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# THE BEAR FACTS

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## Bloodmobile hits DMACC

By Jennifer Kellen  
Staff Writer

Although last week's bad weather seemed to delay a lot of plans and activities around the area, the Blood Center of Central Iowa still made it to DMACC for its semi-annual blood drive. The weather did delay the blood drive from Monday, February 22 until Friday, February 26 and was sponsored by DMACC's Student Action Board (SAB). One of the board members, Duanna Vinchattle, said that this drive was particularly important.

"The blood bank has been very low," Vinchattle said, "so this drive was very important. I feel that the turn out would have been better if it hadn't been for the rescheduling. But, if anyone out there missed the chance to give blood, the blood center will be back in Boone this spring. You will be able to catch them at Boone High School and at the Heartland Health Center."

Although the weather did delay the blood drive, the number of

people who donated blood was still very good. According to Vinchattle there were 45 people who signed up to give blood. Only 31 of these people could draw and 14 were deferred because of eligibility reasons. There were also 12 walk-ins and 4 first timers. To encourage students and faculty to give blood, the SAB held a contests between the clubs and athletic teams here at DMACC. The winners of this contest have not yet been tabulated, but they will receive a traveling plaque.

## Dear SIRS



Michelle Burke pulls up information on SIRS.

## Voigt--on the ball



Photo by Steve Scheideman

Diann Voigt, DMACC intern from Iowa State, helps Jodi Welder with career decisions.

You may have read about Cheryl Chopard, an Iowa State graduate student who is helping in the counseling office here at DMACC this semester, well, Cheryl isn't alone. Diann Voigt, a graduate student in higher education at Iowa State is also here this semester.

Diann, who graduated from Buena Vista College in business education, taught at the high school level for four years before deciding to go back to school.

"The high school which I was teaching was going to merge with another high

school," Diann said. "I knew that I always wanted to go to graduate school and when the merge happened, the timing seemed right."

The timing is right for DMACC as well. With the increasing enrollment, Diann's role is important. She is willing to help students with any academic and financial aid questions they have. Diann can be found on campus Mondays and Thursdays between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

"I have been a part of education for a long time and it's an area I really enjoy," said Diann. "I am here for students who need help with any academic choices or just to talk. It is really important that students know that I am here to listen and help."

Diann will be here at DMACC through the end of the semester and will graduate from Iowa State in August. With her degree she will be certified to

By Rose Zimmerle  
Staff Writer

Who is Orlando Furioso, and what is he doing on the DMACC campus? That question, and many others can be answered by simply going into the library, sitting down at the Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS) CD-ROM Information system and typing out a few key words.

*"Students love being able to get the information so quickly."*

Kathy Kirkegaard

The SIRS was installed earlier this year, to the joy of students and faculty alike. Kathy Kirkegaard, librarian, remarked, "Students love being able to get the information so quickly." Jill Smith-Foster, DMACC student said, "It's really cool. My whole COMP II paper was done on it."

### Information at your fingertips

The SIRS system puts thousands of newspaper and magazine articles and government documents

at a student's fingertips. These articles can be readily accessed by several methods, including by subject and "keyword search."

The system is updated twice a year with thousands of new articles. This means that as the database expands, SIRS CD-ROM will be even more valuable to students and faculty alike. Jim Bittner, head of the english department, stated, "The CD ROMs are so popular I can't use them any time I want because students are on them."

### Variety of sources

The SIRS database includes articles on a wide range of social issues, science and international affairs. Many of the sources are not readily available in other formats, such as *China Today* and *The Botswana Reporter*.

If you need any help with the SIRS, or have any questions, just talk to Jayne Smith in the library or call 432-7203 ext. 29.

(In case you were wondering, *Orlando Furioso* is a romantic epic, circa 1532, by Ludovico Ariosto.)

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# Editorial

## The Old Codger



"Pot"-Poury

Well, here we are fast approaching Spring Break. I don't know about the rest of you ambitious students, but, I am really looking forward to this parole! It's been a long, long winter what with a new President, all the rumors of tremendous construction to go on around the campus, the controversy about part-time teachers vs full-time teachers, and on and on. Whew, I can't remember when there's been so many distractions to studying since the last time I was horny!

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I have to say I'm a little disappointed in Muthe' Nature for dumping on me this time. I was looking forward to temps in the 45's or so when Break comes so I could unlimber my rod (and reel). Of course, two of the greatest past-times for us Iowans is listening to the grass grow in the summer and watching the snow melt in the winter so I guess I'll have my hands full looking out the window during SPRING (what a misnomer) BREAK!

