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# THE BEAR FACTS

## Canceled classes cause confusion

By Rose Zimmerle  
Staff Writer

Sorting through the myriad of classes, times, days and instructors leaves most students confused. It is even more confusing when, after a firm schedule is settled on, a class is canceled or assigned to another instructor.

Classes that don't fulfill a minimum requirement of 12 students are in jeopardy of being canceled due to economics; it is not financially feasible to maintain a class of only six or seven students. In this situation the class usually is canceled. When this happens, there are problems not only for the student, but also for the administration. According to Dean Kriss Philips full-time instructors must maintain a minimum of 15 Faculty Activity Units (FAU's). If a full-time instructor's class is canceled due to low enrollment, that instructor must be assigned another class to fulfill his/her contract stipulations. "You not only have the teacher who has to take a different schedule, you have students who are that class who have to take a different schedule as well, and it becomes kind of like dominoes--you change one class here, another class there and that part becomes hectic...I want to do what's best for most students," stated Philips.

When a situation arises where a full-timer must pick up an additional class, the

class schedules of the part-timers are reviewed. In choosing a replacement class there are certain criteria that must be met. Jim Bittner, English professor and a department head, explained, "The class has to fit into the schedule of the full-time teacher; that's one criteria. Another criteria is to spread the load of part-time teachers around so that one part-time teacher won't have a lot more than another."

Prior to scheduling, the full-time teachers meet with the head of their department and arrive at a decision, by consensus, about who will teach which class. Once that is settled, there are a number of courses that need to be filled by part-time instructors. Philips said, "We talk to part-time instructors informally and ask them what they would like and try to meet their needs."

Philips holds a part-time teachers' meeting in the fall and again in the spring. Many topics are covered, with specific emphasis on the policy that a part-time teacher can be "bumped" to fulfill a full-time teacher's contract. Bittner also responded, "When a part-timer teaches at DMACC, they do so with the understanding that is a full-timer has a class that doesn't fill then the full-timer will take the part-timers' class."

This semester 47 classes were canceled. According to the administration office, this is average for a semester.

## Dr. Taylor honored

DMACC  
News Release

A Boone resident and long-time Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus psychology instructor was honored at DMACC's President's Day activities.

Dr. W. Robert Taylor, 1120 Hancock Dr., Boone, was recently named the 1993 recipient of the DMACC Distinguished Teacher Award.

Dr. Taylor earned a B.A. degree in Social Science from Nebraska State Teacher's College, a Master's degree in Social Studies from Colorado State and an Ed. D. in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado.

Taylor has been at DMACC's Boone Campus since 1984. Prior to that, he taught at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska.

"Bob appears to be very conscientious in his classes as well as very attentive to helping students outside of the classroom," said Kriss Philips,



Dr. W. Robert Taylor, left, of the Boone campus of the Des Moines Area Community College receives a plaque for the 1993 Distinguished Teacher Award. Michael Dunn, senior vice president of Deere Credit Services and the DMACC Foundation, awarded the honor.

(Contributed photo)

dean of the Boone Campus. "His classes are always first to fill up on our campus every term."

As part of being named DMACC's Distinguished

Teacher, a \$500 scholarship from the DMACC Foundation in the name of Dr. Taylor, will be given to a DMACC student.

## Expansion in the works

By Jennifer Kellen  
Staff Writer

No, it's not just you, the number of students at the Boone DMACC campus is increasing rapidly and our classrooms are quickly becoming over crowded. Well, the board of education agrees, it's time our 25 year old building goes through a bit of a facelift.

The education building on the Boone Campus was originally built in 1968 to

accommodate 600-700 students. To date, this semester's enrollment has now reached 1050 students. Kriss Philips, Dean of the Boone Campus DMACC, says this expansion plan has been on the back burner for some time now and is excited that more definite plans are now starting to unfold.

"Although we aren't certain on the specifics of the addition to this campus, we are now in the process of finalizing the members of the

committee which will be coming up with ideas and managing the details of the expansion," Philips said.

