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## Words of Wisdom and Experience Shared

**Alumni from the class of 2003 spoke to the juniors and seniors about college and life after high school Friday morning.**



by Jessica Krogmann

Today, 2nd and 3rd hour a panel of college students came to talk to the Juniors and Seniors about college life, choices and decisions. The college students who came and talked were Katie Frieberger from NICC Calmar, Lynn Prier and Kim Brooks from NICC Peosta, Bill Foley from The University of Southern California, Jason Nurre from ISU, Sally Overman from Kirkwood, Jill Palmersheim from Viterbo University, Andrea Rave from Carlson College of Massage, Jeff Ries from Loras, Whitney Robertson from Wartburg, Kerri

Salow from Central, Amy Steger and Scott Wilson from UNI and Erin Williams from Mount Mercy. They shared their thoughts and views on just general college topics such as money, living lifestyles and jobs, academic views such as hard classes, summer schools, study groups, homework and teachers, and also the social aspects of college such as roommates, time, clubs, and organizations. It was an enjoyable time for students to learn about college life and also for past students to see some old familiar faces again,

## *Hark, the Wildcat Voices Sing...*



**Members of the choir perform some holiday tunes at the concert last night. The band also performed a variety of songs. (photo by Brittney Supple)**

## Happy Holidays

by Jessica Krogmann

Christmas is a time when families traditionally sit at home around the fire sharing stories. However, times have drastically changed. In fact, things are quite the opposite. Instead of families staying home, they're going out, most of them to warmer climates and sunny beaches.

Nathan Burger is one of the many lucky people from Maquoketa Valley doing just this. On December 31 to January 6th, Burger will be having a wonderful vacation in Cancun, Mexico to visit an aunt, uncle, and cousins there. Adam Graybill is also heading south, but is staying in the States. He left this morning and will get back around the first of the year. It may not be Mexico, but Florida is just as good. He enjoys going there to spend time with his grandparents and also sitting on the beaches in the warm weather. Wes DeShaw is going to warmer weather as well, only on a ship. He, along with his family, two cousins, aunt, uncle, his sister's boyfriend and Mike Sibel, leave from New Orleans to Montego Bay to Grand Caymen, then to Cozmel on a cruise. They leave January 2 and are expected back January 12. This is all part of their family vacation and is part of a Christmas present. Wes said the good things about going were that he has never been to the Caribbean and he gets to go someplace warm, but the only drawback is the homework he has to make up. Abby McDonald is traveling to Murietta, California to visit her uncle's family and her brother. She leaves December 21 and will be back December 29. She also is looking forward to the warmer weather.

If you aren't going anywhere warmer or fancy for Christmas, don't despair because many people aren't. In fact, quite a few are content staying home and carrying out their usual traditions like Mitch Sands, who said his family tradition is begging his parents to let him open a present early. So whatever your plans may be this holiday season, enjoy them, and maybe someone will bring you back some sand.