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Political Forum Held

Len Taylor (standing, far right) introduces the panel and speakers during the Democratic/Republican forum in the Auditorium (Ankeny) on October 19. Seated (from left to right) are: Mike Trimontina, state director of the Dukakis/Bentsen Campaign; Bruce Mann, English Instructor; Lyle Maynard, Instructor/Chairperson Developmental Disabilities Education; Jackie Folks and Cecil Johnson; and David Orma, co-chair of the state Republican party.

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Mike Dukakis Wins Support at DMACC

By Mike Engelbrecht, Co-Editor
Sam Miller, Editorial Columnist

The national polls may be giving George Bush the lead in the race for President, but on the DMACC Ankeny campus it's a different story. In a poll taken between October 4 through 7, Mike Dukakis came out on top nearly two to one. His most powerful support came from women who favored him by a three to one margin over Bush.

Of a survey distributed to over 570 students on campus, 50% polled say they will be voting for Dukakis while only 29% say they will vote for Bush. Nine percent are yet undecided or plan to vote for somebody else, and 12% say they do not plan to vote.

The key to Dukakis coming out on top in the poll is the support he is getting from women voters. Among men, the candidates scored dead even with Bush getting 40% of the male vote, and Dukakis getting 39%. But among women, Dukakis scored an incredibly high 59%, while Bush received a relatively low 21%.

To get an insight as to the significance of the gender gap, The Chronicle spoke to DMACC Political Science instructor Tom Beck. According to Beck, "Women tend to break with men on several key issues such as poverty, the environment, and use of force." Beck feels that women as a whole

have been more hurt by policies of the Reagan administration and consequently find it hard to identify with Bush. "The feminization of poverty has really been felt in Iowa, and several women affected are students at DMACC. In comparison, men haven't been as hurt by Reaganomics, and still identify with the 'macho' image Bush has been trying to put forth," says Beck.

While in our poll here at DMACC women were overwhelmingly in favor of Dukakis that is no longer the case nation wide. In national polls Bush has diminished the gender gap quite significantly in the past several weeks. In

a Washington Post-ABC News Poll, Dukakis still had a slight 48 to 47 percent lead over Bush with women this being a swift turnaround from June polls where Dukakis had a 24 percent lead among women.

This turnaround is attributed to well-received pronouncements of Bush on child care, education, and parental leave — all issues which are very important to women. Bush is turning away from a very male-oriented campaign to address issues concerning women. Instead of emphasizing his military record and CIA service, Bush is focusing in on the family, by airing soft-focus ads featuring himself playing with his

grandchildren. Bush has recognized the dramatic affect women will have on the election with an expected 10 million more women voting than men.

Overall Bush has opened a decisive lead over Dukakis with some polls showing a lead as high as 17 points in favor of Bush. This again can be attributed largely to the changing attitudes of women as well as Bush's recent success during the presidential debates.



Question on the Corner

By Charley Shamp
Staff Writer

What qualities or traits do you think presidential candidates should possess?

"Presidential candidates should have a broad educational background in politics and public service. They should have the ability to handle the press with finesse."

Howard Peters
Health Care Administration
male/age: 42

"The qualities presidential candidates should possess include the ability to know America's history and to be assertive in decisions affecting the country..."

Jodi Hakebus
Dental Program
female/age: 18

"Presidential candidates should be willing to listen to people's wants and needs. They should not make promises they can't keep."

Rod Thompson
Automotive
male/age: 19

Get Out There and Vote!

Angela Brown
Staff Writer

The coming election is a time for change, but only the American people can make this change. I'd like to encourage everyone to vote because YOUR VOTE does matter. I have been to our nation's capital and have visited with a great many elected officials in the Senate as well as the House. I am familiar with the ways in which their work is conducted and have had many experiences with persons in governmental posts. I've come to know EVERY VOTE counts.

Sadly enough, I've also learned that the people who complain because their candidate didn't win the election are also the same people who didn't vote. Please, if you want a change in your government, there is no better way to get involved in your government. NOW is the time! See you at the polls.

DMACC Spotlight: Meet Monte Ballard

By Mark Schneberger
Staff Writer

Monte Ballard is not a new face here, but he is one of the most familiar faces in Building 3 on the Ankeny campus.

