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Horticulture Club Colors Our World

Walking through the halls on a Friday can be a frustrating experience for most students. The weekend is coming and you've got big plans for the evening and you really do not want to be here. But last Friday was the exception to the rule. Our fellow DMACC students from Ankeny brightened our day by coming up to Boone to have their plant sale.

The Ankeny Horticulture Club was here to sell their course work to the students and to make a Friday seem not so bad. "All of the plants here, we grow in class to gain experience in the growing and raising of different plant types. We use the money we raise to send students on a class trip. Last year we went to Minneapolis and this year we hope to send people to St. Louis," said Charles Kent, the club salesperson.

Along with selling the wares at Boone, they go to the Urban Center in Des Moines.

The Horticulture Club plans to be back in the month of December to have one more sale before the holidays. Among the regular plants they had this time, they plan to bring more cyclamen and hanging baskets because they are such big sellers. So if you are in the buying mood around Christmas time or need something to just make the holidays seem just a little greener (since there is very little green left in the wallet), keep your eye open for the next sale.

Retired Teacher Donates $25,000

By Penni Kuhl
Staff Writer

The Boone DMACC campus has a new scholarship program thanks to the $25,000 donation of a long-time Boone resident.

Mr. Harold Cunningham is a retired physics teacher who worked for nearly thirty years at the Boone Junior College, (formerly located in the now Boone High School). This ninety-two year old gentleman had this bequest in his will until a recent discussion with his daughter's lawyer. The lawyer recommended Cunningham present the gift to the college now, so he could enjoy the good effects of his donation. "I hope to meet some of the students who receive these scholarship awards."

Mr. Cunningham doesn't necessarily want these monies to go to the brightest students or those with the greatest financial need. He wants these scholarship awards to be given to any student who wants to further their education or someone who cannot afford to go to school."
Madonna Promotes

By Robert Plumb
Staff Writer

Madonna's newest public spectacle in her book SEX will offend a certain segment of the population. Others will find the images emblazoned on each of the slick pages, prurient, salacious, provocative, and just down right delightful! I obviously fall into one of these categories.

SEX can be seen just about anywhere you look a days. As a matter of fact, a good deal of the substance of the book can be seen in Levis ads, Calvin Kline ads, and to a lesser degree most of the bath soap ads.

The aforementioned examples are even more explicitly shown on cable TV in many of our larger cities as X-rated movies. Also available to the public are movie houses and bookstores, which offer much more explicit photographs of the same likeness and poses as shown in Madonna's book.

The upset over the Des Moines Public Library buying a copy of Madonna's book SEX was supposedly caused by the fear that it would be paid for by taxes. The price of the book is totally insignificant to the larger picture though. It was simply a cry of indignation from that small group whose ear-shattering loudness is paralleled only to the paraphernalia found in adult book stores and XXX movie houses in most towns. We feel that the only place this book should be purchased or viewed is between the "Barbie" blow-up doll and the "Forty and One Swing Set."

Safeguards, for restricting the viewing age, can be easily set in place by establishments offering the book for sale. More importantly, parents can see to it that their under 18 children understand what the photographs represent in SEX.

Forbidding the sale of SEX will stop neither the dangers nor the pleasures of sex anymore than forbidding the sale of drugs and alcohol to minors keeps them from getting these item. We need to reorder our priorities to match the lifestyles of the twentieth and the twenty-first centuries and be more concerned that our children are prepared to face the more demanding rigors of living in the real world.

I can't see any clear or present danger in this book. Please, don't tell me it should be banned or burned.

Do You Feel the DMACC Library Should Get Madonna’s Book "SEX"?

Jayne Smith
Librarian
"I have examined Madonna's book and read unfavorable reviews in the New York Times. While I have bought controversial titles in the past, this particular book does not appear to support our curriculum needs."

Brian Phelps
Student
"Yes, because it is not the responsibility of the school to decide what is right or wrong!"

Ron Bentz
Student
"Yes, censorship should be banned. If you can legally burn the flag, you should be able to look at Sex."

