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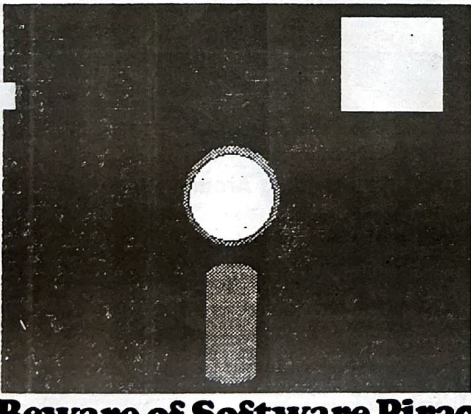
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## Warm moments...

A father and son spend a tender afternoon in the tropical setting of the Des Moines Botanical Center. It's not a bad spot for a Valentine Date, either. Look on pages 4 and 5 for our special "love" section.



## Beware of Software Piracy!

by David Champion, Staff Writer

When you think of a computer pirate, what image comes to mind? Is it of a scroungy sea dog with an eyepatch sitting at his PC terminal in the galley of his schooner? Or is it a nerdy looking kid with slide rules and several pencils sticking out of his shirt pocket? Actually, a computer pirate is anyone who ever makes an illegal copy of a piece of software.

Pirating software falls under the Federal Copyright law, you know, that "FBI WARNING" that everyone fast-forwards

through at the beginning of video tapes. It also covers pre-recorded music. Now, how many people have made a copy of one of these? I don't know many people who haven't.

Among the group of computer users known as "hackers", it is expected that information about systems should be shared between each other, and that includes software. This is what they call the hacker ethic. They didn't really care if they were hurting the profits of the software developers, because

they detested the giants in the industry.

But when you purchase a software package, you do not actually own that piece of software. You may own the disk it came on, or the documentation, but you only have a license to use that software. You may be able to make one copy legally for archival purposes in case the original is damaged, but that is the only one.

Violating the U.S. Copyright Law may bring up to \$50,000 in civil damages and include additional fines or imprisonment.

The DMACC official board policy procedure I 661 states: "DMACC employees making, acquiring, or using unauthorized copies of computer software will be disciplined as deemed appropriate."

Okay, so what? How are they going to enforce this law? This is one law for which not many are prosecuted. But when someone is caught, they are made the example.

## Need A Place to Live? DMACC Offers Assistance

by Robert Dittert  
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a place to live? Many students have problems finding suitable residence and don't know where to turn. DMACC offers a list of current housing in and around the Ankeny area.

There are several forms of housing available to the DMACC student. Whether one wants to rent a house, an apartment, a trailer, or even just a room, DMACC has the details.

A current housing list is printed and updated every two weeks and is available in the Information Center in Building 5. The list gives the name, address and phone number of people who have housing available and also a short description of the housing.

There is a wide range of prices due to the variety of housing accommodations, but there is a price range for most every budget. The student can expect to pay anywhere from \$200 to \$350 for an apartment, depending on the number of rooms and extra perks. A furnished apartment will generally run higher in price than an unfurnished one.

Another consideration is location. Prices may vary depending upon the location of the building. For example, an apartment in West Des Moines will probably be higher than a place on the east side of Des Moines.

Also available to students is a "roommate" list. This is a list of people who have current housing and are looking for someone to share expenses.

One alternative that will be available to DMACC students very soon is the on-campus

housing. For approximately \$175 per month students will be able to share a two-bedroom apartment with three other students. The apartment also has two baths, a living room, and a kitchen. Also included are all utilities and a bed, desk and chair for each student.

The new building will be a three-story structure and will house about 200 students. Each floor will have a coin-operated laundry facility.

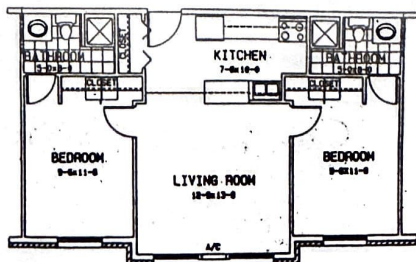
A point that the housing staff would like to make is that the new facilities are *not* dorms, but privately run apartments. DMACC has nothing to do with the management of them.

There is a \$200 deposit payable with an application that is available at the Information Center in Building 5. The contract is for one year (fall, spring, and summer terms), and a parent or guardian will be required to co-sign the contract unless otherwise approved by management.

The cost per academic term is \$770 each for fall and spring, and \$560 for the summer term. The one-year contract includes all three terms. Total cost including the \$200 deposit comes to \$2,300 for one year, and is due at the beginning of the fall term, according to Julie Mengler, of Heritage Property Management, the company in charge of the building.

Applications are now being accepted and are available in the Information Center in Building 5.

There is still plenty of room available, but students should waste no time in applying for the apartments.



Student housing floor plan courtesy of Heritage Property Management.

# DMACC NEWS

## Chinese New Year At The Botanical Center

In honor of the Chinese New Year, the Des Moines Botanical Center will present A Garden of Spring Delights from February 6 through February 20. This exhibit will feature the combined colors and fragrances of delicate peach blossoms, aromatic hyacinths, and stately daffodils.

