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From the President

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that yet another fall term is upon us (the first for some of you). It was really great seeing so many of you in Taos, New Mexico at the Annual RMACRAO Meeting. It seems like July was so long ago. The Annual Meeting was a great success. Taos and Taos Ski Valley were absolutely beautiful. Kathleen Sena and all those who helped her are deserving of special recognition for planning and implementing such a successful event.

RMACRAO has a rich and diverse history of members and activities. I hope that this year will be no exception. The Executive Committee should be a resource for each of you. Members of the committee are, Luz Barreras Ross, President Elect; Barbara Dickinson, Past President; Lynn Denzin, Vice President for Colorado; Jim Ratliff, Vice President for New Mexico; Rebecca Macon, Vice President for Wyoming; Vicki Hernandez, Secretary; Dean Bartow, Treasurer; Jane Grzybowski, Historian; Sally Page, Newsletter Editor, and Jack Pommrehn, 1999 Local Arrangement Chair. Please use these people as a resource. Also, RMACRAO is blessed to have Bill Haid and Val Mead serving on the AACRAO Executive Committee. Don't let them off the hook—they are also an excellent resource for all of us.

The goals for this year center on reactivation and commitment to volunteerism. Please take a moment to reflect on those in your service areas. Are there any that could benefit from membership or active participation in RMACRAO? Are there any that could contribute to the association? If so, please encourage them to do so. RMACRAO's greatness is only a reflection of its people.

Just as a reminder, the annual AACRAO meeting will be held in Charlotte this year beginning on Sunday, April 18 and ending on Wednesday, April 21. RMACRAO's annual meeting will be held in Denver on July 21-23. Just a planning note: On Friday, July 23, the Colorado Rockies will be playing the Saint Louis Cardinals (possibly with you-know-who hitting a few home runs) so you may want to plan for an additional night.

I hope that this is a happy and prosperous new academic year for all of you. Best wishes to you.

Jeffery N. Bunker

President, RMACRAO

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Vice Presidents' Reports

Colorado - Lynn Denzin

As we were working on the update for the RMACRAO Directory, it was obvious that there are a number of new people at the Colorado institutions. Welcome to all of you.

Metropolitan State College continues the implementation of all administrative computing functions into one, integrated system – SCT/Banner. Student and Financial Aid are now fully “live”, including web registration, and we continue to work on enhancements for each of those modules. The Finance and Human Resources are testing and running parallel systems, and are scheduled to go live on January 1, 1999. The Alumni/Development module has a kick-off date of October 20.

Fall 1998 is well underway and the **University of Northern Colorado** is experiencing unprecedented change. New at the university's helm is former U.S. Senator from Colorado, Hank Brown. Joining Hank, as new Vice Presidents are Marlene Strathe, Provost; Stuart Tennant, VP for Student Affairs; and, Fran Schoneck, VP for Administration. With this kind of administrative changes come many new ideas and opportunities.

UNC has recently received much notoriety because of overcrowding in the residence halls. To solve the “no room at the inn” problem, UNC is renting out six floors of the Ramada Inn. Needless to say, room service has freed up time for students to do more studying by the pool and Jacuzzi. Actually, the solution has worked out quite well.

The Division of Summer and Evening courses at UNC has been moved into the Registrar's Office. This is somewhat unusual in organizational structure; however, it is working quite well and enrollments have increased since the move.

A Rocky Mountain High, Denver '99, July 21-23 - What is the #1 tourist attraction in Denver? It is the Cherry Creek Shopping Center located less than a mile from our RMACRAO headquarters, the Four Points Hotel. Spending \$50 million to stay ahead of the competition, in the past few months 12 new stores have opened including the Rain Forest Cafe and the famed Tiffany and

Company jewelry store. The center includes Lord and Taylor, Nieman Marcus, and Saks Fifth Avenue. Across the street is one of the best book stores in the nation, the Tattered Cover Book Store.

The local arrangements team has dispatched some of its best to investigate the night spots. While this is an on-going project, smiles from the selection committee suggests some success.

On another topic, the **University of Denver** Registrar's Office received the Quality Service Award at recognition last June.

