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Moore County Campus Marks First 10 Years

The Moore County Campus hosted an Open House Jan. 21 to celebrate its first decade as a permanent fixture in the Amarillo College family.

MCC was established in January of 2000 and since has made a difference in the lives of innumerable residents of Moore County and the surrounding area through both educational opportunities and cultural activities.

Faculty and staff at MCC will continue to observe their history by contributing to a special commemorative insert about the campus that will appear in the Moore County News-Press in May. Observance of the milestone will culminate May 25 when the AC Board of Regents conducts its monthly meeting at MCC.

The campus opened its doors Jan. 19, 2000 with 129 students and has grown by leaps and bounds ever since. Physical changes over the years have seen the addition of an auditorium, new offices, rest rooms, a computer lab and, most recently, new science laboratories.

MCC also has expanded its curricular offerings recently. Bolstered in 2009 by a grant from the Dumas Economic Development Corporation, MCC has added a wind technology offering and is more poised than ever to contribute to Moore County's economic needs of the future.



Renee Vincent, executive director of the Moore County Campus, shared details about her campus with Daniel Esquivel, executive director of AC's Hereford Campus at the Jan. 21 Open House.

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AC Continues Journey of Improvement

By Dr. Paul Matney
President of Amarillo College



On August 19, 2009 at our Fall General Assembly I presented five institutional priorities for the year:

- **Develop a process to seek college-wide input for a new institutional Strategic Plan for 2010–2015**

- **Establish and promote a culture that defines, embraces, and values student success**

- **Infuse the spirit of collaboration and teamwork throughout the College**

- **Continue our important Information Technology improvement journey**

- **Establish a reputation for consistently, clearly, quickly and effectively responding to the needs of our various communities**

As we head for the home stretch of the spring semester, my hope is that we have made progress as an institution this year on all five priorities. I believe we have made progress, but we are not “there” yet. AC will never be “perfect” as an institution, nor will we ever

be a college without challenges, but what is important is that we continue on our journey of improvement.

Soon we will receive a report card on “how we are doing.” Many of you completed a recent online Survey of Institutional Excellence. We will be receiving the results from that survey shortly. We’ll share the report with our

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employees to identify both strong and weak areas, and we’ll use that data across our campuses as a quality improvement tool. I want to thank the approximately 40% of all board-appointed employees who completed the survey. And, of course, like last year, we will also use results of the Faculty Survey as an improvement tool.

I’ve just completed “*Listening and Learning*” Round 3 on all six of our campuses. These college forums have been an excellent way for me to hear “what’s on your mind.” I’m always pleased to hear about your issues, questions and concerns. Thanks for attending. Round 4 will be scheduled before the end of the semester.

I remain committed to improving communication throughout our organization. Thus, I enjoy meeting with the Classified Employees Council and the

Administrators Council each month as well as by invitation from the Faculty Senate. I remain convinced that Amarillo College’s greatest resource is our employees.

Spring brings some of our favorite events at AC including Honors Convocation April 18 at which our wonderful 2010 Distinguished Alumna, Betty Roller, will speak.

I am so proud the Faculty Senate recommended and our Board of Regents appointed Joyce Hinsley, professor of Spanish at AC for 37 years, as our 15th Professor Emeritus, the highest honor bestowed by a college or university on a former faculty member. I had the good fortune of working with this truly remarkable educator for more than 20 years. Joyce joins an impressive list of AC Professor Emeriti. Great job, Faculty Senate!

A reception in Hinsley’s honor will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22 on the Washington Street Campus, second floor of the CUB.

Of course, our ultimate celebration with our graduates and their families will be at Commencement on May 14, at which time we will name our 22nd John F. Mead Faculty Excellence recipient. If you’re in need of some inspiration, join us for Professor Hinsley’s reception, Honors Convocation, and Commencement. I promise you’ll be glad you did.

Renewable Energy: An Open House

With a handful of generous benefactors stoking the fires, the fledgling Renewable Energy—Wind Technology Program at Amarillo College is picking up serious steam.

The program has recently received contributions of currency and equipment worth nearly a quarter-million dollars that will bolster scholarship opportunities and hands-on wind-technology learning.

