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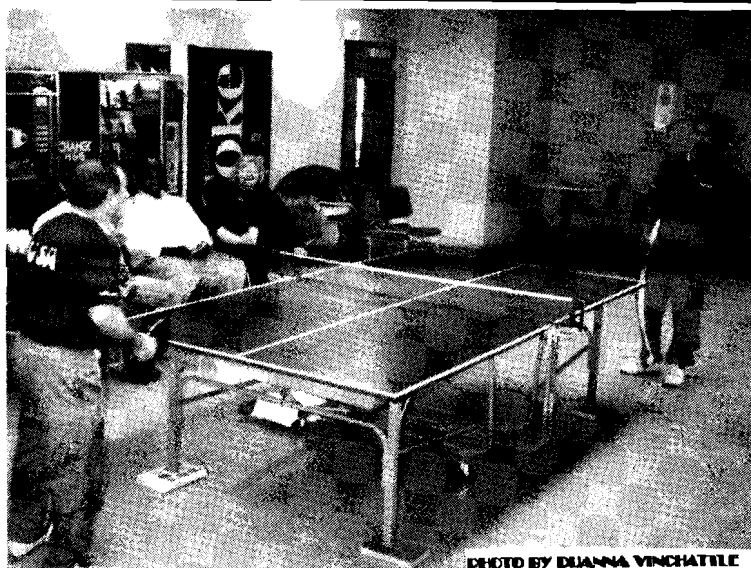


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Dhiren Narotam, U.S. Junior Table Tennis Champion and Hovshang Bozorgzadeh, his coach, performed for DMACC students and staff on Friday, December 4, sponsored by SAB.

Champion Shows Table Tennis Skills

By Duanna Vinchattle
Cheryl Lingelbach
Staff Reporters

Dhiren Narotam, U. S. Junior Champion of the World Champion team and Hovshang Bozorgzadeh, 15 year coach of the National World Champion Team, gave a table tennis exhibition game at DMACC on Friday, December 4 in the Student Center. Narotam has been perfecting the art of table tennis for the last 11 years since he was 9 years old. He practices for 5 hours a day-six days a week.

Narotam stated, "I am interested in all sports and especially enjoy basketball. When I start college at Iowa State in January I have hopes of studying Physi-

cal Therapy."

Narotam commented, "Table tennis is the perfect sport. You do not have to be in excellent condition to participate in this sport."

In China there 14 million people who participate in table tennis and half of them are housewives. It is the second most popular sport after soccer and is enjoyed by older and younger people alike. It is a safe and fun sport.

David Greco stated, "I like them. They are very outstanding and put on a good show for the staff and students. Narotam amused some of the students."

Narotam is going to Atlanta for the next Olympics with of coming home with lots of medals for the United States. In

preparation for this, he is going to compete in the North American Doubles Championship

Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, the week of December 7-12, where only 32 of the top doubles players from around the world will be competing for over \$80,000 in prizes and money.

Gail Hull commented, "I think they are fabulous. I never knew table tennis was so interesting."

Bozorgzadeh stated, "The United States has good relations with Sweden. Narotam has and will continue to practice there. The Swedes are the champions of the world, so they are a good example for Narotam to learn from."

Funding Causes Cuts in Staff

By Duanna Vinchattle
Staff Reporter

On January 13, 1993, things will not be the same as Boone Campus will leave them on December 18. We will be missing at least two part-time employees. Sandie Krause and Susan Oeffner will no longer be in the Academic Achievement Center to help students because of cut backs in the Carl Perkins funds.

The results of this action may seem to be of little or no consequence at first, but it certainly will have a big impact on anyone using the Academic Achievement Center (AAC).

"I'm very disappointed that our portion of the Carl Perkins money used for AAC personnel has been reduced."
Dean Kriss Philips

According to Jinny Silberhorn, AAC Chairperson, "Due to unfortunate budget cuts which are causing a reduction of staff, our services and hours must be limited. I feel it will cause a hardship on some students because we are reducing the hours the AAC will be open each week by 7 1/2 hours. We will

be closed on Tuesday evenings and open a half hour later each morning."