Although Ballard has been teaching computer graphics, commercial art and printing for the past four years, he has been associated with DMACC for much longer. He graduated from DMACC in 1974, with a diploma in Commercial Art.

One day in 1984, Ballard returned to campus as a visitor. He didn't leave as one, though. He stayed on to become a new staff member. Initially, he was to teach class two days a week. In the fall of 1985, Ballard was offered a contract for a full time teaching position. Obviously, he accepted. He currently instructs five large classes with a minimum of 25 students per

class and manages the printing program.

"There are only two rules for my classes to follow," Ballard says. "Number one, there are no stupid questions. And, two, no student can make fun of another." The students in Monte's classes work hard, "but the atmosphere is easy-going," says Ballard.

"My focus is to have a one-to-one atmosphere with each student," Ballard continued. "I meet students at their level and bring them up to mine."

Ballard plans to continue his career in the teaching profession. "I love teaching my students; I plan to stick around."

Married 12 years, Ballard and his wife, Carol, are the proud parents of a four-year-old son, Jonathan. "He's an

artist, too," says Ballard. When he's not at the drawing board or the computer keyboard, Monte enjoys fishing, camping, and relaxing with his family.

If you have an interest in commercial art or the rapidly expanding field of computer graphics, look Monte Ballard up.

photo right:

On Call in the Hall

Monte Ballard, with his ever-present cordless remote telephone, keeps in contact with the pulse of activity throughout Building 3.



photo credit: Leslie Chazhely

DMACC DATES

Tool & Die Program Success Story

Since last spring, the Tool and Die program at DMACC has received over \$3000 in computer software due to the outstanding skills of one student, Dennis Dunkin, who just graduated from the two year Tool and Die Program in August, took first place in the state level competition of the United States Skill Olympics (USSO) held here at DMACC last April.

Dunkin competed in the computer-aided design and drafting contest. This portion of the USSO is designed to test the creative design and technical drafting skills as they apply to mechanical design and drafting. After placing first in the state level of USSO, Dunkin went on to compete at the nationals in Wichita, Kansas. The USSO is an annual contest sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

Chemical Dependency Awareness Day

The 1988 Chemical Dependency Awareness Day, sponsored by the Student Activities Board, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, in the Building 6 auditorium.

Human Services students will present a series of lectures dealing with the many aspects of drug dependency. The program will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12:10 p.m. These presentations will be conducted by representatives from various rehabilitation centers including: The Mercy Alcohol & Drug Recovery Program, Mercy Psychological Services, the Women's Recovery Center, and Powell III.

Topics will include: "Chemical Dependency, Adult Children" and "Co-Dependency: What Is It?" Displays related to this presentation will be set up in Buildings 5 and 6. Everyone is welcome. For more information about the Chemical Dependency Awareness Day, contact Roslea Johnson or the SAB.

OEA To Feature Dynamic Speaker

URBAN — The dynamic Toni Lazar will be the guest speaker of the Office Education Association (OEA) at the Urban Campus on Tuesday, November 1. Lazar is owner and president of the Pure Dry Ice and CO2 Company. All students and faculty are invited.

Pizza Feed For Evening Students

The SAB is planning an evening pizza feed in the foyer of Building 5 on Wednesday, November 9. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Instructor Runs For Polk County Auditor

Larry J. Anderson, accounting instructor at DMACC, recently announced his candidacy for Polk County Auditor on the Republican ticket in the November General Election.

Anderson, who is a resident of Urbandale and a Vietnam Veteran, has taught financial accounting, economics, and taxes for the past seven years at DMACC. Prior to that, he served as Corporate Financial Planning Director for Wright Tree Service in West Des Moines, where he was responsible for financial statements, cost reports and budgets, and corporate reports for 35 states.

His career experience includes a wide range of management activities at the Mutual of Omaha Agency office in Des Moines and the Chemplex Company Corporate Headquarters, Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Bringing with him a wealth of professional educational background, Anderson possesses an Associate of Arts Degree from Fort Dodge Community College and both a BS in Business Administration and an MBA Degree from Drake University. He achieved his Certificate in Management Accounting in 1984, and is enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

Active in business and professional organizations, Anderson is the Director of Educational Projects in the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Successful Pizza Sales for the Mock Trial Club

Recently the Mock Trial Club sold pizzas to raise money for the club's activities. The money from this year's pizza sales will go towards the entry fee for the National Mock Trial Club Competition sponsored by Drake University.

