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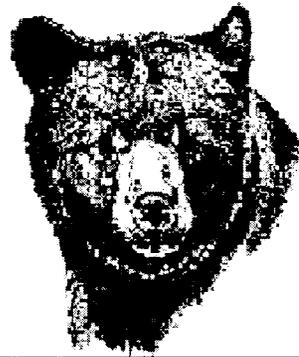
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# BEAR



# FACTS

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## Spring enrollment down for Boone Campus

By Spencer Vaughn  
Bear Facts Staff

Registration for the Boone Campus of the Des Moines Area Community College has come and gone without any major problems for the spring semester. According to Kriss Philips, Executive Dean of the Boone campus, 1051 students enrolled for classes this semester for a total of 9968 credit hours. In comparison to the spring semester of 1998, the number of students enrolled at the Boone campus has dropped by 56 students and by 573 credit hours.

The number of students is also down from the fall semester of 1998. "We had approximately 1130 to 1140 students enroll for the fall term," said Philips. A check of other area higher education institutions found that the drop from the fall to the spring semesters, in the number of students, is normal.

"Here at Iowa State, we generally see a decline in the number of students from the fall semester to the spring semester. That is a common occurrence at most colleges and universities," said John McCarroll,

Director of University Relations at Iowa State University.

However, according to George Silberhorn, DMACC counselor, there has been a steady increase in overall enrollment over the past 10 years. Philips followed up by saying that overall the enrollment has doubled at the Boone campus over the past 15 years.

Registration for the spring semester went well according to Philips. He said, "There was a lot of last minute things, but it went pretty well. Registration is handled by George Silberhorn, Larry Schroeder, and Terry Jamieson and they did a pretty good job with the help of the staff in the office."

One problem that came up was trying to get people into the Computer Literacy classes. All of the sections filled up quickly, including the Saturday morning class, which only has a few seats, left, said Silberhorn. He also said there was a small problem of getting people into some classes that they needed because the classes were dropped due to low enrollment in those classes.



staff photo

### Bands draw local high school students to campus

Patrick Fleming, far left, guitarist in Pookey Bleum and a DMACC Boone Campus freshman, performed Friday night in the Boone Campus gym for the "Five Bands for Two Bucks" event. Also in the Ames band were Jeremy Johnson on drums, Aaron Hefley and Melissa Sorbo. Although the event didn't draw many DMACC students, the high schoolers and some parents seemed to enjoy the event. Also performing were Charlie Bucket (Boone), Cadmium (Ogden), Punk Drunk SuperHeroes (Nebraska) and Hat Made Out of a Lobster and a Stick (Ogden).

## Earth Year 2000 it has begun

By Joshua Keller  
Managing Editor

Earth Year 2000 has officially begun. Over 1000 environmentally active individuals met in Des Moines to discuss the future of the world on January 21.

The crowd was inspired by a number of speakers including Paul Johnson, Director of the Department of Natural Resources; Gov. Tom Vilsack, Denis Hayes, a head coordinator of the first earth year; actor and environmental activist Ed Begley Jr. and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson. The group was also surprised when guest speakers Vice President Al Gore and Robert Kennedy Jr. showed up and gave fiery speeches on the environmental issue.

The meeting began with music by the band Kindred Spirit, an environmentally active group that uses music to convey messages.

After the music, Paul Johnson introduced the basic ideas that Earth Year 2000 conference represented. He said,

"We must show respect to our land, our air, and our water.... Our land is not a mere commodity."

Johnson then introduced Governor Vilsack, who was received with a standing ovation. Vilsack discussed the programs that have begun in Iowa such as the Clean Water Initiative, which will help clean the 159 polluted waterways in the state and the Prairie Seed Harvest Program, which is trying to repair and rebuild the prairies.

Vilsack stated in his conclusion that "Land, air and water are our infrastructure, not bricks and mortar." In the new budget, approximately \$13 million has been allocated to the environment. However, Vilsack went on to say, regardless of the money or the programs, nothing can happen unless people volunteer their time to the cause. Vilsack wants to form an "army of volunteers" to join alongside the 150 organizations in combating pollution.

Vilsack was interrupted partially through his speech when Gore came into the room with Kennedy. Once again the

audience was on their feet. The first to speak was Kennedy. He spoke with true passion and wisdom defending the environment against those who would exploit it. He challenged the myth that worrying about the environment is bad for the economy. In fact, he flat out rejected it saying, "100% of good economics comes from good environment." He went on to discuss how our lack of effort will end up harming our children's lives. He said, "We can't use up [our natural resources], it is not fair to our children." He ended by introducing and praising Gore for his efforts in the preservation of the environment.