Dean Kriss Philips added, "I'm very disappointed that our portion of the Carl Perkins money used for AAC personnel has been reduced. I hope this reduction of monies does not have a negative affect on the number of people helped in the AAC. I've asked for Jinny Silberhorn to give me alternative suggestions on how we can cope with this situation."

The October statistics for the Academic Achievement Center are as follows: 954 students used the Center (443 were non-duplicated) for 1355 hours; 17 nursing students were in to work

on high school chemistry/biology which is a prerequisite for nursing program for a total of 90.5 hours (46 students are enrolled in classes); 14 students were in to work on the GED for a total of 95 hours (22 are currently enrolled); 4 students

were in to work on enrichment classes (adult education) for a total of 49 hours; 1 student was in to work on Adult Basic Education (ABE) for 13.5 hours. (ABE students need one-on-one instruction); 8 high school students attended the AAC to work on classes they have enrolled in in order to graduate in the spring, (21 high school students

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Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

WHERE HAVE ALL THE STUDENTS GONE?

Absenteeism at DMACC seems to have been on the increase recently. Classrooms that were once full are now filled with empty seats. In an effort to try to explain this not-so-rare occurrence, the faculty was asked for reasons they feel their classes have been experiencing a mass exodus. A questionnaire was distributed to all full-time and part-time faculty and staff who have direct contact with students. Response to the questionnaire totaled 15 percent.

Most instructors felt the absence of an attendance policy was the major problem. DMACC has such a policy dated September 15, 1987. This policy, designated as Board Policy #5012, states, "Students shall be expected to attend classes regularly. Each instructor shall keep a record of class attendance and shall be responsible for determining when a student's absences are affecting satisfactory progress. The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure that student attendance guidelines, procedures, and regulations are prepared and implemented." The Legal

Reference stated is the Code of Iowa, Chapter 280A.23(5).

As one respondent stated, "Low attendance at DMACC classes reflects, I believe, the absence of an enforced attendance policy. Regular attendance indicates, to a large degree, the students commitment. Furthermore, this necessary commitment extends to a commitment to job, family, etc. One will not keep a job with poor attendance. One cannot compete in our world without commitment to the task at hand."

Many members on the faculty understand things come up that students have no control over. There are times that a student might miss a class due to a family emergency or illness. Even the weather has been responsible for missed days.

Several members of the faculty mentioned they don't think students see any real value in class attendance. "Students do benefit from being in the classroom, [since] regular class

attendance promotes better academic performance, through greater assimilation on information from instructors, as well as

peers." "There is a relationship between attendance and good grades, but many students don't realize this. A student has to be in class to really succeed."

Another reason given for absenteeism was students "can get away with skipping." One instructor said the students "do not want to be there--would rather play pool, watch TV, drink, eat..." Other reasons suggested ranged from hangovers to students scheduling doctor's appointments during class time, and the ever popular, "My car broke down." Employment conflicts were also cited, along with laziness, no self-

discipline, staying up too late to make early morning classes, and one faculty member wrote that they have even gotten the "My alarm clock didn't go off" excuse. Another instructor wrote,

"Quoted from student, "A 1:25 class is sooo late in the day!"

One faculty member stated, "(International) instructors not easily understood in lectures, so [students] avoid class. Students 'afraid to ask questions' so avoid class." This instructor went on the state, "Class not interesting--'boring' per one student's comments." This statement was countered by another instructor who said, "Instructors are not responsible for making the material interesting...I shouldn't have to do cartwheels like a circus clown to keep my students' interest."

Along with what the faculty perceive as reasons for absenteeism, they were also asked for solutions to the problem. Participation points for classroom attendance was the number one solution given by the instructors, "If not in attendance--has not participated." Pop quizzes on a regular basis, along with daily assignments were also brought

up. A standard, enforced attendance policy was mentioned quite often, also. One instructor jokingly wrote, "Offer \$ for showing up." Another suggested, "1. Treat students like adults who are responsible for their own actions. 2. Provide rewards for those who attend regularly. 3. Don't coddle students!" And as one faculty

member stated, "Let students reap the consequences of non-attendance. The student is responsible for his/her choice to attend. I am not. If he/she can pass the class with poor attendance--good for him/her. If they are failing due to poor attendance, he/she also is responsible. He/she chose not to attend and chose to fail."