The Club is just a year old, but DMACC students have participated in the National Competition for the past two years, and have taken second and third places.

The Mock Trial Club is made up of students from both the Ankeny and Urban campuses. For the competition, the students are given a realistic case and are to present the prosecutor's and the defendant's perspectives. DMACC usually takes two teams made up of three lawyers and three witnesses. If you would like more information on the Mock Trial Club contact Faith O'Reilly at the Urban Campus phone: 248-7242.

Intramural Sports — Participate!

By Erwin Martin
Staff Writer

Everybody at one time or another is concerned about their health for different reasons, but very few people take time to exercise. Exercise is important and is for everyone. There are dozens of activities that ensure people of getting enough exercise. Students at DMACC are encouraged to participate in intramurals. Some people may ask, just what does "intramurals" mean? Intramurals are organized games and events for people who like to test their skills in competition. The Recreation Department has something to offer everyone, with over 38 activities and sports. Wellness classes are also available to everyone and feature: Exerdance, lunch-time milers club, T-N-T (tone and tune), weight training, fat burner, and conditioning aerobics. The department also offers lockers for rent and equipment that can be checked out. Equipment ranges

from everything like volleyball net sets, golf sets, and snow skis, to sailboats, tents, and table games. There is something for everyone.

Ward Prine, the Assistant Director of the Recreation/Wellness Department says the success of participation this year is great so far and hopes that participation increases. Prine, who holds a masters degree from Drake University in Public Administration, has several ideas for offering more to students here at DMACC. One idea is to have a television network program that would air on cable to cover some games and their highlights and to inform more people about the Recreation/Wellness Department at DMACC and what it has to offer. Prine has accomplished something similar to this at Drake University and it is a big success.

One side that people don't

see about intramurals is that they are there for them, and they offer more than just exercise. Intramurals also benefit them through satisfaction, the pride developed from the success of their performance, the new friends made, and the joy of just feeling better.

The month of October offers activities like the following: video tourney, chess tourney, foosball tourney, golf outing, volleyball, basketball, and a pumpkin bash. All of this is offered in just this month alone, and there will be plenty more in the upcoming months for students to enjoy. As Prine says, "Participate in your intramurals!"

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Jumpin' —
Students practice jumps and shots for the beginning of the intramural basketball season.

Drama Club to Sail Noah's Ark on November 4-5

"Behind the Scenes..."

By David Champion
Staff Writer

The play "Two by Two" is being presented by the Drama Department this fall. The production is scheduled to be performed on Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5, in the auditorium (Building 6). Tickets will be available for \$3. Watch the Chronicle for further details.

Director Judy Hamilton says this play is a light-hearted account of the Noah's Ark story. The story portrays Noah's domestic difficulties as he tries to contend with his three sons and their wives. His enterprising eldest son has a plan to save all of the manure on the ark and sell it to his family when the flood is over. The middle son lusts for a pagan floozy brought on board for the youngest son, but the youngest son is busy wrestling with moral dilemmas. He questions God's actions in destroying both the good and the bad together in the flood. The play is based on "The Flowering Peach" by Clifford Odets. Music is by Richard Rogers with lyrics by Martin Charnin and the book by Peter Stone.

Auditions for the play were held in mid-September and the final cast selections include: Len Taylor as Noah, Karen Rose as Ester, Chris Clark as Shem, Rachelle Hrubetz as

Leah, Dave Zubradt as Hamm, Melissa McClanahan as Goldis, Jeff Gulans as Japheth, and Brooke Fenimore plays Rachel. The crew of the production includes technical director, Jeff Warner; designer, Len Taylor, Jeff Warner, and Melissa McClanahan; choreographer, Chris Abney; and musical direction, Joe Watts.

All play participants are receiving from two to four credits in Theatrical Productions for their work. Anyone interested in a technical position for the play should contact Judy Hamilton at 964-6503 on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, or at 253-9566 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. These positions include set-building, painting, sewing, and make-up.