A free fortune cookie, along with a horoscope explaining personality traits and habits of those born under each of the 12 animal signs will be given to every visitor of the dome.

The Botanical Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. every day of the wonderful exhibit. February 14 will be the only exception, when the center will close at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$1/adult; 50 cents for senior citizens and 25 cents for students and children six through 18. Kids under six and members are admitted free.

## Soviet Year Committee Presentations:

The DMACC Soviet Year Committee offers these interesting presentations on February 17.

**Topic:** Religion in the USSR.  
**9:05 - 9:55** Film and Speech presentation by Reverend and Mrs. John Carlson, participants in the 1987 Iowa Peace Institute Tour.

**Topic:** Artists in the Soviet Union.  
**10:10 - 11:05** There will be a slide presentation and lecture by Peggy Patrick, former assistant director of the Des Moines Art Center.

**Topic:** Lifesyles in the Soviet Union.  
**11:15 - 12:10** Mark Carlson will give a slide presentation and lecture.

All presentations will be held in the Building 6 auditorium. For more detailed information contact Lyla Maynard or Bettie Hampton.

## UNI Announces Early Registration

All DMACC two-year transfer students, admitted to the University of Northern Iowa by March 31, for summer or fall term of 1989, are invited to register early for their classes.

Students registering April 26, 27, or 28 must attend a one day program the day they register. These programs will consist of departmental advising and actual class registration.

The advantage of April registration is that it allows the greatest possible class selection for the time.

Students will be notified, by invitation, of the specific day they are to attend and they must return an enclosed reply card to reserve their time. Invitations will arrive the first week of April.

## Urban Campus Hosts Game Show

The Student Action Board will sponsor the DMACC version of the popular game show Win, Lose, or Draw.

Students will have two days to test their drawing and perception skills if they are chosen as contestants.

Dates and times for the game are:

February 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 February 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A prize of \$100 will be awarded each day.

Registration for teams of four will be accepted at the Student Life Desk or contact Rosic McGregor at the Business and Financial Aid Office.

## Iowa State University Announces Scholarship

ISU Community College Scholarships are available for a transfer student's first year at Iowa State University.

Students, completing a minimum of 45 credit hours at an eligible Iowa Community College and attaining a grade point average of 3.25 are eligible to apply. Applicants must be admitted to ISU to be considered.

Applicants must file a financial aid application by March 1 to qualify. The recipients must be enrolled full time.

The amount of the scholarship is half of resident tuition, \$913 for the 1989-1990 academic year. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, Building 1.

All scholarship applications must be completed and turned in by April 1, 1989.



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## Four Guys Standing Around Singing

by Jim Palmer  
 Staff photographer

Well, the S.A.B. went and outdid themselves this time. So far this year they have brought us some very good entertainment. But Four Guys Standing Around Singing on February 6, 1989 was by far their best project to date. Not only could they sing a cappella, but they were also very amusing. They are from left to right Scott MacEwen lead, Rick Vamos tenor, Noah Budin baritone, and last but certainly not least is Darren Stephens bass. The group has been together for three and a half years.

If you didn't get to see their performance, you can write to them and get their cassette tape. Their address is Four Guys Standing Around Singing P.O. Box 14342 Chicago, IL 60614-0342 and their phone number is 312-929-1921. I hope that everyone besides myself is looking forward to the S.A.B.'s next planned entertainment.

## Five New SAB Representatives

The election votes were counted and results announced on February 1. Newly elected representatives are Michelle Blaine and Michelle Dady, both of the Liberal Arts program; Dion Cram, of the Electrical Engineering program; and

Kathleen Goff and Mary Kinter, both of the Human Services program.

SAB Coordinator Laura Doering says she is excited about working with the new Student Action Board members.

## DMACC AIDS Awareness Day

by Michelle Smiley  
 Editor

Wednesday, February 22, will be the day for you to find the answers to everything you want to know about AIDS, but maybe afraid to ask. Starting at 9:15 a.m. and running until 12:15 p.m., DMACC will sponsor an AIDS Awareness Day. The event will be held in the auditorium, Building 6.

The day's schedule is as follows:

**9:15-10:00 a.m.** — Jane Brindley from the Red Cross will talk and show a film.

**10:15-11:05 a.m.** — Dr. Richard Keeling, President of the American College Health Association, will give the keynote address.

**11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.** — This is the panel discussion which will involve Red Cross Education Coordinator Jane Brindley as the moderator; Mercy Hospital Medical Social Worker Ann Yarbrough, as a facilitator of support group for persons with AIDS, Education Coordinator for The Blood Center of Central Iowa, Nancy Mosman; and Coordinator of the Central Iowa AIDS Project, Kent Newman. Newman also works at Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa. All will speak in a question-and-answer forum with students and staff.

You may pick up your copy of an AIDS "Guide for Survival," available in the nurse's office in Building 5, anytime throughout the week. Plan to attend as many sessions as possible and get the facts on AIDS.



## DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION HIV/AIDS

Consistent with federal and state nondiscrimination laws applicable to educational institutions, it is the policy at DMACC not to unlawfully discriminate against any student, applicant or employee in the administration of educational policies and programs or employment opportunities on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion, or handicap. For purposes of the DMACC nondiscrimination policy, handicapped individuals include persons with an AIDS-related condition. Copies of the College Policy on AIDS are available in the District Administration Office in Building One on the Ankeny Campus and in the Dean's Office on the Boone, Carroll, and Urban Campuses.

# Enroll In T.V. Courses, Earn College Credit

by Michelle Smiley  
Editor

Here's the picture. A young college student dims the lights, grabs a pillow, reaches for a bowl of popcorn, and zaps the television set on. You might think this is a relaxing scene common for weekend entertainment. You might assume the student is about to embark on a wonderful trip to a fantasy world or the mysterious adventure of a horror flick. Wrong! This is the weekly scene for many DMACC students, from each of the different campuses, who are enrolled in television courses.

The idea behind the T.V. classes is that college credit, which can be applied to the Associate Arts or Associate Sciences degrees, is earned at home. Due to the growing number of VCR's in homes, many students not only select the time they watch their programs, but also have the option of reviewing the taped segments. Other advantages of T.V. classes are the expanding course topics and the scheduling ease of working course work between home and family responsibilities. These classes may help some students feel more comfortable in the transition from attending college courses at home to attending classes on campus. The gradual decline in the cost of television courses has also added to their popularity.

Speech instructor Ruth Aurelius is the current DMACC representative to Iowa Public Television and she helps select the programs that will become a part of DMACC's curriculum. For the past four years, Aurelius has served as a member of the Iowa Media Task Force, an institution that offers television courses.

This organization meets twice a year to select current television courses from those that have normally aired previously on the IPT station during prime time. Lois Campbell, director of educational programming at IPT, then compiles a listing of available courses on an agenda from those reviewed by the various members. Campbell and Aurelius will then sign a contract listing the courses for the upcoming term.

"Then comes the hard work," laughs Aurelius. From this point, DMACC Humanities and Public Services Secretary Shirley Jorgensen becomes involved by typing promotional information to be sent out to all DMACC students who have previously taken any television courses. A brochure is then sent out to provide specific course details. IPT also mails out catalogs and helps post the T.V. course information bulletins in business letters. Additional registration help comes from several co-promoters in different organizations.

"For example," begins Aurelius, "Hy-Vee often offers opportunities for their employees to enroll in marketing or business television classes to further their skills."

Regardless of how the information is received, the growing number of student enrollment in almost all of the television courses leads Aurelius and other course facilitators to the conclusion that there is definitely a need for them.

Facilitators in charge of their respective television classes have many responsibilities each term. They must first draw up a course schedule, which outlines the grading procedure and highlights their expectations of the students' role. This information is enclosed in an initial letter which is sent to students along with notes, syllabi, assignments, and the notification of where to buy books and class materials. Because many students enroll in television courses simply out of convenience, first-time students receive a 50-cent student handbook.

Some of the more popular classes offered here are from the English department. The new literature course, "Voices and Visions," has had an overwhelming response from students interested in this introductory course on American poets.

"Any type of special Humanities courses are always popular," says Aurelius. A children's literature course, "Jump Over The Moon," had an average of 34 students enrolled during each of the four terms it was part of the curriculum. Similarly, the "Introduction to Music" class received a record enrollment during its first term.

In addition to the literature classes, Aurelius has helped devise the only DMACC produced and owned course, "Fundamentals of Speech." She serves as the facilitator for this program which airs on Heritage Cable Channel 22 (in the Des Moines area only).

"The speech class, as with all the television classes, has the same acronym and course title as the on-campus classes. Upon

completion, the T.V. student fulfills the same educational requirements as a regular (on-campus) student," says Aurelius.

However, Aurelius did say the method of evaluation is slightly changed. T.V. students are asked to come on campus twice to give their demonstration and persuasion speeches. One speech is normally videotaped, "to give the student the feeling of being watched," she says. T.V. speech students are given a take-home exam usually three weeks before the end of the semester.

Todd McFadden, a past student of SPCH:100TV, says he was excited at first about the course. "It seems like the last half dragged along; I lost interest."

McFadden, like many TV students, videotaped his show twice a week and made plans to view the programs over each weekend. "I had the problem, though, of watching too many shows in one sitting."

But McFadden says the television courses should continue to be offered because they work well for some people. The worst problem he dealt with through his experience involved a difference in terminology between his textbook and the programs. "My classes were recorded in 1980, and my textbook had been revised twice. It would have been nice if the terms were the same."

Recognizing the communication problems for off-campus students, Aurelius adds, "I give all my students the opportunity to review in groups, or to stop on campus to speak with me, if there are any questions."

Exams are placed in the Learning Center for students to take, or tests are sent to proctors. Proctors must be teachers or school or public librarians who have given their prior consent to administer the tests students off campus.

