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Viva Las Newton!!!

The Summer Drive-In Workshop is right around the corner. If you are looking for an excellent professional development opportunity for your support staff, please take the opportunity to send them to this quality one day workshop.

2006 SUMMER DRIVE-IN WORKSHOP

“Viva Las Newton!”

Bethel College, Newton

Wednesday, July 19th, 2006

8:30a.m.—2:00p.m.

Session Topics Include:

- *Immigrant Student Information*
- *Fish Sticks*
- *Leadership*
- *Admissions/Registrar Roundtable discussions*

.....and much, MUCH more!!

On-line registration is now open. Simply go to the KACRAO website at: <http://www.kacrao.org/ProfDev/ProfDev.asp> and click on ‘Register Online’

Registration is only \$25/person so don't delay!!

Watch the KACRAO website and your mailbox for more information!!

CONGRATUALATIONS 2006 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!

Emily Schneider

Ell-Saline High School

Counselor: Ernie Honas

Plans to attend K-State

Kyle Elder

Wallace County High School

Counselor: Jan Walker

College plans are currently undecided

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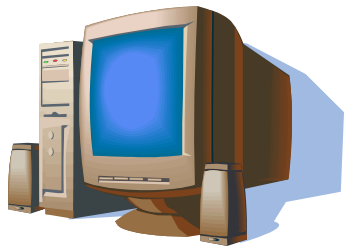
REMINDERS:

Summer Drive-In
Workshop July 19th at
Bethel College, Newton

KACRAO 2006
Annual Conference at
Hutchinson, KS
Sept. 27-29



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Open Source Student Information Systems Chris Meiers

The movement of an open source SIS is gaining steam in the higher education community. With the success of open source systems like UPortal, SAKAI, and the upcoming release of the KUALI financials systems, the development of an open source SIS is eminent. A planning group comprised of higher education leaders from other open source projects has already started to gather feedback from the higher education community about an open source system. Their website as well as a presentation that they did at the annual AACRAO meeting can be found at <http://student.osnext.org/public/>.

The call for open source systems can be easily understood through the progression of SISs in higher education. In the 70s and 80s, institutions built their own mainframes and database systems. With the progression of database and internet technology, institutions started to buy vendor enterprise systems that integrated multiple modules (admissions, student records, financial aid, purchasing, human resources, etc.) While vendor systems have allowed institutions to more readily develop online self-service and other integrate information systems, institutions have also found that vendor systems are difficult to customize and costly to maintain. For example, if a vendor's admissions module is not meeting the needs of a campus, the campuses only choice might be to switch vendors or attempt what can be a costly integration.

With open source systems, there are no software licensing fees to use the system. The system is developed through a group of developers committed to the project. Schools develop applications for the system that are available for distribution to others. The main benefit of open source systems is that they are based on standards which allow for readily integration with other systems. With vendor systems, you are often tied to a suite of products. In the open source world, it would be conceivable to be able to pick and chose the applications that meet your institutions needs.

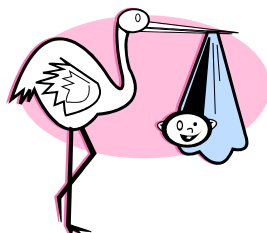
While there are no licensing fees for open source software, open source does not mean **FREE**. Institutions must invest in developers and technical staff to work on the software. The labor involved can be very significant but the benefits can also be worth it. Institutions can control their information technology destiny and not be dependent on what has become a very volatile vendor-based software business.

For more information about open source systems in higher education, you can visit the following websites:

uPortal <http://www.uportal.org/>

Sakai <http://sakaiproject.org/>

Kuali <http://kuali.org/>



IT'S A GIRL!!!

Anslee Patton Brewer

7 lbs 5 oz

20 1/2 inches

Congratulations Jane!

Pratt CC

Morrell Named V.P. for Student Affairs

CMSU President Aaron Podolefsky announces the appointment of University of Kansas administrator Richard C. Morrell to serve as vice president for student affairs.

Will Assume Post July 1.

Morrell, whose career includes 29 years of continuous and progressive higher education experience, begins his new duties at CMSU July 1. He has served since 2003 as associate vice provost for student success at KU.

“I’m very pleased that Richard has agreed to join the university’s student affairs division. We’re looking forward to having him on campus,” Podolefsky said. “I’m confident that he will be a strong member of our leadership team at CMSU.”

Morrell’s appointment concludes a nationwide search to fill a position that became open in fall of 2004 when Stephen Petersen accepted a position at Saint Louis University. Walt Hicklin has served as interim vice president for student affairs since that time.

Excited About Joining Leadership Team

“I’m excited about being part of this new leadership team that President Podolefsky is putting together, and the direction that he wants to take the university,” Morrell said.