Perhaps, as one faculty member wrote, "A fall break might be in order." This would not only benefit students suffering from "burn-out", but would also profit members of the faculty and staff who might need a "breather."

Some schools, like Iowa State University, have gone to a fall break around Thanksgiving, as well as the traditional spring break, usually in March.

Excuses!

By Duanna Vinchattle
Staff Writer

The number one topic this semester by faculty and students has been the large number of absences by students. Why do classes that have 20 to 25 students enrolled in them have less than ten chairs filled unless it is test day? Is this the reason some instructors are changing their syllabus at the end of the semester?

In researching why students are absent from classes, I received these comments, "With our busy lives, we don't go to class when we aren't being taught what we feel we should be," said one student.

Another student commented "Teachers have to realize that students aren't like they were even 5 years ago. They have families, full time jobs, and lots of activities that keep them from having school be their only

Excuses!

reason to get up in the morning."

"If you have computer classes you have to work on the computer when you can get one.

That may mean missing another class to get caught up on your computer time," another student remarked.

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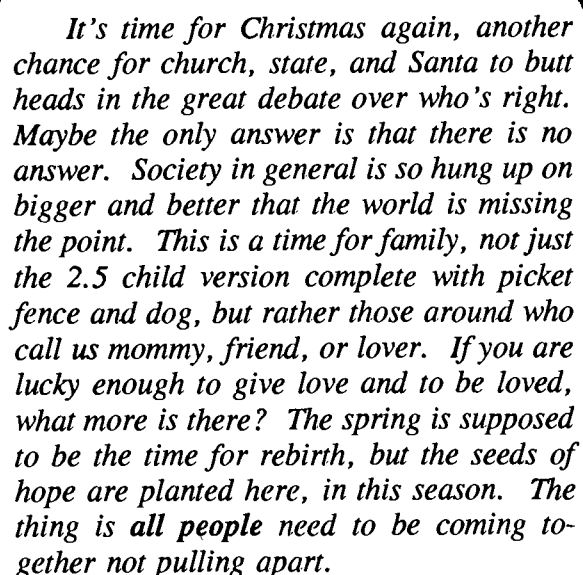
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Editorial

Confessions Of The Old Codger



It's time for Christmas again, another chance for church, state, and Santa to butt heads in the great debate over who's right. Maybe the only answer is that there is no answer. Society in general is so hung up on bigger and better that the world is missing the point. This is a time for family, not just the 2.5 child version complete with picket fence and dog, but rather those around who call us mommy, friend, or lover. If you are lucky enough to give love and to be loved, what more is there? The spring is supposed to be the time for rebirth, but the seeds of hope are planted here, in this season. The thing is all people need to be coming together not pulling apart.

With as many different beliefs as there are people to listen to, it's the season to look for common ground -- perhaps in something as simple as a candle. The world could use a little less greed and a little more compassion. Light a candle for that idea. Snuff out hate. Light a candle for love.

It's important to know it's not about how much the gift costs, it's about why it was given. For a single mom an afternoon free of kids could be a priceless gift. Nothing from the pocketbook, but plenty from the heart in time and effort. For the elderly neighbor, waking up to an anonymously shoveled walk could be a simple gift of love.

Santa is not there for those who don't believe in him; however, the fantasies of children teach us how to dream, and without dreams there is no chance for the seeds that will emerge in spring to grow. Light a candle for that.



Well, here we are at the end of another semester and I'm still wondering if this is all worth it. Three full semesters and I still have doubts about the classes I've chosen for the coming round of learning this Spring. I guess, all in all, it has been

worth it though because I have had the opportunity to meet and hob nob with some fine people so far. Not to say that those people I haven't nobbed aren't fine people, only that I haven't met them yet, and those I have met loved to be nobbed, or is it **hobbed**; whatever!

