

Martial arts prodigy attends Boone Campus

Andrew Penner
Sports Writer

Televised UFC fights have made minor celebrities of these modern gladiators, joining their ranks is DMACC student Justin Wren

Wren's next fight will be at The Art of War I, The Undisputed Arena Fighting Championships, in Dallas on March 9. The Art of War series is apart of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). The newly formed International Fighters Association (IFA) will have the main event for their World Heavyweight Championship. This event will be televised on pay-per-view, at 7:30 p.m. eastern time.

Art of War has nine fights scheduled, including the nights feature fight for the IFA World Heavyweight Championship, between former two-time UFC Heavyweight Champion, Pedro "The Rock" Rizzo, and former ISU football defensive standout and UFC Heavyweight Title Contender, Justin "The Hammer" Eilers.

Wren, a Mixed Martial Arts prodigy, will face off against Trent Standing, an MMA belt holder. Wren's training partner, Eric Schambari, an undefeated MMA fighter, will also have a fight at the Art of War I.

Wren first started wrestling his wrestling career as a one man wrestling team at Southwest Christian High School. His coach was the Texas state director for wrestling, Allan Rodger. After wrestling for less than a year Wren had qualified



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Justin Wren (top), Boone student, amidst an Ultimate Fighting Championship match.

for the state championships, entering unseeded and wrestling the number one seed in the first round. He pinned his fist opponent, the tournament's number one seed, and didn't stop pinning until he was State Champion.

Wren transferred from SW Christian to Bishop Lynch High School/Prep College, because the wrestling team at Bishop Lynch was coached by Olympic medalists, Kenny Monday and Kendall Cross. Wren won two more state championships and

the 2005 National Champion in the heavyweight division for both Folkstyle and Greco-Roman. After Bishop Lynch, Wren spent some time at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

Wren has been recruited by Cael Sanderson to wrestle at ISU starting in the 07-08 season. Sanderson found Wren while he was at his home recovering from surgery on his knee and elbow, injuries both sustained at a fight hosted by the New York Athletic Club International.

On Jan. 27, Wren competed at a fight in Spirit Lake, IA. The contest was put on by Miletich Combat Sports from Bettendorf, IA. The Miletich team is known as one of the best fight teams in the world. Matches typically last fifteen minutes, three five-minute rounds; Wren didn't waste any time, winning by knockout in only 44 seconds. "I like to fight to test my skill against any opponents, so I can push myself past personal boundaries," said Wren.

On the inside of his arm Wren tattooed the name Rehor. The tattoo is visible to the crowd when the official lifts Wren's arm in victory. Brad Rehor, a native of Nevada, died of a heart attack the night before his seventh Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu title fight, Wren wears the tattoo in memoriam of his late friend and mentor.

Wren, a native of Dalla-Fort Worth, is studying Business and Sports-marketing here at DMACC.

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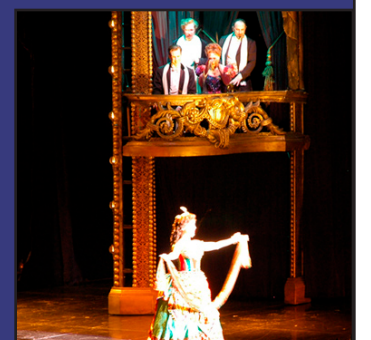
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Home-schooled student takes DMACC classes

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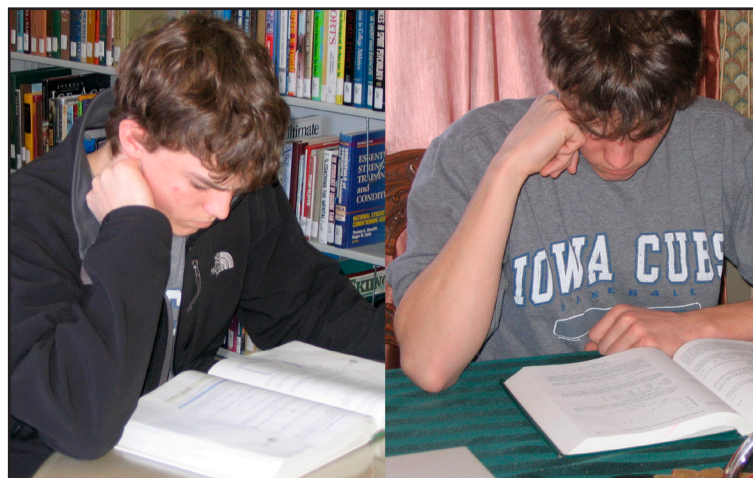
It has been said that variety is the spice of life. Daniel Rinehart is a young man who has lived a life of variety and opportunities. Rinehart has grown up in a loving home environment being home-schooled with eight sisters and one brother. He has cherished the opportunity to have a close relationship with his entire family. "Being home-schooled, I've been able to golf a lot more, help my dad on the farm with harvest, and do farmers market. I'm able to spend a lot of time with my family, and that's nice," said Rinehart.

