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Spring play a success

by COREY VESPESTAD
Staff Writer and
Cast Member

This year's spring play, "Meanwhile, Back On The Couch," started off with a bang. Tryouts were held on Jan. 28 and 30 in the auditorium. Cast members chosen were: Brett Land-on, Mike Koch, Jim Merrill, Corey Vespestad, Gloria Renz, Tina Hardy, Misti Orban, and Jacqueline Hughes. The first runthrough was held on Jan. 31.

A lot of hard work and preparation took place during the month of practice. Tedium blocking and set-work took up a majority of the practices. Everyone concentrated well on their parts throughout every practice, working on lines and developing their character's image.

The final week consisted of dress rehearsal and brushing up on lines. March 6 was named "Publicity Day" by the cast members and most of them celebrated it by wearing their costumes to help promote the show. It seemed to be a success.

Finally, all the hard work and dedication showed in the performances held on March 8 and 9. The audiorium filled with laughter as attendance was approximately 120 on Friday night and 140 for Saturday's performance of the farce comedy.

Each show lasted about an hour and a half with a ten minute intermission between the first and second acts. The cast members' practice showed as they performed to near perfection on stage.

Director Kay Mueller commented, "I think both nights were a big success. I have heard lots of compliments, and the ones I hear get better and better."

We, the cast members, would like to thank all the set and makeup people that helped with the show. And also our director, Kay, for having the patience to put up with us. Another thanks goes out to all those who attended the performances.

Financial aid adviser here

A financial aid adviser will be on Boone Campus Wednesday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. See George Silberhorn or Chris Carahey for additional information.

Happy Easter

Speakers discuss what employers look for in future employees

by SCOTT SWIER
Staff Writer

A presentation by the Iowa Department of Personnel on employment fundamentals—what employers look for in employees, the employment picture in Des Moines, and how to pursue employment opportunities, was given Wednesday, March 6 in the Boone Campus auditorium.

The event was sponsored by PBL. Approximately 30 were in attendance.

It began with a discussion of employer expectations in employees. Attendance, dependability, and credibility, are among the most important aspects of employer expectations. Personal initiative and teamwork were also discussed as employer wants and needs.

A video produced by the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce was then shown. The video showed a wide range of benefits the city of Des Moines could offer to a person starting out in the job market. It showed the many new job opportunities Des Moines has, plus an overview of the city itself. Many restaurants, shopping places, and places of entertainment were presented to show not only the working side of Des Moines, but the fun and recreational side of the city as well.

The discussion then moved to the area of employee expectations. What do prospective employers look for in a company they would like to join?

Employee benefits, salary, and the general working conditions of the work place were presented as important aspects of the prospective employer when applying for a specific job.

An open question and answer period was then held. This forum began with a question concerning the placement of four-year college students compared to two-year college students. Surprisingly, many four-year students start at the same entry-level jobs as do two-year students.

Another question dealt with tests that may be taken by prospective employers before they can be considered for a particular job. The General Aptitude Test Battery (GATB) was singled out as one test several employers are giving prospective employees. Because of the importance of the computer in today's job market, keyboarding tests are also becoming more common.

The presentation then ended with a brief overview of the many topics discussed. "I was very pleased with the presentation overall," said Mary Jane April, student center advisor. Maggie Stone in Room 128.

Japan Week at Boone Campus

Activities for DMACC's Japan Week will be held at Boone Campus Monday, April 1, according to Bruce Kelly, organizer.

Here is a tentative agenda:

10:30 a.m.-Meet and Appetizers; class presentation; Shinto Shinto; Room 209.
11:15 a.m.-Time Management with dual income families, Japan v. the United States; Sachiko Nonomura; Campus Little Theater.
1:30 p.m.-Luncheon; Boone Country Club; community leaders, selected faculty and students invited.
4:30 p.m.-Dignitaries return to Ankeny Campus.
4:45 p.m.-A banquet dinner will be held to honor Japan.

On April 4, 1991, Ankeny will have a Gourmet Dinner to honor Japan. Invited guests will include representatives from the Japanese Embassy, YGG, local, state and federal government.

Rezoomers Club attendance remains steady

Attendance has averaged 16 for the Rezoomers Club meetings this school year. Peak attendance of 31 occurred in October when Sunny Powers spoke to the group about ways to overcome "test anxiety."

