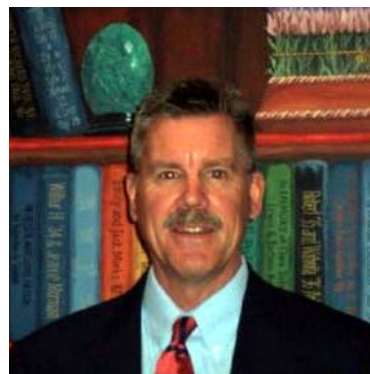


## *From the OACRAO president*

Wow! The year has really flown by and is about to culminate in our **“shaking ‘em up and knocking ‘em down”** at the OACRAO Annual Conference in Toledo this November.

Look for another quality conference, as the Local Arrangements Committee under the direction of Michelle Rable and Dan Kall has been hard at work, as has the Program Committee under the direction of Treva Hanseman.

OACRAO returns to an academic setting (the UT Medical campus) for the first time in a few years and with that we greatly benefit by having both a university president and a distinguished professor sharing their talents with us. Barmak Nassirian’s joining us from AACRAO is a first, and his descriptions and predictions of issues and changes in our profession are always captivating and insightful. We’ll end the program with the appearance of an executive from Cedar Point, one of America’s top amusement parks. On the leisure side...BOWLING on Thursday night...could be an amusing experience for some of us (me included).



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If you are new to OACRAO, our Membership and Mentoring Committee has planned a series of sessions geared towards first-timers as well as an informal gathering at which time seasoned members will share reflections on the value of the Association’s educational and networking opportunities and the value of volunteering at a level with which one is comfortable. In addition, the pre-conference workshop *FERPA 101* offers a great opportunity to recognize and understand the importance of protecting students’ privacy...a critical safeguard for which all of us are held accountable.

As you prepare for the trip to Toledo, please take time to review the proposed changes to our bylaws and the slate of officers for 2007 positions (see references elsewhere in this newsletter).

Looking ahead to future conferences, we have finalized the scheduling of our 2007 conference which will be held November 7-9 on the campus of the University of Cincinnati (Wendy Lambing and Dave McGinnis are the LAC Co-Chairs). Work is also underway on the joint Indiana/Michigan/Ohio conference which will be held November 12-14, 2008 in Dearborn (Brad Myers is the Ohio coordinator).

I am grateful to the many OACRAO members who have so generously contributed to keeping our association vibrant, progressive and welcoming. All of us should be proud that our participation in OACRAO affirms our commitment to providing quality services to our deserving public.

See you in Toledo November 1-3!

Don Foster  
OACRAO President

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## Shake ‘em Up and Knock ‘em Down in Toledo!

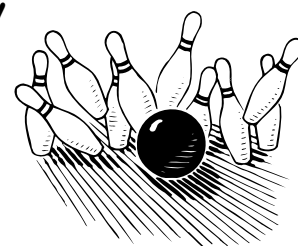


OACRAO celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> year with a return to the Toledo area for the first time since the Great Lakes Conference in 2000. Find out about all of the latest trends and initiatives in higher education as well as what is new and exciting in the city of Toledo – everything from the merger of the University of Toledo with the Medical University of Ohio to the back-to-back Governors’ Cup champions, our world-famous Toledo Mud Hens!

Join your friends and colleagues at the Toledo Hilton and Dana Conference Center on the Health Science Campus of the University of Toledo for what promises to be an informative and entertaining conference. Wednesday afternoon we’ll hear an AACRAO update from Barmak Nassirian, Associate Director of External Relations. On Wednesday night we’ll be entertained by UT’s own Jon Hendricks, the Grammy®-Award winning “Father of Vocalese” and member of the legendary jazz trio of **Lambert, Hendricks, and Ross**. After the sessions on Thursday we’ll have a chance to socialize and *knock ‘em down* with a bowling night at Southwyck Lanes. On Friday, we’ll conclude the conference with a presentation and some great going-back-home prizes from Cedar Fair LP, parent company of Ohio’s Cedar Point, Geauga Lake, and Kings Island amusement parks.

