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Attorney General Campbell discusses rape

By Jennifer Kellen
Staff Writer

How can men and women avoid rape situations? Attorney General, Bonnie Campbell addressed this issue on the Boone DMACC campus last Thursday, April 8. Campbell centered her topic on rape prevention and attitudes on college and university campuses around the country. Although Campbell did acknowledge that 1 of 15 men are raped each year, she focused on women as rape victims.

"Campus rape is the most violent crime committed on campuses in America," Campbell said. "It's important for all of you to know that students are the most vulnerable groups to be victims of rape."

Campbell also talked of the myths that surround rape. She emphasized that rape is not always

committed by crazed strangers. Statistics show that 8 of 10 rapes that occur are acquaintance rapes. Also, many people believe that forcing sex is not considered rape, especially if sex has happened before in the relationship. According to Campbell, the reality is that any forced sexual intercourse is rape and rape is a felony.

"Rape is a serious crime....Iowa has serious penalties for rapists," Campbell remarked. "If convicted of rape, the violator may be sentenced to 10 years to life without parole."

Another serious problem that Campbell discussed was that of forced sexual intercourse when drinking is involved. Campbell made it clear that being drunk is no excuse for violence.

"Being drunk makes it very difficult for a woman to communicate her limitations clearly which makes it hard for a man to understand what her boundaries are.

Drinking also makes it hard to determine when you are at risk," Campbell stated.

Also speaking for the forum was Lori Shipper, who works for the Rape Crisis Center in Ames. The center offers a variety of services such as public education, rape counseling, incest counseling, individual and family counseling. Shipper focused on what happens when a woman calls the crisis line or comes in for help.

"First, we offer the victim all of the options that are open to her; such as a medical examination, notifying the police, or whoever she wants to tell," Shipper said. "We also work on a plan of safety for the victim. We help her decide what she will do in order to feel safe when she leaves her home."

Campbell and Shipper stressed to all who attended their forum that the most important factor in preventing rape is education and attitudes about the crime. According



Bonnie Campbell, Iowa Attorney General, speaks at DMACC.

to Campbell, these things can only happen when communication occurs.

"Silence is one reason why abuse happens," Campbell concluded.

DMACC student heads for the big time



Jill Ragee talks with Fox TV about her summer nannying job.

By Marsh Gibbs
Staff Writer

While most of us are here in Iowa will be going to our boring summer jobs, Jill Ragee, DMACC student, will be working as a nanny for a prominent and wealthy family in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Ragee got the job by calling Nannies Plus, a placement agency. After a screening process and elimination, she was flown out to meet the family in Connecticut for a final interview. Ragee was hired for one year. The family she will be working for has three children, two boys, Thomas and Peter, and a girl, Lindsay. Ragee remarked, "All of the kids are wonderful and beautiful children."

The father is Executive Vice President of NBC Sports; and the mother, a retired model, owns and operates a business called

Family Extensions, Incorporated.

Because the children will be in school from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. everyday, Ragee will also be able to attend college, which the family will partially pay for. Some other additional benefits that she will receive are: four weeks of paid vacation, her own 1992 Isuzu convertible with a cellular phone, her own phone line, and a separate wing on the first floor of the family's home.

One other great opportunity about the job Ragee says is "We will be travelling to many different countries and various places in the United States throughout my one year stay. I will be flying with the family on May 15 for an NBC Sports trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. While there, I'll attend a taping of Star Search. They are also flying me home for Christmas for a few days, and then I have to fly out of Des Moines on Christmas day to Houston to meet them for

another vacation. They took their last nanny for six weeks to Barcelona, Spain for the Olympics last summer. I will get to go to the Olympics in Norway next year, if I choose to stay with them longer."

As if she is not lucky enough, Fox Television is putting together a special about nannies, in which Ragee will be featured. When Jill flew out to Connecticut for the final interview, Fox was at the airport and filmed her getting off the plane. The next day they came to the family home and interviewed her extensively. They filmed various segments of the children and Jill doing different activities, like playing basketball in the game room, eating breakfast, and going outside to throw snowballs into the lake. The program will be aired out East April 26, 1993. If the ratings are high enough, it will be re-aired nationwide later in the spring/summer season.



