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Getting a Jump On College

Joe Weber says his two classes are a lot of fun and that college instructors are more articulate than high school teachers. Ryan Mahoney sees college as less formal and more relaxed.

The six students that are in Composition I together don’t feel out of place as a group, but Isha Anderson, the only high school student in her speech class, was nervous the first time she gave a speech. Isha noted one classmate has a son her age. Cortney Rieck, while currently taking Composition I, talked of being in Finite Math with her mother last spring. “It was weird, but I did have someone to study with.”

When asked why they were taking college courses, most agreed getting a head start on college was a good idea. Mark Selvey added that Composition I seemed more useful than taking foods at the high school.

It should also be noted that nearly all of these students also participate in sports, belong to clubs, or have part-time jobs. It’s encouraging and commendable to see these youths taking such an interest in furthering their educations and themselves.

CURRENT EVENTS

On Tuesday, October 13, 1992, DMACC students and faculty will have the opportunity to vote in the first national election. Yes, it’s the ‘ol second-Tuesday-after-the-first-Monday election date. You say we’re a month off? Well, you’re right. DMACC Boone Campus “citizens” will be voting in a mock election complete with official-looking ballots and authentic voting booths. You don’t even have to be eighteen, registered to vote, or a U.S. citizen for this election. For those of you who have never voted in a national election, now’s the chance to practice.

Bruce Kelly, political science instructor at the Boone Campus will be organizing the election. Watch for sample ballots and notice of voting times and places. How accurate will Boone Campus be in predicting the results? See you at the polls.

Mueller Casts Production

By Dee Love
Staff Writer

The DMACC fall theater production of Neil Simon’s comedy Barefoot in the Park is being replaced by 1950’s comedy titled Guest Cottage by William McCleery. The story is about two different people who are forced to rent the same cottage and what happens when they meet.

Auditions were held September 16 and 17. in the auditorium. Kay Mueller stated, "The turn-out was great. We had 13-14 people show up! We have some very talented people, so we changed the show to be able to utilize all of the talent." All together there are nine students in the show; three men and six women. Jeff Craigmule, Mike Koch, Greg Hager, Nicci Rusnak, Michelle Burke, Dee Ann Johnson, Amy Hartman, Stephanie Snyder, and Ann Vander Martin will make up the cast of players.

Guest Cottage will be performed October 29, 30, and 31 in the DMACC auditorium.

Des Moines Area Community College has set a new credit student enrollment record for the seventh consecutive fall term.

There are 11,214 students enrolled in credit classes at the four DMACC campuses this fall. That’s a 1.6 percent increase over the 11,040 students enrolled during fall term 1991.
EDITORIALS

DMACC Boone Campus has two parking areas: staff parking to the south of the main building and student parking to the north and as far east as you can go. The campus also has parking stickers to make sure everyone knows which cars belong to the students. This is fine. The problem is, why do students get ticketed for parking in the staff lot when the staff doesn’t get ticketed for using the student lots? Many times the staff has taken all of the close spaces in the student lot while the staff lot is almost empty. It seems some staff members feel they have more rights than the students, but remember, if there are no students, there will be no staff.

Additionally, parking in the far east lots for students who are here after dark becomes a hazard because the lighting is so poor. What if someone is attacked going to his or her car? How will the DMACC administrators feel then? Students have been complaining about the lack of lighting for a long time. We need immediate attention to the lighting problem, as the days are growing shorter. Student government here is an opportunity to make your wishes known to those responsible for bringing action.

BABY IT’S DARK OUT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHY ARE WE IN THE DARK? I would like to know why the parking lots lights are not on at night? You say they are on? Well, only a few. On Monday, September 21 and Tuesday September 22, only one light in the north lot was on, two lights in middle lot were on and NO lights in the east lot. Those of us at DMACC attending night classes leave the building between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. It is dark out at this time of the day. If you exit from the north of the building, as most students do, there are a few globe lights on as you walk east on the sidewalk. The further you go, the darker it gets until there is no light. Often a student is alone—a male or female standing in a half-empty parking lot, fumbling to unlock a car door because it is too dark to see the lock, is vulnerable to all types of situations. Is this safe? Aren’t we encouraging danger? The lights are there so WHY aren’t they on? Shouldn’t students feel safe leaving DMACC at night?