The DMACC Drama Department was not idle this summer. They performed the melodrama "Egad!" The Woman in White" at Living History Farms during the hottest weekend of the summer in mid-August. They performed the same play on the Sun Country Cooler Stage at the Iowa State Fair. Director Hamilton expects the spring 1989 DMACC play will also be a comedy, but she has not made a decision on the production choice at this time.



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Lighthearted Stage Comedy Afloat —

Cast members complete their final play practice before the big performance of *Two by Two*.

'Two by Two' Tickets in SAB Office

Student tickets are available for the upcoming performance of DMACC's play, *Two By Two*, at \$1 each, with a maximum of four tickets per student. The SAB has allotted 300 tickets total for the two evening showings.

Pre-Play Prime Rib Buffet to be Served

You're probably going to be hungry before attending the *Two By Two* play performance, so why not make reservations now to attend the prime rib buffet?

This special treat will be held on Saturday, November 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Room 703, Building 7. In addition to the prime rib, the dinner menu includes baked potato, salad, stir-fried vegetables, roll, beverage, and dessert.

Cost of this delight is only \$10 per person. Paid reservations must be received by Cindy Hoover, Building 7, no later than November 2.

COMMUNIQUE



By Sam Miller
Chronicle Columnist

What would a college paper be without an editorial endorsement of one of the presidential candidates at election time? Seeing as this will be the last issue to come out before the election, it looks like this is my last chance to do my political good deed for the year. Let me first begin by giving my overall impression of the selection that our wonderful two-party system has given us to choose from.

I find both George Bush and Mike Dukakis about as exciting and inspiring as warm jello. Regardless who wins, the American people will lose. I don't get the slightest indication that either candidate will work to bring about any significant level of needed social change. Once again it appears that blacks and hispanics are disillusioned and few will bother to vote. And why should they? Since he won the Democratic nomination, I haven't heard Dukakis say word one about how he will approach minority issues. And Bush? His blood is so blue he wouldn't recognize a homeless family if they were sleeping on the White House doorsteps.

So, for better or worse (more likely worse), these are our only choices. Yes, some of us will vote for our favorite write-in candidates like Bill the Cat, or some wonderful relative we always thought was so smart (I think my mother got five votes in the '76 election). But a few scattered protest votes will not bring about a third party. The only way that our votes are going to mean anything is if we vote for one of these two lame candidates.

With this in mind, I will cast my vote for Mike Dukakis. I could argue the issues, point out the pros and cons, but it wouldn't mean that much since the differences between the two are relatively subtle. However, there is one factor that would benefit this country by having Dukakis step into the Oval office. He can clean house. If he is elected it means washing our hands and ridding ourselves of the Reagan years. It will be a chance to start fresh and perhaps restore a certain level of decency to the presidency.

Emotional Hype Affects Campaign



By Timothy Allen
Guest Writer

Emotion.

Sometimes we put too much emphasis on whether or not someone is a wimp, or the clarity of Boston Harbor.

Emotion.

How much should we decide about a person through hype? How much should we decide about a person because they weren't first in their graduating class or if they are a "card-carrying" member of the American Civil Liberties Union?

Emotion. Both candidates want us to make our election decision based upon it, and, sadly enough, most citizens are. Some won't vote for Dukakis because he is a "liberal" (oooooh, that "L" word). Some won't vote for Bush because he is a "wimp" (where was George, anyway?).

Hype is misleading — it is intended to be so. Its sole purpose is to convince you that Dukakis would be a horrible President because of the polluted Boston Harbor. It would also have you believe that Bush was nowhere to be found in the eight years of his Vice Presidency.

Hype is emotion. Bush opposes abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of a mother. Dukakis believes it is the mother's right to carry or to terminate the pregnancy. Would you vote for a "baby-killer"?

Most neglect the fact that this election should be based on issues — not emotion. The Pledge of Allegiance is emotion — not an issue. What the next President will do about the federal deficit is an issue.

Granted, there is a general level of lowness a person must sink to in order to be a politician, but never has this country experienced the level of corruption, greed, waste, and dishonest tactics that Ronald Reagan has brought into office. If y'all are a bit at a loss for memory, let me refresh it with mention of just a few of the stars of the last eight years.