The Old Codger

Ruminating about the end of the semester

Well, we're around the far turn and coming into the stretch now (as they used to say at Prairie Meadows!). Here it is the middle of April with May 7 just around the corner. May 7, that has a wonderful ring to it, doesn't it? Some of us will be graduating, some of us will be getting ready for those summer classes, some of us will be starting new jobs, some of us will be setting out for different parts of the country, and some of us will be wishing we were doing at least one of the above! I've got my summer planned to a "T." The first day on vacation, I'll sleep in until maybe elevenish. I'll leisurely get out of bed and wander into the kitchen for a slow, enjoyable brunch. Next I'll check to see if the worms I caught the night before lived in the refrigerator; then get dressed, load the car and take off for the nearest stream, lake or river to give those lucky worms a bath on the end of a bright, shiny hook. The second day will be somewhat like the first; the third similar to the second and so on until either my yard runs out of worms or the streams, lakes and rivers run out of fish! COME ON MAY 7!

YO...LISTEN UP! Stop by the Academic Achievement Center as soon as you can. There's a new program on the computers down there that is really interesting called "P-L-A-T-O." (That's Plato and not Pluto!) "PLATO" will help any student with just about any class offered by DMACC, Boone. Jinny Silberhorn was nice enough to show the Comp II class what Plato is and how it works. She invited us to tell our friends and classmates to come in, and she would be glad to show them how to work the program to its best advantage. Just tell Jinny the OLD CODGER sent you.

The halls have really been buzzing for the past two weeks with exciting comments about the JOB FAIR! The people who participated in setting it up and the prospective employers who came

up to pass out info. and talk to the students performed an outstanding service for DMACC, Boone! I have talked to a dozen or so students who have actually had interviews or been set up for a future time from their contacts. **BRAVO AND CONGRATS TO ALL THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES WHO WORKED SO HARD TO SET THIS THING UP AND MAKE IT SUCH A SUCCESS!** And a very special "THANK YOU" to all those prospective employers who took their time to come all the way up here, in that horrible weather, to sit almost all day and talk so encouragingly and informatively to us students, **IT IS APPRECIATED!**

I was asked the other day who I thought my audience was. Who did I think read my column? Who was I writing to? The answer is simple. I write to, and for, that person who picks up a copy of the Bear Facts. I try to write interestingly, informatively and humorously--for entertainment purposes only. Nothing I put in this column should ever be construed to have any other purpose or it would appear as an editorial, letter to the editor, or a signed article under my own name and not under a pseudo-name. My word choice is never meant to offend or impugn, but simply to create the sound of cracking lips as a smile spreads across the reader's face!

Well, those are the ruminations of this Old Codger for now, guys and gals. That reminds me, I have to look around for a soap stone so I can sharpen my fish hooks. Anybody out there know what a soap stone is or where a guy might lay his hands on one? Remember the words of that song... "Oh, I ain't got a barrel of money... Maybe I'm ragged and funny... But, I'll amble along, singing a song, class to class."

Do smokers have any rights?

By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

It's the middle of the afternoon and you've just sat through a marathon lecture. You want nothing more than to relax, have a cigarette, and discuss with fellow students what your instructor has been expounding on for the last 50 minutes. For a few minutes the various ideas and interpretations flow back and forth. Then one student stands, says, "I can't stand the smoke any longer," and leaves the room.

This happens all too often. Many stimulating, exciting conversations have come to an abrupt halt due to the poor ventilation in the smokers' lounge. And it's not just nonsmokers who have complained of burning noses and eyes. Dedicated smokers have complained often and vigorously about the malfunctioning ventilation system. The haze that seems to be a permanent condition of the lounge never leaves. The ventilation system that was intended to keep the lounge free of smoke is either undeniably small or in poor working condition.

Much has been stated about the rights of the nonsmoker. They don't want to breathe in second-hand smoke--neither do I. A properly functioning, and reasonably efficient exhaust system will alleviate this problem competently.

The vast majority of smokers are not insufferable bores who delight in approaching nonsmokers to exhale in their faces. Most smokers are considerate, and only ask for a little consideration in return.