At **Colorado Northwestern Community College**, Craig Downen was appointed Director of Enrollment Management in August. Colorado Northwestern also welcomes a new Admissions Representative. She is Andrea Harrison, a recent graduate of California State University - Long Beach. Andrea will be based on the Front Range. Some other news.....the voters of the Rangely Junior College District and the Moffat County Affiliated District will decide during the November elections whether to join the State System of Community Colleges or to remain independent. If the vote is a “yes” vote, CNCC will join CCOES July 1, 1999.

New Mexico - Jim Ratliff

Greetings from New Mexico! Fall arrived quickly here in northern New Mexico this past week! We went from warm sunny days to cool, bright and windy days. I guess this weather is appreciated by those of us who enjoy the four seasons. I must confess, I'm not one of them. Give me the sun!

Many of us are enjoying the brief slowdown that comes after the official census reports are tallied and the results are sent to Santa Fe. Some are still waiting for the fall college day/night programs to end before they can catch their breath. Most of the news concerning enrollment numbers across New Mexico is good. At **San Juan College**, we continue to enjoy growth despite the lack of on-campus student housing.

Our San Juan County voters recently passed a \$15,000,000 bond issue to

build a new Fitness/Health Science Center on our campus. Construction of the new facilities will start this spring. The current facilities will be renovated into much needed classrooms. We also opened the “new” back nine on the college owned golf course in the Kirtland area last week. I enjoyed playing it for the first time in October.

Despite A Fire Fall 1998 Semester Begins at Dine College, Shiprock:

A fire, of undetermined cause, destroyed one third of the Dine College building at the Shiprock Campus, on the afternoon of August 12, 1998.....only two weeks before the start of the fall 1998 semester. They suffered unestimated loss of classroom and office equipment and supplies; important and valuable research data and equipment; a whole rock collect for the Geology classes; twelve classrooms; eight faculty offices; their large conference room; and accessibility to four classrooms, a chemistry lab, two faculty offices, the Learning Center, and the cafeteria. Many faculty lost everything in their office.

Thankfully, their summer session had concluded. Some staff were in the building when the fire broke out, but fortunately, everyone got out safely. Before the ashes completely cooled, the campus was working to make sure the community and their students knew they were keeping their doors open and starting the fall semester as planned.

Only two classes were canceled due to shortage of classrooms. However, more classes were canceled due to loss of equipment and supplies. Even though they felt they had done all they could to reassure their prospective student population that all would be well for the fall semester, they did show a 10% drop in their fall enrollment.

They are thankful for all the support they received from the community, students, local companies and agencies, the fire departments, faculty, administrators, the news media, governmental agencies, and especially the staff, whom after wiping away a few tears, just rolled up their sleeves and started cleaning up to prepare for a new academic year. The spring 1999 semester brings promise and each week they receive word that their efforts to obtain a new campus draws ever closer.

Vice Presidents' Reports (continued)

Wyoming - Rebecca Macon

It's been a busy summer and fall at the **University of Wyoming**. In addition to working with our School of Extended Studies as they set up their online program through Real Education, we've been rushing to have Hole in the Wall ready for our students as they begin advising in November.

Hole in the Wall is an interface between our Student Information System and the Web, providing real-time information to our students. Students will be able to access and update their address; view their schedule, mid-term grades, and final grades; view their unofficial transcript; and view their OnCourse report—our on-line degree audit program. Students will also be able to ask OnCourse to perform a “what if” scenario to see how their courses might fit into the requirements for another major.

Faculty and staff, who have approval for SIS access, will also be able to use Hole in the Wall. We think the faculty who only use SIS during advising week each semester will prefer using Hole in the Wall since they don't have to remember screen numbers!

Soon, students will be able to find out the status of their financial aid application via Hole in the Wall.

By next April, we hope to have Phase 2 of this project in place which will permit registration over the Web.

On a lighter note, there have been two new additions to the Admission Office and the Office of Registration and Records. Shelley Dodd, Associate Registrar, gave birth to a little boy on August 21. Taylor and his mom are doing fine and Shelley should be back to work in mid-November. Kathy Fields, Associate Director of Admission, and her husband traveled to China in September to bring Zoe to her new home. Zoe is 9 months old now and is really a little cutie! Both Shelley and Kathy are adjusting very well to motherhood!