In the mean time, of course, I, like the rest of you am wondering and fretting about what I'm going to get for a grade from the classes I attended (note I said attended because I think I actually had a semester without any absences!). Speaking about absences, I sure have heard some of the teachers complaining about the way their classes have dwindled lately. (It seems that during the first day when Mayor Crisp (a.k.a. Kriss Philips, our dean) was going around checking to see if everyone had a chair in the class rooms might ought to have waited for a couple of weeks and not had to worry.)

Of course, what with all the illnesses going around the school it's hard to expect all the students to not want to take precautions by not coming to class because they might catch what it is that kept the guy or gal they were out with during the week-end from getting.

And speaking of precautions . . . I finally located a *condom machine*! It's been conveniently placed in a plain, white, totally unidentified metal container at the Convenience Store just a couple of blocks from the school. Now, who would have

given the academic staff credit for being so ingenious as to have thought of hiding it there? I stumbled upon it by accident one day last week when I stopped on the way home to get a bottle of pop.

I shouldn't say "stumble" because you would then think I walk on the walls, for that's where it's been hung. It is nailed or screwed, (whichever you prefer) to the wall directly over the porcelain throne. You can't mistake it for anything other than what it is because it's the only porcelain throne in the room . . . Sorry, I was talking about the inglorious plain white metal canister hanging on the wall wasn't it?

One would think I would have learned from Mrs. Silberhorn's Speech Class not to ramble so much. But, I'm sure you realize it's easier to become intoxicated with your words sitting and writing behind a computer than it is to stand in front of fellow students and talk.

So, anyway, that's where it is for those of you who care and were wondering why I couldn't find it around the campus anywhere. I told you I wouldn't give up looking for it and was convinced that there was one of those machines around somewhere! I guess next semester I will have to find another mystery to sink my teeth into (pardon the expression!).

As to next semester, yes, it's true, I will be here to share the fun and games and kicks and anxieties, and downer trips that we all faced this past quarter. And yes, I will still contribute to the mayhem and disorderly conduct of the Bear Facts staff .

. . . Whomever that may consist of! Speaking of the staff, not too many students know about the rate of attrition nor of the crash course in putting a paper together that was suffered by the survivors of this dedicated and caring small body of JOURNALISTS.

I won't go into detail, for fear of liability (a.k.a. a punch in that long nose I have) but, I can assure you that everyone from Jan LaVille down to yours truly lost a couple of pounds and not a few hairs in my already sparsely covered head over getting the right articles, advertising, journalistically true comments in those articles, and the just plain blood that went into each edition. And, I'm happy to say the talk around the halls was much appreciated by all concerned. Thanks to the response of the student body and the staff of academia the paper improved in both content and especially style.

Well, since the crew at the paper has limited me to just 700 well chosen and inspirational words I'll close with THOSE ARE THE RUMINATIONS, (GOD, I do love that word!), OF THIS OLD CODGER FOR NOW. I hope to see most of you this coming semester so I can hob-nob with those I didn't get a chance to nob, (or is it hob?), with as yet. In the words of that immortally nameless poet from that *inglorious SMOKING ROOM*, "Big Deal!"

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Happy Holidays

The Ultimate Wish

By Bill Zimmerle
Staff Writer

Wasn't it great when you were a kid and all you had to do to make your Christmas wish come true was to tell Santa. Well, we gave some people at DMACC the chance to let Santa know what their wish is this year.

Jen Anderson: "I wish I could have a new car."

Dana Scott: "I would like to take my baby daughter out and spend \$500 on her and to spend 2 uninterrupted weeks with my mom."

Bob Plumb: "To receive A's in all of my classes."

Rich Karpin: "I wish that everyone will experience the love of Jesus."

Alex Bank: "I wish for peace on earth and to win the Lotto."

Pam Wienbrener: "I wish everybody has a happy holiday and that I would get a new car."

Amy Myers: "I wish that poverty and suffering would end."

Mike Gold: "To have a safe trip home and to spend time with my family."

Duanna Vinchattle: "To become a grandmother."

Angie Hubby: "I wish that my rent would be paid for 6 months."

Jason Blomgrem: "My wish, A LOT OF MONEY."

W.R. Taylor: "A end to all violence."

Jerri Merial: "I wish for my own house with no roommates."

Jenny Williams: "To receive an A in Econ."

Karla Swanson: "I wish I would get a new car, that is paid off."