Pam Winebrenner
Dawn M. Zimmerle
Deb Sloes

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Gas Leak

By Kathe Cook
Staff Writer

Last week the building was evacuated for threat of danger from a gas leak. When the all-clear sign was given to re-enter the building, Dean Kris Phillips proudly said, “We had the building evacuated in just over four minutes. Considering this took place at the busiest time of the day, I am impressed with the orderly and quick way everyone cleared out of the building.”

All-call all offices and the student center. Office personnel went to the individual classrooms and announced, “Evacuate the building; there’s a gas smell.” When the firemen arrived, they found the gas smell coming through the fresh air return vents. A gas station in the northwest part of Boone had had a gas spill causing the odor to cover a large part of Boone. McFarland Clinic called the fire department before DMACC did, as the smell invaded their area first.

Shneeze's

Greetings

Bless You! We all know that a cold or flu has to run its course, but you don’t have to feel bad, too! Check out our full line of cold and flu remedies. We’re your source for Fast Relief! If you’re taking prescription drugs, check with your pharmacist before mixing any medications!

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432-6065

Herral Drug

Your Source For Fast Relief!
**Features**

Don't "Rock Your Vote."

By Bill Zimmerle
Staff Writer

DON'T ROCK YOUR VOTE, USE IT.

Unless you have been in a coma for the past nine months, you know a little about the upcoming election and the candidates. What you may not know is how easy it is to register to vote. Mrs. Shirley Rundle, who works in the Auditor’s office at the Greene County Courthouse, informed me about the process of voter registration.

You must be 18 years old to vote in any general election. When you turn 18, or a little before turning 18, go to the Auditor’s office in the county where you live to get a registration card. Fill it out and mail (or take) it back to the Auditor’s office. You are eligible to vote as long as you register at least ten days before an election.

One of the decisions you are asked to make on the voter registration card is to designate a party affiliation. This means that you will be a registered Republican or Democrat. You also have the choice to be registered Independent or No Party. This does not mean that you are required to vote for candidates in that party. Once you go into that voting booth, it’s only you and your own judgment.

If you move to another county or state, you will have to either re-register in the new county or send in a written request for an absentee ballot from your old county. These can be obtained from the Auditor’s office. Make your choice and mail it back to your county.

You might think “Why should I go through the hassle of registering? I don’t think I will even vote.” Voting is a right. Even MTV’s Rock the Vote is trying to get that message across to teenagers. Remember, if you don’t vote, then you can’t complain when something goes wrong.

In the next two editions, I will profile incumbent George Bush and his challenger Bill Clinton.

Tis Better To Give Than To Receive

Blood is like a parachute... a blood drive on Monday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the gym. If you are eligible and would like to make an appointment, please call Tomya Nolting at 382-2753 or Heather Coran at 233-3683.

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And for those of you who haven’t yet had the occasion to use our town’s library...Stop in and get your library card! I still had mine from last semester and was able to pry it out of the cover they gave you free with the sign-up and use it to obtain a book with something I wanted to read during one of the meetings I was going to attend. If all of the young ladies working there are half as friendly and helpful as the one who took time to help me with, first, finding my way through those card files, and second, actually going down to the aisle where the books she decided I really wanted were located, then you’re in for a real treat. What really surprised me is that she actually knew the author and poem I was searching for! And, one caution, don’t be afraid of those four pillars on the inside of the doors...they’re there to remind you not to forget to check out the books on your new library card.

**Confessions of the Old Codger**

**KUDOS**

To Mayor Krisp and the rest of our Town of Meeting’s officials. With speed and concern each of the town’s meeting houses were emptied of visitors and regulars with dispatch during the recent crisis...which, thank God, turned out to be a false alarm. There was no panic and, indeed, the actions of the official body can only be described as superb. Because of the efficient manner in which the crisis was handled, everyone from the newest visitor to the oldest regular, felt safe, I’m sure. Thank you Mr. Mayor and the town officials and workers!

**Speaking of unique...** There is among the townspople a husband and wife team who make a concerted, regular effort to attend at least some of the meetings held in our town. She is a young business woman from a smaller town nearby while he is a retired old fogy who has almost decided to become a professional student. The uniqueness doesn’t come so much from the disparity of their ages as it does from the fact that they are both continuing their education. They drive 60 miles a day to and from our town and, so far, have managed to be on time to their meetings. This is not to say they are much different from any of the rest of the town’s population, but it does point up the determination and strength of purpose of all of us in our Town of Meetings.