Gore's speech paralleled Kennedy's. He discussed the impact our actions will have on the lives of our children and the economics of the environment. His main focus was the idea that corporations are being forced to relocate because the environmental situation in their current areas are not suitable working conditions.

Gore went on further to say that this relocation to cleaner habitats would

increase the American economy rather than decrease it. Gore ended his speech and headed out to prepare for his trip to Boone, where he was speaking that night.

The next speaker was Lt. Gov. Pederson; she encouraged everyone to walk the walk. She stated that if we all worked together, Earth Year 2000 would be a great success.

Last came break-out sections where local communities, in groups of about 15 people, met to discuss courses of actions that could be taken to improve the state of living in our own areas.

Citizens from Boone county are in the process of developing a week long celebration to help the environment. Tentative plans included tree planting, trail restoration, and park clean-ups. This is currently a work in progress. \*

The final speaker of the day was Ed Begley Jr. He asked that everyone search for alternatives to the many consuming items we use everyday.

One example he offered was his 1998  
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*Landing that first job***DMACC offers help finding a job or career**

By Mandy Olson  
Bear Facts Staff

Need help finding a job or career that suits your interests? Of course you do--that's why you're going to school. Have I got the places for you! Yep, that's right, places.

CHOICES, a career computer program, is the first step in finding a career or field. In the CHOICES program, students are asked a series of questions about their interests, likes, and dislikes. After the student has completed CHOICES, the program will then show the student careers suitable according to his or her answers. CHOICES is located in the Academic Achievement Center for Boone Campus students across the hall from the library.

According to Jinny Silberhorn, Director of the Boone Campus Academic Achievement Center, "Most students who are really looking for a career, not just doing the CHOICES program for a class, will spend about an hour looking up potential careers and fields."

If you are just a wandering college student who doesn't know what your career plans are, start with the Career Resource Center (CRC). Located on the Ankeny Campus in Building One, the CRC is a place where students can talk to career counselors who will help them decide on a field.

A second step and very closely affiliated with the CRC is the Placement Center, also located on the Ankeny Campus in Building One. The Placement Center helps students find jobs from work-study on campus to part and full time jobs in the community or surrounding communities. The placement specialists know what employers are looking for and the availability of full or part time jobs.

Rosemary Robbins, a specialist in the Placement Center says, "We have employers contacting us all the time posting jobs that they have open or will have open soon. This helps the Placement Center to provide up-to-date leads to the students on jobs."

At the Placement Center, the specialists also help students write resumes, practice for job interviews, and fill out actual job applications. At this time, the two centers are separate from each other, but may be merging soon.

Dave Reimers, another placement specialist for the Center states, "If we can merge with the Career Resource Center, we will be able to help the students out even more. We are practically merged now, we just need the okay to do it officially."

Both of the centers' services are completely free to anyone who wants help finding a job. Robbins states, "We have an open door policy. We try to help our own students and alumni first, but are more than willing to help others out too." It is up to the student to take the initiative to contact one or both of these services. Students can register at anytime with the Placement Center, because it is a lifelong resource. "Sometimes we have DMACC grads come back to us because they got laid off, or the job just really wasn't what they were looking for," Robbins continues.

So, if you are in search of the perfect job or just need help deciding on a career field, take the effort to go talk to the people in the Career Resource Center and or the Placement Center. Call 965-6774 or 1-800-362-2127 for more information or to make an appointment.

**What's important to employers?**

Ability to get along with others	99.6%
Communication skills	98.4%
Personality/Likability	95.3%
Generalist skills	92.2%
Computer skills	90.7%
Interview skills	81.0%
Availability	80.2%
Loyalty	77.1%
Entrepreneurial skills	74.4%
Prior experience	50.4%
High GPA	07.0%
Gender	05.0%

\*Source: Larry S. Beck, *Midwest Survey*, Ball State University Career Services, 1994.



contributed photo

PBL, the professional business organization on campus, met recently in the Courter Center to make plans for second semester. Members of the club shown above are (Front Row, l to r) Kim Cunningham, Rosie Fuentes, Nancy Thomas (Treasurer), Nikki Scott (Vice President), Cheryl Simpson and Greg Newsum. (Back Row, l to r) Marie Dostal (President), Audra Price (Secretary), Amie Hull, Lori Clemens, Sara Foderberg, and Teri Hughes.