AC showed off its program and welcomed a large number of guests at an Open House March 10 on the East Campus.

State Rep. David Swinford presented Jack Stanley, chairman of the Sciences and Engineering Division, with a flag that had flown over the Capitol (at right), and everyone got to see some of the new equipment that enthusiastic benefactors have sent AC’s way.



Betty Jo Roller Named Distinguished Alumna

Noted Amarillo musician and music educator Betty Jo Roller has been selected to receive the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from Amarillo College.

She will be presented with the award Sunday, April 18 during the Amarillo College Honors Convocation, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Roller, a 1953 graduate of Amarillo College, taught music and directed middle school orchestras for more than 30 years in the Amarillo Independent School District. Her outstanding career was punctuated in 1990 when she was named Texas Orchestra Director of the Year by the Texas Orchestra Directors Association.

Also an active member of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra for 30 years as a violinist, Roller becomes the 21st recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award since its inception in 1993.

Her husband, Dr. Dale Roller, formerly chaired the Division of Fine Arts at AC.



Do the Math

Faculty and staff were treated to a glimpse of AC's award-winning Mathematics Outreach Center at an Open House on March 2.

The Center not only received a coveted Star Award in 2009 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, but it was a finalist for a prestigious Bellwether Award early in 2010.

Above, Dr. Kathy Wetzel, left, and Edie Carter take turns providing details about the Center. Wetzel chairs the Department of Mathematics and Engineering. Carter is coordinator of the Developmental Math Program.



A Clean Break

Dr. Michael Kopenits, right, chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences, looks on as a group of AC science students cut a ribbon to commemorate the new Science Laboratory Building on Jan. 21.

Joyce Hinsley Chosen as Professor Emeritus

Joyce Hinsley, retired professor of Spanish who once served as program coordinator for the Department of Modern Languages, has been named Professor Emeritus by Amarillo College.

The Faculty Senate submitted Hinsley's nomination at the March 23rd meeting of the AC Board of Regents, and it was unanimously approved.

A reception in Hinsley's honor will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22 on the Washington Street Campus, second floor of the College Union Building.

Hinsley taught at AC from 1967-2003—37 years in all—and is a past recipient of the John F. Mead Faculty Excellence Award, AC's highest faculty honor. She also served as adjunct professor at AC from 2003-2006.

One nominee wrote of Hinsley: "She will do anything to help her students succeed."

Hinsley, who continues to tutor and work with students from her home and out in the community, remains active in many ways. To list only a few, she serves as president of the board for the League of Women Voters, and she teaches English as a second language at Polk Street Methodist Church.

Amarillo College a State Leader in CE

By Joe Wyatt
Communications Coordinator

Often overlooked in discussions that abound as Amarillo College sets one academic enrollment record after another, is the vital role the Continuing Education Division plays in the health of our College and our community.

Yes, AC's academic enrollment eclipsed all-time highs this year, and the opportunity to serve more constituents in that capacity than ever before is indeed praiseworthy. However, even the highest enrollment ever—11,100 academic students last fall—is an attainment dwarfed by the number of students CE deals with annually.

CE served 26,319 students in 2008-2009. Need a little perspective on that? Well, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, AC boasts the largest occupational CE enrollment in the state of Texas and perennially ranks among the top seven when it comes to the number of contact hours.

Last year alone, AC coordinated some 3,800 CE class sections that had an occupational focus—everything from floral design to entrepreneurship and welding. And that's not all. CE additionally coordinated 1,500 personal enrichment classes—with offerings ranging from gymnastics to motorcycle training—for students ranging in age from 2 to 90 plus.

The coordination of all those classrooms, teachers and timetables is daunting even before you toss in the occasional issues related to accreditation do's and don'ts and state reimbursements. All CE classes at AC, regardless of where they originate, must flow through Kim Davis as director CE. But the bustling CE staff of 15 must deal with that on top of its continual effort to produce one ever-changing CE class schedule after

another. These are printed each summer, spring and fall.

"It takes all 15 of us to accomplish the volume of work we have," Davis said. "We work very hard, but we have fun, too, because it is always different; things are always changing.

