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Sunny Powers is selected 'Distinguished Teacher of the Year'

DMACC's most prestigious award for its faculty, the "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" Award, was given to Sunny Powers on President's Day at the Ankeny Campus, Jan. 7.

Sunny Powers has been the director of the Learning Center on the Boone Campus since the fall of 1975. She took a "one-man" operation serving a small number of students to the present Learning Center which serves almost half the students on the Boone Campus during any one month.

As the room and staff expanded, so did the services of the Learning Center.

In the beginning, the primary thrust was for students to come and study for GED preparation, to get the high school equivalency diploma. That service is still included in the responsibilities of the Learning Center, but much more has been added.

Now students from 10-15 high schools come to take courses to transfer back to their schools, to get a DMACC diploma, or complete work for the GED.

College students take advantage of the many course offerings taught by Learning Center instructors; others come to learn word processing on the computer, to write an English assignment, to get help in a particular subject, or sometimes just to find a ready shoulder to cry on.

Over the years, Sunny has, as she says, "grown with the needs of the Center." When it was decided to put a high school level chemistry class in the Learning Center, Sunny took all the tapes, books, and tests home and spent a summer learning what the students would have to know for that class.

She has had many memorable experiences with different students over the years. One blind man needed to know how to do math problems on his abacus-style instrument given him by the Iowa Sight Saving School. Sunny found his text in print (his was in Braille) and learned how to do it so she could teach him. Eventually she asked for tapes of each lesson so he could practice at home.

Many international students found a friendly face and a helpful teacher in the Learning Center when they met Sunny. She still tries to make all the students feel welcome and tries to maintain a warm, caring atmosphere in the Learning Center.

In 1987, Sunny was asked to chair the Department of Communications/Humanities for the Boone Campus. She has had approximately 25 full- and part-time instructors under her supervision. She wrote a manual to assist part-timers in their orientation to the Boone Campus; all the current part-timers have had high praise for Sunny's style of supervision and her willingness to listen to their concerns.

Sunny was also co-chair of the "Ver" Team, which was responsible for the remodeling of the Boone Campus in 1986. She worked with the faculty to try and find solutions to the many problems facing the campus.

Where Sunny "shines," however, is with her dealings with students. She makes each individual aware of her concern with his/her problems and Sunny doesn't rest until she can find a solution for them.

Some of her students have commented, "She's the best teacher I ever remember having." "I wish she were my teacher next semester, too; she made me actually ENJOY math!"

Faculty praise has also been high. One person said, "I know of no one on this campus that has more care and concern for the students' needs and tries everything in her power to meet those needs."

A $500 scholarship to go to a DMACC student will also be set up in Sunny's name.

Record enrollment for spring semester

As of Friday, Jan. 11, 1991, early estimates indicated a new record spring enrollment for DMACC-Boone Campus. The number of students enrolled, at that time, was 856.

Executive Dean, Kris Phillips, estimates approximately 925-950 students will be signed for spring semester. That would mean a 2%-4% gain over last year's enrollment of 909 students. The dean feels that this will be, "A good, healthy increase."

Official numbers will appear in the next issue.

Rotaract makes donation

by KAROL J. HICKS
Editor-In-Chief

The Rotaract Club, represented by its new officers, met at the Salvation Army Church a few days before Christmas break. The reason for this visit was to present a check for $117.00 and several boxes of food and clothing for the needy.

Lee McNair, advisor for the group, wishes to thank each and every one of you who were kind enough to share your good fortune with those less able to provide for themselves. The donations enabled several families, who otherwise would have had a pretty dismal Christmas, to enjoy a few good meals and keep warm.

The SAB (Student Action Board) worked with Rotaract to accumulate food this last holiday season. They (SAB) held a dance last fall and charged cans of food as admittance.

Boone Campus Rotaract students present check and food to Salvation Army Captains Jean and Cy Mercadante. Others pictured, from left, are, Karol Hicks, Kathy Jones, Mariela King, Gina Wellen-dorf, Gloria Larkin, Rick Conrad, and Lee McNair, Rotaract Club sponsor.

Sunny Powers standing second from right, received the "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" award over all DMACC campuses, in a presenta-
Making Decisions

by DODI O'LENA
Staff Writer

One of the hardest things I am faced with daily is not only making a decision, but making one knowledgeably.

