Waterloo Technical Society Meeting Minutes
10 November 1999

The 10 Nov 1999 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Hawkeye Community College cafeteria with 22 members and 8 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Angel at 7:20 PM.

Donna Casey presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $909.67. Twelve donations totaling $225 have been received for the Library Memorial Fund. Bob Crowley of the Library Committee encouraged other members to support this worthy project.

Nico DeJong, chairperson of the Membership Committee introduced new member Herb Hauser and challenged members to continue their efforts toward exceeding last years total membership of 111.

Minutes of the 13 Oct 1999 meeting were read and approved. Guests, past Presidents and Honorary members were introduced.

Ken Allbaugh , program chairperson for November, introduced acting Hawkeye Community College president Charles Ullom who welcomed the WTS. He told of a record fall enrollment of 4400 credit students. The Arts & Science student numbers have grown to a level of 2400 since 1992. Many students must support their education with jobs, as state aid hasn't kept up with needs. HCC has a quality staff and is in good financial health. The school has recently received a Federal Title 3 grant of $350,000/yr for 5 years to enhance activities to keep students in school. A new swine facility has been added to the Campus Farm and a new library-classroom facility will officially open on Nov 15th.

Art instructor Larry Beck presented a video illustrating how high tech computer graphics are now employed in teaching courses such as Art appreciation, and in promoting aspects of HCC to potential students and the community. Since contemporary students are conditioned to noise, teachers have to be performers, incorporating sound, music, and humor into their teaching techniques.

Robert Chittenden, 25 yr librarian at Hawkeye, conducted a tour of the new library facilities, which he described as on the cutting edge with a good budget. The library which occupies the first floor of the two-story addition is more than twice as large as the old one. The second floor has classrooms for writing, speech and math, and study areas which include several small rooms with dedicated TV-VCRs. The new facility is highly computer-oriented with 22 general purpose computers on each floor, together with others devoted to internet and administration use. With computer access, there are no catalog files, and few print indices. Students have excellent access to the many data base resources provided by HCC and through the Cedar Valley Library Consortium. In addition to books, the library maintains files of current magazines and journals. Video

and DVD files are also provided because of their increasing usage in course work. Computer downtime can be a problem since documents are checked in and out via the internet. Keyboarding is described as a big problem to many students because they are poor spellers. The library lends books to the community and to libraries worldwide.

The tour was concluded at 9:45 PM.

B. Gene Hunck, Co-Secretary