Bert’s Alerts (January 28, 2005 issue)

ACC Mission Statement

To provide an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional and personal goals by our students and other members of our communities in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity and innovation.

- **NCA Accreditation Update:** Patrick Enright asks that everyone “Mark Your Calendar” for March 3, 2005. Diane Nyhammer, ACC’s liaison to The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, will be visiting all day with guidance for our self study. An agenda for her campus is attached so you can schedule appropriately. Announcement of formal appointments to ACC’s NCA Steering Committee will be forthcoming. Patrick is now working out of CSB 2140 (x 5887) if you need to find him!

- **College Opportunity Fund (COF) Update:** Remember to keep repeating the key phrase to every ACC student and prospective student: “Have you signed up for the College Opportunity Fund yet?” Students need only click on the COF logo on our web site home page to sign up. I just learned today that some of our students are under the impression that they only need to sign up for COF if they will be attending community college. Please make sure that our graduating students understand that it is imperative that they sign up so that they can continue their educations at Colorado universities and colleges at a reasonable price.

- **Executive Council decisions:**

**Email Usage**

The Arapahoe.edu email system and email accounts are the property of ACC and the State of Colorado. Technology Support Services is responsible for the management of the Arapahoe.edu email system and accounts. The Arapahoe.edu email system is integrated with the Colorado Community College System email system. ACC personnel should utilize their Arapahoe.edu email accounts according to the following guidelines.

- Personnel should be conscientious about the size of attachments and embedded pictures in their email messages as many people receive their email over dial-up (low capacity) telecommunication lines. Email messages with attachments or embedded pictures that total over 1MB should not be sent to campus-wide distribution lists.
- All campus-wide communication should be confirmed with a supervisor prior to sending.
- Campus-wide communication should not be used for personal items (selling baseball tickets, selling Girl Scout cookies, etc.).
- Email messages should contain appropriate messages and be professional in nature.

- Please be aware that due to the challenges of implementing the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for the Colorado Community College System, Cheryl Traff has been tapped to co-chair the Finance Process Team. It is in ACC’s best interest to have high-level, active input into this project and I am proud that Cheryl was chosen as a highly-qualified administrator to oversee this implementation. Cheryl will be on site at Lowry most days until the end of the fiscal year, so please exercise patience as she juggles multiple responsibilities.
I am pleased to announce on behalf of the College and the Foundation that the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund has awarded a grant in the amount of $9,400 for the DaimlerChrysler College Automotive Program (CAP). Congratulations to Pete Calkins and Al Dragoo for obtaining this continuing grant funding.

I want to extend a big thank you to the organizers of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration on January 17. Vicki Edmundson and Suzi Karrer did the lion’s share of the work for this successful diversity event attended by more than 200 people and financially underwritten by the City of Littleton. Carol Chelland, Connie Shoemaker, Connie Green, Dora Esparza, Suzi Karrer, Sarah Meyer, Cindy Murphy, Karen Walters and Andrea Nyquist (from Hudson Gardens) assisted Vicki and the facilities staff with advance room setup. Michael Garcia and Connie Green volunteered at the registration table. Hidemi Matsushita and Heather Lawler also assisted with the program. As always, the Media Center staff was key in the AV arena, Maxam provided wonderful food, ACC students were featured, and some good newspaper publicity was generated. I also want to thank ACC student Lyneil Wood for organizing the gospel music presentation.

Support ACC’s Writers Studio by planning to attend “Aftershocks” on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Half Moon. This professional reading of short stories by Colorado authors, including Chris Ransick, will explore the topic of loss and the fortune that sometimes can be found in the midst of loss. Admission is free for current ACC students and staff.

Also in a collegial vein, ACC’s Colorado Gallery of the Arts will be hosting an exhibit of Front Range Community College art faculty works in “Clay, Paper, Paint” running February 4 – March 9. The Opening Reception on Friday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. is free and open to all.

Nancy Maksymovich, Classified Staff of the Year, and Dave Trott, Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year, will be recognized by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education at the February meetings. Hearty congratulations to Nancy and Dave for being chosen by their peers as walking, talking icons of excellence!

Kudos to Andy Meyer for his quick followup on a publicity opportunity for ACC. He coordinated an effort to film closing scenes for a motivational video entitled “Bring Your A-Game” at the main campus and CSB. ACC will be listed in the location credits for this nationally-distributed video and our library will receive a copy of the completed video – a $2000 value – for our students to be able to view. Several of our ACC Theatre students got some experience as extras as well.

The ACC 40th Anniversary History Committee has been working diligently. Frank Lee Early is chairing this committee and updating the College history. Help is needed with identifying ACC photos from past years. If you can help with that project (and some of these photos are a hoot!), meet at the ACC Library at 10 a.m. on any Thursday. Please also invite ACC retirees to join this walk down memory lane and help us keep our institutional history alive.

ACC is the first community college chosen to present on outstanding programs to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. Send your best wishes to Deb Wilke (Law Enforcement Academy); Martha Thayer (Mortuary Science); Linda Stroup (Nursing); and Theresa Bjorge (standing in for Connie Green on the Child Development Center) as they make brief presentations on Feb. 8.

Cecil Lewis, Director of ACC’s Jazz Band, is looking for a donation of a baritone saxophone for the band. Apparently these are extremely expensive instruments. If you know of anyone who might have one to donate, Cecil can be reached at 303-783-6822.
ACC’s Writing Center is holding an Open House on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stop by (and encourage your students to stop by) and see their new space in M2855 (Student Lounge behind the big screen TV). Meet the tutors, browse through the Center’s writing resources and enjoy refreshments. This is a great resource for student referrals!

“I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.”
- Thomas Jefferson