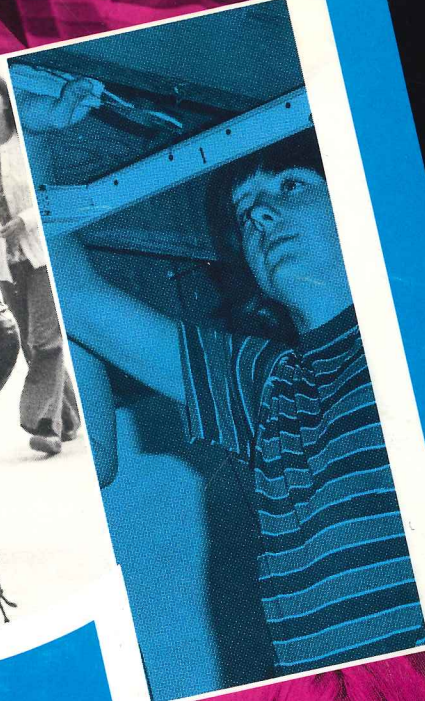


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Iowans' Response made Kirkwood's Success Story

These past ten years have been extremely challenging and gratifying.

With the assistance of literally thousands of people, we have developed an institution of higher education that is community-oriented and people-centered. We have attempted to respond to the educational needs of **all** people, and we are gratified that people from every walk of life have taken advantage of the new and expanded educational opportunities that Kirkwood has provided.

Since 1966 we have served over 23,500 persons in Vocational-Technical and Arts and Sciences credit programs, and over 200,000 registrations have been received in Community Education classes.

This kind of response by the people of our seven-county community indicates to us that we are offering the kinds of educational programs and services that are wanted and needed.

Also gratifying is the tremendous support that we have received from the citizens of this area who have worked hand in hand in developing the college. We could not possibly list all of the names of people who have served the college as members of advisory committees, special committees and board, or in other supporting roles, but to all of them we express our deep appreciation.

The economic and social impact that Kirkwood has already had on this area and on Iowa in the first ten years is but an indication of what can and will be accomplished in the years to come. We are grateful for the partnership that we have with this seven-county community, and we will continue to strive to make Kirkwood what this community wants it to be in the future. We look forward to a continuation of that type of cooperative effort between Kirkwood and the people of the seven-county area which will bring about a better life for our people and a better quality of life in the individual communities of Area X.



Dr. Selby Ballantyne
Superintendent
Kirkwood Community College



The Sounds of Opportunity

I would guess that the sounds you have heard tonight, the sounds of the legislature debating, the sounds of the planners in discussion — all of these really indicate the sound of opportunity knocking.

It is not so much the opportunity that the new area board members have — and that is a great one — but rather the opportunity that young Iowans have to become something better than they might have been.

Theirs is the opportunity to discover — to grow — to develop — to learn.

Yours is the opportunity to serve the needs of these young people. The responsibility is great. So GREATNESS is demanded of you.

Yours is the opportunity to be statesmen — to develop policies that can be characterized by vision and foresight. Yours is the opportunity to develop and evaluate — and that alone — and to leave the administration of the schools to trained administrators.

Yours is the opportunity to foster the discovery of talent — the development of skills. Yours is the opportunity to foster hope. Yours is the opportunity to foster these discoveries and developments as expressed by John Gray:

*Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.*

Yours may be the opportunity to turn misfortune into fortune, despair into hope, darkness into light.

Since opportunity is knocking — listen well and heed the summons to statesmanship, vision — and the kind of greatness so sorely needed in this great work that you are about to do.

—Dr. Franklin Stone, University of Iowa
in comments to the Area Ten Board of Directors
at the Organization Meeting, May 18, 1966.

The Kirkwood Idea

A statement of guiding principles, adopted August 11, 1966 by the board of directors, remains Kirkwood's blueprint for service.

This statement is the first item in Kirkwood's policy book. It begins with a plea for "comprehensive" education, and continues . . .

"Since all education today is, and must be, both liberal and vocational, the task of the Area Community College is to reappraise and redefine all courses so that they contribute to both aspects of learning.

"AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MERGED AREA (EDUCATION) X WE BELIEVE:

"1. THAT the problems of our society and of the world can only be met by a well educated citizenry who will be capable and willing to rise to the challenge of a high level of personal and civic performance. The Community College of Merged Area (Education) X, hereinafter referred to as Merged Area X, or Kirkwood Community College, is therefore, obligated to provide programs which will enable each individual in attendance to become 'all he is capable of being.'

"2. THAT within the limits of its resources, Kirkwood should maintain a liberal admissions policy which, coupled with guidance and insistence upon quality performance on the part of the students, will provide maximum opportunities without dilution of educational standards. Kirkwood should have as its broadest objective the teaching of all varieties of skills, all kinds of knowledge to all kinds of youth and adults who are bent upon living socially profitable lives.

"3. THAT Kirkwood aims to meet the varied personal, civic, and occupational needs of the voca-

tionally-oriented youth, students who have left high school before graduation, and those students in high school whose needs can best be met by part-time attendance at the Education Unit.

"4. THAT Kirkwood should fulfill a role in continuing education activities of the region by offering training for individuals who want to improve their technical skills or broaden their knowledge of the liberal arts. Special curricular offerings devoted to providing adults with a continuous, sequential, and integrated program for lifelong learning is a worthy objective of Kirkwood. Completion of Adult Basic Education and Adult High School are also a vital part of continuing education activities.

"5. THAT Kirkwood should serve as a resource to the community not only in formal classes, but by providing many services through cultural, occupational and professional activities that will be of value to people of all ages and occupations.

"6. THAT Kirkwood should make provisions for students who want to complete the first two years of the lower division requirements of a senior college or university and then transfer to a senior institution for upper division work with no greater loss of credit than would be experienced by transfers from four year institutions.

"7. THAT two-year curricula and short-term sequential programs should be provided. To meet this goal, a wide variety of vocational, technical, and semi-professional courses should be developed to combine theory with practical training and experience. Upon completion of the required two-year pattern, students should be awarded an associate degree; those completing one-year programs should be awarded a diploma; those completing programs of less than one year's duration should be awarded program completion certificates."

LINN COUNTY SCHOOLS
COURT HOUSE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

January 13, 1965

SUBJECT: Meeting of County Boards of Education in Area X.

TO: County Superintendents and Members of County Boards of Education in Benton, Jones, Cedar, Johnson, Iowa, and Linn Counties.

It is rather apparent from recent statements made by the Governor, members of the legislative committees, and officials of the Department of Public Instruction, that a major effort will be made in this session of the Iowa General Assembly to bring at least the beginning of a statewide system of vocational education to Iowa. Governor Hughes has stated that at least four vocational schools should be built in Iowa as quickly as possible. Federal funds available will bring these four schools to four areas of our state at a very minimum cost to the taxpayers of those areas. Proposed legislation related to this effort has already been drafted, and some of the provisions of that proposed legislation have been discussed at recent vocational education conferences. A careful study of proposed legislation related to vocational education gives a reasonably clear picture of the data which must be gathered, the studies which must be made, and the criteria which must be met before an area could be seriously considered for approval by the State Board for one of the four vocational schools.

The Linn County Board of Education believes that Area X of the state study for community colleges would be a logical area for the location of one of the first vocational schools in our state. Much work must be done, however, before the area would even be in line for consideration. How much work lies ahead will become apparent as some of the natural criteria for vocational schools are considered. We believe that **this** is the time when preliminary work should be done so that our area will be ready with the least possible delay to present a convincing case for one of the four vocational schools as soon as the legislature takes necessary action.

Accordingly, the Linn County Board of Education is inviting the County Boards of Education and the County Superintendents of the above named counties to meet together at the Board of Education Building, 346 2nd. Avenue S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 1965, to consider the important topic discussed above. Regardless of whether or not complete agreement is reached by the six county boards, we believe that your presence will be helpful in bringing about a better understanding of the requirements which must be met by any area of our state as it seeks to become one of the areas for location of a vocational school. We will attempt to have as much information as possible ready for your consideration, as well as materials which might be helpful in gaining a better understanding of this entire topic.

Linn County Board of Education

s/Mrs. Marian H. Savage
Mrs. Marian H. Savage, President

Beginnings

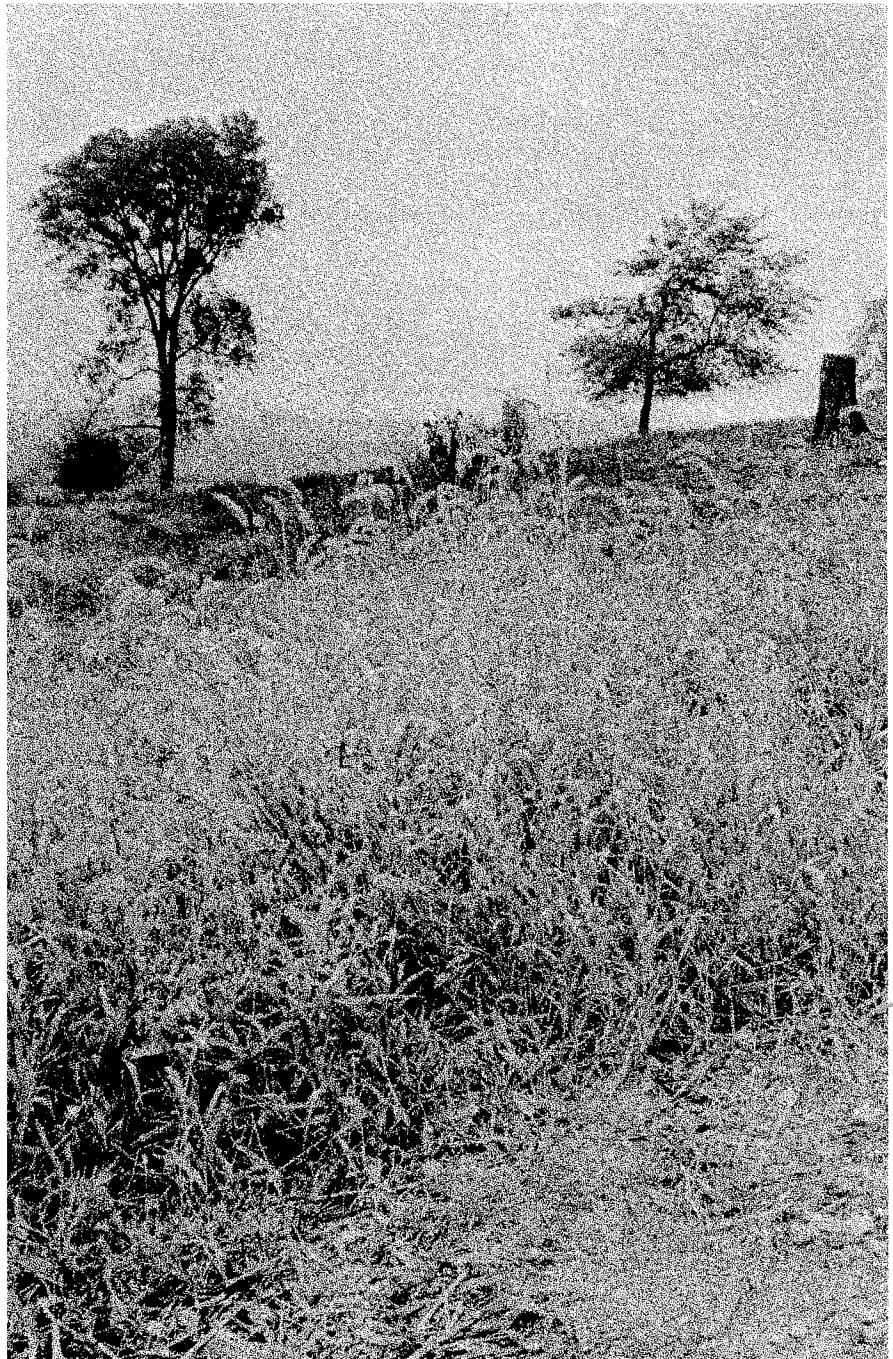
A concerned governor, an alert core of professional educators, a receptive public. These were the ingredients which gave Kirkwood Community College its beginnings.

By Ira Larson
Assistant Superintendent
Kirkwood Community College

At the third annual Economic Development Conference held in Ames, Iowa on December 8, 1964, Governor Harold E. Hughes, in an address entitled "The Path For Progress", stated, "I think it is time we faced up to the fact we are defaulting miserably on the responsibility of supplying a big proportion of our young people with the kind of educational opportunity that they want and need and to which they are entitled . . .

. . . I refer, of course, to vocational-technical training . . . I am not talking about some time in the misty future, but in the next session of the General Assembly which convenes a month from now."

On January 13, 1965, the Linn County Board of Education issued an invitation to the County Superintendents and County boards of education in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, and Jones Counties to meet together at the Cedar Rapids Board of Education Building on January 28, 1965, to consider the significance of the Governor's remarks



in terms of the six-county area. The letter of invitation said in part, "We believe that **this** is the time when preliminary work should be done so that our area will be ready with the least possible delay to present a convincing case for one of the four vocational schools (as suggested by the Governor) as soon as the legislature takes necessary action."

Before the meeting was held on January 28th, requests came from the county boards of education of Washington and Delaware Counties asking that they might also be included in any study and planning that might be undertaken by the six counties.

At the meeting of January 28, 1965, the eight county boards of education approved the appointment of a steering committee consisting of the eight county superintendents and one representative from each county board. This committee was given the assignment of gathering data, preparing studies, and completing such other requirements as might be necessary to meet the criteria for approval as a vocational school area.

The steering committee lost little time in getting started. At its first meeting on February 2, 1965, the committee agreed to seek the services of E. Robert Stephens, then a graduate student at the University of Iowa, and prior to that the Superintendent at Center Point, Iowa, to direct the preparation of a proposal for a vocational school in Area X. The criteria to be considered in the proposal for a merged area had not yet been fully developed in any law, but the steering committee and Mr. Stephens proceeded, on the basis of information available from the Department of Public

Instruction and from various legislative bills, to develop a study entitled "Proposal for Vocational Education".

On May 29, 1965, SF 550 was passed by the Iowa General Assembly. This law, which was later to become Chapter 280A of the Code of Iowa, was permissive legislation which would enable county boards of education to work together in forming merged areas for the support of area vocational-technical schools or area community colleges.

On June 1, 1965, three days after the passage of SF 550, the Area X proposal was submitted unofficially to the Department of Public Instruction. When the law became effective on July 4, 1965, the Area X proposal was submitted officially to the State Board of Public Instruction, and a copy was also delivered to Governor Harold Hughes. Throughout the legislative session, the governor had insisted that the passage of an area school law must be given very high priority.

On January 3, 1966, the State Board of Public Instruction approved the Area X proposal with the deletion of Delaware County, and with the further deletion of the Bennett and Durant School Districts in Cedar County. By March 10, 1966, the county boards of education of Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington Counties had each submitted their approval of the modified plan for Area X, and on March 18, 1966, the State Board officially designated the seven-county territory as a merged area.

The county boards of Area X were then directed by the State Board to conduct an election in the Area to elect members to the board of directors for the new merged area. On May 10, 1966,

one director was elected from each of nine director districts. Because the boundaries of the director districts followed county school system boundaries, Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, and Washington Counties each had one member on the board. Linn County had three board members, with one member being elected from that portion of the Cedar Rapids Community School District lying west and south of the Cedar River, one from the portion of the Cedar Rapids District lying east and north of the Cedar River, and one from the remaining area of the Linn County School System.

An unofficial meeting of the newly elected board members was held on May 12, 1966, for the purpose of touring the vocational education facility of the Cedar Rapids Community School District. This facility, located on Rockford Road in the Henderson Building, housed seven vocational programs directed by G. W. Eddings. These programs, with 99 students enrolled, were later to become the responsibility of the Area X Board.

On May 18, 1966, the organization meeting of the new board was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in Cedar Rapids. B. A. Jensen was elected president, and terms of all board members were determined by lot.

Dr. Selby A. Ballantyne, Superintendent of Schools at Bettendorf, Iowa, was employed as the first superintendent of Merged Area X on June 10, 1966.

On June 23, 1966, the board requested the State Board of Public Instruction to grant community college status to Area X. This request was granted on June 28, 1966. A community college was born.

KCC Programs, Services Touch Huge Numbers

Illiteracy, lack of opportunity, stagnation, unplumbed human potential. These are Kirkwood's targets or enemies. After ten years, this college can point to some victories, on behalf of one-third of a million eastern Iowans.

By Peter S. Bryant, Associate Superintendent for Community Relations

The development of Kirkwood over these first ten years is an exciting and important story. It is exciting from the standpoint of what has been accomplished in a very short period of time, and important when one considers the economic and social impact the college has had on this seven-county community.

Kirkwood's development has been the result of an active partnership between the college and the community in the interest of helping people. Kirkwood represents the vision and dedication of concerned citizens in this community and in our state to provide meaningful and relevant educational opportunities to people—the young or the old, the rich or the poor, the skilled or the unskilled, the handicapped; people with varying backgrounds and experiences.

The most important factor in these first ten years is people. Thousands have joined together for the common purpose of developing a community college—a college that would truly serve the educational needs of the people in this area. Other thou-

sands have responded by enrolling in the new and expanded educational opportunities now available.

Kirkwood, since 1966, has attempted to offer educational programs and services that people wanted and needed, at a cost most could afford and at a time and place that was convenient for them.

The results of this cooperative effort should be a source of pride for Kirkwood's entire seven-county community. Since 1966, thousands of people in this area:

- Have completed an 8th grade education or finished high school, or
- Have obtained a career by completing one or two years of skilled training in one of approximately 60 career program areas.

Thousands of residents of this area:

- Have upgraded their skills through part-time vocational or in-plant training classes in order to keep pace with the changing technology of their company, or
- Have begun or continued college, many with the hope of being able to transfer to a four-year institution.

