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Blizzard storms the Courter Center

By Spencer Vaughn
Bear Facts Staff

To those who did not get to participate, the Blizzard of Bucks may not seem like much of a storm, but to Boone Campus student Art Davis, the storm was one of the best ones he’s ever seen.

The Blizzard of Bucks is a traveling game show. In this game, Boone Campus students put their name into a hat in hopes of being chosen for a chance to win T-shirts and up to $500 in cash. Once chosen, the students went through one of three preliminary rounds.

In the preliminary rounds, the students had to play games which took a great deal of coordination and skill. These games included stuffing their pants with filled balloons, tossing rubber chickens into baskets, and stacking trays and bowls. The winner of each of these rounds went to the final round.

In the final round, the games became a little more interesting when the students were asked to take some bubble gum out of a pie pan with their mouth, chew it, and blow a bubble at least one inch in diameter. Before the students dove in to the pie pans, the hosts, Javis Kaler and Deb Weber, filled the pans full of whip cream. The winner of this contest went on to the final event, the Blizzard of Bucks.

The winner, Davis, was put into a Plexiglas® cylinder. With Davis was $500 in one, five, ten, and twenty dollar bills. He had 60 seconds to grab as much of this money as possible as it whirled around him thanks to two fans. "All I had to do was hold the bag open and the money fell into it," said Davis.

Davis came out of the cylinder with $188. Terry Jamieson, the Boone Campus Student Activities Adviser, estimated that 100 students and faculty attended the event. "All total, it went great," said Jamieson.

The Blizzard of Bucks cost the Boone Campus students $1500. Jamieson commented, "These events are dirt cheap in the area of activities."

Another upcoming activity from Senator International, the promoter of Blizzard of Bucks, is Laser Arena. This event is going to cost $1000. According to Jamieson, these events are all paid for through the student activity fund.

The Student Action Board has given Jamieson the responsibility of spending the money for these events. Laser Arena will be on Thursday, February 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Boone Campus gym, and there is no admission charge to Boone Campus students.

Accounting Information Systems & Entrepreneurship

Two new programs available at DMACC

By Rosie Fuentes
Bear Facts Staff

Something new is going on at DMACC campuses. Two new programs of study have become available to DMACC students: Accounting Information Systems (AIS) and the Entrepreneurship Program.

The Entrepreneurship program will begin in Fall 2000 and the AIS program is already open for enrollment. Both programs are business oriented and geared to help the student become ready to enter the working world in the field of business.

AIS has been open for enrollment since the fall of 1999 and is already becoming a very popular program among Boone DMACC students. Brad Smith, Accounting instructor for the Boone DMACC campus describes AIS as a “marriage of accounting and information systems.” The program consists of primarily accounting and computer courses with some general education courses included.

The AIS program is four semesters in length at DMACC with an option of going on to a state or private university for a four-year degree majoring in accounting or management information systems. As for requirements for entrance into the AIS program there really aren’t any with the exception of taking the COMPASS test and enrolling here at DMACC. However, Brad Smith, accounting instructor suggests that those thinking about enrolling in the program should test the waters with Principles of Accounting I and have some desire to work with computers.

The AIS program is offered any semester, but it is best to begin in the fall. The program is offered at all DMACC campuses.

Smith, when asked about his opinion of the program, replied, “I don’t believe that there is any program at this university that is more flexible and allows more potential for earning more money and more jobs than this program. The job possibilities are endless. Most of the students who were in the accounting programs here at DMACC have now switched to accounting information systems.”

Lori Clemens, a student at the Boone DMACC campus majoring in AIS states, “I like the versatility of the program. It’s the diversity of both accounting courses combined with programming courses.” She also likes the fact that it’s a new program and really enjoys the computer programming courses.

Lori plans to go on to a four-year university and would like to work for a major corporation when she is finished with college.

The Entrepreneurship program is the other new program of study that will be coming to DMACC campuses this fall. This program is designed to give students the knowledge and skills to start up their own business. The program, two semesters totaling 30 credits, is offered at the Ankeny and Boone campuses.