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Boy, are they getting some interesting *letters to the editor* lately. I wish all of them could be printed but then I would have to

give up space for my column and since it's the only real way I have to keep my sanity, "Not a good idea." You may remember the one about the student who was (or is) carrying the world's heaviest load of credits and who did some arithmetic comparing what somebody said was the average hourly breakdown for attendance, studying and the like? Or the interestingly chiding letter which suggested that the paper carry more stories of interest to the students, and that the staff should "GET A LIFE."

Well, keep 'em coming folks. You may yet see something you wrote being talked about in the halls besides your first draft of the mid-term paper you're so proud of. I know for a fact the staff goes through the letters with a fine tooth comb, not to mention a dictionary, deciding which to print in the current issue of your paper. DON'T GIVE UP!

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Funny, but in the past two weeks or so I've had, and heard, conversations from several of our diligent, hard-studying female students who have kinda let their hair down. Girls, I confess I don't know how you do it! One or two kids at home, or the sitter's, while you're at school. Go home after school to fix supper, clean the

house, tend the kids, and prepare to go to the part-time job you hold. Leave work (which pays next to nothing) and go home to study for the next day's assignment until all hours of the morning. Then get up the next morning and start all over again! I guess the answer best expressing this suffering you do is, "*I want a better life than my mom had. And I want a better life for my kids than I had.*" **GO FOR IT!**

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Something caught my ear the other day, but due to the crowd of students passing from class to class I couldn't make out all of it. Some student was telling another student a joke that had to do with, "*A little old lady from Nantucket, who went to the beach with her bucket....*" I haven't heard that one for so long it brought tears to my eyes just remembering. Strange though, I can't recall how that one ends!? If someone can recall the ending I wish they would tell me. HEE, HEE, HEE.

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And by the way. Yes, I do keep my fishing poles wrapped for the winter so they will stay warm! **I suppose I would keep my tennis racquet wrapped too, if I knew how to golf!** Well, those are the ruminations, (God, I do love that word!), of this **OLD CODGER** for now. Remember, the word for the day is "**SPRING BREAK**"!!

## Lil' Codger

Older students: Built the block



it by the office, addressed to Lil' Codger. Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

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The other day I was having a conversation with Gramps, the Old Codger, and some other "non-traditional" students (uh-oh, another useless label) OK, some other "older" students about politics. Later it dawned on me that "we," the majority of students here, have a resource at our disposal that most of us have not thought about.

This resource is the knowledge and experience of the older students here. Most of them have not only been around the block more than once, but have built the block we

are just starting to go around.

For instance, if you have to write a paper on something that somehow relates to the past, instead of looking in the library for a book or an article, go ask one of the older students what they experienced or how they saw something.

I asked some of the older students how they would feel if a younger student came up to them and asked them about something that had happened and how they saw it? The general response was that they would be more than glad would ask. So if you want an excellent first-hand account of something, go ask one of the older students.

Every student pays for activity fees. Does every student get their money's worth? The Boone campus is proud to host all the sports programs for DMACC; however, only Boone campus students' activity fees are used to fund the programs. Since the ball teams represent all DMACC campuses, why aren't the costs of these activities divided among all the college campuses? This step could free up money for other functions, activities, or equipment that could benefit the Boone students who do not directly participate in sports.

The current activity fee is \$.95 per credit hour for up to 15 credit hours per student. These rates may be raised in the near future, according to George Silberhorn, SAB advisor. Are you getting your money's worth? If your answer is "no", do something about it. Ask questions, make suggestions, get involved; change is possible. The Boone campus SAB representatives are Brad Summy, Chad West, Stephanie Snyder, Duanna Vinchattle, Chad McDonald, and Gary Dose.

## To the editor... Peeves & Praise

For weeks now I've been saying that I was going to write in and suggest a column on "Pet Peeves." Well, by now I've come up with a couple more than my "original peeve."

This week's paper had one of my "bigger peeves" in it: The peeve of still seeing signs up--even today, after the article came out in the paper--The Bookstore Buyback--January 14th!--among others.

My #2 pet peeve is people who truly believe that they own the stairway. They walk up the middle or down the middle assuming that everyone should "move it or lose it!"

