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1. When did you begin work at DMACC?

July 1974

2. When did you retire or leave DMACC?

1999

3. In the early years, what was your work position and major responsibilities?

I started in Admissions at the front desk in Building #16 helping students get started on their education. In 1978 I moved to the Placement Office in a clerical position and helped students find jobs.

4. What events or happenings to you remember most about your first years at DMACC?

Moved to upper campus and getting all student assistance departments closer together.

Watching the lake being developed.

5. What major changes did you observe during your time at DMACC?

Admissions, Counseling & Placement all coming together as Student Development.

6. Who do you remember the most from DMACC and why?

I remember my first supervisor Jim Frazee, and later my supervisor Tom Darb and Curt Vandivier. They were all good at their jobs and were considerate of all their personnel. They helped me develop my skills in working with students.

7. Please share any other special memories you have about the early years at DMACC.

When the lake was completed, a group of us formed a "yacht club." I still have my t-shirt with the upside down sail boat.

I really enjoyed working with students both in Admissions and in Placement. We had some really great work study students too!