**PBL holds first meeting of new year**

By Contributing Writer

PBL held its first meeting of the new year on Friday, January 21, in the Courter Center.

Members learned about the upcoming State PBL Leadership Conference to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, here at the Boone Campus. The Boone members will be competing with other PBL members from across the state in various state and national events.

Members also signed up to be on committees.

New members this semester include: Lori Clemens, Sara Foderberg, Aaron Foster, Teri Hughes, Amber Keller, and Greg Newsum.

The next PBL meeting will be Friday, February 4, in the Lloyd Courter Center, at 11:15 a.m. Anyone who wants to help our community, have fun, and make new friends by joining PBL should see the PBL advisor, Linda Plueger in Room 201 or come to the meeting.

**Earth Year 2000**

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Chevrolet Cavalier that he drove from Los Angeles. This car ran on natural gas instead of unleaded, although he earlier said that an electric car was more reliable. He also spoke about his hybrid car. Hybrids run on both gasoline and electricity. These cars are much more environmentally friendly than the other "gas guzzlers" that people are driving.

After the signing of an environmental pledge citizens from the various counties talked in small groups and exchanged phone numbers and dates of possible environmental activities.

\* Anyone interested in volunteering with the weeklong earth year project at DMACC can contact Joshua Keller at [jjkeller@excite.com](mailto:jjkeller@excite.com)



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## Ferrets becoming popular pets

By Arthur Davis  
Bear Facts Staff

People have all kinds of stories about these cute little playful thieves called ferrets. Ferrets are the third most popular pets in America behind cats and dogs. With a ferret you get the best of both worlds. They are trainable and loyal like dogs, but have their own personality like cats. Ferrets are a lot like a two-year-old: energetic, always playful, and constantly getting into trouble.

An adult female weighs about 1-2 pounds; whereas an adult male weighs about 2-3 pounds. A ferret is the perfect pet for energetic college students. They are normally quiet, will sleep for 18 hours a day, and play when let out of their cage.

The reason that most people refer to them as thieves is due to the little mask that covers their face. Another is because they will steal anything not nailed down. A friend once had a \$50 bill stolen from

his coat pocket. We got lucky and happened to notice it before Fawcet (my ferret) had torn it to shreds. A baby or



adult will usually cost about \$130 at a pet store. The best places to find them are rescue centers or your local humane

society. Adoption usually costs about \$50.

Many foods on the market are specifically designed for ferrets. One of the best that I have found is made by Kay Tee and called FortiDiet. A good vitamin supplement is also necessary; I use FerretVite, which is made by 8 in 1 Pro.

If you have a cat, the ferret is very good for helping to keep your cat acting young and energetic. Ferrets are energetic throughout their lives. They love to play with their owners and other animals in the family. Some stories talk of ferrets actually playing with birds, rats and other small

animals that can be easily killed by ferrets.

Anytime meetings between pets like playing with ferrets. Anytime young children are present it would be a good idea to supervise any play that goes on. This is sensible with any pet.

When a ferret is happy, it makes a "dook dook" noise and does the happy dance. This involves the ferret jumping around and playfully nipping at anything that gets close, including its own tail. When a these should be watched very closely. Most stories are about cats and dogs ferret is upset with something or someone, it will hiss. This is a signal to leave it alone.

Some fear that a ferret will bite. This is only true if the ferret is mistreated or not trained properly. Any animal will bite when mistreated or not trained properly.

My wife, Michelle, and I have owned ferrets for about three years now and have had nothing but hours of enjoyment with ours.

## Buyer beware: Shopping On-line

By Patrice Harson  
Bear Facts Staff

Many on-line shoppers were disappointed over the holidays when their virtual shopping turned up virtually nothing. Overloaded by an overwhelming response, promises of prompt deliveries originally made by electronic vendors were broken, along with many a young Yuletide heart.

No matter what consumers are in the market for--from the latest high-tech gadgets to rare antiques--shoppers are likely to find it on-line; however, the Federal Trade Commission reminds consumers that virtual shopping, like traditional shopping, isn't without risks. The Commission, which includes the Bureau of Consumer Protection and the Office of Consumer and Business Education, offers the following tips to help consumers shop safely on-line:

### √ Check delivery dates

When an order is placed, the vendor usually tells the consumer when to expect delivery. A Federal Trade Commission rule requires sellers to ship items as promised, and no more than 30 days after the order date. If the seller can't ship the goods within the stated or 30-day deadline, the seller must notify the buyer,

give the buyer a chance to cancel the order and send a full refund if the buyer chooses to cancel. The seller also owns the option of canceling the order and refunding the purchase.