Dennis Parker
Student
"Yes, this country is becoming less free. Mainly because of censorship and the moral majority. Art is free and should remain free."

Lorie Lingner
Student
"No, I think pornographic material should be restricted to adult book stores."

By Duanna Vinchattle

Editor's Note:
We would like to thank the student that brought the Madonna "SEX" book to school so that we could examine it for our Point -- Counterpoint.
Editorial

Parking. . .

Round Three

Once upon a time there were 600 students going to a brand new campus in Boone, but the times have changed and the parking lots are full to the brim because so many students attend DMAACC. Although the parking lots were expanded, there still seems to be a real problem with finding a parking space. Maybe the board of directors should have a meeting about 9:00 a.m. in the north parking lot and see first hand the need for more parking.

Have you noticed the newest game in town? It’s called “The Warm Car Shuffle.” The object of the game is to lie in wait, unnoticed, in the parking lot with the times have changed and the parking lots are full to the brim and wait for the next round of the game to begin. Maybe the board of directors should have a meeting about 9:00 a.m. in the north parking lot and see first hand the need for more parking.

There are of course some people who think they need two spaces to park in. Do they need a “crash” course entitled Parking 101 or are they just discourteous. Speaking of discourteous, how about the folks who do have permits, (for their wives, uncles, or their Great Aunt Fanny) think that entitles them to park in the east lot and wait for the next round of the game to begin.

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In an interview with Dean Philips, the handicapped parking was discussed. Philips said, “Maybe we need more handicap spaces.” To help in this effort, he needs some help from the students. If you are disabled and have a current parking permit, please sign the sheet on the Bear Facts door room 210, so the needs of the students and staff will be known and the proper steps can be taken to add more spaces. Although handicapped parking was doubled over the summer in the back lot, there is still a need.

COMMENTARY

Confessions of the Old Codger

By The Old Codger

Recently I took time out from studying at home (Will my instructors please take note) to read an article in the Des Moines Sunday Register on what they claimed to be an attitude of sexism still extant at Iowa State University. In the article, “School Sexism Criticized,” it said that there is still a sexist attitude among the teachers of the school and, indeed, in many of Iowa’s institutes of higher learning!

Well, anything smacking of sexism catches my interest IMMEDIATELY (if not right away) so I did some snooping around our little institute to see if I could find any evidence of what the article was talking about. I’m glad to say I didn’t find any such thing among the teachers. However, I sure see a lot of sexism going on around the halls and in the lounge and sometimes, believe it or not, even in that toxic filled room called the Smoker’s Lounge!

I see it in the parking lot. I see it in the lunch line. I see it rearing its ugly head on the grassy areas and even sometimes in the library. It’s all over the place! But, I digress (I do like that word). I was talking about the article wasn’t I? Oh yes, I cannot find any of our teachers being guilty of what the article accused some of the instructors elsewhere of. I will say that once in a while I run into a teacher or two with an attitude, but it’s not a sexist one!

Coming from the generation where women didn’t fight in wars, where mom stayed home to tend to the house, dad and the kids (but not necessarily in that order); where mom controlled the money, shopping habits, dressing habits, drinking habits and almost all other our habits...I’m proud of our present day woman-kind! They still make those little sounds of cooing when you do something they expected you to do in the first place. They continue to cast those glances your way when they want to lure you somewhere right in the middle of studying for the big test. They even still wear those thought-provoking clothes that accentuate the body language they speak to you in.

I don’t believe the women of 1992 are any different from the women of 1942, 1952, 1962 or any other era. They’ve just matured in their development to where it’s now possible for them to be what they want to be without feeling guilty about it. That’s not to say I haven’t met some really hairy-chested females in my time, it’s just saying once the woman lifted the foot of the man in her life off her neck, she was able to lift her head to see where she wanted to go and who she was. So, yes, there is a sexist attitude (it’s alive and well). And yes, it is underground. But, the women of today are smart enough to realize that’s where it should be...BURIED!

