Community College of Denver

THE FIRST SIX YEARS
Community College of Denver
LMC, North Campus
3645 West 112th Avenue
Westminster, Colorado 80030
President's Message

This report reviews the first six years in the life of CCD — an educational institution planned and developed in response to the needs of the Metro Denver Community.

The Community College of Denver has achieved phenomenal growth and success since initially enrolling students in the fall of 1968. During the intervening period, the college has recruited a highly dedicated staff — a staff which is committed to offering quality educational opportunities, both occupational and general studies, to a very diversified student population.

The college has grown from one campus to three campuses each strategically located to serve the constituents of the five-county, metro area. The college has offered a broad range of courses and programs including comprehensive occupational programs, diversified courses in general studies and a growing list of community services.

The college has been successful for many reasons, among them — the support of the community through involvement in general and craft advisory committees and the support of the Executive and Legislative Branches of State Government.

Our efforts have been dedicated to meeting the wide range of interests and needs of the people of our community. The college has provided educational opportunity for all through its "open door" policy, through its dedication to being a "student-centered" institution with a staff that is genuinely concerned about students and more interested in what the student is ready to do, than in what the student has done in the past and through its practice of diagnosing where the student is and prescribing educational experiences which will fulfill the student's short and long range goals.

It is difficult, in a brief written statement, to capture the excitement and dynamics of CCD. The progress which we view with pride would not have been possible without an enlightened, dedicated Denver Area Council for Community Colleges, a supportive State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, an able and committed faculty, administration, and service staff, and a supportive and interested community.

The student body is able, interested, concerned, and hard-working. Students are from every background, are of all ages and a significant number of students would probably not be pursuing additional education if CCD had not come into being. We have great and justifiable pride in each of our students.

The Community College of Denver has taken many "giant steps" in these short but rapidly moving six years since the first students entered the college, September, 1968. As we look to and plan for the future, we remain dedicated to a high level of service to the community and to truly being a "comprehensive community college".

Gerald B. Luchinger
Mrs. Harold V. Anderson  
*Chairman*

Mrs. Anderson has served on the Council since its beginning on September 14, 1967. She resides in Longmont in Boulder County and is a former Girl Scout executive.

Mrs. H. C. Engdahl  
*Secretary*

Mrs. Engdahl was appointed to the first Council on September 14, 1967 and served as chairman for 4 years. She resides in Arvada in Jefferson County and has been a civic leader and community college advocate for many years.

Mr. Tracy J. Smith  
*Vice-Chairman*

Mr. Smith was appointed to the Council on July 18, 1969. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the Retail Clerks Local No. 7 and resides in Northglenn in Adams County.

Gerald L. Vetter, DVM  

Dr. Vetter is the newest member of the Council having been appointed on May 21, 1973. He is a veterinarian and resides in Englewood in Arapahoe County.

Mr. Richard W. Wright

Mr. Wright has served since the beginning of the Council on September 14, 1967. He represents the Council on the Auraria Higher Education Center Board of Directors of which he is chairman. He is President of the Mountain State Employers Council and resides in the city of Denver, Denver County.

Mr. Robert P. Davison

Mr. Davison served on the Denver Area Council from September 14, 1967 until May 26, 1969. He was the first chairman and retained that office during his tenure. Mr. Davison is an attorney with the firm of Holland and Hart and resides in Cherry Hills Village, Arapahoe County.

Mr. Harry Bath

Mr. Bath served on the Council from September 14, 1967 to May 26, 1971. He is President of the Line Drivers Local 961, Teamster's Union, and resides in Brighton in Adams County.

Mr. H. J. Bleakley

Mr. Bleakley served on the Denver Area Council from September 26, 1969 until May 26, 1973. He is President of the People's Bank and Trust Company in Aurora and represented Arapahoe County on the Council.
A Philosophy and a Commitment

The Community College of Denver exists to serve the student and the community. The student is to be centrally involved in determining the role of the College in his life. Specific philosophical tenets held by the College are:

- Given the necessary information, students can make intelligent choices about their studies.
- The College exists to serve students' and community needs, and both academic and occupational programs are necessary to meet these needs.
- Students must be viewed as individuals and taught accordingly.
- Students shall be commended and rewarded for what they have accomplished and not be punished or penalized for their lack of accomplishment.
- College is a student-centered institution that will enable the student, after completion of his study to be better prepared for the world of work and, in general, to lead a more productive and satisfying life.