Rinehart, like most home-schooled students, has been able to take advantage of extracurricular activities and

community groups. "I've been on basketball and baseball teams, golf teams through Ogden High School, led music for a youth group, and served in volunteer work."

Eighteen year old Rinehart has taken seven semesters at DMACC, racking up college credits from the age of fifteen. By the end of this semester, he could, by credits, be considered a sophomore. "Going to DMACC has given me the opportunity to do things I would never be able to otherwise, helped me to be closer to my whole family, have the freedom to express my beliefs, and not be distracted by some of the things public-schoolers are."

One of the biggest benefits to home-schooled students, according to Nancy Janney, Homeschool Assistance



Photos: Gracie Fellmet

Daniel Rinehart studies for his classes at DMACC and for his home-schooling.

Coordinator, is that "children get a lot more time with their parents. They need their parents!"

Many home-schooled students feel that they have been able to take advantage of their less constrained educational

environment. "A student who works well one on one, whether with a parent or a supervisor is able to [study one on one]. They're also able to work at an appropriate pace. Some work faster than others. A child is not

tied in to precise curriculum. If a child is a reader, they can read anything they want to learn about, and those who aren't as fond of reading can do more hands-on projects such as science experiments."

Janney stressed that, "Every family is different. All children learn and understand differently. Some families are very structured, and some work on week by week plans, while others are very free-formed."

Rinehart, who grew up on a farm, is able to translate his time at home directly into a college major. "I am currently specializing in Turf-grass Management and getting a horticulture degree...hoping to be a superintendent at a golf course."

DMACC considers smoking ban SAC sponsors Wild Wednesdays

ISU reviews similar policy

Steve Fisher
Banner Staff Writer

Around the country smoking bans are being instituted in public facilities, bars, restaurants, and college campuses. Smoking elicits any number of reactions, whether your pro-smoking, anti-smoking, or just don't care.

The current rule at DMACC requires smokers to be no closer than 25 feet from the building while smoking. Iowa State has a similar rule on its campus, which prohibits smoking within 25 feet of outdoor eating areas, bus shelters and ticket booths.

ISU has plans to make their campus completely smoke free by 2009. Recently, a complete smoking ban on all DMACC property has been suggested. The proposal has sparked debate amongst the student population in Ames, but has been largely accepted as a good decision. The 25 foot 'halo' rule potential total ban on smoking at ISU will be enforced by the Department of Public Safety.

Smoking is illegal in all public areas, but there are exceptions. Smoking is permitted in restaurants from 8:30 PM-6 AM if the establishment designates an area. If non-alcoholic sales are less than 10% of an establishment's total sales, smoking may be permitted all day, if the establishment so chooses.

The bans on smoking are not only for customers who don't appreciate a smoky environment. They are also being instituted to create a cleaner, healthier working environment for employees. Studies show that second hand smoke can be just

as deadly as smoking. Bar and restaurant employees, even those who don't smoke, may still be at risk, if their employer allows patrons to smoke.

Gina Ryan, an employee of Rookies Sports Bar and Grille, said "Smoking should be banned for health reasons, due to all the studies of cancer and second hand smoke I do not have a problem with smoking, but being a former smoker it makes it difficult to not smoke when I go to bars."

Many students feel smoking should be more controlled in public. Chris Tott, ISU student and non smoker, said, "Smoking is anyone's choice but with all the recent studies of the danger of second hand smoke, it makes sense that they would make anti-smoking laws. Not to mention it would be nice to come home not smelling like an ash tray."

