Hello everyone!

I hope you are all experiencing a smooth start to the school year. I want to thank all of those involved with the annual meeting in Cheyenne. Dean Bartow and his committee deserve a huge pat on the back. Thank you for all of your hard work and effort to bring us a great conference!

Believe it or not, it is already time to begin planning for AACRAO in Seattle. April will be here before we know it. I am hopeful that RMACRAO will be represented with a strong contingency. The RMACRAO Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss the RMACRAO reception at AACRAO. This is a great opportunity for us to stay in touch throughout the year.

The executive committee will also begin work on the RMACRAO 2001 Annual Meeting, July 18-20, in Grand Junction. Please consider developing a presentation for one of the sessions. If you have a suggestion for session topics, please contact Steve Ekerholm, RMACRAO President Elect and 2001 Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair.

I invite all newcomers to RMACRAO to get involved. Attending AACRAO and participating in the RMACRAO annual meeting are the best ways to make contacts and develop a clearer understanding of the issues concerning admissions, records, and registration. Take advantage of these opportunities and GET INVOLVED!!

I want to encourage all of you to visit the RMACRAO web site. Sally Page has done a great job of updating the site and it looks wonderful. Thanks Sally!

I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Linda King
President, RMACRAO
Colorado - Cher Downey

The long hot summer has passed and we are now ready to move ahead into an exciting academic year. The 2000-2001 year has blessed many of us with increased enrollments and the challenges that accompany them.

The University of Denver welcomes John F. Dolan, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management. John follows in the footsteps of Roger Campbell, Dean Emeritus, who served the university as Dean of Admissions for over 14 years. The University of Denver welcomed the new freshman class — the largest since 1981 — with an exciting and revamped Student Orientation and Registration Program (SOAR). Students were advised and registered via the web with the help of faculty advisors, deans, and SOAR and registrar office staff in the roomy Daniels College of Business computer lab. This event combined all the resource advantages of the old field house registrations with the high-tech benefit of immediate registration and schedule confirmation. Over 900 incoming freshmen were advised and registered in two days. This was our best SOAR yet!

Many exciting things continue to happen at the University of Denver. The Fischer Early Learning Center, a state-of-the-art child-care and preschool facility, opened its doors this fall. The Center will provide innovative educational programming in a stimulating and nurturing environment to its tiny clientele. The Women’s College has moved from its Park Hill location (the former Colorado Women’s College) to the University Park Campus. A groundbreaking ceremony for our new Performing Arts Center was held on September 29. Having completed the first cycle of training, the SCT Banner Student Systems implementation and work teams are in full swing – working towards going live with registration in spring 2002 for summer and fall.

Colorado - Cher Downey

Registrar Philip Apodaca reports that Colorado College is pleased to introduce Karla Roth as the new assistant registrar. Karla began her new duties August 28. She most recently was the administrative assistant to the Vice President for Student Life.

Colorado State University just finished another successful year, enrolling the largest freshman class in school history. Sandy Swaim, assistant director of admissions, welcomes four new counselors to the Office of Admissions: Susan Hartnagel, Kim Meeker, Josie Tramontano, and Mindy Nichols. Susan comes to us from Colorado State’s College of Engineering Biomedical Engineering Program where she advised students and coordinated experiential learning opportunities. Prior to that she supervised public relations activities in the Financial Aid Office at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Kim and Josie, recent graduates of CSU, served throughout their academic studies as university ambassadors and student counselors in the Office of Admissions. Mindy Nichols served as assistant director of undergraduate admissions at George Washington University. Watch for these new faces at your high schools this fall.

Steve Dahl, registrar, is proud to announce that beginning with spring 2001 registration in October, CSU will offer students the option of using a web interface as an alternative to the long-standing telephone registration system. The web version uses the same working code (Periphonics) as the telephone and splits the responses to web display or voice based on the user’s connection. If anyone would like additional details, please contact Steve Dahl (Stephen.Dahl@Colostate.edu) or Nolan Oltjenbruns (Nolan.Oltjenbruns@Colostate.edu).

For the past three years Colorado State University has been creating a new academic core curriculum and the entering freshman class of 2000 is the first to begin their educational career under these new requirements. Termed “All-University Core Curriculum” (AUCC), it encompasses an integrated learning concept from the new first-year seminar to the capstone course in the senior year. Over the next two years continuing students and new admits (transfers and readmits) will be transitioned into the AUCC. Beginning fall 2002 all students will be under the AUCC program. Additional information may be found at www.core.colostate.edu.