AACRAO 1999 Annual Meeting

While winter is just around the corner for us, it's not too soon to begin thinking about springtime in Charlotte, North Carolina, the site of AACRAO's 85th Annual Meeting. The agenda is jam-paced with all the tools (and tricks!) of the trade to help keep things running smoothly in the office and on campus. And Charlotte sounds like an ideal location....from sports to theater, to fine dining and shopping, this city has it all! The 1999 Annual Meeting runs from April 18 through April 21 and promises to be another success. Don't miss out - start planning today! For more information, go to: <http://www.aacrao.com/am98/index.html>.

AACRAO Travel Grants

RMACRAO provides a limited number of \$100 travel grants for first time AACRAO attendees. Usually, six grants are available to be split between the three states in RMACRAO. Go to the RMACRAO web page at <http://registrar.colorado.edu/rmacrao/> for an AACRAO travel grant application. Print out the application form, complete the application, and return it to your state Vice President **by February 1**. The RMACRAO Executive Committee will review all applications and select travel grant recipients. State Vice Presidents will notify you in writing of the application results. (**NOTE:** A travel grant application for the RMACRAO 1999 Annual Meeting is also available on our web page. The application deadline for RMACRO is May 1.)

Historian's Report

by *Jane Grzybowski*

For this time around, I checked in to a year “close” to the one I was born in.....1958. (I'll leave it at that!)

This branch of AACRAO was the Colorado and Wyoming Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers - CWACRAO (quackro?). New Mexico had not joined us yet.

The Annual Meeting was held November 14-15 at Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado. Luncheons were figured at \$1.50 per person and dinner at \$3.25. Nowadays, that would get you some pretty small portions!!!

At the Annual Meeting, enrollment data was discussed. (Sound familiar?) The Committee for Education Beyond High School reported that from 22 Colorado and Wyoming institutions, a total of 49,586 degree-credit students enrolled, which was 2,266 more than in 1957!

A motion was moved to change the dues for each campus of each institution from \$2 to \$3, and CWACRAO accepted an invitation for the 1959 Annual Meeting to be held at the United States Air Force Academy. Mr. Harold H. Kuhlman from Colorado Women's College was elected President, Lt. Colonel Virgil J. O'Connor from USAFA was elected Vice President and Miss Florence M. Porter from Casper Jr. College was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Other items that were discussed were Advanced Placement and transcripts, and throughout the year, there were letters back and forth asking comrades in other institutions, “what do you think about...?” or “how do you handle...?” So, even though enrollment figures and dues have grown some, and lunches and dinners do cost a bit more, the one thing that has remained the same in AACRAO is the support system. Other institutions face the same problems and have the same questions as you do, and knowing you can call upon and discuss them with your friends in AACRAO is what AACRAO is all about.



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1998 RMACRAO Meeting A Success!

by Jane Grzybowski, Historian

The annual RMACRAO meeting that was held in July in scenic Taos, New Mexico was indeed a huge success. Kathleen Sena, who was the Local Arrangement Chairperson, did a wonderful job.....we can't rant, rave, and thank her enough for all of her efforts.

There were lots of great sessions where ideas and knowledge were shared by fellow RMACRAOans. The setting of Taos was breathtaking, the food was great, the guest speaker, John Nichols did a wonderful and amusing rendition

of his life. Did you all purchase any of his books? What a great opportunity! And how about the Jimmy Stadler band on Taos mountain???? Lots of dancing to some great music and just plain fun!!! (Not to mention great company!)

Past President, Barb Dickinson was presented with a special crown and it is now passed on to our current president, Jeff Bunker, initiating a new tradition!

The three days of the RMACRAO Annual Meeting went by so very quickly, but I think everyone who attended would agree that it was again, very beneficial and fun. And we are all looking forward to "A Rocky Mountain High" in Denver '99!



Barb passes her crown on to Jeff, our new leader.



Some fellow RMACROans rockin' out to the band!



The 1997-98 Executive Committee takes a break from the fun to pose for the camera.