Since 1966, thousands of adults in this area also:

- Have enrolled in special interest, self-enrichment classes, most of which are self-supporting and offered as a community service, or
- Have obtained special education and assistance to over-

come their individual handicaps and

- Thousands of persons in this area have made use of the opportunities to obtain special programs and services needed in the later years of life.

Each of these programs is a direct reflection of the needs of people in this community. The fact that several thousands of individuals have enrolled indicates that Kirkwood is fulfilling an important need.

Kirkwood has grown from 199 students in the Fall term of 1966, to over 4100 in Vocational-Technical and Arts and Sciences credit courses.

In 1966, there were limited opportunities for community education classes for adults. In 1974-75, Kirkwood received over 36,000 enrollments in community education classes offered in over 100 locations in cooperation with 39 school districts. In all since 1966, more than 23,500 people have enrolled in Vocational-Technical and Arts and Sciences credit programs while over 200,000 registrations have been received in Community Education classes.

The extraordinary economic and social impact of Kirkwood on this seven-county area has only begun to be realized. While virtually all of Kirkwood's students are from Iowa, and most are already a part of the Iowa work force, importantly, they remain in Iowa to work upon graduation. Consistently since 1968, over nine out of ten of Kirkwood's

career education graduates have remained in Iowa to work and three out of four have stayed in this seven-county community to work.

Moreover, nearly 50,00 registrations have been received in part-time vocational and in-plant training classes enabling Iowa workers to upgrade their skills and maintain job security. Further, in 1960, 53% of all Iowa adults over the age of 25 had less than a high school education, reflecting a considerable underdevelopment of manpower re-

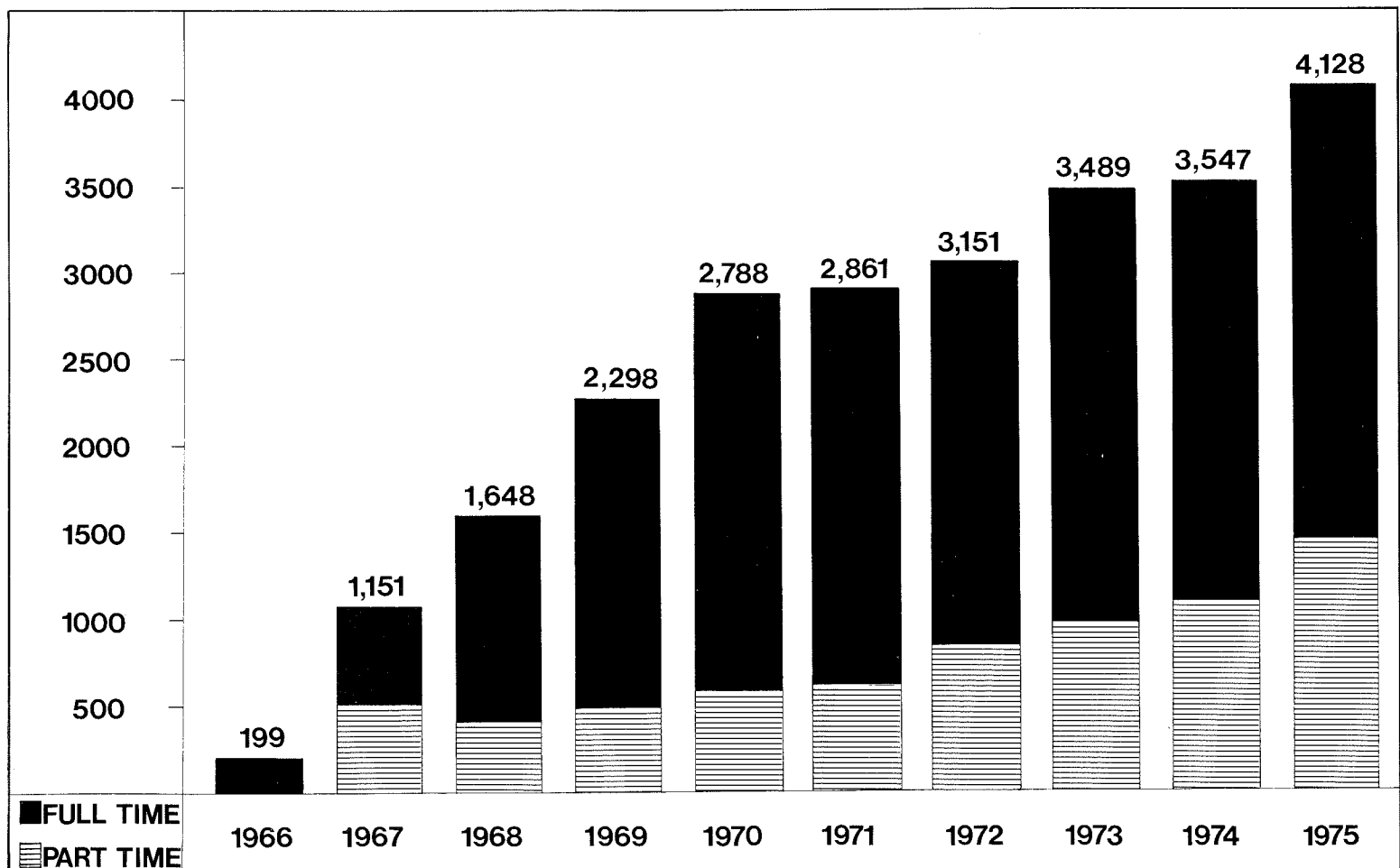
sources in the state. In 1970, the percentage of Iowans over 25 with less than a high school education had declined to 41%, and promises to decline further.

Thus, the community college is truly fulfilling its mission of educating Iowans for employment in Iowa, and in vitally needed positions in the Iowa economy.

Economic impact is traditionally measured in terms of dollars. Economic impact may also be measured in terms of people—employed people. The millions

of dollars that Kirkwood represents in payroll and purchasing power by staff, faculty and students is important to this seven-county community and can be quantified. What is more difficult to quantify is the impact on a community when thousands of students obtain the skills necessary to work as a productive member of the local economy; when thousands of others avoid technological obsolescence by completing their high school education or upgrading their skills; when hundreds who are on welfare or in prison obtain

Kirkwood Enrollment (College Credit, 1966-1976)

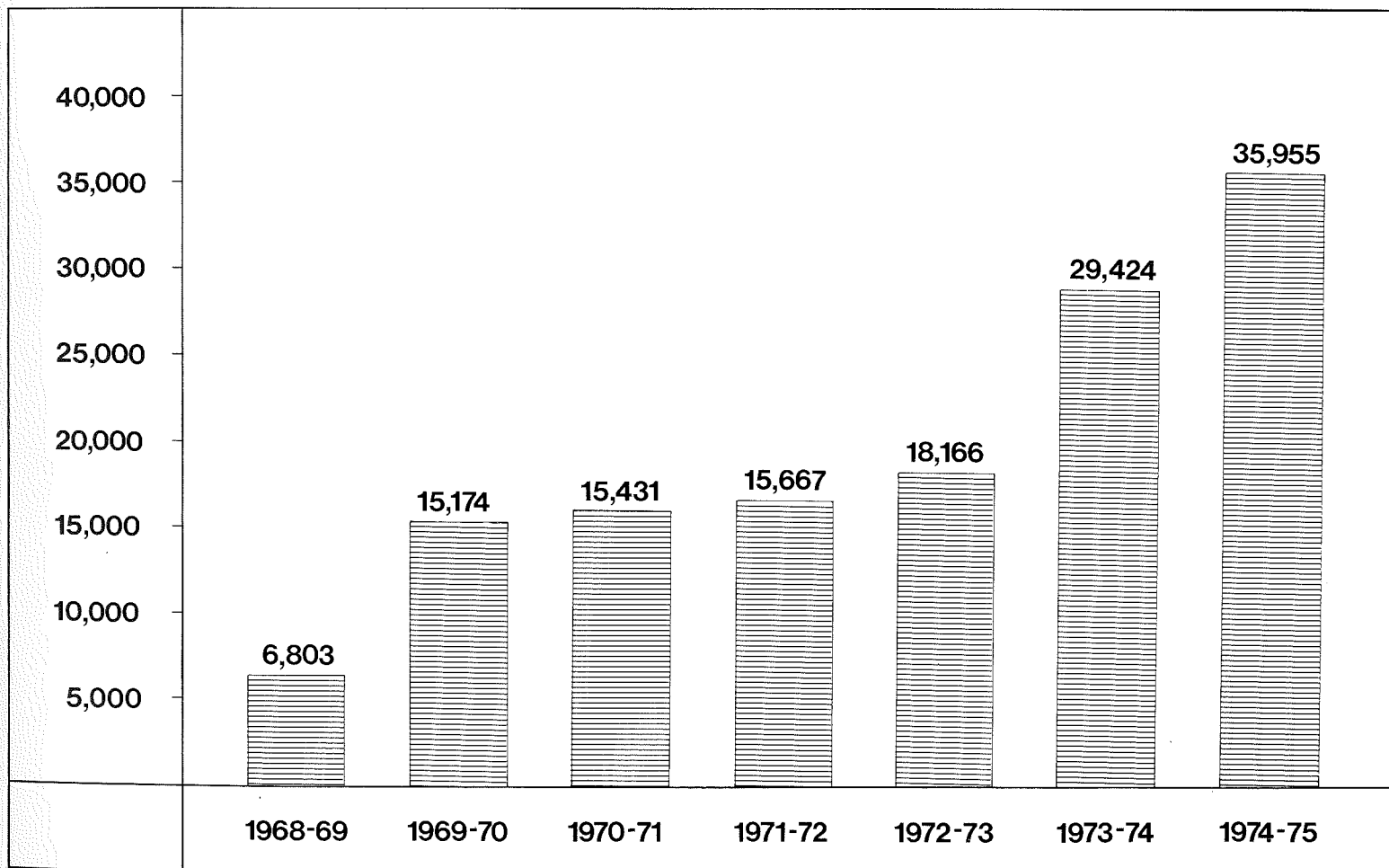


education and skills to be contributing members of our society; when thousands have the opportunity to attend college at a cost they can afford and attain the education necessary for certain careers; and when thousands have the opportunity to enrich their lives through special interest classes.

Several questions are in order. Where would these people be today if they had not had the opportunity provided by Kirkwood Community College and other area schools? Would they have

had success in finding employment as satisfying and rewarding without special skills? Would they have remained in Iowa? Would they have remained in our seven-county community or would they have been a part of the continued exodus of people from our area and from our state? We believe that we have helped to reverse the outward migration of people and, through the educational opportunities that we are providing, are holding valuable manpower in Iowa. What greater investment can there be in the future of our state?

Community Education Registrations, 1966-1976



View of the old farmstead, which stood on Kirkwood campus land.



May 18, 1966. Kirkwood's first elected board of directors posed for a picture at the inaugural board meeting in the Roosevelt Hotel, Cedar Rapids. Left to right in front row: John Gerber, Robert Davidson, Morris Allen, M. A. MacAllister. Second row: Max Lewis, Lewis Dreibelbis, B. A. Jensen, Paul Wolfe, James Sauter. Ten years later, all of the original board members, except MacAllister and Wolfe, were still serving on the board.



Growth Years



The old Nesper Building, on Eighth Avenue Southeast in Cedar Rapids, was rented July 1, 1966, and provided Area Ten Community College with administrative offices and space for the Data Processing department. Administrators moved to the Hawkeye Plaza Building in January, 1967, and Data Processing followed that fall. Area Ten took some good-natured ribbing about an indoor swimming pool in the Nesper Building. The pool was a relic from earlier days when a private health club occupied the space. (The college boarded over the pool and placed a computer over it).

Kirkwood's growth has been a source of wonder, gratification, surprise, and yes, anger. But it is there, on the record, one of the amazing success stories to be found in Iowa education annals.

June, 1966—G. W. (Bill) Eddings was appointed by the Merged Area Ten board of directors as director of vocational education.

June, 1966—The Area Ten board directed Chairman **B. A. Jensen** to name a committee for site selection for the new campus.

August, 1966—The Area Ten board selected the name Area Ten Community College for the new school.

August, 1966—Superintendent **Ballantyne** said, "We want to have one of the best vocational-technical schools in the country."

August, 1966—The new college announced that it expected enrollment of about 200 when classes opened the following month. Training for the first year was offered in practical nursing, floriculture, machine shop, auto mechanics, data processing, electronic technology and drafting design.



The Hawkeye Plaza Building, 4401 Sixth Street SW in Cedar Rapids, provided the first central "campus" for Kirkwood, from January 1967 to September 1969. In this leased building, the college conducted all Arts and Science classes. There was a learning resources center, and all administrative offices were located there. Vocational-technical classes were scattered throughout the city. Some locations for these classes were Mercy Hospital, Rockford Road and a shop on Thirtieth Street SE. The Hawkeye Plaza Building later housed the Joint County School System, which then became the Grant Wood Area Education Agency.

At an early board meeting held in the Hawkeye Plaza Building. Left to right are directors Gerber, Allen, Sauter, Davidson, Jensen and Wolfe. Superintendent Ballantyne is at left rear and board secretary Ken Kupka is at right rear.





Two of the people who have played key parts in the Kirkwood success story for the entire ten-year history of the school, Superintendent Selby Ballantyne at left and board chairman B. A. Jensen at right. Cedar Rapids Gazette photo, 1976.

September, 1966—Agreements were announced for Area Ten to assume responsibility for adult education programs at Iowa City and Anamosa, and discussion was underway on similar agreements with local school districts throughout the seven-county area.

September, 1966—The board of directors announced selection of a 315-acre site south of Cedar Rapids for its new campus. Purchase price will be \$407,500, or about \$1,300 per acre.

September, 1966—Voters in Merged Area Ten approved a special five-year, three-fourths mill tax levy for the college by a margin of 11,111 to 5,403. The levy was designed to be used in construction of a campus. Superintendent Ballantyne interpreted the vote as evidence of support for the concept of a comprehensive community college.

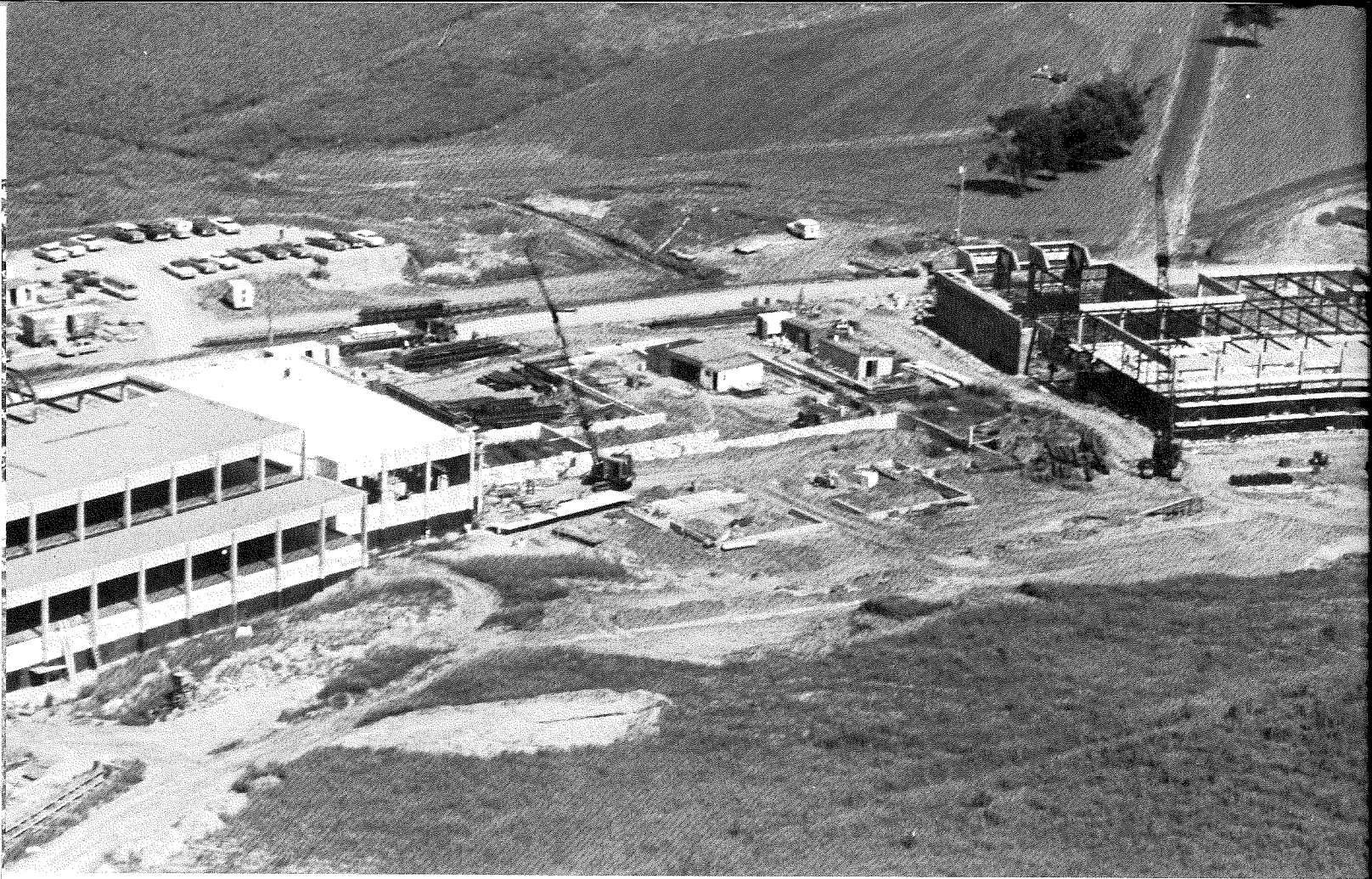
October, 1966—The college directors approved a proposal by the administration to add office education training to the curriculum.

