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A Message from the President

All Pacificans are proud of the tremendously successful AACRAO Conference that Louise Miura and her committee planned. The weather was perfect, the programs on target, and the hospitality very special as we expected. Congratulations to all the Hawaiian Pacificans who contributed to its success!

On a sad note, the very unexpected death of John Smith, our immediate past president, caused us not only to reflect on John's contributions and leadership to the Association, but also his warm friendship that he gave so fully to all of us. His advocacy role in advancing access for ethnically diverse students and professionals in higher education is a wonderful legacy to leave with the Association. He will be missed.

The bright promises, the PACRAO Conference in Utah is taking shape. Jeff Tanner and his local arrangements committee are hard at work planning a full conference for each of us while Char Hamada and her committee have just finished orchestrating an outstanding program for all the participants. I wish you all the best for the remainder of the summer and a positive fall term opening.

Membership, Please!

PACRAO is only as strong as its membership! Have you paid your annual membership dues? Did you receive a Dues Invoice? If not, contact Booker Watt; (206) 878-3710, Ext. 244.

AACRAO Announces Employment Referral Service

Effective July 1, AACRAO will offer an Employment Referral Service. Currently no employment referral service operates exclusively for admissions and records professionals. AACRAO anticipates that the Employment Referral Service will link institutions seeking qualified professional staff and individuals who wish to advance their careers in the professions of admissions, records, registration, financial aid, credential evaluation, and management of student information systems.

For a minimum charge of $30, participating AACRAO member institutions may include a ten-line job announcement in two issues of the AACRAO Employment Referral Bulletin. Additional lines will be $2 each. Nonmember institutions will be charged $50 for a ten-line listing in two issues and $4 for each additional line. The Bulletin will be prepared and mailed twice a month to job seekers subscribing to the Service. Subscribers from member institutions will pay $25 for 12 issues (6 months) or $45 for 24 issues (12 months). The charge for nonmembers is $50 and $90, respectively.
Roger Anderson, President Elect

Roger Anderson is Director of Relations with Schools, EOP Outreach Services for the University of California, Davis. From 1968 to 1978, he was Director of Admissions and School Relations at Chico State University and from 1978 until 1983 Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, at Lassen Community College. He has been at UC Davis since 1983. Roger has been a PACRAO member since 1966. Over the past 25 years he has been a presenter and session chair at numerous annual conferences. Roger was Conference Chair for the 1986 Lake Tahoe Annual Conference and the 1989 Sacramento Annual Conference, also serving on the Executive Committee during both of those conferences. He was on the Nominations and Elections Committee in 1987, and a member of the 1989 Summer Seminar, faculty in Honolulu.

Roger was on the Nominating Committee of the College Board, Western Region in 1986, and served on the Admissions and Guidance Committee from 1988-90. He was Chair of the Executive Council 1990-91, and currently Chair of the Nominations Committee. Roger has also been active in the Western Association of College Admissions Counselors, co-claiming three of the past four College Fairs in Northern California, and the Sacramento Education Consortium, an organization of public and private secondary schools, community colleges, and four-year institutions.

Kirk Koenig, Vice President—Two Year Institutions

Kirk Koenig is Director of Admissions at North Idaho College in Coeur d’Alene. Prior to this position, he was Assistant Director, Assistant Dean and Associate Dean of Admissions at Gonzaga University, and Assistant Director and Acting Director of Admissions at Saint Mary’s College in Olympia, Washington. Currently he is active in AACRAO on the Publications Committee and the 1991 Spring Conference Planning Committee. For PACRAO he served as a Session Recorder in Sacramento (1989) and the Program Planning Committee for Portland (1990). Kirk also served as Treasurer for Pacific Northwest Association of College Admission Counselors (PACAC) from 1986 to 1990 and was conference local arrangements chair for 1985 and 1989. Additionally, he served as Secretary/Treasurer for Pacific Northwest Independent Colleges (PNIC) from 1985 to 1986. In 1981 he was selected for the Commission on Mapping Your Education by the Washington Council for High School College Relations. Besides being a presenter or panelist at various local and regional conferences for the above organizations he also was a panelist for the Northwest meeting of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Char Hamada, Vice President—Four Year Institutions

Char Hamada is the registrar at Stanford Law School. She is the chair of the 1990 PACRAO conference in Salt Lake City. Her affiliation with PACRAO includes being a member of the Executive Committee, a member of the Nominations and Election Committee in 1986 and 1989, a member of the Program Committees for Long Beach, Sacramento, and Portland conferences, and chair of various program sessions for PACRAO.

