WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
09 JANUARY 2002 MINUTES

The 09 January 2002 meting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Tama Hall located on the campus of Hawkeye Community College with 31 members and 8 guest in attendance. After a delicious buffet dinner the meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Jerry Mohling.

Following the introduction of guests, Past presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. the Treasurer's Report was presented by Co-Treasurer Dave Berry which showed 31 Dec 01 balance of $288.49; there were receipts of $20.00 and no expenses with a current membership of 60. The minutes of the 14 Nov 01 meeting were presented by acting Secretary Dave Dyer. There was no old business. For new business, President Mohling announced that Cedar Falls Utilities was presenting a Video Editing Workshop on 27 Jan, 03 Feb and 10 Fed 02 (3 sessions); advanced reservations are required and the fee is $35.00.

Ken Allbaugh, January Program Chairperson and a past Trustee member of the Hawkeye Community College (HCC) briefly discussed the legacy of HCC and introduced Harold Brock who is a current Trustee of HCC. Mr. Brock who was a Trustee member when Hawkeye Institute of Technology (HIT) was founded in 1965 described how HIT started as an area technical school and evolved to HCC in 1992 with emphasis on arts and sciences as well as technical training. Mr. Brock is again a member of HCC Trustees which selected a new HCC President in 2001; he introduced the program speaker, Dr. Bettsey Barhorst, President of HCC.

Dr. Barhorst described how HCC is positioned to be a leader in community college educational programs by keeping abreast with educational changes and focus on student needs. The student body varies from recent high school graduates to older students who maintain jobs and require a customized educational program that is integrated with technology. To maintain leadership in the educational market, HCC has researched and accessed the community educational needs in health care, skilled trades, business services and general education for college transfer. These focused programs are funded through partnerships with industry and business, state funding and student tuition. Almost all of the HCC technical program graduates (95%) are employed in Iowa. To further enhance HCC's educational facility, a bond issue is being scheduled for May 02 to provide improvements in buildings, equipment and technology. HCC is studying the possibility of consolidating many off-campus facilities into a single educational center that would be located in vacated Deere & Company buildings on Westfield Avenue; other educational institutions would likely be represented.

Following Dr. Barhorst's presentation, the attendees were invited for a tour of HCC's machine shop which was hosted by Keith Sires. Students of HCC's Tool Maker and Machinist programs are trained with modern manual and electronic controlled mills, lathes and grinders; students use a classroom of 25 computers to prepare detail drawings and machine programs. Due to industry training, student enrollment in these programs has tripled in five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Dyer
Acting Secretary