Some students, claiming individual rights, feel that it is not the government's place to say what can and cannot be done by businesses. Clint Pickard, an ISU student, said, "The government shouldn't decide what a business can and cannot do. If people don't like the smoke, they won't go where the smoke is."

Iowa isn't the only state proposing smoking bans for public facilities. California and New York already have strict regulations on smoking. In those states, smoking is prohibited in all bars and restaurants, at all times. Smoking in Europe is also being restricted; countries like Ireland and France are considering laws to ban smoking in all public places.

Jessi Hackler
Banner Staff Writer

Wild Wednesdays are back! Hosted by the Student Activities Council, different activities will be held each Wednesday. The first of the Wednesday festivities to be held was Putt Putt Golf in the Courter Center on Jan 31. Twenty-four students participated in the putting contest with SAC member Anjie McGee supervising the event.

DMACC student Jordan Funkhouser, after making 3 out of 6 putts, had this to say about his involvement, "I can do better. The game is really awesome, though it makes me really mad at the same time." Funkhouser was one of the four student division winners in the tournament.

The four student division winners of the competition were Joseph Maduol, Jordan Funkhouser, Megan Homan, and Clayton Weber. The winner

of the faculty/staff division was Rebecca Funke who sank 5 of her 6 putts. Coach Krafcisin who was there to join in the action said, "I'm looking forward to trying."

The next Wild Wednesday activities will be held on Feb 7. The event will be the Home Run Derby and will be held in the gym.

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Forest Whitaker takes best actor at SAG, Golden Globes

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Banner Staff Writer

Forest Whitaker took the award for best actor for his role as Ugandan president Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland" at this year's Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Whitaker accepted the award very modestly. "It's been an amazing ride, not a ride I'm used to. I've never had it," said Whitaker.

His role as a feared dictator

was very different from any of his past roles. He has been cast as gentler and more placid characters in previous films. Whitaker's character required a lot of research and study of Amin's personal history to achieve the character of Idi Amin. In an interview on National Public Radio, Whitaker said, "I submerged myself in all the information I could find on Idi Amin."

"The people of Uganda have really mixed feelings about

Idi Amin," explained Whitaker. "You cannot ignore the fact that hundreds of thousands of people died during his reign. You can't tell the story of this man without recognizing that. Now, in Uganda there's a different social strata. Now there are businessmen that weren't there before, and there's a lot of things that occurred that also give the Ugandans a sense of pride also about this man."

Whitaker has come a long way since his early days in film. He appeared with future Oscar

nominee Sean Penn, and Emmy winner Anthony Edwards in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High."

Whitaker was born in Texas, and raised in California. He originally attended collage to play football and then went on to explore acting after studying to become an operatic tenor.

Whitaker first earned a name for himself when he appeared in "The Color of Money" in 1986, in which he played the roll of a clever hustler, and "The Crying Game" in 1992, where he

portrayed a bewildered British Soldier.

Whitaker has been involved in producing and directing films of his own. He directed "Waiting to Exhale" in 1995 and "Hope Floats" in 1998.

In 2006 Whitaker had a recurring roll on the FX series "The Shield."

Whitaker's role in "The Last King of Scotland" has garnered much critical acclaim and a well deserved best actor award from the SAG.

Adviser, Banner receive awards

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Award Winning Columnist

Jan LaVille, an instructor at DMACC, won the John Eighmy Award at the Iowa College Media Association conference on Feb. 2.

The award is given to college instructors in the state of Iowa, who excel in educating students in different forms of media.

LaVille, a long time college media advisor, started journalism camps at DMACC for middle school students. She is a co-creator of the Iowa Community College Media Association, now called the Iowa College Media Association.

John Eighmy, the award's namesake, is a former director of the Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism. Eighmy played a major role in the establishment of the ICMA, combining community colleges and four year institutions.

The Banner News was awarded second place for Best Coverage of First Amendment Issues. Tommy Birch, former Chronicle columnist, took first in the Best Columnist category; Banner columnist, Mary Elizabeth Drahos, took third.