The purpose of the Rezoomers Club is to provide support to all adults who are resuming their education. The informal meetings provide the opportunity to share information and get better acquainted. Short programs with topics of interest to the group are presented during the year.

Club sponsor, Maggie Stone, from the Displaced Homemakers Center, encourages all adults to attend the meetings. "It's a great way for new adult students to get acquainted. The group provides the opportunity to talk with others who are juggling school along with many other responsibilities," states Stone.

Meetings are held twice monthly (the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday) in the Library Conference Room 131. Members eat lunch together (brown bag or from the Student Center), and come and go as classes permit between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rezoomers Club meetings for April are scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 16th. For additional information, contact Maggie Stone in Room 128.
DMACC suffers financial woes; 55 employees to be layed off

by DODI O’LENA
Staff Writer

The Bear Facts reported the budget cuts on the front page of Issue #11, date March 4, 1991. This is the result of the governor’s recommended budget reductions for FY92, the legislatively passed FY91 budget cuts, and the Carl Perkins federally funded FY92 program cuts being planned by the Department of Education.

The Commentary section of The Bear Facts asked for reactions to the spending cuts. The majority of comments showed concern for the quality of education.

The March 6, 1991 edition of the Boone Today, carried an article written by Raymond F. Gaul entitled "What makes a school effective?" Mr. Gaul is superintendent of Ogden Community Schools. Following are his ingredients for a successful educational institution:

1. The manner in which the school is run and how it interacts with parents and the community;
2. There must be strong leadership by the school designated educational leaders;
3. Administrators should provide solid instructional and curriculum leadership;
4. A clear set of goals for the school through which the staff can share an understanding and commitment to instructional goals, priorities, assessment procedures and accountability;
5. A safe and orderly environment;
6. An evaluation system with frequent close looks at how well standards are being met as well as how effectively the staff and school are doing their jobs;
7. An environment of high expectation;
8. Utilizing available community resources to provide a positive effect on students.

He stated that not only are these "invisible" characteristics needed, but also a place where students can grow, develop and learn to their own best potential.

While the administration is pleased with the record enrollment, others are concerned about their education. If those in leadership are not careful where the cuts are made, education will suffer. It would be a shame to see that big numbers are what is important to DMACC and the administration.

As students, it is our responsibility to make sure that every penny spent toward our education is well spent. Should we begin to see the deterioration of our education begin to lapse, we must stand up to the administration to ensure that our rights are protected.

She compliments student newspaper

To the editor:

I read an article in the commentary section of the Boone Today, dated Wednesday, March 6, 1991, written by Raymond F. Gaul. He was reported to be the superintendent of Grand Community School.

I called the Boone Today and told them that Mr. Gaul is not the superintendent of Grand Community Schools but of Ogden Community Schools. The junior high and high school students are included with Ogden.

In reading the rest of the paper, there was quite a section of corrections printed.

These six reprints occurred in the February 27 issue—how’s that for consistent? A journalist should never report news before the facts are checked and proven to be correct. It is imperative that a writer have the ability to report the facts clearly and concisely. Proofreading is a "must!"

I’ve been very pleased with the letter to the editor.
HOMECOMING '91 WRAPUP

Games, dance culminate Homecoming

by DODI O'LENA
Staff Writer

Homecoming '91, coordinated by PBL and sponsored by SAB, provided many activities in which both staff and students participated.

The week of Feb. 11-15 is represented not only homecoming week, but also PBL and Valentine’s week.

Activities included a pudding eating contest, a baby picture contest, dress-up week, basketball games, parent night, a dance, and crowning of the king and queen.

The pudding eating contest took place in the Campus Center between the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The women were blindfolded and instructed to feed pudding to the nutrition, with their hands tied behind their backs.

Located in the glass showcase, beside the library, were pictures of faculty and staff. The contest was to match the names with the baby photos. The winner, Victoria Rardin, received a telephone.

PBL named each day of the week a special type of dress, in which everyone was encouraged to participate. Monday was hats and shades; Tuesday, dress up day; Wednesday, dress up day; Thursday, blue and white day; and Friday, white day or DMACC day.

The Bear basketball teams played Waldorf College, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16. The boys won their place in the Campus Center between the men and women’s basketball teams. The women were blindfolded and instructed to feed pudding to the nutrition, with their hands tied behind their backs.

The dance Saturday night was held at the Elk’s Lodge, and included both parent’s night for the Bear teams, and the crowning of the king and queen.

