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DMACC suffers financial woes; will lay off 55 employees among other measures

Des Moines Area Community College will eliminate 55 positions, not fill 17 others, and take other measures to reduce expenditures by $250,000 by this June, DMACC President Joseph Borgen said in a faculty/staff meeting at Ankeny Campus Tuesday, Feb. 12.

"We'll make an effort to minimize the impact to students...but this affects the morale of all of us," he said.

A statement issued by DMACC officials said budget cuts at DMACC, immediately and next year, are expected to impact its services and course offerings.

However, Borgen assured the faculty and staff that every effort is being made to minimize the effect of these actions on students.

Borgen told the DMACC employees that the college's present budget will be reduced by one-quarter million dollars between now and June 30, 1991 and next year's budget must be cut by $1.5 million below the projected state funding formula.

This action is necessitated by three factors: the governor's recommended budget reductions for FY92, the legislatively passed FY91 budget cuts; and, Carl Perkins federally funded FY92 program cuts being planned by the Department of Education.

In order to comply with these budgetary reductions, Borgen stated that, among several actions, the institution will be forced to eliminate a number of staff/faculty positions. Where possible, he said, presently open positions will be offered to these terminated employees.

This action is particularly difficult in that DMACC is in its second semester of the school year and with staff contracts and curricular commitments to students. Nonetheless, several dollar saving actions are being implemented immediately. These efforts include:

- The reduction of some economic development services to business and industry.
- Elimination of some full-time individual positions in student services, instructional support, and maintenance areas, as well as drastic reduction of casual support staff.
- Filling of only certain projected retiree positions.
- The non-filling of some presently vacant positions.
- Other actions taken in order to reach the budget reduction recommended by the Governor and enacted by the legislature include emergency reductions in supplies, materials, travel and all other budget categories. Some courses not required for graduation will no longer be offered, and teaching loads by program chairpersons will be increased.

It is anticipated that some of the other college's activities which will be reduced include the Lamb and Wool Management Education Project, and the Dislocated Workers and Correctional Institution's Educational Programs. The Medical Assistant Associate degree program will also be discontinued.

Additionally some arts and science courses such as psychology and literature which have advanced offerings will be reduced. There will also be a reduction in the student financial aid program.

All told 17 positions either will not be filled or filled by internal transfer and 55 employees, a substantial number who are paid by specially funded monies, will receive notification of termination.

Anticipated budget cuts for FY91 are as follows:

- Educational Services - $88,000.
- Administration - $72,000.
- Economic Development Group - $90,000.

For FY92 these budgetary reductions are:

- Educational Services - $920,000.
- Administration - $390,000.
- Economic Development Group activities - $190,000.

Ironically, these staff reductions, reduction of offerings and services, and termination of positions are all to be accomplished in the context of record DMACC enrollments and growth.
Mike Koch is Albert Brock, the sex-crazed patient. His past performances include: “Return of the Pink Panther,” and “The Mouse that Roared.”

“I haven’t done much acting before except in front of my parents. I am always looking for new and exciting interests, so being in the play will help give me a broader and brighter view on my career,” Koch said.

Gloria Renz plays the part of Dorothea Melnik, Albert’s grandmother.

“I have not acted or been in a play since high school. Throughout junior high and high school I was in several operettas and school productions. My main interest was singing, but when I sang I also had to act. What I like about acting is that I get to be someone else and it helps me overcome a lot of fears,” she said.

Misty Orben plays the part of the neighborhood girl, Jingle Jabonski. She has been involved in “Guys and Dolls,” “Oliver,” “Flowers for Algernon” and “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.”

“I like to act because it’s fun and you can learn a lot from other people, characters and actors,” Hardy said.

Conny Vesperstad takes the part of Victor Karleen. His past performances include: “Little Red School House,” “Once Upon a Mattress,” “Bye, Bye Birdie,” “Deadwood Dick,” “Said the Spider to the Spy,” and parts of “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

“I love to perform on stage. It’s a great thrill to see all your hard work come together,” he said.

Brett Landon plays Roy Terrigan. He has participated in “Something’s Afoot,” “Sweeney Todd,” “Jesus Christ Superstar,” “Eugene” and “My Fair Lady.”

“I am naturally a ham! Acting and performing are great physical and emotional release for me, as is the concentration (focus) on my character. And, of course, cast parties are the best,” he said.

Tina Hardy is Victor’s nurse, Charlotte Hennenbos. She was involved in “Arresting Your Gun,” “Sweeney Todd,” “Lil’ Abner,” “A Chorus Line,” “A Dolls House,” and “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.”

“Drama and speech instructor is paced zany, farce-comedy.”

Kay Mueller, Boone Campus drama and speech instructor is pleased that the play is going to be a very, very funny, farcical show.”

Her past performances include, “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.”