### √ Know the vendor

Unfamiliar with a company's name or reputation? Learn about the company through unsolicited e-mail? Before ordering on-line, consumers who answer yes to either of these questions are advised to check up on the company through the Better Business Bureau or through the state attorney general's office either in the state from which the order is placed or in the state where the seller is based. Consumers should also ask if the vendor is based overseas; if so, buyers are encouraged to find out whether the company does business with U.S. customers, when the delivery order is expected to arrive, and who to contact if the merchandise received is unsatisfactory. Checking on the reputation of an overseas vendor can be more difficult than ordering from a U.S. vendor, so the Commission recommends the use of credit cards to pay for purchases. "Even then," the Commission advises, "be aware that you might not have the same legal protections or be able to enforce your rights as easily as when

the vendor is in the U.S."

### √ Protect your privacy

Web sellers often collect consumer information to market back to the consumer or to share with other companies. The result can be a bombardment of unwanted advertising. Ideal sites post on-line privacy policies and offer shoppers options concerning the use of personal information.

### √ Guard passwords

If a seller requires a password to make a purchase, the on-line shopper is advised not to utilize the same password used to log on to a personal computer or network. Use a different password at each site.

### √ Pay with a credit card

Some credit card issuers offer extended warranties or other advantages for credit card purchases. If the product doesn't arrive on time or if the shopper isn't satisfied with the product and chooses to return it, the consumer can dispute the vendor's charges. Under federal law, the consumer's liability is limited to \$50 if an unauthorized charge appears on a credit card bill.

### √ Order only on a secure server

Buy only from web vendors that protect personal financial information. To confirm that a server is secure, consumers should look for an unbroken key or

padlock at the bottom of the browser window. These symbols mean that the information the consumer is sending is encrypted--turned into a secret code--for on-line transmission.

### √ Check shipping and handling fees

Many on-line retailers add a shipping and handling fee to the price of the item(s) purchased based on where the order is to be shipped, the cost of the order or the weight of the order.

### √ Track purchases

When ordering on-line, the Commission encourages the consumer to print out and file any records related to the transaction. Hard copies of the web pages with the seller's name, address and telephone number; a description of what was ordered; the seller's legal terms; and any e-mail messages to or from the seller should be printed and saved.

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*~To file a complaint about a fraudulent business practice or to get free information on how to spot, stop and avoid one, call the FTC, toll-free, at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382--4357) or visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)--click on "Consumer Protection."*

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## Over 100 turn out to hear Democratic candidate **Bill Bradley speaks on Boone Campus**



photo by Arthur Davis

Senator Bill Bradley was the only presidential candidate to visit DMACC Boone Campus prior to this week's Iowa caucuses. Bradley campaigned hard but came up short receiving 35% of the vote compared to Gore's 63%. Following the loss, Bradley said, "I have a little more humility, but no less confidence that I can win and do the job." Bradley supported his statement by immediately traveling to New Hampshire and another round of caucuses where he hopes to turn the tide.



staff photo

*Iowans for Sensible Priorities* Tony Ortiz of Des Moines and DMACC Ankeny Campus sophomore Martha Thompson kept busy during Bradley's visit to the Boone Campus by handing out t-shirts and reading materials related to their cause. The nonpartisan group urges candidates to consider the redistribution of tax dollars (especially Pentagon dollars) to education. Thompson spends approximately 20 hours a week following candidates to question and answer sessions, telephoning delegates and offering resolutions to take to caucuses. "Bradley seems more hospitable to our group than some of the other candidates," said Thompson.



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*Bear Facts* staff member Patrice Harson discusses environmental concerns with Kim DeFeo who came to Bradley's town meeting representing *Ozone Action*. This group, based in Des Moines, is concerned with the average four degree Fahrenheit increase in Iowa temperature. According to DeFeo, the temperature increase has resulted in a 7 to 23% decrease in Iowa's corn yield. DeFeo pushes a public mandate that all political candidates must commit to a plan to halt global warming.

Reporting by Patrice Harson



staff photo

An impressive array of approximately 100 curious citizens and press followed Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley to an impromptu town meeting at the DMACC Boone campus January 10. Bradley's major opponent on the Democratic ticket, Vice President Al Gore, won decisively in the Iowa caucuses Monday night. On the other side of the fence, Republican Governor George Bush took 41% of the vote while Steve Forbes won an impressive 30%. Bush said his conservative, passionate agenda struck a cord with Iowa voters; however, John McCain may steal some of Bush's thunder in New Hampshire where Independents can vote in Republican primaries. Forbes' strong finish in Iowa along with Alan Keyes' 14% delegate capture also creates a volatile situation for Bush.

