

## From the OACRAO President

Hello fellow OACRAO members! Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying a milder winter which slightly softens the blow of our heating bills. :-) For those of us who like snow, we'll have to get our fill by watching the Olympics or The Weather Channel.

This past November's Annual Meeting in Columbus was a huge success and we would like to thank Jack Miner of The Ohio State University and Frank Yanchak from Franklin University for a major effort in co-chairing this event. Thanks to everyone who served on the Local Arrangements Committee as well. Elected as new Board of Directors officers were Treva Hanseman from the University of Cincinnati as Vice President/Programs, Susan Schillings from Cuyahoga Community College/Western Campus as President-Elect, Mary Southards from Kent State University/Stark Campus as Secretary and Frank Yanchak from Franklin University as Vice President/Membership and Mentoring. We welcome their generosity to serve us in 2006 and 2007! Elected to the Nominating Committee were members-at-large Dave McGinnis from Miami University/Middletown campus and Jackie Stewart from Columbus State Community College and past presidents Lorinda Bishop from the University of Toledo and Dave Sauter from Miami University. Congratulations to Lorinda Bishop from the University of Toledo for receiving the Garland G. Parker Award and to Dave Sauter from Miami University for receiving the Linus J. Ryland Award. Both Lorinda and Dave have provided outstanding service to OACRAO over the course of many years...though they are still young!



With the conclusion of the Columbus conference, efforts now turn toward coordinating next year's annual conference in Toledo which will be co-chaired by Michelle Rable from Lourdes College and Dan Kall from the University of Toledo. We'll be switching from the downtown urban environment of Columbus to a bit of a pastoral setting as the conference is being held at a hotel and the adjacent conference center on the campus of the Medical University of Ohio which recently merged with the University of Toledo. If we have nice weather, we can take advantage of several different areas of outdoor green space.

The Board of Directors recently concluded (January 29-31) what has become a tradition within the past eight or so years...and that is...gathering at the Ohio Northern University Nature Center well off the beaten path in Tuscarawas County for three days of work and fellowship. This provides an opportunity to tackle longer range planning, new ideas, issues, challenges, etc. that would likely not become agenda items at regularly scheduled meetings due to time constraints. I can say that we had a very productive retreat. Topics included: selecting the 2007 conference site, association insurance coverage, imaging our history, refund policies for conference registrations, reinstating snail-mailing a flier to all members announcing the annual conference, honorary memberships, how to involve our retired members in the annual conference, developing checklists/timetables of the major tasks performed by the Board members/committee chairs/permanent positions and placing these on our website, possible creation of a conference site facility selection committee, adding a

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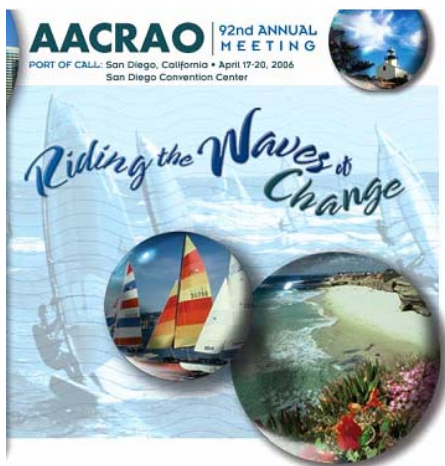
search feature to our website, developing new session topics, and conference exhibitors. Many thanks to Dick Carpenter from Ohio Northern for offering use of this facility at minimal cost to the association. Dick and his wife Carol take vacation time and serve as resident hosts at each annual retreat.

Please note these future dates: AACRAO this April 17-20 (Wednesday dinner for all OACRAO members; more on this via email later); annual conference in Toledo November 1-3, 2006; annual conference in Cincinnati November 7-9, 2007; annual conference in Dearborn with Indiana and Michigan November 12-14, 2008.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year and continuing our great OACRAO fellowship!! Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with thoughts and suggestions via the association website.

Don Foster, Otterbein College  
OACRAO President

## From the President-Elect



### Join Us in San Diego!

Ride the Waves of Change with friends and colleagues at the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of AACRAO. Plan to be part of the fun and excitement. Guest speakers include Scott Adams, Dilbert's cartoon character creator, and Bill Moyers, journalist and retired host of PBS' "NOW with Bill Moyers". Sessions and pre-conference workshops cover a wide variety of topics within admissions, records and enrollment management. Of course, there will be time for fun and an opportunity to see some of San Diego's sites. OACRAO President-Elect, Sue Schillings, will be coordinating this year's dinner with OACRAO members. She will be sending additional information about this soon. So plan to join us at AACRAO in San Diego!

## From the Vice President- Programs

### 2006 Program Planning Meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup>

The program planning committees will meet with the Executive Board on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Each committee will come up with suggested topics and workshops for our fall conference in Toledo. If you have ideas for possible topics now, feel free to email them to me prior to the planning meeting. Members from each of the four program planning committees are asked to attend. These include:

- Admissions and International Education Committee
- Data Management and Research Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Records and Registration Committee

The day will begin at 9:30AM with coffee and refreshments. Lunch is provided. The day should conclude by 3:00PM. Remember, if you haven't already sent your RSVP or have questions concerning the day, please contact Treva Hanseman, VP for Programs at [treva.hanseman@uc.edu](mailto:treva.hanseman@uc.edu) or 513.556.9902.

## From the Vice President—Workshops

Once again, we are planning support staff workshops for both the spring and summer in the Columbus area. Watch for details on the OACRAO listserv.