Don’t get me wrong! I’m a sexist, I’m a male chauvinist, I’m a husband twice over...I was born in 1939, if those will do for excuses! (I’m remembering when my oldest daughter brought home the first boy she thought once was her boy-friend! I can still hear her words of pleading to me, “Now, Dad, please behave while he’s here. Don’t embarrass him!” Him? What about me? My little un-fashioned angel in the clutches of that dirty lecher! (He was 11, as I recall.) See? By the way, my pure, sweet, little angel is married now to a Mr. Clean. That’s what the FBI report said, anyway.

By the way, I’m still looking for that condom machine I know is hidden around here. Let’s see, I’ve checked the Learning Center... Next stop the Nurses Quarters!... Well, those are the ruminations of the Old Codger for this issue. P.S. Any letter-to-the-editor should be addressed to the Bear Facts and not to me personally. I have enough trouble staying awake reading the course books I have now! LATER, DUDES! (AND DUD- ESES)
Computer Composition Comes to Campus

By Scott Olson Staff Writer

Have you ever had problems writing papers? If so, DMACC has the course for you: Computer Composition. Computer Composition is a Composition 1 course in all respects, except it is taught with the aid of computers. Instructors for the course, Ian LaVille and Martha Griffith, stated they are both excited about teaching this particular program.

This course is actually a student's dream because the computer helps you acquire a topic and then helps you develop the program through different sections. Any time you have a question about what to do, you ask the computer for help, and it gives you the page numbers in the actual text as reference.

The course itself uses the St. Martin's Guide as a text, but has two programs which are used in conjunction with the text. The programs are Mindwriter, which helps explore new topics and ideas, and Descante, which is a peer-editing program that helps the students analyze drafts during the revision stages of compositional writing.

This computer course has no requirements except for general typing skills. The computer tasks themselves are not that difficult to learn, so even a person with poor computer skill can complete this course with little extra learning. The class itself is still new, so some students are unaware of the definite benefits it can offer them.

The program can be accessed by any student through any terminal at the Boone campus. All you have to do is log into the computer and use the shareware menu to access the program. If this interests you at all, you are encouraged to use the program on a trial basis and see how user-friendly it can be, and how helpful it is in writing any type of paper.

Loss of Affection Affects All

By Cheryl Lingelbach Staff Writer

On November 12, Dr. Richard A. Osiug spoke to the staff and some students on How To Love & Be Loved. Dr. Osiug is a well-known authority on marriage and family counseling. He has been counseling for 34 years, and has been a counselor since 1986 at the Neuropsychiatric Clinic in Iowa City, Iowa.

He spent several years as Executive Director of Foundation Illinois, a crisis-intervention program for runaway children, suicide intervention, and spouse and child abuse; also as Executive Director of the Council on Aging, dealing with assessment and intervention for the elderly and their families.

Dr. Osiug's professional training includes undergraduate and graduate degrees from Concordia College and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and post-graduate courses in his field from several colleges and universities, as well as extensive clinical training.

Dr. Richard A. Osiug, speaks on nourishing relationships, on November 12.

In today's society the rate for divorces are of great concern. There are 3,200 new divorces every day, which will effect 1,000,000 children.

With the remarriage of 1,300 couples everyday, by the year 2000 the typical family will be a "remarried" family. The cause for this? The inability to know how to love and be loved.

The solution? Learn how to have a caring and equally satisfying relationship.

What is a loving relationship? One in which two people mutually invest in each other to meet specific needs. Osiug stated, "I believe, the key values about marriage for the 1990s are enduring, intimate and equal." Of these three values, however, only the first is really traditional. So traditional that, in fact, there are people today who believe that since we are living in a culture which practices serial monogamy (one spouse at a time but more than one over a lifetime) even this traditional value is on the way to being discarded.

Osiug remarked, "I believe that human beings are among the pair bonded of the earth's species. And I believe the best interests of children are served by growing up in families that are stable and loving. So count me among those who believe that enduring is a value we will continue to place on marriage. But I also believe that endurance will not be the core value, that most core value, that most crucial value which must be at least partially fulfilled in order for a marriage to be considered endurable."
My husband made a lock box for the sharp kitchen knives.