The Board of Education has many long term plans for the addition of the campus and hopes to eventually have the learning and athletic facilities connected and on-campus student housing. As for now, the committee plans to remodel the school to make better use of space, add six class-

## ON CAMPUS

## Hypnotist had DMACC students under trance



Don't you know shoes are supposed to be worn on your feet?  
Jim Wand had students believing their shoes were binoculars.

(Photo by Cheryl Lingelbach)

By Cheryl Lingelbach  
Staff Writer

On Monday, January 25, 1993, Dr. Jim Wand performed his magic on the Des Moines Area Community Center students. Wand is a hypnotist with extraordinary talents.

Hypnosis is merely a state of increased suggestibility: a state in which we are more likely to be able to accept the suggestions of another person than we are without the condition of hypnosis. While all that we learn eventually reaches the subconscious mind, the hypnotic state is a much more direct and effective way of reaching a goal. A suggestion, once received and accepted by the subconscious, is automatically and uncritically acted upon—as long as it remains in effect.

One of the most common fallacies is that persons who are able to be hypnotized are weak-willed or feeble-minded. Naturally, the opposite is more accurate. The more intelligent and imaginative a person is, the easier it is for him/her to be hypnotized.

Another fallacy is that under hypnosis a person will do anything—good or bad, that is a slave who automatically obeys the master hypnotist. Again, this is completely false. Under hypnosis, a subject will not do anything that is contrary to his principles nor will he commit an anti-social criminal act. With hypnosis, a person may reject any improper or immoral suggestions that he is willing to accept.

### USES FOR HYPNOSIS

The uses of hypnosis are virtually unlimited in nature. The most common of these are weight and smoking

control. It can also be used for such things as alcoholism, various psychological problems such as depression and compulsion. Hypnosis can help develop memory and increase concentration. It can improve such things as study habits, self-confidence and athletic skills. Presently, hypnosis is being used effectively in many different settings, including medical, dental and legal areas. Every day, new and innovative uses are being discovered by creative practitioners.

Wand commented, "People seem to feel more comfortable learning something new in an entertaining situation rather in a cold learning situation. That is why I do all of this traveling to help educate people about hypnosis."



\*Most of this information was received from one of Dr. Wand's handout sheets given out after his performance.

## The Old Codger



I was walking to get another cup of coffee the other day and slammed into one of the tables in the student lounge because I saw some action going on outside in the West playground! Thank God, I looked again to be sure I saw what I was seeing....There in the bright sun jumped about a dozen of my fellow students hitting a ball over a net stretched between the two sides of six each! Now, you have to understand, I've been to Hollywood and Vine and the Sunset Strip in California where I thought I had seen some real nut-cases, but, I had

to return to Iowa to see people playing volley ball in the dead of winter!

I say more power to those hardy souls for having some of the strongest fortitude, warmest blood, not to mention plain old-fashion guts to be presenting themselves to the elements of an Iowa winter. Then I heard, on asking, that it was part of an athletic program designed to get students interested in some noon time activities. *Even at my age, I've been known to be active at noon, when the opportunity presented*

*itself, and the other party was willing... .* But, seriously, I think this is a good idea. Maybe when it warms up a little, say to, 75 or 90, you might find this old codger out there!

Well, here I sit, broken hearted what with Presitending Carter.... OOOOPS!....President Clinton loosely holding some of the reins of government in his hand while with the other, (hand that is), he's waving to the crowds of smiling sycophants while with the other hand he's holding tightly to Hillery's hand so he doesn't

get lost in the crowd. It must be quite a thrill for him to

arise in the morning and whisper to himself...."God, I'm up here with the big boys now!" I can see him turning to Hillary, who has let him sleep in, and ask...."Can I call some of the other boys (The Cabinet, minus One) to see if they can come over so we can play Government?"

So far, this is my impression of the man we elected to the second highest office in the land outside of being his wife. I get the impression, too, that staying up late during the inaugural parties and hearing everyone call him Mr. President got him used to answering...."Yes, ah, I am. I always wanted to be one and now I are one." But enough of my misunderstanding of what a government leader should be like.

On the lighter side, thank goodness someone came up with some money from somewhere to keep the Learning Center staffed as completely as last term.