November, 1966—The board viewed schematic drawings for the first campus building, envisioned as a 160,000 square foot, 800-foot-long center for vocational training.

November, 1966—Dr. Vernon Pickett, newly-named director of arts and sciences, announced plans to launch a full range of basic freshman liberal arts classes in the fall of 1967.

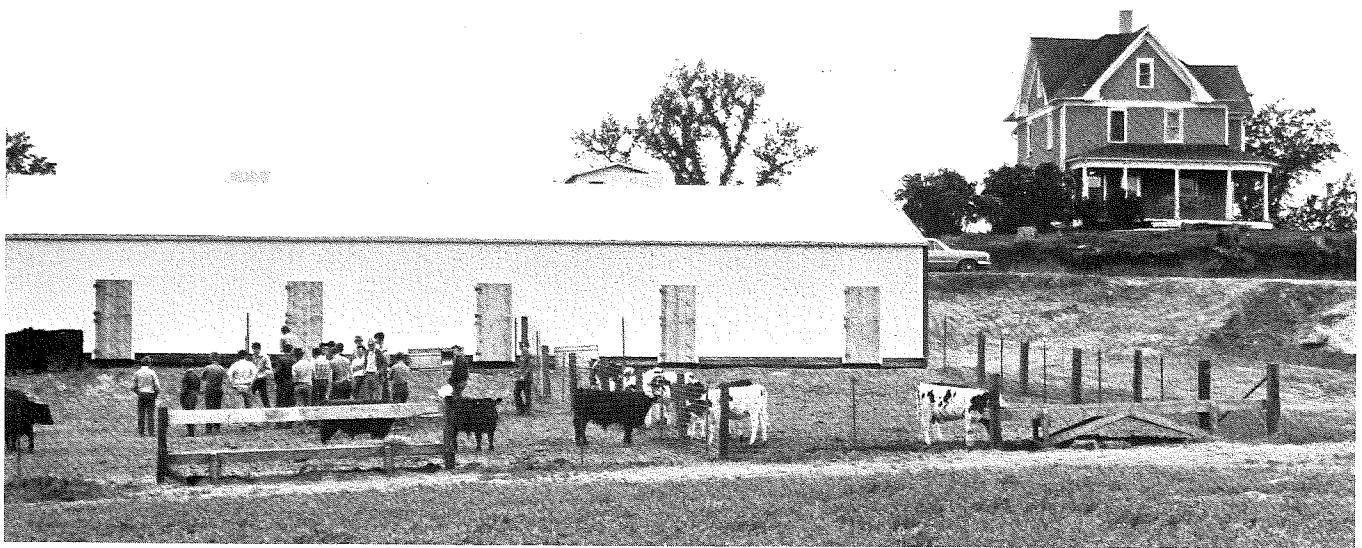


Students crowded the not-quite-ready lounge building on the new transitional campus opening day of classes in 1969.



Summer of 1968 found the giant Linn Hall, first permanent building on Kirkwood's campus, under construction. The project was so large—200,000 square feet under one roof—that two contractors were engaged to build separate wings.

Closest thing to "Old Main" at Kirkwood might be the farmstead on the campus hill, which served as office-classroom facility for the department of Agribusiness and Natural Resources until 1974, when it was replaced with a one-story structure.





The now-bustling Kirkwood campus was once two rolling Iowa farms. This view, taken in about 1970, looks east from the north slope of "Farm Hill". The once-weedy slope was a pasture. In 1974, work began on converting the slope into a five-acre park.

February, 1967— State Representatives Earl Yoder of Iowa City and Ralph McCartney of Charles City criticized the state's area school system for deficit spending in their first year of operation and proposed measures to prevent duplication of programs.

March, 1967— State Representative Richard Radl of Lisbon proposed elimination of 12 of the state's 16 new vocational-technical schools and community colleges. Area Ten chairman Jensen issued a statement saying, "... I'm not certain that he (Radl) really means to thwart the tremendous educational progress already made under the original Senate File 550."

April, 1967— Following testimony by Superintendent Balantyne before the joint senate-house appropriations subcommittee, Senator Eugene Hill of Newton praised the Area Ten school for placing emphasis on vocational training.

April, 1967— The Area Ten directors employed additional staff members in a heated meeting held under the shadow of a go-slow directive from some legislative leaders critical of the area schools' rapid development.

April, 1967— Representative Scott McIntyre, Jr. of Cedar Rapids blasted "a group of legislators who are doing their best to wreck our vocational-technical schools".

April, 1967— Board Chairman Jensen told critics of the new Iowa community colleges that the law establishing the schools placed "The first two years of college work, including preprofessional education" at the top of the list of assignments for the institutions.

April, 1967— Ground was broken for the new vocational-technical building, first permanent building on the Area Ten campus.



On July 15, 1968, there was nothing but trees and grass. Six weeks later, there were 20 so-called temporary buildings on the new Kirkwood campus. The "transitional campus" has since served as home for most Kirkwood Arts and Science classes.



Remember the Mini? Back in 1969 and 1970, Kirkwood's civic-minded Student Veterans Club sponsored miniskirt contests. The winner, of course, had the shortest skirt. And the judges had most of the fun. Kirkwood's very active Veterans' Club also spent considerable effort raising scholarship funds and performing other campus services. The club became inactive later, but enrollment of veterans during the mid-1970s topped the 800 mark.

June 2, 1967—Senator Eugene Kibbie of Emmetsburg presented 83 persons with degrees, diplomas and certificates in the first commencement program held by the new Area Ten community college. **Paul D. Albee** of Cedar Rapids received the first two-year associate degree awarded by the school.

July, 1967—A long legislative hassle over area school control ended with passage of a \$4.5 million special appropriation. The bill also established a separate branch within the state department of public instruction to oversee operations of the area schools and set controls over area school superintendents' salaries.

August, 1967—Area Ten CC prepared to open the fall term with registration in the newly-remodeled Hawkeye Plaza building, 4401 Sixth St. S.W. College credit evening classes were planned for the first time.

October, 1967—Most colleges and universities responding to an Associated Press survey said they welcomed development of the state's new area community colleges. University of Iowa officials said the new schools should help relieve an anticipated enrollment crush on the campuses of the three universities.

October, 1967—Superintendent Ballantyne showed the Area Ten board a list of 25 vocational programs which he said were needed, and chided the board for moving too slowly in developing the vocational-technical curriculum.

November, 1967—The college directors voted approval to a new two-year curriculum in agribusiness.



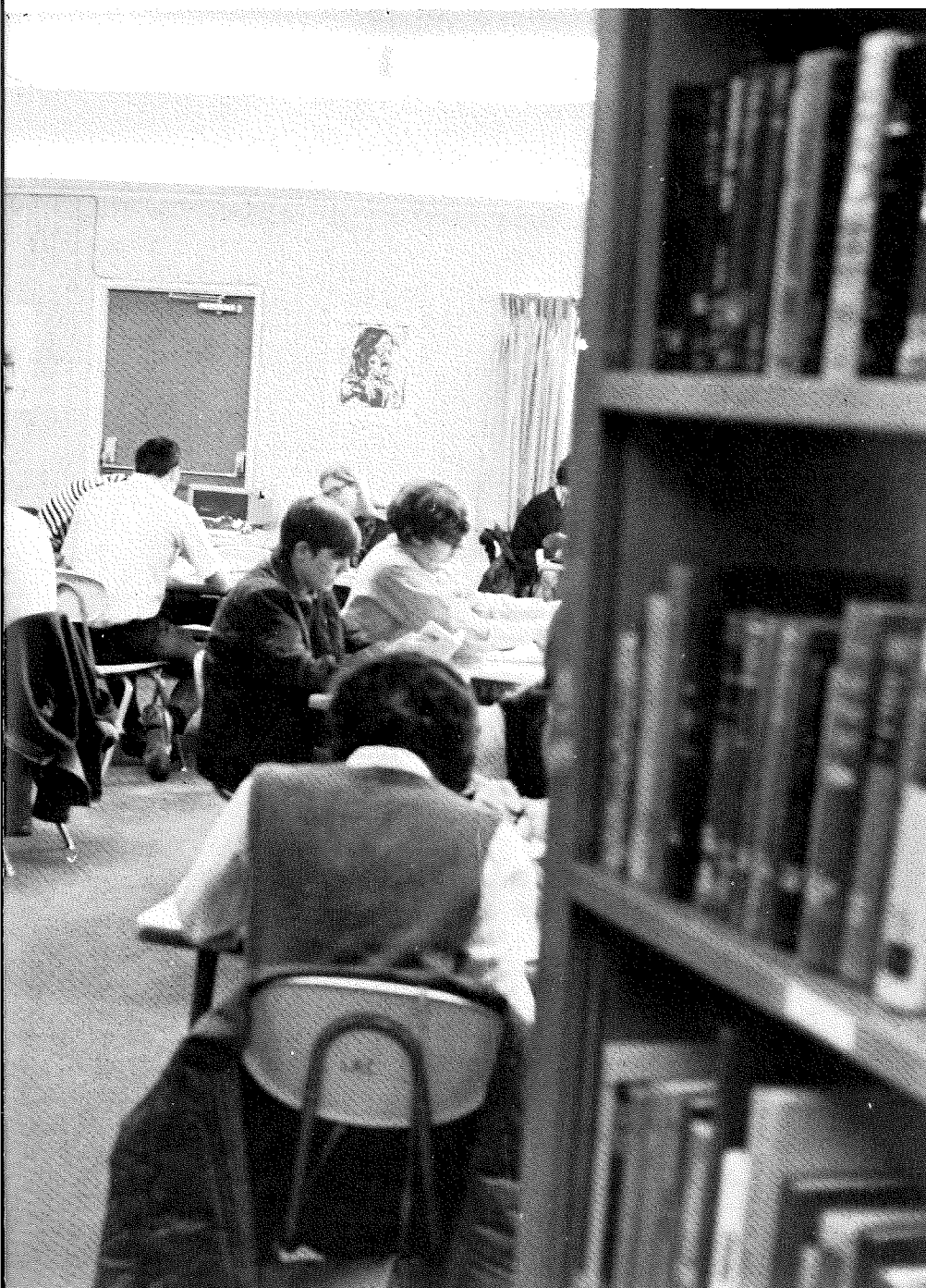
An early commencement program, about 1969, in Coe's Sinclair Auditorium



Bill Marland, history instructor, personified Kirkwood's Arts and Science faculty group in the early years. They came from all points—Bill was from Massachusetts—with excellent academic credentials and great enthusiasm for teaching. Bill is shown in the classroom. He also was a campus leader, serving as president of the Kirkwood Senate. He died in June, 1974, at 41. A memorial room was dedicated to the memory of him and other deceased faculty and staff members in Iowa Hall.

From Linn Hall to TXC: a cold trek.





With a fast-growing enrollment, Kirkwood has almost always been without adequate library facilities. This shelf's-eye view of the transitional campus learning resources center reading room was taken in 1970. A modern new facility is now under construction.

September, 1968—Enrollment for the fall term totalled 1,648, with more than 900 in arts and sciences classes and 700 in vocational-technical programs.

October 27, 1968—Area Ten Community College held its first open house, giving the public its first look at the 20-building complex of relocatable classrooms, and the partially-completed vocational-technical building.

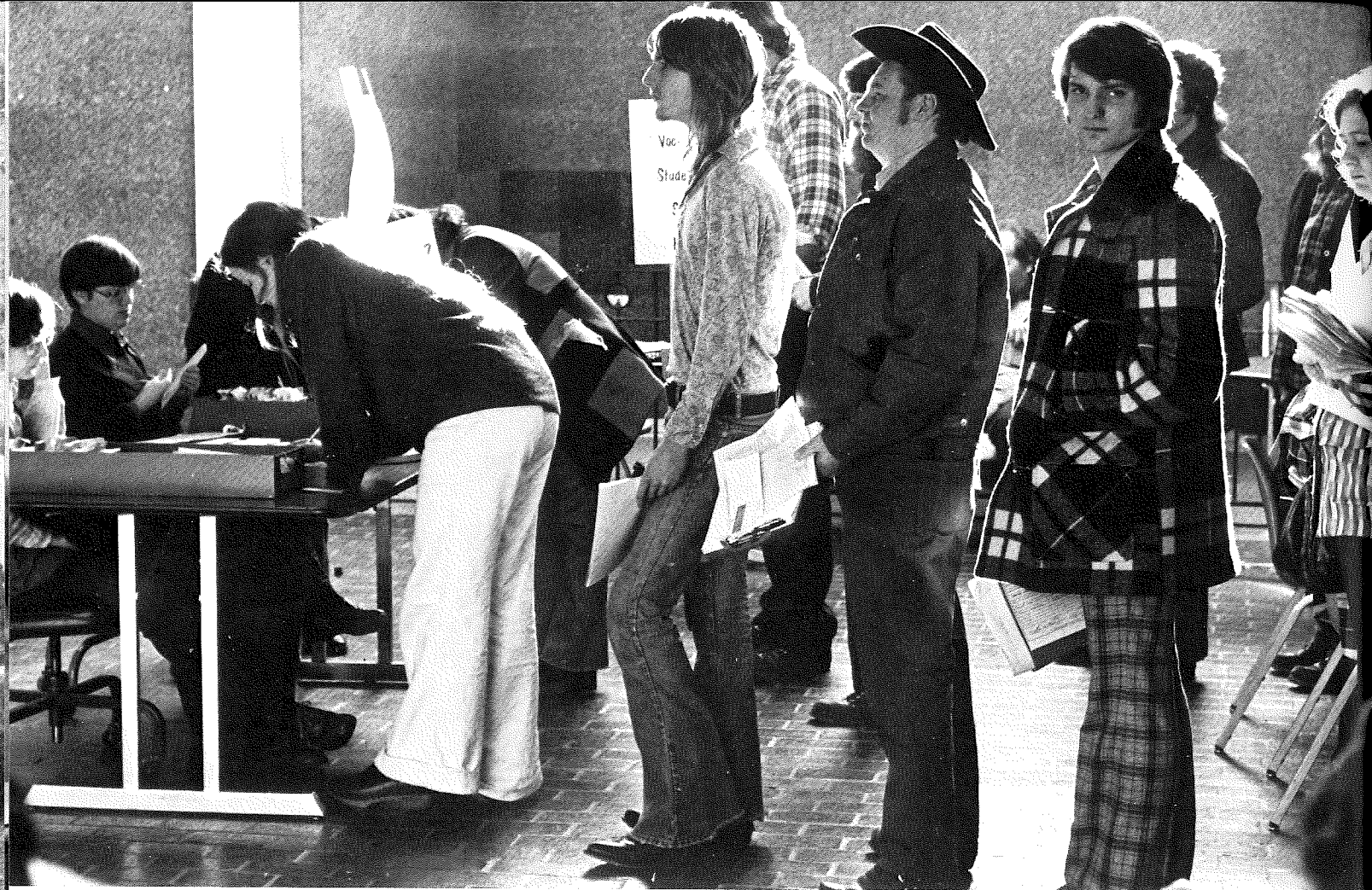
November, 1968—Area Ten administrators announced plans for assuming responsibility for educational programs inside the men's state reformatory at Anamosa.

November 11, 1968—Fire destroyed the contents of the Area Ten Rehabilitation Workshop, 751 Center Point Road NE in Cedar Rapids. Rehabilitation services were moved to another building on Oakland Road.

November, 1968—Area Ten students Cindy Cornish, Steve Cram, Marcia Stack and Tom McMillan were pictured in the Cedar Rapids Gazette leading a demonstration in support of "a more humanized name" for the college. Petitions were presented.

November, 1968—A \$24 million campus plan for Area Ten Community College was unveiled.

December, 1968—An enrollment of 139 in a new program of high school classes for drop-outs under age 18 far exceeded predictions at Area Ten.



Part of the college student's lot: standing in registration line, Linn Hall. This scene became less typical in recent years as Kirkwood became a leader in innovative methods, including registration by telephone, mail-in registration and preregistration.



Linn Hall again, this time serving as a stage for a student drama production in 1970. The front door could open at any time to admit a late-for-class student to the building.

February, 1969—Hal Walter, dean of student affairs, said Area Ten would field varsity teams in baseball and golf for the first time in the spring. Basketball and wrestling teams were planned for the following year. The teams were to be known as the Eagles.

March, 1969—Five Area Ten industries were taking part in the first effort by Area Ten to provide in-plant training for employees. The firms benefiting from the program were Link Belt-Speeder Corp., Quaker Oats, Collins Radio, C. P. Rohde Inc. and the Lefebure Corp.

March, 1969—A screening committee headed by **Ted Davis**, president of the Area Ten student congress, submitted three names to the board of directors for consideration. The names were Kiowa, Cedar Valley and Shadow Hills community college. The board later rejected the names and decided to retain the name Area Ten Community College for another year.

August, 1969—The Area Ten board selected the name of Kirkwood Community College for the school. The name was proposed by **Maude Jahncke**, the college librarian. Kirkwood was Iowa governor from 1859 to 1863. He also served as Iowa U.S. senator and as U.S. secretary of the interior. He was a resident of Iowa City.

October 26, 1969—Iowa Governor Robert Ray and Senator Jack Miller were the speakers at dedication ceremonies for Linn Hall, \$4 million classroom and administration building and the first permanent structure on the Kirkwood campus.

December, 1969—Kirkwood's vocational staff members reported to the directors that the college now had vocational enrollment of 956, with 73 instructors, and featured 37 vocational training programs, making the program the largest in Iowa.



The quick solution to rapid enrollment growth at Kirkwood was construction of temporary buildings. In 1973, two new buildings were added.