Broken lamp, but what? Bridge said, under her breath, "Well, it's one less thing we gotta dust", but Mom and Dad couldn't figure out how it had happened and even though I thought I might have been responsible, I offered no clue.

Months later one mysterious night, someone set the table with the cans together and hung them in a drawer. I then found some old twine to fasten them together. I decided to tie the cans together and hang them from any other day. I smelled the eggs and bacon that I knew something about the room at night. I didn't share my discovery with my brothers and sisters finding out. It was an unwritten rule that no one was allowed in anyone else's room. Violating this rule gave a person a right to beat the living crap out of a brother or sister. It was a rule everyone learned young.

I continued this all the way through junior high and high school. Several times I was awakened by the sounds of cans hitting the door, or I tripped on that chair blocking my exit.

By then I knew the name for my condition and knew that it was called "sleep walking".

I must be going crazy. Now my parents will send me away.

I woke up in bed with my husband's hunting buddy.

It was deer season, December, 1985. My husband's buddies were all nested in our kids' beds and the kids were camped out in the living room. I had just finished making havan sandwiches for the big hunt the next day.

Later I woke up and was yelling at my husband that he was hogging the blankets when it dawned on me that this hairy guy wasn't my husband. I was in bed with his hunting buddy and best friend! I quietly got out, thinking all the way "if I am going to have a heart attack, it would be now", so I hurried just a bit faster. I got in my robe, sat on the edge of the bed, and tried to get my breathing under control. I debated telling my husband, secretly hoping that his friend was too drunk to wake up and remember it. Just in case he wasn't, I thought I had better tell Paul before morning. So I quietly and very gently told him that I accidentally, while sleepwalking, ended up in bed with his best friend. Being used to my nightly roaming, he just laughed and said, "You woke me up to tell me that. What else is new?" I could hear him telling his friend the next day and both of them laughing about it.

He thought it was even funnier when he found out a month later that I was pregnant with our fourth child. He has told my sleepwalking stories to everyone, but there is a different side. There are some nights, especially after we have a fight or argument, when I can tell he is debating whether he wants to actually go to sleep in the same house as I. To get even with him about this storytelling, I started reading several murder novels, always at night. This made Paul quite nervous. Just to be safe, he made the wooden lock box. I didn't have to ask why. He feared the worst. I just laughed!
Fall '92 Bear Facts Staff

Jan LeVille, Advisor. "I'm very pleased with the progress The Bear Facts staff has made this semester. Only my last year of law school, so we've come since September. Bear Facts is a great opportunity to get involved in thinking about our world--DMACC, Boone, Iowa, USA, the World! Daily communication with our staff and our bi-weekly communication with our readers helps us all ask questions about life around us."

Dale Butterfield; age 24; Graphics Editor; major, Pre-Construction Engineering. "I came to Iowa from Montana and started DMACC as a warm-up for U.C. I didn't plan on joining The Bear Facts, but I got "drafted" against my will."

Cheryl Lingelbach; Advertising Editor; major, Medical Office Technology. "I am very interested in selling advertising for a paper someday. That's why I enjoy working on The Bear Facts."

Brad Gutz, 21, Arts & Entertainment Editor; major, Journalism with Advertising Emphasis. "Hello, I'm Brad Gutz, pronounced differently than guss. I'm from Palmer, Pa. I am a writer for the DMACC paper. I enjoy listening to music, playing basketball, and hanging out."

ATTENTION DMACC STUDENTS:

Do you want a class that counts for your major?

All staff positions are open for students interested in editing, layout, photography, design, business, copy editors, reporters, social media, entertainment, etc. Contact your class coordinators.
Rose Zimmerle, Copy Editor; No major. “After 24 years I came to college to realize my dream of getting away from my kids. Unfortunately they came with me. I will be majoring in Sociology at ISU.”

Robert Plumb; Reporter; major, Accounting Specialist. “Life is so live!”

Bill Zimmerle, 19, Staff Writer; No major. “Hi, I’m Bill Zimmerle. I’m a Marine Biology Major and will be transferring to The University of Virgin Island in a year or two.”