Oh, for those of you who are curious about how I came out with grades last term....I passed every class (thanks for the most part to the pity my teachers took on this forgetful ol' guy.) And, with the success of my investigation last term in locating where the Administration had hidden the condom machine, I'm ready and rearing to go on another information seeking adventure just as soon as I come across one! But, until that time comes to my ears....Those are the ruminations, (*God, I love that word!*), of this Old Codger for now....

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By Jennifer Kellen  
Staff Writer

# Smoking lounge removed?

Perhaps rumors of closing down the smoking room here at DMACC are just rumor, but maybe they shouldn't be. Everyday more and more public places are banning smoking. Iowa State, for example has recently passed a law on campus that will make smoking in most student buildings illegal. Personally, once being a smoker and now a non-smoker, I think that DMACC has a lot to gain by closing down all smoking facilities in our building.

To begin with, it has now been proven that second hand smoke is just as bad, if not worse, than first hand smoke. If I am breathing the smoke from someone's cigarette, it's the same as smoking it myself. Therefore, my choice to smoke is eliminated. Now you smokers may be thinking, "Well what about my right to smoke?" I'm not asking that your right be taken away completely, just when it is infringing upon the rights of others.

Secondly, with the increasing number of DMACC students and the need to remodel and add on to the building to accommodate these needs, an extra room to work with would benefit this campus greatly. Shutting down the smoking room would aid in having this extra room and saving money. Especially if you look at the fact that adding just six rooms and a computer lab onto this campus is going to run the school around \$900,000.

I know that smoking is a constitutional right of every American and I would never want to take away any of these rights to freedom that this country worked so hard to get, but what about my rights. It only takes about twenty minutes with a smoker to walk away smelling like I am a nicotine addict. The biggest right that is violated is my health. If someone wants to shorten their life and pollute their lungs with tobacco, that's their business, but I don't feel that simply coming to classes should be harmful to my health. School's bad enough as it is.



By Traci Vote  
Staff Writer

Every semester there are rumors about the smoking lounge being removed from campus. The Dean Kriss Philips verifies the fact that they are just rumors again this semester. He has no immediate plans of closing it down, but he is sure that it won't be here forever.

As a regular smoker who smokes a pack a day, the lounge is one of my best friends. I'm in there every chance I have to release the stress from the class I just left or to receive the strength for my upcoming class. I feel that the smoking lounge really doesn't affect the non-smokers to an extreme point.

The lounge is closed off from the main lounge. There are two doors to enter and exit. Those doors are not open long enough to cause cancer from second hand smoke. If you non-smokers think we're are killing you off, you're wrong.

If the lounge is closed down and used for classrooms, the true smokers won't stop. We'll all be outside of the doors to the main building sucking in the nicotine come rain or shine. So everytime you go in and out the doors, you'll be blown away by the pollution you are so afraid of.

Last but not least, nicotine is a drug, and one of the most addictive. When people are addicted to a drug, it takes a lot to make them quit. All the smokers will be going through withdrawal symptoms and our attitudes will change, and not for the better. You won't like us at all.

So, let's not get all upset quite yet. There is no need to punish people for smoking. Even a smoker knows that is a bad enough punishment in the long run.

## Letter to the editor

I have been listening to the local "BUZZ" for the last week or so. I'm hearing "BOO" on full time teachers taking part-time hours. Wake up and smell the coffee folks, that's why they're called part-time. As I understand the system, full time teachers need full time hours. Instead of

getting mad at the teacher who takes over, why not ask the policy makers why there aren't more full time staff? Maybe the environment for teaching and learning would be improved if the people doing the hiring would pay attention to the inconvenience to students as well as staff when last minute changes upset all concerned.