Gary Stasko heads up the program in Boone. Stasko group leader of the Business Department says of the Entrepreneurship program, “This is a great program because not only does it give students the knowledge and skills to start up their own business, but it also enhances their ability to get a job with someone else.”

Requirements for this program include taking the COMPASS and enrolling at DMACC. To assist with those who are nontraditional students, a lot of the classes are offered in the evening. Some of the courses for this program include basic law, small business management, small business marketing, computer accounting, and some core courses to name just a few.

With both programs, there is great potential for finding a new and exciting job out in the business world. For more information contact Smith at (515) 433-5081 or Stasko at (515) 433-5086.

She made us laugh...she made us cry....

Remembering Marguerite Kelley, Boone Campus history instructor.
Students visit legislature

BOONE CAMPUS--Did you know that you could hold all of the gold from the dome of the capital building in your hands—that it weighs only six pounds? That's just one thing seven Boone Campus DMACC students learned on a recent trip to the Iowa Legislature.

On January 26-27 students Michael Chow, April Eames, Mystique Eschliman, Michelle Johnson, Mandy Olson, Becky Perkovich, and David Wennerstrom and one faculty member, Jan LaVille, attended the 12th Annual IACCT Student/Alumni Legislative Seminar at the Savory Hotel and State Capitol in Des Moines.

The trip started with a tour of the capital building. After the tour, the seminars began at the Savory where several speakers talked about community college funding. Ted Stillwill, Director of the State Department of Education and Dr. Gene Gardner, who heads up Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, talked about the history of education in Iowa and community college funding in particular. Later in the afternoon, Dave Palmer, State Relations of DMACC; Tim Wynes, State Relations of Indian Hills Community College, and a man working in the firm of Junkins and Associates taught us how to lobby for the next day's activities at the capitol.

That evening the group enjoyed a sit down dinner in the Savory Hotel's Grand Ballroom. After dinner, senators and representatives from the state legislature spoke about the Iowa State education budget. They included President of the Senate, Mary Kramer, Education Appropriations directors, Marcie Frevert and John Kibbie, Appropriations Economic Development director, Dave Heaton, Majority Leader of the House, Christopher Rants and Minority Leader of the House, David Schrader.

Thursday, at the capitol, the group sat in on both the Senate and the House of Representatives for the short time that they were in session. Students then went separate ways to talk to senators or representatives or to sit in on a committee meeting. LaVille introduced the group to Senator Jerry Behn from Boone, but since he was leaving the Senate for a meeting, he didn't have time to talk with the students. They returned to the Boone Campus that afternoon.
DMACC Boone Campus announces fall scholars

By Patrice Harson

DMACC’s President Dr. Joseph A. Borgen recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester President’s List and Dean’s List.

Students need only be enrolled for six or more credit hours in a given semester to be eligible. Students also must earn a 4.0 grade point average to qualify for the President’s List and a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average to qualify for the Dean’s List.

President’s List (4.0)