Melinda Baker, Reporter; major, Journalism. “I’ve really enjoyed working on staff this semester. Journalism is a great way to broaden your horizons.”

Penni Kuhl; Reporter; major, Accounting Specialist. “Hey, I’m just a volunteer. I wanted to continue developing my writing skills and it’s been challenging working from a journalistic stand point.”

Steve Scheideman; age 24; Photographer; No major. “I’m taking classes at DMACC before returning to ISU. I offered to help out with photography and Duanna roped me into working more.”

Duanna Vinchattle, Editor-In-Chief; Medical Office Technology. “Journalism is not my major, but I really like it.”
Watch Out For Old Man Winter

By Scott Olson
Staff Writer

Snow, snow, snow. A driver's nightmare is to see the forecast of snow, ice, or sleet before getting in the car. Most people view the weather with caution when considering driving, but people do not actually prepare for the inevitable, being stranded.

Like most people, I drive no matter what the weather is like and rarely heed a weather or traffic warning due to the elements; but not this year. I realized that, like most DMAAC students, I drive back and forth to Boone and then drive to work, and I need to prepare for that one time when I might get stranded.

So I called the Iowa Department of Transportation to see what information they could provide me with to ensure my safety.

I spoke with Dawn Schafforty about precautions you and I can take to help us through the winter months. "The most important thing to remember is to listen to the radio or television for dangerous conditions and pay attention. The biggest reason why people get stranded is due to disregard of warnings about poor driving conditions."

Like most people, I think to myself, "I can drive in this stuff. No problem!". With this thought in mind, I asked what precautions can be taken ahead of time if I am going to drive.

"Make sure your car is ready for the winter months, with good winter tires or tires with a fair amount of tread, proper amounts of anti-freeze, and a strong battery," she replied.

Another thing the Department of Transportation recommends is a winter survival kit to be kept in the car at all times.

With this kit, you are ensuring yourself the necessities needed to wait for assistance. In this kit, the following items should be found:

1. Two white candles: these are for heat, light, and for the melting of snow for water.
2. Waterproof matches
3. One empty tin can: for melting snow
4. Non-perishable food that will not freeze easily: candybars, chips, etc...
5. A.M./F.M. radio (fresh batteries)
6. Flashlight (also with fresh batteries)
7. Spare batteries just in case you forget to check
8. Blankets
9. Two towels: these are to be placed in your window when cracked to provide fresh air without direct wind contact.
10. Shovel, salt, and flattened cardboard: these will help you get your car out and clear the area around your muffer.
11. Either a "distress sign" to put in your window or colored fabric or plastic to be displayed on the front and back of vehicle.
12. A simple first-aid kit

A good thing to remember when your car is stranded is to not leave your car to get help. If you leave your vehicle, you are less likely to be found by someone, and endangering your life. The best thing to do is to make your vehicle for help and wait for the authorities to rescue you.

While waiting for help, it is best not to run your vehicle constantly but at fifteen minute intervals to save fuel while still providing some heat. Remain active, and try to keep awake at all times. Try taking off and putting on clothes in layers so as not to overheat and sweat, but allowing yourself flexibility in the vehicle. Another thing to stay away from is alcohol consumption. The alcohol in the blood stream causes your heart rate and blood pressure to decrease. This in turn causes your body temperature to drop which can increase your chances of hypothermia.

All of these things are to help people survive if their vehicle becomes stranded during bad weather. The best way to survive is to heed the warnings of forecasters and State Patrols and not drive when conditions are poor. But if you do decide to venture out, be sure to have a winter safety kit and follow these basic instructions.

Get the Scoop
Tune to These Stations

KDLS-AM (11310) Perry
KDLS-FM (101.7) Jefferson
KAIB-FM (99.3) Boone
KWBG-AM (1590) Boone
KEZT-FM (104) Ames
KCIM-AM (1380) Carroll

Lack of Knowledge Can Be Deadly

By Brad Gutz
Staff Writer

It's the holiday season again and that means people, many of them college students, will be traveling the highways going to and from college. These days the roads aren't safe, considering what happened to Tammy Zywicki, former Grinnell College student. Zywicki was abducted along Interstate 80 in Illinois after having car troubles. She was missing for more than a week when her body was found with multiple stab wounds in Southern Missouri.

