



July 8, 2011

Dear Community:

Contemplation for the week:

Inside myself is a place where I live all alone, and that's where I renew my springs that never dry up. ~Pearl Buck

I believe we all have that place within us that Pearl Buck called the “place where I live all alone,” and in that place is somewhere that we can become centered and remind ourselves of what is truly important. As I prepare to go into a silent, solitary retreat, I do so with the desire to be more grounded personally in order that I may be the best leader that I can be.

I recognize that even regular retreats don't compensate for the busy lifestyle that compresses each one of us, and it is imperative that we find ways to renew our springs, and to stay centered. I hope that throughout this summer, you are finding the place for your own self to be refreshed.

I will be away for the rest of July and the Friday letters will be suspended until August. Other announcements may come from Todd Kilburn in the meantime. I would encourage each of you to find ways within your own life situations to build quiet time and renew your own spirit.

Appreciations

As we enter the last half of the summer, I want to acknowledge those in our financial aid office, who work diligently to make sure that our students are prepared to start the fall semester. Often, their hard work goes unnoticed as they review files and assist students with the key questions regarding how they will be able to afford their education. I want

to thank Nancy Morrell and the financial aid staff for their faithful and professional work on behalf of our students.

Remember, if you want to nominate someone for an appreciation, just respond to this e mail.

Office Relocations and Renovations

This weekend, we will commence renovations in the Administration Building on the Arapahoe campus, creating a new Center for Student Success, as well as a Welcome Center for new students and their families. The improvements will maximize on-campus space for student and faculty use, while relocating accounting, human resources, information technology and other administrative functions to nearby office space accessible to all three Naropa campuses.

You will see a great deal of work under way for the remainder of the summer; our project team is striving to complete the renovations prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

During the first phase, we will complete the following work:

- This weekend, the accounting, human resources and information technology offices will move off campus to leased office space at 2595 Canyon Boulevard, Suite 400 -- roughly five blocks northeast of the Arapahoe Campus. They will reopen in their new location on Tuesday, July 12. Our long-time bank partner, Wells Fargo, subleased this office space to us at less than half the market rate by subsidizing the rent for several years. We greatly appreciate this gesture by our partner of many years. Their generosity makes it possible for Naropa to increase student and faculty space at the Arapahoe Campus, while making central administrative offices more accessible to the Paramita and Nalanda campuses.
- Construction will begin Monday, July 11 in the Administration Building, where renovations will create the Center for Student Success and Welcome Center as recommended by Noel Levitz, our enrollment management consultants. Initially, construction will take place on the first floor and lower level of the Administration Building.
- When completed, the Welcome Center will be located on the first floor and will continue to house admissions and student administrative services in a more functional and appropriate space. These functions will temporarily relocate to the second floor while construction is underway on the first floor.
- The Center for Student Success, located on the second floor, will house academic advising, a writing center and student affairs. Additionally, a new counseling

center, teaching/resource room and the computer lab will be located in the lower level.

- The existing kitchen area on the second floor will be uplifted and enhanced to create a new faculty/staff lounge for the Arapahoe Campus.

When the dust settles this fall, we think the improved facilities will transform the way our Arapahoe Campus serves students and faculty. This is an integral part of our implementation of the multi-year Title III grant Naropa received last year, which focuses on improving student success, increasing diversity and providing enhanced accessibility to education. This fall, we will begin a collaborative discussion on the second phase, which will focus on the role of the Allen Ginsberg Library, as well as enhanced faculty office space.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we renovate the Administration Building to enrich the campus experience for our students and better prepare them for success.

Wednesday Community Lunch

I also want to remind the community that every Wednesday during the summer, all offices are closed from noon to 1 pm for our community lunch hour. Even when I am not able to attend, we encourage all offices to close for this time of community.

Thank you for refreshing my spirit.

Go Naropa!

In the spirit of service,

Stuart C. Lord, President

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