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## Hemp: A wondrous plant

By Arthur Davis  
*Bear Facts Staff*

Industrial hemp is the second largest cash crop in the world. Most all hemp imported into the United States comes from China, Canada, and Europe. The total hectares cultivated in Europe last year were 30,800. Total hectares cultivated in Canada last year were 14,261.

The American farmer is in a major crisis right now, and hemp would give him another cash crop on the world market. This would bring more revenue to the farmer to pay for the farm and equipment to help keep the farm running properly.

The price of hemp would eventually go down, which means that industries would be able to buy it cheaper. With prices going down for industries, costs would go down for the consumer.

The 1999 Hemp Commerce and Farming Report (HCFR put out by the

Canadian Industrial Hemp Grower's Association) states that the estimated US sales in 1999 were \$225 million. The projected US organic food market in 2000 is \$6.6 billion. " (The) most bullish estimated size of all eventual markets for hemp as a nutraceutical, cosmetic, fibre, technical oil, food (is) \$50 billion," stated the HCFR.

Most companies throughout the world now use hemp in their products because of the environmental attributes. The HCFR named four of these companies: Adidas, The Body Shop, Patagonia, and Two Star Dog. Another company that has been using hemp in its products since 1988 is Calvin Klein.

Industrial hemp comes from the same plant as marijuana, Cannabis Sativa; the difference between the two comes from the cultivation of the plant. Hemp is grown for its seed and fibers; whereas, marijuana is grown for its long thick buds and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) content.

Hemp seeds have certain minerals and fatty acids that help the body. Some minerals are cadmium, calcium, and magnesium. The fatty acids are linoleic and lanoleic acid. One other is gamma linoleic acid, which is found in great abundance in the seed. Seeds also have no THC content.

One major benefit of industrial hemp is the help that it can give to the environment. HempNet.com a site set up by The Hemp Industries Association says, "Most hemp-derived products are non-toxic, biodegradable, and renewable. Hemp protein can be processed and flavored in any way soybean protein can."

Building materials for houses can be made from fibers and hurds. The compressed fibers are stronger and more elastic than wood. The paper that is made from hemp is a better quality than what is made from wood pulp, and it can be recycled ten times instead of four. Hemp is also naturally water-resistant. Hemp is one of the most nutritious

plants, second only to soybeans. It can also help against soil erosion.

These are only some of the benefits of hemp. With over twenty-five thousand different products that can be made from hemp alone, just think of all the possibilities and benefits that can come from this wondrous little plant.

### Notices Graduation

Candidates for graduation must submit an application to the admissions/records office during the first month of the semester of graduation. All applications must be turned in by February 1. Graduation ceremonies will be held Friday, May 5, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the DMACC, Boone Campus Gymnasium.

### Lost & Found

Vicki Lauzon has a valuable ring found in the computer lab. If you are missing a ring please check with Vicki in the financial aid office

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# Jay Walking

## Pledge-ing to keep the apartment clean

By Jay Cue

Bear Facts Staff

My friendly postman delivered a notice the other day that only occurs once a year. This was a notice stating that my roommates and I are being re-evaluated for the amount of rent we pay. Living in a 'based on income' apartment building has its financial benefits, but as we are already paying the maximum, I don't see how this notice is necessary. In any case, our manager will be inspecting the place to make sure he hasn't rented the place out to any budding arsonists or anything.

Having the manager over isn't a bad thing. He's a cool guy and all. Unfortunately, as I took a quick glance around the place a week ago, I realized it is painfully obvious the apartment is rented out to three college guys who don't invite their mothers over near enough.

The fact that the place is a disaster area is not entirely our fault. It isn't our fault the vacuum cleaner is out of order, well, sort of. Attempting to spruce the place up a bit the other day was quite a trip. I pulled the vacuum out from the closet and examined it. I knew right then that we were in trouble when the vacuum sat under more dust than the rest of the apartment. Regardless, I knew the place needed cleaning, so I grabbed the lemon-scented Pledge and an old sock that my roommate left on the floor and proceeded to polish the vacuum. About a can and a half later, I was done. I could have eaten off of it, except we were out of Little Debbie's.

After the task of cleaning the vacuum, I was spent. I took the rest of the day off to watch some NFL action but left the sparkling vacuum in the middle of the room for all to admire. I got my reward for my hard work when my roommate awoke at the crack of dusk, hobbled out of his bedroom in search for some grub, and tripped over the clean machine.