Connie Booth: "That no Iowan would go hungry over the Christmas Holiday."

Tim Burds: "To have a date with Karla Swanson."

Lee McNair: "My wish is that the wars and famines that are killing people would end."

Karalyn Bennett: "I wish for a tall Blonde man with great buns."

Bill Alley: "I wish all of my family would remain healthy until they pass the age of 80."

Lizness, Who cares if you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . I DO!

DOL

To: Howard, Chad--BoBo, Ani & Dani (Tim & Tari), Bear Teams, Office Staff and students, Lotus/dBase Students, Faculty, Joyce, Mark

Thanks family for being so helpful and supportive. Thanks Mark Gilbert for being helpful and patient to our 123 and dBase class!!! Hope Santa is good to all of you!!!! Greeting to our new friends from Stravopol. M.C. and H.N.Y. Joyce!!!! We did it!!! Dani there really is a Santa Claus--we love you very much!!!G/G/FS MCHNY /FS MCGSRFKW /FS MCSHBKWLW /FC MCSNBNPT /FS MCCCCM-BJB /FS MCGCJCSG /FSMCP-AMER /FSMCDADJD /FS MCHCATT /FS MCDANILU /FS MCBFSTAF /FS MCBCG-BHC /FS AMTRACK /FS MCDGJNMG

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Merry Christmas to the Academic Achievement center Staff!

Jinny S.

Mom, Merry Christmas! And have a great year to come!

Love
Theresa

Jesus is the reason for the season, Remember the Golden Rule. Merry Christmas to you all.

Rich Karpin

Merry Christmas to everyone. From the Girls in the Snack Bar

Come party with me--I'm stuck here for break with nothing to do--Inquire @ The Bear Facts office.

Signed LONELY

Merry Christmas-To the Wonderful girls in the snack bar. We really enjoy all your delicious food. Even when you cause people to burn their tongues.

Love from
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Customer

Happy Holidays to Bill, Dawn, and Pam--Thanks for the memories.

Rose

Good Luck on semester tests. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Anonymous

Thanks to the teachers, personnel in the front office, and the janitors for all the help you've given to The Bear Facts Staff this year. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Cheryl

A special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Ladies in the Snack Bar.

Cheryl

*I Love the "Old Codger"
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Merry Christmas to everyone on The Bear Facts staff.

It's been a very memorable and most of the time enjoyable semester.

Duanna



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Rose Zimmerle

Ev, Stacey, Amy, and Jennifer Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Jenni

HELP! All my six-year old wants for Christmas is a typewriter. Does anyone have an old one they could sell cheap? Phone 432-6548

Thanks Kathe

I'll Miss you all when I'm at Urban campus next semester. I'd like to send New Years wishes to-Karol- Good Luck and good health. Linda-some of the peace and happiness you deserve. Dev-The perserverence to reach your goals. Jeri-Love and hope for the future. Rose-The ability to keep your wonderful sense of humor. Sara-A secure future and healthy children. stacey-Success and happiness and a love life! To everyone else GOOD LUCK AMD BEST WISHES!

Joan Swanson

To S.A.B. members & George, Thank you for all the special things you do for the student body all year long.

From A Thankful Student

Robin Sheldahl: Hope you and your family have a Happy Holiday season. Best of Luck on all your finals.

Your PBL Secret Pal

To all and especially myself, a very Merry X-Mas and a drunken New Year! Hic! Hic!

Chris Hill

Merry Christmas to my Snack Bar buddies.

Heather

I like all the company in the house at Christmas, some when they come some when they go.

Linda

Merry Christmas, Isha. You made it through your first semester!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Barry

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I hope your holiday season is joyful and filled with happiness.

Love Kevin

Merry Christmas to Larry(A.K.A Bud, Jr.) and Liz. Have a good holiday, don't forget to keep counting those ponds. Maybe we can go on another Van caper!

Love Du & Dum without the Dee

Tantalizing Christmas Trivia



Penni Kuhl Staff Writer

I originally wanted to acknowledge Christmas in some fashion. I considered subjects as varied as the commercialism of the season, the documented increases in stress, the arguments over allowing children the fantasy of St. Nick, how a poor economy effects the holidays, or the general loss of the "true meaning" of Christmas.