By modernizing the system, you would reduce the smell of smoke, that through a defect in the design of the present system, makes its way to the lab rooms above the smokers' lounge. The smokers have tried to be as considerate as possible of their fellow students by opening the small windows, even during frigid weather. This tactic, while it alleviates the problem to a small degree, generally proves to be wholly inadequate since there is not enough circulation to "pull" the smoke outside.

Nonsmokers will say the smell is disgusting. Is it any more disgusting than seeing remnants of a meal left on a table, or pop spilt on the floor in the student center? Is it any more disgusting than seeing and hearing someone spit chewing

tobacco into a cup, or drinking fountain, or on the sidewalk just outside the door?

By updating the system, you have also provided the smokers of DMACC with a comfortable, healthier place in which to relax. Nonsmokers are able to "put their feet up" in the library, the Bear Pit, the student center, and the T.V. room. Is it unreasonable we smokers request one small room where we can unwind? And to a smoker, unwinding means having a cigarette.

It may seem illogical for a smoker to call forth the concern of second-hand smoke; but it is a fact that many consider it hazardous to health. By not updating the system, nonsmokers, who by their own design, come into the smokers' lounge to study with classmates, are at risk due to the antiquated ventilation system.

When the system was installed several years ago, there were fewer non-traditional students (non-trads) attending DMACC. Now the average age of a student is 31. As the number of non-trads increased, so did the problem in the smokers' lounge.

The obvious solution to the problem of poor ventilation is to either install a larger unit that will be able to exhaust the increased amount of smoke, or insure that the present system is proper working order. The vent filters in the ceiling of the lounge are seldom cleaned, or replaced. If the vent fan outside the south west corner of the lounge is intended to exhaust the smoke, it is inadequate. The cost to rejuvenate the ventilation system would be nominal, compared with other expenses attached to the operation of the Boone campus.

The rationalization that a larger ventilation system would "throw off the circulation in the rest of the building" is unreasonable. The appropriately sized exhaust system would not affect the bulk of the building because doors keep the lounge area virtually sealed off from the remainder of the structure.

While alternate solutions, such as eliminating the lounge all together, or leaving it "as is," may be considered, I feel they are not viable. By removing the lounge, you have disregarded the wishes of a large number of students. Smokers pay tuition just like every other student. Smokers pay activity fees, although most smokers are non-trads and are too involved in raising families, working at jobs, and pouring over their books to take part in most activities--which are generally geared to the traditional students. Removal of the lounge would also require smokers to go outside for a cigarette; and many do during pleasant weather. But without some sort of shelter, the smoker who stands outside during an Iowa snowstorm or thunderstorm is a brave soul indeed.

Another solution would be to leave the lounge area as is. This "ignore it and it will go away" approach costs nothing--except the goodwill of the students who are affected by the lack of proper ventilation in the smokers' lounge.

When the pros and cons are weighed against each other, there can be only one sensible, sensitive choice. An improved, properly functioning ventilation system will not only provide a healthier atmosphere, but a more grateful student body.

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Finals Schedule Spring 1993

Monday, May 3, 1993 (Mon/Wed/Fri, or more, classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:00--8:55 a.m.	8:00--10:15 a.m.
10:10--11:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m.--12:45 p.m.
12:20--1:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m.--3:15 p.m.
2:30--3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m.--5:45 p.m.
4:40--5:35 p.m.	3:30 p.m.--5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 1993 (Tuesday/Thursday classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:30--7:55 a.m.	6:30--8:45 a.m.
9:40--11:05 a.m.	9:00--11:15 a.m.
12:50--2:15 p.m.	11:30 a.m.--1:45 p.m.
4:00--5:25 p.m.	2:00--4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1993 (Mon/Wed/Fri, or more, classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
6:55--7:50 a.m.	7:00--9:15 a.m.
9:05--10:00 a.m.	9:30--11:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m.--12:10 p.m.	12:00--2:15 p.m.
1:25--2:20 p.m.	2:30--4:45 p.m.
3:35--4:30 p.m.	3:30--5:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1993 (Tue/Thurs classes)

Class Time	Exam Time
8:05--9:30 a.m.	8:00--10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.--12:40 p.m.	10:30 a.m.--12:45 p.m.
2:25--3:50 p.m.	1:00--3:15 p.m.