Maymester 2000 was a summer session pilot program at the University of Colorado at Boulder this year. It was designed to allow students to enroll in one-credit courses that ran from the end of the spring semester through the start of the first five-week summer term in June. Fifty classes were offered for the pilot program and 1089 students enrolled (mostly continuing juniors and seniors) in this intensive formatted summer term. Through an evaluation of this pilot, students gave the Maymester experience a B+ rating overall, and their instructor an A. Plans for Maymester 2001 are already underway.

Steve Ekerholm was appointed as registrar at CU-Boulder effective August 1, 2000. Steve comes to the registrar’s office with a wealth of experience: associate director of admissions and registrar at CU-Colorado Springs, registrar at CU-Denver, and most recently was the associate director of Admissions at CU-Boulder. The registrar’s office welcomes Steve!

This fall the University of Northern Colorado admissions office ushered in a combination of new and returning recruitment staff as well as new admissions standards. Ricky Mott, a 1995 UNC graduate and former student ambassador, has taken over the reins as Denver Center Coordinator and will represent UNC throughout the Denver metropolitan area. Ricky comes to us most recently from Spring Hill College where he has served as an admission counselor and assistant director of admissions. Ricky brings not only a tremendous student-centered approach but a deep commitment to, and familiarity of UNC, and looks forward to serving the needs of Denver area high schools and community colleges.

Vice Presidents' Reports
Vice Presidents' Reports (continued)

Longtime UNC admission staff member Jerry McMillen has returned after working with Ft. Lewis College this past year. Jerry is well known and respected throughout the region from his years of representing UNC and will once again bring his expertise to the out-of-state areas he has nurtured for better than 15 years.

The fall 2001 semester will be the first term where new freshmen at UNC will be required to have a 94 index number on the Colorado admission chart (which is up from a 92 that was needed the past 12 years). This change represents a gradual shift upward in UNC’s academic standards and will place them in a more selective admissions position.

The registrar’s office at UNC has no new faces, just new appointees. With Becky Barnes being promoted to associate registrar, Jeanie York has been appointed the new assistant registrar. Jeanie brings an abundance of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to this position from summer/evening scheduling and registration.

To add challenge to these new positions, one of the top priorities for UNC is to implement a web registration system for fall 2001 registration. Teamed with Information Technology experts the original deadline has been exceeded—piloting the new system with the incoming freshmen during summer orientation was a tremendous help in working through problems and adding needed enhancements to the system. The web registration system will be available as a much larger pilot next month for early spring 2001 registration. Both the faculty and students have been extremely satisfied with the new product and its performance thus far. UNC continues to test and make improvements as it receives feedback from students. It has been a positive and exciting project for the entire campus. Overall the new academic year finds UNC doing very well and looking forward to many exciting opportunities ahead.

**New Mexico - Ruth Gribble**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ruth Gribble and I recently assumed the RMACRAO executive board position of Vice President-New Mexico. I am the admissions specialist at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico. I am excited to serve as your vice president for the next two years.

I hope everyone’s transition into a new school year is going smoothly. At San Juan College we recently bid farewell to our director of admissions and records of ten years, Jim Ratliff. He took a position as a counselor at one of Farmington’s local high schools. We are pleased to welcome our new director, Dr. Cheryl Drangmeister. We are glad to have her at our college.

There have been many other changes in admissions and records staff throughout New Mexico. New Mexico State University has three new admissions counselors: Elizabeth “Joy” Brown, Patrick Natoni, and Leticia Montoya. Delia DeLeon has been named the new assistant director of admissions.

Kathleen Sena was named registrar at the University of New Mexico effective September 15, 2000. She served as the interim registrar for one year before going through a national search and going up against six other candidates. What an achievement! Also at UNM, Gloria Manzanares-Sandoval was promoted to associate director of admissions. Vikki Galaz is the new admissions advisor at the Valencia Campus of UNM. Congratulations to all of you!

