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Music program sets holiday mood

“A Review

You didn’t have to be a musician to appreciate the “Holiday Music Program” that DMACC Boone Campus music department produced this past Sunday afternoon in the Campus Theatre. The concert, attended by 50-60 people, was very entertaining.

The afternoon began with pianist Jennifer Tjernagel, who played “Sleigh Ride.” Other musicians who contributed pieces to the concert were Gordon Stull (guest percussionist from Story City), Matt Rinker (Boone Campus student), and Elizabeth Darby (Boone Campus student), who beautifully performed a piece by Lorie Line called “Walking with You.” Helping Rinker lead group sing-a-longs were two other Boone Campus students: Kim Beck and Jane Whitling.

Other compositions played at the grand piano included “Liltle Drummer Boy,” “White Christmas,” and two classical pieces: “Solfeggetto” by C.P.E. Bach and “Waltz, Opus 64 No 1” (Minuet Waltz) by Frederic Chopin.

Following the opening talented musical compositions, the audience was treated to show off their musical inclinations by singing along with the performers as well as enjoy the same selections in Mannheim Steamroller style.

Boone Campus students Linda Poore and Fardos Shaiekh also accompanied the group. Poore playing on all the Mannheim Steamroller numbers. Arrived in Iowa was that Iowa is a country place unlike California and New York. Life is calmer and simpler here and the air is even fresher.”

Students from around the world have different impressions coming to America and also when the students arrive here they always expect the unexpected. Some of their expectations are fulfilled while others are proven wrong. All in all they seem to have adjusted well to their new home and gotten used to the once foreign environment.

CORRECTION

Bear Facts apologizes for any inconvenience due to the error in the November 22, 2000 issue. Please see Page 3 for the corrected “Final Exam Schedule.”

International women talk about coming to America to study

A lot of women from all around the world come to America for a better education and for more opportunity. I talked to a number of students from DMACC Boone Campus about what their impressions were after coming to America.

Fabiola D. Pastortino, who now lives in Ames from Venezuela. She said, “Before coming to America, I thought that this was a very powerful country, and because of it, Americans thought of themselves as the most important, without caring about anybody else. Coming to the U.S. made me change my thoughts about all of it. This is a great country with great people. People do not differentiate others by race, religion, culture or belief, which I think is great.”

Kamal King, who now lives in Boone and is from Panama, has been in the U.S.A for three years. She said, “When coming to America, I never thought that there was going to be so much discrimination here, but somehow I have gotten used to living this life. When I first got here, it was like I arrived in another dimension. To tell you the truth, I didn’t really know what to expect coming to America.”

Fiona Chong from Macau, China, said, “America gave me the feeling of freedom, friendliness and hope. I had been dreaming to become an expert about computers when I grew up. Yet the courses offered in Macau were not good or sufficient. Therefore, in order to accomplish my dream, I made up my mind to come to the United States. I knew I could do a lot better here because I had too much to worry about in Macau.

“Playing, finding part-time jobs and hanging out with friends were my hobbies. I knew that was not a proper way to live, so I gave myself a chance to turn over a new leaf. Another big reason that I chose Iowa was that Iowa is a country place unlike California and New York. Life is calmer and simpler here and the air is even fresher.”

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Among other talent was a children’s group who sang backup and accompanied the crowd with the sing-a-long songs.

Marlise Crawley-Mertins, a music instructor at DMACC, led the performance. Not only did she lead the event, but she contributed her musical talents as well. Playing two songs with a fellow pianist and student, she showed that she is talented in more than one way. “The students were very excited to perform with the synthesizer and other instruments,” she said with the same look of excitement she showed at the concert.

Among the attendees were family, friends, students, faculty, and staff, who were invited to join Crawley-Mertins and the performing musicians afterwards for refreshments outside the auditorium.

The concert was a great way to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season and inspire holiday cheer for anyone who attended.
Paying for school

Matt Rinker  
Bear Facts Staff

What would someone pay for a semester at DMACC? For a non-resident up to 200%. Then, there is the service and technology fee, which is another $8.40 per credit hour, bringing the total to $69.40 per credit hour for an Iowa resident.

