced homemakers

Daycare, transportation funds available to qualified students

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

DMACC students who are single parents or displaced homemakers, who are separated, divorced, widowed, disabled or have a spouse who is disabled, may be eligible to receive financial assistance toward child care and/or transportation costs while attending classes at the Boone Campus.

Maggie Stone, Coordinator of the Displaced Homemakers Center said, "I hope that everyone who thinks they might be eligible will contact me to check this out. We have the money available to help with these support services for individuals attending day or evening classes, half-time (6 credits) as well as full-time (12 credits)."

Stone said that students who meet financial guidelines can be reimbursed for mileage up to 15 cents per mile and/or reimbursed for childcare up to $1.50 per hour for one child and $2 per hour for two or more children. Transportation assistance is also available for eligible single pregnant women whose income is limited and who commute from out of town to the Boone Campus.

In addition to the above, the program allows reimbursement to qualified students who do not drive their own vehicles to and from campus. Mileage reimbursement to students' drivers can be arranged, and for those riding with Boone County Transportation, Stone said, "Something could be worked out—if not through these funds—other resources are available."

When a student does not meet the program's eligibility requirements, Stone makes referrals to other agencies. "Transportation/childcare funds are limited," said Stone. "Although we know we can't do it all, we want to help as many people as we can."

"I try to meet the students' needs somehow," continued Stone, "either through other programs or emergency funds. We try to get as creative as we can to make the best package for the student."

Approximately ten Boone Campus students currently receive reimbursement for transportation, childcare or both. Last year between 20 to 25 students were reimbursed through the Displaced Homemakers Center, now called IOWA Choices. The program began in 1987 with the goal of assisting single parents and displaced homemakers in the transition from home to the work world and thus to self-sufficiency.

Students who are interested in the program are urged to see Stone in Room 124 and fill out an application. Stone's office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students attending night classes can reach Stone by calling 515-433-5037 and leaving a message. "State when and where I can reach you," instructed Stone, "and I will get back to you to arrange an appointment."

An ounce of prevention...

Nursing Students United to sponsor blood drive

Free cookies, juice and coffee. Where you ask? At the Boone DMACC blood drive, Tuesday November 30, in the Courter Center.

Blood is used daily in operating rooms throughout the world. The Blood Center of Central Iowa and the Nursing Students United are calling all eligible people to donate. Donors must be at least seventeen years of age, weigh no less than 110 pounds, and be in general good health.

The entire process, including a brief medical history and the free juice, cookies and coffee takes only an hour. The actual blood drawing takes five to seven minutes. Statistics say that 75% of us have at least one personal acquaintance that has needed blood or blood products.

Those interested, may apply at the nurse's center on the second floor. The blood drive will be held at 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30.
DMACC offers foreign languages, study-abroad program

By Catherine Houghton
Bear Facts Staff

The experience of studying abroad and gaining foreign language skills are essential, and everyone should have one or both of these on a resume. DMACC offers both of these experiences to all of its students. There are many advantages to having these skills. Studying abroad offers "a priceless experience," says Maura Nelson, DMACC French instructor in the Ankeny Campus (and via the ICN to Boone). Having the skills of speaking a foreign language is looked upon highly by most companies.

DMACC is part of the Iowa Community College International Association (ICCIA). ICCIA is made up of all 15 community colleges in Iowa. For almost five years, they have planned study abroad programs for the students. DMACC has offered study abroad for two years now. This program, with help of The American Institute of Foreign Studies, has instituted a program in Cambridge, England. This opportunity has been offered in the fall semester, and consists of a 12-week program.

The reason why DMACC picked Cambridge is because there is no language barrier, and living in Cambridge was not as expensive as some other countries.

Without the language barrier of most study abroad programs, students can enjoy the experience without the hassle of knowing a foreign language.

**DMACC instructor taught in England**

Last year, Ruthanne Harstad, an Ankeny instructor, went to England with the students as their teacher. This program offers five classes ranging from Comp II to theatre classes. The classes are taught in a classroom at the YMCA in Cambridge. The students spend 10 weeks in Cambridge and two weeks in London. All the credits transfer directly to DMACC's curriculum.

Along with the education part of this program, students are encouraged to travel to other European countries. The students also take field trips that most tourists can not go on. They have gone to Stonehenge and have seen the new Globe Theatre. This special program allowed students to talk to the directors and meet the actors of the theatre. They received discounts on flights and rail tickets through this great program.

**Students say cost is worth it**

The only downside of this program is the cost. The tuition is the same as you would pay at DMACC. According to Harstad, the teacher who taught in Cambridge last year, "The cost of this program outside of the tuition is $4,000-$6,000." This money covers travel and other outside expenses. The students housing is taken care of by host families. Financial aid is available to most students but will not cover the whole expense.

Nelson said, "Some students have to take other loans out to cover the expenses, but all of the study abroad students felt it was worth it. Nelson went on to say, "If you would attend The University of Iowa, the cost would be about the same for both educational experiences."

Studying abroad is becoming more frequent and more important for all students in their future careers. Nelson claims that a lot of the larger companies in the Des Moines area, such as Principal Financial Group, John Deere and Pioneer Hybrid, put study abroad, and bi-lingual speaking applicants at the top of their stack.