Speaking of being astonished...Monday, I was asked how did I do on a test in one of the meetings. I responded...“I got a C.!!” I was surprised to see the astonishment on the face of the person asking...It seems us old folks are supposed to have all the answers...NOT! I know plenty of others in my age group who thought they had the answers and look at the country now...I kind of figure that’s why there are so many young faces at our town meetings because of the way the country is. Maybe they will be smart enough not to repeat the same mistakes if they get a better education than we had. Don’t sell the older attenders short, though, it took a lot of hard work for them to get where they are today. And...they learned that they needed more schooling so...they came here to learn how to do it right!

Things have really quieted down in our town lunchroom lately. In fact, there’s hardly any room on the tables what with notebooks spread out being read; and an occasional tired head being propped up by a book bag. I happened to be passing through there one day last week and to my surprise the loudest sound came from calculators clicking and not the deafening music! I’m sure glad to see our Space Program and the Computer Industry won’t be without mathematicians in the coming future!

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**Duanna- On The Go!**

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STUDENT LIFE

Dana Weasimon sings a pretty song.

Enthusiastic crowd watches Karaoke.

Nate Bennett smiles after his song is done.

Lee McNair entertaining the crowd.

First Year Nursing Students wave for the camera.

Pat Thieben installs Tom Sandve, newly elected Vice President.
**STUDENT LIFE**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL UNDERWAY**

By Richard Aguilar

Sports Writer

The men's basketball season is off to a running start for DMACC. Coach Joe Dunham and assistant Coach Craig Ryan are entering only their second season at DMACC with a roster full of fresh talent. To get players into shape, practice began early this semester with a series of conditioning workouts.

This year's squad brings only one returning player to the court; 6'2" Dana Scott from Pontiac, Michigan, will lead the team's 16 new players, consisting of freshmen and transfers, into competition in the Iowa Junior College Athletic Conference. This season 2 to 3 teams in the conference are expected to be ranked nationally.

The program sent two of last season's players to new heights in the offseason. Iowa Junior College scoring leader Reggie Martin took his 19.3 scoring average to Winona University on a scholarship, and 6'6" center Jason Kunert now plays for Grandview College.

With conference teams looking tough, Coach Dunham has designed a new look for his team. This year's team will go "up tempo" to complement its speed. With quickness on the wings, the team looks to push the ball strong upcourt and counter on "D" with a full court press. Although the lineup is weak on size, you can count on this fresh talent to play an exciting style of hoops similar to the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV.

With everyone looking to fill the empty slots in the starting lineup, the 28-game season promises to be challenging, pitting the Bears against Division I Junior College teams 5 times this year. The season gets underway November 6th when DMACC plays host to the Soviet Jr. National Men's Team in an exhibition game. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

**WANTED: Little Red Wagon**

By Linda Smith

Staff Writer

Did you ever wish, while walking from the "back forty" of the DMACC parking lot that you had your Red Flyer Wagon along? You know, that wagon that you dumped the cousin out of cuz ya turned too sharp, the same one that you ran away from home with? Now you haul those books from the parking lot to the building; only to find that after getting inside there was still the task of lugging the entire day's schedule on your achin' back!

Well, as a third semester student at DMACC I think this is for the birds. There are places in this building where lockers could be put, and I for one would be willing to pay for the privilege of using one. For throwing in extra books or maybe an umbrella or coat.

I asked Dean Krisis Phillips for some input. His response was very open. He said, "As of today DMACC has 1,113 students and the average student now carries 9.6 credits." This means the average student is spending more time on campus and is toting around more books than ever. Ask any nursing student about their books and those people whisper "hernia." Dean Phillips suggested that

lockers would be a good project for the Student Action Board. A committee could be formed to look into the idea and ways of paying for it. Now that elections are over and the new SAB has been selected, let's give them something to do. The halls could get real crowded if we all resorted to our Red Flyers for some back relief.

What do you think, students, do you want lockers? Give us your opinion, tell it to THE BEAR.

**ALAN SCHMITZ COMPUTER WHIZ**

By Sue Abbasi

Staff Writer

Open Gym Tues. & Thurs 8-10 pm
Sundays 6-8 pm
*Play Basketball, exercise and get healthy

T-Shirt Design Contest Entries Due Oct. 5 Winners Announced Oct. 7
*Design the 92-93 Intramural Championship T-Shirt

Aerobics Class Starts Oct. 6 from 4-5 pm Class Meets Tues. & Thurs. for 6 weeks ending Nov. 12.
Cost $10 per person
*Needs a minimum of 10 people to run, so sign up today!

