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How Donald made it to the top of the Republican race

By Rob Bingham
Banner News Online Editor

New Hampshire: Check. South Carolina: Check. Nevada: Check. Trump and his supporters, self-proclaimed “Trumpeters,” have swept 3 of the 4 early state GOP races—the one not on the list is Iowa, where he came in second.

How did he get this far? Where does he go from here?

First, there are too many candidates in the GOP field, causing a lack of strong leadership in out of the crowd, which in turns results in a power vacuum, thrusting some one with a strong personality into the spotlight.

Vox’s Ezra Kline said this about the establishment elite, “[T]hey still don’t quite believe it. They still think that if only the Republican establishment had been a bit better organized, a bit quicker on the draw, they could have kept control. The truth is probably closer to the opposite.”

This is more evident than that the pluralism of establishment, conservative grassroots, and “non-traditional” candidates has caused the party’s base to have a difficult time coalescing around an individual.

Donald J. Trump after his victory speech in South Carolina. Photo by Gage Skidmore

Second, the media has spent the majority of their time covering Trump, which in turn boosts his poll numbers, and drives his media coverage, this vicious cycle is best captured by the accompanying graph below.

An Associate Professor of Political Science at George Washington University, John Sides, in a recent New York Times article, “The answer is simple: Trump is surging in the polls because the news media has consistently focused on him since he announced his candidacy on June 16.”

A few months after his presidential announcement, Trump had approximately 2560 news reports about him or his campaign, which is more than all other campaigns combined.

Third, the people of the Grand of Party are revolting against the establishment politics as usual. His inflammatory statements have undeniably struck a chord with the base, which sees the “failed policy” of Barack Obama, and want to have their voices heard in the government.

In a recent interview with Vox, noted political activist Noam Chomsky commented on Trump’s progress, “Fear, along with the breakdown of society during the neoliberal period. People feel isolated, helpless, victims of powerful forces that they do not understand and cannot influence. It’s interesting to compare the situation in the ’30s […] Objectively, poverty and suffering were far greater. But even among the unemployed, there was a sense of hope that is lacking now…”

In reality there is a fourth, more correct theory; it is more of a perfect storm and smorgasbord of the three previously stated theories.

Nate Silver of fivethirtyeight was quoted as saying, “[T]he right set of circumstances have been laid out to let [Trump] coast to the national convention.”

The Republican base is growing tired of business as usual, made evident by the rise of the Tea Party, and wants someone with a strong commanding personality, and since the GOP establishment has yet to unify behind someone with the requisite personality there was a vacuum that the Trump and his ego to fill the void. His ability to fill this “vacancy” of the establishment has allowed him to coopt the nation media, thus inflating the total amount of news coverage and in turn drive up his polls, and ultimately win 3 out of the 4 early state contests handily.

Where Trump is going from here:

The Trump that many in the establishment fear, like it or not, is here, and he is not going any where any time soon. After winning three straight competitions, he has cemented his lead, Trump, himself a master of brand management, has created, as DMACC’s political science professor Irwin puts it, “a sort of cult of personality around [himself].” This cult has launched him out of the Reality TV show B-List and into the limelight, and our everyday conversation. That is the real success of Trump, even if he doesn’t make it past Super Tuesday, he has successfully disrupted the process of electing a candidate, proving that with the right ideology, and set of circumstances, you can succeed with any substantive policy. That is where Irwin is skeptical of Trumps longevity saying, “Ideology does not make good public policy.” You can spurt off as much ideology on the soapbox, but when it comes to governing, you need to compromise. Former Governor of New York encapsulates this sentiment saying in 1982, “You campaign in poetry; you govern in prose.”
It’s time to file 2016-17 FAFSA

By April Schumm, Banner News Staff

Winter is trying to hang on, but spring is on its way. With that we are reminded that graduation and commencement ceremonies are coming up in May. For those students who have successfully reached the finish line of their journey here at DMACC Boone Campus, there are a few things you should know.