Allan Adams, Liberal Arts, Ames; Debbie Archer, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jason Boyd, Liberal Arts, Nevada; Scott Braaithart, Business Administration, Ames; Kristin Bravard, Business Administration, Boone; Blaine Buenger, Civil Engineering Tech., Ames; Hilary Caffrey, Accounting Paraprofessional, Woodward; Joshua Carbon, Liberal Arts, Boone; Phi Chi, Liberal Arts, Ames; John Cole, Civil Engineering Tech., Boone; Tabitha Christiansen, Quality Technician, Monroe; Tannie Clark, Liberal Arts, Ames; Bob Clements, Mgt. Information Systems, Boone; Brett Cron, Liberal Arts, Stratford; Heidi Culin, Liberal Arts, Boone; Kae Cull, Accounting Information Systems, Stratford; Charles Crusan, Computer Programming, Perry; Jodi Daigh, Liberal Arts, Boone; Audrey Davidson, Liberal Arts, Ames; Tom Dozier, Civil Engineering Tech., Ankeny; Mui Duong, Liberal Arts, Jefferson; Rongrong Fan, Liberal Arts, Ames; Viojo Farmer, Liberal Arts, Boone; David Fenneman, Mgt. Information Systems, Cambridge; John Ferrari, Computer Programming, Pilot Mound; Michael Fife, Liberal Arts, Boone; Ficcia Ficcia, Liberal Arts, Ames; Tom Fitzgerald, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jennifer Foley, Accounting Specialist, Boone; Melanie Frederiksen, Nursing Practical, Ames; Jenny Fry, Nursing Practical, Nevada; Rosie Fuentes, Administrative Assistant, Boone; Shannon Fuson, Liberal Arts, Madrid; Tami Gano, Liberal Arts, Boone; Laura Gardiner, Legal Assistant, Ames; Tracy Geffre, Liberal Arts, Boone; Melissa Gourley, Liberal Arts, Boone; Jeff Meyer, Administrative Assistant, Boone; Shannon Wison, Liberal Arts, Madrid; Tami Gano, Liberal Arts, Boone; Laura Gardiner, Legal Assistant, Ames; Tracy Geffre, Liberal Arts, Boone; Melissa Gourley, Liberal Arts, Boone; Melinda Grot, Liberal Arts, Nevada; Brenda Gross, Business Administration, Ames; Stephanie Hammer, Accounting Information Systems, Ames; Tyler Hansen, Liberal Arts, Boone; Stephanie Harris, Mgt. Information Systems, Des Moines; Patrice Harson, Liberal Arts, Boone; Debra Hendrickson, Nursing Practical, Ames; Leslie Howery, Liberal Arts, Collins; Yu-San Huang, Liberal Arts, Ames; Amie Hull, Administrative Assistant, Boone; Jamie Iles, Liberal Arts, Pilot Mound; Alyssa Immel, Liberal Arts, Ames; Billie Johns, Liberal Arts, Boone; Darren Johnson, Liberal Arts, Boone; Randall Kimsey, Liberal Arts, Ogden; Phillip Kirkegaard, Liberal Arts, Ogden; Toni Klemish, Nursing Practical, Boone; George Kockler, Liberal Arts, Nevada; Dawn Krause, Accounting & Bookkeeping, Boone; Stephanie Kruse, Liberal Arts, Dayton; Mi-Kyoung Lee, Nursing Practical, Ames; Shirley Li, Liberal Arts, Ames; Kyle Linde, Business Administration, Ames; Wendy Lookingbill, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jonathan Makovec, Mgt. Information Systems, Ames; Linda Mathre, Liberal Arts, Story City; Amber McBride, Liberal Arts, Boone; Michael McKean, Civil Engineering Tech., Boone; Carla Morgan, Liberal Arts, Stratford; David Morris, Liberal Arts, Boone; Jennifer Needham, Liberal Arts, Boone; Kerry Newbanks, Civil Engineering Tech., Ames; Sunny Norton, Liberal Arts, Boone; Amy Page, Liberal Arts, Boone; David Parsons, Liberal Arts, Boone; Lanna Paul, Liberal Arts, Boone; Alicia Perez, Business Administration, Perry; Kimberly Peters, Liberal Arts, Ames; William Philips, Liberal Arts, Ames; Michael Pontoh, Liberal Arts, Ames; Richard Prussing, Liberal Arts, Boone; April Richards, Administrative Assistant, Madrid; Kari Rinehart, Liberal Arts, Boone; Shannon Rinehart, Liberal Arts, Boone; Harry Samms, Liberal Arts, Ames; Lindsay Saunders, Liberal Arts, Boone; Jared Schirmer, Business Administration, Ames; Mitti Schoening, Business Administration, Stratford; Nikki Scott, Administrative Assistant, Minburn; Martha Sherick, Liberal Arts, Ames; Beth Shultz, Office Assistant, Pilot Mound; Roxanne Siegfried, Nursing Practical, Ames; April Siemens, Nursing Practical, Boone; Carrie Smith, Liberal Arts, Buxholm; Joshua Smith, Liberal Arts, Boone; Bunne Song, Mgt. Information Systems, Ames; Nancy Sorenson, Computer Application, Ames; Sarah Springer, Liberal Arts, Boone; DeAnna Swyter, Liberal Arts, Ames; Angela Teter, Liberal Arts, Ogden; Michael Thomas, Electronics Systems, Boone; Matthew Thome, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jon Thompson, Liberal Arts, Boone; Megan Turner, Liberal Arts, Jefferson; Karen Vincent, Nursing Practical, Nevada; Emily Vinson, Liberal Arts, Boone; Kristina Wallace, Accounting Paraprofessional, Ogden; Puming Wang, Mgt. Information Systems, Ames; Sarah Williams, Accounting Specialist, Boone; Sherrise Williams, Liberal Arts, Ames; Holly Winters, Liberal Arts, Boone; Hyun-Hwa Yang, Business Administration, Ames; Tiffany Young, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jane Zantow, Liberal Arts, Boone; YuHeng Zhao, Liberal Arts, Boone; Dennis Zittergruen, Civil Engineering Tech., Guttenberg.