Jacque Hughes was named queen, while J.B. Slight became Homecoming king.

Here is some information about each of the homecoming candidates.

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**Guest speaker on unified Europe and European economy**

by **KAROL J. HICKS**

Editor-In-Chief

Douglass Camarigg, brother of Boone Campus business instructor Linda Plueger, visited campus Friday, March 1, and spoke to students and faculty on the coming of a unified Europe in 1992. The unification has been referred to as the “non-event.”

By the time the “non-event” occurred, according to Camarigg it would have happened. There will be no headlines, no newscasts, no CNN coverage. It will just be there.

“One of the main purposes for unifying Europe is to try to maintain a steady monetary exchange rate,” he said. “While Germany’s economy is on the rise, England’s and the United States’ economies are on the low end.”

Since the reunification of Germany, there has been a “pent-up consumer demand” in East Germany. There is 100% employment there, but the biggest problem faced today is having something to purchase. East Germans have the means to purchase cars, furniture, and appliances, but there are few such products available. Some wait as long as ten years for an automobile, according to Camarigg.

Germany’s economy is booming, but the “pent-up consumerism” almost always leads to a high rate of inflation. At the time of his visit to our campus, he reported that there was an inflation rate of close to 10% in unified Germany.

Camarigg, who taught for eight years, is single. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in international management at Morningside College in Sioux City. He is trilingual, speaking fluent German and Spanish. In 1980 he moved to Frankfurt, Germany, where he lives today. At that time, the Federal Republic of Germany had 16 states.

Some questions were asked about the unification of Europe by the audience. One person questioned whether a unified Europe will have a common currency. The answer was yes. At this time, banks in Europe are conducting business in ECU, which stands for European Currency Unit. There is no bill or coin in ECU to put in your pocket, but each is worth $1.45. Actually, according to Camarigg, ECU is a basket of currencies: Lira, Deutsch Marks, Franes, and many others.

The visitor from Germany also mentioned that with the proposed unification of Europe, there would be no more passport checking each time a person crossed a national border. There will be no unified Europe concept. Where would the government be located? Brussels will probably be the military headquarters, but which area would house the other governmental offices? And the participation of England, which doesn’t want to be part of this unification, is raised. All told, there were over 60 members of the audience for Camarigg’s informal and entertaining talk.

Gary Stasko’s macro-economics class was part of the audience, as was Plueger’s Typing I class. Vivian Brandmeyer, chair of the business department, was also there with another business class. After the talk, Camarigg flew back home to Frankfurt.

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Sports photos by Lori Burkhead

Coach Dick Criner is successful at keeping the team spirit, in spite of the Lady Bears 90-36 loss to Ellsworth.

Karla Lilly shoots the ball over defender Precious Jackson of Ellsworth. The Lady Bears were defeated 90-36.

Sonya Hanna maneuvers in traffic as the Lady Panthers play defense.
Bears basketball teams close out season

by CURT BLASKEY
and BRIAN VERHELST
Staff Writers

The Bears and Lady Bears closed out the 1990-91 basketball season and even though they only won seven games, both squads will be returning plenty of players next year. The Lady Bears will lose one player to graduation. Candi Bunkoffke ended her DMACC career, but Coach Dick Criner has everybody else back for the 1991-92 basketball season.

Criner said that he hopes to recruit some tall players, as height is something the Lady Bears lacked this year.

He added he will miss Candi next year because she was a good defensive player, and a great leader. Likewise, the Bears will return plenty of this year's team.

Leading returners for next season will be Reggie Martin and Terrance Paige.

The Bears will lose three players to graduation: Jim Parrish, J.B. Slight, and Mike Johnson.

Coach Larry Hughes said that he was uncertain about next season because DMACC lost several players at the semester break. If all of them come back next year, the Bears should be very competitive.

We wish Candi, Jim, J.B., and Mike the best of luck next year. And, thanks for the memories! Good luck to the returning players in the 1991-92 basketball season.

J.B. Slight hustles down court in the first half action of the Bears 93-83 victory over Waldorf.

Reggie Martin drives the ball down court during the final regular seasonal game.

Al Scaglione is surrounded by Clarinda players during the second half action of the Bears' final regular seasonal game. Clarinda won 102-76.
Troy Slelaff makes an extra effort to retrieve the ball and slides under a Council Bluffs defender at the home game Feb. 20. The Bears won 123-112.