"Ouch, who the.. wow, this is really clean," he commented. That's when I knew it was all worth it.

The next day, however, I was back at it again. This time, I turned the vacuum on. Its supersonic purr was a sound unfamiliar to me. It was the sound of clean. As I glided the machine back and forth across the carpet, it picked up everything in its path. Once again my roommate emerged.

"What the... it sounds like you're vacuuming a beach out here." He was right. But I didn't care. With a smile on my lips, I trekked on. Then, just when I thought I couldn't get any happier, I made a huge discovery: we have white carpet! I was floored. It was actually kind of soft too.

A while later, I finished vacuuming the living room, evaluated the amount of energy I had left, made sure there was nothing good on TV and headed for the hallway. That's when the trouble began. I noticed that the vacuum was not picking up any dirt. It was purring and I was moving it, but the dirt stayed. In fact, at times there was more dirt there than when I had started. It was odd. I knew something was wrong, so I consulted my girlfriend. She concluded (in a matter of seconds) that the bag was full. I calmly asked, "What bag, I don't see a bag?" She then opened up the front and showed me what she meant. I was amazed. The makers of vacuums think of everything.

"What now?" I asked.

I got my answer; it was off to Wal-Mart to purchase a new bag. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of going by myself. I learned some valuable things that day. The first is, there is more to Wal-Mart than electronics and sporting goods, and the second is, it contains vacuum bags... about 7 million different kinds. My jaw dropped.

I was not only in unfamiliar territory, but I had no idea what I was looking for. So I did what any well-educated college age man would do, I grabbed one of each. I figured, if I try them all out, eventually one will work and I can take the unopened ones back for a refund.

So a half-hour and \$38 later, I was home. I learned another valuable lesson that day: never try and replace a bag on a 1960's model vacuum, they no longer make bags for them. So there I sat surrounded by enough vacuum bags to accommodate most of Boone and no use for them.

Needless to say, my apartment floor still sits half clean. But there is a silver lining to all of this. As I was re-arranging the furniture to cover the dirty spots, I found enough change in the cushions to get myself a box of Swiss Cake Rolls. I shared them with my apartment manager. Boy, they were good.

## The Sounds of Music

By Patrick Fleming

Bear Facts Staff

**M**ost people will remember 1999 for its political scandal and the Y2k fears. But on the other hand, I'm not most people. The thing I will remember most about 1999 were the number of fantastic albums that were released this past year. I seriously wanted to write a top 30 albums list because I thought there were at least 30 albums that should be recognized, but due to time and space, I give you the crème of the crop, the tip of the top-- 10 albums of 1999.

- *The Soft Bulletin* by the Flaming Lips. This lush album brought this highly influential band of the 90's into a brave new world you do not want to leave. Songs such as "Waiting for Superman," show the Flaming Lips have matured and found a sound where you actually feel the instruments pounding through the speakers. This is not an album it is an experience.
- *The Gay Parade* by Of Montreal. A hilarious concept album about a girl named Nicki Coco, a boxer named Hector Ormono, and 100 other characters in this small town that decides to have a Gay Parade. The use of vocal backgrounds and strange instruments make this a great listen.
- *Poneyoak* by Kleenex Girl Wonder. A Lo-Fi masterpiece this album's 25 songs were recorded by one college student named Gram Smith in his University of Wisconsin dorm room. Smith played all the instruments, wrote all the songs, and recorded the whole album by himself.
- *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner* by Ben Folds Five. Maybe the most talented band of the 90's released their best album yet in 1999. With the diversity of such strong ballads as "Magic," and "Don't Change Your Plans For Me," to rockers like "Army," and "Redneck Past," this is an album for any music listener.
- *69 Love Songs* by the Magnetic Fields. Merge records decided to release only 2,500 copies of this 3 CD album with 69 songs on it. Lucky for me I was one of the first 2,500 buyers. These 69 songs have so many wonderful moments. This album has some of the best one liners in music history. Later this year Merge records will release 2,500 more copies since the album was so well received, so get on the Internet and order your copy now! [Mergerecords.com](http://Mergerecords.com) It's worth the 35 dollars.
- *Dream In Sound* by Elf Power. This beautiful album is like a book. If you are familiar with the work of J.R. Tolken you may find Elf Power quite enlightening. Andrew Rigner writes some of the most interesting non-fiction songs ever created.
- *Summer Teeth* by Wilco. My favorite alt-country band has learned to use the studio as a tool to their already great songwriting. If you're a fan of the Beatles and the Beach Boys wonderful pop albums give *Summer Teeth* a try.
- *Her Wallpaper Reverie* by the Apples (In Stereo). A beautiful 12 song concept album about a young girl who lives her life dreaming what life could be like through the records she listens too. Very similar to some one I see in the mirror everyday.
- *When the Pawn...* by Fiona Apple. Fiona's sophomore release gives you exactly what you like about the first album and so much more. Her voice range is remarkable and she is a stronger songwriter now.
- *Terror Twilight* by Pavement. One of my favorite bands changed its outlook on recording on this album choosing the hi-fi route but one thing never changes the great jangle fuzz pop, quirky smart lyrics, and Stephen Malkmus voice. Well there were so many more amazing beautiful albums in the past year but start with a few of these and tell me what you think or if you want a list of 30 albums from the past year to look at e-mail me at [wheatlord1@yahoo.com](mailto:wheatlord1@yahoo.com).