Still, Aurelius can cite two examples of traveling to hear speeches from students. One she journeyed nearly 80 miles to Hampton, Iowa, to hear a speech, while her husband was "on lend" as a minister to a Lutheran congregation. She heard another speech at the Johnson County Health Care Facility in Iowa City over one Thanksgiving vacation.

"Most facilitators commend students in television courses for their dedication to their family and school responsibilities and are happy to help" says Aurelius.

Other television courses of interest are the following:

"**The Growing Years**" — a Psychology class which presents physical, emotional, intellectual, moral, and social development in the growth of children. Promotional items similar to visual aids, story boards, and environmental field trips to local day care centers and toy stores are part of the course. Aurelius says, "Much of the grading is based on the completion of assigned projects."

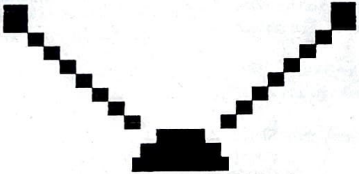
"**The Business of Management**" — and similar courses like "Introduction to Business," "Accounting I," and any of the computer and data programming courses which all help to advance students in the marketplace and enhance the job skills of employees.

**Political Science classes including "American Government Survey" (taught by John Leipa) and "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance" (taught by John Lazaris).** Lazaris explains that he has recently taken over as facilitator and feels that a disadvantage to teaching this TV course is not interacting with the students. "I am planning optional review days — for both the midterm and final exams and hope the students respond positively," he says.

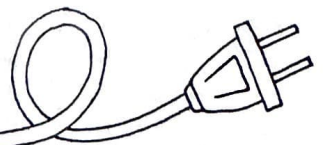
The Constitution class started on January 16, and will run until April 10. The program is one-hour long each Monday morning at 11:30 a.m. and is re-broadcast Sundays at 9 a.m. It is shown statewide on all educational channels (KDIN).

Lazaris says the majority of his students live out-of-town and prefer to learn from their homes than drive to any of the DMACC campuses. However, program tapes are often filed at college campus libraries for student viewing purposes.

If watching television in a pair of old sweat pants or your pajamas sounds relaxing, and if you enjoy eating while viewing shows, and you'd like to earn college credit all at the same time, check into registering for DMACC television courses next semester.



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# A Taste of Spring!

by Dave "Ace" McMichael  
Chronicle Columnist

Have you noticed that Mother Nature has given the Midwest a hard start into February? For more than a week we have been inundated by Winter — remember when it was 65? In spite of the recent weather patterns, I found a place that offers a taste of spring. I discovered a place to get away from it all. And I uncovered a place that can be very romantic. In these cold winter months I find that the Botanical Center in Des Moines offers a great deal of comfort through its tropical setting.

As Valentine's Day approaches, if you desire a little change in the way you conduct your Romance — other than just dinner and a movie or a dozen expensive roses — then you should consider taking your sweetheart to the Botanical Center. In addition to the tropical theme of the center, there are a variety of seasonal flowers and displays. Last Wednesday, my girlfriend and I were fortunate to see the daffodils in full bloom. Their sweet smell satisfies my hunger for spring. The brilliant yellow floral displays break the monotony of the bland winter outside. We were also fortunate to capture an afternoon when the sun was unobscured by any clouds. As the sunshine poured uninhibited through the dome above, the warmth and humidity reminded me of a vacation I experienced in the Florida Everglades. Spanish moss hung lazily off to the right of the bench where we sat. In this time of the year when Spring and Romance seem to fill my soul, the Botanical Center is an outlet that allows me to get back to nature. It is my opinion that nature can be very romantic — especially when you can just sit in the warmth of the sunshine, listen to birds singing, and just talk.

The main attraction at the Botanical Center through February 14 is the celebration of the Chinese New Year. Although not as romantic as the daffodils, the Chinese dragon now on display is quite an attraction. This is the Chinese year of the snake and represents part of the twelve-year cycle that includes the celebration of other animals each year. This is also the Chinese year 4687 A.D. I hope! Other Chinese customs include entering the new year debt free! Everyone must also scrub their households. No debts and clean house, I like Chinese culture! *Kung Hall Hsin Shi* (Happy New Year) and Happy Valentine's Day!

Mom,  
Thanks for all the help, I'm really proud to be your son. I love ya mom!



Erwin  
To Nette, Nette, Nette:  
Happy Valentine's Day to my best friend!

Love,  
Tippy



Happy Valentine's Day, Tom  
This message is to tell you,  
How much your friendship means.  
You listen to my troubles  
And give advice that's keen!

Your understanding ways are great  
Your hugs are always welcome!  
Your smile brightens up my days  
You rate 10 points and then some!



Susan,  
FLING! Dream of October  
14th. I love you!

K.C.



Snuggle Butt:

If there was a prize-winning rose in a rose garden, it would be you! Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,  
Mattie



Tippy:  
Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite person!

Love,  
Nette, Nette, Nette



Michelle,  
The moments shared together are special and so is your love. Remember all the great times, and look forward to the many more ahead.

