Bert’s Alerts (July 26, 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.*

- **System-wide news update:**
  - Janet Gullickson, president of Front Range Community College, has resigned effective July 22, 2005.
  - The ERP Steering Committee is excited about the good progress being made by the Student Process Team. There is a lot of activity within that planning team and they are more clearly defining the standardization process and outcomes with each decision they make.

- **NCA update:** Two important announcements regarding NCA interview confidentiality and the new NCA Leadership Team went to internal constituents yesterday. Please read that e-mail as soon as possible.

- **COF update:** Matt Jamison reports that we have approximately an 80% match between students enrolled for the fall semester and students who have signed up for COF. It is of the utmost importance that we get to 100%. Please continue to remind your classroom students or students that you come into contact with during the course of your job to sign up for COF. A press release is going out to newspapers in our service area on the subject this week.

- **Administration update:** We happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Cheryl McFarren as Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Several division department chairs assisted in the consideration process and we thank Cheryl for stepping up to the plate (or in her case, on to the stage!) in this interim role. Advertising for a permanent Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences has been posted.

- **Catalog Solution Team:** A Catalog Solution Team has been formed to improve information accuracy in the 2006/2007 ACC Catalog. Thanks go out to Andrea Wygle, Teresa DeHerrera, Fred Giveans, Bob Moore, Dawn Olinek and Deb Lechuga for their work on this important project.

- We are promoting ACC’s GED test in Spanish on the electronic readerboard and with a press release. Thank you to Lydia Lugo for translating the electronic readerboard message into Spanish. Please let your community contacts know that ACC’s Testing Center offers the GED test in Spanish.

- Every Monday through Friday, Cindy Murphy receives higher education-related news clippings from local, state and national publications via the System office. These clippings generally illustrate higher education/program/enrollment trends; political changes/budget trends affecting higher education at the national and state level; best practices; highly-publicized worst practices (to be avoided!); campus security issues; accreditation issues, etc. Cindy sorts out the clippings most likely to be of interest to the ACC community and redistributes them via e-mail. Reading these e-clips is an excellent way to stay abreast of the “bigger picture” affecting higher ed at the national and state level. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive these daily e-clips, please contact Cindy at cindy.murphy@arapahoe.edu or ext. 5709 and she will add you to the list.
• We continue to receive solicitations of various forms for yellow pages and/or Internet advertising. Please do not endorse checks for deposit or respond to these solicitations. Send any paperwork received to Cindy Murphy for tracking purposes.

• Cheyne Bamford has graciously volunteered to keep the ACC campus community updated on Thom Sorenson’s condition and any plans to prepare meals, assist with transportation to doctor appointments, etc.

• Western Welcome Week brochures describing the details of 10 fun-filled days of activities have been delivered to your mailbox. Please note that in honor of ACC’s 40th Anniversary, the WWW Board chose “Embrace the Spirit of Learning” as this year’s WWW theme!

• We have received word from our paper recycling company that we can now add old phone books to the paper recycling bin in the service drive! This is a great way to make a good-sized dent in landfills with very little effort. Please recycle your old books as the new ones are delivered.

• Congratulations go out to Maria Zelaya Cruz and father Victor on the birth of their baby girl on July 15. Mother and Clarisa (who weighed in at 5 lbs. 11 oz.) are doing well.

• The Colorado State Employees Credit Union is holding a membership drive to recruit new members. Visit http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/Headlines/072205-csecu.html to see what’s in this for you!

• I have asked Administrative Assembly to host a special session on cultural diversity training. All administrators are required to attend the August 3 session from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Half Moon.

Learning Connection (aka Scott’s Spot)

• TECHNOLOGY: Instruction reps will be meeting on August 3 with Tech Support Services to develop a joint plan for utilizing the allocated technology fund for the Cascade plan and technology replacement/upgrades.

• PERKINS: Kudos to all those who spent down and completed Perkins funding reports for year end. Special thanks to Laurett Barrentine for her focus on record keeping efforts. We have submitted our Perkins plan for next year on which Janna Oakes will be taking the lead.

• AWARDS: Caught in the Act awards were presented at the July 19 Learning Leadership meeting to the following: Chris Chavez for continuing his professional development by attending a Skill Path seminar for administrative assistants; Laurett Barrentine for her continuous support and work on the Perkins grant; Grace Timm for her reliability and assistance in arranging and managing the move and cleanup of the office space for the new Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Learning Support Services. Michelle Van de Sande for her outstanding teamwork in successfully facilitating the Littleton High School Youth College Program; Carol Chelland: for being a most wonderful and delightful person to encounter at Arapahoe Community College, thus providing world class services to our customers.

ACC’s values: Learning, Integrity and Collegiality

“Some people march to a different drummer – and some people polka.”

-Los Angeles Times Syndicate