*We look forward to seeing you all in Toledo this November!*

*LAC Co-Chairs: Dan Kall and Michelle Rable*



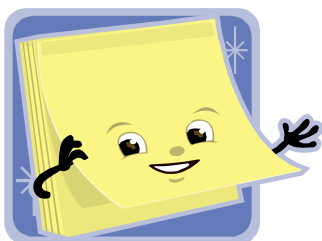
### *From Treva Hanseman, Vice President—Programs*

The Fall Conference is just around the corner and the planning committees have been busy putting together an exciting program. There are over 30 sessions and each of the four committees (Admissions and International Education, Data Management and Research, Professional Development, and Records and Registration) are well represented. Also, on Thursday, we have a wide variety of presentations given by our exhibitors.

The link below will take you to a complete listing of sessions for the fall conference.

[http://www.oacrao.ohiou.edu/2006/session\\_titles.pdf](http://www.oacrao.ohiou.edu/2006/session_titles.pdf)

### **Reminder of Proposed ByLaws Changes**



Please remember to check the OACRAO website at [www.oacrao.ohiou.edu](http://www.oacrao.ohiou.edu) for a complete listing of the proposed changes to the OACRAO ByLaws. A summary of proposed changes can be found in the Summer 2006 newsletter. Questions or comments should be sent to [Goodman.7@osu.edu](mailto:Goodman.7@osu.edu).

**OACRAO 2006  
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00am - Noon

Come early to the Annual OACRAO conference in Toledo and attend one of these exciting pre-conference workshops!

Workshop cost is \$45 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Register on the OACRAO website <http://www.oacrao.ohiou.edu/2006/> today!

**FERPA 101**

*Presented by Brad Myers, University Registrar, Ohio State University and Dan Wilson, Registrar, Muskingum College*

Learn the basics of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from the experts! Case studies and other interactive activities will be part of the workshop. This workshop is designed for “newer” professionals as well as those who would like a FERPA refresher.

**Everything You Wanted to Know About Diversity But Were Afraid to Ask . . .**

*Presented by Jack Miner, Associate Registrar, Ohio State University*

Finally, something other than the same old diversity and political correctness presentation! Learn the answers to such questions as: What is the difference between Iran and Iraq and why do they both hate us? What do you mean you were a man when you graduated but you are a woman now? Why isn't our wheelchair ramp enough? Does affirmative action really work? These questions are just a sampling of the topics we will tackle. You are guaranteed to learn something new and leave looking at the world in a different way.

**August 2006 Support Staff Workshop**



Franklin University was the site for an interesting and informative support staff workshop. In the morning, Jack Miner from Ohio State University discussed numerous diversity issues that are found in today's work place, as well as in our everyday lives. The afternoon was a lively session on how to expand on the FISH principle in your office, presented by Jack Miner and Mindy Starcher from Ohio State University. The day received very high marks from attendees. Thank you, Jack and Mindy, for a very successful workshop. Special thanks to Frank and Kristen Yanchak at Franklin University for arranging an excellent location and wonderful food service.

## Ken Bogard Says “HELLO!”.....and Stay Busy Mentoring/Being Mentored



As the former Miami University Registrar, Ken served the University, OACRAO, and AACRAO for many years. I spoke at his 2000 retirement party, attended by countless numbers of Miami University and Oxford officials, and it was an awesome event. At that time I remember thinking that it would be a "professional high" to hold that position at Miami, alma mater for three of the four degrees for my wife and me (now home for our second son!). If "timing is everything" it was not the right time then...but it was this year. My professional path of Miami Middletown, Xavier, and Wright State has been a wonderful journey, culminating in a "homecoming" to Miami.