Now, this is just for the basic classes. What if someone decides to take a class that involved other fees? Here's how that goes:

- The computer lab fee is set at a market rate, so it changes from semester to semester. The convenience fee for internet courses will run a student $20 per credit hour, and a convenience fee for a TV course will cost the student $30 per course. There is also a music fee, and like the computer lab, it is set at a market rate.

- The question many people ask themselves is how can I afford that? It is easier than one would think. One of the most popular ways is through student loans. With most loans there is no payment until the student would have to pay 33 1/3% of the tuition and a one-time $25 fee. The second payment is due on Feb. 8, when the student would pay another 33 1/3%, and finally on March 8, the student pays the final 33 1/3% of the tuition. The plan is simple and an easy way to spread out payments. So a student doesn't feel too overwhelmed. Advisors can set you up on the right track.

- Finally, and most importantly, students can apply for grants and scholarships. This is the smartest route to go. It saves the students money and motivates them to do well in order to keep the scholarship. Some of the ways someone can get a scholarship or grant is to ask around. Ask teachers, advisors, and even check the bulletin boards. Scholarships are everywhere.

Another gold mine for scholarships is the Internet. Just type in "scholarship" and literally hundreds of potential scholarships are right there.

Regardless of finances or residence status, there are many ways out there for students to make schooling more affordable. The world's population in general wants people to go to school; it is counting on those in school to be the future. Most people will do almost anything to see students succeed.

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An eye for detail

Arthur Davis
Bear Facts Staff

"I was 10 and on a ship bound for France where I saw an Agfa Box Camera in the ship's exchange and thought it was neat. The boat ride took ten days, and it took me nine to talk my parents into buying it," said Bob Person, Boone Campus photography instructor. Bob got interested in photography and has been taking pictures since 1950. Person grew up an "Army Brat" and was able to travel the world with his father and mother. In 1952 Bob received a Zeiss Ikon camera for spit shiniing his dad's shoes for one year. "I got what I wanted, and my dad got what he wanted," said Person. He got his first dark room in 1954. It was a Sears and Roebuck developing kit.

While living in Brooklyn, New York, Person would sell 5X7 class pictures to all of his eighth grade classmates for a quarter. This is the first time that he ever made any money for his pictures.

Person attended the University of Iowa from 1964 to 1969, where he received a BA in photojournalism and film, radio, and television. "This is where I received my formal training, but I got my informal training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. I was always the last to leave the Crafts Photo Lab."

In 1966 he was asked to be the university and high school yearbook photographer in Iowa City. Person also worked for the Daily Iowan while attending school. He also worked at Eagle Foods while attending school. "I supported myself by working at the grocery store and selling my photographs."

Person would go down to Henry Lewis Inc. "I would press my nose against the glass and stare in like a kid looking through a candy store window."

Person got his first SLR (single lens reflex) camera, which was a Minolta, while attending school at U of I. While covering a fire that burned down a whole city block, Person found out that his Minolta was not good enough. "My camera kept freezing because it was so cold. I would go into the coffee shop across the street to warm my camera and myself up. This is when I decided to switch Nikon."

After leaving school, Person went to work for the Iowa City Press Citizen. In 1970 Person came to Boone to work for the Boone News Republican. He left the newspaper in 1973 to run his own studio and to teach photography and journalism at DMACC. Person has been an adjunct instructor here since 1973. Person taught journalism and was the Bear Facts advisor. He was married to Lisa, and they have two daughters. Person still teaches photography at DMACC and runs his own studio in town. He teaches his students, "The eyes are the gateway to the soul." Person feels that if you can capture that moment in time, you can maybe capture a moment of history.

Controversy over new teaching standards

Melanie McCane  
Bear Facts Staff

Recently there has been talk raising the standards for new teachers entering the work force by imposing extensive testing as a prerequisite. Although Congress passed a bill in 1998 that requires all states participating in the entry-level testing to report their scores, many educators are opposed to this form of application.

According to a recent article in the Des Moines Register, one of these opponents is Don Zittel, director of the College of Education at the University of Northern Iowa, suggesting that the tests have low ceiling content with limited emphasis on teaching skills. Zittel, among others, feels that Iowa doesn't need this type of certification, as it has one of the best education systems in the United States.