Students who are ready for graduation must complete an application to graduate to receive their diploma. Students who plan to participate in one of the annual commencement ceremonies must indicate this on their application. There is no graduation fee. Students who plan to receive more than one degree, diploma or certificate must complete a graduation application for each program. Those students looking forward to graduation this May need to have submitted their application to graduate to the Credentials/Graduation Office. If you have not, or if you need to contact someone regarding graduation for any reason, please talk to any of the front desk staff or advisers at the Boone campus. Or call the Credentials & Graduation Office at 800-362-2127, ext. 73534, email is credentials@dmacc.edu.

Family and friends wishing to attend the ceremony at Boone Campus and candidates who are participating in the ceremony, don’t forget to save the date.

DMACC Boone Commencement - Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the gym.

DMACC will be awarding their first Valedictorian Scholarship in 2016. This scholarship will pay DMACC’s fees and tuition for up to four semesters of full-time study for an Iowa high school valedictorian. Students and Parents should call the Credentials & Graduation Office at the Boone campus. Or contact someone regarding graduation for any reason, please talk to any of the front desk staff or advisers at the Boone campus. Or call the Credentials & Graduation Office at 800-362-2127, ext. 73534, email is credentials@dmacc.edu.

DMACC’s Honors Program. The estimated value of this scholarship is $9,580.

Valedictorian scholarship started since 2008 and this will be the ninth year of offering this scholarship. DMACC accounting students, who have been certified by the Internal Revenue Service, will help prepare federal and Iowa individual income tax returns for qualified residents. Each year accounting students process and file approximately 150 federal and state income tax returns.

This service, called the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, offers free tax assistance to those with low-to-moderate incomes (less than $54,000 in annual personal income). VITA is particularly interested in identifying those taxpayers who are eligible for earned income tax credits (EITC), which is a refundable tax credit to those who are low wage earners.

All tax returns will be prepared on-site at the DMACC Boone Campus by trained and certified DMACC student volunteers using software provided by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Each return will be reviewed by the site coordinator and, after approval and signature of the taxpayer, will be filed electronically with the IRS and the Iowa Department of Revenue. There is no cost to eligible taxpayers for this service.

Persons interested in receiving this service should bring their W-2 forms, interest statements from banks (1099 forms), copies of your 2015 federal and state tax returns, Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements) and social security cards for all family members and picture IDs for the primary taxpayers. Any other pertinent information regarding personal income and expenses for tax year 2015 should be included.

Individuals may call 515-433-5029 to schedule an appointment. Parking is available on the north side of the building, and people may enter through the northeast doorway. There will be no free income tax help offered on February 19 or March 18.

Free income tax help on campus

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The minimum criteria required to qualify for the DMACC Valedictorian Scholarship includes: Valedictorian of high school class · ACT Composite score of 26 or greater, or score of 1670 on SAT math, verbal and writing combined, or equivalent COMPASS placement scores and completion of the DMACC ALEKS math assessment · Weighted or unweighted 3.5 cumulative GPA · Must be the first college students attend after high school graduation

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It's time to file 2016-17 FAFSA

Friday, February 26 is a FAFSA Friday on the DMACC Boone campus. Stop by the computer lab area in Room 149C from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to get free assistance with completing and submitting your FAFSA. No appointment necessary.

Receive a FREE $5 Subway card when you complete your FAFSA during a FAFSA Friday.

Spring 2016 FAFSA Fridays: February 26: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Room 149C
March 25: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Room 149
April 22: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Room 149

Students and Parents should bring the following items when possible to be prepared to complete the FAFSA:

· Social Security number, driver’s license number, and date of birth · 2015 federal and state tax returns · W-2 forms and/or other records of income earned in 2015 (or your last pay stub from 2015 if you haven't filed yet).