"Every division at AC has some CE component to what they do. We're particularly proud that AC has been a leader in Texas for offering linked sections that put CE and academic students in the same classroom with the same instructor. AC may or may not be the first community college in Texas to offer linked sections, but it's a trend statewide that AC has been doing for a long time, since the mid 1980s."

The phone rings aplenty at CE, especially on the personal enrichment side, where the coordinator, Luke Morrison, has heard countless sug-

gestions as to what classes Amarillo College should offer next.

"The sky is the limit for us, and that's what keeps us jazzed," said Morrison, who admits not all the suggestions are doable or likely to find their way into the AC curriculum, like, say, pole dancing.

"One I really had doubts about was belly dancing," he admits. "But, man, it took off like wildfire. Things like that let us know that we've got to be prepared to try new things so long as we can do them well.

"We're competing for spare time and spare money in our community, so we have to do things the right way."

With 26,319 students representing an astounding 49,957 enrollments during the previous school year, the folks in CE at Amarillo College clearly are doing something right.



Several CE personnel were available to participate in a spur-of-the-moment photograph. They are, seated from left, Leslie Shelton, Kim Davis and Luke Morrison. Standing, from left, are Donna Stanton, Chere Whitfield, Margie Clements, Jacque McGlohon and Donna Miller.

What's Happening

Panhandle Artists Hanging

May 28 – June 13

An open invitation to all in the Amarillo area to bring one art work to display at Amarillo Museum of Art. An opening reception for this event is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28. It is free to members and \$10 for others.

Honors Convocation

The annual springtime Convocation is at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. AC's 2010 Distinguished Alumna Betty Roller will be honored.

Pinning Ceremony

Ten AC employees will be recognized for a combined 100 years of service at a Classified Employees Council and Administrators Association pinning ceremony at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 on the Washington Street Campus. It will be in the College Union Building's Oak Room.

McGinnis Authors Another

Award-winning poet Bruce McGinnis has completed his latest book, *Schweitzer*, and the English Department is having a reception for its writer in residence. See a special display and congratulate the author from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 on the first floor of Lynn Library.



Joyce Hinsley Reception

A reception for AC's 2010 professor emeritus is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22 on the second floor of the College Union Building, Washington Street Campus. Joyce Hinsley taught at AC for 37 years.



Sneak Peek

As many as 500 high school students will be on the Washington Street Campus for much of the day April 29 for Sneak Peek. Our visitors will be greeted by staff and faculty, be treated to lunch and live music, and have an opportunity to learn about AC.

Science Lab Open House

If you have yet to get a good look at the new Laboratory Building on the Washington Street Campus, seize this opportunity. Tours (and cookies) will be offered to the AC community at an Open House from 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 30 at the new building.

Spring Commencement

Hundreds of students will cross the stage May 14 at AC's Spring Commencement. The event begins at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

June Jazz

Local artists will appear each Tuesday in June for free concerts on AC's Washington Street Campus. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the Amphitheater Pit next to the Experimental Theatre. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.



Badger Hearts Banquet

AC's Badger Hearts will provide up to 20 students about to emerge from foster care with hope chests worth hundreds of dollars at the annual banquet May 20 in the College Union Building's Oak Room. Call Pamela George at 371-5366 for ticket information.

Law Enforcement Celebrates Milestone

Luncheon marks 100th Graduating Class and Honors all Contributors

For decades, the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy (PRLEA) at Amarillo College has been the lifeblood of policing agencies throughout the top 26 counties of Texas, producing well-trained, newly certified officers who have made their marks at an abundance of agencies.

So, with more than 2,200 graduates to its credit, the Academy had good cause to host a special celebratory luncheon March 5 on the West Campus to mark a milestone event—the Academy's 100th graduation ceremony.

"This was our way of recognizing our graduates over the years along with the instructors, law enforcement agencies and advisory committee members," Toni Gray, director of AC's Criminal Justice Program, said. "This lunch honored the many people, whatever their roles, who contributed to the history of a program that has touched every county in the Texas Panhandle."

The PRLEA, in partnership with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, was launched in 1968 with nine students. Today the Academy requires 700 in-classroom hours and is licensed through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

"The Academy is challenging," Alex Chancia, Academy coordinator, said. "Many of our recruits attend the Academy while working full time. This requires a strong commitment and creates additional challenges the recruits must overcome."

