FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where did the summer go? By the time you read this edition of PACRAO News, fall term will be underway.

This year I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with and observe many outstanding members of our profession. One of the highlights for me this year was to attend the 12th annual conference for the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACCRAO) held at Palm Springs. I was impressed by CACCRAO's dynamic emphasis on professional development for its members, many of which are members of PACRAO.

The fourth annual PACRAO Summer Success Seminar held in Honolulu, Hawaii was a whopping success. Thanks to Jan Joyer, University of Hawaii, Manoa, Coordinator for this year's seminar and her staff, 70 participants were able to enhance their professional development by attending conference-class presentations and share learning experiences. As in past seminars, Christine Wilkinson (Arizona State) and Roger Swanson (Cal Poly) performed yeoman duty as Program Coordinators.

In conjunction with the Seminar the PACRAO Executive Committee met for its summer meeting. The committee had a preview of the program sessions that will be offered at the Sacramento conference. Roger Swanson and his program committee have done a superb job in providing a quality program. I'm excited about the content and variety of topics that will be presented to the attendees. Roger Anderson, General Conference Chair, and his local arrangements committee have spent many hours providing for a stimulating and relaxing conference. The special activities will be exciting plus Roger has a special attraction in store for us.

The executive committee reviewed the applicants for the PACRAO Fellowship. We are pleased to announce that three fellowships will be granted this year. Congratulations to the successful recipients, Elizabeth Appenzeller, Rose Igitol and Gary Tollefson.

The committee also had the opportunity to meet with Louis Miura, Chair, AACRAO Honolulu 1991 Local Arrangements Committee and her committee members. PACRAO stands ready to provide support for this effort. I'm pleased to announce to the membership that Bob Melott, President of AACRAO, will be joining us in Sacramento.

On behalf of the PACRAO Executive Committee and the Conference Planning Committee, we cordially invite all members to attend and participate in the 63rd annual PACRAO Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California, November 5-8, 1989.
**SACTO PACRAO 1989**

By now you have received your reservation packets to the PACRAO conference, November 6 - 8 at the Sacramento Hyatt Regency. The hotel, a perfect complement to the 63rd annual conference, is just a year old and is located across the street from the State Capitol and a block from the K Street Shopping Mall.

The conference will offer a diversity of program sessions with topics that will interest everyone, and will be a great way to learn new techniques and ideas for your office.

You will be able to dance to a nine-piece orchestra after the opening program, visit the Railroad Museum (transportation, refreshments, food and a docent tour), and Wednesday breakfast. The Tuesday evening reception at the Railroad Museum will be given away Tuesday evening. To qualify, you will need to secure colored stickers from each of the 32 exhibitors and submit your entry to the PACRAO Registration desk in the foyer. One entry per conference registrant and the winner must be present. (How else will we get the car out of the roadhouse?) The $85 registration fee for the conference includes the Sunday evening reception and dance, Monday and Tuesday continental breakfasts, refreshments breaks, the Tuesday evening reception at the Railroad Museum, and Wednesday breakfast. Extra costs include $12 for the President's Luncheon on Monday, and $21 for the Napa Valley tour. Rooms are the same price as last year, $82 for single or double occupancy.

Take This Opportunity...

Plan to travel by Amtrak train to the PACRAO conference from north of Sacramento. The civilized pace of rail travel and on-board workshops before and after the conference will help you get the most out of the conference.

On the way to the workshop, you will learn how to develop your own personal conference agenda. On the return trip you will learn to develop a strategy for converting conference ideas to action at your own campus.

**PACRAO Express**

Roundtrip prices range from $87 from Klamath Falls, to $118 from Seattle. An economy sleeper room is also available for an additional $98 flat rate room charge each way. These rooms sleep 1 to 2 people and include all meals. Reservations must be made as soon as possible to get the best rates. Call Carl Fowler of Amtrak as soon as possible at 1-800-458-5394 to make reservations.

There is no fee for this workshop, but you must R.S.V.P. your intent to participate to Richard Reihl at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA 98225, (206) 676-3000.

**PACRAO Remembers J. Douglas Conner**

J. Douglas Conner, AACRAO's first and only Executive Director for 22 years, passed away on June 12, 1989 after a sixteen-month battle with leukemia.

Doug was hired in 1966 as Executive Director of the Association to establish a national presence in Washington, DC. Through his tireless efforts, AACRAO's presence has grown through the years to one of prestige and influence in the higher education community and in federal agencies such as the Veterans' Administration, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Education.