Spring blood drive

Did you know that one-pint of blood saves the lives of four people? Make your pint count in the blood drive sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda and Nursing Students on Tuesday, February 22, in the Courter Center.

Barb Gano, director of the Nursing Students states, "This will be the first year since 1995 that the Blood Bus will be used. The Blood Bus is a self-contained unit. The cannent, the blood drawing tables and all the interviewers are on the bus.”

Pre-registration times have been scheduled next week in the Courter Center on February 15, 16 and 21. Blood donating times are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the following week.

The process takes about an hour. Participants must complete a brief medical history, be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors are encouraged to eat breakfast the morning of the donation.

Last semester, 25 pints of blood were drawn. Seven of those 25 were from first time donors.

Help out your fellow man (or woman) by donating blood!
How to avoid that extra semester
Know your core requirements

By Arthur Davis
Bear Facts Staff

It is your last semester at DMACC, and you think you’re going to graduate at the end of the semester. You apply for graduation, get fitted for a cap and gown, and look forward to the end of the semester. One small problem has arisen; you have not met all your core requirements.

One problem that George Silberhorn, DMACC counselor, sees with students is, dropping a class and picking up another to replace it that will not meet a core requirement. For example, dropping principles of biology and replacing it with genetics will not meet core. Silberhorn says, “If you drop a core requirement class, put another comparable class back in.” For instance, dropping principles of biology and replacing it with environmental conservation would be acceptable.

Once students know their major, it is time to look at their transfer colleges’ articulation agreement for specific major. Larry Schroeder, DMACC educational advisor, recommends that students be in contact with a counselor from that school. The idea is that DMACC and the college that the student wishes to transfer to are on the same page.

Schroeder also felt that by encouraging a student to contact someone from the transferring school it would allow the student to become familiar with that school’s educational process.

An Associate of Arts degree (AA) is generally recommended if a student is going to transfer to another college. The AA degree has more core requirements. A student needs 48 credits from core requirements and 16 credits from electives. This is a total of 64 credits. An Associate of Science degree is generally best with a heavy math or science degree. This degree is for the student desiring additional career specialization during their first two years of college. General education courses are offered along with collegiate level courses designed to fulfill a variety of professional or college parallel/career option programs with the intention of either seeking employment or continuing studies at a baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

To receive an AA degree do the following:

- Communication 9 credits
  Engl 117, 118, 119 and Spch 110, 111, 117. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year college are advised to take Engl 117 and 118.
- Social and Behavioral Sciences 9 credits
  Anth 120, 121; Econ 101, 102; Geog 141, 147, 148; Hist 121, 122, 124, 125; Psc 111, 112, 121, 122, 126; Psych 101, 103, 104, 105, 108; Soc 101, 102, 103, 105.
- Mathematics and Sciences 9 credits
  Biol 118, 119, 126, 127, 141, 142, 144, 147, 149, 154; Bsd 152, 122, 123, 124, 129, 130, 132; Math 115, 118, 121; Chem 120, 131, 132, 151, 152, 161, 162; Phy 106, 111, 112, 121, 122. Students must take one lab science course from Biol, Chem, or Phy. Students must also take one Math or Bsd course.
- Humanities 9 credits
  Arts 101; Dram 110; Fren 101, 102, 103, 104; Hist 121, 122; Humn 115, 131, 132; Lit 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134; Musi 130, 131; Phil 110, 111, 112, 113; Span 101, 102, 103, 104.

