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SGA allows \$754 for Black Awareness Week projects

by Richard Kaplan

Spirited debate concerning the Student Government Association's (SGA) allocation of \$754 for a Black Awareness Week highlighted the SGA's Jan. 24 meeting.

The SGA allocated the funds to a committee of DMACC students to stage a black cultural exposition at the Ankeny campus during the week of Feb. 12-16.

The expressed purpose of the Black Awareness Week is to acquaint students with Afro-American culture.

Debbie Tomlinson, vice president of student life, questioned the rationale behind allocating such a large sum of money to two percent of the Ankeny campus population.

Tomlinson also wanted to know, "How many people will benefit from Black Awareness Week?"

Jim Brauer, vice president of intercampus communications, responded that, "We are not giving the money to only two percent." Brauer said that "the money goes to enlighten the majority."

Senator Daryl Buttikofer sided with Tomlinson adding that "we were wrong to fund it." Buttikofer said, "It will not serve that many people."

Tomlinson expressed another concern that there were not enough checks in SGA policy regarding the funding of similar events.

Brauer responded to this concern by saying, "The

SGA has already adopted a limit of four awareness weeks per year at its last meeting."

Jim Crandell, president of SGA, summed up the rationale behind cultural awareness weeks when he stated, "Everyone in this room is in the minority compared to the rest of the world."

In other SGA developments, the question of holding an election for a school mascot was raised once again.

The last attempt at a mascot election was run by OEA students and the mascot receiving the most

votes was an Asrdvark.

Brauer said, "Since that was dropped, I propose holding an SGA sponsored election for the election of a new mascot." Comments from Brauer sparked another round of lengthy debate.

Jim Kelehan, vice president of monetary affairs, said that there is no DMACC athletic program due to lack of facilities, "so why do we need to have a mascot?"

The SGA also discussed the merits and possibilities of encouraging the Urban campus to form its own structure of student government.

There was a general

consensus to allow the Urban campus to do so.

Tomlinson mentioned that the Urban campus administration is in favor of forming their own student government. She said, "They don't want to work with me; The best thing to do would be let them run their own show. I hope they will be successful."

The SGA passed a motion to find out if there is enough interest at the Urban campus to form a student government.

Discussion on the topic will continue at the next SGA meeting, Feb. 7, 3 p.m. in Bldg. 7.

Personnel sets deadline for applicants

By Pat Benschhof

Deadline for applications for the positions of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Vice President of Instruction has been set for Feb. 1.

Positions were vacated when Jordan Ball, business assistant to the superintendent, and Joe Borgen, past vice president of instruction, formally resigned at the Board of Director's meeting Dec. 11.

Ball, will assume the position of Cheyenne County Attorney, as well as city attorney for Sidney, Nebraska.

Borgen left the college last Wednesday to assume the position of President of

Danville Junior College in Danville, Illinois.

According to Wil Von Mayr, personnel director, the openings have been advertised both locally and nationally.

A screening committee of representatives from the different college departments will be set up to review applications.

Paul Lowery, superintendent, said, "The screening committee has not yet been set up. It will be done immediately at the deadline of applications."

Lowery predicted that there will be five members on the committee.

The decision of whether or not to appoint temporary replacements to the posi-

tions will be made by Lowery. However, he said that there may be no interim replacements.

Lowery said the jobs will be filled "in less than a month." If external applications are received, he said, the process will take considerably longer than if only internal applications are submitted.

However, Lowery said that about 100 applications are expected for just the position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, with quite a few of them coming from out of state.

Lowery said, "I will be working directly with the instruction deans for two to three weeks until we decide on the replacements."

New campus construction slated for June, 1979

by Pat Stuepfert

Construction of the new Urban Campus has been scheduled to begin June 1, 1979.

Preliminary plans for the Urban Center were approved by the DMACC Board of Directors at their Jan. 8 meeting.

