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Problems exist for SAC

Boone Campus student government struggles

By Arthur Davis
Bear Facts Staff

Where oh where has our student government gone? This semester DMACC Boone Campus appears to have no Student Activities Council (SAC). You know, these are the people who decide how the \$22,787 of student funds will be spent.

The SAC decides what activities students will have on campus. These activities for the 1999-2000 school year included \$1,823 for Bear Facts, \$1,595 for Drama, \$228 for the Honors Dinner, \$228 for the International Club, \$911 for Intramurals,

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~ Council member
Josh Keller

\$1,595 for Men's Baseball, \$1,368 for Men's Basketball, \$228 for Nursing Students United, \$684 for Peer Tutoring, \$1,823 for Phi Beta Lambda, \$228 for Rec. Club/Student Action Special Events, \$228 for Rotaract, \$6,379 for SAC/Activities fund, \$1,823 for Women's Basketball, \$1,823 for Women's Softball, and \$1,823 for Women's Volleyball.

Every year the SAC must approve the activities fund for the next year. This budget comes from \$6.40 added on to every enrolled credit hour from all students at the Boone Campus.

What has happened may be that either the SAC does not care what happens, feel apathetic towards the rest of the student body, or are just too busy to serve. How many students even know there is a student government...or even care?

Several problems appear to exist within the student government at this

time: the adviser may have too much involvement and may have total autonomy over student activity funds. Council members have admitted to having work and class schedule conflicts, and some have admitted to being apathetic towards the student body. With only four events this semester the funding appears to be almost gone.

Terry Jamieson, SAC adviser said, "The students preferred for me to have

accountability and to figure out where to spend the money." Jamieson's role in all of this is to negotiate contracts with who ever provides the activities and to pay the bills. The students are responsible for deciding what events Boone Campus students get.

Council member Josh Keller said, "If Terry (Jamieson) sees an event he likes, he can get it. This was an agreement between the student government and Terry. Students can bring ideas to Terry to see if it can happen, but in the end Terry has the power."

Council members Keller, Andy Carrel, and Jodi Daigh all recall a meeting in which Jamieson was given control. SAC President Jaret Morlan, Secretary Mystique Eschliman, and council member Tracy Shaw cannot seem to recall this meeting.

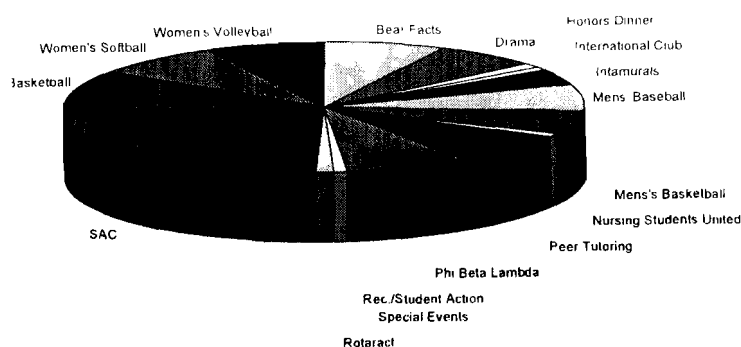
The next problem that the student government faces is class and work schedule conflicts. Council member Shaw said, "We had a good strong council at the beginning of the year, but this semester we have had many members with schedule conflicts."

President Morlan said, "Every time we have a meeting, I find out about it after the meeting has already taken place." According to Jamieson, for most of the meetings, he is left sitting by himself or with one or two others because the council members do not show up. Every week Jamieson posts the date of the next meeting on the bulletin board across from the ICN room.

Apathy is the last problem with the student council, said Keller. "If the students don't care, how can the government be expected to care?" Keller started feeling this way when he saw the low attendance at the "5 Bands for 2 Bucks" event in the campus gym in January. This event cost the SAC around \$400. Council member Carrel feels the same way. Jamieson admitted to having some apathy towards some things but feels that you do not always get what you want.

Looking at how some of the other campuses work could be a solution to some of the problems at Boone. Ankeny has 25 students who meet every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. They have at least a 75 percent turnout at every meeting, according to Karen Hawbaker, Ankeny Campus Student Activities Assistant. Ankeny Campus' student government board also puts out a calendar of events
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Total Student Activity Funds for 1999-2000



Computer lab floods

Anybody for 'surfing' the Web?

By Patrick Fleming
Bear Facts Staff

On Tuesday February 29, surfing the Internet took on new meaning as the student computer lab, located off the Campus Library was closed due to water damage.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the lab was filled with industrial fans working to dry the floor rather than students working to finish mid-term papers.

Along with the lab being flooded, several DMACC teachers' offices had water damage due to the flood.

Head Custodian Gary Johnson explained how the lab could have flooded with no rain or snow to be seen anywhere in sight. "Well a heating pipe ruptured! The engineers who designed the building had a major screw up. What happened is they put the heating units side by side with the cooling units. When it gets warmer outside the room, it says cool me down, and at night when it get colder outside, the room says heat me up. Before you know it the heating and cooling pipes start competing and the next thing you know we have a flooded computer lab."

Johnson said this had happened before. "This is the third time it has happened. But it's also going to be the last. We finally got the people up here from Ankeny to fix the problem."