- Distributed Requirement 12 credits
  Select the remainder from any of the courses in the above categories A, B, C, D.
- Electives 16 credits
  Students may include no more than 16 semester credit hours of vocational courses. Students may include no more than 8 semester credit hours of independent study courses; no more than 4 semester credit hours of independent study may be earned in any single semester.

To receive an AS degree students are required to do the following:

- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average on all work applicable for the AA degree. Earn a minimum of 1/3 of the semester credit hours applicable to the degree being pursued at DMACC. Complete the final 10 semester credit hours at DMACC (or petition to the Credentials Office for, and receive, an exception). Complete a minimum of 64 credit hours. Include at least 28 semester credit hours of core requirements. Look at A, B, C, D, for AA degree. Include at least 36 semester credit hours of elective credit.

Politics in Iowa: Iowa’s affect

By Becky Perkovich
Bear Facts Staff

This year’s Iowa caucus set a new record in the number of voters who turned out to exercise their rights. According to Boone Campus student, Brad Thomas, DMACC advisor, sees with students who come out in the lead in Iowa.

"He totes around the state visiting Iowa, dressed in casual clothes, plays country music at his rallies and brings John Deere tractors to special meetings with farmers. He doesn’t do these same things in other states."

For years Iowa has been first in the nation for holding presidential caucuses. On Monday, January 24, registered Iowans again had the opportunity of exercising their right to vote. That is if you’re a registered Democrat or Republican; however, if you’re an independent, you couldn’t have voted in the caucus. Although in a primary form of polling, such as New Hampshire, anyone registered would have been allowed to vote.

To vote in the November 7 presidential election, you must be registered by October 10. According to the Iowa Caucus Organization, 89% of all people who are of legal age to vote are registered, one of the nation’s highest rates. In the Iowa State caucus, anyone seventeen, who will be eighteen by the presidential election is also allowed to vote.

By being first in the nation, a candidate is given the chance to spend a lot of time here. Before the caucus many delegates and their supporters spent many days here: Bradley, 74 days; Bush, 23; Forbes, 77; Gore, 43; and Keyses, 59.

Mass media is another way for candidates to get their message across. Through television and radio, we are able to view each candidate for ourselves and use our views to influence others. Public speaking is another way candidates sell their ideas to their constituencies.

Beth Thomas, DMACC student, made a point of this while describing Al Gore. “He totes around the state visiting Iowa, dressed in casual clothes, plays country music at his rallies and brings John Deere tractors to special meetings with farmers. He doesn’t do these same things in other states.”

Another political first for Iowa is the popular vote. It is a great thing; however, it’s not all that is important in a major election; you must also consider the Electoral College. Iowa, only having five electoral votes, doesn’t carry the impact of a heavily populated state. Each congressional district is divided into counties and then again into precincts.

The results of the caucuses are released according to each precinct. Boone County has 26 precincts and Story County has 43. To prove the point that every vote counts, just look at the Democrats in Story County. Gore had a landslide victory in Boone after his stop at the Elks Lodge; however, in Story County, both candidates’ results resulted in a virtual tie, even though Gore was the predicted winner.

In the 210 years the Constitution of the United States has been in effect, there have been only twenty-seven amendments, only twenty-seven amendments, and four of them have to do with voting: Suffrage cannot be denied on account of race or color; you can’t be denied because you don’t own land; you don’t have to pay a poll tax; you can’t be denied on account of sex or age. So, exercise your rights and vote.
Dot Com has taken over the world

By Spencer Vaughn
Bear Facts Staff

Superbowl XXXIV gave us a view of the future of advertising. The Superbowl had its regular beer, pop, and car commercials, but this year dot com companies pushed their way into the "superbowl" of advertising. In 1999, Superbowl advertisers spent an average of 1.6 million dollars for 30 seconds of television advertising. With the rush of dot coms vying for your money, the price was pushed up to an average of $2.2 million dollars for a 30 second commercial. Seventeen dot coms advertised in Superbowl XXXIV, up considerably from the three that advertised during Superbowl XXXIII.