"Our graduates have been employed by local police departments and sheriff's offices in Amarillo and throughout the Panhandle, and with many state and federal agencies."

Those who successfully complete the PRLEA receive a certificate in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement along with 24 academic credit hours that may be applied toward an associate degree in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement.



Amarillo College turned out in force March 5th to help the Law Enforcement Academy celebrate having reached 100 graduating classes. Pictured in the upper left photo are Jeanetta K. Smiley and Sarah Uselding of the Criminal Justice Program and Damaris Schlong, dean of continuing education. The center photo at left is of Eric Wallace, director of intervention programs. The bottom photo at left is of Brent Harrison, sheriff of Deaf Smith County, David Wagner, chief of police in Hereford, and Karen Schmidt and Lee Colaw of AC. Above, Sibbie Sams and Andrea Farias of the Criminal Justice Program fill their plates.

Snow Removal Becoming Specialty at AC Campuses

By Rusty Cornelius
Director of Emergency
Management

The beginning of spring often gives us the feeling that the harsh weather is behind us and the outlook for the remainder of the year will be pleasant. If only it were true.

This year the spring solstice brought us five inches of snow. And that was not the first snow of the year. In January we had snow and ice that forced closure of the College and all the schools in Amarillo. We have had several other snow events this year that were closely monitored.

When the College closes because of snow, the work begins for Bruce Cotgreave and the dedicated employees of the Physical Plant as they prepare the College to reopen. The first step in reopening is to assess just how much snow there is to be removed, then to determine if we have enough personnel and equipment to remove the accumulated snow and ice. Sometimes we need contractors to assist us. If we need assistance then finding contractors that are available to assist becomes an issue. It is also no small task in seeing to it that our own employees can get to the College to remove snow. And of course the snow must then be removed before the first student arrives for class. The Physical Plant personnel, in addition to their other areas of expertise, have become experts in snow removal.



Emergency Management

A New Tool

This month has brought the College a new tool for the delivery of emergency messages to the AC Community. The new communication device is called AC Alert and allows us to communicate news of an emergency situation impacting one or more of the AC campuses. This is an "emergency only" notifications system, no commercials or general information will be sent to you by AC. Please be sure to update your contact information at actx.edu/acalert.

Notice Red Buttons

If you have had an opportunity to take a class or look in one of the classrooms in the new Science Lab Building on the Washington Street Campus, you probably have noticed the intercom panel in the back of the room. Each panel has four (4) push buttons. The red is for emergencies only. It connects directly to the police department. Please be cautious when you are near the intercom panel. The police treat pushing the red button in the same way they treat a 911 call. An officer will respond before the call will be cleared, even if you tell them it was an accident.



Matney Named Distinguished Alum at WTAMU, etc.

Recent Badger of Honor recipients in Amarillo are **Claudie Biggers**, assistant professor of biology, December recipient; **Brenda Walsh**, advising assistant, January; and **Deborah Brown**, advising and counseling specialist, February. Recent recipients at the Moore County Campus are **Ron Mashburn**, wind energy instructor, November; **Randy Sims**, instrumentation instructor, December; and **Irene Hughes**, student support services advisor, January. Badger Awards recognize outstanding efforts by AC employees to foster student engagement.

Three members of the AC faculty were granted tenure at the Jan. 27 meeting of the Board of Regents. **Susan Burgoon**, instructor of biology, **Monique Dupuis**, instructor of mathematics, and **David Hernandez**, associate professor and chairman of the Business Division, each met the criteria for tenure and were approved by the Board.

Becky Burton, director of the Radiography Program, has been named assistant director of career clusters development and will begin working on the career clusters initiative in fall 2010.



Dr. Shawn Fouts was named dean of career and technical education in February and has set up headquarters on AC's East Campus. Since 2008, Fouts had served as corporate development consultant in AC's Workforce and Economic Development Division.

Librarian **Mark Hanna** has been invited to give the keynote address at the Texas Community College Teachers Association conference July 18 in Austin. His audience will be comprised of community college deans and department heads throughout Texas. It is titled "Writing Measureable Outcome Statements for Colleges in the Context of Outcomes Assessment and Strategic Planning."