What does all this jargon mean? Many of us wouldn't know, unless we're computer whizzes like Alan Schmitz, one of DMACC's newest employees.

Schmitz, a native of Lime Springs, Iowa, has worked with computers since high school. "I used computers in school and on the job, so I found them fascinating."

He attended Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, and received a Bachelor's of Science degree in computer science. He searched for a job, applying to many colleges. DMACC responded faster than any college. "I saw an ad in the Des Moines Register, and applied right away. After four years of boring college, I wanted to get out and work with people," he liked DMACC even before the college hired him. He found he enjoyed the students and the staff at the Boone campus. This relatively small environment was cozy and all the faculty and staff were "sort of family oriented."

Everything was fine until this year's enrollment went up. Schmitz figured out quickly that building wise the Boone campus was too small. "There's an art appreciation class in the computer lab. This is not good." But that's not the only problem Schmitz has faced. He reveals that after taking countless courses in computer programming and working mainly by himself, it is hard to work with other people. He finds himself asking a lot of people to do even simple things. Sometimes, it seems like nobody does things like I do.*

It seems as if all of Schmitz's life revolves around computers. It almost does. Even some of his hobbies are computer related. He spends time playing with a worldwide network. He has made "computer pals" at the universities of California, Illinois, and at the Carnegie-Melon University. He even has friends in Japan! He also likes to read books, but he claims English Literature was his least favorite class. He says, "I liked it. It was interesting and fun, but I hated analyzing a story to death." And like most of us, he spends most of his time with family and friends. "Once I started college, I basically stayed there. I even worked at Clarke over the summers. I mean you couldn't do much because you lived where you had class."

Schmitz is thinking about going back to graduate school and is even considering teaching eventually. But for a while he will stay at DMACC, and try to get Internet (worldwide network) here at the Boone and hopefully, another campus. In the near future, he also hopes to have Internet at all four DMACC campuses.

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*The Whiz at work. Photo by Diane Vrindts*
COMMUNITY

"Do You Feel That Political Candidates Should Be Able To Run Ads Like The One That Presidential Candidate Howard Phillips Is Running On Our Local T.V. Stations About Aborted Fetuses Especially Right Before And After School?"

CAMPUS VIEW

TEXT & PHOTOS
BY
DUANNA VINCHATTLE

Minna Miner Student
"No, because I don’t think that children should see things like that."

Curtis Neff Student
"I find the ad disgusting, but it does show what happens when you don’t practice safe sex."

Joyce Bailey DMACC Secretary
"No, I don’t believe these graphic pictures should be aired at those time slots."

Sherry Anderson and Brandie Hovick Students
"No, it’s a woman’s choice what to do. No one should be able to stop them from making their own choices."

John Smith DMACC Instructor
"They run everything else. There is little else that is censored. They had to have gotten those pictures from somewhere. He’s paying for it. You can’t hide behind a curtain; people need to be aware. How can people be against capital punishment but be in favor of abortion?"

Gary Stasko DMACC Instructor
"If he’s trying to convince people that abortion is bad he should concentrate on teens on up. Children are too young to understand what abortion is all about."

Cory Koskie and Chris Van Scoy Students
"Yes, we believe they should be allowed to run whatever type of ad they believe will help them get elected. But, our opinion is that the ad that Howard Phillips runs about aborting fetuses is hurting him more than helping because he’s losing respect of the common citizens, like ourselves."

Helen Wilhite Student and Snackbar Worker
"Children do not need to see such detailed pictures, as they don’t understand them nor can they vote. Why would he target our children for something that can’t benefit either group?"

Curtis Falls Student
"Yes, because it’s fact. It’s not like they’re lying about it. People need to know the facts and if he’s using it as part of his campaign, he needs to let it be known. Lots of people don’t know what abortion is really about. I didn’t."

Advertising For Abort-A-Fetus?

By Melinda Baker
Staff Writer

It was nearly three weeks ago when I first saw a Phillips-for-President ad on 5TV (it also runs on other stations). The ad was footage of what viewers are to assume are aborted fetuses. In actuality the parts shown seem to be fully developed babies that you often hear of mothers dumping in trash bins, or the baby parts could be plastic for all the viewer knows.