The two-story concrete structure will replace the current facility located at Fifth and College. The old facility now serves approximately 450 full time equivalent students. A cost of \$2.3 million has been projected for construction.

The building, situated north of McVicar Freeway and bordered by Eighth, Laurel and Ascension streets will occupy land designated by the city of Des Moines as an urban renewal area.

Voting on the final detailed design prepared by architects, Wilkins, Bussard and Dikis, Ltd., will take place at the April Board of Directors' meeting. Advertising for contractors and bidding will follow, with the final selection being made at the May 16 Board meeting.

The construction is scheduled to be completed Aug. 1, 1980.

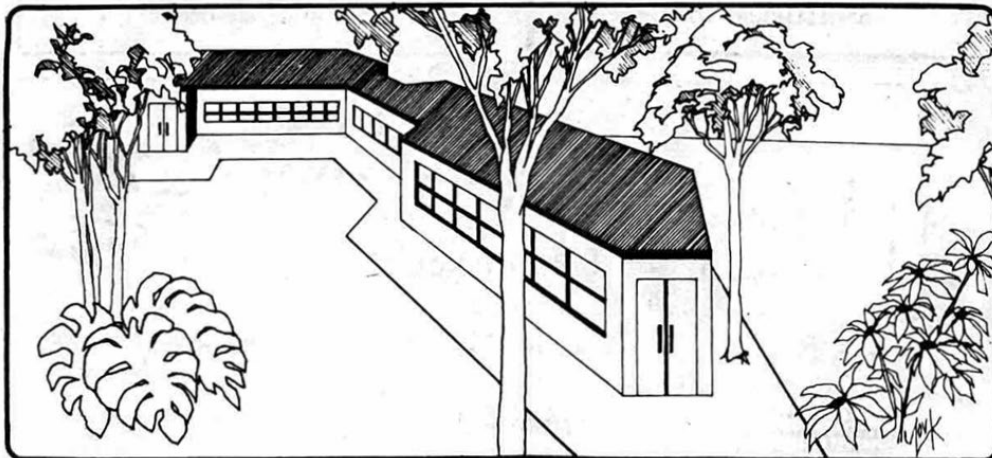
An interesting feature of the building design is its unique shape. The layout resembles the form of a hockey-stick, and was planned to take advantage of existing trees on the site. Nearly all of the mature trees on the property will be saved.

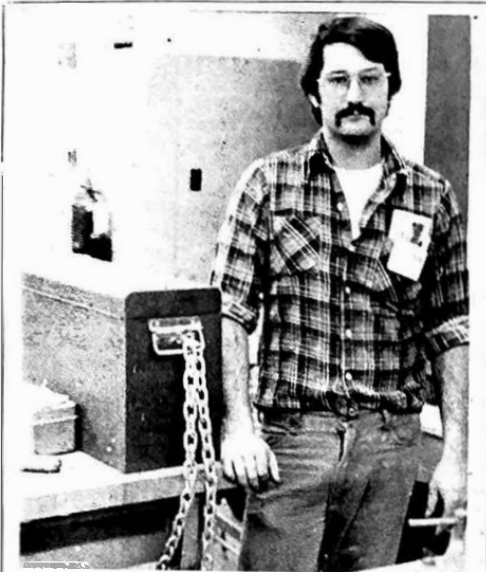
Another unusual feature is the angled positioning of the structure on the site. Don Zuck, dean of facilities management and campus services, said that "a building tipped just a little northeast and west is the ideal orientation for taking advantage of solar energy."

In addition, some 8,000 cars passing daily look directly onto the front of the building. This "presents the most pleasant perspective of the facility and provides something different to make a real impression as the Urban Center," Zuck said.

The planned facility consists of 30,800 sq. ft., including five general purpose arts and science classrooms, three accounting and typing labs, four Learning Center rooms, a testing room, staff and counselors' offices.

In addition, a library, media center, lounge and bookstore are planned.