Doug retired as Executive Director of AACRAO in June of 1988. At his farewell retirement dinner in Nashville, the outpouring of love and good wishes testified to his stature as friend and colleague over the years. In recognition of his 22 years of dedication, he was presented with AACRAO's Distinguished Service Award and Honorary Membership at the 1988 Annual Meeting. During his visits to regional associations during the 1987-88 year, Doug was granted Honorary membership in the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Doug was also presented with certificates of appreciation from the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools. During his career, he was also made a Kentuck Colene and Tennessee Squire. There were many other awards and honors, too numerous to mention.

Doug Conner was well-loved and highly respected within and without the Association and in the Washington community. We all grieve for his passing and ask that friends remember Doug's wife Gail and their five children, Christina (Middaugh), Caroline (Parrish) Larry, Courney (Gardina) and Cammy, in your prayers.

A scholarship fund has been established in Doug's memory. Friends wishing to contribute may send their donations to the J. Douglas Conner Scholarship Fund, c/o AACRAO, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 393-9161.

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**Three applicants have been selected to receive 1989-90 PACRAO Fellowships.**

Elizabeth A. Appenzeller, an Admissions Coordinator from San Diego State University, will use the fellowship to pursue a Ph.D. in Education offered jointly through San Diego State University and Claremont Graduate School. Appenzeller is particularly interested in examining factors which affect college retention for underrepresented student populations, and hopes to publish her findings in a professional journal.

Rose L. Igital, Director of Admissions and Records at Northern Marianas College, will use her fellowship to modernize the admissions and financial aid processes at her institution.

Gary Tollefon, Associate Dean of Students for Admissions and Records at Yakima Valley Community College, plans to participate in an internship for the President of Yakima Valley and to complete his dissertation project, entitled "A Guide to Collaborative Teaching Strategies for Community College Faculty."

PACRAO commends these fellows, and wishes them the best in their endeavors.

**PACRAO Congratulates 1989-90 Fellows**

All SACTO PACRAO attendees are invited and refreshments will be served.
**PACRAO Fellowship Provides Educational Opportunities**

I am working on a Master of Education degree in the Educational Psychology Department at the University of Utah. In my program, I am acquiring concepts and skills of counseling in higher education and formulating counseling objectives and modes of interventions. I have been exposed to the basic principles of human growth and development and have come to recognize the influence of social and cultural factors on the behavior of the individual. I have developed skills in selection, administration, and interpretation of psychological tests, which include ability, achievement, interest and personality. In the next year I will have the opportunity to participate in a practicum in counseling, which will allow me to put what I have learned into practice.

The PACRAO fellowship has helped me to further my studies and to advance my profession. I was 27, a single mother with only a high school diploma and a desire to work with students, when I realized that in order to pursue my career goals I needed a bachelor's degree. After I earned this degree, I sought the training, skills and knowledge, through a master’s degree, that would help me become a good counselor. The PACRAO fellowship helped make this possible.

My experience is not different from many non-traditional students. Because of the experience and hard work, I have come to appreciate the value of an education. This appreciation has helped me develop empathy for all students, especially those without a clear goal. My goal is to be an advocate and information resource for these students. I hope that I can help them pull the facts together, search out the best routes, and ultimately make the best decisions.

I appreciate PACRAO for offering the opportunity for an educational learning experience that, without the PACRAO Fellowship, might not have been possible.

Nancy J. Trevino
Associate Director of Admissions
University of Utah

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Nomination and Elections Committee Selected

In an election held last month, the PACRAO membership selected the 1989-90 Nominations and Elections Committee. The committee will meet following the annual conference in Sacramento in November to nominate a slate of officers for the 1990-91 year.

Those elected to the 1989-90 committee are: James Blackburn, California State University, Fullerton, CA; Joseph W. Cosentino, Pima Community College, AZ; Char Hamada, Stanford Law School, CA; and Jeffery Tanner, Brigham Young University, UT.

The alternates are: Chuck Fields, Shoreline Community College, WA; and Robert Hensley, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology.

The chair of the committee will be Nancy Sprotte, San Diego State University, CA, and chair-elect will be Matt Telin, University of Idaho.

The 1988-90 N & E Committee was composed of the following members: Chair Ann Tremarello, Chair-elect Nancy Sprotte, Melanie Bell, Sheila Hood, Charles (Skip) Records, and Ken Finlay. The alternates were Marian Horton and Arnaldo Rodriguez.