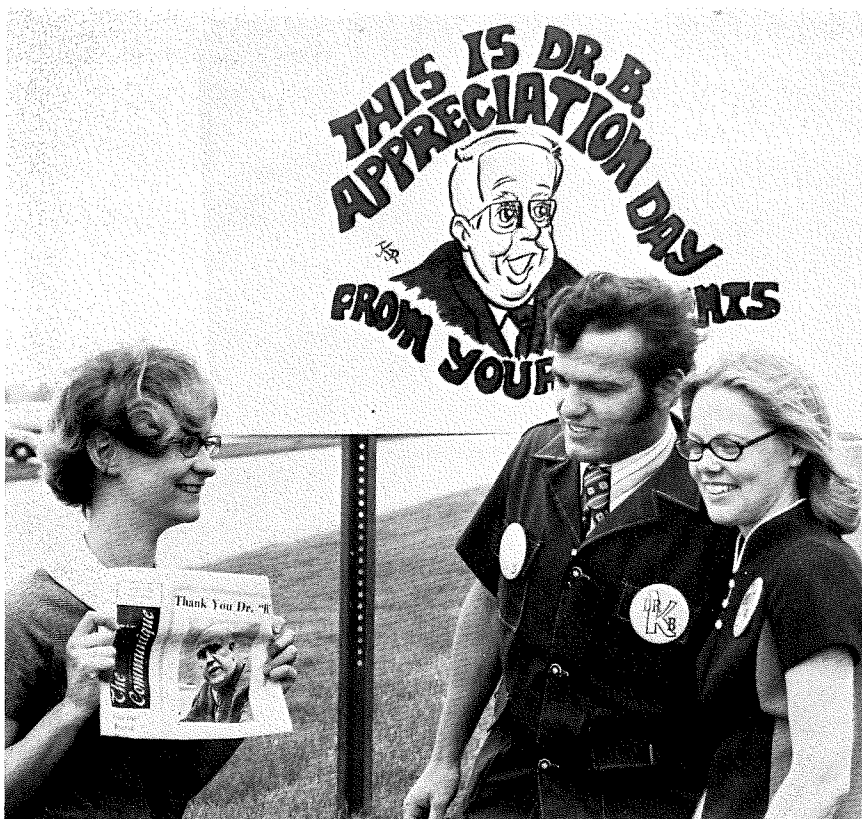


In September, 1969, Area X Community College had a new name, Kirkwood Community College. Students arrived for the fall term in the new \$4 million Linn Hall to find workmen putting finishing touches on the structure. It wasn't the ideal situation, but progress couldn't wait.



Cows still grazed the north campus slope in 1971. A modern learning resources center is under construction on the slope this year.

Kirkwood's student body staged "Dr. B Appreciation Day" May 25, 1971. The students honored their superintendent with a giant assembly program, and presented him with several mementos. Some students who helped plan and execute the event were, left to right: Brenda Goeppfert, Larry Steines and Peggy Mickens.



March, 1970—**Ira Larson** resigned as superintendent of the joint county school system for Johnson, Linn, Cedar and Washington counties to become assistant superintendent at Kirkwood.

April, 1970—Kirkwood was awarded full accreditation by the North Central Association. Accreditation was awarded after 3-1/2 years of self-study activities, visitations by the NCA and other preparation. The NCA praised Kirkwood as "A College on the Move."

June, 1970—The Kirkwood board approved a staff reorganization. **Vernon Pickett** was named associate superintendent for education. **Hal Walter**, director of development, was named associate superintendent for development. **Kenneth Kupka**, formerly business manager and board secretary, was named associate superintendent for administration.

July, 1970—Formation of two foundations was announced by

the college. **James Luhrs** of Cedar Rapids was named to head the Kirkwood Facilities Foundation. **William Minick**, also of Cedar Rapids, was selected as head of the Kirkwood Foundation.

September, 1970—A \$9.5 million bond issue proposed for campus facilities at Kirkwood was defeated by voters in Merged Area Ten. The issue received 11,764 yes votes and 17,303 no votes, only a 40.5 percent approval.

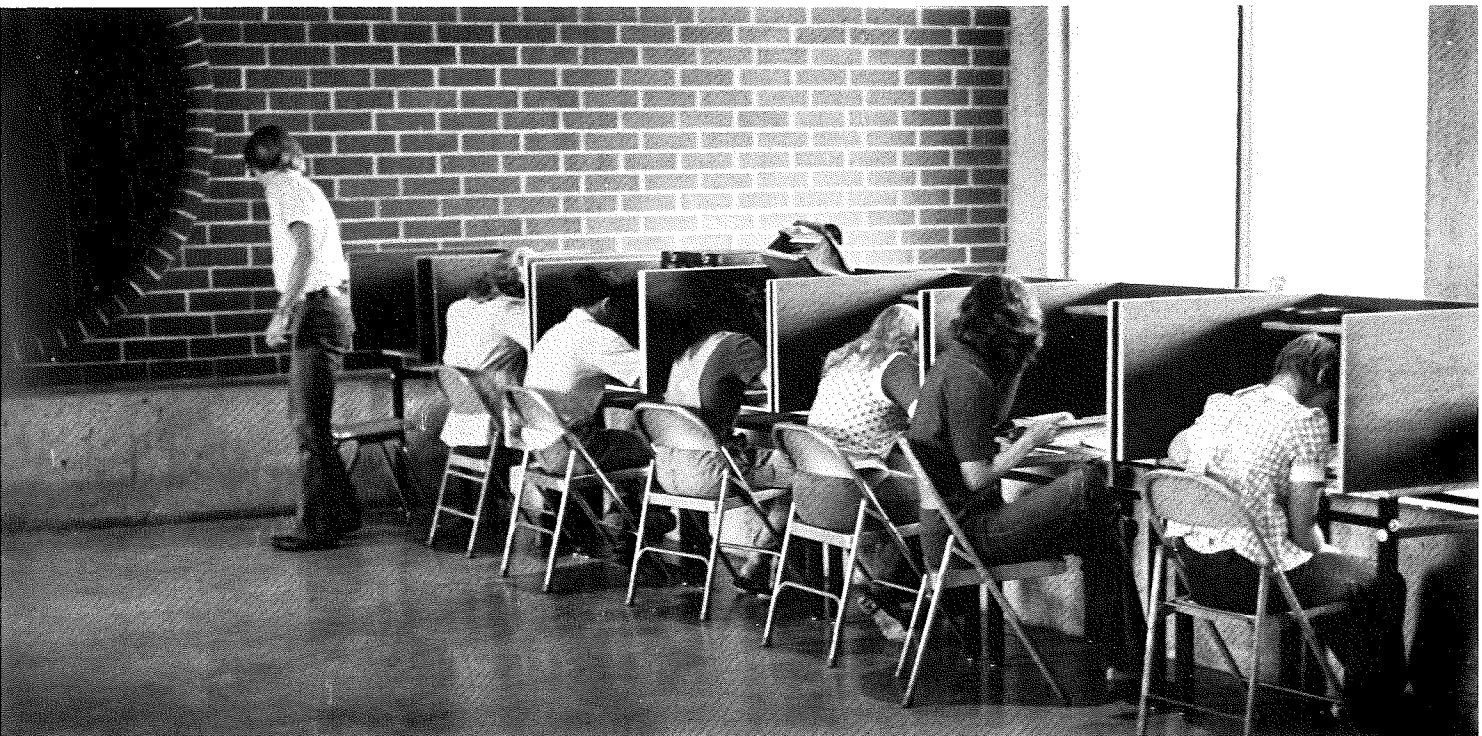
March, 1971—Kirkwood announced a new program of pre-vocational training classes for high school students in Merged Area Ten. A committee of local school superintendents planned the program.

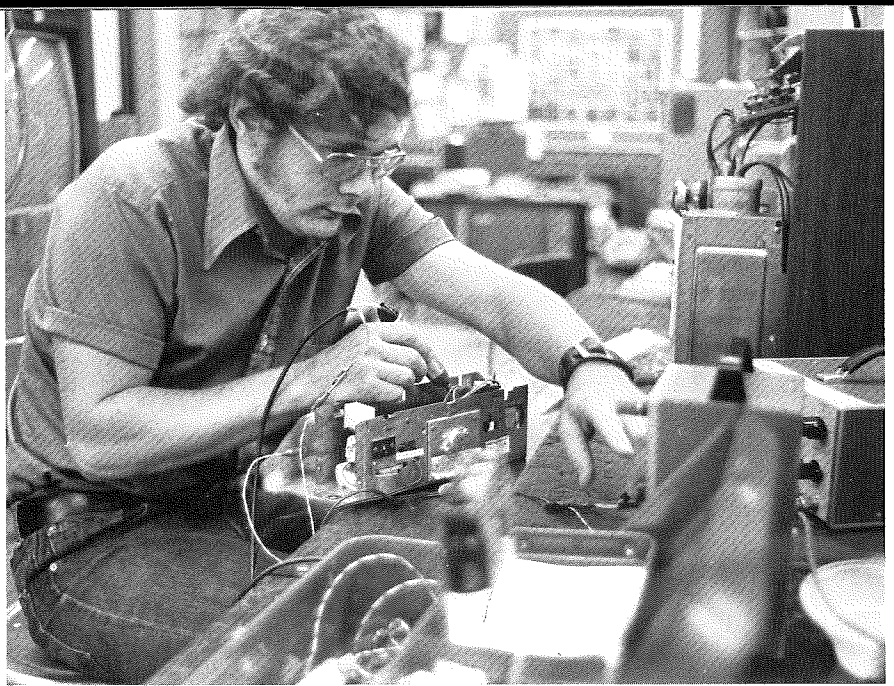
May 25, 1971—Kirkwood students planned and executed a "Dr. B Day" program, surprising the superintendent with gifts and a program in appreciation for his work in developing the college program.

Concern for the environment reached a peak April 22, 1970, with the national observance of "Earth Day". Kirkwood students turned out in large numbers for a day of lectures and demonstrations. That's Harold Kort, environmental health instructor, speaking at a teach-in program in the Linn Hall lobby.



Linn Hall was designed as a vocational-technical classroom building, but it served many purposes in the early years. Here, a portion of the second-floor lobby gets heavy use as a study area.





Almost 300 persons have completed electronics training and electrical equipment repair training at Kirkwood, providing the many Eastern Iowa electronics industries with a new source of technicians. Student here is Mel Bender.



In 1973, Kirkwood received a grant from the federal Older Americans Act through the Iowa Commission for the Aging and established the Area Agency on Aging. The agency, later renamed as Heritage Agency on Aging, provides a broad range of indirect services to senior citizens in Merged Area Ten. Here, a huddle at a workshop where senior citizens got some tips on journalism for a newsletter project. Staffer George Maybanks is at left.



Old Hunter Airport hangar, a Cedar Rapids landmark, was still standing September 2, 1970, as Kirkwood students streamed to the new Bowling Street campus on opening day of the 1970-71 school year.



Does Kirkwood get around? This picture came from Germany, where Dr. Vernon Pickett, associate superintendent for instruction spoke to a class of U.S. servicemen who took Kirkwood training in wastewater treatment plant operation. Kirkwood provided the training under the Defense Department's "Project Transition" program, which prepared about-to-be-separated soldiers for civilian careers. Kirkwood trained 296 servicemen at five locations in Germany during 1972, 1973 and 1974.



Kirkwood commencement programs were moved to the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids in the 1970s. Candidates take part in the processional for the August, 1971 program.

September, 1971—Gay Dahn, formerly an area adult education supervisor, was named director of adult education at Kirkwood.

September, 1971—Kirkwood announced a record fall term enrollment of 2,861 for credit programs.

September, 1971—Voters gave 70 percent approval to a five-year extension of the 3/4-mill construction/equipment tax levy for Kirkwood.

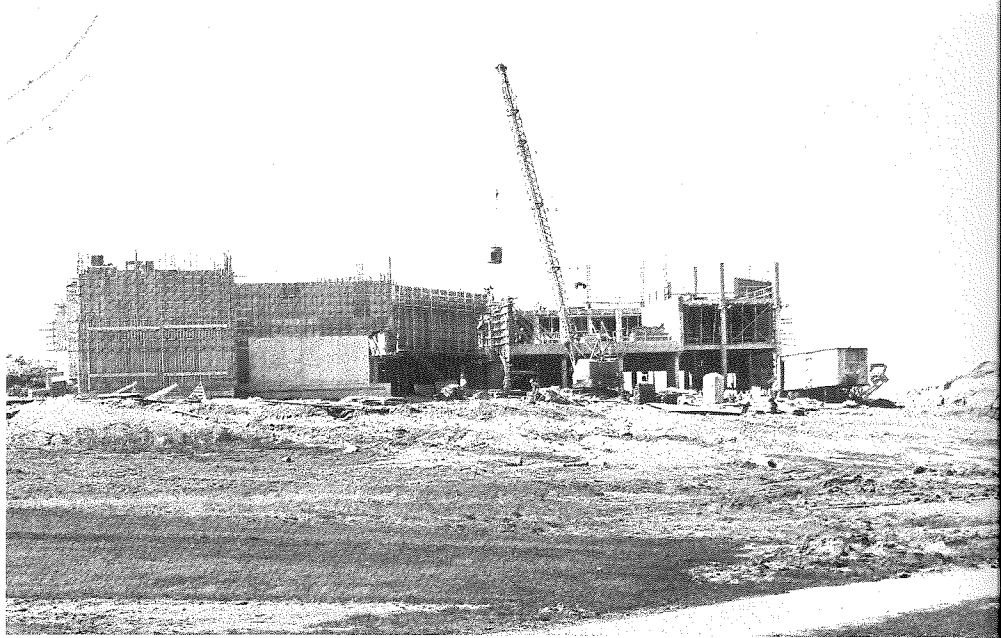
February, 1972—Kirkwood created a new position of veterans affairs coordinator and launched a series of informational meetings for ex-servicemen returning from the Vietnam conflict. The college had about 530 veterans on campus with increases expected.

July, 1972—Kirkwood announced formation of a new Office of Retirement Education (OREO) to provide educational and social activities for the elderly. **Alice Schwiebert** was named to head the office.

August, 1972—Kirkwood conducted a national workshop on water pollution control at the U.S. Naval Academy funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Working with a power mower in the Kirkwood ornamental horticulture program in the early 1970s. Kirkwood in 1975 added a special program in recreational vehicle repair to the curriculum.



April, 1974. Iowa Hall, second permanent campus building, was under construction. For the first time, Kirkwood would have facilities for student activities, recreation and public meetings. The building also contains a large cafeteria, planned to accommodate the growing enrollment.

Students concentrated on a speaker at an activity hour program in Iowa Hall, 1975.



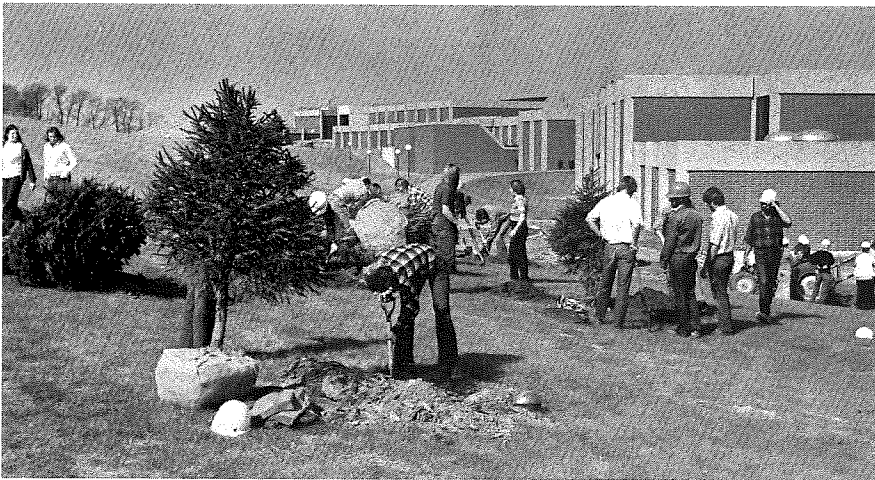
March, 1973—Kirkwood received a grant from the federal Older Americans Act for establishment of an area agency to serve the aging. Purpose of the agency was to be coordination of efforts to aid in nutrition, housing, health, education, employment, leisure activities, financial well-being and other matters for persons over 60 years of age.

January, 1974—The Department of Agribusiness and Natural Resources moved into a new office-classroom complex on the site of the old farm house.

September, 1974—Area Ten voters approved another five-year extension of the special levy for construction and equipment at Kirkwood. The approval was by nearly 60 percent.

October, 1974—The Department of Health, Education and Welfare included the Kirkwood-Mount Mercy Career Opportunities Program on its list of ten exemplary COP programs in the nation. COP, which was phased out in 1975, provided career training in education-related fields for low-income students.

December, 1974—Kirkwood submitted a list of nine priority building projects to the State Department of Public Instruction. Estimated cost of the new facilities was about \$16.5 million.



Landscaping of the campus is an ongoing project, with Kirkwood Ornamental Horticulture students playing a big part and gaining valuable experience. A group sets evergreens into the hillside behind Iowa Hall.

An icy campus scene, looking toward Iowa Hall.



Groundbreaking was held in July, 1975, for a state training center for wastewater treatment plant operators at Kirkwood. Featured guest was Russell Train, holding shovel at right, director of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. Robert Buckmaster of Waterloo, chairman of the Iowa Water Quality Commission is at left, with Superintendent Ballantyne in center.



Informal outdoor concerts are part of a Kirkwood student tradition. A group performs outside Iowa Hall.





Kirkwood became a mass-producer of welders for Eastern Iowa industry. The college trains more than 400 welders a year. Television modular instruction helped the college provide this training on an individualized basis. Picture was taken in the Linn Hall welding shop. A new welding facility was in the planning stages in 1976.