**What's happening at Regents schools**

Iowa State University is starting a program that entitles all engineering students to take at least one semester abroad in order to graduate. Schools are implementing these requirements, so when students find a job, they will be able to communicate with other branches of their company in foreign countries.

Even though DMACC does not require foreign language for an AA or AS degree, it is an essential skill that will help students land that job that they worked so hard to get. Most professions require some interaction with a foreign culture.

Spanish is great for the health profession and restaurant management. French is important because in our border country, Canada, people are bi-lingual. Most product labels are written in English and French. This is because in order to export into Canada, it is mandatory for all products to have labels in both languages. "Quebec is less than 1% away from being an independent country and not using any English signage," says Nelson.

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“Where do I slide my card?”

### Study abroad
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If you are thinking about transferring to Iowa State, it requires two semesters of college foreign language or the equivalent. The University of Iowa requires two years or four semesters of foreign language. “Because the economy is so good, and people are more aware of other cultures, people are working more with other countries,” states Nelson.

According to Nelson, if you are looking to eliminate the foreign language requirement, try studying abroad through DMACC, and it will fulfill that requirement for some universities. DMACC offers both French and Spanish foreign language classes.

For further information or if you are considering taking a foreign language, contact an advisor. To find out more information on the study abroad program, contact Nelson in Ankeny at (515) 965-7032 or mnelson@dmacc.cc.ia.us, or Harstad at rharsratl@dmacc.cc.ia.us.

Information for the next study abroad program will be available after December 1, 1999.

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### SAC ponders upcoming events

Repelling, live bands, winter formal all possibilities

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Staff

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DMACC Boone Campus sophomore Patrice Harson made a trip to Atlanta with her journalism adviser, Jan LaVille, October 27 through October 31 to attend a national College Media Conference. Outside of receiving beneficial information at the conference, Harson said the highlight of the trip was touring CNN and appearing on *Talk Back Live* hosted by Bobbie Battista. Harson said, “The *Talk Back* discussion centered on the possible overreaction of school officials who closed South High School in Cleveland after finding that 11 students were possibly planning ‘violent crimes’ which included the use of homemade bombs, guns and—upon completion of the crimes—a suicidal shoot out in the school courtyard. The next day my adviser and I visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change. Our excursions outside the conference to CNN and to the Center reminded me of how much growing we have left to do as a society. As Rev. King stated, ‘The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.’”

Answers to Crossword
Karen Vincent, freshman from Nevada, wrote this poem as a creative assignment in NURS 223—Skills and Technology

A Medical Limerick

Karen Vincent

There once was a man from Truro,
Who happened to suffer from vertigo,
He came into the unit and it became quite clear,
That he had not seen his physician for over a year.

Well, this will not do, as you can see,
So they admitted him and sent him to me,
I took his vitals, TPR and blood pressure,
Using a shiny new sphygmomanometer to measure.

I got out the otoscope and looked in his ear,
And I could see the outline of the malleus, really clear,
Suddenly he moved, with a myoclonic jerk of his head,
There was an area of erythema, it looked very red.

By this time he was complaining of feeling sick,
So I whipped out an emesis basin, pretty quick.
An antiemetic was the order of the day,
I asked, “Are you sure your Insurance will pay?”

Could it be vestibular—cranial nerve VIII?
Was it failing to innervate?
His hearing was affected, of that there was no doubt.
Everything I said, I had to shout.

He lay supine, which made him feel better,
The doctor came to examine him, but he wouldn’t let her,
He was getting hypertensive. I could see,
So the doctor cleared off and left him to me.

While I was at lunch, enjoying my salad,
My patient got sicker than a love song ballad,
Somebody gave him an IM shot of morphine,
That affected him like nothing I’ve ever seen.

I couldn’t understand why they had done that,
But it certainly laid him out flat!
Cries of “Oh, no, it was a medication error,”
People’s faces were etched with terror.

The following day I monitored his ADL’s,
Which, as you can imagine, he did not perform well,
I charted my findings on the graphic flow,
There in black and white for everyone else to know.

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American Beauty 

(R) Dir. Sam Mendes; Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening, Thora Birch, Winona Ryder, Helena Bonham Carter, Meat Loaf, Jared Leto

Intensely funny, and often quite thrilling, this unique, and often unnerving tale about a psychologically disturbed man is a good runner for an academy award.

With two stunning performances by Norton and Pitt, the movie tells the story of an underground club whose theme is fighting, which inevitably turns into a pseudo-nazi terrorist group.

This film is witty, expressive, charming, and still very disturbing. It dives into the mind of suburban depression and longing for something better.

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Bears return five from last season

Men’s basketball hopes to improve

By Jay Cue
Bear Facts Sports

Following two consecutive losing seasons, DMACC men’s head basketball coach Terry Jamieson has taken the necessary steps to improve for the 1999-2000 season. His quest for wins begins with six returning players, including three starters from last year’s 9-18 season. Jamieson, whose career record at the school is 12-42, is excited about who he is bringing back and anticipates a good chemistry with nine new additions to the roster.