Free skiing event brings out tons of students

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Opinion Editor

As Stephen Miskell came around a curve on the hill, he almost lost control of his skis. A near wipe-out that wasn't forgotten at the end of the hill. "There was a point I wasn't sure you were in control," Jared Morford said to Miskell, laughing.

This was the type of fun atmosphere that was spread all around Seven Oaks on Jan. 25 when the Student Activities Council sponsored a free event for students. Students and had a chance to go skiing, snowboarding, or tubing. The only thing they paid for were their skis or snowboards.

Jocelyn Wells, another DMACC student at the event, said, "I have been skiing here before, so I figured it would be a fun cheap thing to do."

While last years turnout was good, 36 people showed up, this years turnout was outstanding. Almost 60 students, faculty and staff attended this year's event. Since there was such a good turnout at this event, another skiing and boarding event has been scheduled at Seven Oaks on Feb. 22.

Anyone who is interested needs to email Steve Krafcsin at sjkrafcsin@dmacc.edu.

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Those recognized from the Boone Campus include:

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 Renae Allen, Criminal Justice, Woodward
 Tammy Andre, Pre-Nursing, Ames
 Joseph Athian, Arts & Sciences, Boone
 Shanda Bachman, Pre-Nursing, Lanesboro
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 Scott Catron, Land Surveying, Des Moines
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 Richard Chapman, Civil Engineering Technology, Ames
 Jianru Chen, Arts & Sciences, Ames
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 Melissa Craft, Pre-Nursing, Ames
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 Brian Foltz, Civil Engineering Technology, Boone
 Brian Funke, Civil Engineering Technology, Nevada
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 Brandon Godwin, Arts & Sciences, Ames
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 Amy Goos, Practical Nursing, Clive
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 Holly Griffith, Arts & Sciences, Ames
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 Paige Harris, Arts & Sciences, Boone
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 Chelsea Hartwig, Arts & Sciences, Boone
 Janelle Hartwig, Arts & Sciences, Boone
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 Cecilia Hernandez, Arts & Sciences, Perry
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 Tammy Hicks, Criminal Justice, Hubbard
 Nathan Higginbotham, Computer Applications, Ames
 Nathan Hilgenkamp, Agri-Business, Arlington
 Amanda Hornsby, Arts & Sciences, Woodward
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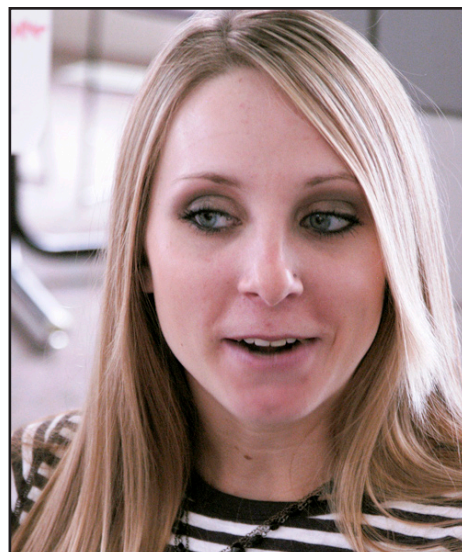
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What plans do you have for VALENTINE'S DAY?



I don't really do anything for it. I don't feel that you should have to do anything for it.

-Dani Hermansen
Undecided Major

I don't have any plans. Probably just hang out with roommates. Flowers would be nice, though. Roses.

-Jamie Sickles
Psychology Major

I don't have any ladies to get anything for.

-D.J. Walters
Agriculture Lab

Well it's my anniversary so I probably better do something for it. Probably go to dinner and get her flowers.

-Walter Dawson
Agriculture Lab

Bears beat Clinton, Wesleyan The Banner needs sports writers

Quintez Gillespe
Banner Staff Writer

DMACC's men basketball defeated Clinton Community College 93-89 on Jan. 24 and then beat-up on the non-conference Southwestern Wesleyan, 71-33 on Jan. 27.

The Bears had key chances early in the game off of Wesleyan's missed shots, putting the Bears up early. Point guard Ashton Sauls's three, first half, three pointers it made it easy for the Bears to pull away.

The Bears had good ball movement that allowed the key shooters to hit the open shots. When the bears headed into the locker room they had a solid lead (insert score here).