Jim Parrish struggles to keep his balance in a traffic jam of Bluejays players. Clarinda won 102-76.

Shane Matthews protects the ball from a Council Bluffs defender during the Bears’ 123-112 victory.
The Boone Bears baseball team is continuing its preseason workouts in preparation for the upcoming season which begins March 16 with the week-long spring trip. The Bears have been practicing indoors since the beginning of the semester. The team has also begun to practice outdoors because of the warm temperatures.

The upcoming season should be a good one, and both the players and Coach John Smith are excited about the possibilities of this year’s squad.
Survey questions students about evening class offerings

by SCOTT SWIER
Staff Writer

Evening students here at Boone Campus were surveyed the week of February 11 in an effort to gatherings and to point out the need for additional evening courses to meet student needs in program, degree and career goals.

Ivette Bender, evening counselor and survey coordinator, said 307 students responded to the survey. Bender said she was very happy with the student response. "I'm glad the survey was completed this early, as the survey's results will be fully compiled before the fall schedule comes out," she said.

Bender is hopeful the survey will have a bearing on evening classes in the future. She says, height, with the new budget cuts at DMACC it is hard to say how much impact the survey will have.

As for what was learned from the survey, Bender said she was surprised at the number of students willing to come to evening class on almost every night of the week. She also was surprised at the number of students who showed an interest in taking criminology classes.

Here is a rundown of the seven survey questions and responses given:

The first question asked, "What classes do you need to take in the evening in order to meet degree/diploma requirements?"

Written/oral communication, Physics I & II, microbiology, art, earth science and calculus were just a few of the many classes students named.

Question two asked, "What classes would you take if offered in the evening, which are not currently offered as night classes?"

Again, many responses were given with American government, child development, Spanish and biology being just a few of the many.

"Do you prefer four classes to be held one night a week for four hours or two nights a week for two hours each evening?" was the third question.

The responses were: 169 students preferred four hour/one night a week, while 116 preferred the two hours/two nights a week format. Twenty-two students had no preference.

The fourth question asked the students, "How many evenings a week would you take classes if they were offered in your degree/diploma areas?"

The responses were as follows:
- One night a week-49.
- Two nights a week-137.
- Three nights a week-44.
- Four nights a week-41.
- Five nights a week-13.

And two people answered they would take as many as possible.

"Which of the following classes would you most likely take in the near future in the evening?" was the fifth question.

The responses were:
- English-95.
- Math-61.
- Science-9.

The sixth question was "Would you prefer classes to start earlier in the evening at 5-7 p.m. or later, at 7-9 p.m. each evening?"

The responses were: 169 students preferred 5-7 p.m. and one night a week for four hours. One student was concerned with the penalties for missing class on Wednesdays due to Lent. Another student suggested placing the evening classes earlier in the evening at 5-7 p.m.

Governors' budgets suggest more campus cuts to come

(CPS)—More of the nation's governors unveiled state budget proposals that hint that public colleges will have to lay staff off, cut classes and raise tuition again.

Support the Boone Campus Bears!

Students interested in being involved in the Boone Campus Bears may come to the Interest Meeting on Thursday, April 24, in the Humanities 133, which is room 101 in the Selected Area Building.

Registration opens on March 29.

Early Bird registration

All two-year college transfer students admitted to UNI by March 29, 1991, for summer or fall term 1991, will be invited to come to UNI camps to register for summer and/or fall classes.

The three days covering transfer student registration will be Wednesday, April 24, Thursday, April 25, or Friday, April 26.

According to Christie Kangas, Assistant Director/Transfer Relations, these will be one day programs consisting of department advising and class registration. The main advantage of registering in April is that students will have the best possible selection of all classes at that time.

Emphasis, Kangas adds, is made that students must be admitted by March 29 in order to be eligible to participate. Those admitted for summer and fall term after March 29 will only be invited to register for classes during the summer.

Only those invited to register in April will be permitted to register at that time. Students will receive their invitations for the first week of April assigning them to a specific day, and will be expected to return an enclosed reply card to reserve their time.

SUPPORT THE BOONE CAMPUS BEARS!

April 10—Tom Jones.
April 18—First Blood.
April 24—Coming to America.

If you have any questions, or for further information, contact Sunny Powers at 432-7203 or in the Learning Center.

Students spotlight

DMACC student misses high school sports

by WADE GODWIN
Staff Writer

If pool is your game, Mark Allen Fountain would be a challenge for you. Mark lives here in Boone with his girlfriend, Angie Reese, who also attends Boone Campus.