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Student spotlight

Beating cancer, keeping a smile

DMACC Ankeny student Eric Carlson is shown above holding his nephew Carson Meyer. Eric battled cancer as a child. “You just have to roll with the punches that life throws your way,” Eric says, “and never back down.”

By Jesse Rose
Banner News Sports Editor

Eric Carlson looks like a typical, hard-working, young Iowa man. He is in the prime of his life at the age of 19. He is from the small town of Marcus, Iowa. He attends college classes at DMACC in Ankeny for automotive repair, where he’s been since the fall of 2015. He will graduate in 2017.

In the summer Eric works a full-time job at Hess’s Auto Repair shop in his hometown. When people look at Eric, they are surprised when he says he is just 19 years old. He acts very grown up for his age. Why? Because he matured at a very young age due to a very serious moment in his childhood years.

Eric was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia or ALL at the age of 5. This disease is the most common type of cancer in children. He was just starting school as a kindergarten student when he was first diagnosed. “It was pretty hard to fully understand what was going on since I was so young,” said Eric.

Eric never gave up as he endured three long years of chemotherapy. “It just sucked because every time I went to the hospital, “ Eric said.

The town of Marcus supported Eric, even putting on fundraisers to help him and his family out. “It was truly awesome knowing that everyone was pulling for me and was on my side,”

Even after Eric had been through everything, he just wanted to be a normal kid. “I didn’t want people to treat me differently just because of everything I had been through,” Eric said. “I wanted to be known as Eric Carlson, not as the kid with cancer.”

Eric shows toughness and always has according to longtime and childhood friend, Nathan Ruba. “Eric is a fighter and always will be. He went through hell with a smile and I don’t think that smile has left his face to this day,” Ruba said.

Eric still deals with the effects as cancer as he has to go to the doctor once a year and will have to for the rest of his life. “He never gave up and doesn’t plan to start now. “You just have to roll with the punches that life throws your way and never back down.”

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Roby helped the Bears to a 4-1 record in the season-opening Cowtown Classic Feb. 19 and 20 at Ft. Worth, Texas. Her five-game totals included a .722 batting average with two a pair of doubles, seven runs and four stolen bases. She has driven in seven runs.

Roby had three hits, drove in four runs and scored three runs in DMACC’s 17-0 win against Clarendon (Texas) Community College (CCC). She was 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored in DMACC’s 12-2 win over Vernon (Texas) Community College (VCC) and was 3-for-4 with two runs scored as the Bears defeated Johnson County Community College (JCCC), 3-2.

Roby was also 3-for-4 in a 6-3 loss to Allen County Community College (ACCC), DMACC’s only loss in the tournament, and had one hit in three at-bats in a 1-0 win over Highland Community College (HCC).

In addition to her .722 batting average, which leads the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II rankings, Roby has a .722 on-base percentage and a .833 slugging percentage. Roby, who played center field, also has five putouts and no errors for a percent 1.000 fielding percentage.

Ihle is ICCAC Pitcher of the Week

The Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) has named Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) sophomore Kenzie Ihle of Polk City the Division II Pitcher of the Week for the week of February 15-21.

Ihle was on the mound in three of the five games the Bears played in the Cowtown Classic Feb. 19 and 20 at Ft. Worth, Texas, coming away with wins against Clarendon (Texas) Community College (CCC), Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and Highland Community College (HCC).

DMACC entered the tournament ranked fifth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 11 Preseason Poll. ICCAC is ranked 15th and HCC is ranked 12th.

Ihle threw just four innings in a 17-0 win over CCC. She allowed one hit, struck out seven and walked two. Ihle went the distance against JCCC, allowing two runs on three hits, striking out seven and walking two. Only one of the two runs she allowed was earned. Ihle also went seven innings against HCC, allowing two hits, striking out 12 and walking three. For the season, Ihle is 3-0 with a 0.38 earned run average. She has struck out 26 batters and walked seven.