"Area Code 319," student vocal group, has been a big success in the 1970's under direction of Elgene Shea. The group performs for audiences throughout Merged Area Ten, and takes a spring tour. Here, "319" performs for a grade school audience in Cedar Rapids.

Dick Gregory was one of a number of prominent speakers who visited the Kirkwood campus or took part in the Kirkwood-Coe lecture series. Gregory spoke in 1975 at Iowa Hall during a student activity hour program. Jacquée Dickey interviewed him for KCKC-FM.



April, 1975—Speaking on the Kirkwood campus, Dr. Marie Martin, head of the community college division of the U.S. Office of Education called Kirkwood one of the top five two-year institutions of its kind in America.

May 4, 1975—Dedication of Iowa Hall was held in conjunction with the spring all-college open house, attended by more than 3,000 persons. Several prominent citizens from Iowa county took part in the Iowa Hall dedication.

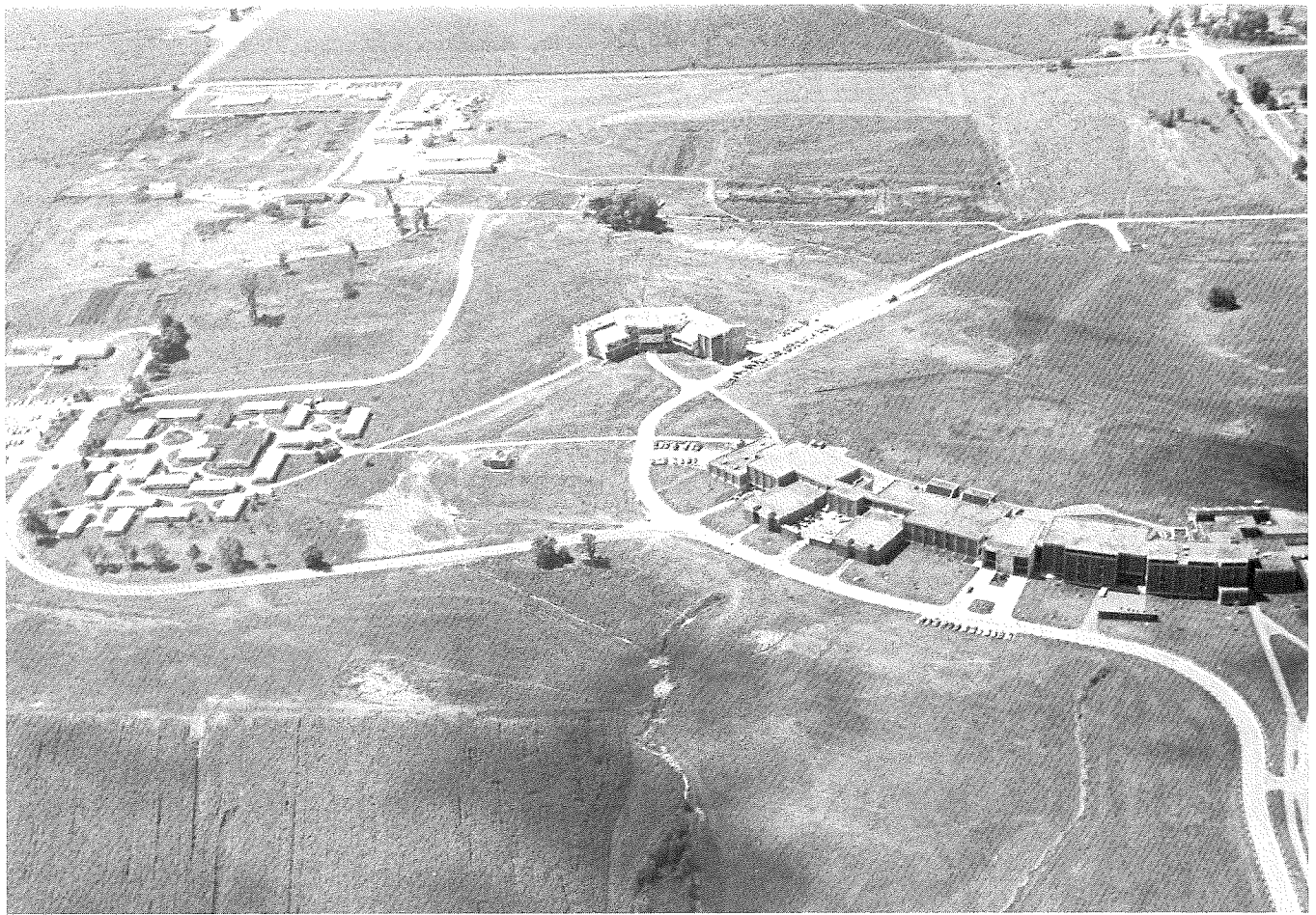
May, 1975—Ground was broken for Benton Hall, learning resources center on the central campus.

June, 1975—Kirkwood was named prime project sponsor for ACCTion, a federally funded program for the improvement of programs at emerging two-year institutions.

July, 1975—Kirkwood began broadcasting with 10,000 watts on KCKC-FM, campus radio station which was designated as a public educational station by the Federal Communications Commission.

September, 1975—Kirkwood announced a record enrollment of 4,128 for the fall term, an increase of nearly 600 students over a year earlier.

September, 1975—Peter Bryant was named associate superintendent for community relations and John Blong was named associate superintendent for ancillary services in a revision of administrative organization at Kirkwood.



A 1975 aerial view shows Linn Hall, right, Iowa Hall, middle, transitional campus, left, and farm laboratory, upper left. This year, construction was started on a learning resources center between Iowa Hall and the transitional buildings.



These 21 people, plus three others who were absent for the picture, were on the Kirkwood staff for the entire first decade of the college. Left to right, front row: Marge Atkinson, Sue Lightfoot, Ellen Pugh, Arlene Shipton, Vi Schamberger, Dave Jensen. Second row: Hugh Campbell, Bill Eddings, Dr. Vernon Pickett, Bill Mack, Jack Neuzil, Ed Kesser, Dick Tyler. Third row: Irv Ebinger, Henry Goracy, Bob Davisson, Roger Wymore, Superintendent Ballantyne, Neil Shepherd, Vic Stateler, Ed Lawrence. Missing were Dr. Donald Page, Joe Hronik and Ken Kupka.

Alumni News

The bottom line for Kirkwood is its family of graduates, the people it has touched directly.

There are more than 8,000 of these people now, not to mention those thousands who took adult education classes or finished adult high school or attended professional upgrading seminars or took part in senior citizen activities.

Great colleges and universities point to their graduates who succeeded in business or the arts or politics. Kirkwood has a few of these, and there will be more in the future. But a better measure for the time being is provided by visits with a few Kirkwood graduates engaged in tilling the soil, merchandising products, policing small towns, making architectural drawings.

Some tasted the classroom and then returned to their previous jobs or to their families. Others left one world and entered another, thanks to new-found skills. All were changed somehow by Kirkwood.

1967

Marcia Goodman, Floriculture, is owner and operator of Goodman's Flowers, Center Point, Iowa.

1968

Ted E. Mann, Mechanical Technology, distributor for Hawk Bilt Co., Vinton, Iowa.

1969

Burt Parsons, Arts and Sciences, transferred to the University of Iowa and earned a BS degree in Sociology. He is now on the Kirkwood staff as purchasing agent.

Dan McCune, Mechanical Engineering Technology, expects to receive his bachelor degree in engineering from the University of Iowa this year. He formerly was acting plant manager for the Nissen Corporation, Cedar Rapids.

Charles Keller, Arts and Sciences, transferred to the University of Iowa and earned a BS degree in History.

Ted Davis, Associate of Applied Science, works as customer relations assistant at Turner Microphone, Cedar Rapids. He presently is on the Alumni Association's board of directors.

Rick Kunde, Associate of Applied Science, is the parts manager at K & K Farm Equipment Inc. in Tipton, Iowa. He is presently on the Alumni Association's board of directors.

Pamela (Miller) Dircks, Dental Assistant Program, is office manager/dental assistant at the office of Dr. E.C. Primmer, Cedar Rapids. She married Richard Dircks, April, 1970.

1970

Mary Janette (Blake) Bochenstedt, Practical Nursing, married Steven Bochenstedt five years ago, and has one daughter. Now living in Manchester, Iowa.

Thomas Carr, Mechanical Engineering Technology, employed by John Deere, Dubuque. Married with two children.

Debra Dolezal, Occupational Therapy Assistant, employed by the North Aurora Center as an instructor. Living in Lisle, Illinois.

Art Ramirez, Food Store Marketing, is senior at University of Northern Iowa, and employed by the Highlander Supper Club.

Charles Cahalan, Dental Laboratory Technician program, now part-owner of a dental laboratory in Wisconsin.

Wayne Faas, Mechanical Engineering Technology, was recently promoted to associate engineer with Fisher Controls Co., Marshalltown.

Lynn Schulte, Agribusiness, is farming at Van Horne, Iowa.

Jerry Heaton, Architectural Drafting, is a project coordinator with Hansen, Lind and Myer, architects, in Iowa City.

1971

Bob Pepper, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Amana Refrigeration Company.

Amy Lou Hall, Arts and Sciences, graduated from Iowa State University, fall-1973, BS degree in Food and Nutrition/Dietetics. Now finishing a one year traineeship at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

Judy Foley, Associate of Arts, finished at Mount Mercy, now teaches fourth grade in Marion, Iowa.

Michael Weichman, Arts and Sciences, director and senior archaeologist at the Environmental Research Center, Iowa City. Received his BGS in Anthropology/Midwest Archaeology at University of Iowa, 1973. Is presently working toward PhD at U of I.



Carl Kissling, '68, likes working with his hands

Like a good suit of clothes, life fits comfortably on 29-year-old Carl Kissling. In 1968, Carl completed Kirkwood's machinist training program. Since then he has worked for a small machine tool and manufacturing company in Northeast Cedar Rapids, Master Tool and Manufacturing.

The 15-man shop is small, clean and friendly. Like most of the other machinists there, Carl has the ability to operate just about any of the precision machines in the building. The atmosphere suits him well.

A year or so after graduation from Kirkwood, Carl had a spiritual experience. "I accepted Christ as my personal savior. My main goal now is to seek the Lord's will," he said.

Carl is married and the father of an infant girl. This spring he and his wife moved into a new

home on an acreage near Toddville. They were both raised in the country, and it's where they want to raise their family.

Working with his hands, guiding precision tools, gives Carl satisfaction. If he has any ambition for himself professionally, it is to own a small welding or repair shop, but right now, he says, "There are a lot of other things in between."

Carl did factory work after graduation from Linn-Mar high school. He developed an interest in machinist work just about the time that the training was first being offered by Kirkwood. He attended classes in the old Rockford Road machine shops under Kirkwood's Dave Popelka.

His life revolves around his work, his family, and his fundamentalist religious beliefs.

Kenneth L. Shauli, Dental Lab Technician, employed by Veterans Administration Hospital, Iowa City.

Mike Karal, Arts and Sciences. Following graduation he transferred to the University of Northern Iowa, earning a BA degree in 1973. In 1974, he passed the Certified Public Accountant examination and is now associated with Mosebach, Griffith and Simmer, Cedar Rapids accounting firm.

Erna Rodulavek, Environmental Technology, is county sanitarian for Bremer county, living in Waverly.

John Young, Arts and Sciences, transferred to North Texas State University and received his BA in marketing in 1975. He was married to Sally Schwitters and is now assistant cashier in the Brenton Bank, Cedar Rapids.

Larry Webert, Environmental Health Assistant program, now director of the Benton county health department, living in Vinton.

Gary Knorr, Floriculture, is the owner and operator of Mott's Flowers, Ottumwa.

Linda Hopkins Ridenour, Arts and Sciences, now living in Largo, Florida.

1972

Peggie Mickens, Associate Degree Nurse, head operating nurse in a hospital in Kirksville, Missouri.

Clark Fensterman, Arts and Sciences, transferred to the University of Iowa, then to the University of Northern Iowa. Now teaching mathematics in a Des Moines high school.

Brenda Goepfert, Arts and Sciences, received BSN at Mount Mercy, 1975. Now employed as an RN at St. Luke's Hospital in the Intensive Care nursery.

Michael David Jones, Architectural Drafting, employed by Bacon & Vanbuskirk Glass Co., Champaign, Illinois. Now attending the University of Illinois. He married Barb Bova (former Kirkwood employee) December, 1975.

Jeannie Louise Kurtz, Medical Secretary, married Dennis J. Striegel, October, 1973, and has one son. Residing in Harper, Iowa.

Bruce Laird Rahn, Machinist, employed by United Hydraulic. Married

Carol Sue Clark, July, 1973, has one son. Living in Thornton, Iowa.

Bruce Alan Gardner, Production Agriculture, farming in Garrison, Iowa. Partner in Gardner & Gardner Farms.

Gary Pelisek, employed by Howard R. Green Engineering Co., Cedar Rapids, married to Naomi Stricker.

Sheila Johnson, Environmental Health Assistant program, is director of the Tama county health department, Toledo.

Mike Pelisek, Architectural Drafting, works for the Howard R. Green Engineering Company as an engineering technician.

Ron Wauters, Accounting Specialist program, is head accountant for the Pella Hospital, Pella, Iowa.

Brenda Schneider, Architectural Drafting, is employed as draftsman for Howard R. Green Company, Cedar Rapids.

Jan Shipton, Arts and Sciences, is now Mrs. Craig Windmiller. She earned a bachelors degree in applied art from Iowa State University in 1974, and is now an interior designer for Custom Decorating by Easton, Davenport.

Cheryl Ochs, Fashion Merchandising, is a stewardess for TWA, working out of New York City.

Dennis Parry, Arts and Sciences, transferred to the University of Iowa, graduating in 1974. He passed the Certified Public Accountant examination in 1975, and is associated with the firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in Cedar Rapids.

Jon B. Miller, Associate in Applied Science, last December was promoted to quality control supervisor for Baxter Laboratories in Marion, North Carolina. Following graduation from Kirkwood, he earned a BS degree in microbiology from the University of South Carolina.

Marian Emgee, Fashion Merchandising, is manager of Maurice's Store, Dubuque.

Julie Gordon, Architectural Drafting, married Jerry Quebe. Associated with Hansen, Lind and Myer, Iowa City, in interior design project work.

Mike Latta, Accounting Specialist, is a staff accountant with the firm McGladrey, Hansen, and Dunn in Dubuque. Following graduation from Kirkwood, he transferred to the University of Northern Iowa, graduating in 1974. He is a Certified Public Accountant.



Rich Kleppe with Sara Herold, Alumni office secretary

Hooked on farming: Rich Kleppe, '70, likes his life

Rich Kleppe, 1970 Kirkwood Arts and Sciences graduate, is 32 years old and admits that he still opens his evening newspaper to the help-wanted ads.

"I read 'em, but I don't know what I'm looking for," he says.

Rich may read a million want ads, but he will probably never change occupations. He is a farmer.

Nineteen seventy-six finds Rich 13 years out of high school, eight years out of the Navy, six years past Kirkwood graduation . . . and four years past a bachelor's degree from a state university (Iowa State).

He is something of a seeker. "After the Navy I came to Kirkwood in hopes I could adjust to the academic atmosphere," he said. "I wanted a little broader education. It was perfect for me."

He had come from a farming family in Cedar county. But he didn't intend to return to farming when he entered college.

He thought for awhile that he might want to be an engineer. Other thoughts crossed his mind. But when he left Kirkwood and enrolled at Iowa State, it was in farm operations.

Now he farms 520 acres of rented land, double the size of

his operation only two years ago.

"It's the independence of farming I like," he said. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of it. In fact, you probably couldn't drag me away from it."

In 1977, Rich expects to buy his first land, 240 acres currently owned by his father.

So the 12-hour days and the hard manual work will continue for Rich. So will the psychic rewards, the feeling that he is performing an important job.

"Success is setting goals, reaching goals, and setting new goals," he says. "You can do that in farming as well as in any other field."

"I like Iowa, and I like to travel. In the Navy I saw a lot, and I've visited all but three of the continental states. I like to see how other people live."

"I enjoy civic activities, and I believe that a person should be responsible to his community and do his fair share."

"In farming, I'm trying to help conserve the environment. We can't keep going hog wild. We must be responsible. As you get older you start thinking about these things."

One of the first activities Rich got involved in after college was the Kirkwood Alumni Assn.

Ken Burns, '70, has a definition for success

Sales work and agriculture apparently form the perfect combination for Ken Burns, a member of the first Kirkwood graduating class in Agribusiness and Natural Resources in 1970.

The 26-year-old Burns is district sales manager for Formax Feeds Co. of Manchester, Iowa, a subsidiary of the giant Con-Agra Company.

"I guess I measure success by personal satisfaction with the job, by the amount of money I make and by the people I associate with," said Ken.

"I always wanted to be a salesman. After the first six months on the job here I liked it and I knew I wanted to stay at it."