Evening and Saturday classes will have finals the day and time of the final regular class meeting.



Aukeny French teacher Maura Nelson speaks during the Boone Campus International Dinner held on March 31. At the dinner, which was sponsored by Boone Rotary, Nelson spoke of her Spring Break trip to France.

Student speaks out: We need lockers at Boone Campus

On an average day I carry 15 pounds of books, papers and the odds and ends needed for my DMACC classes. This may not seem like much, but I only have two classes, twice a week, that require this weight-lifting stamina. The above mentioned poundage doesn't include a winter coat, hat, gloves, an umbrella, or the lunch that many students bring on a typical Iowa winter or spring day.

Where do we put all our stuff? On the floor under our desks, halfway into the aisles, hanging on our chairs, on the empty desk next to ours, if the class isn't full, or any place we can find to drop it. The floors are now a hazard for anyone needing to get through the

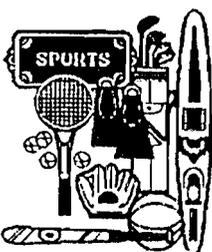
aisles. The classrooms are only big enough for the desks and a one-person-at-a-time aisle. If there happened to be a fire, or just a fire drill, it would take twice as long to escape the rooms because of the obstacle course of books, bags, coats and umbrellas.

One solution for the load of things we have to carry would be to have a small luggage rack on wheels. Each student could bring his/her own. The problem with that is parking them during class. The room is already full of desks and students, and the luggage racks would become one more obstacle in our way. The other problem with luggage racks is how to get

them downstairs. Do we all take the one elevator?

I feel the best possible solution to this dilemma would be to provide lockers for the students. The lockers wouldn't have to be the full-length lockers we had in high school, just big enough to hold a few books and a coat. Most of the hallways are wide enough to be able to accommodate one side for lockers. There is also a little-used hallway opposite the library that could be used if the main halls had to be kept clear.

To decide if there is a real need, the school could post a sign-up sheet for those who would be interested in using a locker. If the outcome of the sign-up sheet seemed favorable for purchasing lockers, the next step would be the financing. To buy small lockers that require a coin deposit of twenty-five cents per use, the cost is approximately \$6,000 for 150 lockers. That makes each locker around \$40. To reimburse the school for the initial cost, each locker would have to be rented 160 times, at the twenty-five cent rate. With the school year having approximately 200 days, not counting summer. The school would get back that investment the first year.



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Rodeo Rider at DMACC...and that ain't no bull!

By Rose Zimmerle
Staff Writer

If you asked Mike Walker, DMACC student, how he defines "fun," you may be surprised by the answer. For the past five years, Mike has ridden bareback and bulls in various rodeos around the country; and he plans to enter saddle broncs this year.

This unusual past-time started for Mike at a young age. "When I was three years old, my uncle put me on a billy goat, and ever since then...once you feel that buckin' underneath you--you want to do it all the time." And he does want to do it all the time--from the start of the season on April 1, until the Finals September 23. When asked, "Why?" he replied, "I just do it for myself. It's a real adrenalin rush. I qualified for the Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association (IRCA) last year, and my goal is to go to the National Finals in '98."

Due to his adventurous hobby, Mike has been no stranger to pain. A few weeks ago, his wrist was in a brace because, "an eight second ride turned into a twenty second ride" when his hand got caught up in the strap during a bull ride. Other injuries he has sustained are: fractured ribs, a punctured lung, many, many sprained wrists, knee

injuries, and all the muscles pulled from around the left kidney. Even with all he has sustained, Mike hasn't missed a day of school because of injuries.