Another pet peeve is when people clean off their car windows, but do **not** clean off their tail lights and turn signals. This is not only a pet peeve, but it is extremely dangerous given the road conditions as of late. I would sure like to know which way they're turning, or if they are braking, before I take a ride in their trunk!

Well, that's it for this "peeve" session! Thanks for listening!

Dawn Hales  
DMACC student

Dear 1992-93 Women's Basketball Team:

I have just returned home from watching your final game of the regular '92-'93 season and would be remiss if I did not offer my congratulations to you all on your much improved play this year.

This, the final game for sophomores Jennifer Kellen and Dana Wernimont, was one that will be difficult for us regular fans to forget. Your tenacious play in a near upset of a fine women's team from NIACC, Mason City, was a joy to watch.

We will miss you Dana and Jen next year, and wish for you both the best of everything. As for those returning freshmen, we look forward to next season and hope that Coach Dick Criner will recruit some great prospects during the off-season so we may continue to be proud of our Lady Bears.

Your Loyal Fans

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# Cast set

By Traci Vote  
Staff Writer

The cast has been set for the Spring play "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Amy Hartman and Nicki Rusnak were cast as the leads (Lorelei and Dorothy, respectively). Lynn Reed plays Mrs. Van Osborne, and Sarah Byass plays Sylvia. Mrs. Van Austin is played by Michelle Burke, Margaret by Jennifer LaVille, Mrs. Spoffard by Belinda Karber, and Miss Chapman is played by Stephanie Snyder. Aunt Dolly and the chambermaid are played by Jill Ragee and Ann Vander Martin. The female extras are Cyndie Marske, Jennifer LaVille and Sarah Byass.

Tentatively, the roles of the men are: Henry played by Chris Gashe with Jeff Craigmile playing Sam. The Captain and the Hotel Manager are both portrayed by Marsh Gibbs. Dan O'Lena and Greg Hager are the Broussards. Dana Scott and Pedro Ellis are the male extras.

The play is set in the 1920s in Europe. Two girls plan a trip to Europe with "daddy," but he can't make it, so they go on their own, leaving the Travelers' Checks at home in New York City. The girls must have the means to support themselves, and therein lies the comedy.

The play dates have been rescheduled for April 22-24.



Photo by Steve Scheideman

## Free movies-- Cure for winter blahs

By Rose Zimmerle  
Staff writer

Do you have the winter blahs? There is nothing to do 'cause its too cold out. There is nothing on television 'cause its all reruns. So you sit at home, listening to your parents/kids/friends complain about the way you breath. Why not get out and go to a movie? Its fun, relaxing, and free!

HUMN 133 is showing detective movies in the DMACC auditorium, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night. You don't have to be taking the class to drop in and enjoy some great detective flicks!

Come March 10 and try to guess who has been killing all the single guys in *Sea of Love* (1989), starring Al Pacino and Ellen Barkin. This is a real thriller, so bring someone to grab onto.

The next offering, March 17, is *Harper* (1966), with Paul Newman

as the title character, in this Ross MacDonald suspense film.

For an old-fashioned evening, a really old-fashioned evening, on March 31, try *Name of the Rose* (1986). Sean Connery stars as a canonical detective striving to solve a series of murders taking place in a monastery in the Middle Ages.

Harrison Ford shows up April 7 as Decker, in the riveting sci-fi thriller *Blade Runner* (1982). There is action, romance and plenty of suspense, so don't miss this one.

The last of the detective films, April 14, for your approval is Clint Eastwood's *Tightrope* (1984) Considered by some to be the best of Eastwood's films, this is a thriller on many levels, including the very real possibility that the hero could be the killer!

So don't sit at home countin' flowers on the wall...come to the movies! Popcorn optional.

# Tattooing: A new trend



Photo by Staci Hendricks

Jennifer Kellen settles in as Gypsy, a tattoo artist from Lasting Impressions in Ames, prepares to create a tattoo.

By Traci Vote  
Staff Writer

Tattoos are becoming one of the biggest art trends for America's young adults. More and more young adults are opening their minds to the art of body work and having their skin punctured and inserting indelible colors for a permanent decoration on their arm, chest, back, legs, and other secret parts of the body.

I have personally always wanted to get a tattoo, but was afraid of the pain. I'm scared of needles, let alone the sound you hear when that long haired, tattooed stereotyped artist is coloring your body with needles

on the desired part of your body. When I was young, I thought tattoos were disgusting, and I was scared of anyone that had one. Now, I like them and the people that have them.