Kirk currently serves AACRAO as a member of the Professional Schools Issues Committee and Vice-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Other activities for AACRAO include: Chair, Asian Issues; Chair, Women Issues; Chair, Equal Education Committee; Chair, Special Task Force; Chair, Professional Schools Issues Committee; Program Chair for various sessions and responsibility for the physical arrangements at the San Francisco conference.

Ron Heath, Secretary

Ron Heath has been Registrar and Secretary of the Senate at Simon Fraser University since 1984 and became a member of PACRAO that year. From 1985 to 1986, he held positions in records, admissions, financial aid and scheduling within the Office of the Registrar at the University of Guelph in Ontario. This will be Ron’s first executive experience with PACRAO, but he currently Vice-President and President-elect of the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) and Vice-President of the British Columbia Registrar’s Association. He has served as President, Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large of the Ontario University Registrar’s Association. He has also held the positions Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large for ARUCC. Ron has chaired the task force on the student records for ARUCC, the annual meeting for the Ontario University Registrar’s Association, and the annual Guidance Dialogue for secondary school counsellors and university liaison personnel in Ontario. This year he has worked with the planning committee for the June Western ARUCC meeting in British Columbia.

Stephanie Preston, Treasurer

Stephanie Preston is currently the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Washington, where she handles operations and evaluations. She is also a member of the Residential Classification Committee. Prior to this, she has had experience as a training specialist and administrative manager, as well as being the president and principal consultant of Symmetries Consultants.

Stephanie has expertise as a presenter at the College Board Conference in Denver, with PACRAO in both Seattle and Portland, and with the Expanding Your Horizons conference in Seattle. She has also facilitated several University of Washington programs, including Valuing Diversity, and is on call as a speaker for the UW Speakers Bureau and The Role of Supervisors training program.

Mr. Preston has belonged to PACRAO, the College Board, and AACRAO since she joined the UW administration, and collaborative experience includes serving with the Seattle School District and the Community Council.

Help!

If you know someone who is retiring, or you would like to nominate for Honorary Membership of Distinguished Service, contact Nancy Sprott, Director of Admissions and Records, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 92182. Phone (619) 594-5384.

British Columbia Success Seminar Sets Attendance Record!

"Neither rain nor snow...", could keep the PACRAO March 4 Success Seminar from drawing a record crowd to Granville Island, Vancouver, British Columbia! Despite a massive and unexpected snowstorm and continuous rain on the days preceding, PACRAAANS from throughout the province arrived for the first Success Seminar held in Canada.

Attendance was 142, a record high for a PACRAO Seminar of this type! Held during the summer since 1986, the PACRAO Success Seminar was moved to spring to coincide with the normally scheduled B.C. Registrars’ Association Meeting.

The one-day event included presentations on ‘Reducing Stress’ and ‘Giving 5-Star Service’ as well as several guided exercises to develop networking and provide opportunities for idea exchanges. PACRAO President, Dr. Christine Wilkinson, Vice-President for Student Affairs at Arizona State University, provided luncheon remarks on trends and future directions for the profession and the values of staff development through association activities.

A wine (B.C., of course) and cheese reception completed the afternoon, while an optional dinner was enjoyed by some 50 attendees at the nearby Bridges restaurant, featuring postcard perfect night views of picturesque Vancouver.

In keeping with the Seminar’s goal, a large percentage of Seminar participants were support staff. Some had never attended a conference before and expressed appreciation for the information, awareness, and contacts made.

Thanks to a grant of $750 from the Western Association of Registrars of
Success Seminar continued

Western Universities and Colleges of Canada, the registration fee was kept to a low $25 plus tax, including a roast beef luncheon.

Special kudos for a great job go to Coordinator of local arrangements, Fred Jacklin, Director of Admissions, Emily Carr School of Art and Design (Vancouver), and his Planning Committee: K.C. Bell (Simon Fraser), Sam Di Giando (Vancouver Community College—City Centre Campus), Jeri Fosterfelt (British Columbia Institute of Technology), Dianna Hitchens (Okanagan College), and Louise Legris (University of British Columbia).

Assisting Christine in the presentations and serving with her for the sixth year as Seminar Co-Director was Roger Swanson, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

AACRAO Calendar Study

Calendar changes continued this academic year at rate nearly constant to alterations made last year. Eighty-four institutions made major modifications to their calendars, compared to 88 in 1989-1990. This year, 2,629 participating institutions, or 2.3 percent, reported calendar changes.

The Early Semester Calendar gained popularity by the measure of 41 institutions, marking the twenty-first consecutive year that its utilization increased. The use of the Quarter Calendar decreased by 16 institutions. Currently 58 percent of participating post-secondary schools employ the early semester calendar, and 24 percent use the Quarter Calendar.