DeKalb College Alumni Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Jim Cherry Learning Resources Center, Room 4180
Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Members Present: Robbie Hamrick, Melody Harrison, Deborah Herrin, Don Larson, Terry Rosario, Robert Speer, and Derrick Shelton, and Anna May Castricone, Ex-officio.

Following a social hour for members, Vice President, Terry Rosario, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The minutes from the April 2 meeting were read. Robbie Hamrick motioned that one correction be made on the May 7 meeting date; the minutes were then approved.

Derrick Shelton gave the treasurer’s report as follows: beginning balance, $1,212.15; income, $40.00; expenditures, $10.00; ending balance, $1,242.15. The scholarship investment account increased $40.00, resulting in a total of $5,262.50.

Anna May Castricone gave the Year End Report for 1996. Castricone stated that a copy of this report will be mailed along with the minutes for the May 7 board meeting. Some of the items highlighted were: the Chronicle contains information about the Alumni Association and is sent to the graduates, the Alumni Association has increased its visibility at college functions by participating events such as the Nurse’s Reunion, MLK celebration, the ground-breaking at North Campus, the Fine Arts receptions for alumnus, David Kidd and Clark Ashton. Also, the board voted to induct the June 1997 graduating class into the Alumni Association and give them a one-year complimentary membership.

Election of Board Members:
Melody Harrison, chair, nominating committee, presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors, 1997-98. Robbie Hamrick nominated Thomas E. Brown, Jr., director of public safety for DeKalb County, Georgia, from the floor. Don Larson motioned that the Board accept nominee Brown and Hamrick seconded the motion. Shelton motioned that the Board accept the slate of nominees as the Board of Directors for 1997-98 and Larson seconded the motion.

The nominations for Outstanding Faculty Member and for Outstanding Alumnus was submitted in absentia by Deanna Bredwell, chair, awards committee. Rosario read the names of the persons selected:

** Outstanding Faculty Member, Dr. Jane Herndon, professor-history and social sciences, Central Campus

** Outstanding Alumnus, Dr. Charles Cicero Bruce, Jr, faculty member, McMurry University

Shelton motioned that the Board approve the nominations and Larson seconded the motion. Castricone advised that the award winners will be given a plaque at graduation, and a letter will be sent to advise them as recipients.
New Business:

Election of officers for the new fiscal year, July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 was discussed. The group reviewed existing By-Laws and several suggestions were made on how to elect the new officers. They were: 1) elect officers at the June meeting, 2) members absent could vote by proxy, and 3) amend the By-Laws. Hamrick emphasized that every Board member should have the opportunity to vote and possibly have the current vice president continue in an interim capacity until the Board meets in August. Castricone pointed out that all officers are required to be in place at the beginning of the new fiscal year and the Board’s main concern is to find out if the persons nominated "are willing to serve." Robert Speer pointed out that the By-Laws provide that a 45-day notice be given if members are to vote by proxy.

Melody Harrison motioned that the Board change the By-Laws; specifically, Article 9, Section 1, to remove the prohibition against voting by proxy to elect new officers. It was seconded and passed. The group agreed to elect a president, vice-president, and treasurer at the June meeting. All proxies must be in by May 31. There will be no meeting in July and August. The next meeting will be held June 10, 1997, Jim Cherry Learning Center, Room 4180, Central Campus, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn M. Hill
May 8, 1997