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In May 1996 (12 years ago) Adams State launched its college website. We’ve come a long way baby…

ASC debuts Web page this summer

“Home, home on the Web . . .” that’s what A-Staters will be singing this summer, when ASC debuts its home page on the World Wide Web.

Director of Public Information, Pat Melgares, is administering a new web server and creating web sites for all offices and programs on campus. The effort is already underway. ASC’s Department of Biology, through the efforts of Dr. Frank Feek, has completed its own page, and as of early May, it is the institution’s first sneak preview of what’s to come.

“This is extremely exciting from an information standpoint,” Melgares said. “Establishing a greater presence on the World Wide Web really allows Adams State to reach potential students and alumni anywhere in the world. It’s a case where the small guy can compete on an equal playing surface with the big guy, who normally has big bucks on his side.”

ASC Director of Computing Services, Dan Sweeney, agreed. “What it will allow is a nice snapshot of Adams State College to the world,” he said. “It will be a way for us to provide information to prospective students, current students, and even alumni on what is happening here on campus.”

The URL address for ASC’s Home Page is http://www.adams.edu. Melgares noted that the next preview on the Home Page should come from his office. He expects to complete a Public Information page by mid-May. The link will include up-to-date news releases from the information office.

“‘It’s my hope that by the end of July, the page will be pretty close to complete, that is, it will have information for alumni on the majority of programs on campus,”’ Melgares said.

Intranet
In addition to establishing a Home Page on the World Wide Web, ASC will also be introducing Intranet, a page exclusively for on-campus use.

“It’s an idea I came up with a number of years ago,” Sweeney said. “Basically, the only traffic we want to come onto the campus network is all that we will allow to come onto it. And the only traffic we want to go off the campus is all that we will allow to go off the campus.”

“Within the internal network, we can do anything we want. One of the things we want to do is establish Campus-Wide Information Services (CWIS).”

Sweeney said CWIS includes setting up bulletin board systems whereby chat sites can be utilized, and a browser which will allow students to build and use home pages. Intranet eliminates liability risks, because the information doesn’t go off-campus, Sweeney said.

At this point, it appears the Intranet will be administered through the ASC library. Sweeney said, though discussions are continuing into that matter.

Contact ASC through the Web.
ASC’s Home Page URL address:
http://www.adams.edu

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