Santa Fe Community College has implemented some new changes in its high school admissions policy. In the past, high school students could only enroll at SFCC through their high school under concurrent enrollment. Recent changes will allow students who do not want to enroll through their high school and earn dual credit to be admitted as non-degree students through early admissions. To qualify, they need to be a junior or senior with a 2.5 GPA, apply directly to SFCC, and meet the prerequisites for the course. Students will be responsible for their own tuition. The addition of Jennifer Nollette as SFCC’s new admissions and outreach counselor will certainly help in this area!

**Wyoming - Tamara Lehner**

Wyoming news is short and sweet this time, because all of the admissions folks are on the road! The first three weeks in October are always the dates of Wyoming Post-High School Planning Days. During those three weeks, admissions representatives from Wyoming, the region, and even the nation attend 24 fairs at different locations throughout the state.

In addition to attending these programs, the admission officers at Sheridan College, Northwest College, Central Wyoming College, Eastern Wyoming College, Casper College, and Laramie County Community College all host programs at their own institutions.

Barbara Smith, from Memphis, joined University of Wyoming admissions office as the new associate director in June. UW also got approval for two new assistant director positions, and they were filled from within the office by Tamara Lehner and Noah Buckley. Two admissions counselors have joined the UW team: recent UW graduate Tamara Lehner and Noah Buckley were filled from within the office as the new associate director positions.

In addition to attending these programs, the admission officers at Sheridan College, Northwest College, Central Wyoming College, Eastern Wyoming College, Casper College, and Laramie County Community College all host programs at their own institutions.

I promise next time to concentrate on all the news from my Wyoming community college colleagues!
A Preview of Seattle
– by Bill Haid, AACRAO Past President

I recently saw the movie Sleepless in Seattle again and this time I watched it with renewed interest in the setting. My wife, Joan, and I went to Seattle this summer for an AACRAO board meeting and to preview the setting for our 2001 annual meeting. In fact, we left directly from the RMACRAO annual meeting in Cheyenne and headed to Seattle. I wanted to write to you about my experience and to encourage you to attend the AACRAO annual meeting April 22-25, 2001.

My first impression of the city was that it is a great setting. As we traveled from the airport to the downtown area, we could see Mt. Rainier and a beautiful mountain range in all its majesty. Our bus driver told us it was a treat to see the mountains as the clouds often hide them. Once into the city, it became evident that this is a bustling downtown. This is a large city that has a very friendly appeal to it. I liked that it has a waterfront and hilly streets that are very reminiscent of San Francisco. The city is a nice combination of old and new. There certainly was a good deal of construction going on which is always a sign of progress.

We stayed at the Sheraton, which will be the headquarters hotel for the conference. However, the meetings will be held at the beautiful Seattle Convention Center, which is very convenient to all the hotels in the downtown area. The convention center is very impressive and will be a great location for all our meetings and events. The Seattle LAC is working hard to make this a terrific event for everyone. They have plans underway for the first night reception and for a Monday night big event, as well as the usual hospitality and special tours. You will be very pleased by the good work of the Seattle LAC to make your stay in Seattle a memorable one. There are great restaurants, shopping opportunities, and entertainment choices for you in Seattle.

President-elect Gene Schuster and the program committee have been doing an excellent job of putting the program together and they have a great line up of sessions, workshops, and featured speakers. The program is the reason for attending an AACRAO annual meeting, and this one will not let you down.

Borrowing from a list in the recent AACRAO Data Dispenser, here are some web sites that can help you prepare for your visit. I hope to see you in Seattle!

www.seesSeattle.org - This site gives you a tour of the city and surrounding area in picture and dialogue. It also provides a visitor’s guide, a lodging guide, and a calendar of events.

www.seattle.com - After looking at this directory you can hit the streets knowing where to go for music, dance, food, the arts, and sports in Seattle.

www.emplive.com - The Experience Music Project interactive museum holds more than 80,000 music artifacts and its buildings embody some of the most innovative design elements you’ll find in the U.S. This is slated to be the site of the Monday night big event!

Note: In my role as past president of AACRAO this year, I am coordinating the assignment of committee appointments. I encourage each of you to consider serving AACRAO as a committee member on one of the 30 or so committees that keep AACRAO alive and produce most of the content for an annual meeting (like the one in Seattle). The application process is easy and your service to AACRAO is needed. Please go to www.aacrao.org and select the “committee” button on the left panel to get an on-line application that will come directly to me. The application deadline is November 15, 2000.