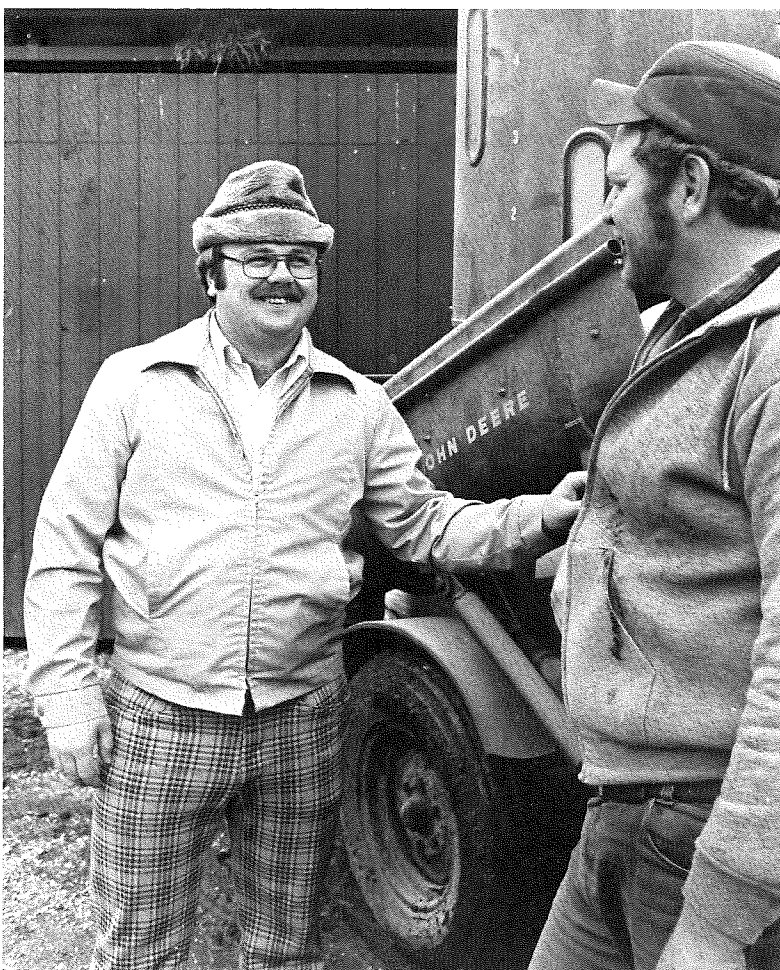
"The big challenge of my job is the ever-changing nature of farming. I have to keep on top of everything."

The Formax company catalogue contains 225 animal health products and 70 feed products. The product list changes constantly as new discoveries are made and new trends develop in farm feed and health.

It's more than just a sales job. "Fifty percent of the farmers who come to me ask for counseling. I attend company training schools and seminars constantly, just to keep up with what's new."

Ken travels nine Iowa counties visiting feed stores and grain elevators.

Ken came to Kirkwood on the recommendation of Gar-



Ken Burns with a customer

land Aschbacher, who at the time was a vocational agriculture instructor at Manchester High School. Garland later joined the Kirkwood agribusiness staff.

"The two-year college was the perfect thing for me," he said. "I feel like the preparation for my job was excellent, and I learned a lot about people and how to get along with them. Nine times out of ten when I talk with families who are thinking about agribusiness education for their kids, I recommend a place like Kirkwood."

Ken's employer sets sales goals for him—but he says he always sets higher ones and meets them. One result of his outlook was his election to

the ConAgra "Vice-President's Honor Council," a select group of high-achiever sales personnel.

Ken loves the Manchester area and his association with the farming community. "Farming will always be a good life," he said, "and one of my ambitions is to eventually buy my own farm and keep a hand in agribusiness at the same time."

He is active in St. Mary's Catholic church at Manchester, plays organized softball, is a member of the Manchester Jaycees and the Manchester Golf and Country Club. He plays golf and "pulls a little for the Masonville tug-of-war team" during the summer. He and his wife Janet have two young daughters.

Jim Verba, Arts and Sciences, is now an agent for the Internal Revenue Service, living in Des Moines.

1973

Tom Foster, Arts and Sciences, is now a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

Al Hayden, Arts and Sciences, graduated December, 1975 from the University of North Colorado with BA in Recreation Administration.

Jean Mary Larsen, Floriculture, employed in Carmen's Flower Shop, Ankeny, Iowa.

Janice (Klever) Blevins, Architectural Drafting, employed by Leon K. Lauver & Associates in Cedar Falls, married Michael Blevins, July 1975.

Mary E. (Atkinson) Williams, Medical Secretary, employed by MNB as keypunch supervisor. Married Jon A. Williams, has one son.

Marcella (Boots) Moses, Medical Secretary, employed by Mercy Hospital. Married David Lee Moses, February, 1975.

Robert Duff, Law Enforcement, received his Bachelors from Mount Mercy. Now working with a rehabilitation program in Cedar Rapids.

Robert Schroeder, Floriculture, manager of the Bellevue, Iowa flower shop.

Raymond B. Cole, Production Agriculture, lives at Solon and is farming with his father.

Bob Tucker, Wastewater Treatment Operator, is assistant superintendent of the Leavenworth, Kansas treatment facility.

Terry Shields, Architectural Drafting, is employed by Iowa Electric Light and Power Company as a drafts-person.

Ann Pace, Administrative Secretary, was married April 10 to Kenneth Opatz at Waverly. She is secretary to the director of career education at Kirkwood.

George Harris, Wastewater Treatment Operator, is now a plant operator for the city of Arlington, Texas.

Mike Klappholz, Arts and Sciences, received his bachelors degree from Mount Mercy College in 1975 and is an officer with the Cedar Rapids Police Department.

Kathy Donohoe, Fashion Merchandising, is manager of Ups 'N Downs, Davenport.



Fate led Barb Westphal, '73, to programmer career

Barbara Westphal has her own way of describing the fun of her job as a computer programmer. "An idea starts out like a little snowball and it rolls along until a program comes out," she says.

"It's very satisfying to see a program come out and then get a pat on the back for it.

"In programming you don't have the personal contact like a doctor or dentist does with his client. You have to be satisfied with doing a good job, and with visualizing the good you've done for others."

For her interview with Community Quarterly, Barbara took time out from her current project in the data processing office of the Cedar Rapids Community school district. She was in the middle of a two and one-half month assignment devising a new cumulative report card for high school students in Cedar Rapids public schools.

"It will be a combination report card and transcript, and it should save some people a lot of effort and at the same time provide students with a lot more information than a report card does."

Barbara has been a Cedar Rapids school employee since 1973, when she graduated from Kirkwood's computer programmer curriculum.

She began her training after graduating from Charles City high school. A tragic shooting

incident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

After some time spent in California taking physical therapy, she decided to resume her Kirkwood training.

Ironically, the shooting forced her to aim for higher goals professionally. "Before this happened, I was content with finishing training as a computer operator. Suddenly, I found I couldn't do some of the things an operator needs to do like lifting boxes, so I changed to programming.

"My handicap forced me to take a stronger stand on life, too. Once I got my head screwed on again and decided not to spend all my time watching TV, I was all right."

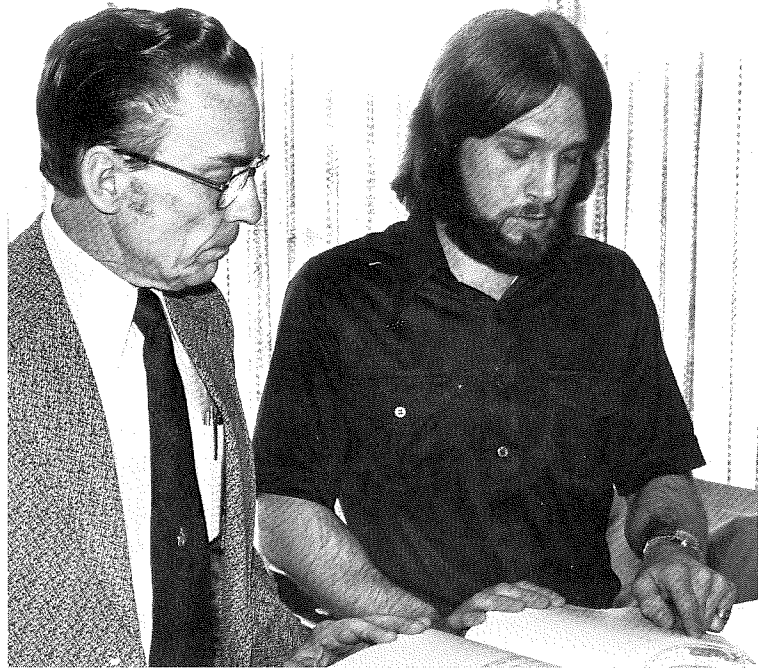
Though confined to a wheelchair, Barbara is able to drive her own car. This enables her to make the daily 60-mile round trip from her home at rural Walker in Northern Linn County.

Her home life revolves around her nine-year-old daughter, Terese, and husband John, who finished his training last year in Kirkwood's electrical equipment repair training program. John is operating his own business in electrical repairs and wiring.

Barbara likes to bowl, paint, do woodworking, knitting and crocheting, and she plays the organ and piano.

And she keeps those little snowballs rolling.

Dan Peiper, right, and boss
Wayne Edmundson
with telephone records



1970 accounting grad Peiper enjoys work with small company

Back at Benton Community High School, Dan Peiper noticed that some of his classmates yawned during book-keeping class and found all of those figures pretty boring.

Dan felt different about that. He liked putting the pieces together, making sense out of columns of figures, and making assets and liabilities balance out.

In fact, he began to think that the life of an accountant could be a pretty satisfying one.

Three years later, this quiet 22-year-old from Van Horne is an accountant, a junior accountant to be specific, and he is finding the life a good one.

Dan is a 1974 graduate of Kirkwood's Accounting Specialist program now employed as head accountant for the South Slope Utility Co. at Norway, Iowa, a cooperative telephone company.

Actually, South Slope's head accountant is its only accountant. One of 16 employees of the company, he is responsible for balancing the company's books, making out reports and financial statements, and helping with the company's long-range planning efforts.

He is one of the few specialists in this small business firm, which serves 3,500 telephone customers in a four-county area.

"I don't know much about the technical part of the operation yet," says Dan. "The terminology is foreign to me, and I'd like to learn more about it."

"I enjoy working for a small company. Here I get a little bit of everything. Last winter, we drew up a five-year budget. We estimated our growth, expenses and equipment needs. You don't know if you're going to come close or not, and it's a

real challenge.

"We expect a lot of growth in our area. There's a lot of construction—new houses, apartments and four-plexes. It seems like a lot of people are moving into this area, wanting to build houses in the country."

Dan concentrates on his job. He still lives with his parents on a farm near Van Horne, commuting the 20 miles to Norway on his Yamaha 750 when the weather allows.

He planned a vacation to Colorado this summer. Further down the road, he thinks he may study to be a full-fledged Certified Public Accountant.

But right now, he is learning his trade, getting his bearings, and letting things happen as they may.

"This is a good life with a good future," he says. "I don't plan to rush into something else just to be doing something different."

Janice Venteicher, Junior Accountant, employed by Dee, Gosling & Co., C.P.A.'s. Residing in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Jim Guenther, Law Enforcement, employed by DuPage County Sheriff's Department. Married Sharon Kemmer, August, 1975. Living in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

1974

Lou Ann Marie Quinn, Administrative Secretary, employed by LeFebure Corporation. Married John R. Mann, August, 1975.

Julee Kay (Amundson) Metzger, employed by Dr. Thomas L. Bennett. Married Phil Metzger, and living in Elgin, Iowa.

Daniel L. Fry, Electronic Engineer Technician, employed by Pulse Dynamics Manufacturing Company in Colchester, Illinois. Living in Tennessee, IL.

Kurt Gregg Larsen, Horticulture, employed by Farm Bureau Insurance Company as Grounds Superintendent. Living in Ankeny, Iowa.

Fern Van Milligan, Associate of Arts, will finish degree at University of Iowa and transfer to University of Minnesota to attend graduate school, to study Arabic languages.

Linda Schatz, Administrative Secretary, employed by Kirkwood as Media Assistant in the educational media and broadcasting department.

Robert Cain, Associate of Arts degree, doing graduate work in the Russian Department of the University of Iowa, Russian Literature major.

Elroy Holsopple, Associate of Arts, living in Ames, and studying industrial arts at Iowa State University. Plans to teach and counsel.

Sue Glaza, Legal Secretary, working in office of Congressman Blouin.

Randy Trenary, Architectural Drafting, is a junior draftsman for Iowa Electric Light and Power Company.

Karen De Jode, Agribusiness, is a beef raiser at Olin, Iowa.

Jonathan Weeks, Architectural Drafting, is now employed by Larry Moore and Associates, Cedar Rapids, as chief draftsman.

Kenneth Behne, graduate of Respiratory Therapy, now is the department head for respiratory therapy in the Moline, Illinois public hospital, working with an open heart surgery team.

Ben Ternes, Architectural Drafting,

is an applications engineer for Johnson Controls Company of Cedar Rapids.

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company employs **Arlen Nuehring**, Architectural Drafting, as a junior draftsman.

Frank Miller, Architectural Drafting, is working as a project coordinator for Perry L. Butcher, architect, at Rogers, Arkansas.

Dave Norton, Arts and Sciences, expects to receive his bachelor degree from the University of Iowa this year.

Larry Carpenter, Architectural Drafting, is a junior draftsman for Iowa Electric Light and Power Company, Cedar Rapids.

Sara Lamb, Respiratory Therapy, was named in March, 1976 as Director, Respiratory Therapy, at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

Vince Bading, Architectural Drafting, is employed as a kitchen designer and draftsman by Lumberland of Cedar Rapids.

Barbara Schmitz, Legal Secretary program, working in office of Senator Culver.

Don Kopp, Architectural Drafting, is a draftsman with Haaland Consulting Engineers, Cedar Rapids.

1975

Anne Marie Jorgenson, Nursing, employed by Mercy Hospital. Married **Gary Becker**, Business Administration, in September, 1975. Employed by Kubias Hardware. Residing in Palo, Iowa.

Wendee Phillips, Pre-social work, employed by Linn County Detention Center. Continuing education at Mount Mercy in Social Work and Psychology.

Leslie Wheeler, Associate of Arts, transferred to Coe College.

Joan Winsor, Natural Resources, employed by Yode Brothers of Florida as Laboratory Assistant. Married to **Robert Winsor**, Arts and Sciences, employed by Lee Company Florida as nurseryman. Living in Fort Myers, Florida.

Cynthia Ann Nissen, Respiratory Therapy, employed by the University of Iowa Hospital. Married Don Flagel, August, 1975.

Jesse Goin, Associate of Arts, transferred to Coe College.

Rebecca Dearborn, Architectural Drafting, is a draftsman employed by Howard R. Green Engineering Company, Cedar Rapids.

Cindy Richmond, Fashion Merchandising, is women's apparel manager for Bergner's store, Bloomington, Illinois.

Dennis Mason, Architectural Drafting, is now a draftsman with Haaland Consulting Engineers of Cedar Rapids.

Steve Sweet, Arts and Sciences, now a student at Idaho State University, Pocatello, majoring in sociology.

John F. Schneider, Production Agriculture, farms at Riverside, Iowa.

Richard Miller, Architectural Drafting, was seriously burned in an auto accident in Colorado. He is recovering, living near Cedar Rapids.

Rosellen Morely, Home Furnishings, is self-employed in home products and accessories sales.

Gary Palas and Cris Sell, both Mechanical Engineering Technology, are founding partners with Kirkwood instructor Roger Wymore of Overland Enterprises, Inc. Gary is also employed by the FMC Corp., Cedar Rapids and Cris is employed by Highway Equipment Co., Cedar Rapids.

Paul Kretschmer, Arts and Sciences, now a student in Journalism and Mass Communications at Iowa State University. Active with the campus radio station, KPGY.

Diane Viktor, Architectural Drafting, is employed as a kitchen designer and salesperson for Custom Cabinets and Wood Products Co., Cedar Rapids.

Associated Engineers of Cedar Rapids employs **Mark Dondlinger**, Architectural Drafting, as a draftsman.

Linda Chambers, Fashion Merchandising, is manager of Garb Age, Cedar Rapids.

Kevin Kendall, Arts and Sciences, transferred to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and is studying broadcast journalism.

Robert Driskill, Floriculture, is assistant manager of Flowerland, Moline, Illinois.

Rene Kucera, Home Furnishings, is decorator for Pittsburgh Paints Co., Cedar Rapids.

Luis Flores, Architectural Drafting, is employed by Hansen, Lind and Myer, architects, in Iowa City. Also attending the University of Iowa. Married Becky Fitz in March, 1975.

Pam Smith, Fashion Merchandising, is employed in the men's department at Armstrong's store, Cedar Rapids.

Coed at 47, Jeanne Miller now a teacher associate.

One of her favorite responsibilities is helping primary grade children overcome reading problems. She works with the children individually or in twos, and she finds it rewarding.

"My favorites are the really little ones, under fourth grade," she said. "They're carefree and and happy and eager to learn. I feel like I relate best to them and I never have any trouble with them."

Jeanne's career is really not unfamiliar ground. In 1944 she took a three-month teachers college course which qualified her to teach. She taught in country schools in Iowa county for two years before marriage and a family intervened. She had six children.

Looking back on her own crisis period, Jeanne says, "I feel I certainly would have gotten into some field of work. I was used to being busy. But I'm certainly happy I went in the direction I did. I just don't think I would have been content somewhere else."

Her 50th birthday was this spring. As she approached her

birthday, she said, "I've given a lot of thought to getting my BA degree. I just may do it."

"I think they like Mrs. Miller."

No case of inflated ego, that. Instead, it's an honest attempt by Jeanne Miller, teacher associate at Roosevelt school in Iowa City, to answer the question, "What do you think your students think of you?"

Jeanne is a proud 1974 graduate of the Career Opportunities Program at Kirkwood. The COP was a federally-funded program conducted by Kirkwood and two other agencies and designed to assist low-income persons in finding careers in the field of education.

Jeanne is what some educators call a late bloomer—and a good representative of the many persons who come to the community college at a mature age for training or re-training.

According to Jeanne, she was the original At-Loose-Ends Kid. Family of five raised. Sudden freedom from certain responsibilities. A period of frustration.

Then, the determination to

do something with her life. A chance comment from a friend, herself a COP student. A visit to Kirkwood. Boom. At 47 years of age, a full-time college student.

"I was so much older than anyone else in the program," she recalls. "It worried me."