Shooting forward J'Sean Gaddy, back from a wrist injury, knocked down two major three pointers. Gaddy said, "I knew I would be stroking because I hit about six three pointers right before I [stepped] on the court."



Photo: Eric Ver Helst

Bears' Rodney Grace moves the ball against Clinton Community College. DMACC won the nail biter 93-89.

Colts win Super Bowl, Dungy first black coach to take trophy

Quintez Gillespie
Sports Writer

Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith made history on Feb. 4, 2007. Dungy and Smith were the first black head coaches in the 41-year history of the Super Bowl. Dungy is now the first black coach to ever win a Superbowl.

Dungy overcame his grief after his 18 year old son James' apparent suicide on Oct. 21, 2006. Dungy marked the end of his fifth season with the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday by accepting the Lombardi Trophy and the Colts' fifth Super Bowl win.

Smith, an experienced athlete and head coach of the Chicago Bears, is a two-time All-American at University of Tulsa. He is also a former coach of and good friend to his opponent Tony Dungy.

DMACC Women top Iowa Central in close match, 73-70



Photo: Joseph Maduol

Women's Basketball coach Steve Krafcisin gives his team instruction during a break in Saturday's game. DMACC knocked off Iowa Central in a close match, 73-70.



Photo: Joseph Maduol

Bears' Point Guard Jamie Sickles runs the floor against Iowa Central. Sickles holds the state record for assists with 793.

HELP WANTED

The Banner News is looking for someone to cover women's basketball. Qualified students can earn \$7.50 an hour covering games as part of the Work Study program. Students interested in this opportunity may contact Jan LaVille (jrlaville@dmacc.edu) or apply in person at Banner Office (Rm. 115). Applicants need not have prior journalism experience.

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I am woman, Phantom of the Opera dazzles yet again hear me roar



Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Award-Winning Columnist

Most people end their weeks by working, going on a date, or going out with friends. I ended mine by ending a relationship and quitting my job—all in the same sentence. How is that possible? My boyfriend was my boss. Ouch.

I can hear some of you inwardly sighing and thinking, ‘dude, you should’ve NEVER even started that!’ But I couldn’t resist. Love conquers all, right?

I know that wasn’t the traditional fun-filled way to celebrate a Friday night, but strangely I feel like I’m starting part of my life all over again. I get a clean slate.

As I spent the next day in a half-hungover state, spending money on cute clothes, I realized that this may be happening for a reason. I have now cleared the way for my true Mr. Right; and I’m now able to find a job that gives me the hours, and pay, that I want and need.

So even though that Friday night was spent with gut-wrenching, choking sobs, I got through it for the better. I can be the bigger person who rises above it all instead of lamenting on what is wrong with me.

Don’t get me wrong, he can still kiss my ass since he was being a major jerk through it all. He refused to sit down like adults and talk things out. When we did start talking things out, I started crying, and he stormed out of the room. I know I looked like a weakling since I was crying, but that does not give anyone the right to get mad at me.

He would also start talking to me like things were normal, and we would be flirting and having fun. After a few minutes he would just stop talking; then he would abruptly say he has to go and not talk to me for days on end.

Now, it is even harder on me because I have the kind of attitude that makes me want the last word in a fight or conversation. With the abrupt end of our conversation HE got the last word and I am left forcing myself not to call him.

I may feel like things aren’t going to look up for me right away, but if I give it time, my feelings for him will disappear. I am strong enough to get through this. I am not going to let a guy who made me feel bad get the best of me.

As 1970’s singer Helen Reddy said, “I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman.”

Eden Hinrichs
Banner Staff Writer

Nearly 21 years ago the first “Phantom of the Opera” burst on stage in London, dazzling the theatre world. “Phantom” won seven Tony awards, including Best Musical, and raked in a record \$18 million. The charm and appeal of Gaston Leroux’s masterpiece had been portrayed on film five times before Andrew Lloyd Webber’s extravagant rendition hit the stage, forever changing the face of Broadway musicals. The special effects, unparalleled by their predecessors, created an explosive atmosphere sweeping the audience into a frenzy. The temptation to view a production with so much prestige makes reviewing this classic no less than irresistible.