Geopfert is ICCAC Athlete of the Week

The Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) has named Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) sophomore Cassie Geopfert of Sioux City the Athlete of the Week for Division II women’s basketball for the week of February 15-21.

The honor is the second for Geopfert this season. She was also named ICCAC Athlete of the Week for Division II women’s basketball for the week of November 23-29.

Geopfert scored a total of 28 points as the Bears split a pair of games during the week, dropping a 64-52 decision to North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) and defeating Ellsworth Community College (ECC), 90-52.

In the loss to NIACC, Geopfert scored eight points, pulled down nine rebounds, dished out two assists and led the Bears in steals with three. Her eight points came from 2-of-4 shooting from the field and she made four of five free throw attempts. Geopfert led DMACC past ECC with 20 points, three rebounds, three assists and a team-high five steals. She was 7-of-9 from the field, including 3-of-5 from three-point range, and drained three of four free throw attempts.

With the split, DMACC ran its record to 22-6 overall and 8-4 in the ICCAC.

For the season, Geopfert is averaging nine points and eight rebounds a game. She has scored 252 points and leads the Bears in rebounding with 226 rebounds. She also leads the team in steals with 89 and has dished out 79 assists. Geopfert is shooting 38 percent from the field, 23 percent from three-point range and 67 percent at the free throw line.

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The DMACC softball team enters the 2016 season hoping to repeat their success from 2015, when they finished fourth in the national tournament.

“Our team has worked incredibly hard during our off season. We are all really excited to get started,” said head coach Bob Ligouri.

The Bears finished 2015 with a record of 61-10 and a fourth place finish in the national tournament.

“We hope to develop a team process that allows us to compete on a National Platform,” said Ligouri. “It will not be easy but it is something that our players have set as their team goal.”

Ligouri is entering his fifth season as head coach for DMACC. The Bears also return nine sophomores, which includes three All-Americans from the 2015 season.

All-American right fielder Syd- ney Weldon returns in 2016 after hitting 24 home runs and driving in 100 runs last season. Joining Weldon in the Bears’ outfield is All-American center fielder Brittney Roby, who hit 15 home runs and had 85 RBIs. Also back is All-American shortstop Madi Parrott , who hit 13 home runs and drove in 70 runs.

Other key returners according to Ligouri include utility player Katie Bell, pitcher Mackenzie Ihle, in- fielder Gabrielle Woods, catcher-outfielder Brooke Staker, utility player April Sherburne, outfielder Brittany Roby, and catcher Kaitlyn Williams.

The Bears also brought in 15 freshmen. “We have had a solid recruiting year. We have been able to re- cruit a freshmen class that we feel has the potential to really help our returning Sophomores,” said Ligouri. The freshmen include pitchers Ashley Sicard, Madi Rasmusson, Jade Peterson, infielders Claire Dukel, Taylor Creason, Megan Rushing, Ryanna Bales, Cassie Harrington, outfielders Kenzie Sutton, Sydney Robert- son, Kergan Torres, Kirsten Raymond, and catchers Mackenzie Jones, Natalie Mostek.

The Bears have two main team strengths according to Ligouri. “We have a deep experienced group of players that had enjoyed national level success and have worked hard to build a strong team-first culture. They know the process that is needed to be successful at the highest level.”

Ligouri continued: “We have added a strong recruiting class that will hopefully replace our graduated sophomores. The freshmen class has demonstrated a very solid work ethic, and has really brought strong support to our sophomore class.”

Ligouri was very con- fident in his team’s ability if they stick to a team mentality. “We believe that we are still at the low rung of the ladder, but our goals are high – and achievable if everyone stays in their lane, and the team stays as the focus and not individu- al honors,” said Ligouri.

The Bears started off the 2016 season by competing in the Cowtown Classic on Feb. 19 and 20 at Ft. Worth, Texas. DMACC went 4-1 in the tournament. “We had a great beginning in our Texas Tournament – going 4-1 and defeating two Texas CC Di- vision 1 teams that had each played a dozen games — and then two nationally ranked Kansas Community Colleg- es,” said Ligouri.