I Love You,  
"g"



Dear Nancy Kay,  
The incandescence of your knowledge and beauty radiates on all you encounter.

With Love,  
J.E.S.



Your Valentine

Joe,

You aardvaark! I LOVE YOU. (I'm braver than you think!)

Rosey Duck



Jason — Happy Valentine's Day!  
You've given me a lot of real, real good times! I hope I've given you just as many! I Love you very much and I hope you know that no one could ever take your place! You're the best friend I could ever have! I Love you!

RDMO



To Studcat —  
If you ever need a hug, I'm here for you! Remember that!

Love,  
Puke



## DMACC's Dating Game

Show your love spirit on Valentine's Day by attending DMACC's own Dating Game on Tuesday, February 14, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. at the Hub, Building 5. Contestants have been asked to write three questions they would like to ask their dream dates. Winners will receive a dinner-for-two at the Metz Club, downtown Des Moines' finest dining establishment.

## One Option: Dial-A-Date

by Cindy Rattenburg  
Staff Writer

As Valentine's Day approaches, thoughts of love and blissfulness dance in our heads. In that spring is also just around the corner, romance is in the air. This is the time of the year where love flourishes and everyone is looking for that special someone to share the experience with.

Now, finding this someone is the hard part. Where can you find an ideal mate to share the romance of Valentine's Day? Looking for love is not an easy task these days.

The key to finding someone is to socialize, which means to go out and meet and converse with people. This can happen anywhere from shopping malls, to bars, and even on the DMACC campus. However, sometimes even being social doesn't work. It's very frustrating when every guy you find interesting is always taken.

Still, there is hope, love searchers! The infamous 976 numbers can come to the rescue. These numbers have offered everything from new knitting techniques to heavy metal music news.

Right now there are three dating hotlines. Their commercials are usually shown between the Morton Downey Jr. show and Lincoln Tech commercials, promoting happy couples who have found love through the hotline. There is no guarantee that love will be found, but you never know until you try.

There is the Date Hotline, at 1-976-DATE that runs 69 cents per minute. When the number is called, several tapes are played of individuals describing themselves and some of their hobbies. After all the tapes are over, it is then your chance to make your own tape. In addition you must also include your phone number so interested prospects can give you a call.

The Date Connection runs the same way, but it costs a little more at 99 cents per minute. Through this service, "gals" call 1-976-GUYS, to hear only tapes of men and "guys" call 1-976-GALS to hear tapes of women.

Now, if the idea of only hearing a tape doesn't sound good, there is still hope. "Till-A-Bridge" is a type of party line, where you can talk to up to five people at a time. The number is 1-976-7777 and it runs 49 cents for the first minute and 29 cents for each additional minute. "It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends," according to the commercial.

So, if you feel that you need a little help when searching for love, a phone call might be the answer.

## A Look at Love Day

by Tricia England  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year once again. Cupid is out and about, ready to strike when you least expect him. We have all participated in the traditions surrounding Valentine's Day for years — beginning back in elementary school — when we thought members of the opposite sex might have "cooties." Over the years we have become much wiser. We now realize that Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to tell that special someone how much we care — especially if we have been admiring that someone from a far, and are just too shy to say anything.

During all of this did you ever stop to wonder how Valentine's Day originated? The tradition dates back to 270 A.D., when St. Valentine was martyred in ancient Rome. Just hours before his demise, Valentine picked violets growing outside his prison window and sent them to his loved

ones, via doves. He attached a note to the flowers which read, "Remember your Valentine." And thus, the tradition began.

It took several centuries before the Feast of St. Valentine took on the romantic qualities of present day. The feast slowly merged with the spring festival of Lupercalia, during which Europeans gave gifts. The once customary jewels and various other riches soon gave way to hand-delivered notes.

Breakthroughs in printing led to commercial production of valentines. There were a wide variety of cards that ranged from mock marriage licenses to notes drawn on the "Bank of Love," although most cards were predominantly Victorian designs.

Because of our conservative Puritan heritage, valentines were slower to catch on in America. The first were made by Esther

Howard, a well-educated daughter of a stationer in Massachusetts. The exquisite cards, decorated with silk, satin, and colored paper, sold for between \$5 and \$35, in the 1840's, which is equivalent to \$50 to \$350 in present day monetary terms.

Although it had a slow start in the states, Valentine's Day is now second only to Christmas when it comes to the number of cards sent. This year Americans will send close to 850 million cards.

The traditions on Valentine's Day has undergone some distinct changes over the years, but the thought behind it all has weathered thousands of years. Now here is a point to ponder. (This reporter came across it in a Hallmark card while buying valentines.) "Something to think about if your Valentine sends you a single red rose. Who got the other 11?"

# Happy Valentine's Day! Celebrate A Special Way

by Michelle Smiley  
Editor

With the approaching holiday of love, or Valentine's Day, many people are looking for unusual ways to express their affection. In the event that this year you'd like to say, "Happy Valentine's Day!" in a different way instead of handing your valentine a simple card, here are some gift ideas:

How about a night on the town with a one-hour limo ride from Smithson Limousine Service (Des Moines, 285-6346)? The cost is \$40 Sunday-Thursday and \$50 for Friday and Saturday. The service appreciates calls in advance.