When asked about the cost of the damage, Johnson replied, "Well luckily no computers were damaged, but if the carpet

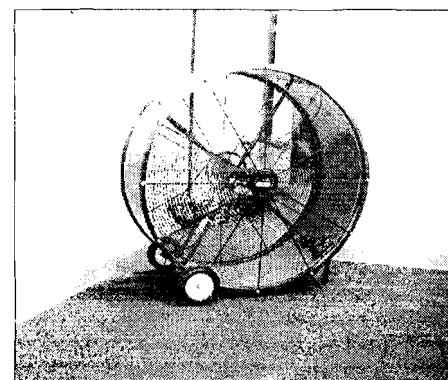
were to be replaced, we are looking at \$2,500."

Ann Watts, the head librarian at the DMACC Boone Campus, said, "We are so grateful are lab is set up the way it is. If are computers weren't raised off the floor, we could have had quite a disaster. We may have had to replace 40 computers."

Johnson said the room would take two full days to dry and students could count on being back in the computer lab by Thursday morning.

Watts also said, "I think the we owe a big thank you to our maintenance staff who were here at 5:30 am on Tuesday morning, and worked hard to get students back in the lab by Thursday morning."

Due to the flooding, students filled the school's other computer classrooms when they weren't busy or full, including the Academic Achievement Center and DMACC's four computer classrooms on the second floor.





Staff photo

Phi Theta Kappa members and out-going and in-coming advisers attended the Iowa Regional Convention on the Ankeny Campus: (From l. to r.) Tau Phi President, Michelle Johnson, adviser Jane Martino, Michael Chow, adviser Nancy Woods, Audra Price, Mitzi Shoening, and Amie Hull. Also present were David Wennerstrom and Jan LaVille, adviser.

SAC continued

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handed to each student at the beginning of the year. Their council from the year before decides what major events will appear at their campus the following year, but if the current council wishes to make changes, it is welcome to do so.

Joanne Morlan, SAC adviser on the Carroll Campus, said Carroll SAC students wear a key chain necklace that identifies them to the rest of the student body as a council member. The council members also have mailboxes in her office, so she may contact them if an unscheduled meeting needs to be called.

This helps Morlan to stay in touch with the council members

The Carroll Campus council also schedules the next year's major events, which can also be altered by the current council if it chooses to. Morlan stated, "All I am is the contractual person; it is up to the council to sink or swim. They make all the choices; all I do is make sure that they (the choices) are legal and moral."

The Boone Campus SAC at this time appears to be nearly out of money for the rest of the semester. At the beginning of the semester they had \$3,031 to work with after money was disbursed to clubs and organizations. After spending \$2,900 on three events, there is little money left. Blizzard of Bucks and Laser Arena cost \$2,500 with another \$400 going to the bands. That would appear to only leave the SAC with \$131.

With the problems that face the SAC and very low attendance at meetings, this may cause some students to ask, "Where oh where has the student government gone?"



George Dorman

Boone Campus journalism students attend conference

George Dorman, keynote speaker and investigative sports reporter from the St. Paul Pioneer Press, was the keynote speaker at the Best of the Midwest journalism conference in Minnesota. Dorman wrote the story about the cheating that went on at the University of Minnesota. He recently found out he has been nominated for a Pulitzer for this story.

Bear Facts staff members Art Davis and Patrick Fleming, along with adviser, Jan LaVille, attended the conference in Minneapolis.

Several workshops were designed to help student journalists. It was a chance for members of college papers from around the Midwest to get together and learn from each other and professionals. There were also planning and discussion sessions for advisers.

Another keynote speaker was Harlan Cohen, better known as Help Me Harlan. Cohen spoke of what it was like to get started as a syndicated teen columnist.

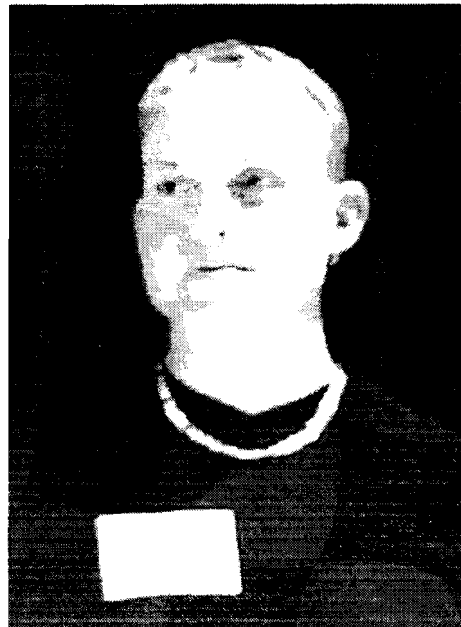
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Phi Theta Kappa Iowa Regional winner, David Wennerstrom was recently elected vice president for the Northwest district. In addition to his vice presidency, he will receive a \$300 voucher to help him pay for his trip to Orlando next month to attend the International Phi Theta Kappa competition.