The thing that strikes me about these commercials is their obscenity. If indeed, the parts shown are of fetuses, ninety-nine percent are in the seventh month of pregnancy. This cannot be a legally preformed abortion, which in fact, must be preformed in the first eight weeks of pregnancy or up to twelve weeks with a doctor’s consent.

It is obscene but also relevant to give these ads and the issue such tremendous coverage during a presidential campaign. Relevant because Roe vs. Wade could be overturned by the Supreme Court. Do you know who appoints justices for the Supreme Court? The president. So it is critical that someone who understands the implications of abortion be elected to office. Someone who understands that abortion should become illegal, women will not stop having abortions, just as women had abortions prior to Roe vs. Wade. Do we really want women in this country to be sliced open with knives and hangers because abortion is no longer legal? It will happen. Phillips, as well as many right to lifers, are out of touch with reality. The reality is pregnancy is not always planned. Incest and rape happen. Birth control and sex education are viewed as too controversial to discuss with the children of our nation, many of whom are having sex. Abortion is more an issue of birth control than of taking a life.

Men and women alike, please consider how you or your girlfriend, mother, sister, etc. would feel if they conceived a child through incest or rape. Think about what the government can do by making abortion illegal as far as human rights go. How long will it be until we are under the control of the government not controlling it? Has this already happened?

Vote this November.
Please make an informed choice.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Rambling Rose**

By Rose Zimmerle

Staff Writer

Why is it that when the flu hits--it always hits me? My daughter works at McFarland Clinic, sick people all over the place. I mean you can’t swing a dead cat without hitting a sick person, and yet she never gets the flu. Evidently, she is a carrier. As soon as she walks up to me, that flu bug latches onto my insufficient immune system, and bam I have the flu. Not just any old flu, but the Queen Mother of all flus! You know the type, where you are so sick you’re afraid you will die, then it gets worse and you’re afraid you won’t die. Oh well, just a few more weeks til flu season, so be prepared!

I wonder who made up that ad campaign for Chevrolet, “The Heartbeat of America”? So far the only heartbeat I hear when I go out to start my Chevy is mine, hoping and praying that the darn thing will run. The car is only five years old, but it is as feeble and fragile as a Model T. For some reason it keeps blowing a fuse, and not just any old fuse but the most important one in the whole vehicle (for a smoker) the one that operates the car’s horn? Dodging small children and finding only two complete chips. That isn’t the worst of it. You can’t scoop up dip with them, you’re afraid you won’t be able to start the car if you put up with it! It’s just over two hours and you will enjoy every minute!

10-14 THE EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON MAN-IN-THE-MOON MARIGOLDS (1972)

Paul Newman directs wife Joanne Woodward in the move”Psycho.” Beatrice (Woodward) is a frustrated widow plagued with a negative, defeated attitude. The complexities of her relationship with her daughter are the focus of this near documentary.


After Babe (Sissy Spacek) shoots her husband, Meg (Jessica Lange) slinks home from L.A., and terminally shy Lenny (Diane Keaton) renews their sibling relationship, you begin to see the forces that tear them apart and hold them together as a family.

**Star Dies**

By Brad Gutz

Staff Writer

Actor Anthony Perkins died on Saturday, September 12, 1992, from complications of the aids virus. Perkins was best known for portraying the role of the murderous hotel keeper Norman Bates in the movie Psycho. One of the most famous murder scenes of all time showed Perkins pulling back the shower curtain to kill an innocent victim at the Bates Hotel. He then went on to play in three Psycho sequels. None of them were recognized.

He also played in the movie Friendly Persuasion, in which he received an Emmy nomination and in the movie On The Beach by Andy Warhol.

* "I liked his 'Psycho' Movies, I thought he was a great actor," said Carrie Ohlendorf, DACC student.

"I didn’t care much for his 'Psycho' movies," said Judy Anderson, DACC student. His family were with him when he died at his home in Hollywood. He was 60 years old.

It was loud. It was obnoxious. It was raunchy. And it was way too long. Yes, it was the MTV Music Video Awards. An audience of 12,000 rock and rap enthusiasts gathered in Los Angeles’ Pauley Pavilion to witness the borderline bizarre ensemble of guest presenters and performers.

