Search begins for new chancellor

Leslie Manning, dean, Kraemer Family Library, will chair a 12-member search committee for the ninth chancellor of CU-Colorado Springs.

CU President Elizabeth Hoffman announced the committee Monday after soliciting nominations from the campus. The search committee is charged with selecting a replacement for Linda Bunnell Shade who resigned last month to become senior vice president for the College Board, New York. Pam Shockley, previously vice chancellor for student success, is interim chancellor.

“This is a very important committee because the members are entrusted with finding exceptional candidates who will be suitable to become the next chancellor of the CU-Colorado Springs campus, which is the fastest growing university campus in the state,” Hoffman said.

The committee members are: Manning, chair; Gene Abrams, professor, Mathematics; Rebecca Duray, assistant professor, Business; Tom Huber, professor, Geography and Environmental Studies; Kathy La Sala, associate professor, Nursing; Mark Malone, professor, Education; Randy Cubero, director, Athletics; Diane Alberico, general professional, Administration and Finance; John Michael Warner, student body co-executive; Robert Gardner, resident director, Housing; Mary Ellen McNally, Colorado Springs, David Palenchar, Colorado Springs, and Steve Schuck, Colorado Springs.

Ex-Officio members of the search committee are: Jerry Rutledge, CU Board of Regents; J.D. Beatty, chief of staff, President’s Office; Claudia Cardozo, staff assistant, Office of the Vice President for Budget and Finance; Kathy Griffith, director, University Events and Outreach; Paul Perales, director, Director of Human Resources, System Administration; and Jan Tharp, director, Office of Affirmative Action.

Heidrick and Stuggles, Inc., Chicago, an executive search firm, has been retained to assist with the search.

Hoffman will meet with the committee November 30 in Colorado Springs to begin the search process.

Forum to shed light on energy issues

Who turned out the lights? Or, more importantly who didn’t turn out the lights after heading home from a day in the office or classroom?

Simple, individual acts such as turning out lights, shutting down computers and setting thermostats a few degrees cooler this winter could save the university hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars annually.

“Wasting energy is wasting money,” Cleve McDaniel, vice chancellor, Administration and Finance, said. “By working together, I believe we can preserve natural as well as fiscal resources.”

McDaniel, Tom Ostenberg, director, Facilities Service, Glenn Carlsrud, campus architect/planner, Facilities Management and a staff member from Colorado Springs Utilities will lead a university forum about energy conservation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 30 in University Center theater, third floor.

The subject of saving energy — and money — was raised in a forum last year about ways the university can stretch its budget. The forum is intended to provide the campus with ideas about individual acts that save energy as well as energy-saving features of new buildings.

All faculty and staff are eligible to attend. Refreshments will be available to the first 75 attendees.

Overheard

“We may not have a football team but we’ve broken into the top 20. CU-Colorado Springs is now the 19th fastest growing university in the country.”

—Chancellor Pam Shockley
Fall Fest fete draws record crowd

More than 600 people attended the university’s second annual Fall Fest Oct. 27. But none enjoyed the day more than Sandy Berry-Lowe, associate professor, Biology.

Berry-Lowe, seriously injured in a Sept. 17 bicycle accident, was released from the hospital just days before the university’s one-for-all parent’s day, homecoming and community open house. On a bright, fall afternoon, Berry-Lowe maneuvered her wheelchair into place and participated in presentations with her students, vowing to return to campus for the spring semester.

Berry-Lowe was one of many who took part in events that ranged from academic demonstrations to services such as “kid-prinks” to help identify lost children or fun events such as live music, fresh food, a hotly contested soccer game or the first-ever Fall Fest student dance.

“It was exciting to see alumni, students, parents, and community members interacting with staff and faculty. This event continues to grow, as does our campus. It is evident that more people are reconnecting and participating in the campus community,” Ann Cesare, director, alumni relations and community relations, said.