To meet its philosophical objectives, Community College makes the following commitments to:

- Admit as students all persons who can profit from attendance at the College.
- Carry out the instructional process in a way that facilitates learning, while providing for individual differences.
- Provide adequate counseling and other student services so students can make choices based on knowledge rather than guesswork.
- Provide qualified instructors in all programs offered by the College both in academic and occupational education area.
- Meet the educational needs of the community through adult education, continuing education, and community service programs.
- Do everything possible to provide a quality education to all students regardless of economic, social, national or ethnic backgrounds.
The instructional programs at Community College of Denver evolved through the felt needs of the community served by the College. Almost all of the programs were developed and implemented because of the demands of the College's constituents. The programs are undergoing continual upgrading and change as it is found necessary to better meet the needs of the students.

The programs are unique since they offer many courses of study that are not available at any other institution in the Denver area. The various programs at the College are fully described in the College Catalog.

The illustrations typify the diverse programs at the College.
North
In September 1968, the North campus registered students in leased buildings which were located on six and one fourth acres of land at 1001 East 62nd Avenue in Adams County. The original buildings provided a total of 47,255 square feet. Today, with the addition of more temporary buildings and trailers, there is a total of 107,856 square feet at this location.

The 1974 General Assembly has appropriated $10,431,840 for the first phase of construction for the permanent North campus on a 90 acre site at 112th and Lowell Boulevard. It is anticipated that this facility will be ready for occupancy in the Fall of 1976 providing 225,928 square feet of space.

Red Rocks
In 1969, a second campus, originally named West campus, was opened in leased, temporary buildings at 1209 Quail Street, Jefferson County. The original 45,013 square feet was enlarged through the addition of more buildings at this site; ultimately 65,853 square feet was leased through August, 1973.

The second campus was renamed Red Rocks campus. In September, 1973, Red Rocks campus moved into permanent facilities at 12600 West Sixth Avenue. These facilities, located on approximately 141 acres, occupy 110,858 square feet; 99,658 of which are permanent, cost of construction — $3,136,132. The second construction phase is underway, when completed will provide a total of 235,875 square feet, at an approximate cost of $8,690,332. Completion of the second phase is scheduled for September, 1976.

Auraria
The Auraria campus opened in 1970 in leased facilities at 1201 Acoma. The original space was 29,000 square feet. From 1970 to the present, numerous other buildings in the immediate area have been leased. The Auraria campus is now housed in six buildings occupying a total of 89,357 square feet.

Ground has been broken for the Auraria Higher Education Center, the permanent location of the Auraria campus. The present schedule states that Community College of Denver — Auraria will be the first occupant of the Auraria Higher Education Center, Fall Quarter, 1975.

Central Administration
The Central Administration office of the College is housed in leased quarters at 1009 Grant Street. The building houses staff and centralized functions in 13,102 square feet. This building has been occupied since August 15, 1971. Prior to that time, the staff of Central Administration was housed on each of the three campuses for approximately one year.
Milestones of Progress

SPRING, 1967:
State Legislature creates Community College of Denver and mandates the establishment of three campuses by 1970.

DECEMBER 12, 1967:
Dr. Leland B. Luchsinger named first President and begins organizing the College on December 15 with no staff, facilities, or students.

MAY 29, 1968:
James Tilden enrolls as the first student, majoring in commercial art.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1968:
The College opened its doors on what is now known as the North Campus inviting attendance to "all who can profit from instruction with no examination requirement."

DECEMBER 18, 1968:
Robyn Sue DuPuis becomes first alumna, after receiving a Keypunch Operators Certificate.

JANUARY 16, 1969:
106 acres of surplus land located near the Federal Center is donated to the College (later, an additional adjoining 27 acres of government land were also donated).

SEPTEMBER 1, 1969:
The second campus of the College was opened at 1209 Quail Street in Lakewood with classes beginning on September 22nd.

AUGUST, 1970:
A Center and a program to train persons with hearing impairments was established at the North Campus.
SEPTEMBER, 1970:
Community College of Denver opens its third campus designated as the Auraria Campus at 1201 Acoma Street.