“I think this play is going to be a very big success. The actors and actresses and groups of students working on it. It’s going to be a very, very funny farce-comedy.”

“The actors and actresses be and stays out of the unemployment line is up to the plot of this fast-paced, racy, farce-comedy.”
What is your reaction to DMACC’s spending cuts?

by MEMBERS OF JOURNALISM 120 CLASS

Several Boone Campus students, faculty and staff members were recently asked, "What is your initial reaction to the news of DMACC reducing expenditures and terminating 55 positions?"

Here are their responses:

**Ralene Lewis:** I don't agree with it. Every time you need to get something done in the office, there are not enough people. They are so backed up they can't always answer your questions.

**Pam Phips:** If they are part time, it may not be as damaging.

**Lori Kelley:** I don't think it should be happening. Our enrollment is up so much.

**Sherry Sargent and Paula Peterson:** DMACC is just as important as state universities. We should have the funds available to us.

**Sandi Johnson** (secretary): Education is very important. Reduction will definitely increase everyone’s already heavy loads. All other programs in the state and federal budgets could be cut some if you get people off welfare, out of crime, etc. Maybe we need to tax pop and coffee or increase lottery monies to various programs in the state budget.

**Ann Hird:** I think it's a shame. We need more jobs. It might make an office of us if we're understaffed.

**Linda Thede:** It's pretty sad. We need to back up expenditures overseas. To build a strong country, we need to support things here at home like our schools.

**Jill Burkart (journalism instructor):** It is a shame to have to lose faculty and friends because of politics. Let's go to the people and fix this.

**Kris VanCleave:** I don't care because I'm going to ISU next semester.

**Shawn Sargent:** It's a shame. It's a loss of good teachers, 55 people is too much.

**Dean Sprecher:** I don't know what is happening. Our enrollment inconveniences for us if we're than better facilities for students or education president. So it will not relate to our school work.

**Corey Jorgenson:** I think that people is another.

**Pam Phipps:** If they are part time, confused and concerned.

**Sharon Ulaskey (secretary):** It's stupid. I don't like to see anyone's position eliminated or course offerings dropped. Boone Campus has grown each semester. Students, faculty and staff will all feel the pinch.

**Brian VerHelst:** I really don't know what's going on, but I hope that it will not relate to our school work.

**Brad Anderson:** It's stupid. Corey Jorgenson: I think that some of the activities should be cut back.

**Brent Dreyer:** I don't like it because education is stressed so much but then the budgets are continually being cut back.

**Jill Burkart:** I worry that the cost of tuition is going to go up because of this and more than likely financial aid will be cut because of this.

**Kristan Gunter:** I hadn't heard about it.

**Jason Deboom:** I'm surprised, because I'm going to ISU next year, it may not be as damaging.

**Linda Herrick:** Going to Florida.

**John Reese:** Party.

**Liz Mizner:** Going to Chicago with my posse to teach them how to party.

**Vicki Rice:** Cleaning my house.

**Chad Wilson:** Going to the Virgin Islands.

**Ronnie Pollock:** Going skiing.

**Chris Bushore:** Going skiing.

**Tony Guillen:** Sleep.

**Linda Herrick:** Going to Florida with Judith.

**Darice Brinkman:** I don't know yet.

**Michelle Higgins:** Party with my friends.

**Debbie Biltz:** Sit at home and be good.

**Todd Fisher:** Don't have any.

**Curt Muri:** Going to Chicago.

**Shane Matthews:** Go home.

**Angie Reese:** Spend time with Mark.

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A baby photo contest was held in conjunction with Homecoming '91 activities Feb. 11-16. The photos shown on this page were displayed, with students having the opportunity to write down who the subjects were. (All were Boone Campus teachers.) Three students tied for naming the most correct choices, according to Duanna Vinchattle, Homecoming organizer. Boone Campus student Veronica Rardin’s name was drawn and she became the overall winner. She received a telephone.
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'91 HOMECOMING PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Photos by Karol J. Hicks

Instructor Bill Alley and his wife Judy share a hug under the arch coming into the dance area.

Instructor Bruce Kelly and student Laura Kerstein share a moment during the festivities.

King J.B. and Queen Jacque smile for the camera with other nominees looking on.

King J.B. Slight and Queen Jacque Hughes share the first dance.

PBL president Duanna Vinchattle and Veronica Kardin taking or selling tickets at the door.

Duanna Vinchattle and Shirley Fitch pose under the arch built by the PBL’ers especially for the dance.

Queen Jacque shows her surprise at being named Queen at the Homecoming dance.
Boone Bear's Coach Larry Hughes kneels down while teammates surround him and listen attentively to the next strategy.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead

Boone Bear's player Jim Parrish jumps high to tap the ball to one of his teammates. The Bears were defeated by Kirkwood —Photo by Lori Burkhead

Intramurals under way

by BRIAN VERHELST and CURT BLASKEY
Staff Writers

Turnouts for Tuesday and Thursday open gym have been quite successful so far this year. There have been 13 to 20 people attending. They either can play basketball or lift weights.