Jeri Knode  
DMACC student

## Editorial

Now calling anyone who has a big mouth, wants to be heard, likes seeing their name in print, or the shy, quiet type who wants to be heard and not seen. The Bear Facts wants you! If you're the

type who has a nose for news, you're artistic, a good salesperson, or someone interested in photography you may be

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Jennifer Kellen  
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## Big Week for Basketball

By Chad West  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team marked one up in the win column against Ellsworth Community College Saturday in a home game. There were seventeen fouls in the first half alone. The women survived the first half to take a 30-27 lead into the locker room. In the second half the game was tied up with 15:45 left to play. Both teams traded baskets, but with strong crowd support the Bears tried to pull away with 9:02 left to play. Dana Wernimont and Courtney Hansen put an end to the strong counter attack with a little offense of their own, draining a pair of three pointers on consecutive trips down the floor to give the Bears a 57-53 lead. With only 2:15 left in the game, Jennifer Kellen was fouled on her drive to the basket. She hit her first shot and missed the second, but Wernimont was there to snatch the rebound and put it in increasing the Bears lead 64-57. In the final minute Kellen hit two field goals that gave the women the 68-63 win. Kellen and Wernimont led the team in scoring with 23 and 20 points respectively.

The men didn't fare as well Saturday night as they suffered a disappointing loss at the hands of Ellsworth. The night didn't start out right for the Bears as three of the usual starters (Tony LaVallis, Pedro Ellis, and Dorian Trent) were temporarily ineligible and sat out the game. Dana Scott was also questionable for the game due to an ankle sprain suffered earlier in the week. Nevertheless, the show must go on and it did. Both teams

came out very slowly with the score being only 6-2 after six minutes. With a combination of good defense by both teams and the shots not falling, the score was only 18-9 Ellsworth with five minutes left in the half. The paced picked up in those last minutes and the Bears went into the locker room down 11 points 27-16. Things went sour for DMACC in the second half as there seemed to be a lid on the basket. Ellsworth, on the other hand, shot the lights out. Shawn Finister led the Bears with 20 points while Chad Settle chipped in 10. The final score of 71-51 was not indicative of the game. Dana Scott playing on his bum ankle best shows how much heart this team played with.

There was a lot of excitement Wednesday night as the basketball teams were in action once again this time facing Southwestern Community College. In the first game of the double-dip, the women chalked up another victory. In the first of the game the only real excitement was when the game clock broke and left dangling from the scoreboard. With the other clock still functioning, play was resumed. The first half was disappointing for the Bears as they looked somewhat lethargic and trailed by nine points at the intermission. But in the second half a whole different ball club showed up ready to play basketball. Early in the half the bears went on a 16-7 run that tied the game up at 41 with 14:37 left to play. They were able to claw their way to a 45-44 lead and it was downhill from there. They stretched their lead to 10 then 20 points.

Jennifer Kellen led the way in scoring once again with 33 points, an amazing total in itself, but she was also battling that nasty flu bug at the same time. Stacy Beal scored 20 points, Dana Wernimont poured in 14 to go along with her 12 steals, and Jeanette LaFoy the robo-rebounder had 16 rebounds along with her 10 points. With the bears excellent defense and hot shooting, they were able to coast to a 25 point victory 89-64. After the game Dana Wernimont summed up the win: "It was excellent to beat them so bad because last year they did this to us!"

In the second game the men took on a Southwestern team that is tied for the league lead and gave them a little more than a good game. The bears had upset all over their minds and two new faces on the bench: George Herz and Joshua Davis. The Bears played extremely well on the defensive end of the court and crashed the boards hard! Only

one word can describe their rebounding against the taller Southwestern: TENACIOUS! Even with all of the Bears good playing the rim was unkind and they went into the locker room down 31-25. The second half proved to be more

of the same, excellent defense and rebounding. Things became so heated on the court that one referee stopped play to calm down the players. At the 8:10 mark DMACC was down by only eight and fought to within five 2:54 left. Then on consecutive possessions Chad Ryan and Tim Biegger hit three point buckets pulling the team to within one with only a minute fifty-four left to play. Southwestern was able to run a lot of time off the clock though and Ryan's three pointer at the buzzer just wasn't enough so the Bears lost a heartbreaker 65-61.

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rooms, and a computer lab dedicated solely to student and faculty use, not for computer classes. The estimated cost for this expansion will run the school around \$900,000.

Although the plans for this expansion are still in the beginning stage, Philips feels that they will benefit the campus greatly.

"I feel that the addition of a computer lab will help DMACC stay ahead with the rapidly growing computer field," commented Philips. "And hopefully our new expansion will attract more students and faculty."

Since the committee for this expansion is just starting to manifest ideas, Philips encourages anyone with opinions or ideas to contact the Dean's office.

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