Mark is a freshman in his second semester at DMACC, majoring in architecture. His classes this semester include art appreciation, environmental conservation, sociology, finite math, and weight training.

Mark's family lives in Grand Junction. His family includes his mother Linda, father Dave, and two sisters Heather and Jenny who attend East Greene.

Mark's future academic plans are to leave Boone next year and transfer to Arkansas to continue his study of architecture. Mark choose DMACC because it was close to home, inexpensive, and to get his basic classes out of the way.

Mark's hobbies include shooting pool, playing cards, collecting pictures of tigers and most of all sports.

In high school, Mark's life was heavily influenced by sports. Mark was involved in football, baseball, and track. Mark was a part of the East Greene football team that went to the state play-offs three years in a row. Mark earned all conference honors three years in a row, and all-state honors his junior and senior years. Although football was by far his favorite, he did the others for fun and to be with his friends. "I mainly ran track to keep in shape for football," he commented.

Some of Mark's likes are parties, spending time with friends, and being with Angie.

Mark is currently enrolled full time in school, and also works part-time at IBP, Perry. When he does have spare time, he watches a lot of television, and plays Nintendo.

Join us for a movie!

by LORI BLUMBERG
Staff Writer

The Humanities 133: America in the Movies class presents a spring film series focusing on "Images of Men and Women." All DMACC students and faculty are invited to these movie showings. There is no charge. The movies will be shown in room 209 from 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays.

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Yoichi (Yogi) Muramatsu, a second year student, sang and entertained faculty, friends and international students at the international dinner. The dinner was held Mon., Feb. 25 in the Student Center.

Lee McNair, Rotaract adviser and a member of the Boone Rotary Club, said, "The turnout for the dinner was terrific. There were approximately 55 members and guests and the food, which was catered by Hy-Vee, was very good."

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A bake sale is also being planned for April to raise money to replenish Rotaract Club's scholarship fund for the 1992-93 school term. More details will be printed in a later issue.

Look for signs around the campus for other dates, times, and places of meetings and events.

Anyone wishing to help with any of these projects are asked to contact any member of Rotaract for details, or Lee McNair, club adviser. Rotaract needs helpers, even if it's just to bake a dozen cookies for the bake sale.

Rotary Club of Boone, in conjunction with Des Moines Area Community College, held a dinner for international students in the Student Center Monday, Feb. 25.

Gary Hill, secretary of the Boone Campus Rotaract Club, greeted the guests.

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Barred from displaying anti-Saddam Hussein cartoons on his dorm door, Iowa State student David Hill said he has hired a lawyer to help him appeal the decision. “We feel my right to free speech and opinion has been censored,” Hill told the Iowa State Daily, adding dorm officials had never objected when he displayed cartoons criticizing American politicians.

ISU officials said they objected to Hill’s attempt to sell anti-Iraq T-shirts from his dorm room, and that the cartoons “offended some people.”

Among other things, Hill had displayed cartoons that showed Iraq through a gas mask, a poster of Saddam Hussein on a dartboard and a poster that proclaimed “I’d fly 10,000 miles to smoke a camel.”

University of South Carolina students won belated approval to hang American flags from their dorm windows Jan. 28, three days after they had been told to take them down for fear passersby could be hurt if a flag should fall. USC interim President Arthur Smith rescinded the ban the first business day after local papers wrote about the university’s suppression of the student show of support for U.S. troops in the Gulf.

“War humor” is worth studying, maintained psychologist Harvey Minness of Antioch University in California, only as far as to judge how the people are, you know, I mean about conflict.

Among Minness’s favorite examples:

Q. What do Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Baghdad have in common?
A. Nothing, yet.

Q. What’s the national bird of Israel?
A. Duck.

From Rick Dees of “Into The Night With Rick Dees.”

“The bad news is Saddam Hussein has a nuclear bomb. The good news is that to use it he has to push if off an ox cart.”

From comedian Jay Leno:

“Wouldn’t it be great to get that guy from ‘Quantum Leap’ to go back in time and sell Saddam Hussein’s father some half-way decent condoms?”

“Saddam Hussein is supposed to live in a bunker that is 60 feet underground. In fact, Saddam Hussein is so far underground that Satan is threatening to use him as a human shield.”

Tige Watts of the University of South Carolina Gamecock contributed to this report.