DMACC students and faculty are invited to open gym (no cost) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

It is also open on Sunday for coed volleyball. There are two games playing at the same time.

Mark Furst, DMACC's intramural director, said that the volleyball and open gym give people a break from school pressure.

Furst will also be in charge of this year's "Spring Fling," which will be held in April. He hopes that it will be a great success.

Activities being planned include tug-of-war, free throw contest, sand volleyball, miniature golf, softball and others.

Furst is interested in any suggestions from anyone and will try to help out in any way.

Terrance Paige throws a pass down court during the homecoming 93-83 victory against Waldorf.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead
DMACC wins 3 out of 5

On February 16th, the Bears kicked off Homecoming activities with a ten point victory over Waldorf 93-83.

The Bears were hot from the field hitting 36 out of 68 shots for 53%, the Bears went to the charity stripe 19 times making 12 for 63%. Leading scorers for DMACC were Terrance Paige with 23 pts., including 3 three point shots, and J.B. Slight finished with 16 pts. Stalzer was the leading rebounder with seven rebounds.

On February 18th, the Bears broke their two game winning streak with a hard fought loss to Simpson j.v. 93-92.

DMACC took 76 shots making 35 for 46%, but the Bears, who are among the state's best free throw shooting teams, warmed up making 20 out of 26 for 77%. Scaglione led the Bear in scoring once again with 20 pts., Reggie Martin chipped in 17 pts. Stalzer was the leading rebounder with six.

On February 23rd, the Bears lost by ten to Ellsworth 90-80, at press-time we have no stats.

We want to say congratulations to the Bears for picking up three more victories and we wish the Bears and Lady Bears the best of luck in their last couple of games and best of luck next year.
Heather Smith gets ready to recover a free throw shot at the Feb. 11 home against Kirkwood. The Bears were defeated 102-52.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead

Coach Dick Criner and teammates look down court with anticipation.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead

Dawn Gelger falls down after making an attempt to gain control of the ball against a Kirkwood player. The Lady Bears were defeated 102-52.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead
Karla Lilly rushes down court during the home game Feb. 11 against Kirkwood. The Lady Bears were defeated 102-52. —Photo by Lori Burkhead

Dawn Geiger looks down court to throw a pass.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead

Valarie Camp rushes around a Waldorf player during the homecoming game. The Lady Bears were defeated 63-47.
—Photo by Lori Burkhead
LaVille wins 10K runs

LaVille is single and has four children. Her oldest daughter is 21, married, and has a daughter of her own. Another daughter is 17, and attends Ames High School. LaVille also has two sons, one who is 12, and attends Ames Middle School; and one who is 7, and is in the second grade.

LaVille has taught in a variety of places, from junior high to the university level. While teaching at Carroll Kemper High School, DMACC in Carroll offered her a night school teaching position. Soon after, LaVille moved to Ames to get her masters degree, while also teaching at Iowa State. Later she worked at the Urban DMACC Campus, before taking her full time position at the Boone Campus.

LaVille earned her undergraduate degree at NWMSU in Maryville, Missouri; and received her masters degree at ISU.

She has many different hobbies, but enjoys adding to her marble collection most. Family members also help with this hobby; and she says everytime she sees them, they almost always have more marbles for her.

LaVille's favorite activity is competing in the 10K runs. She says, "My children think I'm great when I win these races, but it really isn't that big of a deal."

LaVille enjoys the friendly, helpful atmosphere at DMACC in Boone, and appreciates the help from faculty and staff.

JAN LAVILLE

by WADE GODWIN
Staff Writer

A new face on the Boone Campus

is Jan LaVille, who is teaching Composition I, Composition II, and America in the Movies.
Police suggest they may have Florida killer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (CPS) - While refusing to say he's about to charge someone with the murders of five students in and around the University of Florida campus last August, Gainesville Police Chief Wayland Clifton suggested recently that his department may have solved the case.

Responding to questions that police have settled on Louisiana resident Danny Harold Rolling, 36, jail- ed in Ocala, Fla., on robbery charges since September, as a prime suspect in the murders, Clifton said, "I think the community can feel at great ease at this point."

In what anti-war organizers had billed as a "key test of whether sentiment is growing against the war in the Middle East," about 75,000 protesters marched in Washington, D.C. Jan. 27, up from an estimated crowd of 25,000 the previous weekend.

Peace marches also unfolded at the universities of Akron, Arizona and Washington, as well as at Purdue and Mankato State universities, among others places.