It would be wise for everyone to take some extra measures before and while traveling. Before starting your trip, you should have your car looked at by a qualified mechanic. Always carry a paper and pencil in the vehicle and have a winter safety kit along. Pre-plan your route and make sure others know exactly what route you're taking, and your expected time of arrival. While driving, take a well-traveled route. Stop and make phone calls at designated check-points along the way. If possible, try not to travel alone. Carry a sign in your car saying SEND HELP! If you do have car trouble, pull completely off the road, open the hood, lock the doors, put up your send help sign in a window, and stay in your car. If you must leave your car, write down the date and time, what you were wearing, the direction you were heading and your intended destination. If you leave with someone you know, write down the name and address of the person or persons you left with, the license number of their vehicle, and the number of occupants and their description.

For more information and your own travel package, contact the Ames Chamber of Commerce, the I.S.U. Department of Public Safety, the City of Ames Police Department, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, or Commercial Plastic Packaging Inc.

Rambling Rose

It snowed! I thought it was great. I watched with bated breath as every snow flake hit the pavement. After all, it was cold, really cold! Maybe so cold the roads would get icy. Like many students, I drive quite a distance to Boone. You know, if the roads get icy, I'm staying home (Oh sure, as I've mentioned before, I only have a Corsica, but I still don't want it to go into a ditch--especially if I'm in it!).

Come on, every person reading this knows we act just like third graders when it starts to snow. "Are we having school?" Little noses pressed up against the windows, praying for at least a few inches—not necessarily a blizzard, just enough to have a good reason not to go to classes. Sure, we're mature, responsible adults, but who can resist sitting at home vegging-out to Oprah or MTV?
By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is over and there are only 15 days left until this semester is history. With that sigh of relief, also comes the realization that finals are just around the corner. There’s no need to worry. With the help of a few simple techniques, you do have a fighting chance at that A.

Professor Claude Olney of Arizona State University has devised a way to help you "make the grade." His video tape, Where There’s a Will--There’s an A, can make the difference. Since the video is rather expensive to purchase, Bear Facts has compiled a few of Professor Olney’s suggestions to make you a more productive student and test-taker.

1. APPEARANCE COUNTS: Sloppy work can get a lower grade than neat work. Use a word processor whenever possible. It is easier to revise, and you are able to justify the right margins. If you must write your papers out by hand, use an erasable pen to avoid crossed out words. Remember--NEATNESS COUNTS!

2. PERFECT TERM PAPERS: Your paper is compared to every other person in your class, so once again--appearance counts. The appearance and content are equally important. If you have a problem with term papers, offer to edit the paper of a friend--you will notice your own mistakes faster if you are in the practice of noticing other’s mistakes.

3. EXTRA CREDIT: Make extra credit mandatory. Always do extra credit. If you haven’t done any extra credit up till now and you are a bit concerned about your grade, ask your professor if you might be able to do some extra credit--it could be the difference between an A and a B.

4. PRETEST YOURSELF: Save your old exams and use them to study for the final. As you read your text, make up your own test questions. Make questions out of the chapter and section headings.

5. BECOME AN EXPERT TEST TAKER: In essays--volume pays. Break your thoughts into short paragraphs. Use an erasable pen, neatness raises grades. When there are fill in the blank questions--answer every question, even if you don’t think you know the answer. Sometimes you get lucky! Take your time, stay until the end--use the whole period to take the test. The instructor may begin to explain the questions near the end of the period. If the questions are multiple choice, eliminate the answers you know are wrong, then if you are still unsure--take an educated guess. Generally, trust your first instinct when dealing with multiple choice questions; “hunches” are based on information stored in your brain.