### STUDENTS

- Make sure that FAFSA and renewal forms get filled out so they may be processed faster.
- Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits need to be sent in with your taxes. Any questions stop by the financial aid office.
- All clubs need to inform the office of their events: the time, the event, the location, the room, and any special needs for the meeting.
- Students need to pay attention that the last day to drop classes is March 28, 2000.
- The summer schedule will be out the early part of March. Preregistration can happen anytime after the schedule comes out.

# BEAR FACTS

The Editorially Independent Voice of the DMACC Boone Campus

January 26, 2000

## DMACC Bears fight through adversity

By Scott Anderson  
*Bear Facts Staff*

The Boone DMACC basketball team has had to fight through a lot of adversity this season, but there have also been a lot of bright spots. Andy Carrel, a sophomore from Boone, is averaging a double-double with 19.5 points and 10 rebounds per game respectively. Point guard Josh Henderson, a sophomore from New Hampton, NH, is averaging 19 points and 5 assists per game.

This season got off to a difficult start because the team has played the majority of its games on road. The reason was due to scheduling conflicts with the women's basketball team. The women's basketball at DMACC is a club sport and will become a varsity sport next year. So because it was a club sport, they have the majority of their games at home, and the team had play on the road.

A key to any team's season is to stay healthy and avoid devastating injuries. The Bears have been healthy for the most part, but the team took a hit when Mike Jenkins, a sophomore from Fort Osage, MO, suffered a stress fracture in his leg and has played sparingly.

"Losing Mike to injury was a big hit to the team," said Coach Terry Jamieson. "Mike is an incredible athlete, and provided us with a lot of experience," said Jamieson.

The Bears also took a hit when they lost out on a recruit who would have helped them in the post area. "We have a lot of freshman in the post area, and they are learning the college game on the run," said Jamieson.

A big surprise has been the play of Lance Rennie, a freshman from North Platte, MO, who is averaging three block shots a game, and Erik Ahlquist, a freshman from Lee Summit, MO, who is averaging 7 points and 4 rebounds a game.

The Bears have also had some good spot minutes from the bench. Tim Harris of Ballard, Jason Kecki of Homer, NE, David Reinsch of Ankeny and Nick Pasley from Stuart have contributed with solid minutes.

DMACC is a part of the Region XI Conference and has a 1-5 record in the conference and is 6-11 overall. Kirkwood Community College leads the conference. "I believe that Kirkwood is the best Division II team in the country," said Jamieson. "There is a lot of parity after Kirkwood, and we have a great chance at upper division finish in our conference."

Despite the early difficulties, Coach Jamieson sees a lot of improvement and is proud of his team's effort. "They work hard, and do a great job in the classroom."



*photo by Arthur Davis*

The DMACC Bears won this one against Clinton during the first week of the semester. Here, Andy Carrel, Boone Campus sophomore from Boone takes a shot. Carrel finished the game with a season high of 29 points. He also had 14 rebounds in this game.

### Letter to the Editor

I wish to thank several people for assisting me when I was down recently due to surgery. Larry Schroeder, Lori Slight, and Matt Crawford were there to help in big ways. Larry and Lori supervised the band night on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Matt covered basketball in my absence. I very nearly cancelled these events, but these special people sacrificed time and effort to provided activities for our students. We are blessed to have them on board.

Terry Jamieson  
Boone Campus Athletic Director



*photo by Arthur Davis*

Eric Ahlquist, a freshman from Lee Summit, MO, takes a shot during the game with Clinton. Ahlquist is averaging seven points and four rebounds per game.