Two of the advertisers with great web sites for students are Monster.com and AutoTrader.com.

Monster.com: Monster.com is a job search company. If you are getting ready to graduate and are looking for a full-time job in the larger cities, this is a great site to go to. Monster.com has job listings in many fields from all over the country. You can even find a good paying, part-time job to help you pay for these parties at the 4-year college that you are transferring to. Something else that Monster.com offers, which can really help students, is creating a resume and cover letter. Also, there is space to store up to five resumes and cover letters on Monster.com's server. One problem I found with this site is that not every company looking for help is advertising on this site. Just as with searching the newspaper for jobs, you should not limit your search for a job to only Monster.com. Monster.com receives an A for how easy the site is to use, but a C for the number of job listings in areas outside of cities with a population of fewer than 75,000 people.

AutoTrader.com: Looking for a new or used car? Check out this site. I did a search for a 1993 Ford Taurus. I was able to come up with ten listings within 100 miles of Boone. The listings came from reputable dealerships such as Granger Motors (Granger) and Dewey Ford (Des Moines). The searching tools are very easy to use. Also, you are going to be able to search for just about any make of a car or truck. Have you heard of Gazelle or Zimmer cars? I just like my Fords and Toyotas. AutoTrader.com has links to reviews, information on new cars, financing, and insurance. If you are looking for a used car that is not coming from a dealership, keep checking out the newspapers. Most people have not grabbed onto the selling power of the Internet. AutoTrader.com receives an A for user friendliness of the site, and a B for the amount of information about the cars for sale.

In the next issue, I will be looking at several search engines. If you have one that you would like to see a review for, e-mail me at vaughn@opencominc.com.

DMACC students choose

Boone Campus ‘Top Ten’

By Patrick Fleming
Bear Facts Staff

I got some great feedback on my Top Ten list of 1999. But a lot of the feedback had to deal with, “I have never heard of any of these bands!” So I decided to ask around and see what the Boone Campus students’ favorite music album is at the moment.

First I asked Allan Sitzler, who is a freshman. His favorite CD at the moment is Bob Dylan’s Greatest Hits Volume 1, which I may add is a must for any music collection. With songs such as “Like A Rolling Stone,” and “Subterranean Home Sick Blues,” this is a classic.

American Pie Soundtrack: I like the variety on this album, there are lots of really cool bands on this CD.

Next I asked freshman Jodi Daigh what her favorite album at the moment is, and she is listening to the American Pie Soundtrack. “I like the variety on this album, there are lots of really cool bands on this CD.”

Blink 182, Tonic, and Dan Wilson of Semisonic all appear on this disk. Along the lines of radio rock, I asked freshman Karisty Harris what she likes at the moment, and she said one word, “Cred”. “I hear this CD wherever I go, but I like it a lot.” I on the other hand am not a Creed fan but with their past two albums, they have proven to me that they can write commercial rock hits, very radio-friendly stuff. Cute boys in the band too, that always helps.

I asked junior Zach Mulder what he is into at the moment, and he said Chronic 2001 by Dr. Dre. “Dre hasn’t come out with anything new in awhile, and it has a lot of great tracks.” Dre has been out of the scene for a few years but always seems to be the producing and rapping force to be reckoned with.

Well at the moment I’m really into The Homan’s Horns Greatest Hits. Neutral Milk Hotel’s On Avery Island, and Matthew Sweet’s new album In Reverse. Hey, what is your favorite album at the moment? I would love to know. Send me your favorites to wheatlord1@yahoo.com.

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Letter to the Editor

PBL would like to thank all the students who properly dispose of their pop cans in the designated containers. Some students may not realize that we have certain containers for garbage and certain ones for pop cans. Throughout the school there are big blue cans for can deposits with a sign posted above them. When people don’t use the proper containers, we have to sort through a lot of trash mixed in with the cans before taking the cans to the can redemption center. This is a very time consuming and messy. Our organization appreciates being able to use this money to help pay state and national dues for our members and to do service projects. Hopefully by writing this letter it will enable us to do a faster and more efficient job while sorting. We would also appreciate suggestions from our fellow DMACC students as to how this problem could be resolved.