Planning will begin immediately for next year’s event. For more information on Fall Fest, or to assist in next year’s event, contact Cesare at 262-3046.
Engineering search committee launched

David Nelson, dean, College of Education will chair a committee of faculty, staff, students and community members charged with selecting a new dean of Engineering and Applied Science.

Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced the 9-member committee Oct. 29. The committee will select a replacement for Ron Sega who resigned in August to accept a position in the U.S. Department of Defense. John Trapp, professor, Engineering, CU-Denver, is interim dean.

The search committee members are:
Nelson, chair; T.S. Kalkur, professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Peter Gorder, associate professor, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Bob Carlson, associate professor, Math; Sudhanshu Semwal, associate professor, Computer Science; Kathy Englund, program assistant, Engineering and Applied Science; Shannon Michaux, instructor, Math; Diana Daggett, Colorado Springs; Larry Hungerford, Colorado Springs.

Letters, Arts and Science dean search committee forms

Joe Rallo, dean, College of Business, will lead a committee of faculty, staff, students and community members in the selection of a new dean of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced the 12-member committee Oct. 29. The committee is charged with recommending a replacement for Liz Grobsmith who resigned in August for a position at Utah State University, Logan. Tom Christensen, professor, Department of Physics, is interim dean.

The committee members are:
Rallo, chair; Tom Huber, professor, Geography and Environmental Studies; Joan Ray, professor, English; Tom Napierkowski, professor, English; Christina Jimenez, assistant professor, History; Rex Welshon, assistant professor, Philosophy; Edith Greene, professor, Psychology; Sam Milazzo, instructor, Physics; Andrea Williams, program assistant, Psychology; Katrina Smith, Colorado Springs undergraduate; Ian Askill, Colorado Springs; Dick Noyes, Colorado Springs.

‘Tis the giving season

Faculty and staff members interested in assisting area non-profit agencies may contribute to the Colorado Combined Campaign through Dec. 12.

Volunteers from each college will contact faculty and staff members in the next two weeks to talk about donating to any of the 600 Colorado charitable organizations that participate in the combined campaign.


International flair adds to Thanksgiving festival

The fourth International Thanksgiving Festival will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Lodge.

The event features food from different cultures, many of which are represented by students at the university, as well as explanations about celebrations similar to a traditional American Thanksgiving in other parts of the world. Students can purchase tickets for $4. Faculty, staff and community member tickets are $8. Tickets are available in the International Student Services Office, Bursar’s Office and the University Center front desk.

The event is co-sponsored by International Student Services, Student Government Association, College of Business, Chancellor’s Office and the Campus Activities Board.
Campus faculty share ideas for disabilities research

David Braddock, director, Coleman Institute, and Jay Gershen, vice president for academic affairs and research, CU System, will be featured guests at a Friday event to honor CU-Colorado Springs faculty who participated in a recent Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities workshop.

Beginning at 4 p.m. in the Lodge, 16 CU-Colorado Springs faculty members who participated at the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities 2001 Workshop, will be honored and asked to share their ideas with the campus. The faculty were selected to present so-called “poster” sessions at the workshop explaining how their research can assist persons with cognitive disabilities ranging from Alzheimer’s disease to learning disabilities and head injuries.

The Coleman Institute, initiated last year by a $250 million gift from Bill and Claudia Coleman, is a cornerstone of President Betsy Hoffman’s “University without Walls” initiative to foster collaboration across and between CU campuses.

“Our faculty made an impressive showing,” David Schmidt, graduate dean and senior faculty associate for research, said. “We had one of the largest representations at the workshop and yet we had more proposals than we had positions. This is an excellent sign of our campus’ ability to participate in intra-university projects like the Coleman Institute.”