Let's start with James Watt. Then there was Al (I'm in charge) Haig. Anne Burford and Rita Lavelle of the EPA; two women whose essence of toxic slime is matched only by the pollution they let chemical companies nation-wide get away with. There was Raymond Donovan, Richard Allen, then finally Ed Meese. And how soon we let the Iran/Contra scandal slip from memory. Remember such gallant heroes as Ollie North, John Poindexter, Robert McFarland, Don Regan, and George Bush himself has yet to reveal his level of activity in that "patriotic" covert operation. Oh yeah, remember Robert Bork? But these are just the more popular names of a list of over 100 Reagan appointees who resigned because of illegal and/or immoral activity. And Bush wants to continue the spirit of the Reagan years.

I often hear people refer to Nixon's actions that lead to Watergate as no different from what any other president would do; he just got caught. Personally, I don't buy that as an excuse for Nixon, and I certainly hope people don't think that the actions of the Reagan administration would be indicative of any other president, with the exception of George Bush. And I say this about Bush only because he himself has said that he will do his best to follow in Reagan's footsteps. It blows me away to think that after eight years of scandal and corruption that the American people would be willing to tolerate another four years.

So, if for no other reason, this is why I'm voting for Dukakis. I really can't say whether or not he can do anything about the deficit Reagan has created. I don't know if he can make significant health care reforms, or worthy strides in civil rights. But I do feel his morals and ethics are a bit more deserving the office of President than that of George "former-CIA-drug-pushing-bed-fellow-with-Noriega" Bush.

I sincerely cannot think of a single Reagan/Bush policy that has been of benefit to the American people as a whole. I won't give them credit for the peace talks with Gorbachev as I believe the only reason Ronny did that was to divert the media's attention from the Iran/Contra scandal and the October '87 stock market crash. So, even if Dukakis can't repair the damage done by the Reagan administration, at least he can give America a chance to catch its breath.

Enough said. Go out, do your duty and vote. Regardless of the quality of the candidates, it's a presidential election nonetheless. There is one "I told you so" comment I'd like to leave the Democrats with and it is this: Maybe the next time you get a candidate like Jesse Jackson, you'll think twice before you write him off as unelectable because he's black. Ollie well, 1992 is only four years away. Can ya hardly wait?

ISSUES:

Education

Bush wants to be known as the "Education President", according to his issue paper. He wants the federal government to increase spending by at least \$600 million, mostly in the form of grants to states. He co-sponsored the "Prayer in School" Amendment, and supports saying the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools: "Should public school teachers be required to lead our children in the Pledge of Allegiance? My opponent says no, but I say yes."

Dukakis says that "no issue, no concern, no institution means more to me than education." Dukakis also opposes prayer in school: "We've learned that we can't improve America's schools by slashing resources or lecturing teachers or putting religion back in the classroom."

Death Penalty

Bush strongly supports capital punishment for crimes involving murder, treason or espionage.

Dukakis just as strongly opposes the death penalty. In 1975, the Governor vetoed a bill that would legalize capital punishment for persons convicted of certain types of first-degree murder, such as the killing of a police officer.

Gun Control

"Should free men and women have the right to own a gun to protect their home? My opponent says no — but I say yes," Bush said in his nomination acceptance speech.

Dukakis supports gun control.

Your next President will be the leader of the Free World — you should probably consider more than hype.

Vote. And just as importantly, leave your emotions at home.

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One Man's Struggle to Begin Again

Dislocated - Disenchanted

By Keith Jayne
Staff Writer

Writer's Note: The Dislocated Workers Center (2000 Walter Street) houses the 10-year-old program for dislocated workers, a program that is the brainchild of some local labor champions including Senator Tom Harkin, current AFL-CIO South-Central Chapter President Penny Chapin, and the late Des Moines Mayor Pete Crivaro. The formation of the dislocated worker program resulted as a response to the massive layoffs caused by The Wilson Company and Massey Ferguson plant closures. The center arranges for retraining opportunities for people whose jobs terminate due to plant closures. The program is funded in part by the United Way, the Department of Labor, and state tax dollars.

Flashback: A Desperate Moment

Sitting at home, he runs his hand over the desk calendar for the last time. The appointments missed, cancelled, or just forgotten, increase the frustration he feels. The pain is to end soon, though. The numbness that engulfs his thinking and clouds his reasoning is soon to become meaningless.