*photo by Arthur Davis*

Jason Kecki of Homer, NE, shoots one from the side.

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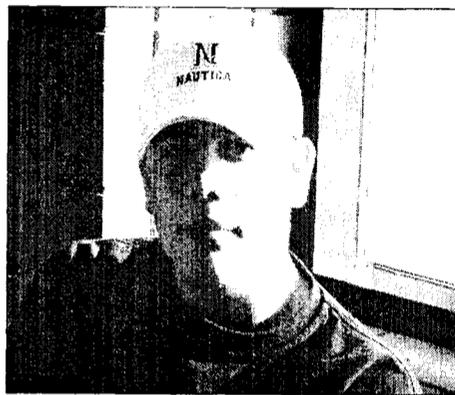


## “If you could ask a presidential candidate any question, what would you ask?”



**Sandi Johnson**  
Office Assistant

Bill Bradley--  
“What is your stand on health care packages for the elderly?”



**Brian Young**  
Student

George W. Bush--  
“Why do you want to become president? Of all of the laws in this country, which one would you change if you could?”



**Greg Newsum**  
Student

Al Gore--  
“What are you going to be doing to lower the taxes and the cost of living, so people can afford to get what they need?”



**Mandi Roth**  
Student

George W. Bush--  
“What makes you stand out from the other candidates?”

# Horoscopes

By Mandy Olson  
Bear Facts Staff

## Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

You chose wisely when buying books this semester in “the knook.” Classes are still pretty easy--but not to worry--you’ll get to work hard pretty soon. Start saving for that big Spring Break trip now. If you do, you may have extra money to spend on someone special--maybe even your horoscope writer! (Just kidding!)

## Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

You are definitely living for the future this time, Aquarius. Spring Break isn’t for another two months. Concentrate on the here and now. Working with someone in the Courter Center this week will brighten your life--Showing a little emotion will get you further than you had expected with this person.

## Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

I know it’s hard letting go of that friend that transferred to the Carroll campus, but hey--there’s always e-mail. Make new friends in your new classes. Your “emotional” attachment to those books you sold back has long since passed, especially

with that little (and I do mean little) bit of green you got in return.

## Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

Calm down! I know that you’re excited to be back at school--okay more like excited about being back with all of your friends and the thought of making more. Here’s a hint: That quiet girl in Comp 2--she wants to be your friend. Wear off some of that energy by doing homework!

## Taurus Apr 21-May 20

Your classes will be fine. Don’t start stressing out now--you have a whole semester for that. If you want to be productive at something early on, start working out in the gym upstairs. Hey, it’s free and it will help you with that New Year’s resolution to lose weight.

## Gemini May 21-Jun 21

Welcome back! You’re need for lots of conversation will be more than fulfilled these next few weeks in the computer lab. It might be the tall guy next to you or your long distance e-mail/chat friend. Don’t over analyze how much you spent on books--they’ll make you smarter. (But, only if you read them!)

## Cancer Jun 22-Jul 22

It’s hard coming back to school after all that family time over break. Make your transition easier by keeping in touch by e-mail. In speech class, you will make a new friend. Make sure not to get attached too soon--it could lead to heartbreak. Smile--it’ll brighten someone’s day.

## Leo Jul 23-Aug 23

It’s early in the semester--keep your ego in check. Boasting too early may end in “eating crow.” My best advice to you is this: “Chew your words carefully before you spit them out; they may be hard to swallow later.” Your shortcut in math will cause a headache in the long run.

## Virgo Aug 24-Sep 22

Don’t worry about your grades, yet. The semester has just begun. Your classes will go by fast if you relax and don’t stress. Be very detailed in your book searching in the library--there may be something that catches your interest. Watch your spending now; it’ll help pay for your Spring Break getaway.

## Libra Sep 23-Oct 23

Like I told Taurus, start working out in

the weight room upstairs--it’ll help with your need to keep yourself attractive. Your classes will require a lot of you, so be careful not to bite off more than you can chew. Explore a discipline that doesn’t really interest you--you’ll change your mind after a week, guaranteed.

## Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

New classes will give you a chase to endure for the first few weeks. Being realistic will help you to know when to study and when to play--don’t forget to play--it does a body good. Be aware of your tendency to be possessive with a new friend; you don’t want to scare them off quicker than you met them.

## Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

Good morning sunshine! Making the grade will be fairly easy this semester. Be passionate about everything you do and this semester will fly by. Spring Break plans are in the making--go for the more conservative choice. You did, after all, spend too much on books. Quiet your little chatterbox before you “spill the beans” on something personal told to you by a close friend.