Dr. Kim Hays, chairman of the Department of Manufacturing and Technology, wrote an article that appeared in the September 2009 issue of *Materials Evaluation*. It was titled "Distance Education: Asynchronous Laboratory Training," and it summarizes drawbacks to distance teaching of lab-necessitated course content and advises caution regarding its proliferation.



The Alumni Association at West Texas A&M University has named **Dr. Paul Matney**, president, one of its five Distinguished Alumni for 2010. He will be recognized at WTA-MU's Phoenix Banquet April 30 at the Alumni Banquet Hall. Matney received his master's degree in communication at WT in 1973. The award is given to successful graduates who contribute time and support to WT and to humanitarian causes.

Charlotte Modersitzki, longtime supervisor of gymnastics, has been named supervisor of sports and dance programs in the Department of Personal Enrichment.

Rathna Prabhaker, associate professor of physics, recently attended a workshop at Springfield Technical Community College in Massachusetts that focused on Data Visualization Techniques and Strategies—Microcomputer-Based Laboratory and tools developed to teach physics more effectively.



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"**Dr. Richard Pullen** (nursing), **Kerrie Young** (nursing), **Mark Rowh** (Nuclear Medicine), and **D'dee Grove** (nursing) have had a major manuscript accepted for publication in the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*. The manuscript is titled "Case Study: Diplopia in a Patient with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" and will appear in the July 2010 issue of the journal as a continuing education unit feature".



"**Dr. Richard Pullen** (nursing) and **Deborah Hall** (nursing) have had a major manuscript accepted for publication in the *Journal: Nursing: Journal of Clinical Scholarship*. The manuscript is titled: "Caring for a Patient with Sjogren's syndrome and will appear in the August 2010 issue of the journal.

"**Dr. Richard Pullen** (nursing) and **Lyndi Shadbolt** (nursing) have had a major manuscript accepted for publication in the *Journal: Nursing Made Incredibly Easy*. The manuscript is titled: "An Evidence-Based Approach to Managing Psoriasis" and will appear in the May 2010 issue of the journal as a continuing education unit feature.

Dr. Kathryn Wetzel, chair of the Mathematics and Engineering Department, has been selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for service on an advisory council beginning April 20 in Austin. Wetzel will serve on the Tuning Oversight Council for Engineering and be assigned to an engineering advisory committee that seeks to define what students must know, understand, and be able to demonstrate at various degree-completion levels.

Painters Embellish the AC Landscape

If they are among the more colorful characters employed by Amarillo College, it is only mostly due to their line of work, which happens to be floor-to-ceiling embellishment of the collegial confines—painting.

Jack Goswick and Mark Prescott also have a knack for brightening your typical AC enclosure before they've so much as pried the lid from a bucket of paint. These good-natured pros exude enthusiasm for their work and for the folks that benefit from it, fun vibes that are contagious.

"I love working here because the people are like family," says the upbeat Prescott. "I like making our campuses more livable, more comfortable for all the students and employees who spend so much time here."

"It's nice to feel like you're making a difference."

Some of the jobs to which they are assigned take a day or two to complete. Others can last a couple of months, such as the second floor of the old Biology Building that they are just now wrapping up after a thorough, room-by-room overhaul.

"We once were at the Senior Citizens Center at the Polk Street Campus for so long that we got invited to a dance there," Goswick ruefully admits. "We're pretty lucky because we get to know so many new people wherever we go. We make a ton of friends."

They didn't attend the dance. But with 20 years of AC service between them, the last 6 working as a team out of the Physical Plant at the Washington Street Campus, Goswick and Prescott have danced their way to every campus and figure they've painted most AC offices and classrooms more than once. Occasionally their talents are needed outdoors, too.

"We couldn't count the railings we've painted again and again or the graffiti we've painted over," Prescott said. "But it's all good. We take a lot of pride in how the College looks."



Mark Prescott, left, and Jack Goswick in the old Biology Building.

Of course not every job involves a mere fresh coat of paint; sometimes repairs are necessitated, like in the Biology Building, where blackboards first were extracted. Prescott handles most of the mud work, while Goswick has plenty of experience in sheetrock repair and carpentry. And, predominantly smiling, they've come to know virtually every nook and most crannies across the AC landscape.