According to research, none of the companies providing tests would disagree with the fact that there is no proven relationship between success in the testing and performance in the classroom. More unemployment is some is that the states who participate have to report their scores to the U.S. Secretary of Education so that they may rank the state education systems. These results could be used for ammunition by politicians and community growth advertisements.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) uses a different approach to certification. In this program, teaching candidates must present a portfolio containing direct samples of their classroom work, and in order to pass, it must be evaluated by a team of experts who in turn evaluate it. Though more time consuming and difficult, it is easier to maintain Iowa's reputation for quality education. This form of testing is the way to go.

One of the issues that has been raised since this debate began is the question of whether or not teachers who have already been state certified for years should undergo this kind of testing. Many feel that though it has been shown to be highly effective in producing quality teachers, this certification would be unfair in that it would cause a strain to the already hectic schedule of educators.

Another course of action discussed by Congress is to attract and retain the services of quality educators by raising the basic state-mandated salary. Though it would be effective to a certain degree, Zittel feels that it is "not the entire answer." If in the near future any legislation regarding certification procedures is passed, it will mostly affect current education majors one way or another.

Dec 6, 2000
PTK names All-Iowa Academic Team

PTK is pleased to announce that Boone Campus presents the 2000 All Iowa Academic Team winners. Representing the Boone Campus this year are: Connie Colle and Kaci Crim.

These winners completed time consuming and rigorous applications that included essays and letters of reference affirming their academic excellence, leadership potential, and contributions to society. Sincere congratulations and best wishes go out to them.

Connie and Kaci will be honored at the All Iowa Academic Team awards banquet in March 2001. Currently, Connie and Kaci's applications for scholarships and recognition are being judged at the national level. They hope to obtain a position on the All USA Academic Team.

Good luck Connie and Kaci! We wish you the very best!

Many thanks to the judges, the faculty who recommended these students, the faculty who wrote letters of recommendation, and all who helped make this year's All Iowa Academic Team the high caliber that it is.

Credit hours up for spring

Aaron Forrester
Bear Facts staff

As of Dec. 1, registration the Boone Campus is ahead of where it was last year at the same time by over 500 credit hours. That is an increase of around eight percent.

As a result, many sections are already full or getting close to being full. According to George Silberhorn, Boone Campus advisor, some of the classes that will be filling up soon are computer and math classes.

"The first week schedules come out is the best time to register," said Silberhorn. But for those of you who haven't quite gotten there, you still have time. You can register any time through the first week of classes, which is Jan. 8-12. There will be no more adding of classes after Jan. 12. If students are not registered by Jan. 5, they're going to be hard-pressed to get the classes they want," Silberhorn added.

There is always the option to register on the internet. Boone campus has had record numbers of internet registration for the spring 2001 semester. The internet is a quick way to get registered if you might not otherwise have time.

Everyone who has already registered can look forward to registering for summer classes. The summer 2001 schedule will come out shortly after the beginning of the year.

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PBL, Rotaract collect food for less fortunate

Holly Klein
Contributing writer

Two local clubs collected over 200 pounds of food for charity.

Due to the great success, Phi Beta Lambda and Rotaract will continue the food drive for one more week this semester and possibly continue next semester. The last collection day for this semester will be Dec. 15, 2000. Please put nonperishable items in the labeled boxes around school.

Help for Hamiltons

The Nursing Student United organization is collecting the following items for the Bruce/Mary Hamilton family:

- Donations may be dropped off to the large box inside the 222 Nursing area hallway.
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Huggies size 2

Carnation Good Start formula
Macaroni and Cheese
Spaghetti
Juice/HC boxes
green beans

We will also be trying to add money to the donations in the main office for Xmas toys. Your generosity is appreciated! Thanks!

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Looking back on Christmas past

Sadie M. Heimbaugh
Bear Facts Staff

Imagine a time when trees were lit with clip-on candles, stockings were actual socks, and children literally rode in a horse-carried sleigh to grandmother's house. For seven residents of the Eastern Star Mosaic Home, it isn't hard to imagine that time because those are the memories of their childhood Christmases.