Travel Grants Available for AACRAO 2001

RMACRAO offers six $100 travel grants for first time AACRAO attendees to the annual meeting in April. If you’ve never attended AACRAO before but plan to attend in April, we encourage you to apply. Go to the RMACRAO web page at registrar.colorado.edu/rmacrao/ for an AACRAO travel grant application. Print out the application form, complete it, and send it to your RMACRAO state vice president by February 1, 2001. The RMACRAO Executive Committee will review all applications and select the travel grant recipients. State vice presidents will notify you in writing of the application results. RMACRAO likes to award ALL six travel grants so please take advantage of this opportunity by applying now!

Planning Begins for RMACRAO 2001

You might think that the 2001 annual meeting is too far off in the distant future to think about. Not so. In fact there are some very important things to think about. For instance, what would your annual meeting be without a program? What would your annual meeting be without you? Sometimes it is easy to forget that RMACRAO is our association. It is for us and about us. It is our ideas, experience, and expertise, when shared as a presenter, that make the annual meeting something that we look forward to every year. It is our willingness to spend some time thinking about and planning a program session that will continue to make RMACRAO our association.

The program committee is asking for your session ideas and your session proposals. Please contact Steve Ekerholm at (303) 492-0470 or Steve.Ekerholm@colorado.edu for more information. NOTE: The RMACRAO 2001 Annual Meeting will be held July 18-20 in Grand Junction, Colorado.
Some Highlights of RMACRAO 2000!

The following retiring RMACRAO members were announced at the RMACRAO 2000 Annual Meeting. RMACRAO would like to thank these members for their contributions to the association and wish them the best:

Fred Chreist, UNM
Larry Fuqua, Eastern NMU
Victoria Quintella, Clovis CC
Jim Ratliff, San Juan College
John T. Reed, Metro State College

RMACRAO is proud to announce the following individuals who were first-time attendees at the annual meeting in Cheyenne. These first-timers contributed to the success of the annual meeting and we hope to see them again at future meetings.

Aims CC - Dana Anderson
Air Force Academy - Marlos Bates
Casper College - Kim Sears
Central Wyoming College - Chestine Kurth and Denice Wilson
CC of Denver - Lia Nelson and Rosie Sanchez*
CSU - Carl Melle*
CU-Boulder - Jane Merriman*
CU-Denver - Rodney Anderson, Cheryl Apodaca, Christine Breyare, and Jeffrey Gaiser
CU-Health Sciences - Rhianna McClaren
Eastern Wyoming College - Tami Afdahl
Fort Lewis College - Kathy Dunn
Laramie County CC - Tammy Smith
Mesa State College - Hugo Bouse and Annette Callaway
Morgan CC - Jody Brown*
Nazarene Bible College - Mike Worrell
New Mexico Tech - Kimberly Eiland*
Northeastern Junior College - Janice Krieger
Northern Wyoming CC/Gillette - Troy Archuleta
NMSU - Sylvia Castillo
UNM - Corine Gonzales, Helen Herrera, John Moya, Alec Reber, and Geri Trujillo
USC - Jennifer Cornelison and Barbara Tortessi
UW - Barbara Smith

*RMACRAO 2000 travel grant recipients.
Some changes have been made to the RMACRAO web pages that hopefully make them easier to navigate. For example, minutes from the executive committee meetings have been added to the executive board page and information about the program committee and nominations committee was moved to the new committees page. Other changes include the members directory page which has been updated with all the corrections that people submitted at our annual meeting in July. A “last updated” date has been added to the directory page, as well as a link to send directory changes.

Please take a look at these changes at registrar.colorado.edu/rmacrao. Feel free to send suggestions and/or comments about the RMACRAO web pages to Sally.Page@colorado.edu.

**NOTE:** The RMACRAO 2000 Annual Business Meeting minutes have been posted to the web (and will be approved at the RMACRAO 2001 Annual Business Meeting). In addition, the July 21, 2000 executive committee meeting minutes have been posted. You can view all of the meeting minutes at registrar.colorado.edu/rmacrao/board.htm.

**News to Share?**

Do you have information to share with your RMACRAO colleagues? If so, please send it to your state vice president (listed on the first page) for the next newsletter.