Lately, a lot of my friends have ventured into a tattoo salon and gotten the nerve to get one. I caught up with one of them who had just gotten one a couple of weeks ago at Lasting Impressions in Ames by an artist named Gypsy. "It was painful, but it wasn't as bad as I thought. I figured I'd be crying, but it was endurable," states Jennifer Kellen.

While Jen was in the process of getting her tattoo, there was a lady waiting her turn to get a

tattoo. She wasn't nervous at all due to the fact that she had an appointment with Gypsy three times a week to get her tattoos colored in. "The whole right side of her body was covered with tattoos. She just ripped off her clothes, showing us all of her tattoos," explains Kellen.

When going to get a tattoo, you can either have your own design made up when entering

the salon or you can pick one of the thousands of designs the artist has in his or her shop. A tattoo usually takes anywhere from one hour to four hours and can cost anywhere in the range of twenty dollars to three hundred dollars.

# Challenge tests given in AAC

By Brad Gutz  
Staff Writer

Attention DMACC students! Did you know that Challenge Testing is available to all DMACC students? Yes, that's right, you can test out of a class.

Students interested in Challenge Testing should note these guidelines.

Challenge credit will be granted only to students who are admitted to DMACC and who are in a program of study leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

Challenge test forms can be obtained from Jenny Silberhorn in the Academic Achievement Center.

Students enrolled and attending a class in which a Challenge test is available may request to Challenge test that course at no additional charge. The test must be completed prior to the designated drop date. If a student successfully passes the test, he or she will be given credit, but will receive no refund. *IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A STUDENT CONTINUE ATTENDING THE CLASS UNTIL THEY RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CHALLENGE TEST.*

A student may request to Challenge test prior to enrollment in a class. A non-refundable fee, equal to one-half the tuition for the

course, will be charged. If successful, the student will be given credit for the class. If unsuccessful, this fee can not be applied to tuition charges for subsequent enrollment in this course.

Challenge test credit cannot be used as a course retake.

A student cannot Challenge a course that is a prerequisite to a course that has been successfully completed.

A student may take a specific Challenge test only once.

Credit earned by Challenge testing is entered on a student's permanent record only when that student has earned 12 credit hours

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Three travel to ISU for intramural contest

By Chad West  
Staff Writer

Three members of the Boone Campus traveled to Iowa State to represent the campus in the Schick Super Hoops 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Corey Koskie, Chad West, and Curtis Falls were the participants. These athletes won (by default)

in the Boone Campus 3 on 3 tournament last December. Even though the games were lost, Curtis Falls won a free pair of shoes when his name was drawn.

If you are interested in intramural activities check the intramural bulletin board right next to the entrance of the Student Center.

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teach at a junior college level and also be a academic counselor.

"I really want to stay at the junior college or private college level. I've really enjoyed my time here at DMACC, it's very personable," Diann siad. "I just want to make sure all students know I am here and more than willing to help."

## TESTS...from page 3

at DMACC. The grade earned is a "T" and is not included when computing grade point average(G.P.A.).

This may all sound great. But a student can't just walk into the achievement center and take the test. The student must sit down and talk with Mrs. Silberhorn to get a full understanding of the test, and fill out paperwork that must be signed by the instructor of the course, the head of that department and Mrs. Silberhorn.

Just a reminder that this is *not* a CLEP test but is somewhat similar.

Students must get everything approved and taken care of before setting a test date. Before the test is taken, the student may prepare by studying from the text book for that course.

## What's your opinion?

The *Bear Facts* will be starting a weekly Point/Counterpoint section. We want **your** opinion on contemporary issues that affect us as students, and as members of society.

Essays should be approximately 250 words in length and be on one side of the issue or the other.

You may hand over your article to any staffer, or place it in the *Bear Facts* postal box in the office.

We reserve the right to edit for length.

The topic for the next Point/Counterpoint will be: **Should Iowa reinstate the death penalty?**

"What Do I Want To Be?"

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ISU Graduate Student

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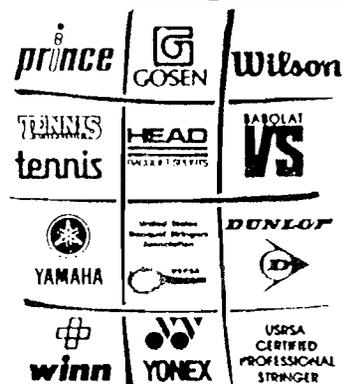
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