Also, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Residency Workshop will be held in June at Otterbein College. Details will be in the next newsletter, and on the listserv.

Beth Egan  
VP for Workshops

## From a former OACRAO president

Document fraud is becoming more widespread every day with the increasing sophistication of PC software as well as diplomas and transcripts available for purchase on the internet. Even though some of these internet documents are 'for novelty use only' I am sure we know what is the purchaser's true purpose.

In September of 2004, through a strange sequence of events, I received an 'ONU transcript and diploma' which a person purchased on the internet. I am sure that most people, who are unfamiliar with the actual ONU documents and what to look for to determine the authenticity of the documents, would have accepted them as true. The documents were sent to the purchaser via US mail, stamp from 'Stamps.com'. The payments were by credit card, hidden behind 'PAYPAL', and one could 'verify the document' by calling a toll free 888 number, which was an answering machine with message that due to the high volume of service, requests should be FAXed to an 866 FAX number.

I believe OACRAO needs to take a stand on this problem and take measures to raise the awareness level of the problem in the business community. OACRAO is considering the development of a statement of 'What Makes a Transcript Official'. This document would be similar to the document of MACRAO (Michigan) which is on their web site at <http://www.macrao.org/OfficialTranscriptDefinition.htm>. OACRAO could consider becoming proactive in the distribution of this information to businesses in the state by partnering with state, area, county, and city Chambers of Commerce in Ohio to provide for support in the dissemination of this important information.

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*Editor's Note: If you have any additional comments or would like to be included in upcoming discussions on this topic please contact Dick Carpenter ([r-carpenter@onu.edu](mailto:r-carpenter@onu.edu)) or Laurie Mayhew, Communication Committee chair ([lmayhew@otterbein.edu](mailto:lmayhew@otterbein.edu)).*

## Historian's Corner

### MOVING FORWARD: HONORING THE PAST

When I was appointed OACRAO Historian early in this century (yes, we can now use that phrase!), I inherited boxes of our professional past. Stored in my garage for a few weeks, I eventually sorted them by year and

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topic and created about 35 three-ring notebooks of items. It was quite a walk down memory lane, and from time to time have used those items for an Historian Presentation at OACRAO.

We are ready for a new phase, to take those thousands of pieces of paper and "touch them" one more time...with the exception of some wonderful original documents such as the first state meeting. We need to preserve them in a new medium, and so in the months ahead we'll be work with the OACRAO Board of Directors to develop some action plans, acquire some bids, and move forward on preserving our past.

While this project was being thought through over recent months, I had the opportunity to apply as University Registrar at Miami University, my alma mater both as a student (1977 undergraduate and 1982 graduate) and as a professional (Miami University Middletown 1984-91). It was a time to reflect on what that "homecoming" possibility might mean for me and ultimately I did apply and was offered the position. I've been at Miami since January 19, and have been "touching the campus" once again, describing to those I meet what my own history at Miami means to me now. I was that "kid from New Jersey" who came to Oxford Ohio in the Fall of 1973 and never really went back, and indeed changed vocations from architecture to higher education administration.

OACRAO Historian and Miami University Registrar...two wonderful journeys which honor the past while moving forward to the future. I wish for all of you to find your own journey on personal and professional levels which bring you joy!

## OACRAO 2006



**Get thinking about the 2006 OACRAO Conference-located in Toledo Ohio-November 1-3, 2006 at the Hilton Hotel and Dana Conference Center. A recent total Hotel renovation promises to make this an EXCITING and FUN conference. For info please contact Dan Kall at [DKall@UTNet.UToledo.Edu](mailto:DKall@UTNet.UToledo.Edu) or Michelle Rable at [mrable@lourdes.edu](mailto:mrable@lourdes.edu).**

**See you there!!**

# Updates from around the state.....

## ***Ohio University***

Patrick Beatty was promoted to Associate University Registrar at Ohio University effective January 1, 2006. We are very excited to have Patrick in this new role. [The Assistant Registrar for Academic Records is posted and we'd love to have an OACRAO colleague joining us in southeastern Ohio!]

Bill Mullins, Assistant Registrar for Systems, started at Ohio University on January 2, 2006. We are pleased to have Bill on board and look forward to utilizing his technical expertise.

## ***Xavier University***

The year of 2006 will be filled with events that highlight and emphasize "Celebrating 175 years at Xavier", from 1831-2006.

## ***Central State University***

### ***MyCSU goes LIVE!***

Central State University launched their Banner web-based student and faculty self-service program. *MyCSU* is the university's new web portal. It enables the students to link to the student information system to select and secure first choice classes early. In addition to registration, the portal allows students to view their course history, grades, account balances, the semester schedule, the academic catalog, financial aid information, and other personal information. *MyCSU* also provides campus and external news updates and an email account for all students, faculty, administrators and staff.

Faculty members are on board with web-based self-service. This past fall semester, 95% of the faculty and adjunct instructors entered final grades on-line for the first time. Academic Advisors are also assisting students via on-line services to ensure that they register for courses that apply to their major and degree requirements. The University is excited to provide a more efficient process for students to register for classes and to manage their own academic journey.

## ***Miami University***

Dave Sauter has returned to the roost and is the new University Registrar at Miami. Huzzah!

## ***Wright State University***

Joyce Hail has been appointed Interim University Registrar at Wright State University.

## ***Otterbein College***

Otterbein has a new look. Check out our new "O-mazing" logo at [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu).

**Hope to see you at AACRAO**  
**April 17-20, 2006**  
**San Diego, CA**

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