The Webster dictionary defines the word DECISIONS as: 1: the act or result of deciding especially by giving judgement: promptness and firmness in deciding: determination.

The second step is to recognize "all" of your options and/ or alternatives you most strongly value. You must also respect your own feelings.

A person faced with making a knowledgeable decision may also choose to "sleep on it" or take some time to think about it in depth; then act on it.

The fourth step is to clarify your own values. Whether a person agrees or disagrees with these values, it is important to think about the problem, ask yourself specific questions, and try to answer them. Take your time when faced with a tough decision. Don't let yourself be rushed or pushed into making snap judgements. Be sure to think of all your options thoroughly. You're the one who has to live with the results in the end.

The third step is to consider the consequences of each alternative; one for the positive and the other for the negatives. This may help the decision to become more apparent and aid you in your decision.

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The first step is to recognize the need for a decision. There is no doubt in my mind that tough decision. Don't let yourself be allowed to shoot from the free throw line for a large pizza in exchange for the medium. If you make that shot, you will then be allowed to shoot from the 3 point circle for two large pizzas. When you miss, you will sit down and receive the last prize you won. So, join us at the exciting Boone Bears’ games and win a free pizza!!
**DMACC - BOONE CAMPUS**

**1990-91 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

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**Alumni Scholarships & Grants**

Twenty one DMACC students will receive almost $7,000 from the DMACC Alumni Association in scholarships and grants for this next spring semester. Those students on Boone Campus are: Judith Barrow, Nursing, and Connie Garcia, Liberal Arts, who both received $400.00.

Funds for these awards were made possible through the Alumni Association's annual phonathon to alumni.

(Article courtesy of "The Bulletin")

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**
- Last day to add classes.
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 21**
  - College Office Closed (Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday).
  - 8:30 a.m., ABC's Good Morning America (Boone Campus Welcome) Channel 5.
  - 6 p.m., HOME, WBB vs. Iowa Lakes and 8 p.m. MB vs. Iowa Lakes.
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**
  - 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gym, Y Self Defense Program.
  - **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23**
    - 7:30 p.m. AWAY, MB vs. Iowa Western (Council Bluffs).
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**
  - 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gym, Y Self Defense Program.
  - **FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**
    - 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gym, Y Self Defense Program.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

by **KAROL J. HICKS**

**Editor-In-Chief**

The Bear Facts staff invites your letters regarding comments about campus life.

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**Nursing Career Fair**

by **KAROL J. HICKS**

Editor-In-Chief

Ankney campus conference center will be the location for the third annual district-wide Nursing Career Fair. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. February 7, 1991.

There will be 40 recruiters attending, with door prizes given away. Speakers will be present to give much information about all those who attend.

Connie Booth, chair of Boone campus nursing department, said that many of our nursing students will be in attendance and all who are interested in a career in nursing are encouraged to attend.

A motion was made by G. Pecinovsky, seconded by D. Bendixen, that the board approve the following items:

- Amatoz Mfg. Co.: A resolution approving the form and content, execution and delivery of a retraining loan agreement (Amatoz Mfg. Co.) in the amount of $30,413. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Attachment #2.

- Delavan, 16. A resolution approving the form and content, execution and delivery of a retraining loan agreement (Delavan) in the amount of $50,000. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Attachment #5.

- Library Binding Service: 9. A resolution approving the form and content, execution and delivery of a retraining loan agreement (Library Binding Service) in the amount of $13,920. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Attachment #6.

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**D E S M O I N E S A R E A C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E**

**1991 Spring Semester**

**Friday, February 2, 1991**

**Ankney Area Community College Board of Directors was held in Building T, Room 11711, 11718.**

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors was held in Building T, Room 11711, 11718 on December 12, 1990. The meeting was called to order by E. Leonard, President, and H. Belken, President Pro Tempore. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

At 11:00 a.m., President Pro Tempore H. Belken moved that the board adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing settlement negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn to Open Session**

At 1:30 p.m., President Pro Tempore H. Belken moved that the board return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

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A tape recording of the closed session for litigation is in the DMACC safety deposit box at 222 S. Main St., Des Moines.

**Return to Open Session:** The board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Harold Belken, Gerry Pecinovsky, Doug Shull, Eldon Leonard, Mary Pentico, Nail Specialist In Salon

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