While the show did have its high points, like Pearl Jam’s heated performance of “Jeremy,” and Saturday Night Live’s jokester Dana Carvey, the evening lacked a most important quality: taste. Howard Stern felt it necessary to confirm his reputation of being crude and offensive by displaying his backside to the entire United States of America. The Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist performed in his underpants.

And The Black Crowes Chris Robinson revealed one of his lifestyle choices when he wore leather pants with emroidered dog leaves on the legs.

Aside from the lunacy, many deserving awards were presented.

Nirvana, the band that has walked away from Seattle, walked away with two awards for Best New Artist and Best Alternative Video for "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

Annie Lennox and Eric Clapton were big winners. Both won the competition to win Best Male/Female Video award for Lennox’s "Why" and Claptons "Tears In Heaven."

The Red Hot Chili Peppers won the Viewers Choice Award for "Under the Bridge."

Best Metal/Hard Rock Video went to Metallica for "Enter Sandman," while Arrested Development won Best Rap Video for "Tennessee."

U2 took home the Best Group Video Award for "Even Better Than the Real Thing."

And the big one went to Van Halen, who received Best Video of the Year for “Right Now."

Yes. Many deserving awards were presented. But MTV clearly took advantage of those three hours to get as much shock value in as possible.

But when you think about it, does anyone watch for any other reason?
ника: "You get up to sing because if I have to sit here and listen to him very long, I'm going to be mad!" The other girl just laughed but later on she did get up to ham it up.

Knowing I was going to be writing this story, I knew that I'd take the floor, but it was a holler known as Jenny Williams and to their next class and karaoke and she'll grow to be medium in height, and "I dunno, are you gonna do it?" sang just like the king and I think people were doing just that as the day was Mr. Mark's second song ended and I got an a complete fool of myself. My song finally ended, and I got an easier task of returning to my seat, reducing my heartbeat down to its normal rate, and listening to everyone else.

After I was done, it took a little while before the next group would take the floor, but it was a holler of, "Hurry up we gotta go to class," that persuaded them. These five students imitated the Beatles by singing "The Twist" and got the crowd dancing.

Bree LePon shuffled up to sing, and she acted like she was timid, but she wasn't feeling anyone--her song 'Give Me a Ticket for Airplane' sounded perfect! A group of girls consisting of Dana Wermelant, Lydia Eberle, Tina Lass and Angie Hubby got up and sang "It's My Party". They sounded great and even added a little sway to their tune.

Tammy Blood took the spotlight with her song "The Greatest Love of All." This wasn't the first time Tammy had sung, and it wasn't hard to tell. She sounded even better than Whitney! A group called the Love Slaves composed of Gary Dose, Tim Burd, Chuck McDonald, Chris VanScoy and Corey Kookie got up to do "California Girls". They were a pretty close rendition to the Beach Boys. Not!

The Terrible Two, other-wise known as Jenny Williams and Christie Ahrens, sang "Wooly Bully". They even got the Spanish right--well almost!

And then there were the ladies of the faculty. It was a great beginning, Ladies, and the choreography was cute. But not until they got a little coaching from Kathy Kirkegard, who works in the library, did they pull all the pieces together. Funny, but all that ran through my head after that number was, "Stop in the name of love before you break my heart."

One of my favorite singers of the day was Mr. Lee McNair who sang just like the king and I think he even had Elvis' gyrations down when he sang "Don't Be Cruel."

After some coaxing Robin Glosser decided to sing. Her choice was "Like a Virgin" and she sounded like a pro.

Nate Bennett who has a perfect country twang sang "Hey Good Lookin'" and hit every note perfectly.

Some other soloists Michelle Burke, who sang "Blowin' in the Wind", and Heather Stansbury with "Daniel" gave their shot at karaoke and did very well.

At 1:30 students started filtering out of the Student Center to go to their next class and karaoke ended for the day. It proved to be a fun evening and I think everyone enjoyed it.

One of the last singers was Barb Brayton, who sat quietly in the front until she got up enough nerve to sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and she shouldn't have been nervous at all--it sounded great!

For this edition of "Pick of the Litter," the Bear Facts found a cute, eight-week-old puppy that we named Annie. Annie just arrived at the Humane Society with five others that look just like her. She is an English Cocker-Beagle mix, and she'll grow to be medium in size, so Annie is perfect for indoors or out! Annie is waiting for you at the Boone County Humane Society, located at 228 W. 16th Street in Boone. Come adopt her alone or with the other four she came in with.

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