For Ken, his path has been primarily at Miami University. And so as University Registrar since this past January, I make sure our paths cross on a routine basis. He has mentored many of us who passed through Miami, through OACRAO, and indeed AACRAO nationally and internationally. Some of the mentoring is direct..."Dave, you're going to be LAC Chair for 1987 OACRAO Conference" and some was indirect, seeing to it that other professionals shared their depth and breadth of knowledge. Ken embodied a blend of being the "kind-hearted gentleman" coupled with tenacity for our profession AND those professionals we touch on a daily basis. "Giving back" is so much of his way of life that he continues to help Oxford and SW Ohio in countless ways. On our next 1:1 we'll do a "driving dialogue" so he can show me the Oxford of today vs. what I knew a few decades ago.

So as history repeats itself, and the mentored become those that mentor, the students become the young professionals, and the cycle continues, take a moment to once again think of where you have been professionally and where you can impact those around you. Your office mates, your peers (peer mentoring is not just student to student!), your colleagues across the state and the country. Others will continue to drive home the message of volunteerism and involvement, so do attend the OACRAO Conference, get on an AACRAO committee, and "reach out" whenever possible within this great world of higher education.

Historically yours,  
Dave Sauter  
OACRAO Historian



## *Updates from around the state*

**Baldwin-Wallace College** is pleased to announce that Richard W. Durst has been named President effective July 10. Previously, Professor Durst was Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture; and Executive Director, University Arts Services, at The Pennsylvania State University. He is a graduate of Missouri Western State College and holds an MFA from the University of Oklahoma.

**The Ohio State University** is implementing Oracle's PeopleSoft Student Information System and plans to go live beginning with the incoming class of 2009. Several of our experienced staff have been temporarily reassigned to the project and are working in various teams including Applications, Conversion, Change

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## **OACRAO voting members:**

The 2006 Nominating Committee, with the approval of the OACRAO Board of Directors, wishes to present the nominees for the open Board positions and the Past-President and At-Large candidates for the 2007 Nominating Committee. OACRAO voting members will have the opportunity to vote at the 2006 Annual Business Meeting in November in Toledo. We are pleased with the high caliber of members on this slate as well as the enthusiasm of the nominees to serve our organization!

### ***2006 Nominating Committee:***

Connie Goodman, The Ohio State University, Chair

Lorinda Bishop, University of Toledo

Dave McGinnis, Miami University, Middletown Regional Campus

Dave Sauter, Miami University

Jackie Stewart, Columbus State Community College

## **OACRAO Board of Directors Nominees**



### **President Elect:**

**Linda Young** has been a member of OACRAO since 1980. She has been the Registrar at Baldwin-Wallace College for 15 years and an adjunct faculty member for the past 5 years. She has been a presenter at both AACRAO and OACRAO. In OACRAO she has served on LAC, Vice Chair of Registration and Records and currently is the organization's Treasurer. She received an MAEd from Western Kentucky University.

### **Vice President—Workshops:**

Laura Ruwe has been an assistant registrar at Xavier University since the summer of 1999, and has served in the registrar's office since 1993. There she is heavily involved in system development and reporting, regularly attending software vendor conferences. For the past 2 years, she has been the registration chair of LAC. She has also served on previous LACs, the data management committee, and the membership & mentoring committee. She has presented at the annual conference on such topics as "Technology Primer" and "Kill Fewer Trees: Alternative Submission of Gov't & Other Reports



### **Treasurer:**



Jack Miner is Associate Registrar for Business Services at The Ohio State University. Jack has been with the office for 9 years and with Ohio State for 16 years. Prior to working in the Registrar's Office, Jack spent a year serving as chair of the University Staff Advisory Committee under President Gordon Gee. Jack has also worked with the Department of Physics and the University Treasurer's Office. Jack has been active on a number of OACRAO and AACRAO committees and served as co-chair of LAC for the 2005 conference. Additionally, Jack is a frequent presenter at AACRAO, OACRAO and the OACRAO summer workshops. Jack and his partner have two teenage sons and the most adorable Yorkie in the world.