We all know about these subjects; we live with them every year. You, as readers, definitely don't need anymore heavy reading; finals week is already trying enough. So for a break from dangling participles, debits & credits, electrolytes, probabilities and alkalines, here is a Christmas quiz:

First the easy, or not so easy, questions:

1. Name the eight tiny reindeer (Rudolph doesn't count).
 2. List the Twelve-Days-of-Christmas gifts (Hint: there are more than eight lords).
 3. What was the full name of Scrooge's deceased partner?
 4. "And on every street corner you hear:" what?
 5. What town did the Grinch terrorize?
 6. What was the name of Jimmy Stewart's guardian angel?
 7. What are the two names of the town in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
- Too easy? Okay smartypants, try these:
8. "Giddy-yap, giddy-yap, giddy-yap, it's grand," is from which song (no tone-deaf singers allowed)?
 9. Name the Grinch's poor dog.
 10. In the song "Away in a Manger" what are the cows doing?
 11. Who, against his will, sang the original "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"?
 12. According to his job record, how old is Kris Kringle in "Miracle on 34th St."?

Even if you were unable to answer all of these queries, perhaps they served to invoke the warm memories of Christmas. That truly is what Christmas is about, isn't it? Enjoy your break and Happy Holidays.

Celebrating Hanukkah

By Rose Zimmerle Staff Writer

Some Christians get so wrapped in celebrating Christmas, they sometimes forget there is another, even older, holiday observed this time of year. Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, was instituted in commemoration of the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple in 164 B.C. after the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks. Hanukkah begins on Kislev 25 (usually in December) and is celebrated for eight days. The menorah, a multibranch candelabrum, that is lit has a spiritual meaning and represents the indistinguishable, and ever-spreading, Jewish faith. The

ceremony also recalls the Talmud story of how a small, one day supply of nondesecrated oil burned in the Temple for eight full days, until new oil could be obtained. Children of the Jewish faith receive gifts and play joyous games for the eight days of Hanukkah and light the menorah, one candle on the first day, two candles on the second day, and so on.

During this holiest of seasons, people all might take a moment to rejoice in all religions. After all everyone is celebrating love, peace and joy-- things that people, the world over, honor.



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STUDENT LIFE

Bears Burn Up Boards

By Chad West
Staff Writer

The sweet smell of victory was potent in the air of the DMACC gymnasium, as the men's and women's basketball teams went home with decisive victories Saturday. In the first game of the twin-bill against the Eagles of Faith Baptist Bible College the Lady Bears rolled to a 73-41 point win. The Bears were paced by sophomore center Jennifer Kellen with 28 points. With Kellen's hot hand and the

team's stifling defense that didn't allow the Eagles into double figure scoring until there was only eight minutes left in the first half, the game was over almost before it started. Everyone for the Bears scored at least one point in the game, and by keeping the pressure on in the second half, they easily rolled to the 23 point victory.

Defense was the key for the men's 109-85 win. The Bears came out playing defense not even Michael Jordan would want

to face. Pedro Ellis a freshman forward from Pontiac, Michigan, led the Bears in scoring with 25 points.

They also had good showings from Tony LaValus with 21 points and Tim Biegger with 20 points. The Eagles looked as though they might get back into the game in the beginning of the second half, as the Bears came out some what lackadaisical. But they "beared" down (pardon the pun) and coasted to the 24 point margin of victory.

Have You Considered These Classes For Spring Semester?

By Scott Olson
Staff Reporter

By now, most students have finalized their schedules for the spring semester and are just waiting for those three weeks of sheer heaven. But, if you have not quite yet decided on that last course to take, or the class you want is full here is some information just for you.

The first course is MNGT 229, Small Business Management. This course examines the preparation and methods needed to start a business, the management functions needed to keep it operating on a sound basis,

financial analysis system, management, sales promotion, purchasing, pricing, personnel management, credit, insurance, inventory control, regulations, and taxes, and a simplified record system.

