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From the President's Desk

The Council's committees and volunteers have been very busy this year planning events and working on projects related to

the Council's mission of coordinating college counseling activities. The goals for 2006 established in January by the Executive committee and committee chairs were optimistic. Goals included revising the Council's constitution, increase awareness of Council with constituent groups, continue with the 2-day conference format, and continue to

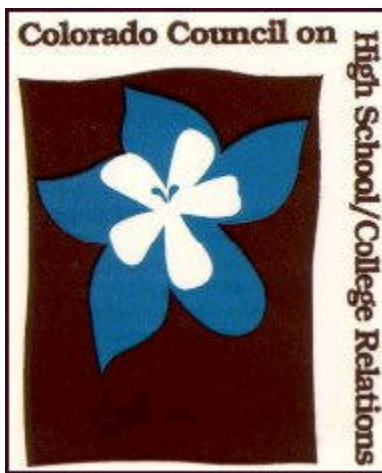
increase professional development opportunities. These goals are in addition to the annual projects and events the 19 committees plan, organize and deliver.

I'd like to summarize a few projects and events that the committees are working on in 2006.

Constitution Revision Committee (ad hoc)- The changing landscape in higher education nationally and in the state of Colorado created the need for the Council to review its constitution. A lot of work went in to several revisions with the final proposal being approved by the Executive committee at the July meeting. Ballots were mailed to the 2006 member institutions on October 2nd for a final vote. The outcome of that vote will be announced at the Annual Conference business meeting.

Scholarship Committee- The scholarship committee received and reviewed many scholarship applications in 2006. Sixteen students each received a \$1000 Commu-

nity Service and Volunteerism scholarship. One recipient was from each region throughout the state.



Government Relations- This committee has struggled over the past two years to attract membership and a committee chair. I am happy to report that this committee is up and running in 2006. The committee planned gubernatorial debates as a breakout session at the Fall Counselor workshops. Each party was invited to participate. The sessions were successful in raising voter awareness about issues

related to education. (see article inside)

High School Counselor of the Month/Year- We concluded our first year of a partnership between Channel 7 "Community Connections", CollegeInvest, and The Council in selecting a high school counselor of the month. High school counselor's form around the state were selected and recognized for their work in assisting student. At this year's annual conference the first ever counselor of the year will be selected and awarded a \$1000 Professional Development Award generously donated by CollegeInvest.

This update is too brief to give all the committees and volunteers a little "ink" they deserve but I do want to send a huge thank you to everyone.

I hope you will be able to attend the CCHS/CR Annual Conference on December 7th and 8th in Denver.

Submitted by Bill Sommers, President

Gubernatorial Debates Debut at Fall Updates

By Molly Diachok-Mugglestone, Government Relations committee

This year the Government relations committee worked to coordinate with both the offices of Ritter and Beauprez for Governor to conduct debates at the Colorado Council Fall update workshops.

Ritter's office quickly confirmed Barbara O'Brien who is running with Ritter for Lt. Governor. Beauprez's office worked hard to get Lt. Governor candidate Janet Rowland scheduled and confirmed that they would send someone, but in the end they only sent someone to one session- Josh Penrey who serves in the Colorado House was at the session at Mesa State in Grand Junction. The absence of the Beauprez campaign was felt during the "debates" and the organizers were so sorry that the campaign didn't follow through on their commitment to send anyone to debate O'Brien. Tim Albers of Western State was the fearless moderator.

The Government relations committee sent press releases to all the newspapers in the areas that the workshops were held. The Denver Post came to the session at DU and ran a large photo in the Denver and the West section of Tim and Barbara. The caption mentioned the Council! Candidates Angie Paccione (Grand Junction) and Tillie Bishop (Greeley) also came and added some fun to the sessions.

The committee is also planning a legislative update at the Annual Conference and in 2007 our goal for the future is to provide quarterly Legislative Updates to all Council members. These updates will also be available on the Council website.

If you have an interest in politics and want to join the Government Relations committee, please contact me. Also if you have ideas about education policy email Molly at mmugglestone@western.edu.



BARBARA O'BRIEN, CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR ATTENDED FALL WORKSHOPS READY FOR A DEBATE

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The Colorado Council on High School/College Relations (CCHS/CR) is a volunteer member organization comprised of colleges and high schools in Colorado that work together to coordinate college counseling activities. Its regular business is conducted by an elected Executive Committee which consists of a President, Past President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, the Committee includes 12 representatives from the following constituencies: one representing the universities, one representing the four-year state colleges, one representing the junior or community colleges, one collegiate representative at-large; and 8 representatives from the secondary schools. The secondary school representatives are elected from each of the seven geographical districts and represent schools in these districts. The eighth representative is selected from the private high school sector in Colorado.

A Look at Annual Conference History...

The Colorado Council Annual Meeting (as we used to call it) of the early Days. Boy, has this event changed over the years. Back in the "old days-the Annual Meeting was held in just ONE place--the non-commissioned officers club at the Air Force Academy.

The reason the event was held in the same place each year is that the Air Force Academy generously made their facility available for FREE, and that was about the only price the Council could afford in the early days of the organization. The event was a one-half day event that started with a continental breakfast (gratis of the Air Force Academy), followed by a speaker who would donate his/her time, and then conclude with a no-host cash bar 'wind down' period, and a light lunch. This event was usually the last day of the fall Day/Night program schedule so it was well attended by the college folks since they were already 'on the road'. The attendance from the high school counselors was primarily by those who were officers of the council and those who could round up car pools from the metro area. Very few rural high school counselors could afford the time and money to attend the early Annual Meetings. A gathering of 50 people was considered a success. Quite different from the nearly six hundred who attend the Annual Conference today. There was no special entertainment, no recognitions other than a "thanks" to the person who had served as president for the past year and well wishes to the new incoming president. The gavel was also passed from the old to the new (that way we didn't have to chip in to buy a new gavel each year).