## Nominees for the Nominations Committee—Past-Presidents



**Dick Carpenter** has been the University Registrar at Ohio Northern University since 1991. Prior to that he served as Registrar at Adrian College from 1985-1991, and Associate Registrar at Ohio Northern University from 1977-1985. His involvement with OACRAO includes serving in the following positions: Past-President 2001-2003, President 2000-2001, President-Elect 1999-2000, and Vice- President for Programs 1997-1999. Committee membership has included Registration and Records, Data Management, and Communication committees. He was the 2003 recipient of the Ryland Award.



**Allen Cole** is a 17-year member of OACRAO, where he served on the Board of Directors for 5 years – in the 3-year Presidency cycle for 2002-2004 and as Treasurer for 1999-2000. Before that, Allen's active participation in OACRAO included program committee work for 3 years on Data Mgmt & Research (Chair in 1997), LAC twice, Nominating Committee twice, Audit Committee twice (Chair in 1998), and presenting sessions on numerous occasions. At the national level, Allen has attended 9 AACRAO annual conferences and participated in the officer workshops. Also, he has attended 3 SEM conferences, the Registrar's Summer Institute in Aspen (1999), Indiana ACRAO conference for past 5 years, and numerous software users events. Allen has 17 years of service at Xavier – all in the Office of the Registrar, with the past 8 as University

Registrar. He also has 11 years teaching at Xavier as an adjunct faculty for the Math Dept. Currently, Allen is serving a 2<sup>nd</sup> tour on Data Mgmt & Research for OACRAO, and he was elected to a 3-year Chair role for the annual Conference of Registrars for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU).

**Marian Hogue** recently became the Registrar at Wright State University. Prior to her new position she was Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University. She came to CWRU in 1978, working in an academic department, executive education, and then as the Registrar/Financial Aid Administrator. She holds an MBA from CWRU and a BS from Springfield College, majoring in physical education/health education. Marian has been a member of OACRAO/AACRAO since 1985/86 and has presented at conferences on a variety of topics, such as TQM, Commencement, Early Financial Aid Awards, Building Liaisons across Campus, and How to have Fun at Work (which was the most fun!). She has also been active with the Graduate Management Admissions Council, serving on their financial aid advisory and conference committees as well as serving as conference chair for the Access Group, Inc. annual meeting for graduate and professional financial aid administrators.



**Brad Myers** is the University Registrar at Ohio State. He is widely recognized as the FERPA expert, a logical offshoot stemming from the JD he received at Ohio State. Brad currently serves on the Admissions Committee for OACRAO and will be the Ohio Liaison for the upcoming Great Lakes 2008 joint conference with Indiana and Michigan. Other OACRAO activities include service as President, VP Programs, LAC Chair, and on the Professional Development, M&M, and Constitution Committees. On the national level, Brad is currently the Vice Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and is former Chair of the AACRAO Dues Task Force, the Federal Compliance, State and Regional Relations, the Academic Policies, Practices and Facilities Management Committees. Brad received the OACRAO Garland Parker Award in 1996, the AACRAO Outstanding State/Regional Association Program Award in 1997 and the Linus J. Ryland Award in 2004.



## Nominees for Nominations Committee—At-Large Members



**Gail Fredensborg**, Associate Registrar and Director of Registration and Scheduling Prior to coming to UC in 1987, Gail was registrar for the Fairfield branch of Southern Ohio College. She has been active in OACRAO since coming to UC, serving as newsletter editor for nine years; chairing and serving on the Registration and Records Committee, the Scholarship Committee and has also served on the Local Arrangements Committee. Gail has been a presenter, coordinator and recorder for various sessions at OACRAO annual meetings, and has been a regular attendee at the annual meetings since 1988. She received a BS from Wittenberg University and MA from Northwestern University.

**Karen Greene** has been the Director of Records & Registration at Mount Carmel College of Nursing since 2002. Prior to that, Karen had a long history at Franklin University, serving as Registrar and Director of Institutional Research in addition to various positions in advising and academic affairs. Karen has been a member of the OACRAO Scholarship Committee for a number of years and is also currently serving on the Membership & Mentoring Committee.