The instructor has employment experience in large businesses and currently operates two small businesses. He has also consulted for the Iowa Small Business Development Center. As a result, he brings a balance to the course that utilizes both practical and academic capabilities.

The second course is Literature 134, Women's Literature.

This course examines images of women, past and present, that are expressed in literature, drama, prose, and poetry. Cultural attitudes that influence writers' and readers' attitudes are explored through reading, writing, and often lively discussion. Male and female participants encourage impartial discourse of racially and ethnically diverse selection. This will eventually lead to how society has place women in many roles throughout history, and how literature becomes a reflection of society.

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'Tis the Season To Abuse

By Cheryl Lingelbach
Staff Reporter

Christmas is here again and for most everyone it is a happy time of year, but for a small percent it is more than they can handle. What do I mean? **DOMESTIC ABUSE!**

What is domestic abuse? According to the Family Violence Center in Des Moines, domestic abuse is a pattern of abusive behavior used to control one's partner. Physical violence is never an isolated behavior. Domestic abuse can happen in any relationship.

You may be a victim of abuse if your partner: Hits, kicks, or shoves you. Forces sex against your will. Puts you down, calls you names, makes you feel crazy. Destroys your property, displays weapons. Threatens to take the children away. Controls who you see and where you go, and who you spend time with. Treats you like a servant...takes your money. Threatens to commit suicide, threatens to report you to

the authorities. Says the abuse didn't happen, says you caused it.

Do not minimize the seriousness of domestic abuse. Call the **HOTLINE** at 1-800-942-0333 now for free, confidential help.

Calling the **HOTLINE** from anywhere in Iowa will put domestic abuse victims in immediate contact with a trained advocate who can: Provide crisis counseling, provide information and education about domestic abuse issues, refer callers to the domestic violence project in their area of the state.

There are thirty Iowa projects providing ongoing counseling, shelter, and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse, and they will inform callers of their rights under Iowa law.

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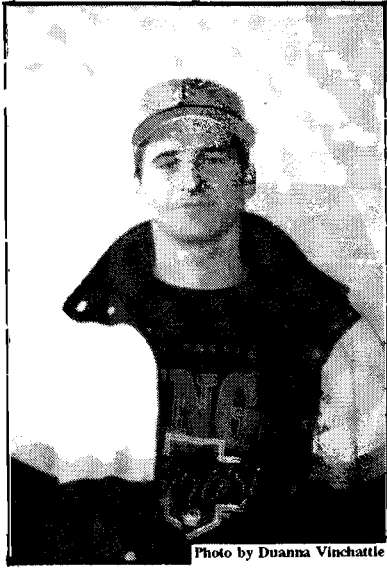
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Canadians Just Like Americans. . . NOT!

By Sue Abbasi
Staff Reporter

"I'm not American! Montreal is in Canada. I'm Canadian!" Canadians, Americans, whatever... They're the same, Right?... One DMACC student says yes. She claims they 'look' and 'act' alike. But Canadian DMACC students Curtis Falls and Cory Koskie disagree. Curtis: "Even though we [Canada and the U.S.] share borders, there is a lot of difference between our cultures!"

Cory: "For instance, Americans talk funny. Like the pronunciation of Des Moines is totally wrong!" He pauses, looks at his friend, and adds a joke. "And Canadians are a helluva lot better looking!"



Cory Koskie

So why are they here? The answer begins with a "B". No, it's not Bill Clinton. BASEBALL! Curtis, majoring in

Criminal Law, said he didn't exactly choose to come straight from Nova Scotia, Canada, to Boone, Iowa. "I came to play baseball, and Coach (John) Smith got a hold of me first." Cory from Manitoba, Canada, majoring in the sciences, agrees. Both came to DMACC at the beginning of the fall semester. Curtis reveals that he could've played baseball in Canada. "I came here because there's more of an emphasis on sports than in Canada. There's no such thing as a sport's scholarship there."

Though they see differences between the two countries, they agree on some similarities, too. "They (the people) dress alike. And the teenagers' lives are pretty much the same. We (in Canada) speak English too."

They truly miss their home, family, and friends. "I miss the Medicare and the seafood. Man, the fresh seafood," Curtis says.



Curtis Falls

"We get seafood here," Cory exclaims.