"I think we've painted, and probably repainted, pretty much every bathroom stall on College property," Goswick said.

Now that's embellishment.

Rapid Response Team to Address Industry Needs

By Dr. Shawn Fouts
Dean of Career & Technical Education

Amarillo College has created a Rapid Response Team consisting of a five-member group of AC personnel to provide a quick response to inquiries and requests of local and regional business/industry and of inquiries for assistance from the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, which recruits new business and industry to our area.

The team was created to ensure that AC could and would quickly and efficiently respond to these requests. While AC has a great history of responding quickly to

business and industry needs, the Rapid Response Team becomes the College's "official response group." I have been given the privilege of leading this group.

The Rapid Response Team will serve business and industry and the AEDC by quickly and efficiently responding primarily to job-training needs. For example, Amarillo College has been the recipient of several Texas Workforce Commission Skills Development Fund Grants that provide funding for training employees of Bell Helicopter and Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Both AC and the community will benefit from the new response team.

Team members were chosen by virtue of their positions at AC. In addition to myself as coordinator, team members are: Damaris Schlong, dean of continuing education; Ron Faulkner, coordinator of Technical Training Solutions; Danita McAnally, dean of assessment and development; and LuLu Cowan, special assistant to the President.

Other AC personnel, including division and department chairs and faculty, may be called upon to assist the team in the development of curriculum to serve business/industry clients.

The Ugly Truth about Beauty

By Claudie Biggers
President of Faculty Senate

So little botox and so many wrinkles

In the midst of budget cuts, Faculty Senate is preparing the 2010 Salary Proposal. During a time when the proposal outcome may seem bleak, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said, "the best way to bring ourselves back to economic health and really strengthen the economy is to have an educated workforce." With this said, policy makers understand that a well-educated population is a must for economic recovery, so funding was included for higher education in the federal stimulus plan. With so little funding and so many higher education institutions, it must be the priority of the institution to implement raises. In some cases, wrinkles are viewed as side effects of aging with a limited budget for treatment until one begins to resemble a crab apple.

Be prepared for the answer if you ask, "Does this dress make me look fat?"

Faculty Senate understands how im-

portant it is to listen to the faculty and that is why we sought administrative support to continue the annual Faculty Survey. The results of the recent survey are being collated and prepared for faculty and administrative viewing. The Senate uses the survey results to determine areas of Senate focus. The Administration will use the results as a means to make institutional priorities for Improvement.



A girdle can only stretch so much

Amarillo College has experienced explosive growth as a result of economic hardship and community trust. The 2009 fall enrollment had an unduplicated headcount of 11,100, and the 2010 spring enrollment had an unduplicated headcount of 10,906. All AC employee groups should be applauded for accommodating that amount of growth and workload without increasing

workforce. In 2001 we had 234 faculty members teaching 8,757 students; 8 years later we have 234 faculty members teaching 11,100 students. Hopefully, history will not repeat itself because the budget freeze in 2003 saw a decrease in faculty numbers to 221 with an explosive growth of 10,197 enrolled students. Faculty figures do not reflect additional dual credit instructors.

Spandex looks good from a distance

At first glance it seems that July 2008 was the last time the Faculty Handbook was updated. If you take a closer look, several new policies are either in the process of being written or approved. Last year, the policies that were being developed included the Internet Use Policy and the E-mail Use Policy. This year, these policies have been combined into an Appropriate Use Policy which is still being discussed and final approval is in sight. Two new policies submitted by Brian Nixon, E-learning Support and Services and the Multimedia Hosting and Media Services, are currently being viewed by the Academic Technology Council. All AC staff members are encouraged to take a detailed look at all proposed policy and contact your representatives to voice your thoughts before the policies are approved for governance.

Plugged In's Spring Photo



Michele Fortunato, chair of the AC Board of Regents, has her picture taken with Cal Ripken Jr., who delivered the Distinguished Lecture Feb. 9 at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.



Editor's note: Any resemblance of the persons in the tiny photo to persons we actually know is purely coincidental and sort of humorous. Permission for its use was graciously granted by The Patriot-News and its photographer, Christine Baker.