In the early '80's the Council decided to take a bold move. We finally had enough money in the Treasury to actually rent a 'professional' facility. We chose the Falcon Inn between Denver and Colorado Springs in the hope that the location would attract more high school counselors from both the Denver and Colorado Springs area. It was a risky venture and took most of the money we had to secure the facility, but President and

President Elect Ruth Falkenstein and Jack Scott felt the step was needed to move the Council to the next level of professionalism. The event was the best attended ever and the new tradition began. In later years it was determined that one year the event would be held in Denver and the following year in Colorado Springs. That format worked for a few years then the size of the gathering dictated that Denver would be the permanent location and the rest is history. Each and every year new attendance records continue to be made, interesting speakers are contracted, and sessions to help both the high school and collegiate professionals are developed. The Annual meeting has become one of the premier annual events for collegiality.

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Even though by today's Annual Meeting standards, our early day Annual meetings might have seemed rather Spartan it should be noted that a lot of the ground work for the format of today's Annual Meetings was laid in the meetings held at the Air Force Academy then expanded on during the regular monthly Council meetings throughout the year. Collectively, we were able to take the financial situation of the Council from a position where we had to wait until all the Handbooks were sold before we could pay our publisher, to a situation where enough funds exist to help deserving high school students with scholarships while still concentrating on the main goal of providing high school students with a smooth transition from high school to post-secondary education.

Maybe we can look at some more history in the next issue. Enjoy the Annual Meeting (conference) on December 7 and 8 and remember a lot of effort over the past years has ensured the event will be a success.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From President-Elect, Susan Hunt

It is hard for me to believe that it has been ten months since I was selected as President-Elect of CCHS/CR and accepted the responsibility for planning and organizing the 2006 Annual Conference, scheduled for December 7th and 8th. No conference, especially one this size, can be handled by a single individual and I am truly blessed to have a group of colleagues on the Annual Conference Planning Committee who have contributed and advised and sometimes even pushed me through this daunting task. They are truly my life savers and we will have them to thank when all is said and done. I do not believe there is enough appreciation for the word "volunteer". Because of them my initial fear and panic turned to a sense of being a bit overwhelmed and has now settled into just plain busy. But things are coming together and we expect to deliver an event that we hope you will all learn and grow from as well as enjoy

What I often remember most about the numerous conferences I have attended over the years are the keynote speakers who have inspired me to try harder, taught me valuable life lessons or made me laugh until I cried. In any case, I believe that we have selected individuals who will do this and more. Opening with Steve Morgan, a motivational speaker who has led numerous Fortune 500 companies as well as colleges and universities to improved communication and efficiency. And closing with Toby Dawson, 2006 Olympic Bronze Medalist in the freestyle Mogul skiing

event and raised in Colorado who caused me to jump up and down cheering in my living room as I watched him make his medal winning run in Italy this past February. I expect to be taught, and entertained and inspired at the very least.

Although still not totally finalized, the thirty plus sessions being planned for Thursday and Friday will continue our goal of bringing the issues and challenges of our job as college admission and high school counselors to the forefront and offering much needed discussions and possible solutions to the many tests we face. In an effort to touch on all domains, social/emotional-career-college-academic, we have invited speakers to address topics including: The Disappearing Male, Current Adolescent Psychological Issues, Careers: New Fields and Resources, How Not To Go Into Debt For College, Winning the College Admission Game, Successful Transitions are Family Affairs and Hot Topics: The Undocumented Student. As in past years, the always popular Massage therapist will be available to get rid of the first semester stress that has built up, just in time for the Holidays. Although many Thursday participants did not stay for the dinner and evening entertainment, we are hoping that more will choose to do so this year. Ask anyone who sang and danced with the Nacho Men that night and you might just have to cancel any previous engagements.

We realize that expanding to a two-day event last year created obstacles for attendance in some High School Counseling Offices, including my own. In an effort to show the importance of your being able to attend, I will be sending a letter to all principals stressing the value of this Conference professionally and I hope that if any more encouragement is needed you will let me know. I also know that the additional expense of two days was also troublesome but we have tried to keep the costs as minimal as possible. To help in this effort, we have reached out to many more possible vendors with an invitation to exhibit as well as expanded our sponsorship opportunities for these same individuals. The Planning Committee has been asked by the Executive Board not to exceed our budget this year and we are making every effort to do so while still bringing you a quality experience.

Please keep checking the website, www.coloradocouncil.org, for more details and updates as we get closer to December. Costs are being finalized and credit/professional development opportunities are being confirmed. We also plan to post the sessions for Thursday and Friday so that if you are limited to one day you can decide which one would be preferred. The actual registration brochure should arrive in your Office some time before the end of October. December will be here before you know it and I look forward to seeing you my friends and colleagues at this special time to continue the valuable networking that keeps us going.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE "NACHO MEN" WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT THE FIRST EVENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At The Conference:

Consider joining a committee by using the sign-up sheet in your conference packet. Here are opportunities for you to be active in your state professional association:

- Admission Practices Committee
- Annual Conference Committee
- College Day/Night Committee
- Government Relations Committee
- Handbook Revision Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Retired Members/Alumni Association

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