PBL Members Amber Keller, Beth Shultz and Cheryl Simpson

The sounds of Music

If you’re like me, and you’re guilty of flipping your dial to the local oldies radio station...you won’t be disappointed.

By Patrick Fleming
Bear Facts Staff

“Once upon a drag, set in my basement dream,” is the opening line to the new album by the Essex Green. This is a concept album about all the things you talk about with friends while driving around on a warm summer day. The album is called Everything Is Green.

I’m pretty sure the album takes place in about 1967. The sound of the Essex Green is much like that of many psychedelic garage bands of the late ’60s that tried to capture the sounds of the Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band, and the Beach Boys’ Pet Sounds. The thing that makes this album so cool is that it was released in December of 1999. It’s funny how some of the most captivating music being made today has a direct influence from the late ’60s.

This is the latest album off my favorite record label the Elephant 6 Collective, which is known for its use of strange instruments and wonderful ’60s-inspired music. With this album you get it all from a beautiful flute solo in “Mrs. Bean” to beautifully crafted fuzz guitar in “Tinker (She heard the News).” If you’re like me, and you’re guilty of flipping your dial to the local oldies radio station, give this record a try; you won’t be disappointed.

Although the wonderful instrumentation is what gets you on the first listen as you dig into the album more, you start to appreciate the amazing lyrics. For example in the song, “The Playground,” singer Sasha Bells sings, “And I guess you have to be a martyr, to live inside this desert place,” I could only hope to last one hour to be here with you.”

The album does a fantastic job in setting the stage for the listeners to close their eyes and picture three or four friends on a summer’s drive. In “Mrs. Bean,” Mike Barret sings, “You’ve done so well you kept so you must have an angel under your spell, the people watching from the street who know her name so well.”

As Mike sings this line, the group of five musicians go through what I call a perfect pop hook, the point of the song where it changes and brings a huge smile to your face. In Everything Is Green the Essex Green hits many of the perfect pop moments. But don’t take my word for it, check this album out.

In the following weeks to come. I hope to bring you the local music calendar so that you know what’s going on, where it’s going, and how I can follow. If you have any questions or comments you can e-mail me at wheatlord1@yahoo.com.
PTK plans service projects
By Michelle Johnson, PTK President
Contributing Writer

Last fall, the Tau Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa initiated over 25 new members. Last fall was the first semester in which PTK was an organized club on the Boone Campus.

Two PTK members have been nominated for Academic All-American and will be featured in the Des Moines Register as outstanding community college students. In April, these two Boone Campus students, Katie Howe from Boone and Jo Webster from Perry, will be attending the All Iowa Academic Team Banquet in Ames.

In the fall, PTK organized a bake sale, which brought in $66 for the chapter. A Christmas toy drive, coordinated by Jaclyn Sprang DMACC student from Ames, brought in four big bag fulls of toys, clothing, games, videos, and even a VCR for ACCESS in Ames.

Service projects for the spring semester include participating in a nationwide program entitled America Reads, which is an effort to improve reading skills in elementary schools. Michael Chow, Boone Campus DMACC student from Ames, is organizing the project.

Another project that is being planned for the near future is Iowa Earth Year 2000, which is a statewide effort to promote environmental conservation. April 22 marks the 30th anniversary of Earth Day. PTK is planning to have speakers at the Boone Campus to inform students about conservation. On Earth Day, a cleanup of the environment is also being planned.

The regional convention for PTK will be in Ankeny on March 3. Several members of the Tau Phi chapter will be attending.

Tau Phi will have spring initiation of new members on February 20 at 2 p.m. There are 95 students eligible on the Boone Campus to become new PTK members. Those students who are eligible will soon be notified by mail.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for two-year colleges. The DMACC-Boone Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is Tau Phi. To be eligible for PTK a student must have completed 12 credit hours while attaining a grade point average of 3.5.