Surprise your loved one with a bouquet of balloons from Balloons Unlimited (Des Moines, 279-6611). The cost of balloon bouquets vary from \$20-\$26, according to the amount of balloons and added touches such as stuffed animals, candy, or decorative mugs.

Candy is always a sure favorite, especially for the sweet tooth. At Fanny Farmer Candy Shops (located in Merle Hay Mall, 278-8431) they offer empty three- and five-pound heart-shaped boxes and the price of chocolates is added to the cost of the box. A three-pound box, already filled with goodies, is \$40.50 and a 1 1/2 pound lace heart box sells for \$24.95.

Try sending a red rose to show your love. City-wide delivery is available at Boesen The Florist (Des Moines, 274-4766). The cost of a dozen roses varies depending on the length of the stem. The medium-length stem is \$48 (boxed) and arranged in a vase, \$55. The long stems arrive boxed for a fee of \$60 and arranged in a vase for \$67.50.

For the kid in us all, send a stuffed toy. The largest stuffed bear, approximately 15 to 18 inches, from the Children's Palace (Des Moines, 224-1544) costs \$39.99.

Or, send your love gift to treasure all year round... a gold, heart-shaped locket from Josephs (located in Merle Hay Mall, 276-1521). A 14 kt. medium-size gold locket, with the chain included is \$180. A smaller version with a plain, diamond design is available for \$150. Orders will be taken.

Still, another option, a new diamond of red silk from Victoria's Secret (located in Merle Hay Mall, 276-1068). These are priced at \$60. However, there are camisoles and negligee sets ranging in price from \$20-\$50.

Just remember, it's not the gift — it's the giving that counts! Have a Happy Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14.

Editor's Note: Please check the yellow pages for other business establishments that offer similar services and products.



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# IS IT SPRING OR IS IT WINTER?

by E. Scott Martin  
Co-editor

Students at DMACC are always asking themselves questions that relate to school work. Like, whether they should study for the test, do the homework, or wonder how hard the finals will be? These questions are normal, but the one question that students are puzzled by is what kind of clothes to wear to school.

The temperatures around Iowa have been, for the most part, decent, and the chance of snow had seemed pretty slim if there even was a chance. Most students felt that spring was near, especially during the last week of January, when the temperature broke record highs of 68 degrees. People were wearing shorts, flying kites, fishing, and the thought of getting a tan seemed very tempting.

The news stations were practically celebrating the great weather that day, but warned that it would be cold the very next day with temperatures of zero to twenty for a high. Many students didn't believe that a change of at least forty degrees was possible. Some students that lay out their clothes for the next day were in for a shock when they woke up the following morning. Yes! There was snow on the ground, and wearing shorts on a day like that would be insane. What had happened to the wonderful weather? The outlook forecast had shown zero temperatures for the rest of the week, and people started to wonder if the ground hog would indeed see his shadow on the second of February.

Well, Ground Hog Day finally arrived, but the results kind of left people in doubt. In Iowa, the ground hog didn't see his shadow, but in Pennsylvania he did. So does that mean that here in Iowa we will have six more weeks of winter, too? That's a good question to think about. From the way the weather looks and feels outside, six more weeks of winter seems very possible, unfortunately.

Hey! Who knows! This is Iowa, and Iowa is known for unpredictable weather. Maybe tomorrow will be warm again, I did say, maybe. So, to answer the question that has baffled so many people alike, is it spring or is it winter? Look outside and judge for yourself. It looks like winter coats and mittens are here to stay for awhile.

by Christa Schauf  
Chronicle Columnist

The intricate, delicate snowflake somehow was lying on my windshield despite the fact that I was flying at breakneck speed down the freeway. What a wondrous thing this was, such a beautiful work of art so exact in its design, defying valiantly the laws of wind and speed. Who is it that sits upon the clouds and chisels each snowflake into a unique design?

Unforeseen wonderments such as these are the kind of things that make this world, so full of hate and turmoil, just a little bit more endurable. For instance, just when you are beginning to firmly believe that this world is full of complete, utter simpletons, you see a child's bright smile so full of promise and frivolity. Redemptive qualities of this planet are there, but they are often hidden under the grudge of smog. However, they are well worth seeking out for any human who is feeling a bit unhappy. Or is beginning to feel that the corruptive effects of society are beginning to turn the brain into a nuclear waste dump.

When the need for a little happy booster overcomes the soul, just take some time to appreciate the fact that the clouds billow so wonderfully today, and the birds sound so optimistic and beautiful. Or the fact that your best friend dropped by just to sip hot cocoa and laugh about all those silly pranks you played on parents and teachers so you could go to the beach instead of sitting through annoying class back in high school.