Looking back on her younger years, Nadine Jones remembers a time when Christmas had a whole different meaning from modern-day Christmas. She still holds a twinkle in her eye when remembering riding in "the big horse-drawn sleigh to my grandparent's house." Jones' Christmas joy came from spending time with her family, hearing the Christmas story, and the home cooked Christmas dinner. She remembers a dinner with pie, celery, goose, dressing, cranberries, and "Oh, grandmother's great big delicious dinner rolls." A far cry from today's modernized Christmas which are filled with toys and candy.

After their dinner, her family would sit and listen to her grandfather read the Christmas story from the Bible, and then "Santa would appear and pass out all the gifts." Herrick's family also decorated the tree with popcorn and cranberry strings; and 64 years ago on December 25. Howcvrr., Sadie M. Heimbaugh.

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Irene Herrick, Ruby Wagaman, Merle Bass, Nadine Jones, Fred Wagaman share their Christmas stories.

Every Christmas, Scott would get a new outfit, and also a new dress for each of my Christmas. I just knew that there was no candy, most often Hor Hound. "You would cut a piece of the candy off and it would last you all day long," said Coomer. Although some children didn't receive very much by today's standards, they were always grateful for what they did get.

With a twinkle in her eye, Irene Herrick remembers the potbelly stove in one corner of the room and the cedar tree in the other corner. Her long black cotton stockings were hung with her five brothers' socks, anxiously awaiting Christmas eve when they would most often be filled with an orange. "Each year Dad would go into town and buy an orange for each of us," Herrick said. "He also bought a big square box of marshmallow cookies. That was a real treat." Her mother would always make a "wonderful dinner." She had no grandparents, so holidays were always spent at her home. Herrick was rarely given a toy as a Christmas present: "I didn't receive my first doll until I was five years old." Herrick's family also decorated the tree with popcorn strings, but her mother would "go to the paint store and get wallpaper samples and make trims for the tree."

Fred and Ruby Wagaman were married 64 years ago on December 25. However, they each shared their own unique Christmas stories. Mr. Wagaman remembers back to when he was "about five years old and I had seen an ivory toy that had a comb, brush and mirror on it, and I just fell in love with that comb. When I got it for Christmas, I just knew that there was no Santa Claus." Mrs. Wagaman remembers the family Santa. He did not dress in the traditional red coat with fur; instead he wore an old fur coat with an old stocking cap. She remembers "one Christmas Eve I was sitting by the pot belly stove getting ready to go to bed and something from the fire dropped out and I thought for sure that Santa had been burned. It took a little while to get me to calm down."

Although Christmas traditions have changed throughout the years one thing remains the same, the memories of Christmas.

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Eventually smiling, Merle Bass recollects on his childhood Christmas memories. One of his fondest memories is that of church Christmas programs. “Church Christmas programs were always a part of Christmas. After the performance each child would receive a bag of candy.” With

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From Behind the Chair

Michele Thamke
Bear Facts Staff

Hear Facts Staff from Des Moines whose catchy three-minute hits have been answering this question for years. Women want fashions that flatter their figures. While every woman can easily state her figure flaws, assets are harder to identify. Every woman needs to "accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative" in her wardrobe.

Matt Rinker
Hometown: Sioux City
Age: 20
Grade status at DMACC: Full-time freshman
Number of credits this semester: 13
Major: undecided
A class you would recommend to others: General psych. "The teacher is a trip."
Where you are working during school: Amerihost Inn
What you do for fun: "I play the guitar, piano, and write poetry."
The section of a newspaper you read first: The comics
Event in history you wish you could have reported: "I would have loved to investigate the death of Jim Morrison."