Chained tool boxes prevent thefts
Kevin Woods shows that Tool & Die students now chain tool boxes to the work benches.

Career Education students report tool boxes stolen

by Kathy Krafska
Two tool boxes were reportedly stolen from the Tool and Die department in room 20, Bldg. 10, sometime between Jan. 10 and 11.

The missing items belong to Jim Sherlock and Kevin Woods. Both are second quarter students in the DMACC Tool and Die program.

Woods is offering a \$100 reward for "valid information leading to the recovery of his tools."

"Something's lacking in the security around here," Woods remarked.

Quentin Preston, supervisor of plant maintenance looked into the situation before the matter was referred to the Ankeny police.

Preston refused to comment on the apparent theft, stating, "I don't want to make any comment on

anything to this newspaper."

However, Preston did say, "The case is currently under investigation by the Ankeny Police. It's out of our hands now."

When asked about what measures are being taken to prevent thefts in the future, Tool and Die Chairperson Richard Seliger said, "There's not much we can change as far as security in here."

But students are now taking extra precautions to prevent the risk of theft.

Dick Silver, an instructor in the Tool and Die program explained, "The students are either lugging the boxes out and taking them home every night, or they're log chaining them to their workbenches."

Silver also said that some students feel "uneasy about locking their boxes in the tool room because they feel someone might have a key to the room and be able to get in there and steal things."

Sherlock says his insurance will cover the cost of the loss of his tools. Woods did not carry insurance on his tools and will have to stand the cost of the loss himself.

Although the Ankeny police are investigating the incident, both Woods and Sherlock are still without

tools. Both of their tool boxes were stocked with an assortment of precision measuring tools, calipers, squares and micrometers.

"All of the projects we've made for this quarter were in our tool boxes, so they were stolen too," Woods said.

Instructor Silver said, "We can't penalize the students because their tool boxes were stolen, but they will have to redo their assignments."

Woods noted, "I'm not getting along too good now without my tools." He said that he and Sherlock are borrowing tools from the college and from friends until their tools are recovered or until they can replace them.

Sherlock summed up the entire situation in saying, "Heck, I ain't even got a pencil left. That was stolen too."

College offers new Diesel programs

by Kellie Montenguise
Starting next Fall, Diesel students can get the necessary schooling to work on farm equipment.

The two new programs to be offered at DMACC are Agricultural Power and Equipment and Agricultural Equipment Technician.

"A few farm equipment dealers have called suggesting the need for workers trained in this area," said Carroll Bennett, dean of career education.

He continued, saying that much of today's farm machinery uses diesel engines rather than the traditional gasoline engine. The two new programs overlap the existing diesel program, adding a few specialized courses.

The Agricultural Power and Equipment program is a four quarter program and the Agricultural Equipment Technician program lasts for seven quarters.

Bennett said, "The basic difference is that the Agricultural Equipment Technician goes into more detail in rebuilding the engines and in management of a shop."

One new staff member will be hired to teach the courses about agricultural machinery. About 24 students are expected to enroll in the new agricultural programs next Fall.

Ten other schools in Iowa have similar programs. "We think ours will be better because we have a sound diesel program to build from," said Bennett.

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College hires new productions technician

Mark Pogge runs the audio-visual control console in the campus TV studio.

Mark Pogge joins college media staff

by Dianne Petersen
DMACC recently hired Mark Pogge to serve as an audio-television production technician.

Pogge, a 1978 graduate of the University of Iowa, said, "The facilities at DMACC are better than the majority of facilities I worked with while going to school."

Some of Pogge's duties will involve video productions, narration for sound-slide productions, coordination of educational media presentations, as well as developing a series of educational programs for use by Hawkeye Cablevision.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing some things go out over the Hawkeye Cablevision network," said Pogge.