As the distinguished characters took the stage there was an electric chemistry in

Wolves of Anarchy

Jessi Hackler

We are ravenous wolves
Venturing out across this
desolate terrain
Feeding upon the mindless
sheep
And converting the
stragglers into shepherds

We are those who came
first
Driving out leased auto-
mobiles
Messing up the corporate
American system
And paving the way to an
innovative philosophy

Stray away from the flock
And you shall not be
eaten like the rest
But rather you will truly
live to see the grand
revolution
We are the uprising, the
insurrection

The Color of Rust

Julianne Hamil

*Under the Misty Moonlight
Illuminating a powder glow
You blew light deep inside
A soul I try to hide*

*You fill me completely
Tickling my toes
I still feel your breath
As it caressed my neck
From the depths of my heart
So far apart
From where it should remain*

*Divided by space and time
Worlds apart or so it seems
The distance between us
Can't stop my dreams*

*Of hoping you'll see
That I want to be
The one who gets to please
Your every need*

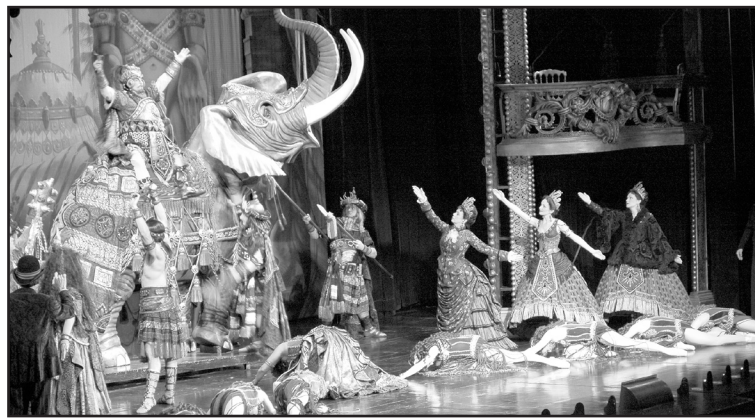


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“Phantom of the Opera” was performed at Stephens Auditorium.

the air; the curtain opened to the quiet dignity of the aged Viscount De Changy purchasing a poster of opera production of “Hannibal” and a mysterious music box. With the rising of the chandelier, layers of time are torn back, bringing the world of opera to the audience.

The Phantom, played by the charismatic John Cudia,

was awash in an eerie blend of colors and darkness. Impressive special effects and the Phantom’s seduction of Christine, played by Marni Raab, effectively drew the audience into this tumultuous drama. Although Raab’s portrayal of Christine initially appeared cold and aloof, the second half brought a revival of the original character’s verve.

The thunderous voice of the Phantom gave chills as his obsession reached murderous proportions. His notorious mischief on behalf of his love created a clearer window into his madness and solitude. The passion and pain of the Phantom lured the audience deeper into his world and quickened sympathy for our antihero.

The Viscount De Changy, played by Micheal Gillis, did little to endear himself to the audience, appearing to be driven more by a desire for control than by love for Christine. Overall, the cast amused and intrigued, creating eager anticipation as events unfolded.

This impressive performance of one of the most beloved and memorable musicals of our time is sure to create fans of even the most reluctant theater-goers; its hauntingly beautiful melodies echoing in their hearts and minds long after the curtain drop.

Diary of Samantha - Part Two

Editor's Note: "The Diary of Samantha" is a fictionalized account of a true story. It is contributed to the Banner and is published on condition of anonymity. A new installment will run in each issue of the Banner this semester.

I paced around for a day or so wondering if I should call my Aunt Jane. I stared at the phone as if it was some bizarre piece of equipment meant to inflict pain. I recalled briefly that my estranged father had contacted me a few weeks earlier by commenting on one of my dead online journals untouched for years. I refused to answer him. Why should I?

I began kicking thoughts around in my head about my relatives in another country; I knew that they talked to my Aunt Mary every week, just as they talked to my mother every week. At that moment it dawned on me that I would have to tell my mother I was talking to “the aunts”. But first I would have to talk to my Aunt Jane.