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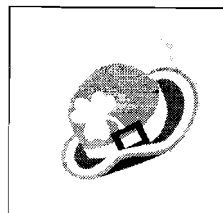
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Boone Campus PBL members who competed at the state conference were (front row, l. to r.) Beth Shultz, Nancy Thomas, Rosie Fuentes, Nikki Scott (second row) Marie Dostal, Amber Keller, Amy Rusnak, Sara Foderberg (third row) Audra Price, Amie Hull, April Richards, Cheryl Simpson, Lori Clemens, Teri Hughes, and Tammy Clark. Also competing but not present for the photo were Kim Cunningham and Aaron Foster.



DMACC BOONE--Beth Shultz, Boone Campus PBL member was elected State Parliamentarian at the recent PBL State Conference held on the Boone Campus last weekend

Lives saved

DMACC Boone Campus students, faculty and staff may have had a hand in saving the lives of 92 people on February 22, 2000. After all, just one-pint of blood may save the lives of four people.

This semester, 32 people stepped up the blood bus steps to donate. Out of those 32 DMACC people, 23 were eligible. This is only two pints below the fall semester collection.

According to Barb Gano, head of the Nursing Department, "The Blood Center of Central Iowa would like to express its appreciation to the volunteers and donors who made a valuable contribution to the volunteer blood donor program."

Gano goes onto to say, "Support from students, faculty, and staff like those here at DMACC certainly helps The Blood Center to meet the increasing blood demands of the hospitals they serve."

DMACC Boone Campus hosts state PBL conference

By Nancy Thomas & Marie Dostal
Contributing Writers

The PBL State Conference was held at the Boone DMACC campus on March 3 and 4. Eight different colleges from across the state with 80 business student competed. There were 16 PBL DMACC Boone members present.

Friday was the day of competitive business events and the first general session. Students and advisers attended a social at the Boone Golf & Country Club with Aaron Foster as DJ. Students had the opportunity to meet other PBL members from different campuses and the new candidates for offices at the state level.

Saturday the conference offered a continental breakfast and students finished competing in business events. Then the luncheon for the state officer, candidates, campaign managers, and voting delegates was held.

During the second general session delegates voted for the new state officers. The new state officers are: Erich Heneke, President; Ellen Dane, Vice President; Bridget Pfiffner, Secretary; Mary Schneider, Treasurer; Tony Scott, Historian/Reporter; and Beth Shultz, Parliamentarian. Shultz is a student on the Boone Campus.

The social reception and Awards Banquet was held at Scheman Center in Ames on the Iowa State University campus.

Boone Campus Phi Beta Lambda 2000 State Leadership Conference award winners

First Place Winners

Sara Foderberg	Payroll Accounting
Amie Hull	Computer Applications
Amie Hull	Desktop Publishing
Audra Price	Desktop Publishing
April Richards	Creed Oration
Nikki Scott	Telecommunications

Second Place Winners

Lori Clemens	Information Management
Beth Shultz	Machine Transcription

Third Place Winners

Marie Dostal	Telecommunications
Rosie Fuentes	Word Processing Fundamentals
Sara Foderberg	Business Law
Teri Hughes	Job Interview
Amber Keller	Business Graphics
Amy Rusnak	Human Resource Management
Nancy Thomas	Business Graphics

Fourth Place Winners

Rosie Fuentes	Computer Applications
Teri Hughes	Payroll Accounting
Audra Price	Word Processing
Nikki Scott	Computer Concepts
Beth Shultz	Business Law
Cheryl Simpson	Business Communications
Nancy Thomas	Telecommunications

Fifth Place Winners


Kim Cunningham	Business Communications
Kim Cunningham	Economics
Sara Foderberg	Accounting for Professionals
Amber Keller	Computer Concepts
April Richards	Job Interview
Amy Rusnak	Management
Cheryl Simpson	Business Math

Chapter Winners

First Place	Community Service Project
Second Place	Lloyd V Douglas – Chapter of the Year
Second Place	Local Chapter Annual Business Report
Second Place	Event Sponsorship
Second Place	Largest Local Chapter Membership
Second Place	Largest Percentage Increase in Local Chapter Membership
Third Place	Chapter Website Award of Merit

Adviser Winner

Second Place	Linda Plueger, DMACC Boone Campus Adviser
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Travel online over spring break

By Spencer Vaughn
Bear Facts Staff

Are you not going anywhere, but home, during spring break? I hear it from friends every spring. "I am going to sit around the house and do nothing. I have no money to go anywhere, and there is nothing to do in this town." Are you saying to yourself "that's me"? Knock it off!

There are plenty of things to do. Sev-

eral of the best parks in the state are within 50 miles of Boone that offer trails, fishing, and great scenery. March Madness will be plugging the televisions with basketball. Also, don't forget about the club life in Des Moines. Hey, that's only 45 minutes from Boone.

If you are still saying there is nothing to do or you are saying that stuff does not interest me, get online. If you can get on the Internet and say that there is nothing to do there, please see me for your sign. I

will explain that in a later issue. The Internet has something for everyone.

Let's start with shopping on the Internet. Most of us are aware of Ebay.com (Ebay), the colossal Internet auction house. Shoppers on Ebay will find what they are looking for most of the time because the majority of sellers are listing on Ebay. However, several other auction sites do exist, and they may have the same items for a lower price.