Jade Peterson added this on the Bears’ early 2016 success: “It was a fun tournament. It was good to finally get back on the field and build chemistry as a team.”
Dreamers wanted for CiWeek 7 at West DMACC

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Celebrate Innovation Week or ciWeek 7 is adding “Dream Passes” to the 2016 event. The free passes give attendees exclusive seating near the stage, front of the line position for meet-and-greets with presenters and an invitation to the Speaker’s Reception, a March 2nd VIP event featuring all of the speakers and innovators presenting at ciWeek 7.

“ciWeek 7 is Feb. 29 to March 4, 2016 at the DMACC West Des Moines Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The event features an Oscar and Emmy award winning visual effects designer, Howard Berger; a New York Times #1 best-selling author, Howard Hickam, a Discovery Channel extreme storm chaser, Dr. Reed Timmer and Thomas Dolby, the innovative musician who sings the hit “She Blinded Me With Science.”

“The ciWeek 7 theme is ‘Free to Dream’ and we want to give Dream Pass recipients exclusive access to inspiration from these successful and innovative dreamers,” said DMACC West Des Moines Campus Provost and event organizer, Dr. Anthony Paustian. “Dr. Reed Timmer dared to dream of being the first person to capture High Definition video inside an F5 tornado, Howard Hickam dreamed of being a monster maker for television and movies; NASA engineer, Howard Hickam dreamed of sharing his tales of war, space and coal mining through his best-selling book that inspired the movie October Sky.”

To win a Dream Pass go to www.dmacc.edu/tickets starting February 24th at 8 a.m. The first 30 registered recipients will receive a Dream Pass. Winners can pick up their Dream Passes at the DMACC West Des Moines Campus front desk located at 5959 Grand Ave. in West Des Moines. Winners must show an ID.

CiWeek 7 speakers include: Thomas Dolby, is a British-born musician credited with starting the new wave movement, pop music that uses electronic instruments, in the 1980’s. His biggest hit, “She Blinded Me With Science” made him an MTV icon and hit Number 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1982. Dolby has composed music for films, video games and cell phone ringtones. He is the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conference Music Director and a Professor of Arts at John Hopkins University.

Howard Berger is an Oscar and Emmy award winning visual effects makeup artist. He won an Oscar in 2006 for The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. He won an Emmy in 2011 for his work on the AMC series The Walking Dead. Berger is the co-founder of KNB EFX Group. The company specializes in prosthetic makeup and animatronics, better known as special effects makeup. He has worked on more than 400 film and television productions. Dr. Reed Timmer is a storm chaser who has been featured on Discovery Channel shows When Nature Strikes and Storm Chasers. Dr. Timmer and his team travel the country in a vehicle they call Dominator, searching for storms. He is an author, documentary film maker and “extreme meteorologist.”

Homer Hickam is a Vietnam Veteran and a former NASA engineer. His memoir, Rocket Boys was a New York Times #1 best seller and was the inspiration for the 1999 movie October Sky.

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WHAT: Seven zombies will shuffle through the Jordan Creek Town Center lower level. The undead will promote DMACC West Des Moines Campus’ Celebrate Innovation or ciWeek 7 and presenter Howard Berger, one of television and films’ most famous monster makers. Berger won an Oscar in 2006 for his work on The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. He won an Emmy in 2011, for his work on the AMC series The Walking Dead. Berger has worked on more than 400 film and television projects, including the FX hit, Breaking Bad. He presents at ciWeek 7 at the DMACC West Des Moines Campus, Thursday, March 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

WHY: Berger is just one of several innovative presenters at ciWeek 7. The event also features a New York Times #1 best-selling author whose book inspired the movie October Sky; a Discovery Channel storm and tornado chaser and Thomas Dolby, singer and musical creator of the hit, “She Blinded Me With Science.” The event is free and open to the public. For a complete list of speakers and presentation times, visit the CiWeek link at the DMACC homepage.

