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stating that the DMPD would like to remain neutral on the matter because it's such a "hot topic," Davy said.

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If the State fails to come to a conclusion in January 2012, Olsen is prepared to go on the offensive...again. "If the state doesn't pass the Iowa Board of Pharmacy bill in 2012, I'm going to file a lawsuit against the state. That's the next move," he said.

Olsen went on to say, "So, the Iowa Legislature really doesn't have a choice here. They either have to change the statute to ignore the scientific evidence and legal requirements, which nobody has even suggested as a remote possibility, or follow the law as it is written," he said. "If they don't do that, this should be an

easy case to win in the Iowa courts."

Olsen said he could find himself in a position to take the issue all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

Getman's still waiting for Iowa to set the precedent for reclassification. But if lawmakers continue to sit on their hands, any state with a medical marijuana program could take the reigns. "One of these states has to grow their Tenth Amendment balls and stand up to the federal government." Getman said.

The future of medical marijuana in Iowa remains uncertain, but Olsen is still optimistic, confident. He knows he's laid the proper groundwork. "I am in the midst of pushing really hard. I've made enough progress to make the whole thing worth it. I am really satisfied having accomplished what I have," Olsen said.

## DMACC greens the world, one campus at a time

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Perhaps the most widely recognized symbol of DMACC's commitment to conservation is the 127-foot wind turbine that cuts through the air on the south side of campus.

On any given day, video from the turbine can be viewed from the DMACC Web site. But this Earth Week, officials are hoping that students, faculty and staff will go beyond viewing to actually doing – carrying the conservation efforts they see on campus off campus as well.

"Energy conservation is campus-wide and affects students, faculty, and staff by causing them to recycle, to reduce their energy, electricity, and natural gas consumption in the classroom; and eventually, in their lives at home," said Mel Sadeghpour, DMACC co-chairwoman of the sustainability committee and program chair of the environmental science department at the Urban campus.

DMACC has reduced its carbon footprint, a measure of carbon dioxide released into the Earth's atmosphere, by 20

percent after two years.

The college has doubled its projected reduction of carbon dioxide emissions since it was added to the goal of the Presidents Climate Commitment plan in 2010. DMACC President Rob Denson joined 675 other college

and university presidents in signing an initial agreement in 2008. This agreement outlines an institution's plan to reduce its impact on the environment and help protect it from harmful man-made technologies such as the carbon dioxide that's emitted from exhaust pipes among other things.

The goal of the Presidents Climate Commitment plan for DMACC was to reduce its carbon emissions by 2 percent annually over the course of five years for a total of 10 percent by 2015.

To do this DMACC needed to find ways to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere as well as ways to reduce the amount of electricity and natural gas used; especially on weekends when not every facility is used.



(Photo provided by DMACC)

**The Ankeny Campus turbine is just one way DMACC is trying to become environmentally friendly**

tenance building, is the eyes and ears for the college. On weekends when there aren't many classes in session, buildings are powered down to conserve energy which has helped the school focus on reducing that 82 percent carbon footprint.

In January of 2011, DMACC installed a small wind turbine on the Ankeny campus. The turbine is set up to produce about 1.5 percent of DMACC's electricity each year through the use of wind energy, said Baethke.

Doug Williams, vice president of business services, said, "We couldn't have installed the wind turbine on the Ankeny campus without the cooperation of the Ankeny City Council. We are very pleased to have a positive

working relationship with the city of Ankeny."

A grant the college received to construct the turbine on the campus grounds allowed them to partner with the city of Ankeny to work on zoning regulations and layout of the turbine on the campus so that it wouldn't affect the flight paths of the Ankeny airport, said Williams.

In all, there's about \$2.7 million worth of grants and matched grants by the college that go towards funding for conservation efforts. A small portion of conservation funding comes from DMACC students' tuition fees in a fund of the college called the one money fund but the amount changes each year.

Another way the college is focused on reducing its environmental impact is by buying more energy efficient vehicles.

About four E85 flex-fuel vehicles and two hybrid vehicles are used by DMACC in campus activities. Five on-campus delivery vehicles are electric, which include small golf-carts. By using vehicles that are environmentally friendly like this, the school will save more money in the long-run, Williams said. Plus, E85 gasoline is currently cheaper than other gasoline types. Within the next six months the school is looking to purchase a Chevrolet Volt, an electric or plug-in vehicle. The school is currently on the waiting list for it with Karl Chevrolet because the car is not avail-



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