In the last issue I wrote about the meta

search engines. Guess what! There is a meta search engine that searches auction sites. It is called Auction Rover. The address is <http://www.auctionrover.com>. I think it is only a coincidence that the creators of that site decided to use a dog theme, as did Dogpile.com. Auction Rover searches over 800 Internet auctions, including Ebay, Yahoo!, and MSN Auctions. Using Auction Rover is just like using the meta search engines. You type
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Stick it out--stay in school

'Kids' don't belong in the NBA

By Erik Ahlquist
*Boone Campus Student
Contributing Writer*

In today's multimillion-dollar business known as the NBA, or the National Basketball Association, there are far too many young athletes that are either leaving college early or skipping college all together in order to declare themselves eligible for the NBA draft. In the 1990's alone, there have only been three number one draft picks that were seniors in college. Those seniors were Derrick Coleman in 1990, Larry Johnson in 1991, and Tim Duncan in 1997. That means that there have been seven number one draft picks that were all underclassmen.

In the 1995 NBA draft, four of the top five draft picks were all college sophomores. Who was the one that wasn't a college sophomore? Kevin Garnett, a high school senior out of Farragut Academy in Chicago, went to the Minnesota Timberwolves as the fifth overall pick of the 1995 draft. Nine out of the top ten draft picks in the 1998 NBA draft were underclassmen, with Kansas' Raef LaFrentz the only senior selected in the top ten going third overall.

Then, in the 1999 NBA draft, there were six sophomores that were drafted in the first round. Also in the 1999 NBA draft, high school senior Jonathan Bender who was picked fifth overall in the draft was picked before the first college senior, Wally Szczerbiak, who was picked sixth. The most interesting fact out of all of these is the story of college freshman Corey Maggette. After one year at the collegiate level, Maggette was picked thirteenth overall in the 1999 NBA draft

even though he didn't even start for his Duke Blue Devil team.

One of the major reasons that these students are skipping college and going to the NBA at such a young age is because of the threat of an NBA rookie salary cap. The NBA owners want to stop giving untested rookie players multimillion-dollar contracts. Because of this reason, student-athletes that think they are good enough are going for the money and forgetting about their education before the threat of a rookie salary cap becomes a reality.

There was a time when the NBA would not draft students who had not graduated. That system said that each player had to wait their turn for a professional career. Then in the early 1970s, as salaries grew bigger and bigger, the NBA started to accept "hardship" exemptions to the draft. This meant that financially strapped students were allowed to turn professional early. So many college players started declaring themselves eligible for the "hardship" exception by the 1980s that the league dropped the whole system and simply allowed the players to declare themselves eligible for the NBA draft and go for the big bucks whenever they wanted.

Yet another reason that these players decide to go to the NBA before they graduate is because of the so called "recruiting experts." These are people who evaluate and rank basketball players. Some people might think that these "recruiting experts" may come from a basketball background, but most of them don't. Twenty-four-year-old Dave Telep, is one such example of these "recruiting experts." Even though Telep has no

special qualifications for his job, he writes for a recruiting service that has both a magazine and a web site on the Internet. He was actually looking for work as a radio broadcaster when he basically fell into his current job. So these unlicensed and unprofessional "recruiting experts" are making these young players think they are better than they really are and making them think they are ready for the NBA.

So what is the big deal? Why shouldn't these youngsters be allowed to skip to the NBA whenever they want? That answer is a simple one. By leaving for the NBA early these youngsters are not graduating college and in turn not earning their college degree. A college degree can be very helpful to attain even for professional athletes. Take for instance if a player gets injured and isn't able to play the game anymore, then what will he do? Where will he turn? A college degree can help him land a job. Even if a person has a long and prosperous career as a professional athlete, that person may still need a college degree for attaining work after their career as a professional athlete.

I propose a very simple solution to this obvious problem. Allow college student prospects to actually be drafted by the NBA and remain in college at the same time. This system would let the players negotiate a contract with an NBA team that will bind them to the future team for at least three years. During those three years, the student will remain in college playing basketball and obtaining their college degree. Without their college degree, the players will not be allowed to enter the NBA.

The future team could then provide an insurance policy for the player in case the player is injured while playing in college. Also, the future team could pay for the rest of the player's scholarship and give the players a little extra spending money for a living allowance. The living allowance could range from between \$1,000 to \$1,200 every semester. This could allow the students to live comfortably while at the same time keep the amateur status of a college student. With such a program in place, the NBA could put a stipulation on the players that they can't actually join the NBA until they have graduated.

Some people who oppose this type of a system might say that there are some players who are not smart enough to go to college or just don't want to go on to college and further their education. A good example of this is that of high schooler, Ellis Richardson. A 6'4" center from Polytechnic High in Sun Valley, California, Richardson made himself eligible for the NBA draft even though he wasn't rated in the top 100 players in his state and against the advice of his high school coach who said that "he wasn't even ready for college basketball." Richardson said he received a few letters from colleges, but he wasn't interested in playing at the collegiate level. By the end of the NBA draft, the heart broken Richardson was not even drafted, but currently is working two jobs.

For those players who either just aren't interested in going to college, like Richardson, or aren't smart enough to go on to college, they can take their chances at going to the "minor leagues." By
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Opinion

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The Sounds of Music

By Patrick Fleming
Bear Facts Staff

Well spring is here again, and there is nothing like driving around with your windows down, blaring some great music. Today, I'm going to tell you about 4 new albums that were just released.