Morrell earned his doctorate in college student personnel administration at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. He also studied at Emporia State University in Kansas, where he received a master’s degree in student personnel/counselor education and a bachelor’s degree in education.

His background in higher education includes 17 years of service at KU. He joined the institution in 1989 as assistant director of admissions and became university registrar the following year. He served at that post for 13 years.

Before joining KU, Morrell spent approximately five years at the University of Northern Colorado, where he was an associate and assistant registrar and graduate assistant in the Dean of Students Office. Morrell also has experience at Emporia State, 1976-1984, as an area coordinator of residence halls, residence hall director and residence assistant.

Looking Forward to Beginning Work on Campus

Morrell said he is looking forward to beginning work at CMSU.

“My previous experiences prior to KU were at institutions much like CMSU- Emporia State and the University of Northern Colorado. I really grew to like student affairs work at those two institutions,” he remarked.

Contributions Noted

While at KU, Morrell contributed to the institution’s student growth while working with Marlesa Roney, the institution’s vice provost for student success.

“Rich has served the University of Kansas extremely well for many years. Though I will miss him greatly, I cannot help but be excited for him as he accepts this new opportunity. My colleagues and I wish him the very best,” Roney said.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



What is your full name? Nancy Unruh

What school do you work for? Garden City Community College

What is your position title? Registrar

How long have you been in this position? 8 years (previously Asst Registrar for 4 yrs)

Where did you grow up? Southwest Kansas

Where did you go to college? Garden City Community College and Kansas State University

What is your marital status? Yes, please

Do you have any children and how many? Yes, two canine Beagles, Rudee Jo & Buddee Joe

What do you like to do on the weekends when you're not working? Well, when I'm not working on weekends, I usually hang out with family /friends and travel.

What is your favorite movie flick? "Walk the Line"

What is your favorite color? Hunter Green

What is the worst concert you have ever been to? Never been to one

What is the best concert you have ever been to? Reba McEntire

What is your favorite restaurant? "Mi Casa, Su Casa"

What is your favorite drink? Brewed Iced Tea, Pepsi

Who is your favorite Pro sports team? "The Kobe Lakers"

What celebrity do you most resemble? Gene Simmons (KISS)...see above photo with a couple of my friends, Elton John and Rod Stewart

What is your biggest pet peeve about students? The ones who say, "Uh, coach told me", or those who say "They said...." to which we always reply, "Now, who told you this?"





Hello Fellow KACRAO-ians!

I hope all of you had a great school year. Hopefully you will get some well deserved time off. Before you get scattered to all corners of the earth, ok with our salaries the corners of Kansas, please go to the web site listed below. This is your opportunity, privilege or obligation to nominate others or yourself for AACRAO positions. It is a very easy process and we have some great people in KACRAO and AACRAO who deserve your time to nominate them. So go to: www.aacrao.org/nominations/ and start nominating. As a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, I will be glad to field any questions you might have at pkyle@butlercc.edu. You can also contact the AACRAO Chair of the N&E committee, Scott Dittman at sdittman@wlu.edu or the Vice Chair, Brad Myers at myers.7@osu.edu. Both are great individuals and will help any way they can. Please take the time to support your peers through your nominations. Deadline is June 30th. Thanks and have a great summer!

Paul Kyle
Butler Community College

Wichita State University Personnel Announcements and Additions

Dona Larimer, new Mailroom Supervisor
Jodi James, new Mailroom Assistant
Alicia Newell, promoted to Admissions Representative
Sharon Robinson, new Program Coordinator
Amanda Matthews, promoted to Communications Coordinator
Lynn Ciarleglio, promoted to Office Supervisor

WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Butler Community College Personnel Update

Wava Seymour is the new Administrative Assistant in the Admissions office. She has worked at Butler for the past 19 years, 3 years in the Accounts payable office and the last 16 years as the secretary for Athletics. Welcome Wava!!!

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1. Send a note to listserv@ksu.edu
2. Leave the subject blank
3. In the body type: sub kacrao-l FistName LastName
4. You will receive a reply message shortly, reply back to that message with the text OK.
5. After that you will receive a message that will include all the instructions regarding the use of the listserv.

DID YOU KNOW that KACRAO has an Admissions and Registrar's Listserv? For more information and instructions on how to subscribe go to Member Log-In, then click on KACRAO Listserv Instructions.

Stay Connected with Fellow KACRAO Members!

2006 KACRAO UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

9th—Executive Council meeting 10am at WSU

July

19th—Summer Drive-In workshop at Bethel College, Newton

September

26th—Executive Council meeting 7pm at Hutchinson conference site
27th, 28th & 29th—KACRAO Conference

November

7th—Wichita Future's Fair

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