Well, no, these aren't exactly the kinds of things that dreams are made of. Yet, the unexpected warmth of the smile has this mystical power of relieving tension in incredibly tired minds and bodies. In this world we face so many stressful situations, our forefathers would be amazed. We must face the reality that the end of our planet's existence hinges on the finger poised on the frail brink of a button. Our society as we know it is plagued by the deadly AIDS. Homeless people are reaching astounding numbers as the middle class becomes trapped in debt, unable to ever get ahead.

One day while in some sort of a rustic, natural setting, just lie in the plush green grass and watch the trees sway and swing in the breeze; listen to the bumble bee sip nectar from the flowers. (One little hint is to leave the old watch at home so the threat of time doesn't intrude in your serenity). Take off the tennies and socks and wiggle your toes, hum some old ditty your grandmother taught you, and put a ridiculously silly grin on your face. Now, you're set; the weight of all your problems, fears, and worries take a back seat, you realize, while your senses are in a heaven of relaxing beauty as the soft, sweet breeze gently blows your hair out of your face. See how easy this is?

Aaahhhh, yeesss.... This, kiddos, is what dreams are made of.

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# Registration Is Hassle-Free for Responsible Students

by E. Scott Martin  
Co-Editor

**Editor's Note:** In the January 27, issue of The Chronicle, I wrote an editorial entitled, "The Waiting Line." This piece clarifies some aspects of the registration process. Thank you to the "great ladies" in Admissions for their recent comments.

The worries and the wonders of registration hit every student, and quick decisions must be made before classes are filled. Students often wonder what classes they are going to take and how they are going to pay for them, but some questions that aren't always asked by students include what method of payment they are going to use and on what day they are planning to pay tuition.

A large number of students are not aware of the different ways or methods of paying for classes. Instead, a large number of people file in the waiting line when due dates roll around. One other option is to pay by mail. Not only would you not have to wait in line like so many do, but you wouldn't even have to drive all the way to school.

One important factor in registration is to have any overdue library books returned and any parking tickets paid off, or you won't be allowed to register for classes. Keep this important tip in mind also: Choosing other classes as backup ones is a very good idea. Just in case you don't get that class you wanted, you have another one ready to enter.

Some students wonder, especially for the spring term, why payment due dates fall in what seems like short time. Well, the truth is that it's not the staff members that sit behind the counters and desks of Admissions, Student Records, or Accounts Receivable; it's the system itself. There are a large number of activities going on and changing dates just to please one department may interfere with the schedule of another department. Any changes must first be approved by the DMACC Board, and must be presented as a proposal.

One proposal that is to be reviewed by the Board sometime in March is to move the due date for tuition payment back a little bit enabling stu-

dents to have more days to pay their tuition, and the great employees that help with registration won't have to work so hard. They do a lot to try to please the students when they possibly can.

Remember take care of debts owed, no matter how small they may be, and don't wait until the last minute to take care of your business. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate department in Building 1. The staff looks forward to helping students when they can, and we, the students, appreciate it.

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"Eyes On The Prize" Author Speaks To Students

# Juan Williams & Civil Rights, Right Now!!!

by Michelle Smiley  
Editor

"I hope to make a historical message by attending DMACC today," began Juan Williams in his recent speech to students and faculty. Williams visited both the Ankeny and Urban campuses. Williams is a political reporter for the Washington Post, commentator for PBS' MacNeil-Lehrer Report, and author of the historical piece concerning the Civil Rights Movement, "Eyes On The Prize." His message to students in the almost-full auditorium: "Believe in yourself and make your dreams come true."

Beginning with talk of a "social experiment" and showing an eight-minute presentation from the six-part T.V. documentary series, "Eyes On The Prize," Williams says history and reality were both made by the closing and opening of eyes to the Civil Rights Revolution. He dispelled some myths about the Civil Rights Movement and spoke with great admiration for Dr. Martin Luther King.

However, Williams also credited others who, in standing up for what they believed in, helped in the Civil Rights Movement. These were not ministers, necessarily. The movement-makers were students, housewives, athletes, and other ordinary citizens doing extraordinary things.

"The Dream (Martin Luther King's) Movement affects us all..." he says. Williams cited the following examples to prove his point...

Freedom Riders, of all ages, helped move the Civil Rights Movement toward progress:

54,000 people supported the Montgomery March. Forty years ago Jackie Robinson integrated his race into the sport of baseball. Rosie Parks was tired of sitting behind chicken wire at the back of the bus and refused to give up her seat, thus starting the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In a Washington, D.C. department store black women couldn't try on dresses. A man had to explain to his six-year old daughter why she wasn't allowed to go to Fun Time Amusement Park. Sixteen-year-old Barbara Johns called an NAACP lawyer to help her move away from a school with one classroom and a mud floor. Eighteen-year-old Diane Nash, a Tennessee College student, braved bomb and beating threats to ride a bus from New Orleans to Alabama. Fourteen-year-old Emmett Till, on a visit South far from his native Chicago, was beaten up near a warehouse, killed, and thrown into the Mississippi's Tallahatchie River for telling the truth that he attended school with white children.

"The Dream Movement is a secret of sharing, a sharing of the knowledge that you have tremendous power to shape and change your world," says Williams. "There is the spirit of King, Parks, or Till, in each of you. Begin the fight..."