PLAYERS

Jamieson attests that his most promising returnee is Andy Carrel from Boone. Carrel led last season’s team in scoring with 13 points per game, 6.5 rebounds per game and 3.1 blocked shots. Inore who can not only play the post, but turning starters Mike Jenkins and Josh Henderson. Henderson led last year’s Bears with 92 assists and 38 steals. The team will also include sophomores Nick Peasley and Todd Westberg, who also saw a few starts as freshmen.

One of the most optimistic factors about the 1999-2000 season, according to Jamieson, is the talent he acquired through his off-season recruiting. The team can expect help from eight freshmen and a sophomore transfer Jason Kecki from Iowa Lakes Community College.

Leading the freshmen pack will be Erik Ahlquist, a 6’5” Kansas City, Mo., native. Jamieson described Ahlquist as an intelligent, seasoned post player whose high school team saw very tough competition.

Lance Rennie from North Platte, Mo., will aid the Bears on the defensive end this season. Playing guard, Rennie is “as good of a defender as you’ll see,” according to his coach.

SEASON

This will not only be Jamieson’s third season as head coach, but also the first season with an entire team of his own handpicked players. Jamieson is excited that for the first time he will be playing an entire roster of his own recruits. He is also optimistic he has improved the status of DMACC basketball.

“There is no question we are better than we were a year ago,” Jamieson commented. “DMACC has never had more versatility.”

The season started for the DMACC men with their first practice on October 1, and has since included scrimmages against other junior college teams, all of which give the head coach something to look forward to. Jamieson has seen enough improvement to put his team at the same caliber as any team in the conference.

The conference favorites are once again Kirkwood, Iowa Central and NIACC, all of which have reputations for strong programs. This, however, does not intimidate the DMACC head coach. “We play in the toughest junior college league in the country,” Jamieson stated. “I feel we can beat every one of those teams.”

Through Jamieson is confident in his team’s ability, he has set realistic goals for his 1999-2000 program. He stated he would feel content with an improved record over the last two seasons. He would also like to see as many of his players as possible eventually play for four-year colleges.

Jamieson feels it is necessary as a coach to expose his players to such opportunities. He feels a reputation of DMACC players being recruited to four-year institutions can only boost the school’s integrity, and give images of a successful program.

A winning record and a successful conference standing can result in a birth in the conference tournament at the end of the regular season. Making the tournament would be an accomplishment, but as a competitive coach, Jamieson feels there’s a possibility for more.

“If we get in the conference tournament, we can turn some heads,” Jamieson said. “People are going to start looking in their rear view mirrors at us now.”

Though Jamieson cannot guarantee his team will make post season play, the possibility is far from ruled out. Jamieson is convinced his team has more talent and plays harder than it did one year ago. This could catapult the team into its first conference tournament birth in quite a while.

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DMACC Men’s Basketball Schedule

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Intramural Basketball

Boone Campus vs. Ankeny
November 17 at 6 p.m.

Head Coach
Terry Jamieson
Assistant Coach
Matt Crawford
Talk Back

"If you could travel abroad, where would you go and why?"

By Mandy Olsen
Bear Facts Staff

Mary Hamilton
Registration Secretary
"Italy, because I have relatives there that I haven't ever met."

Lance McConnell
Freshman
"Tahiti, because there's lots of parties there and the legal drinking age is 18."

Michael Chow
Sophomore
"Honolulu, because you can't surf in Iowa."

Becky Perkovich
Freshman
"England, because I would like to learn their version of the American Revolution."

Crossword puzzle

ACROSS
1 Cooking vessel
4 State of being
6 Contest area
11 Salad plant
13 Type of window
15 Football position (abbr.)
16 Send
18 S. New England state (abbr.)
19 Top of container
21 Ride (p.t.)
22 Glide
24 Make written changes
26 Roman emperor
28 No (Scot.)
31 Domesticates
33 Snakes
33 The place of the seal (L., abbr.)
34 Catch sight of
36 Per
38 Take action
40 Frog
42 Owner of a landed estate (Scot.)
45 High card
47 Snare
49 Oak
50 In the time of (L., abbr.)
52 Leak
54 Abstract concept
55 Raised railroad
56 Lacking professional skill
59 Twice; double (pref.)
60 Sharp bend in fairway
62 Deep hole
64 Test food
65 Erbium symbol
66 Metal

DOWN
1 Bullet; small shot
2 Iroquois tribe
3 Football score (abbr.)
4 Affirm
5 Fruit
6 Negative
7 Female deer
8 Makes mistakes
9 S.W. state (abbr.)
10 Lotty
12 N.W. state (abbr.)
14 Angers
17 Thought

20 Small coin
23 Article
25 Exam
27 Gem
30 Stain; blot
32 Scram
35 Measurement in 3-ft. lengths
37 Employ
38 Old
39 Forest-dwelling cat
41 Slender; pointed missile
43 Present for consideration
44 Need
46 Type measurement
48 Portion
51 Friends
53 Meow
57 Encountered
58 Egyptian sun god
61 Southern state (abbr.)
63 At

Answers on page 5