Machina/Machines of God--- The Smashing Pumpkins. Two years ago the Pumpkins released an amazingly beautiful album titled *Adore*. Although this album was received well with fantastic critic reviews, the album sold only 1 million copies, which falls far short of the 8 million copies that 1995's double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* sold. *Adore* was a departure from the Pumpkins' hard rock sound and a step into synth-pop-piano-rock sound. On *Machina* the Pumpkins of the early days are back with massive arena-rock-style guitar riffs, and thrashing drums. Billy Corgan's songs dig into your skin with their world themes such as grace, love, and sadness. This may be the best rock album I have heard in awhile. Fans of hard and soft rock should find something on this album they like.

Look Away--- The Apples (In Stereo). I'm a little disappointed with the Apples (In Stereo). The rumor was that they were to release a double album this year. Well, where is it? The only way I will forgive you is if you release something better than anything I have ever heard before. Case in point *Look Away*. The new five-song EP by the Apples is so gorgeous. Try mixing the best Beach Boys album ever with a great garage band like Pavement. What do you get? Five amazing pop songs perfect for the summertime weather!

On-line on spring break...continued from page 4

in what you are looking for and "Rover" will sniff out the items for you.

"Hey, Spencer, how about something other than shopping, my mom still buys everything for me." You've got it! Let's turn our browsers to some online games. Yahoo! and the other major search engines offer many traditional games such as checkers, chess, and lots of card games. Stay away from the Internet gambling sites, many of them are from overseas companies and will cheat you out of your money.

One site that has caught my attention for online gaming is the Lifesavers Candystand at <http://www.candystand.com>. Candystand

Standing On the Shoulders of Giant--- Oasis. Well, have you ever heard the phrase don't judge a book by its cover? So, don't judge an album by its cover either. Oasis may have just released the album with the worst cover art in music history. But we'll give them a break; I mean, in the past year both Gallagher brothers became fathers, their backing band quit, they started a record label, and now released another very consistent album. That is the one thing you can count on with Oasis; they will never make an album as good as their idols, the Beatles, but they will never make a bad one either.

And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside Out--- Yo La Tengo. So the band's name is a reference to what is said when a fly ball is hit in a baseball game. Yo La Tengo means "I got it," in Spanish. The one thing these guys got is a great talent of telling the world how a married couple lives. The new album is all about being married in this crazy world of the new millennium. The album is very slow and takes a couple listens to understand, but if you dig deep into this album, I don't think you will be disappointed. Like a marriage, maybe there is more going on than you think on your first time around. Minus the 17-minute closing track of noise, this album is very cool.

Well I hope again you find something here worth checking out. Thanks again to all of you who have sent me e-mails about your favorite music and what you think about my reviews. Send me an e-mail at wheatlord1@yahoo.com.

offers 18 holes of miniature golf, bowling, snowboarding, billiards, and much more. To use Candystand, you need to download a plug-in called Shockwave. Shockwave is used by many web sites to animate the pages. In the case of Candystand, Shockwave brings life to the games. After you check out Candystand, surf over to Shockwave's own game site at <http://www.shockwave.com>.

For those of you wanting something really different, go to <http://www.furnitureporn.com>. Normally I would not consider putting anything sexually oriented in my reviews, but this site is an exception. Being that the content of this site is sex, please do not go here unless you are allowed...you know

EDITORIAL

Boone Campus SAC should take control of activity monies

What is up with the SAC? Why does it appear that this semester we don't have a student government?

What gives the SAC the right to give Terry Jamieson total control of the SAC activities fund? Giving this kind of power would be like the U.S. Congress giving Bill Clinton total autonomy with the American budget. "Oh, go ahead, Bill, spend the money on anything that you want, we don't care." If this happened, the American people would have a fit. Well, students should have a fit over this. The SAC needs to stand up and take that power back from Jamieson and make its own decisions!

Another thing, what gives the SAC the right to feel apathetic towards the student body? They wanted the positions; they can deal with the problems. The students who "volunteered" for the SAC need to realize that this is a commuter campus. It is extremely hard to get student interest for any evening event. Most students have a job or just don't want to come back to campus after they have left for the day.

And what about these scheduling conflicts that the SAC is having with their meeting times? If you just don't want to show up, then say that and resign your position. If you have to work, ask for an extra hour off a week to go to the meeting. If your employer doesn't think school comes before a part-time job, consider finding a new job.

In addition, Jamieson needs to stop playing "daddy" to the SAC. He doesn't need to hold their hands as they cross the street. Every member on that council is an adult. Treat them as Joanne Morlan, Carroll Campus SAC adviser does—it's their organization, they can make or break it.

The SAC is responsible for thousands of dollars. That's a very important matter, but it appears that they just don't want this responsibility. This semester, the SAC has let down the students on the Boone Campus.

who you are. This site makes fun of multitudes of web sites by putting furniture in the place of people. Some people who look at this site will only see disgusting pornography, but people with a little bit of humor will get a great laugh. For those who do not see humor, here is your sign.