Those faculty who presented at the workshop are:

Josh Alspecter, professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Julie Armentrout, assistant professor, Education
Chip Benight, associate professor, Psychology
Tom Christensen, interim dean, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Bob Camley, professor, Physics
Zbigniew Celinski, assistant professor, Physics
Hasker Davis, professor, Psychology
Randy De Pry, assistant professor, Education
Lea Gaydos, assistant professor, Beth-El College of Nursing
Jugal Kalita, associate professor, Computer Science
Frederick Keller, visiting research assistant, Psychology
Donna Kelsch, research associate, Education
Karen Newell, assistant professor, Biology
Sara Qualls, associate professor, Psychology
Stacey Wood, assistant professor, Psychology

Campus opens arteries for good cause

With 170 pints of blood collected, organizers of the Halloween campus blood drive are calling 2001 a red-letter year.

“We were busy almost all day,” Gayanne Scott, analyst, Budget Office, said. “It was wonderful for the campus community to come together to help others following the September 11 tragedy.”

More than 125 people volunteered to donate. There were 32 people whose donations were deferred after screening by Memorial and Penrose hospital staff members.

Fifteen donors won door prizes from Texas Roadhouse, Chili’s, Conway’s Red Top, Red, Hot & Blue, Starbucks, Red Lobster, Village Inn, Black Eyed Pea, Applebee’s, and Chipotle.

The winners were Andrea Cordova, administrative assistant, Chancellor’s Office; Curt Holder, assistant professor, Geography; and students Ashley Corrion, Joshua Day, Theresa Gibson, Miriam Gilkes (Nicki), Tron Hoang, Julie Inglish, Kathryn Latzke, Wendy Lytle, Lindsey McGrath, Patricia Mizak, Kristin Rook, and Jimmy Vasquez.
Campus polishes Blue Ribbon testimony

Chancellor Pam Shockley will present CU-Colorado Springs’ case to extend the university’s services tomorrow before a panel of state officials.

Shockley will join with other campus and university officials to present the university’s case before several governor-appointed Blue Ribbon Panel members. The panel will meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History near the capital. The CU-Colorado Springs presentation is expected to begin at noon.

As part of the Blue Ribbon Panel efforts announced last spring, all state universities responded to a series of questions about role and mission, budget, needs and future plans. CU-Colorado Springs prepared a more than 35-page response to the questions and will have approximately two hours before the panel. About 45 minutes of the presentation will be devoted to questions from the panel’s members.

The university’s response asks that the panel members consider expanding the CU-Colorado Springs mission statement to include southern Colorado and in some unique areas, the state of Colorado. Current legislation, written in the 1980s, suggests that the university offer courses to serve the needs of Colorado Springs. This fall, students from 55 Colorado counties, 44 states and 27 countries enrolled.

“I am cautiously optimistic,” Shockley said as she prepared for a two-hour session before the panel. “Our enrollment is strong, our faculty and staff are high-quality and our students are successful. These factors should indicate that we are in position to expand the university’s reach.”

No decision is expected as the Blue Ribbon Panel will likely forward its recommendations to the governor and Colorado Legislature for action.

The University’s response to the Blue Ribbon Panel is on file at the reserve desk of the Kraemer Family Library. It may be reviewed at the library.

Sponsored Programs prepares for change

Several changes are underway in the Office of Sponsored Programs, according to Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs.

A search committee will soon be appointed for a full-time professional exempt staff position to direct sponsored program activities. Bellamy hopes to fill the position by January 2002.

Sponsored Programs will report to David Schmidt, dean, Graduate School, and senior faculty associate for research. Missye Bonds, general professional, Sponsored Programs, will be reassigned to other duties supporting the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Regents set to fete former chancellor

The University of Colorado Board of Regents are scheduled to honor former chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade at a meeting in Denver tomorrow.

President Betsy Hoffman will lead the recognition ceremony for Bunnell Shade who was the seventh chancellor of the Colorado Springs campus, leading it from 1993 to 2001. She resigned last month to become senior vice president of the College Board, New York.

A proclamation recognizing the growth in academic offerings, buildings and enrollment that occurred during Bunnell Shade’s tenure will be presented. Following Regent action, Bunnell Shade will hold the title of University of Colorado chancellor emeritus.

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