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AFA executive council meeting:

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The Portable

The Newsletter of Austin Community College's Adjunct Faculty Association

Peru Study Abroad Program

Last year, Carol Hayman told *The Portable's* readers about her remarkable Study Abroad program in Peru. It was such a success that she is planning on doing it again next summer. She and ten ACC students had a wonderful time and the students and faculty at the University of San Marcos were most welcoming. They visited

many museums in Lima and several archaeological sites in and around the city. One of the Peruvian professors had the entire group over to her tiny apartment for Sunday dinner, which took the whole afternoon for the multi-course traditional meal. Quite an experience!

Curious to learn more? On October 22 there

will be an informal informational meeting about the program next year. Carol Hayman will be presenting slides of the trip and some of the students who went will be there to answer questions and talk about their experiences. Anyone who is interested is welcome, students or faculty, friends and relations.

AFA News

Laura Hague,
The Portable editor

Hot from the President's Office, here's the **Holiday Party** memo for anyone who may have missed it:

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ACC Holiday Party. This year's party will be held on the evening of Friday, December 5th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Town Lake. Tickets will be on sale at campus manager's offices beginning November 1st.

Contact Dahlia Anzaldua' (223-7595) anzaldua@

austincc.edu if you would like to volunteer as emcee for the night, help out behind the scenes or join our Holiday Party Planning Committee.

Speaking of volunteers, we need a few volunteers to help in **Shared Governance**. What is Shared Governance, you ask? Why, it's your chance to help chart the future of ACC! There are several committees that adjuncts are asked to serve on (your time is compensated). Check the web page at <http://www2.austincc.edu/afa/CouncilsandCommittees.htm> for vacancies.

Don't see a vacancy you like? Ask the current representative/s to a committee you do have an interest in if they need a substitute in case they can not make a meeting, or if they would like to give up their spot.

The **AFA Fall General Assembly** is going to be held November 14, 4pm-6pm, at Eastview Campus. The special topic will be the ACC Bookstores. Bring your questions or comments regarding book orders, book availability, etc. Refreshments will be served. Late-comers welcomed!

Meet Your Representatives

Helen Gant Guillory, Ph.D.
Pinnacle Rep:

I learned my Ph.D. in French in December of 1997. I've worked for St. Edward's University since 1998, and have earned three teaching grants. I produced a French pronunciation tutorial for beginner learners, *How to Pronounce French*, an on-line French for Business course, and a French placement exam. I've been working for ACC since 2000. ACC's IT trainers have declared my, *How to Pronounce French* website (<http://www.stedwards.edu/hum/guillory>), to be the best example of instructional technology for any university in the Austin area. I'm also a 15 handicap golfer with a lot of experience. This year, I am the Lost Creek Match Play Champion. On rainy days, I do needlepoint and write songs, poems, and stories in English.

Vicke Hammond
Cypress Creek Rep.:

This is my first year to serve with the AFA, although I have been an ACC Adjunct

Faculty member since 1989. I have taught government at several campuses. Thus, like most adjuncts, I do not have a single campus to call "home," but I have always preferred those closest to my home in Leander. I am currently serving on the Student Services Committee as an AFA representative. I have also been a member of the Government Department Task Force, and the Cypress Creek Advisory Committee.

I lived in Saudi Arabia for 17 years, and then spent 3 years in Ireland. In 1984, I returned to UT and received my journalism degree in 1985. I received a masters in Communications in 1987 and am ABD in Government.

I try to support my community, and have served as a school board member, precinct chairwoman, and in various community organizations. I hope to be a contributing member of the AFA, which has done so much to help so many of us over the years.

Becky S. Villarreal
Cypress Creek Rep.:

For the past seven years, I have taught English composition and literature at ACC. Since the spring of 2000, most of the courses I've taught have been offered in an online setting. I also work part-time as an academic advisor (college associate) and serve on various committees, most notably Distance Learning.

In the spring of 2003, I helped to get the Adjunct Benefits Law passed by the state legislature. As the result of the efforts of AFA, members of the administration and Board, and the local teacher's unions, adjuncts who teach both long semesters for a total of 12 LEH or more per year will be eligible for health benefits by September 2004.

Currently, I am working on my Doctorate of Online Teaching and Training at Capella University. I also teach an occasional course for the University of Phoenix.

I am thrilled to be the Cypress representative once again. I look forward to working with adjuncts within

AFA, at Cypress, and throughout the college.

Nancy Fuentes, Ph.D.
Eastview Rep:

I represent the Eastview Campus, but I have also taught at Rio Grande, Pinnacle, Riverside, and two ACC classes at Akins High School. I teach both developmental math and psychology. I started teaching in the Fall 1999 semester. I used to conduct educational research and development for a nonprofit organization whose personnel procedures were squeaky clean, so I'm interested in refining ACC's personnel procedures. For example, I'd like to see adjunct faculty have their teaching contracts in hand *before* a semester begins. I consider myself a strong advocate for students and voluntarily collect their feedback on my performance about four times per semester. Although ACC has areas in need of improvement, it also has many strengths that benefit students, and we need to support these and ensure their continuance.

Adjunct Faculty Member Brings Home the Gold

"Texas Art Education Association Gold Seal Show" is a select group of 50 artworks that tour the state on exhibition for a year. Two pieces in this year's show were from the Advanced Placement Studio Art Portfolio program, taught by

Paula King, at Dripping Springs High School. King also teaches "Intro to the Visual Arts 1301-IVC" at ACC's-Pinnacle campus.

These works were selected at the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event, University of Houston, Clearlake, last

spring. The show represents a collection of the most exemplary high school student art produced in the state from last school year. The exhibit is sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association and the Texas Commission for the Arts.

The exhibit is showing until Oct. 29 at the Texas Education Association, 1701 N. Congress Avenue and the Texas Commission for the Arts, 920 Colorado Suite 501 in Austin, 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday.