DMACC HALL - COLLEGE HISTORY DISPLAY

In 2017 The Pioneers DMACC History Committee, chaired by Judith Vogel, approached the Ankeny Campus Librarian, Rebecca Funke, about working together to create a display to be viewed by the college community and by guests to the college. Ms. Funke already had been collecting items to be archived and had created small wall displays near the entrance to the Library about college history. The thought was that members of the Pioneers might be able to provide additional items to the Library's collection which could then be used in a larger display and that members would use their knowledge to help identify people, places, and events in photos. The Library and the Pioneers History Committee both had online historical articles about the college, so it seemed like a natural fit for them to work together to preserve as much history of the college as possible.

Rebecca Funke; Carroll Bennett, Pioneers President at the time; and Judith Vogel met to discuss possible ways of working together. One major task was to find a suitable location for such a project. After considering several locations, one place seemed to be a perfect fit. The remodeling of Building 5 on the Ankeny Campus had just been completed, and in it, one hallway, DMACC Hall, had several glassenclosed display cabinets that were empty! The location seemed perfect! It was in the Student Center where students gathered and where several events which the local community attended were held. It was also near to the new Trail Point Aquatics and Wellness Center. Since there were already glass display cabinets in the hall, no college money would be needed for that expense. Funke, Bennett, and Vogel met with President Rob Denson and Vice-President Kim Linduska to get DMACC Hall designated as the history showcase. They enthusiastically agreed!

Rebecca Funke took on the responsibility of choosing a theme for the first display, selecting items to be displayed, and preparing and arranging the actual display in the cases. The theme of the first display was the 50th Anniversary of DMACC, celebrated in 2016. The plan for the project was to choose new themes and create new displays every few years depending on events and physical items in the archive.

The following pictures are of the first DMACC History Display.

Submitted by Judith Vogel









