There came the sudden taste of the joy of learning again. "I found that things actually came easier than when I was younger," she recalled.

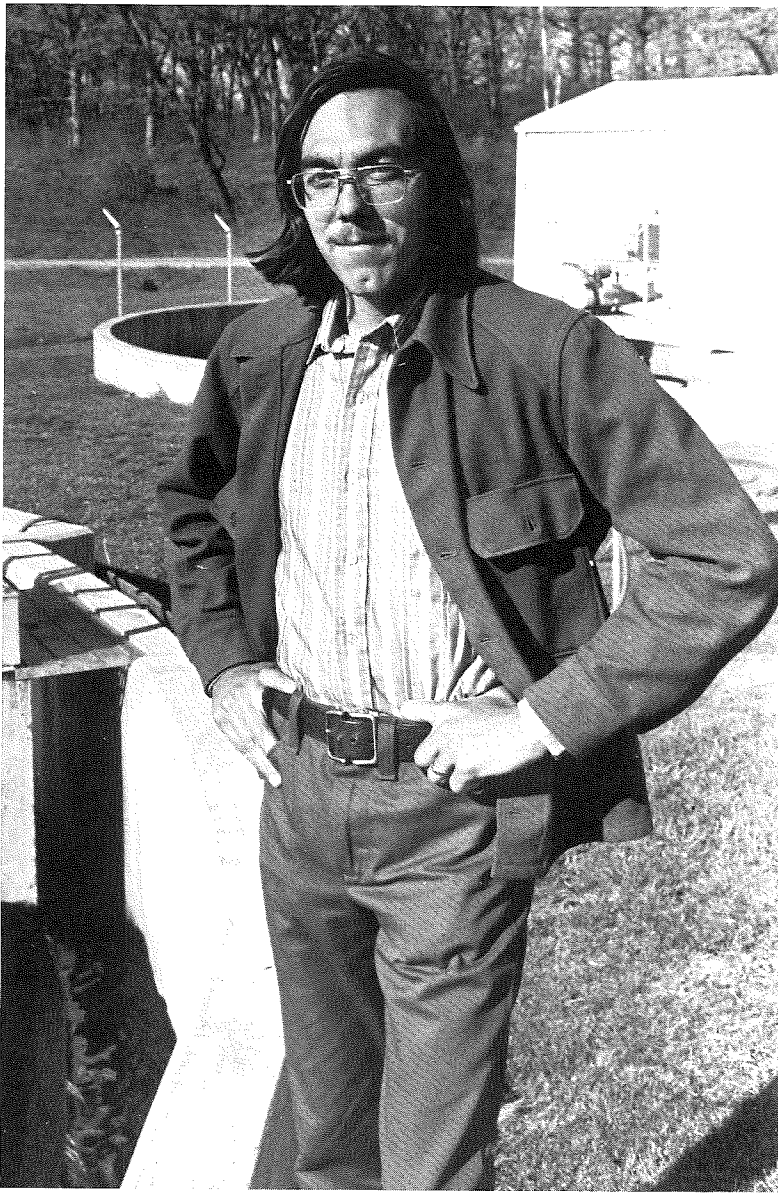
Still, COP was no easy thing. While holding a daytime job, Jeanne commuted 50 miles for nearly two years to night classes at Kirkwood. She received her Associate in Arts degree in August 1974.

A teacher associate is a sort of junior teacher. In recent years, more and more schools have employed associates to help ease the burdens of graduate teachers. Jeanne was among the first TA's hired by the Iowa City district last fall.

"I love the work. I wouldn't have it any other way. I've had opportunities to do other things but I just couldn't leave this."



Jeanne Miller and friends
J.D. Thatcher and Tony Ziegler



Overseas program opened doors for Dick Marshall, '73

The ultimate in a walking advertisement for career education may be Dick Marshall.

His title is Superintendent, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Wastewater Treatment Plant. His domain is a little collection of brick buildings, bubbling vats and whining pumps.

Just a few years back, Marshall was finishing his third year of studies as an anthropology major at the University

of Iowa.

But he was discouraged by poor job prospects in the field, and keenly aware that it would take a masters degree, perhaps even a doctorate, to help him achieve a goal of a position in research.

So he left the university campus for a hitch in the Army. "It was just a way of taking a fresh look at things," he says now.

From 1970 to 1973, Marshall served in Missouri, Maryland, Texas and Germany, with the military intelligence units. Then he came across "Project Transition," the Defense Department's program designed to help soon-to-be civilians find careers.

Marshall met Randy Bush, a Project Transition teacher employed by Kirkwood to teach water and wastewater treatment classes to the GI's in Germany.

"Randy made it sound interesting, and I liked the work right from the start," said Marshall, now 27.

After separation from the Army, Marshall decided to take more training at Kirkwood. He enrolled in the on-campus training program for wastewater operators. He completed the six-month training in 1973.

"I had a background in high school and college chemistry, and it was a great help in school," Marshall said. "I like working with machinery, and I like the outdoors. I get all of these things in my job.

"I think this field has plenty to offer. It used to be that they hired anybody off the street. Now the work is getting more technical. People are changing their attitude toward pollution control jobs. This is no longer considered the worst place in the world to work."

Dick's routine consists basically of laboratory testing, plant maintenance and monitoring of the sewage flow at the neat 500,000 gallon-per-day Mount Vernon plant. "There's a routine, but it's not monotonous."

Dick likes the small town life in Mt. Vernon. He and his wife, Debra, formerly a student at Kirkwood, have bought a house.

But he doubts that he will stay in his present job. He would like eventually to operate a larger plant, possibly a private industrial facility where the opportunities and financial rewards are greater.

Connie Doser with Marvin Roalfs,
Amana craftsman



For Connie Doser, '75, first job is real opportunity to learn

Connie Johnson Doser, '75 graduate of Kirkwood's Home Furnishings program, is a 21-year-old who gives the impression that her feet are on the ground.

Like 75 percent of Kirkwood's graduates, this young lady from Mechanicsville chose to remain in Eastern Iowa following her training. She is sales decorator for the Amana Furniture Co., Amana.

She is married to another Kirkwood graduate, Jim Doser, who studied accounting and also graduated in 1975. Jim is employed by Merchants National Bank in Cedar Rapids.

"I'm not as career oriented as some girls are," said Connie. "I want to have a family, and there's just no way you can have a family and a career at the same time in my opinion."

A little more conversation with Connie reveals that she does intend to have both family and career—but at different times in her life. Career is important to her now. In the not-too-distant future there probably will be a family.

"I definitely would like to come back to this work after the family," she concluded.

Connie's work fulfills many of the expectations she had as a Kirkwood student.

"I was fortunate to get this offer when I was just starting out," she says. "I am having a great variety of experiences and yet concentrating on many of the things I like to do best."

She spends about three-fourths of her time in sales work, very little in decorating work. Part of the reason is that many Amana Furniture customers are from distant places. "They still seem to want the four-year degree for decorating," she adds.

Connie does some promotion work and spends the remainder of her time in direct contact with customers.

The Amana Furniture Co. has been in the same location since 1845. The company produces quality wood furniture, part of it built on a custom order basis.

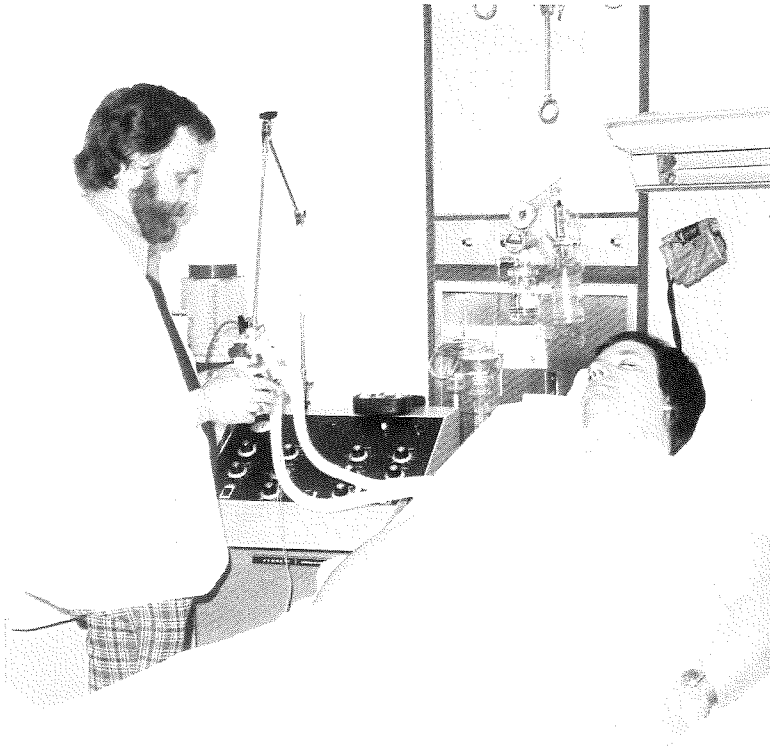
"If you ordered a dining room outfit from us now, it would take about two years," she said.

Amana furniture has chosen to remain small in many ways, and this fact provides some advantages for a young professional. One of Connie's first experiences was a short course in the fine points of furniture construction, conducted just upstairs from the company sales room. The company also handles a line of furniture from a Pennsylvania furniture company, and Connie was looking forward to a visit to that plant this year.

The job, in other words, is not just a sales job. There is the opportunity to learn about a business from the ground up.

Connie is a young person in a shop filled with craftsmen and experienced people in the furniture field. "I find that people sometimes walk right past me to ask questions of the old-timers," she said. "It's a bit frustrating, because I know the answers too. But I'm learning to live with that."

"I go home feeling that I've made a little better person of myself and helped others. It's a good feeling."



Kenneth Behne, '74, always under pressure, likes the feeling

Kenneth Behne, a member of Kirkwood's first Respiratory Therapy graduating class in 1974, is one of those people who seems to find the pressure situations in life.

At a young age, Ken was dodging bullets in Vietnam. Back in Iowa again, he worked in a penal institution.

Looking for career training, he settled on emergency medical care. Now, at the age of 27, he is head of the respiratory therapy department for Moline Public Hospital, Moline, Ill.

He supervises a department of 28 people. On a daily basis, he and his associates make decisions about when patients are ready to be pulled off artificial respiration machines. "Pulling the tube," it's called, and it's a very critical step in modern hospital procedure.

"I like to be needed," says Ken. "Right now, I feel like I might have liked to start at the bottom in this business, but it's

too late to think about that now.

"I was a corpsman in the Navy first. The Marine Corps drafted me for the medical corps and I did my share of minor suturing and pharmacology in Vietnam.

"I came back to Iowa and worked at the Anamosa Reformatory doing basic first aid and pill-pushing. I wanted to better myself and the respiratory therapy program at Kirkwood was something new at the time. I found I was really interested in the medical field while in the service."

Behne graduated with honors from Kirkwood, and became a Certified Respiratory Therapist Technician.

For six months he was second-shift supervisor at the 268-bed Moline hospital. In March, 1975, he assumed the department head's role. His staff includes four graduate therapists, 15 technicians and five

aids, providing around-the-clock respiration service. The department provides positive pressure breathing, continuous volume ventilation, aerosol therapy, ultrasonic mist therapy, Oxygen therapy, chest physio-therapy, open-heart breathing exercise and other services.

Along with his professional responsibilities, Ken is married and the father of three daughters. The family lives at Eldridge, Iowa.

"I have a lot of interests, including hunting, fishing, and camping," says Ken.

"My philosophy is to work hard and to commit myself to whatever I'm doing. Right now I'm thinking that I may return to school to study in the field of conservation.

"My learning experience didn't culminate with graduation from Kirkwood. It has really just begun."

New Life, New Future

Thousands of adults have bettered themselves by completing high school through Kirkwood's Community Education department. Bob Jones is one of them.

By his own admission, Bob Jones was "rebellious" as a teenager.

At 14, he ran away from home. At 15, he served six months in the state juvenile home. At 16, he went to a foster home—and dropped out of high school.

That's when he crossed paths with Kirkwood.

Jones had had unhappy experiences looking for work. "Even then I knew I needed more school or I would be working in hamburger joints the rest of my life," he said.

He enrolled in Kirkwood's adult high school completion program, more commonly called dropout school, and it changed his life.

By the time his original high school class had graduated from school in Cedar Rapids, Bob had earned his diploma at Kirkwood in 1970.

He worked in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, became acquainted with several people in the Kirkwood Community Education Department, and then studied for a year in the federally-funded Career Opportunities Program (COP) at Kirkwood.

COP's objective was to steer low-income people into careers in educational fields, ranging from teacher aide work to professional teaching or counseling. He liked helping people, but he didn't feel suited to the teaching field.

"I enjoyed the outdoors too much, and I always wanted to get into electrical work of some sort," said Bob. So again he became a dropout, this time a bit more sophisticated.

For more than three years, Jones worked for the city streets department in Cedar Rapids, specializing in paving

and construction work. One revelation during that period: he was allergic to trees and grass.

Besides, Gay Dahn, Kirkwood Community Education director, kept urging the young wanderer to try for something better in life.

For three years, Jones made application for apprenticeship membership in the electrical union. The first two years he was turned down. On his third try, he was one of ten out of 250 applicants to be accepted.

Now a union apprentice, Jones expects to win his journeyman's union card in 1978.

"Some people just have to experience things before they'll believe anything," said Bob. "When I quit high school, it was just something I had to do then.

"Knowing myself and look-

ing back at things, I think I'd probably have gone back to public school after awhile if I hadn't come to Kirkwood. But I really liked the Kirkwood classes. They let you develop at your own rate, and they didn't have too many rules.

"I always felt the public school system was too structured. I needed a little more freedom myself."

Now 23, Bob is married to another Kirkwood product, the former Jackie Elliott, who completed training in medical secretarial work. They had known each other in junior high school, and met again in a registration line for night classes at Kirkwood.

He has a two-year-old daughter, Andrea, a home, prospects for a good career. A new life.

Bob Jones, with wife and daughter, visit George Maybanks of the Kirkwood staff under KCC's "Dropout tree."



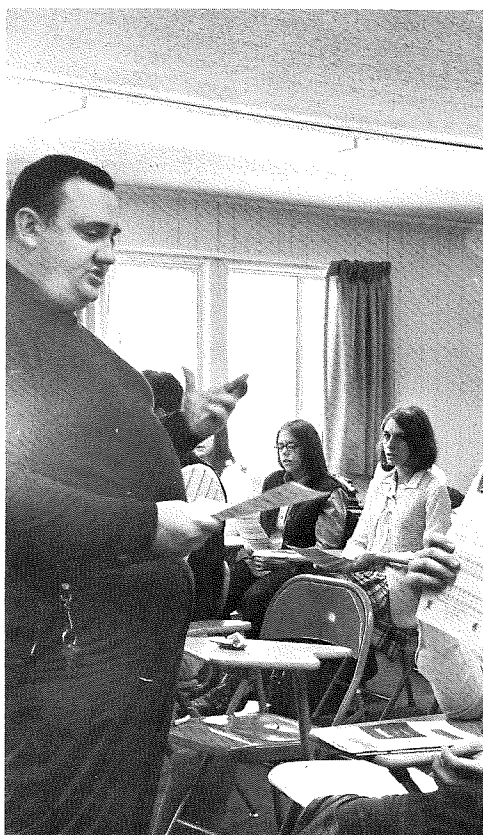
Some faces, like that of Kirkwood's only superintendent, are familiar. Some helped plan this college and retreated into shadows. Some have toiled in the classroom and laboratory since the beginning. They all played a part.

Faces

THROUGH THE YEARS



Bob Davisson,
Electronics Chairman



Charles Traylor,
Music and Fine Arts



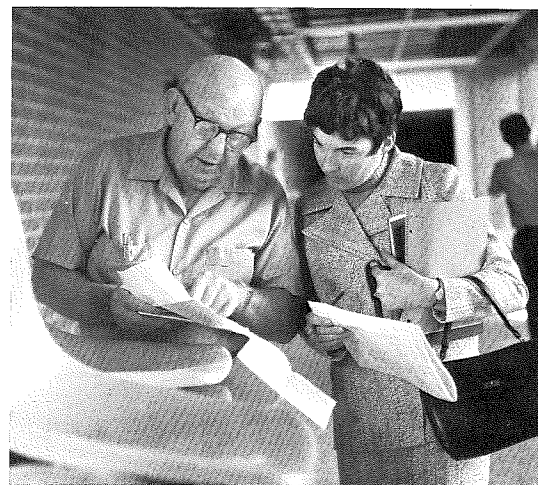
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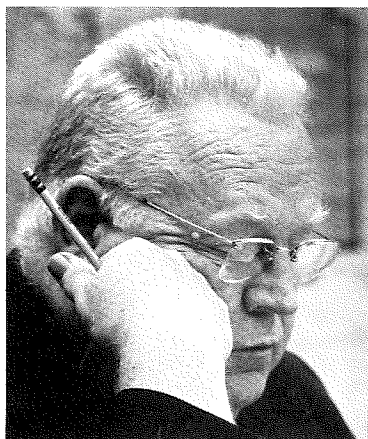
Liz Anderson and Elgene Shea, English
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Mary Lou Heitz, Skills Center



Mel Thompson, Custodian



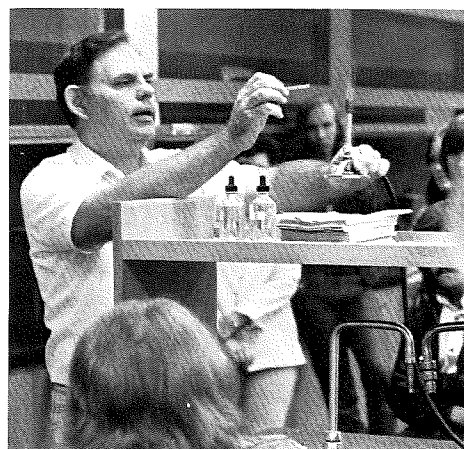
Ira Larson, Assistant Superintendent



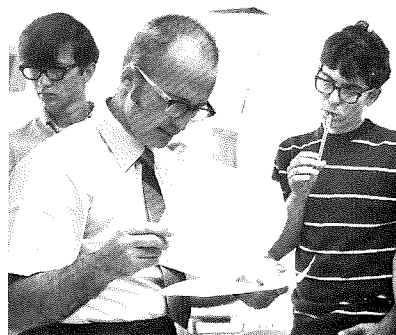
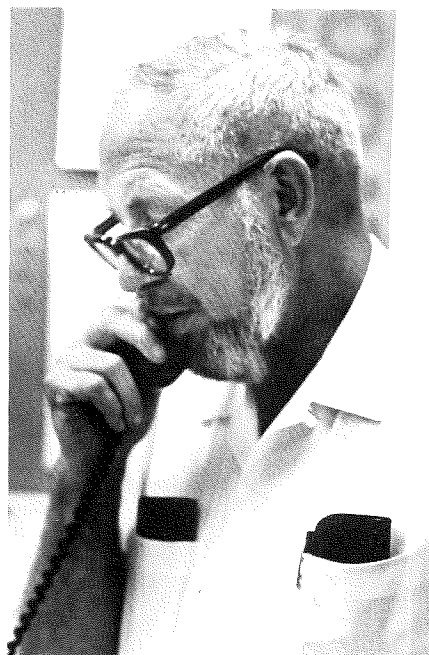
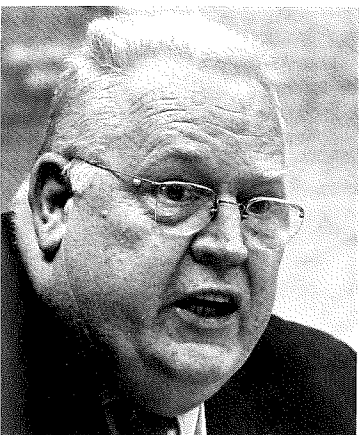
Kirkwood's first secretaries: Mary Ellen Brockman and Paulette Goddard Goedken, both kneeling, and Sue Lightfoot, Marcia Schutterly, Arlene Shipton, Marge Atkinson, Ellen Pugh, Nancy Tigan, Jessie Stastny, Barb Baughman



Ed Petrick, Harry Neville, Ron Goldsmith, Bill Doyle and Max Flehler, longtime education staff members at the Anamosa Men's Reformatory.

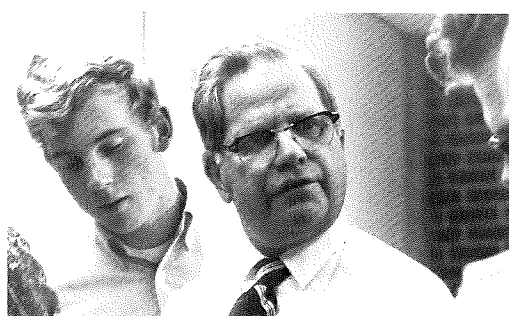


Glenn Fischer, Chemistry Instructor



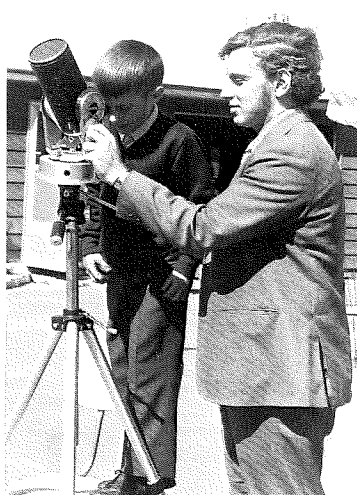
B. A. Jensen on election night

Dr. Richard Puffer,
Arts and Sciences Dean



Harold Kort,
Environmental Studies

Hal Walter, Student Affairs,
Development (Center)



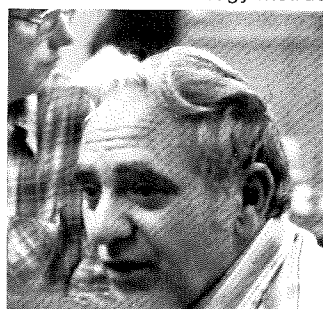
Dr. Mel Oliven, Physics, Deceased



Neil Shepherd, Floriculture Coordinator



Bill Eddings,
Vocation Education, Community
Education



Ed Adams,
Dentrail Lab Technology Instructor

A Look to the Future

A community college by definition is ever-changing. We can look at today's institution and discern some developing shapes. These shapes will continue to change. But it is worth trying to guess where they will lead.

By Dr. Selby Ballantyne
Superintendent
Kirkwood Community College

As Kirkwood completes its first decade of educational service, a question asked frequently by many is what kind of development may be expected during the next decade.

In the years ahead, as in the past, the people of this seven-county community will determine the kind of institution that Kirkwood will be. The college will continue to attempt to offer programs and services requested by people of this community.

While the college is expected to continue to grow, the enrollment growth will probably not be as dramatic as it was in these first ten years. It will probably be a much more moderate and gradual growth with the student body continuing, in large measure, to come from the area work force.

New programs will be added as the need for them is identified and funds are available. It is hoped that more funding from state sources might be available for career education programs in the future.

Kirkwood's seven-county campus will continue to be developed according to people's needs and interests in the coming years. As Community Education classes

expand, so will education sites in local schools, factories, businesses, and other community locations.

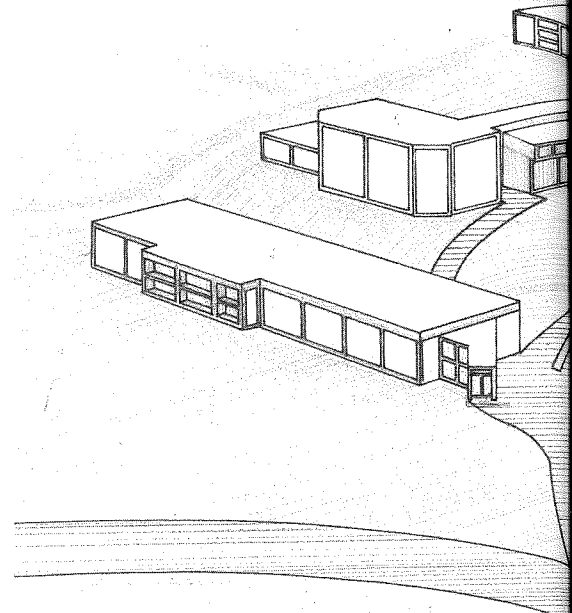
New on-campus facilities will include Benton Hall, the college learning resources center; a skills center for handicapped and disadvantaged people; a facility for the rapidly expanding welding area and an agriculture Mechanics Building. These facilities are either under construction or are in the planning stages at the present time.

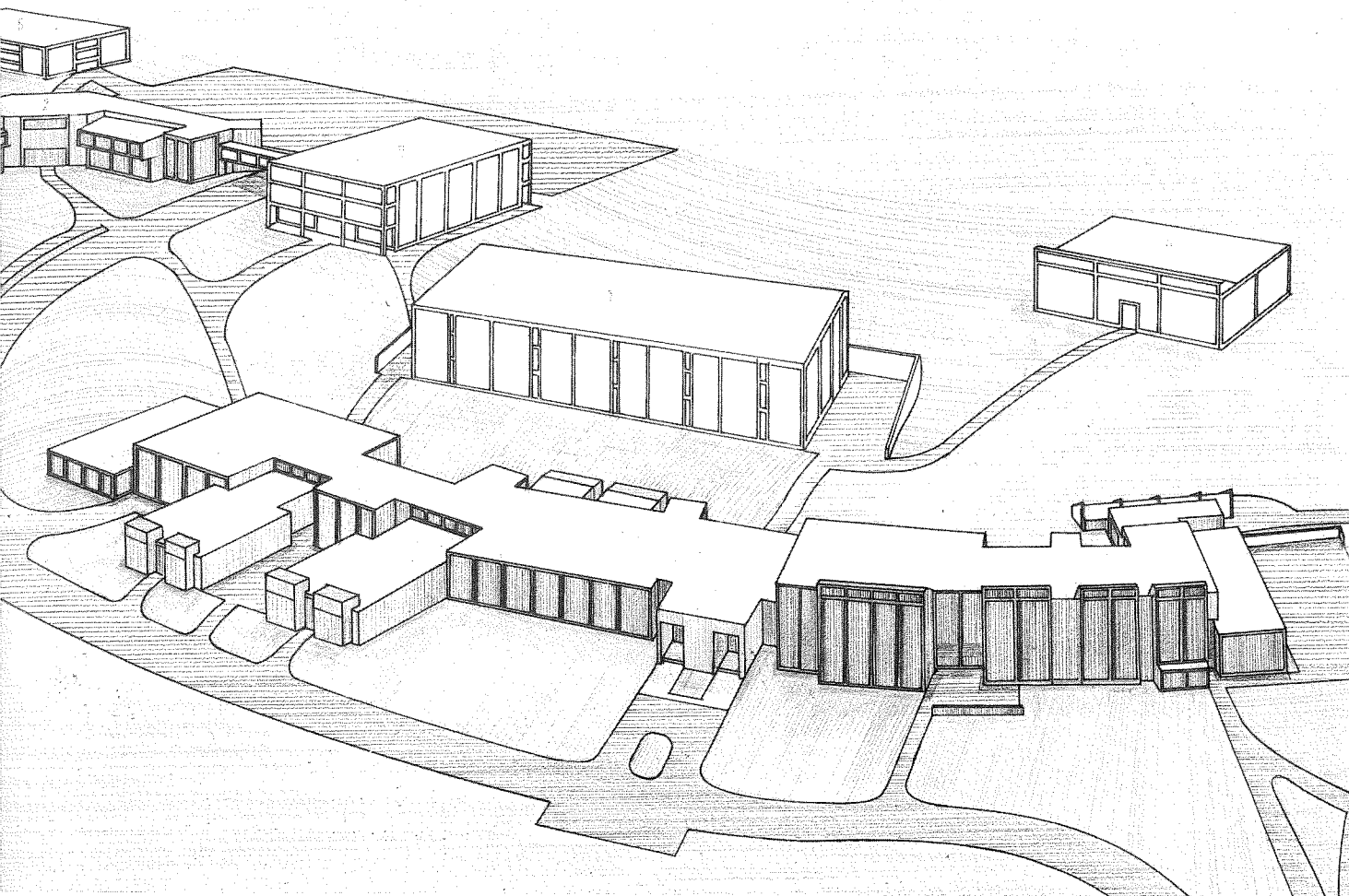
Many other facilities are very much needed. Additional classrooms and laboratories, a large lecture area, space for recreational opportunities, and office space are high priority needs.

If the past is prologue to the future then the next decade of education at Kirkwood will resemble the first decade in certain important respects. The basic premise governing Kirkwood education will continue to be to serve as many unmet educational needs of people as possible. Comprehensiveness and diversity will continue to be essential characteristics of the educational opportunities offered. Accessibility of programs

to people will remain a high priority in terms of where and when they are offered, the admission of all persons who wish to enroll without regard to previous educational achievements, and the offering of programs and courses at a modest cost to students will also be important. The extensive reliance upon people from the communities served by Kirkwood to advise the college concerning needed programs or needed revisions in programs will continue to be a priority, as will the utilization of people from the same communities to teach in many of these courses and programs.

Other characteristics are very likely to distinguish Kirkwood education in the next 10 years.





Linn Hall, foreground; Benton Hall (new learning resources center), lower left; Iowa Hall (above Benton); and proposed campus buildings.

More services of the college will be taken to the people in their home communities; thus educational opportunities for off-campus students will expand appreciably over the next 10 years. Greater stress will be given to leisure time education and to the education of adults for retirement. While vocational education on the Kirkwood campus will continue to grow, more emphasis will be given to the education of people in the plants and businesses where they work. People in increasing numbers will continue to seek self enrichment and career goals through the pursuit of studies in the arts and sciences.

Kirkwood education will also

include programs which stress the development of specific competencies directly related to the skills required for successful employment, programs which a student may enroll in or complete on a weekly or even daily basis, and greater use of instructional technology, particularly television and computers, but also radio and other audio devices. The stress on competency-based programs will make possible the recognition of life experiences in a form that will make them creditable towards degrees and other awards.

Even more students, proportionately, will enroll in Kirkwood programs on a part-time basis. This will be especially true in the

vocational programs, where only recently Kirkwood has begun to encourage part-time enrollment. The average age of students will continue to increase as more adults enroll in Kirkwood programs over the next decade.

Most of all, the faculty and staff will continue to stress a strong commitment to serving people and a willingness to think new thoughts and try new approaches in behalf of quality education for the people of Area Ten.

The decade ahead promises to be as challenging and eventful as the decade just completed as Kirkwood continues to attempt to develop the kind of college needed by the people of this seven-county community.

Catching Up

on News at Kirkwood

SHOP STUDENTS WIN—Jan Michael won first place in the post-secondary school project category of the Iowa Industrial Education Exposition at the University of Northern Iowa. Jan is a student in the Kirkwood Machine Shop program. Another KCC student, Fred Miller, placed third.

NAME LEGAL COORDINATOR—Craig Gordon, legal services coordinator for the Heritage Agency on Aging at Kirkwood, resigned and was succeeded by Glenda Paulsen, a graduate of the University of Iowa law school who also holds a masters degree in higher education from the university. Her chief responsibility is coordination of legal services for elderly citizens in Merged Area Ten.

NEW ADVISEMENT SYSTEM—Kirkwood Arts and Sciences students began receiving a new graduation analysis computer report following completion of every additional 15 hours of credit work toward graduation. The system, devised by the registrar's office, will show students the amount of academic work required to complete their degree work, and will be used by advisors in conferences with the students.

OFFICE STUDENTS PLACE HIGH—Two students won high honors in May at the annual leadership conference of the Office Education Association in Topeka, Kansas. Liz Hoffman won third place in a contest for office clerk skills. Jan Gardner placed sixth in a cost accounting competition. Nine Kirkwood students qualified to compete in the conference by placing high in earlier state competitions.

OPEN NEW TRAINING CENTER—An opening ceremony for the new state training center for wastewater treatment plan operators was held on the Kirkwood campus April 30. Larry Crane, executive director of the Iowa Department of Environmen-

tal Quality, said in a speech that the new \$300,000 center at Kirkwood will provide Iowa municipal plant personnel with the skills needed to operate modern plants efficiently and to help curb water pollution.

INSTRUCTOR HONORED—Harold Kort, who participated in most of Kirkwood's environmental training programs as instructor and administrator, was selected in May as recipient of the Henry Albert Memorial Award, given annually by the Iowa Public Health Association in recognition of outstanding service in public health. He received the award at the IPHA annual banquet in Sioux City.

SUMMER CLOSING—The Kirkwood administration announced plans to close most classroom buildings on the transitional campus during the summer months this year to facilitate repair/maintenance work and conserve energy. All summer Arts and Sciences classes except art, will be held in Linn Hall or other locations.

LIBRARY WORK UNDERWAY—Contracts totalling \$1,090,524 were awarded in April for construction of Benton Hall, the Kirkwood learning resources building. Ground was broken in May. The building is scheduled for use in September, 1977.

SPRING ENROLLMENT—Official spring term enrollment at Kirkwood was 3,562, an increase of 5.5 percent over a year earlier.

BIRTHDAY BASH—More than 600 persons attended a birthday carnival and dance sponsored by Kirkwood Student Congress May 14, to mark mark Kirkwood's tenth anniversary. Events included games and contests, movies and a pig roast.

GRADUATES POPULAR—Larry Netz, a spring graduate of Kirkwood's Parks and Natural Resources program, was named executive director

of the Lee County, Iowa county conservation system. Larry is the fourth Kirkwood graduate to be named to head a county conservation program in Iowa.

FARM TOURS A SUCCESS—Attendance at this spring's Kiddy Farm Tour program at Kirkwood was estimated at 4,000. Children from 13 Area Ten school districts, 20 pre-schools and three retarded children's organizations took advantage of the offer for free tours of the Kirkwood farm laboratory.

FIRST NEGOTIATIONS—The first year of professional negotiations between the Kirkwood administration and faculty ended with signing of a contract in May covering the 1976-77 school year. The contract calls for salary increases averaging 7.2 percent for 160 members of the bargaining unit, including instructors, counselors and library personnel.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES—Two new governance committees have been formed at Kirkwood. The Academic Policies Committee will receive ideas from the faculty, staff and students and make recommendations to the superintendent. The Student Life Committee will function in a similar manner.

ACCTION TRAINING ON CAMPUS—Representatives of 30 two-year institutions in ACCTion, a national program, visited Kirkwood May 3-7 for specialist training. ACCTion provides consulting services for 116 new and emerging two-year community colleges. Kirkwood is one of four colleges funded to administer the program.

HELP IN CAREER PLANNING—Kirkwood and the Grant Wood Area Education Agency cooperated this spring in a model program to help more than 3,000 high school juniors in Eastern Iowa make career decisions. The program involved giving the students the Career Planning Program tests developed by the American College Testing Program, plus use of the Career Information System of Iowa (CISI). High school counselors administered the tests.

AID ELDERLY—Continuing a tradition, 11 Kirkwood accounting students this spring donated their time to assisting fellow students and elderly citizens with state and federal tax forms and applications for property tax and rent relief. The students gave assistance to 145 elderly persons.

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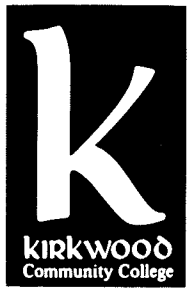
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