Some flattering tips are:
1. Believe in yourself! While no one has a perfect body, the women who believe in themselves have great self-esteem and seem most-confident.
2. Have your clothes tailored to fit you. This is the only way to have them actually reveal your assets, or flaws, to the utmost.
3. Figure out where your widest part of your body is, and never draw attention to that area. Avoid hipline, pockets, or button belts can accomplish this.
4. For every body type other than oval, define your waist. Tucking in shirts, having tops or jackets end at the hipline, or using belts can accomplish this.
5. Always dress to balance your body. Balance and proportion are the keys. This will aid in lengthening your waistline.
6. Remember that the eye is drawn to light and bright colors before dark colors, and patterns before solids. Utilize color and patterns to create balance. Wearing a dark color or solid will de-emphasize perfection challenged areas. Bright colors or patterns will emphasize. Monochromatic dressing, any color worn in an unbroken line from top to bottom, is a great way to create a long lean line.
7. Let your inner confidence shine through. This is your greatest asset and the most important part of you for others to view.

Happy holidays, and best wishes for your daily dressing habits to reveal each of your special inner beauty to the world!

Not Just a Girl: the final chapter

Patrick Fleming
Bear Facts Staff

We have made it to the final "Not Just a Girl" article and I hope you have had as much fun reading it as I have had researching and writing it. Ok, quick review if you're just tuning in. Lately women have been very quiet in the mainstream music scene. Albums by Tori Amos, and Alanis Morissette have fueled in sales. But Fiona Apple and Annie Mann are still making superb albums. The Supremes are and will always be the best girl group of all time, but remember the Bangles wrote their own songs and could play really well, but when you get down to it, Carole King can write, sing, play, and just be as cool as anyone has ever been musically! Male or female.

So, did I come to a conclusion on what the state is of women in rock music? No, I didn't. One thing I do know is I'm very excited to hear new albums by Liz Phair and Brenda Weiler. I think two forces to be reckoned with, Liz, the Indie Rock Queen of the 90's and Brenda, the gentle giant that is to come.

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I almost forgot, thanks Bob for helping me find my true passion and for giving me that push to make it a reality. I hope that you will find others like me and get them on the right path. I know at times some of the problems that have arisen have almost made me give up, but for giving me that push to make it a reality. I hope that you will find others like me and get them on the right path. I know at times some of the problems that have arisen have almost made me give up, but

From the Editor's Desk
Arthur Davis
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Time for my graduation is at hand, which means that I will finally be leaving DMACC. I felt it was important for me to say good bye to all the faculty and staff that have made my time here a memorable one. The faculty and staff have helped me in so many ways and I hope that it is hard to say good bye, but it is about time. I believe that Dr. Tim Bergin has helped me in more ways than one. Tim thanks for all your little life lessons. I will try to live up to your expectations after I leave. Dr. Jane Martinek even though I had you for only two classes, you were always ready to listen and help in any way that you could. Bruce Kelly your classes can be a little hard drawn out at times, but make sure that you understand the material and that we get every second of our work. To all the rest of the faculty, and you know who you are thank you for giving me a good education.

Goodbye DMACC. I hope that what you have taught me pays off; it better--it cost me enough!
Books as gifts, come on, me out

Heather Suzanne Wargo

Christmas giving is in full swing and so is the holiday loom before us, a good portion of us begin to panic, thinking what am I going to buy gifts for everyone? After much thought and discussion on the part, I have found a relatively inexpensive type of gift that will not only be appreciated by most of the people on one's list, but also presents one as an intelligent, thoughtful, gift giver that makes the most of meager funds. (Also, this may give a person an air of brilliance, the kind of brilliance that results in more money given to said person by their parents, who have been duped into thinking that this kid is learning after all! This kid isn't wasting any money after all.)

I am talking about books.

Now before anyone turns the page in scorn, hear me out. A thoughtfully purchased book is worth its weight in gold to those in your lives who have any interest in any subject at all. Even for non-readers, there is a book out there that will pique their interest (or at least can). There is a book out there that will pique their interest (or at least can). There is a book out there that will pique their interest (or at least can). There is a book out there that will pique their interest (or at least can).

Below is a guide to book buying that I have compiled to give you the tools on how to choose the right type for your loved ones. Most of the books listed are inexpensive and can be found online at Amazon.com, or at the nearby Barnes and Noble. The selection is provided as a good compilation for the entire family, and remember, giving a well chosen book to one's family and friends makes the perception of the giver's intelligence raise a significant 50% in the recipient's eyes.

For the political analyst in your life, I recommend Animal Farm by George Orwell. A blazing satire of abuse of power, it can do to a superbly written novel. It could.