"Yeah, probably from the supermarket, about four days old," jokes Curtis.

When they get done kidding each other, Cory strongly states that a lot of violence exists in

the U.S. "Gangs, a lot of gangs and violence, here. And the gun laws are bad, too. Canada has good gun laws."

Curtis has had it "up-to-here" with the U.S. politics and the politicians. "Your so-called 'candidates' for president. Ferot is the only one that seemed sincere. The others were too busy trashing each other. That tells you a lot about their true characters."

Any kind of a sport interests Curtis and Cory. The lack of hockey annoys Cory, since he likes both hockey and volleyball. Baseball, of course, gets their special attention.

Curtis wants to go back and join the Royal Canadian Mounted police. If he doesn't make it, he plainly puts it, "If all else fails, then baseball."

Cory hopes to have a career in baseball, or he will go back and join a volleyball team in Manitoba.



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Staff Cuts. . .

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are currently enrolled in classes.) Eight students are taking college developmental classes in the AAC and attended 129 hours in October; 902 students dropped in for help with their college classes or to take make-up tests for a total of 966 hours. The AAC gave 16 ASSET tests in October and 32 have already taken in November, and counseled students on results. They gave 402 make-up tests in Octo-

Classes. . .

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The third course is Intro to Criminal Justice, and it is scheduled for Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. This course deals with contemporary problems that confront everyone today on the criminal justice system. The role players in the system are the main focus of the course, which covers topics from parking tickets to capital punishment. Students interested in learning more about law

ber for other instructors along with GED predictives.

Dr. Harrington, Boone High School Principal, stated, "I feel the Boone High School students will have to budget their time better so they can achieve their goals."

Julie Keech DMACC student remarked, "Enrollment is up so where is the money going? When we have cut backs, the students are the ones who suffer. If it was not for the Learning Center, some students would be in major TROUBLE!"

enforcement, court operations, and the correctional system should consider enrolling in this course. The course is taught by David Arkovich who has fourteen years of law enforcement experience.

If either of these classes sound interesting or you would just like more information, consult with your advisor. Take a chance and maybe you will learn something new about yourself.

Editor's Note

Sue Abbasi is a member of the Bear Facts Staff. She was not available at press time for a photo in last issue

Club Notes

By Karen Coons
PBL Reporter

PBL celebrated Christmas season when Pat Thieben held a Christmas party at her home. A secret Santa gift exchange was held and pizza was enjoyed by everyone.

PBL is sponsoring a needy family for Christmas. Anyone is welcome to donate toys or food. Especially appreciated would be gifts for a boy 5 years old and a girl 3 years old.

Thank You

I don't know any other way to say it than just "Thank You" to all those who gave my family and me support through gifts of time, money, prayers, thoughts, flowers, and food. The loss of a child is one of the hardest things for a parent to suffer no matter what the child's age. It is the support of those around us that help us through the loss and continue on with our lives.

I can't say it often enough but thanks to all the students, faculty, staff, and PBL for all your support after the death of my son.

Elsie Claring
and Family


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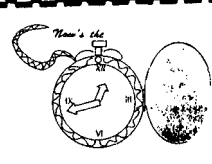
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Other excuses students gave for missing class were: "The instructor confuses me more. I do better reading it on my own. The instructor just reads right out of the book, they come unprepared, I have better things to do with my time than to sit for twenty minutes waiting for the so-called teacher to decide what we are going to do during that class period."

One student was very frustrated "It's really bad when it's ok for the teacher to use the same excuses that students do, like not getting assignments

checked and back to the student because their child had a concert or they were just too exhausted to do all that work over the weekend. Those excuses would never go for the student to use about why they didn't get the assignment done."

As one student said, "It's really hard in a class that mostly depends on class participation to have large group discussion with a room of about 5-6 people."

Answers:

1. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, Blitzen.
2. Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three french hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.
3. Jacob Marley.
4. Silver bells.
5. Who-ville.
6. Clarence.
7. Bedford Falls and Pottersville.
8. "Sleigh Ride"
9. Max.
10. Lowing.
11. Gene Autry.
12. As old as my tongue and a little bit younger than my teeth.



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