CONTACT: DMACC West Des Moines Campus Provost and ciWeek organizer Dr. Tony Paustian (515) 554-8900

Enter DMACC Earth Week’s T-Shirt Design Competition

To celebrate DMACC’S EARTH WEEK April 18-22, 2016 we want you to enter this contest! Design a T-Shirt for DMACC Earth Week for your chance to win top prize — FREE 3 CREDIT CLASS for either the Summer or Fall term at DMACC! Credits applied to your tuition.

The winning design will be featured across the district on DMACC’s 2016 Earth Week T-Shirts.

Rules:
• Student must be in good academic standing and plan to attend summer or fall terms 2016.
• Design must be relevant to DMACC Earth Week April 18-22, 2016
• The design must be your own work. USE YOUR IMAGINATION.
• Design must be in single color.

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There is hope

By Mary Rowan
Guest Columnist

My name is Mary C. Rowan, I am a survivor of suicide, and I also lost my brother to suicide. I am writing this piece to let those who are at risk know that there is hope, and that there is a way back to happiness. Never be ashamed to ask for help. Ask your doctor, a friend, any of the counselors here at Boone DMACC or call the 800 number.

Do not ever feel that you are not strong enough to handle what is going on. When we choose the option to break down or depression or any other emotional or even physical pain, you probably feel that you are alone and that no one would understand. The truth is more people than we realize do care and do want to help.

When I came to the emergency room from my attempt, it was then that I got the help that I had needed for many months when I was untreated. I also realized how lucky I was to still be alive. It was a very long road back, but a road I needed to travel to fully understand the different illnesses that millions of people have and have had. These are people who try to cope with their struggles daily in their lives. When we choose the option to end our lives, what we leave behind is guilt, sadness, emptiness, and a feeling of what could have been done to save the one I love. Did they not know how much I loved them?

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Do you know what would look good on your resume? Participating in a college group. This shows that you would not only show up for work, but you also would put an extra effort into the company.

The groups available on the DMACC Boone campus might even offer some experience you need towards that future career. Or it might give you an opportunity to be a part of an organization that shares your ideals and would give you an outlet to make positive changes in your community.

In January I was part of the Boone DMACC group that got to go to the Capitol. It was a two-day trip to celebrate 50 years of community colleges. The Boone DMACC students, staff, and instructors participated in workshops and enjoyed a great dinner on top of the Holiday Inn at the end of the first day. We also got to meet State representatives and to ask questions. The second day we got to go to the Capitol and meet representatives and to also ask questions. I was impressed that DMACC had two buses to take everyone to these events. Imagine being able to go to the Capitol and to see our representatives in government just walking around and to also ask them questions and to be able to talk face to face.

Next spring it would be great if we could have three buses full. I am asking my fellow students to start participating in the activities and sporting events offered at your campus. As a student did you know you get free admission into these events and the school plays? I have gone to several of the plays they are a great time and an evening out. The following groups are looking for membership and can boost your resume and let you make a difference. Considering joining and have a say in things.

DMACC Boone United is a LGBTQ+ group always looking for members especially this coming fall and now. If you are interested in this kind of support group, come to a meeting. This group makes decisions on how to improve relations with the public and to overcome stereotypes and how to make a positive impact in the community. Mainly DMACC Boone United lets others know they are not alone and offers each other support. Contact Crystal Cox, club advisor, for information on next meeting or to join. You also can like the DMACC Boone United Facebook page.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a business group for students. Even if you are not planning on going into business, this group teaches you teamwork. Members are able to compete at a state level then a national level in over 40 categories. Nationals are being held in Atlanta this year. Contact Chris Moon, cmoono1@dmacc.edu, or join one of our meetings every Monday at 12:15 p.m. in room 203. This would also look good on your resume because no matter what your major, almost everything after college is business-based.