For the military personel (retired or active) in your life, I recommend The Great Santini by Pat Conroy (yes, he's a favorite and I am biased). This novel is a riveting story of a marine pilot and his family. Mr. Conroy writes with a sarcastic and humorously sadistic tone, and his novels move on out-loud moments woven between the pathos. Without Remorse by Tom Clancy is a great read for those people who believe personal vengeance is warranted in certain situations ($7.19-P each at Amazon).

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For the elders in your life, I revert to type and recommend the classics. Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell for women (we all dream we could be Scarlett), and Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry for the men (yes, it is a book, not just a movie). These books are a must-have for your personal library ($7.19-P each at Amazon).

For the preschool set, I choose Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss. This book is even more fun for the grown up reading it than the child listening (if the grownup is not the type to throw a book across the room when he is reading a tongue twister). Anyone who reads this to his/her child or sibling once must be prepared to hear the child cry AGAIN! after the first reading ($4.79-P each at Amazon).

As a book lover (and I think I am), I recommend Hamlet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh (about a girl and her secret notebook) is a must have ($4.79-H Amazon).

Speaking of movies that were based on books, for the movie buff in your life, pick up The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy, The Shining by Stephen King, and The World According to Garp by John Irving. Why these books? I think that these selections wholly illustrate the damage Hollywood wreaks by changing these stories for the sheer sake of it. I would even turn these people on to reading the book before the movie, leading to them scoffing and snorting throughout the films (like I do, to my husband's embarrassment) that destroy the novel it is based on ($7.19-P, $6.29-P, $15.57-H Amazon).

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Without commenting further, I also recommend Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer, She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb, A Man in Full by Tom Wolfe, The Good Earth by Pearl Buck, and Bastard out of Carolina for the serious readers in your life.

I hope I have been helpful and remember, in the end, it's the thought that counts (at least that what my mom said when I presented her with the shirt I crafted in sewing class my seventh grade year). Merry Christmas.

Dec 6, 2000

Fears realized

Michele Thamke

Bear Facts Staff

Someone's life was forever changed as a result of a tragic car/pickup truck accident on southbound I-135 last Thursday. Nov. 30. Fears continued to mar the journey. After all, I can't seem to swallow completely.

It wasn't until I was trapped in dead-stop traffic for a hour and a half on the way to Spanish 101 at Ankeny DMACC that this fear set in. As I drove from Spanish class, I was to meet my mom at a hotel in Des Moines for a get away. It was 20 minutes of staying in one spot with a fear that I finally heard on the radio, "An accident southbound on I-135. Casualties are being life-flighted out."

While I was bogged down with the cell phone call I made to the hotel where we had reservations, "No. Flo Murray has not checked in yet," the clerk said. I called my sister at home and she said, "Maybe she hasn't left home yet," in an attempt to calm me, which didn't work.

Another call to the hotel fifteen minutes later gave me the same reply as before. At this point, I had moved five car lengths in a hour and I know my mom's involved in the accident.

My father was killed in a car accident 30 years ago on Thanksgiving Day. I didn't know how much I feared that my mom's final fate would mirror my dad's until this incident. A hour and a half later, I was totally freaking out, took the ditch and drove northbound I-135 until I could turn around and head south on back roads. After being trapped in such for a long time, I found driving a difficult task, to say nothing of peering through tears.

I finally reached the hotel and fresh chokiing began again as I saw my mom's car in the lot and her face looking out the window for me. I ran to her and couldn't let go. While she was not in the accident, she came right up on it and was trapped for almost three hours. She knew I was safe, but she knew how upset and scared I would be.

While I can't write enough words expressing my happiness of mom's life being spared. I feel such sorrow because I know the lives of the family and friends of the victim will never be the same.

I'm driving six to seven hundred miles a week and come in fast contact with so many people. I have seen such a selfish transition taking place behind the wheel in the last five years. For example, drivers won't give way, others won't yield without becoming aggressive, and defensive driving has gone by the way-side. Will it take to regenerate kindness in the driver's seat?
Men ranked 3rd in nation

Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC men's basketball team is off to a great start this season, and people are taking notice. In the first National Junior College Division II poll of the season, the Bears are 3rd in the nation after Owens CC, Toledo, Ohio and CC of Beaver County, Montaca, Penn.