One major project Pogge is involved with is a multi-episode ham radio show. The shows are pres-

ently planned to air in July. Pogge is also currently directing a bi-monthly news-talk show. The show, which is done by two DMACC journalism students, Kathy Krafts and Dianne Petersen, will be aired by Hawkeye Cablevision the latter part of January.

DMACC recognizes black culture

by Felicia Setterfield
"Torch for the Future" is the theme for Black History Month that will be observed in February.

DMACC has planned activities for the week of Feb. 12-16, which is Black Cultural Week.

The "Heavenly Mediators," a gospel group, will be in the cafeteria, Bldg. 7, on Feb. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also, the "Split Decision" band will be in the student lounge Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An art display featuring local black artists will be set up in the pit area in Bldg. 6

for the week.

Also included in the Black Cultural Week will be a "Soul Food" menu in the College Inn, Bldg. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 and Feb. 16.

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'Do you feel you are getting your money's worth from the student activity fee?'



Kevin Putney, second year Diesel Mechanics student: "No, because by the time all the information on the activities gets down here to lower campus the activity is all over with. Some of the activities don't relate to our schedule. Sometimes when we go to any of the activities we don't feel welcome on upper campus anyway."



Jim Crandell, second quarter Tool & Die student and SGA president: "Positively! It helps pay for the newspaper and all our student activities on campus. We try to please everybody but it's hard to do. I think we get our money's worth."



Kevin Brown, second quarter Accounting Specialist student: "I don't think I'm getting enough for the \$7.50 a quarter. There's not that much going on. I don't have time to go play basketball at night because I work. I've used my card to buy tickets to a couple concerts but that's about it."



David Kerr, second quarter Agri-business student: "Sure do get my money's worth! I'm involved in Ski Club and Agri-business Club. Student Activities gives us \$200 for each of these clubs. I think the student Activities fund is a good deal."

As I See It

Dianne Petersen

GOOD NEWS!! There are only 51 more days until the first day of Spring. I think that everyone around here is sick and tired of snow plows, icy streets and 10 degree weather. So I decided to devote this space to a more pleasant subject.... Spring.



Spring is the time when the Commercial Horticulture students come out of hibernation. They can be seen around campus busily preparing for the "planting season."

Spring quarter will see the return of the famed Student Activities sponsored beefburger. The event is a good chance to spend a little time outside and fortunately for most the live entertainment that accompanies the feed usually makes one forget the taste of the burgers.

Due to the warm weather, student and faculty attitudes improve with the temperatures. Many students will be graduating while others will welcome the onset of going home for the Summer.



These are just a few of the many good things spring will bring to the Ankeny campus. I hope next week when it's 5 below and we're all out scraping off the windshields of our cars, that we keep repeating over and over "spring is coming, spring is coming."

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Resigning students attend conference

Resignations are piling up in the Student Government Association (SGA).

The Vice President of Student Life and one Senator have informally added their names to the list of resignations, since they will be leaving the college at the end of this quarter.

Since the SGA elections in October, the President, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, Vice President of Monetary Affairs, Vice President of Auxiliary Services, and Vice President of Intercampus Communications have all resigned.

Both persons resigning from their positions at the end of this quarter, however, will still be SGA representatives at the National Entertainment Conference in Kansas City, Feb. 14-18.

The SGA approved funding to send four student delegates to the Conference this year, in addition to Don Kerr and Gail Van Pelt, both of the Student Activities/Affairs Office. Funds will pay for transportation, registration to the Conference and lodging.

In turn, the delegates are to be sources of suggestion in future hiring of talents to perform at DMACC as part of the Student Activity program.

The two delegates, however, will return after the Conference for only eight school days before the quarter is over and they leave the college.

Therefore, if it is not too late, perhaps other students who will remain at the college for a while should have the opportunity to attend the Conference.

At least, it is suggested that if these students go, they should present a written account of the talent showcases and films they viewed; the ones they would and would not recommend; and any other suggestions they might make to the SGA before leaving the college, so as to not entirely waste the Student Activity funds spent.

