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1. When did you begin work at DMACC?

October, 1973

2. When did you retire or leave DMACC?

June, 1998

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

Evening College Secretary: Oct 1973-Dec 1973 (Allen Suby)
Student Activities Secretary: Jan 1974-Aug 1974 (Dale Wagner)
Secretary to the Dean, Special Services: Aug 1974-Jun 1976 (Denny Krehbiel)
Educational Advisor: Jun 1976-Dec 1988 (Ken Smith, Denny Krehbiel, Curt Vandivier, Morris Johnson)
Assistant to the Vice President Educational Services: Dec 1988-Feb 1992 (Jerry Moskus, Curt Vandivier)
Registrar: Feb 1992-June 1998

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

Planning student activities and special events. Assisting with the development of the mobile units visiting high schools.

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

Working with four year colleges/universities to develop transfer agreements; establishment of the DMACC Curriculum Commission; Transition from a quarter to semester schedule; all curricula was examined, revised, and updated; new course designation system for all credit courses were developed and all degrees and diplomas were restructured; Program Information Briefs (PIB) were developed; all curriculum/program updates were submitted to the Department of Education; Marketing Commission was established; revision of the college catalog to include all curriculum changes.

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

Curt Vandivier - Curt was my supervisor the longest and in several different capacities. You always knew what he expected, and you always knew that you would have his support. JoAnn McElmurray was our secretary and between the two of us, we could read him like a book. Our responsibilities changed daily and he always included us in many of the decisions.

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

From 1973-1998 the college changed tremendously. I always felt we were our own worst enemies.

DMACC personnel were always involved in the Iowa Community College Student Services Association (ICSSA). As we attended conferences and meetings we soon learned that DMACC was generally in the forefront of services to students.

One of our biggest achievements in the early '80s was the development of transfer agreements with the private/public four-year colleges/universities - both general education and career programs.