JULY 6, 1971:
The College acquires a permanent site for the North Campus at 3601 West 112th Avenue.

AUGUST, 1971:
The College's all-campus administrative staff moves into its new headquarters at 1009 Grant Street in Denver.

DECEMBER 21, 1971:
Governor John Love and United States Representative Donald Brotzman participated in the ground breaking ceremonies for the permanent Red Rocks Campus.

MARCH, 1972:
The North and the Red Rocks Campuses receive recognized candidacy status in the accreditation process from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

SPRING, 1972:
The State Legislature approves funding for the acquisition of the site that will house the Auraria Higher Educational Complex. The Auraria Campus of the College will become an integral part of the complex.

MAY, 1973:
The Auraria Higher Education Master Plan is approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

AUGUST, 1973:
The Red Rocks Campus of the Community College of Denver moves from interim to permanent facilities at 12600 West Sixth Avenue.

SPRING, 1974:
Colorado State Legislature provided funding for solar heating of the North Campus of the College.

JULY, 1974:
Ground is broken for construction of the permanent facilities of the North Campus.
Students come from all ethnic and socio-economic groups
One in four represents an ethnic minority
There are slightly more men than women
The average age of the students is about 27 years old
Three in four students work
One in four students is a veteran
Almost all students reside in the Denver Metropolitan area
Reasons most often given for enrollment are:
- Retraining for a new occupation
- Upgrading of skills
- First two years of a transfer program
- Placement services and good job success
- Instructional laboratories
- Individualized instructional methods

Fall Enrollments 1968-1973
*North Campus
**North and Red Rocks Campuses
The faculty and administrative staff of the College are as heterogeneous a group as the students. To best relate to the students and help reduce problems of communication, staff members are representative of the ethnic and socioeconomic make-up of the community served.

Many of the faculty and administrative staff hold advanced degrees with a substantial number having earned doctorates. Other faculty members are skilled craftsmen and practitioners in areas such as carpentry, welding, auto mechanics and plumbing.

The College also employs many part-time instructors from throughout the business and industrial community. This helps bring students instruction that reflects actual job situations rather than a strictly theoretical approach.
The budget of Community College has increased each year since the college began but the increases in funding have not kept pace with rising enrollments at the college. This is particularly true when the rate of inflation in recent years is taken into consideration.

The following graphs portray how the funds allocated to the college have been utilized during the past six years. Of particular interest are the amounts expended for rental of facilities.

### Expenditures by Function

#### Community College of Denver

1968-69 through 1973-74

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*Data Processing

### Expenditures by Function as Percent of Total Expenditures

Excluding Capital Outlay, Rent, Student Aid, and Moving Expense
Administration

People of Colorado
■ Colorado State Legislature
■ State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education
■ Denver Area Council
■ President of the College
■ Campus Vice Presidents
■ Deans
■ Directors
■ Coordinators

Expenditures by Function as Percent of Total Expenditures
Excluding Capitol Outlay, Rent, Student Aid, and Moving Expense

Learning Materials Center Other 2.1% Administration 17.8% Student Services 12.3% Maintenance & Operations 7.8% Instruction 59.9%

1971-72

Learning Materials Center Other 2.6% Administration 10.6% Student Services 11.7% Maintenance & Operations 7.9% Instruction 60.4%

1972-73

Learning Materials Center Other 3.0% Administration 8.6% Student Services 11.4% Maintenance & Operations 7.3% Instruction 62.2%

1973-74 (Estimate)
Almost with total certainty Community College of Denver will continue to grow and probably become the largest institution in the State of Colorado in terms of enrollments. This is due to the emphasis in recent years on what has become known as “Occupational Education.” The College with its mixture of formal and occupational education offers more people a program that is compatible with their career choices and personal aspirations.

Probably the only factor that can inhibit the progress of the College is lack of funding. With adequate funding the College will meet the educational needs of a significant portion of the Denver metropolitan area population.

Planning for the anticipated growth of the College is not an easy task. Expediency will be avoided. Long range objectives and goals will be considered. The people responsible for the leadership of the College will constantly reassess the mission of the College and its implication for such areas as staffing, facilities and program. By utilizing the latest techniques or prediction and probability it is hoped that planning will be sound and productive to meet the ever changing needs of the community served by the College.