Student Government Association requests input on major considerations under discussion

The following is a list of considerations on which the Student Government Association is working:

- refills on soft drinks in the cafeteria
- cigarette machines
- double doors on all buildings
- cornered walkways
- semester system
- library rudeness
- SGA budget
- Urban Center government
- SGA long range goals
- SGA constitution and bylaws
- college mascot
- handicapped parking
- snow removal procedures
- shorter lunch hours.

Your opinions are necessary for the effectiveness of the Student Government Association.

Jim Crandell
 SGA President

Feelin' Fine ...

I'm grateful for the phasing out of many of the old-style county homes where folks were warehoused and given custodial care sometimes for 50 years or longer. My short but unhappy career years ago at one of these places haunts me to this day. In fact, I'd like to share a few scenes with you:

First Day: They came to the dining room in two long lines, slipped men and women who found it difficult to walk, to hold out their plates at last and receive the careful portions from the kind ladies.

We ate smiling (and making perfect sense) apart from them. With my pocket full of keys I excused myself and went upstairs to cry.

Tenth Day: He was old-mentally incompetent they said. Someone should tell the man his wife had died. The charge nurse who was too busy to do this said it wouldn't matter, anyway, because he wouldn't understand.

Seventieth Day: Sometime in the night she'd been abused, battered (by one of the kind ladies?) He called me to examine her, silent as always. His official report would not mention the look in her eyes, or mine.

Last Day: I said yes I'm leaving but of course I'll be back to visit you, my friends. They smiled. They knew a lie when they heard it.

Many humane ways of coping with mental illness have been instigated at the public's insistence. This has been accomplished in large part by groups such as the Mental Health Association of Polk County—a real fighter for patients' and family rights, to appropriate treatment and to education, among goals. Currently they are battling for the establishment of some "half-way houses" in Des Moines to accommodate persons between hospitalization and returning home.

Because they have been mentally ill they are being told they aren't wanted in many Des Moines neighborhoods. Bill Dyer, president of Polk County Mental Health Association, says it will probably be settled in the courts and they need many memberships to afford this. You can help by joining. Send \$5 along with your name and address to: Mental Health Association 700 Sixth Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Peggy Rooney, campus nurse

Career students attend PCS workshops

by Tammy Skeie
Career Education students must now attend a one-day PCS (Planning College Success Program) workabop before they can be accepted to DMACC.

With the "old system," academic standing was the only criteria for acceptance. Low high school grades meant individual conferences and sometimes extra help at the Learning Center. Then applicants were reconsidered.

The old process involved 25-30 percent of the applicants.

Now, with the PCS, every Career Education student has to come in for six hours to get acquainted, learn about the academic programs, and evaluate goals and ideas. It can, however, be waived by the Director of Admissions.

Ken Smith, director of counseling, approves of the change saying, "It allows us to come in contact with a

higher percentage of applicants."

Director of Admissions and Dean of Enrollment Services Chuck Baugous, said, "I feel that we've developed something that's recognizable that our applicants are capable of making good decisions."

The main decision applicants are asked to think about is the "costs and cookies." After weighing the benefits and disadvantages, they then can decide if attending college is really what they want, and if DMACC is the college best suited for them.

Each PCS day involves about 15 applicants, usually within a month after their transcripts have been received.

After getting acquainted, they take three self-scored exams. These are to give the prospective students an idea about academic standing.

The afternoon deals with the applicant's dedication to the program, to the school,

and to himself. According to Smith, a student's desire to succeed is often a better determinant of success than high school grades.

So far, about 400 people have attended PCS workshops and will enroll either Summer or Fall Quarter.

Smith said most of the applicants rated the program highly. Their main criticism, however, was, "They'd like it to be shorter."

Baugous also favors the program. He said he'd like a similar workshop set up for current students, possibly for a credit.