Only about 500 of the University of California at Los Angeles' 33,000 students attended a Jan. 24 "alternative day of education" about the Persian Gulf war, or at least find it hard to get home in the event of war.

As the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline for Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait passed, students and parents flooded campus study abroad offices with questions about their safety.

The concerns, however, have not translated into trip cancellations, foreign study directors maintain. "Obviously, we have had questions from parents and students," said Gary Johnston, head of the study abroad program at the University of Arizona. "But as far as I know it hasn't affected enrollment."

"We are seeing a lot of concern on the part of students and parents," admitted Jeff Bliss, spokesman for Pepperdine University in California. "But, we're not seeing a drop in enrollment. In fact, all our programs are filled to capacity."

In April 1986, following the U.S. bombing of Libya, numerous colleges, including Stephens, St. John's, Bates, Yale and Union College, canceled all or part of their regular summer abroad programs.

Profs in trouble for discussing beliefs in class

(CPS) - Professors' efforts to discuss their personal beliefs in class have enveloped two Tennessee campuses in controversy in recent weeks.

In one case, some students have demonstrated to try to pressure Memphis State University officials to keep criminology Prof. Byron R. Johnson, who claims he was fired for using class time to tell students he is a Christian and active in a Christian faculty group.

In another, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) students complained that sociology Prof. Donald Schneller was using class time to promote his anti-abortion views.

Schneller, however, denies his views are necessarily anti-abortion. Johnson said no students have even complained to him about his Christian beliefs, which he makes known on the first day of class.

Students studying abroad could become terrorist targets

(CPS) - The biggest success in American higher education this year — the boom in foreign study programs — may be about to become its biggest nightmare.

Some of the 60,000-70,000 Americans studying abroad this year could become targets of terrorists in a Persian Gulf war, or at least find it hard to get home in the event of war.

President refuses to speak

Diether Haenicke, president of Western Michigan University, refused to deliver a scheduled address commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 21, saying he feared the MLK Day rally would turn into an anti-war protest.

"I was under the (impression) that I was to speak at Kanley Chapel," Haenicke told the Western Herald. However, he was shuffled to MLK ceremonies at a local park instead.

When it was his turn to speak "I declined because it seemed more of a protest," he said.

Wedding bells sound like the telephone

Ball State University student Kandy Green Lee married former Ball State student John Lee, a reservist now serving in Saudi Arabia, in a telephone wedding ceremony Jan. 23.

The ceremony had to be moved up an hour because of the threat of renewed Iraqi attacks on Lee's base at Dhahran, noted Delaware (Ind.) Superior Court Judge Richard Dail ey, who conducted the conference call service.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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After one semester, new computer lab gains favorable comment

by SCOTT SWIER
Staff Writer

In today's fast-paced and technologically advanced world, computer literacy is almost a must for anyone in the job market. Because of this, computer classes and facilities are being upgraded in almost every college and university across the nation.

DMACC is not exception to this. The computer lab, located on the second floor of the building is giving students the hands-on experience needed to understand and use computers.

The computer lab system here at DMACC is relatively new. It was installed just before fall semester. Because of this newness, some "bugs" are still being worked out.

The computer system itself cost approximately $150,000, according to Duke Burrell, network supervisor.

Burrell also said that the system here at DMACC offers many options for the students. One of those options is the ability for the computer users to share programs, rather than having to start every computer individually.

The system also allows students to share sophisticated printers, needed to make copies of their input and data.

The speed of the system is also an added attraction of the network. Much work can be done in a limited amount of time by using the system.

Burrell added the future of the system looks bright.

A future project of the network involves trying to link all four DMACC campuses together through the Mainframe in Ankeny. This linkage will make the system even more useful and efficient, he said.

Many students have found that learning computer literacy through the system has given them the experience they lacked. The many terms and commands the computers have made little sense at first, until the operator is able to apply them on the computers and work out problems firsthand.

Another bonus of the computer system is that the information learned and retained can be used not only during a computer class period, but at other times as well.

The sysytem, "An advantage of the system was being able to apply what I learned. I was able to use the computer system efficiently and easily outside of the computer class for other class assignments."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Student loves baseball cards & comics

by WADE GODWIN
Staff Writer

Todd Fisher is in his last semester at DMACC. After this semester, he will do his internship at a park and recreation department; and he hopes to someday get a job in a therapeutic setting.

Fisher's family lives in Independence, Iowa. He has a 15 year old brother, and a 17 year old sister.

His classes this semester include Art Appreciation, Statistics, Western Civilization II, and America in the Movies; and his major is in the Leisure Studies field.

Fisher's favorite hobby is collecting baseball cards. His two best cards are a 1956 Willie Mayes, and the 1990 Ryne Sandberg error cards. He has been collecting for about 12 years, and has 100,000 or more cards.