DMACC men's basketball on the road

DMACC defeated Riverland, 78-46 in the Bears first road game of the season. "The team played well," said Coach Salmon. "They hit a lot of three-pointers, and it is a tough place to play. The team made big plays down the stretch to win the game.

Salmon. Rich Borgos led the Bears with 20 points, and other leading scorers were Lisa Obrecht with 12, Alyssa Ketelsen with 11, and Obrecht with 20 points. Busch, playing in her first game since getting her eligibility reinstated, scored 11 points, had 8 rebounds and 5 steals. Melissa Gourley lead the Bears with 23 points, and other leading scorers were Lisa

Bear's defense leads women to victory

Scott Anderson
Bear Facts Staff

The DMACC women's basketball team used a balanced scoring attack and tough defense to easily defeat Riverland 76-57 and improve their record to 6-1.

"The team played great defensively," said DMACC Coach Bob Terzones. The game was back and forth early on in the first half. The Bears jumped out to an 8-2 lead when Riverland went on a 9-1 run to take an 11-10 lead. The teams would then trade baskets back and forth until a basket by Riverland tied the game at 21. The Bears then hit three-pointers to pull away late to defeat South Australia 90-73. "South Australia really shot the ball well," said Coach Salmon. "They played hard and aggressive, but the team defended well and hung in there.

Colwell led the Bears with 16 points, and Jackson added 15 points. Borgos scored 11 points for the Bears.

DMACC men use strong second half to defeat South Australia

The DMACC men's basketball team used a strong second half run and pulled away late to defeat South Australia 90-73. "South Australia really shot the ball well," said Coach Salmon. "I thought the team did a great job of responding to many runs that South Australia made throughout the game. It's a great start to this season." The game started out with both teams exchanging baskets, but South Australia was able to keep the lead. DMACC (7-0) finally got their first lead of the game at 12-11 on a basket by Jackson. The teams again traded baskets with neither team able to take advantage. With DMACC leading 31-30, the Bears went on a 9-0 run to take a 40-30 lead. South Australia then answered with a 7-2 run to end the half that cut the Bears lead to 5 at halftime.

The Bears opened the second half strong by going on a 9-3 run and taking an 11-point lead. Both teams again traded baskets until South Australia hit back to back three pointers to cut the Bears lead to 5. The Bears answered with a 7-0 run to take a twelve-point lead. South Australia tried to fight back, but would only get as close as eight points the rest of the way.

Colwell led the way for the Bears with 28 points. Daley and Jackson each had 19 points. Borgos added 14 points. Mike Williams had 10 points for the Bears.

DMACC men improve to 9-0

The DMACC men's basketball team improved to 9-0 with wins over Wentworth and Upper Iowa JV. The Bears defeated Wentworth 84-77 to go to 8-0 on the season. The Bears led by 17 at halftime, and then held off a late Wentworth run.

"Wentworth is a very explosive team," said Coach Salmon. "They hit a lot of three-pointers, and it is a tough place to play. The team made big plays down the stretch to win the game.

Colwell led the Bears with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Jackson scored 17 points and had 7 assists. Daley scored 15 points. Borgos added 10 points. Kevin Alberts led the Bears with 11 rebounds.

The DMACC men defeated the Upper Iowa JV 81-42 to improve to 9-0. "The team played well," said Salmon. "It was a good way to go into the conference season.

Colwell led the Bears with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jackson had 16 points and 8 assists. Alberts scored 13 points, and Williams added 10 points. The Bears open the conference season with a home game against NIACC on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. following the women's game at 6.
The other side of the Courter
Photos and text by Aaron Forrester

How are you going to prepare for finals?

"I'm going to lock myself in my room and hope I don't fall asleep."
Anne M. Downing
Sophomore

"I'm going to review my notes many times and hope for the best."
Jeanette Pauley
Sophomore

"Long nights of studying. And a copy of the teacher's notes would help."
John Deberry
Freshman

"I'm studying all week long, and then studying some more (except for accounting)."
Jeremy Nelson
Freshman

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