6. PREPARE FOR YOUR TESTS: A simple four step process can help you become more prepared for your tests. First, tense up, then relax and release the tension. Second, recapture a joyful learning experience. By doing this you will “con” yourself into a more confident frame of mind. Third, imagine success, not only in this test, but in all your academic endeavors. Finally, use positive affirmations: I’m going to ace this test...I’m going to turn in an A paper.

7. POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS: Convince yourself that you are able to learn. “See” yourself getting an A in your classes. Use your imagination.

8. STAY MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FIT: Eating the right food and getting the right vitamins can greatly increase your memory.

These are just a few of Professor Olney’s techniques. Some of them may sound a little far-fetched, but they may work if you give them a shot.

To Reduce the Stress of Finals

Dial...
1-800-IAM-NUTZ

10. Eat a hot fudge sundae, if stress is extreme--eat two.
9. Trace your hand print on construction paper, cut out, and give copies to your friends.
8. Knit an afghan for your grandmother.
7. Watch any movie that stars Lorenzo Lamas. This will not only reduce stress, but it is also a great sleep inducer.
6. Contemplate your navel for 15 minutes.
5. Inhale deeply, hold your breath, then slowly exhale. CAUTION: under no circumstances hold your breath for more than 10 minutes!
4. Sit by the river and watch the water turn to ice.
3. Say “Hello” to your favorite houseplant and wait for a reply. If the plant responds, call 1-800-IAM-NUTZ.
2. Count the leaves on any tree of your choice (if leaves are not available--count the branches).

AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY TO REDUCE THE STRESS OF FINALS...

1. Hibernate until December 19 (preferably with a friend)
SUICIDE--
The Cry For Help

By Bear Facts
Staff Writers

"Hurtiging people need OK people to help them in their lives," said Dr. Jan Dale, a noted psychologist from Ames, who spoke in the Boone Campus auditorium to about 300 people on Wednesday, September 18, 1992. His topic was suicide prevention.

Dale discussed several ways people can become aware of a potential suicide among friends and colleagues. Signs he said to look for were depression, lack of energy, lack of drive or a change in sleep habits, slipping grades, and comments of general lack of self worth.

With input from the DMACC student body and staff, the assembled group came up with some possible causes for suicide: divorce, loss of loved ones, a major illness, tragedy to leading to a feeling of failure.

The combination of happenings friends or family, arrest, or a suicide: divorce, loss of loved one people can become aware of the impending danger, and as a last resort, call the police.

Dale was with the Central Iowa Mental Health Center for private practice in Ames. Dr. Jan Dale, Psychologist, speaks on Suicide Prevention and Identification, to students and faculty on November 18.

Dale discussed several ways one to talk about their feelings. Ask them if they are all right; 2) if they will go see someone to help them in their thinking of suicide; and 4) Ask them if they have a gun. Tell friends or family to become aware of the impending danger, and as a last resort, call the police.

The twenty one people who attended learned about some of the major areas of study DMACC offers.

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Editor's Note: In an earlier article on Rich Karpin the call letters at the radio station where he announced were incorrect. They should have said KFGQ, 1260 AM or 99.3 FM. We regret the error.

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Warm Your Heart

N.O.W. (National Organization For Women) Ames/I.S.U. Chapter wishes everyone a holiday without abuse or violence. Unfortunately some women and children will be spending their holiday season at the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (A.C.E.S.S.)

A women's first step to surviving. These women and children need of assistance and the Displaced Homemakers and other economical depressed families are in need of assistance this holiday season.

These families need toys for their children and clothes, contributions of non-perishable food and personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste will be greatly appreciated. A lot of students contributing a little will make your holiday more joyous and will make a big difference for these families. Please bring your items for contribution to Boone DMACC N.O.W. Holiday Drive Box. N.O.W. in cooperation with A.C.E.S.S. and the Story County Christmas closet will distribute to economical depressed families.

BY LINDA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

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Scholarships Available
by Linda Smith
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While the semester is starting to wind down, and the pressure is building toward finals, students are thinking about spring class schedules and classes that are already starting to fill. The question that remains concerns the "M" word. Where do students get the money for all the tuition, books and everything else that goes to school required?