Loss of job, home, and family have become too much to bear. The looks from others tell him it's all too obvious that the ability to cope with even the simplest of tasks has left him with no one to turn to, no one that can understand his despair and confusion. With one last look outside, eyes blinded by tears, he puts the .45 to his head to end his life.

"I'm sorry..." These two words seem to have taken over his vocabulary.

"Why didn't you?"

"I'm sorry."

"Well, couldn't you have...?"

"I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I'm sorry!" ...

The words echo, until the blinding flash sends him into the euphoria that he hopes is waiting.

How did someone with so much to give, someone so full of life, so devoted to the happiness of those around him, think the only means to cope with the depression that surrounds him like a blanket, was a gun?

Help is available if you ask for it. But receiving help runs against everything he'd been taught.

"Be a man, get some backbone, boy," he remembers his father's voice. "Only a weakling has to seek outside help... stand on your own two feet... no son of mine..." and it goes on and on, the litany of self-accusations throbs in his brain.

The victim of the current economic upheaval, this is the end result of a man, who through loss of job, unrelenting pressures from family life, low self esteem and a host of other complications, sees only one answer to it all.

Grim beginning for an article about the effect of plant closures, but realistic when you consider what happens to people caught in economic relocation:

As someone involved in just such a situation, I feel, perhaps, I am too close to the forest to do objective research on a program I feel needs closer scrutiny. I'll tell you what I did find out, though.

The Dislocated Worker Program (based in Des Moines) is set up to lend a hand in just such situations. But with the program's recent finding cuts, this job can be likened to giving a carpenter the blueprints to build a house and then tying his hands together. The job might get done, but couldn't the job be more effectively facilitated by providing the appropriate means?

Just funding schooling — the major benefit of the program — doesn't get the job done. There are a lot of needs that have to be addressed before schooling should be considered. Late in July 1988, the plant where I was employed, opted for economic relocation. (We used to call this "cut and run.") Just trying to figure out how my \$162-a-week unemployment check is going to cover the \$500-a-week habits (You know, food, car repairs, rent, laundry, etc.) would baffle Houdini. Then you have the loss of self-esteem that sets in. It's damn hard to keep telling one person after another that you can't pay them this week.

If you're lucky, your relationship with your spouse is strong enough to weather such a storm. If not, add that to the growing list of what now is becoming a lifestyle out of control.

Then add schooling. Anyone who has tried to return to school after an extended leave of absence has my admiration. The act of sitting in class all day is at times too much for me. I kept getting the feeling that there was something I wasn't doing, like you knew you'd left a cigarette burning somewhere. I didn't feel like I was supposed to be here; I should be out on the job site somewhere. Add to that the looks you get from people 10 to 20 years your junior — I hate that — when you've obviously asked THE STUPID QUESTION and things begin to shape up like a hairball coughed up by some rangy-looking alley cat.

The Dislocated Workers Program was set up by some truly gifted, farsighted people and is run by some of the most caring people I've met in a long while. (Do I get a raise here?) But how much can you get done with a budget cut to the bone? When you become eligible for this program, you have 18 months of schooling available from the time of plant closure notification. Our announcement came at the end of July and I was sitting in class by the end of August. In that month I was "processed" through the unemployment system, the Dislocated Workers Program, and oriented (or disoriented?) here at DMACC. As if that weren't enough, I had my home damaged by a burglary and a small fire in the same month! (I know, waaah! wah! wah!)

One thing that could use updating, or at least consideration, is a buffer zone between job end and school start dates. This would mean an increase in funding. Yet this program has had a 40% cut in funding in the last 4 years. How is it that inflation goes up while the funding goes down? The program has no built-in cost of living allowances.

Sure, it's easy to say, "You wouldn't have had anything if not for this." But consider, if you don't keep tax-funded programs updated, are you being as effective as possible with the tax dollars already invested?

Another concern needing attention is the adjustment process from work to school. Most of the people with whom I returned to school haven't been in the school system in quite a few years. The sink-or-swim method shouldn't apply here. Study skills, speed-reading, and other learning survival skills should be available to reentering students without penalty. Under the current program guidelines, you can receive this skills training, but at the loss of schooling dollars that could be better spent on actual field education.