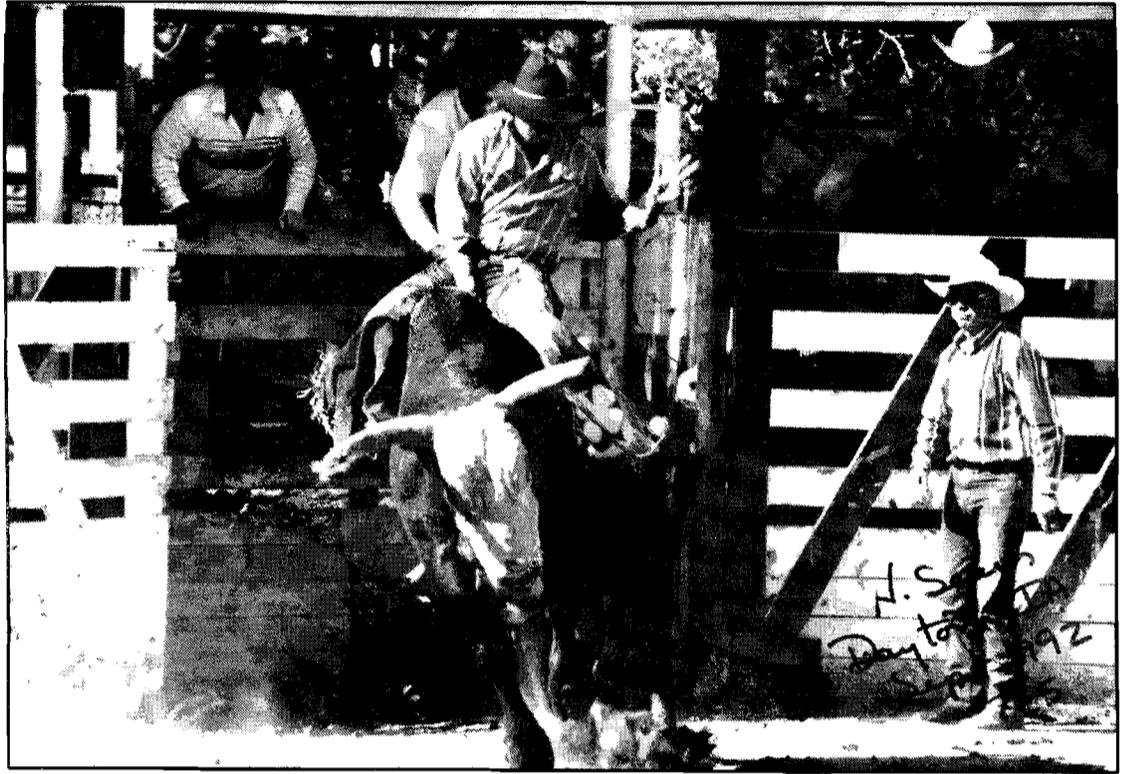
With so much talk of animal rights, Mike was asked about the treatment of animals used in the rodeos. "The odds of an animal getting injured are 100 to 1. The bulls are the biggest babies that you've ever seen in your lives. It's funny that they are so mistreated you can walk up to them and pet them." The bull's horns are "tipped" (where a small section of the tip of the horn is removed) as much for the bull's protection, as for the rider's. A rider is much more likely to be hurt, especially if not for the rodeo clowns. "When it comes to rodeo clowns," Mike said, "they're the next step down from God, to us."

A rider "chooses" his bull by the luck of the draw. Before the rodeo, the riders names are put into one hat, and the names of the bulls are in another. Each rider picks a name, and that bull is the one he rides in that rodeo. This is done, Mike explained, so "the animals don't get burned out to the person and the person don't get burned out to the bull."

Mike not only rides, he is coaching others in the fine art of the rodeo. His first question to anyone who wants to learn rodeo, is, "Are you doing it for yourself, or are you doing it because you

were challenged?" This year, he has three "students," two men and one woman. Women are mainly barrel-racers, but there are some who ride bulls and bareback. "There is a Professional Woman's Rodeo Association where they participate in all of them. Right now, as far as I know, in the IRC there are only three, and they're all three bull riders. And they make us guys look sick!"

He hopes to ride in Mesquite, Texas someday, soon, since it is one of the better known rodeos.



Mike Walker, Boone DMACC student, on board "Cactus" at the 1992 Dayton Rodeo. Mike is attending DMACC to get his degree in Ag Business and Auto Mechanics.

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