One thing students might consider are the scholarships available. These monies come from a variety of sources with applications for the asking. Some of the available resources are: The Connie Allen Memorial Fund, Louise R. Noon Assistance Fund by the Chrysalis Foundation, The Lue B. McClain Trust, and the Soroptimist Club of Ames. There is another $1,000 scholarship being provided by the Department of Forestry at I.S.U. for a transfer student to their department. All the funds have deadlines and restrictions for use. For more complete information on scholarships listed and a list of other funds available, contact the office and set up an appointment with Rich Finnstead.
Writing For Dollars

By Robert Plumb
Staff Writer

There is a Creative Writing Contest going on right now (for those of you who haven't heard.) You can win money, money, money for just sitting down at a typewriter and thinking up a story then sending it to:

DMACC Creative Writing Contest
/c/o R. W. Chapman, Contest Coordinator
Sciences and Humanities Dept.
Building #2 Ankeny Campus
2006 S. Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, Iowa 50021

The Student Action Board in Ankeny is providing two writing scholarships as prizes. One will go to the Best Overall Writer in the amount of $250 from S.A.B. (see above for meaning of initials) and another prize in the amount of $250 from The Ankeny Campus Foundation. A TOTAL of $500!

Runner-up Best Writer will receive at least $125 (and maybe another $125 if another donor can be found). But, read on to find the really interesting part: CASH! Cash awards will be as follows:

$100 for best story
$100 for best poem
$50 for runner-up in each of these two categories PLUS award-winning entries will be published in DMACC's creative writing magazine, EXPRESSIONS!

You need to submit your manuscripts by MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992, though, to qualify for any of these prizes. Several people from our school have already submitted their works and are hoping to go onto all that money and prestige. So, hurry!

You must submit at least three (3) original manuscripts but can send in five (5) if you feel ambitious and want a better chance to win. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS THOUGH! For more information see one of the Comp teachers right away.

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Teacher Donates Money

By Dale Butterfield
Staff Writer

Well time to update everyone on what has been going on with the Rotoract Club. Since the last article, we've done many things, both in the community and in the school.

One of the bigger projects we've done was roller skating with the River Valley residents and watching Mr. McNair "boogie" around on skates.

We also held a bake sale and a turkey raffle in which the profits all benefitted the scholarship fund for some lucky DMACC student.

The Great American Smokeout information table was a great success, and the collection of paper sacks for the Boone County Food Pantry is helping out considerably.

One of our future activities includes joining with the Rotary Club of Boone in assisting the Salvation Army in their annual Christmas time bell-ringing expedition. There are many more ideas still being "processed."

So, keep an eye out for other club activities and don't be afraid to get involved. We welcome anyone who enjoys helping other people.

Auto Program Wins Award

A special awards ceremony was held to celebrate the automotive programs at Des Moines Area Community College being named one of the 10 outstanding vocational-technical programs in the nation. DMACC will receive the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Vocational-Technical Education Programs from the U.S. Department of Education.

These programs include: Auto Mechanics Technology, General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (GM-ASEP), Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training Program (Ford ASET), General Motors Training Center Operation, Ford Phase II Outreach Training Program and automotive after-market in-service training.

However, the most outstanding award was given to Maggie Stone.

Maggie Stone - Outstanding Alumnus

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"Read, Think, Dream"

Advice for Children's Book Week

By Melinda Baker
Staff Writer

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"I have personally observed students continuing to attend our campus solely because of her emotional support and arrangements for financial assistance," said Kris Phillips, Dean of the DMACC Boone Campus.

Stone has also organized Rezsonsors, a club for returning adult students, and numerous workshops to help these students make the transition to college life and the work place.

Outstanding Alumni Awards were also presented to the following: Phyllis Henry, 1911 Pleasant St., Des Moines; Shilda Manley, 1062 38th St., Des Moines; Marty Mease of Kansas City; Richard Peddicord, 1423 4th St., Perry; and Terry Pen- niman, 417 NW Westwood, Ankeny.

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