I have been accused of looking a gift horse in the mouth. Actually my tax dollars have been helping others to retrain for some 10 years. I just think the money could be more effectively utilized if the people being helped could start out with a fighting chance. A buffer zone is definitely needed to enable people to get their lives geared for schooling.

Reentry skills should be made available to lessen the "village idiot" looks you get, and stress-coping skills should be provided to those in need. All of this will not be possible without an increase in monies available.

"I've been made to fit the mold all my life. I need a little space in my life right now. Just this once, couldn't the mold flex a little? We're talking about people — not square pegs and round holes. Couldn't we have an appropriately funded program that understand flexibility?"

Editorial Open Invitation

We would like to extend an invitation for letters to the editors. This open request for letters is your chance to speak out against issues that disturb you, or speak to other members of the DMACC student body with your questions and comments regarding campus life.

We ask letters to be type written, double spaced, and signed. Please address your letters to:
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Staff Sympathy Sent

The Chronicle Staff wishes to send a note of sympathy and best wishes for a quick recovery to our fellow staffer/photographer, Leslie Chicchelly, who was injured in an automobile accident last weekend, and we all hope she is back at DMACC very soon — with a smile on her face and the camera in her hand.

Michelle Smiley and
Mike Engelbrecht

Date Rape Seminar Attracts Large Audience

By Christa Schauf
Staff Writer

As the four of them drove through the chill autumn dusk, she felt a festive excitement in the air. She noticed how the ripe October leaves were bursting with color as they parked at the Halloween haunted house. He had asked her if she would stay and talk to him for a moment while her friends left to stand in line. The car door slammed with an eerie echo, and then she was alone with him.

He turned toward her with a frightening grimace on his face and forced her down upon the seat. She was numb with disbelief and shock when she realized what his intentions were. She felt her world collapse around her. She was helpless as her whole existence was being heartlessly invaded.

Her sense of control and self reliance abandoned her that evening. Only after two years of pain, fear, and guilt has she finally begun to heal.

Date Rape. The most frightening aspect of this crime, however, involves not only the destruction and disruption of the victim's life. It is the frequency of date rape that makes it necessary for each person to look at the facts in the cold hard light of day.

On October 12, DMACC, in cooperation with Polk County Victim Services, presented: "Date Rape: A Betrayal of Trust." Seminar topics included self-defense tactics, information for men and women, and a panel discussion utilizing law enforcement and health care professionals. The packed auditorium indicated a high level of interest in this controversial subject.



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Dave Pawleski, vice president and founder of Street Smart Home Safe programs, demonstrates a self defense maneuver.

The statistics are shocking. One in every three women in Iowa will be sexually assaulted within her lifetime. Seventy percent of these crimes are committed by an acquaintance. Date rape is the most unrecognized and unreported crime in America. Women victims usually allow their guilt and humiliation to keep them from reporting it. Often victims are afraid to contact authorities.

Information provided at the seminar encouraged victims to report the crime as well as seek counseling. Seeking out one of the many organizations established to assist rape victims is

the most crucial step in healing the emotional wounds that rape inflicts. Polk County Victim Services is one organization that provides an intensive and caring program that has been adapted to handle each victim's psychological needs.

The message of the seminar was clear: No one, male or female, is immune to date rape. Each of us must prepare to protect ourselves. Dave Pawleski, the vice president and founder of Street Smart Home Safe Programs, conducted the first presentation of the seminar on self defense tactics.

Pawleski says the key to self-protection isn't to become a

sumo wrestler or take boxing lessons. Instead, self defense begins with mentally putting yourself into various situations and planning a strategy. He also recommends that whenever you go out, tell someone where you'll be. Do not allow yourself to get into compromising situations without means of escape. Statistically, date rape usually occurs in a familiar setting and seldomly involves a weapon. Use this information to your advantage.

Terry Schock, for the past five years a counselor at Polk County Victim Services, led a discussion aimed at what both men and women need to know. The primary step is for each person to set personal boundaries and limits by defining personal needs and wants from this date relationship. Each person must ask: "Can I trust this person?" before risking a potentially dangerous situation.