Boone Campus PBL recognized in national publication

Phi Beta Lambda Vice President Nikki Scott, President Marie Dostal and Treasurer Nancy Thomas enjoy reading about the DMACC Boone Campus PBL in a recent publication of PBL Business Leader, a national publication for members and Advisers of their organization. The Boone Campus PBL is the only Iowa PBL organization featured in the “Chapter News” section of this winter issue.
Josh Henderson puts up a shot against Iowa Central. Henderson finished the game with 22 points.

Lance Rennie goes up for the shot against Iowa Lakes.

Women’s Basketball

By Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

Women’s basketball is a club sport on the Boone Campus, different from sanctioned basketball. It is different in the sense that a club team anybody can walk-on and play where as a sanctioned team involves recruiting and scholarships.

“It’s a way to maintain interest in basketball while preparing for a greater commitment,” said Athletic Director Terry Jamieson. The girls on the team are Kelly Busch, Tracy Shaw, Tiffany Young, Victoria Rowley, Courtney DeJong, and Raedenia Madison.

Jamieson, who will take over the full-time coaching duties next year, sees a bright future ahead as the team will be a sanctioned sport next fall. "I’m very proud of these girls," said Jamieson. They have played hard and represented this school with a lot of class."
Talk Back

“What is the most romantic valentine you have ever received?”

Amy Rusnak
Student
“I haven't gotten anything exciting, unless I get something this year.”

Julie Spenser
Student
“I thought I was just getting flowers, but when I looked close, there were earrings attached to them.”

Jason Crocker
Student
“Just dinner at Papa's Place in Canada.”

Gary Stasko
Instructor
“I don’t think I ever have. Nobody likes me.”

Horoscopes

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Capricorn
Dec 22-Jan 20
Happy Valentine's Day. Your planning for the future has paid off. Your "special friend" in calculus will be expecting a valentine from you. Work hard to make it yourself—it'll be worth it.

Aquarius
Jan 21-Feb 19
Get your friends together and do something nice for someone you don't know, maybe the residents at the Eastern Star Home. Be sure to make it very personal and heart-felt.

Pisces
Feb 20-Mar 20
Send that cutie in Accounting a personalized valentine! He or she may turn into the love of your life. Don't be too emotional when it comes to your classes—you'll need a clear head to get a good grade.

Aries
Mar 21-Apr 20
Put that energy to good use. Tutor your struggling friend. Valentine's Day is the perfect chance to test out your "nerves of steel." Ask the girl in your psychology class out on a date—she is sure to say "yes.”

Taurus
Apr 21-May 20
Get your butt in gear! Don't hesitate making your valentines. If you do, you won't get them done on time. Being reliable is a good aspect of your personality—don't let is slide.

Gemini
May 21-Jun 21
It's not too long until the weather warms up. You'll get to go outside soon. Put a little variety in your life by dancing. Get a group together and go. It'll be fun!

Cancer
Jun 22-Jul 22
Get out of the house—do something! Send valentines to all of your closest friends and family. And don't forget the chocolates. (Your horoscope writer loves Reese's Peanut Butter Cups!)

Leo
Jul 23-Aug 23
Spend your money wisely. That guy in business law isn't worth it. Don't make a big deal out of your grades. Just because you did well doesn't mean everyone else wants to hear about it.

Virgo
Aug 24-Sep 22
Be very detailed when choosing partners for Econ. You may get a cheater. Send your teachers valentines—it might get you a better grade. Don't forget to play at least once this week!

Libra
Sep 23-Oct 22
Just talking to that guy in the computer lab won't catch his eye. Be a little seductive, use your beauty to your advantage. P.S. A little wink or two couldn't hurt either. Don't be afraid of upcoming events in your life.

Scorpio
Oct 23-Nov 22
This Valentine's Day, be someone's secret admirer, even if the person is just a friend. You do, after all, admire them. They wouldn't be your friends if you didn't. Volunteer to deliver singing telegrams.

Sagittarius
Nov 23-Dec 21
Happy Valentine's Day! Make this V-day one to remember. Go out, have fun, party the night away. Send yourself some flowers if you don't have a special someone to do it for you. (Don't forget to add the aspirin if they are roses!)

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