If you are still having trouble finding something to do online during spring break, search from web pages on a topic you like. Use the meta search engines that I wrote about in the last issue. Again, they are Dogpile and Mamma.com. You can find them at <http://www.dogpile.com> and <http://www.mamma.com> respectively. Surf on!



Just a Reminder

You get to sleep in and stay at home on March 10, 2000! DMACC isn't holding classes due to a campus-wide in-service day. (You know, those days where we get to sleep and teachers have to work!)

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"minor leagues." I mean the lower-level professional outposts such as the CBA, Continental Basketball Association. Here the players can work on improving their skills and their game. If they become good enough, then they may jump to the NBA. If they are already considered to be good enough to go to the NBA, then they should still have to go to the "minor leagues" to prove that they can play at the next level. This will reduce the chances of NBA teams misjudging talent.

Another possible argument with my proposed system may be that the system is not in the best interest of the NBA. Some people would argue that from the NBA's point of view that they wouldn't want to do this because there is nothing wrong with the system that they are using now. This, however, is not the case. It is in the best interest of the NBA.

With such a system in place the NBA could take advantage of improving their image. By this I mean that they could put to rest all of the exploitative and anti-education images that the NBA is associated with. This would definitely increase the league's chances at improving their already scarred image. It is also in the NBA's best interest because they would be saving money. Instead of giving unproven rookie players these huge contracts, they would only be paying for their scholarship and living expenses.

Of course there are other possible solutions to the problem of young athletes leaving their education early to enter the NBA. The NBA could require that student-athletes have to stay all four years in college before entering the NBA draft. Or they could require that the student-athletes stay only two years in college. These solutions are different from my proposed solution because the athletes would not be allowed to negotiate a contract with the NBA.

Neither of these solutions could work if they were implemented. First of all,

requiring the student-athletes to stay an entire four years before they enter the NBA draft would not work because it isn't always feasible to the student-athlete's financial situation. Many of these student-athletes enter the NBA draft early because they are in financial problems and need to earn some money. A good example of such students who have financial problems would be that of Ernest Brown. Brown plays basketball for Indian Hills Community College and is going to play for the Iowa State Cyclones in the future. Brown is in a financial bind because he has to provide for his three kids while still playing basketball and attending college. Secondly, requiring student-athletes to stay only two years before they enter the NBA draft would not work because it isn't feasible for colleges and coaches. The college coaches would then have to recruit for every two years to put a winning team together. This decreases the chances of winning and, in turn, puts the coach's job in jeopardy.

I believe that my solution is the best possible solution because it considers the situation of everybody that is involved in the system: the players, the colleges or universities, and the NBA as a business. The player's situation is improved because they can still get a degree and complete college while at the same time getting hired by an NBA team. The college's situation is improved because they will no longer have to pay for the scholarship of the student. Remember that the NBA team will do this, and they will still get the huge income that the athletes and teams success brings. Finally, the NBA's situation will also improve because they will be making a relatively small investment on the players and improving the image of the league at the same time.

Watts writing questions for college textbook

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff



Ann Watts

DMACC Boone Campus Librarian/Media Specialist Ann Watts is burning the mid-term candle at both ends while producing end-of-the-chapter projects and review questions for a college-level textbook titled *Searching and Researching on the Internet and World Wide Web*.

Moonlighting as an author is a first for Watts, and with a March 17 deadline, five chapters down (and ten to go) friends, family and colleagues are keeping the coffee (and the moral support) flowing.

"It's really been fun," said Watts. "The authors (Ernest Ackermann and Karen Hartman) are very nice."

According to Watts, her cooperative authorship is just one example of how the World Wide Web can bring people together.

The authors of the original text, which is an information specialists' guide to searching and researching on the Internet

and WWW, are in Virginia, and the publisher's in Oregon. "It's amazing for me to see the kinds of things the Web can do," said Watts.

While designing her on-line Internet Research class during the 1998 Fall Semester, Watts wanted to be sure all was acceptable with the authors of the course's text. To secure legitimacy, Watts sent the Uniform Resource Locator information to the authors. A URL, according to the current Ackermann and Hartman text Watts teaches from, *Internet Today*, is "a way of describing the location of an item (document, service, or resource) on the Internet and also specifying the means by which to access that item."

The authors gave their approval to Watts and have kept in touch with her per e-mail ever since. In February, Watts received a phone call from the textbook's publisher to inform her that she was first on a list of people being considered to write projects and questions for Ackermann and Hartman's new textbook. Watts accepted the position and says she enjoys being a bit whimsical in choosing her textbook questions and project topics.

Watts sends her project ideas and end-of-the-chapter questions to Ackermann as a word file via the e-mail. Ackermann and Hartman review the projects and questions and then send them on to the publisher.

"I'm interspersing topics that I feel students may be interested in," said Watts. "I'm looking for something a little different...something a student may do a paper on or something that's fun to look up...something worthwhile."

Searching and Researching on the Internet and WWW should hit college bookstore shelves in April. Watts plans to teach from the text in her interim Internet research class May 8-12. Watts' one credit Internet research course (LIBS123, *Internet Research Techniques*) is also offered during the Summer and Fall Semesters on the Boone Campus.

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HILTON MAGIC

It's all they say and more!

By Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

Hilton Coliseum has been host of many different events. It has been host to concerts by Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, and Billy Joel. It has been host to special events like the WWF's RAW IS WAR. It has been host to Iowa State sports like wrestling and volleyball and gymnastics. But first and foremost, Hilton Coliseum is the home of Iowa State Basketball.

Hilton Coliseum became Hilton Magic in the early 1980's when then Coach Johnny Orr's charismatic coaching and exciting style of play increased the number of victories and attendance figures.

This year Hilton Magic has helped the Iowa State men's and women's teams to a combined home record of 31-1. The one loss was 79-71 Kansas victory over Iowa State which snapped a 26-game home court winning streak and a regular season winning streak of over 40-games.

The fans create Hilton Magic. I have been going to women's games for the last four years and the men for the last two. The arena seats 14,000 plus, and when the place is filled to capacity there is no place that is louder.

This season has been a special one for Iowa State fans. Both the men and women programs have enjoyed much success this year. The women were expected to, after returning every player from a team that went to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament. The men returned every player from a team that finished with a record of 15-15. A mid-conference finish was expected. The team was led by Marcus Fizer and also a couple of guards that people didn't know much about in Jamal Tinsley and Kantrail Horton.

The season progressed, and so did the victories. It all came to a culmination with Saturday's victory at Baylor when the Cyclones wrapped up their first Big 12 Conference Title, and their first conference title since 1945.

The key week was the week of Feb.20-26. The Cyclones had suffered a devastating defeat where they had a three-point lead, only to see Colorado hit a three to tie the game. The Clones lost in overtime. They would have to regroup because they were now in a three-way tie for first place in the conference with Texas and Oklahoma State. Up next were two home games against Texas and Oklahoma State. In two games where it would be a struggle, they surprising dis-

posed of Texas and Oklahoma State by winning both games by more than ten points.

The Texas game was one where Texas jumped out to a 14-point lead but couldn't hold it, as the Cyclones came back and won, but give the fans credit. Even at 14 points down, the crowd was cheering louder than ever, and after Iowa State got some fast break dunks, the crowd and the team had taken Texas out of the game.

The Oklahoma State game was different. The crowd was ready to go after Johnny Orr was re-introduced to the crowd. The game was close in the first half, but Iowa State ran away in the second half.

Don't forget about the women. Last Wednesday the women defeated Texas to clinch a share of their first ever Big 12 title, and the first title in school history. The women's NCAA tournament is different than the men in that the top four seeds in each region get to host the first two rounds. The Iowa State women should most likely get a home bid, so if it happens and you want to find out about this Hilton Magic, there should be another opportunity for you to experience it in person.

Bear basketball ends for seven sophomores

By Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC Men's Basketball season recently came to a close. The Bears finished the season with a record of 6-24 overall, and 1-15 in Conference XI.

Andy Carrel led the way for the Bears, averaging 19.2 points per game with 9.3 rebounds. Josh Henderson averaged 18.1 points per game for the Bears.

This was the last year for sophomores Todd Westberg, Carrel, Henderson, Jason Kecki, Nick Peasley, Mike Jenkins, and David Morris.

The Bears will have experience next year in Tim Harris, Erik Alhquist, and Lance Rennie.

March 28
Last day to
drop classes

To the fans & players--

I certainly had higher hopes than a 6-24 season, but I can say these guys gave it their all. As a coach, I accept full responsibility for our lack of success. I felt as though we had several solid scholarship players, and I was unable to create a winning environment.

The players are not at fault for this season. Frustrations and distractions aside, I simply did not get the job done. The new coach, Jay Slight, will be better for the program. These were outstanding kids, and I wish them success in their lives.

Terry Jamieson
Varsity Men's Basketball Coach

Baseball team steps up to the plate March 16

By Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

DMACC Bears Baseball open against Iowa Central Community College of Ft. Dodge at 2 p.m. on their home field at Memorial Park. The Bears finished with a record of 21-21 last season and hope to improve on that.

The Bears have 11 players returning from last year: Alex Bowles, Jackson, MN; Joe Bolstad, Lakeville, MN; John Bray, Kingsford, MI; Adam Christ, Waseca, MN; Rick Gehrman, Eau Claire, WI; Justin Hardinger, Boone, IA; Brian Koch, Rochester, MN (who will transfer to Creighton); Eric Langill, Quebec, Canada (who was drafted by the Montreal Expos); Cory Meinecke, Panora, IA; Rick Prussing, Bismarck, SD; and Scott Wolfe, Eau Claire, WI.

Freshman who are expected to make an impact are Mike FiField, Paradise, Newfoundland; Casey Meinecke, Panora, IA; Ryan Gladson, Carlisle, IA; Tracy Geffre, Mandan, ND; David Parsons, Gander, Newfoundland; Jared and Nathan Hill, Ames, IA; Chris Jones, Ogden, IA; Mike Jones, St Johns, Newfoundland; and Tyler Hansen, Greenfield, IA.

Coach John Smith said the outlook is good for this season.