The conversation resembled a dialogue between strangers. We talked about the weather, some family (tastefully leaving out my mother of course) I told her about my good grades and she said she was very proud of me. By the

end of the conversation we had exchanged addresses. I promised to see her next time I came back home; she promised to call me once a week and I promised to do the same. I felt good about my new found relationship with my previously unknown family but I knew this feeling would be short lived.

As I picked up the phone to call my mother I prepared myself for the worst.

“Mom, I have something to tell you. I need you to hear me out.” I took a breath, braced myself and just went for it. “I’ve been talking with Aunt Mary and Aunt Jane—” I had barely spoken their names before my mother started screaming. Thankfully, I pulled the phone away in time to save myself from a ruptured ear drum.

As the screaming turned to sobbing, she begged me to stop talking to them. She accused me of conspiring to bring her misery, she accused them of trying to corrupt her daughter’s mind, she called me a follower and a traitor. I took her insults and accusations without a word of defense for myself or my “co-conspirators.” I told her, very calmly, that I would continue to talk to my aunts; I tried to assure her that she was my mother and would always be

an integral part of my life.

After dealing with that mess I picked up the phone and called my Aunt Jane. Secretly I prayed for the answering machine so that I could be spared some humiliation; I was never very lucky. “Hello? Aunt Jane?”

I was surprised at how soft and calm her voice was. My mother and Aunt Mary had very similar voices, similar tones and attitudes; but Jane’s was so different. She told me about my cousins, second and third (I couldn’t believe I had cousins!!!). She asked about my life, about my accomplishments, and about who I was. I told her everything I could. Her voice was choked with tears of pride, tears of love. I was amazed that she was so proud of me; the niece she’d never met, the niece who, until only recently, presumed her dead. We talked for over an hour about anything and everything we could think of, chiding avoiding my mother of course.

As the days went by we talked more and more often. I started to wonder what would come of our relationship. Would I finally have the family I had always wanted or would this be just another line on a long list of tragedies?

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HOROSCOPES

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Have you been feeling particularly rebellious lately? You may want to carry some amethyst to keep calm! Before you target authority figures to vent this frustration realize jail is no place like home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – If you have been holding back the progression on your major projects, stop! Instant gratification only comes from masturbation, you need to work for your success!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Happy Birthday Aquarius! Inspiration is the name of your game this week. Listen to your mentors and intelligent friends to find clues of how to score more gifts.

PISCES (Feb.19-March 20) – Feeling foggy and weighted down with personal decisions? Others opinions might come across as white noise, you might want to just sit on it until the air is clear.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – You may think your delay is justified because you need better information. Quit stalling and send your pics!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - When an interesting prospect catches your desire remember to be charming and they will be fascinated. Remember what is true for the Gemini is true for you too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) – Keep your pants on! The only true side affects to sex are empty promises, STD's (STI's) and babies. Guys only want what they can't have!

CANCER (June 22-July 22) – Boundaries make buddies bond beautifully. Stick to your side of the fence and your relationships might make sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Today you will feel stretched thin. It's important you stay on track, you might have money ridding on this one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Be socially aware this week, family members might want to "hug things out." Don't be surprised when this makes you grow emotionally. It's not the gas, just the way the planets are arranged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Right now you are wanting to play and be creative more than you want to work. If you don't buckle down and get your work done, this will bite you in the ass!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - You are normally a great listener, not a speaker. That is why you are great at giving direction through advise. Today your non sexual services will be in huge demand. Don't be afraid to show people these skills.

Valentine's Day is CRAP

Mary Elizabeth Drahos
Opinion Editor

For all of those men out there who feel they HAVE to do or buy something nice for their girls, I have one question; Why?

Valentine's Day is just a day that pressures people to spend lots of money to show their lovers that they care, even though they have 364 OTHER perfectly good days to do it (for a lot cheaper).

Why not surprise your love on a day like July 26? There is nothing special going on that day. Roses will be cheaper, you can

easily get into a restaurant, and your love will appreciate it even more.

I am not a pessimist on V-Day because I am single (even though I am). Even when I was married, I didn't like it. I think it is a holiday that Hallmark made up just because there wasn't a real holiday to buy candies, cards, and cute little teddy bears for.

So, men out there, if you are still reading, do not be seduced by the pressure of your love and the Hallmark corporation. Just say no to Valentine's day!




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