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SGA NEWS

SGA plans book buyback

The Student Government Association (SGA) is working on the idea of having a book trade and/or buyback in addition to the one run by the bookstore. The SGA is working on the idea of having a special file containing names and subjects of books for sale and one for those wanting to buy specific books. If you would be interested in having this type of system, please contact the Student Activities Office as soon as possible. We are going to base the decision on how many students come in and say "yes."

SGA votes against shortening lunch hour

On Jan. 10 the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a motion to stop consideration of shortening our lunch hour from one hour and ten minutes to just fifty minutes. The proposal was brought forward at the College Council meeting in December, 1978. The stated reasons for the proposal were to allow students to leave earlier at the end of the day; to alleviate congestion over the lunch hour; and to reduce the amount of time wasted over the lunch hour.

While everybody would like to get out of school early, the disadvantages are costly. They are as follows:

1. Many students use the extra time to study for exams in their afternoon classes.
2. The congestion would not decrease but rather increase over the lunch hour. For example, we will assume that on a slow day 500 students use the cafeteria during the hour and 20 minutes. If we reduce the time factor by 20 minutes then this same

500 students will be eating in a shorter time span thus increasing the amount of time spent in line to get a meal.

3. As for wasted time, many students use this lunch hour for recreational activities as well. If the time span was shortened, then it would be but a matter of time before we lose the option of noon hour sports. To some people, college is just here for educational purposes. For others it also allows a chance to improve their ability to work on a team effort so that when they leave to join the working force, they will be better prepared to work with others.

So after due discussion on the matter, the SGA unanimously carried the motion to stop consideration of shortening the lunch hour.

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JANUARY

29 Deadline to sign up for Coed Intramural Volleyball. Students may sign up in the Student Affairs Office, Bldg. 7.

The Student Activities Office will provide coffee and cookies for evening students outside room 206 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

31 The Rotagilla Band combines music and comedy in its performance in the auditorium, Bldg. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Two films, "Labor of Love - Childbirth Without Violence" and "Pregnant Fathers," will be shown in the lounge in Bldg. 7 beginning at 11 a.m. and 12N.

FEBRUARY

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2 Deadline for all organizations, clubs, and activities for the 1979-80 school year to submit a request for funding to the Monetary Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association.

DMACC Coed Intramural Volleyball, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Terrace Elementary Gym in Ankeny.

5 Ricky Jay, a card specialist who has found a way to hunt and kill wild animals armed only with a deck of regular playing cards, will be on campus in the auditorium in Bldg. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Film class features comedy movies

by Felicia Satterfield
Comedy films will be the subject studied in the Film Genres class offered this Spring in the Literature section.

The course, taught by Rick Chapman, English instructor, has been offered for the past three Spring Quarters and has featured a different film topic each year.

The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An evening class is also offered at Valley High School from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Both are three credit classes.

The unusual aspect of the class is its coordination with the Student Activities Office. Every Tuesday, the class meets in the auditorium in Bldg. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In conjunction with Student Activities, any student may attend the films. However, students enrolled in the class receive credit for participating in the activity.

On Thursdays, the class will meet in room 225B to discuss the films and other aspects of movies such as "acting, music, lights, substance—all the things that create humor," Chapman said.

In addition to the films shown in the auditorium, the class will discuss other

comedy films. Some films to be analyzed by the class include *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, *The Dove*, *Buster Keaton Rides Again*, *The Fireman*, *Bambi Meets Godzilla*, and many others.

Chapman said "there has been a good response" from the class in the past and he is "very excited" about the course.

The following is the schedule of films open to all students that will be shown in the auditorium:

March 27	I Love You Alice B. Toklas
April 3	The Producers
April 10	The Loved One
April 17	Bedazzled
April 24	Take the Money and Run
May 1	Tom Jones
May 8	M*A*S*H
May 15	Coonakis
May 22	Young Frankenstein



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