Williams' message can be capsulized in the lines from a gospel song..."I know one thing we did right, was the day we started to fight, keep your eyes on the prize, hold on..."



Michelle Burgan, Juan Williams, and Carol Fallis embrace in a warm hug after Williams' speech on Wednesday, February 1. SAB members Burgan and Fallis helped arrange his visit.

## YOUR INTRAMURALS

by "E"  
Sports Editor

Basketball, basketball, and more basketball are the words to say with action from all three divisions of play. We jump right into the action with scores from the Big 10.

The team to watch is, of course, the Alumnis, but keep an eye out for the Saints who have a passing game that is good! Short 'n' Slow are more like quick & good and currently are holding second place.

<b>BIG 10</b>	
Alumni .....	2-0
Short 'n' Slow .....	2-0
Havnocabas .....	1-1
Saints .....	1-1
Hurricanes .....	0-2
No Name Yet .....	0-2

In the Big 8, the Bobcats are tough but could be beat by Phi Slammas Jamma. The Aggies have a good chance of making their way to the top of this division, and might...

<b>BIG 8</b>	
Bobcats .....	2-0
Stuckin Fuds .....	2-0
Phi Slammas Jamma .....	1-1
Aggies .....	1-1
The Bangers .....	0-2
Johnny's Flunkies .....	0-2

The Mid-Continent League is a division where first place could change hands at any time. The Lost Boys are on top for now, but they look a little rusty and might get beaten by The Air Balls.

<b>MID-CONTINENT</b>	
Lost Boys .....	2-0
The Air Balls .....	2-0
Lone Wolves .....	0-2
Crazy Babies .....	0-1
Penguins .....	0-1

The player of the week is Jim "Manute" Mezera, for his last-second shot to win the game, and Chenoa Ford for winning the Ladies' Pool Tournament.

One special activity in which you might take interest (since we are used to the snow that we've received,) is the ski trip to the Afton Alps on Feb. 17. Contact the Recreation/Wellness Center.

Remember, get out there and get involved in your intramurals.



"Manute"

Join our chapter as we celebrate...

**DECA WEEK**  
FEBRUARY 12 - 18

Join The Celebration  
DECA Week February 12-18

by Michelle Smiley  
Co-Editor

During the week of February 12-18, the DMACC Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) Chapter is celebrating their organization. They will conduct a number of activities intended to increase the awareness of the value of marketing education.

Students in the Marketing Education Program benefit from business involvement in a variety of ways including part-time employment opportunities, classroom instruction in marketing and management, development of leadership potential, volunteering to judge DECA competitive events, experience working as part of a team, improve speaking and listening skills, displaying a concern and caring attitude for today's youth, and the chance to learn more about others and yourself. Thus creating "The Best You Can Be" attitude.

The students of the DECA Chapter would like to thank local businesses for their support.

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Topic: The Value of Human Touch  
 Place: Auditorium, Bldg. 6  
 Time: 9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.  
 Tuesday, February 14.

P.S. DON'T MISS your free hug coupons!!

The philosophy of the Hug Lady is warm and loving. "From the beginning of time, we have grown and developed as human beings. We have reached peaks in science, business, industry and education. Our lives have become more complex because of the innovative changes we have made. We must not lose track of that which is fundamental to our being: human touch. Positive touch is urgent in our beginning, vital in our ends. Only by making contact with each other, can we continue to grow and develop as total human beings — and contribute to the world's health and happiness by being engineers of touch. By reaching out, we can take better care of self and others — and foster the growth of a more nurturing, loving society."



**Chronicle Classifieds**

**THE WOMEN'S CENTER** — a place for all women to meet, talk, read, relax, learn, ask questions, and find help. Stop by Monday-Friday (9-4) Building 5, Room 27, or call 964-6474.

**Ride Wanted:** From Ames to Ankeny. Have classes on M-W-F from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Will help with gas costs. Leave message for T. Hicks at 964-6425 (Chronicle Office).

**Responsible Roommate** wanted to share two-bedroom home. 175/mo + 1/2 utilities. Call before noon at 246-1673.

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*BILBO AND THE BEAST*



*BY ARES PIZALUCHI*



*Sweetheart 50s and 60s Dance*



The 1989 Sweetheart Sockhop is sponsored by the Ankeny DMACC Student Action Board. The dance will be held at the Des Moines Convention Center on Friday, February 17, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Hot Rod Chevy Keyy will be playing turns from the 50s and 60s all night — including a short Blues Brothers routine.

During the breaks there will be hula hoop and limbo contest. Also, the best-dressed 50s male and female will be announced. If you don't want to dress 50s, you may wear semi-formal attire. A variety of prizes will be awarded. THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE! Cookies, and punch will be served with a cash bar available. Pop, coffee, and alcoholic beverages will be served.

Van Tluy! photography will be taking pictures for \$8 per package. Candid shots will also be available for purchase the next week in the Student Activities Office. Students from all DMACC campuses are invited and you may invite friends.

**Be-Bop at the Sockhop! See you there!**