Anti-war protests in the U.S. seemed to abate the first week of February, but huge crowds—sometimes numbering more than 100,000 people—carried banners and shouted anti-U.S. slogans in demonstrations in Boston, Los Angeles, Seoul, Argentina and Morocco.

The Jan. 31 confrontation in Seoul turned violent as 200 students at Seoul National University burned a U.S. flag and an effigy of Res. Bush, and threw “dozens” of firebombs at riot police. The police then lobbed tear gas into the throng. One supporter reportedly threatened to firebomb his house the next day.

A flag-burning at the University of New Mexico turned violent when about 30 onlookers rushed protesters Scott Lewis and Scott Newland, tackled them and beat them up. Newland, who was a member of the crowd earlier that day, had thrown a bucket of water on Lewis, trying to put out the fire as Lewis put a match to the flag. No arrests were made, but Newland later reported an anonymous caller threatened to firebomb his house the next day.

Trying to keep up with foreign students’ questions about how the war will affect their studies in this country, the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs set up a hotline. The number is (202) 462-4811.

Coordinator Jake Star says he will handle all inquiries, ranging from how to contact relatives in the Middle East to finding relief from anti-Arab discrimination on U.S. campuses.

Turnouts at events that were part of the “International Student and Youth Day of Mobilization Against the War” Feb. 21 seemed light, although organizers claimed they had activities on “over 250 campuses.”

About 125 Indiana University students briefly took over Reserve Office Training Corps offices while police arrested demonstrators at the University of California at Santa Cruz and in the college town of Amherst, Mass., where an anti-war demonstrator burned himself to death Feb. 18. But only about 200 students showed up from eight campuses around Boston. About 100 demonstrators marched at Michigan, and 24 at George Washington University.

At Howard University, students angry about having their classes disturbed actually chased anti-war classmates from the building, while about 200 “counter-demonstrators” outnumbered University of Texas anti-war activists, who wore sheep’s clothing and “b.a.-ed” to denigrate war supporters.

California tuition rises 40%

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (CPS)—In what was perhaps the biggest single tuition increase imposed on any students anywhere, the University of California’s Board of Regents voted Feb. 15 to raise in-state “registration fees” by 40%. We are disappointed,” said Susan Polan of a statewide student lobbying group that had asked the regents to hold to their previous promise to keep tuition hikes to a maximum of 10% a year.

Besides raising in-state fees by $650 to $2,274 and out-of-state fees by $1,282 to $9,973, the board also voted to cut 1,000 nonteaching employees from the campuses’ workforce.

Few community colleges fight new federal law

(CPS)—A new federal law could end dramatically cutting enrollment at the nation’s community colleges, two-year campus administrators say. But few officials, except in California, have mounted an effort to change the new rules.

“At this point, I think most states are awaiting to see what happens with the federal situation,” said Bill Reinhardt of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. “We’re hoping the law will be changed.”

In a recent letter to schools, the Education Department said the issue wouldn’t be pressed until July 1, when a new explanation of how the law is to be interpreted, will be released.

The law requires that students who don’t have high school diplomas take a test to become eligible for federal college aid.

The rule is aimed at curbing federal student loan defaults, which totaled $8 billion through fiscal year 1990, and targets the nation’s for-profit trade schools, which have among the best default rates.

But the law also would affect the nation’s 1,200 junior and community colleges, many of whose students are immigrants and older people who lack high school diplomas.

Campus registrars complain that passing the test would require a level of literacy that many of their part-time and night-school students have not yet achieved. In fact, many of the students enroll specifically to master language skills.

Critics say the process is akin to forcing students to prove they already know what they’re about to learn in college.

CPS—We’re just treading water,” said Kim Kirschman, director of financial aid at Lincoln Land Community College in Illinois.

So far Kirschman has received from the U.S. Dept. of Education, which will oversee the program is a list of tests to administer to students. Kirschman does not plan to start administering the tests until he receives the department’s regulations, which could be two to five years away.

Drives to make smoke-free campuses

(CPS)—Drives to make U.S. campuses absolutely smoke-free picked up speed in recent weeks as one state mulled forcing its campuses to stop smoking in tobacco companies and another college banned smoking.

As of Feb. 1, students could no longer use—or even buy—tobacco products on the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Two weeks earlier, California’s top health official urged the state’s biggest campuses to sell off their investments in tobacco companies.

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