Bears Baseball--2000

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Mar.16	Fort Dodge	Boone	2:00
Mar.18-23	Spring Trip		
Mar.26	North Central Mo	Away	1:00
Mar.30	Buena Vista	Carroll	2:00
Apr.1	Indian Hills	Away	1:00
Apr.2	Indian Hills	Away	12:00
Apr.4	Morningside	Carroll	2:00
Apr.6	Grand View	Away	2:00
Apr.7	Simpson	Away	2:00
Apr.8	Marshalltown	Boone	12:00
Apr.9	North Central Mo	Boone	1:00
Apr.11	Kirkwood	Boone	3:00
Apr.13	Grand View	Boone	2:00
Apr.14	Iowa Lakes	Boone	2:00
Apr.15	Creston	Away	1:00
Apr.16	Creston	Away	1:00
Apr.18	Simpson	Boone	2:00
Apr.20	Marshalltown	Away	1:00
Apr.22	Muscatine	Boone	1:00
Apr.23	Muscatine	Boone	12:00
Apr.25	Fort Dodge	Away	1:00
Apr.28	Mount Marty	Carroll	TBA
Apr.29	Council Bluffs	Boone	1:00
Apr.30	Council Bluffs	Boone	1:00
May 8	Kirkwood	Away	
May 12-14	Regional Tournament	Muscatine	
May 19-21	District Tournament	North Ill.	



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Talk Back



Photos by Spencer Vaughn

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



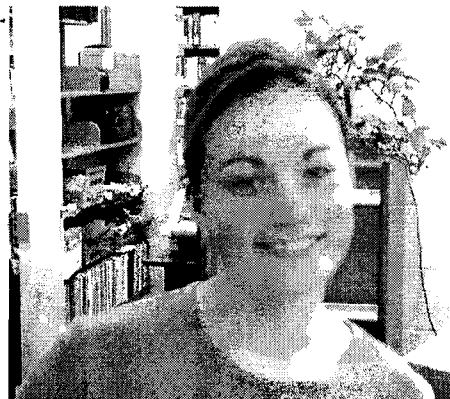
Dave Wennerstrom
Student

“I would like to see them sponsor a trip to Chicago for skydiving.”



Scott Dukin
Student

“I would like to see them bring in some mud wrestlers.”



Kari Rinehart
Student

“I would like to see them sponsor a day at the Boone Country Club for some golf.”



Jodi Bertrand
Student

“I would like to see a guitarist for lunch and maybe some music between classes.”

Horoscopes

By Mandy Olson
Bear Facts Staff

Capricorn Dec 22- Jan 20

Happy St. Patty's Day! With your business smarts, I am sure you have plenty of green to spend. You saved wisely for spring break - which officially starts 9 days from today! All of your hard work paid off: you didn't get any midterms!

Aquarius

Jan 21-Feb 19

Congratulations! You worked hard to succeed on midterms, and you did. Get your mind off work by volunteering. Help your elderly neighbor plant her spring flowers. Just always remember that sometimes boss' have to be jerks too!

Pisces

Feb 20-Mar 20

Happy Birthday to us! Happy Birthday to us! Yep, that's right, your beloved horoscope writer is also a fish. Since it's our birthday, we should go out and have a good time. Party the night or day away--whichever one suits your fancy.

Aries

Mar 21-Apr 20

Happy St. Patrick's Day! For right now, concentrate on getting your grades up--midterms didn't go as well as you had thought. If you don't wear green on St. Patty's Day, it might get you an unexpected pinch!

Taurus

Apr 20-May 20

If you are this indecisive while on spring break, you won't have any fun at all. Loosen up. Take a chance. Do something wild and completely unexpected. Just remember that holes can grow shut, but tattoos are forever!

Gemini

May 21-Jun 21

St. Patrick's Day is definitely yours. You are, after all, the bearer of the emerald green birthstone. (At least the first half of you.) Your need to go outside can now be fulfilled. Plant your spring flowers or start on your summer garden. The fresh air and slimy worms will do your soul good.

Cancer

Jun 22-Jul 22

Making new friends will do your body good. Look for new buds in the freshly aired-out computer lab. Get in touch with your feelings by walking outside or washing your car--it'll give you time to sort things out. Think long and hard about people you have hurt and ways to possibly mend the hurt.

Leo

Jul 23-Aug 23

Only 9 days to go! Spring break my friend; it is coming up fast and furious. Since you haven't worked out this year, please be wise when choosing a bathing suit to wear in public. The whole world doesn't believe that you are god's gift to women or men

Virgo

Aug 24-Sep 22

Don't be such an idealist all of the time. Make some of those ideas turn into realities--they are more fun that way. Play in the dirt outside while planting some spring flowers or by weeding the already existing ones. I told you not to worry about midterms and I was right, wasn't I?

Libra

Sep 23-Oct 23

Have you been skipping class? Yep, I thought so. Your grades reflect this. Maybe you should spend spring break catching up on your studies instead of jetting off to see those two cuties. Don't worry your friends to death by disappearing for days on end--call someone for goodness sake.

Scorpio

Oct 24-Nov 22

Being realistic is a good personality trait to behold. Your senses are on the move for a friend in trouble--get out of your own darkness to help him. Start a new romance toward the end of the month--it will help the both of you to blossom.

Sagittarius

Nov 23-Dec 21

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you! Did you know that there are only 9 days until spring break? Nine days is all the longer you have to keep it a secret. I am so proud of you for making it this long. Your long distance friend is in need of some advice--give her the best you've got.



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