Student Activities Council is a great organization for students to get involved with. Coach Steve Kracisin is the advisor for this group. Would it not be great to suggest ideas for events and other activities your fellow students to enjoy? Contact Coach K at skracisin@dmacc.edu.

I am asking you, my fellow students, to start to participate in your school’s activities and groups. Add this to your academic life.

I would like input from the readers on the groups you are active in so we can highlight your group to get the word out to generate membership. Write to me at the Banner News to share your information about your student group.

I noticed one main thing at this campus: your instructors and staff and personnel believe in you, the student, and show support in so many ways. Isn’t it time you take the steps to believe in yourself and to show support for your school and for your future? Make it your goal to be a part of this campus and help bring unity by supporting each other and not just ourselves.

I welcome feedback also would love if you want to reply to this to get different points of views.
Ziggy has returned to Mars: RIP Major Tom

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I don't usually have problems with celebrity deaths. I'll admit that I did cry when I heard Robin Williams died in 2014, but out of all the recent celebrity deaths, the death of David Bowie on Jan. 10 probably was the hardest celebrity death for me to deal with in recent memory.

Though I didn't have a friendship with Mr. Bowie nor had I ever met him, it hit me on a deep level because I had just been getting into his music in the months prior to his death.

I honestly don't know a time in my life where I wasn't familiar with Bowie. I knew from a pretty young age that he was the one with the Queen song “Under Pressure,” but other than that I could probably only name the Queen song and “Space Oddity” as the only Bowie songs I knew.

Though that all changed in October or November 2015 at work. When I'm not at school, I work part-time vacuuming floors at the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines in downtown Des Moines.

While I was vacuuming one day, I decided to plug in my headphones and listen to music. I landed on his greatest hits album, and I decided to listen to it.

I then realized that Bowie was a freaking genius and that I knew a lot of songs by him, including “Fame” and “Changes.” I even started to listen to his new stuff from his The Next Day album and the singles “Lazarus,” and the title track to his Blackstar album.

Though they are good songs, I thought they were very weird at first and made me very concerned something was wrong with Bowie because of the references to death.

Although I brushed it off, I was later saddened to discover that my fear was true.

It was the night that Bowie died; I was just settling into bed when I saw a tweet from @DavidBowieReal that read, “David Bowie died peacefully today surrounded by his family after a courageous 18 month battle…” and then linking to Bowie’s Facebook for more information.

Ziggy Stardust (one of David Bowie’s alter egos in the 1980s) had returned to Mars.

Though Bowie was known for music, he had also dabbled a bit in acting.

His most well known role was in the 1986 film “The Labyrinth,” where he had a starring role as the antagonist Jareth the Goblin King.

He also had roles in “The Man Who Fell to Earth,” and in the highly controversial Scorsese film “The Last Temptation of Christ.”

Though his star faded acting-wise in the 2000s, one of his most well known roles in film came as a cameo in the 2001 film “Zoolander” where he played himself and judged a walk-off between Derek Zoolander and Hansel McDonald, played respectively by Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson.

I am going to miss David Bowie. Aside from singing/writing some of the best music from the late 20th Century, he was probably one of the best musicians to ever live.

Since his death, David Bowie has earned his first number one album with his last album Blackstar.

Though it is sad Bowie couldn’t live to see the accomplishment, I think he would be even happier to see all the new fans that have started enjoying his music now following his death.

The morning he died, after watching the news, I decided to venture down to the one place that would help me make sense of what had happened, Zaz Records in Des Moines.

Before entering the store, I looked down by the door and I saw a candle sitting next to a photo of David Bowie.

When I went in, I asked the owner if he knew who set out the candle and he had no idea.

To this day he hasn’t figured out who set up the tribute outside the shop. If by any chance the person who left the candle reads this article I want to thank you for the tribute to the late great David Bowie.

RIP Major Tom 1947-2016.