Not all rapists are detectable, Schock cautions. She provides a number of danger signals common to some. These possible warning signs include people who don't listen when boundaries have been set and do not care if the partner does not consent to touching; people who become angry and manipulative when limits have been set; people who put a partner in a situation where self defense is difficult; and people who seem to find satisfaction in causing discomfort.

In addition to the participation of Dave Pawleski and Terry Schock, panel discussion members included Linda Cheny, an 11-year veteran of the Ankeny police force with investigative experience in child and sexual abuse cases; Assistant County Attorney Cathie Thiune, and a

victim who volunteered to speak from her experience.

One audience member inquired if counseling was recommended for intimate friends and family members of victims and, if so, are these services provided? Schock responded, "When someone that you care about has been assaulted, you go through responses that may be similar as well as different from the victim's. You have anger, you have a lot of guilt...so we provide services to the family members to get them talking about their own feelings and reactions.

The panel member who came to share her first-hand experience with date rape holds counseling in high regard. She was asked if the man who raped her was aware of all the pain and guilt she had experienced for the past two years. Her reply, "No, he isn't aware of my pain. He probably hasn't thought about it since that night and that's one of the things that really bothers me. He has no idea what he has done to my life."

Reporter's Comment: It is easy to live in our comfortable lives and say, "That's horrible! Something must be done, but I'd really rather not hear the details." Many of the people who choose to use this oblivious approach soon find themselves in a position where they must deal with it either on a personal level, or to help a friend or family member. Date rape is much too common to continue to let it go on without taking an active role in stopping this crime, even if it only means preparing and educating ourselves on how to handle any potentially dangerous situation of this kind.

Women's Agenda Committee Plans Public Hearing

By Michelle Smiley
Co-Editor

Sixty percent of the student population on the Ankeny DMACC campus are women. Because of their increasing numbers, questions and concerns they have are of greater importance.

To address these special issues, the Women's Agenda Committee, appointed in April by President Borgen, has scheduled an open hearing for Thursday, November 17, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place in the Board Room, Building 1. The hearing will be conducted by the various members of the Women's Agenda Committee to receive input and

suggestions about improving the campus climate for females. The committee desires both written and verbal presentations from the students in the hearings.

Vice President of Business Services Don Zuck is serving as the Women's Agenda Committee Chairman and says the entire committee is encouraging wide student interaction. The committee's purpose is to study and make recommendations to the Executive Council concerning the following fifteen issues:

- Seeking a commitment from leaders to address concerns of female students, staff, and administrators

- Correcting inequities in hiring of women faculty
- Providing a supportive campus climate for women
- Making a permanent commitment to women's studies
- Reviewing policies for effect on women majority and men and women minority
- Integrating impact studies into the planning process
- Giving attention to sexual harassment
- Preparing an annual status report
- Initiating a campus values inventory

- Developing an institution-wide concern for children and families
- Appreciating value diversity
- Making leadership development and commitments to fostering leadership priorities
- Establishing the commitment to a Commission on Women
- Appointing a person to heighten women advocacy on campus
- Creating a center for exploring the community and personal relationships



These guidelines appear in the report, "The New Agenda of Women For Higher Education."

The Women's Agenda Committee is planning a public hearing that will enable the seven-member committee to truly make a commitment to improve services for females in their everyday campus life at DMACC.

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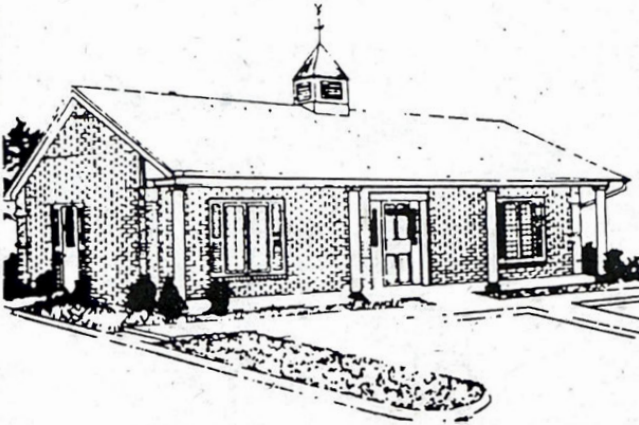
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