**Michael Shearer** is a Degree Audit programmer working with DARS in The Ohio State University Registrar's Office since 2001. Michael earned both a BS in Business Administration and Masters Degree in Business Education from Ohio State. Prior to the Registrar's Office, Michael worked in the OSU Athletic Department from 1993 to 2001 as the Assistant Fencing Coach. His participation in OACRAO commenced his first year in the Registrar's Office and has included three years on the Professional Development Committee, 2002 & 2003 as Chair. He spent three years on the Scholarship Committee Central Region and this past year on the Southwest Region. This will be his third year as a mentor and participant in the Membership and Mentoring Committee. Michael has organized and facilitated many sessions as a Host, was part of the *Experience Columbus* LAC and has spent two years on the Data Management Committee serving as the 2006 Chair.

**Sally Sikorski**—Registrar, Ohio Wesleyan University

Sally holds a B.S. in Mathematics from John Carroll University and an M.S. in Statistics from The Ohio State University. She was an Asst. professor of Mathematics at Ohio Dominican College prior to becoming the Registrar in 1994. In 2000 she became the Registrar at Ohio Wesleyan University. Her OACRAO activities include the following:

- attended all but one OACRAO meeting since 1994
- currently member of Audit and Bylaws Committees
- have chaired audit committee for several years and have served on LAC
- have hosted spring meeting of private college registrars



## *From the OACRAO Scholarship Committee:*

We had many excellent applicants for the OACRAO Leadership and Service Scholarship for 2006. We were pleased to award 6 scholarships to the following recipients:

**Kayla Faudree from Alliance, Ohio** attended Sebring McKinley High School and was President of her class and student senate, and on the Honor Roll. In addition she was involved in Special Olympics, Red Cross, and UNICEF. Kayla is currently attending Ashland University.

**Emily V. Madden from Cincinnati, OH.** Emily attended Anderson High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and choir. She also participated in the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort and organized activities that raised more than \$10,000 for Relay for Life this past year.. Emily is currently attending The Ohio State University in Columbus.

**Alexandra Hovland from Perrysburg, OH .** Alexandra attended Perrysburg High School. While there, she was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Alexandra is an active participant in several church activities, she assisted with Race for the Cure and was a campaign assistant for the Perrysburg School Levy Committee. Alexandra is currently attending The Ohio State University.

**Allie Persinger from Washington Court House, OH.** Allie attended Miami Trace High School. She was a member of the National Honors Society, choir, student government, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and 4-H. Allie has been heavily involved in community projects including Hike for Hospice, Relay for Life, and Cancer Walk, just to name a few. Allie is currently attending Wittenberg University.

**Lindsey Isaacs from Lebanon, Ohio** attended Lebanon High School where she was the Yearbook Editor, Student Body Secretary and member of several school organizations. Outside of school, Lindsey was involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters, and she developed a program called HELP (Help Entertain Little Patients) which collected DVD's, videos, and video games for Children's Hospital Medical Center. Lindsey is currently attending Miami University in Oxford, OH.

**Nick Leheney from North Olmstead, Ohio** attended North Olmstead High School where he was very involved in the SITES (Social Involvement Through Education and Service) program. Nick participated in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities including Senior-Fest, an activity for local senior citizens, and Coats for Kids, to name a few. Nick is currently attending Kent State University.

**Please plan to bring items large and small for the OACRAO  
Scholarship auction at our meeting in Toledo!**

**Contact Dan Wilson**

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**if you have any questions.**



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Management and Business Process Re-engineering. This change will fully integrate our student services offices, including Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid and Financials.

We have had many changes at **Defiance College** in recent months. We have renovated Dana Hall to accommodate a computer lab for our new computer forensics major. Also renovated was the science building with new labs and lecture room on the third floor.

Brad Harsha, who has been at the college for some time, was recently named admission director. Jennifer Stark and Debbie Stevens, two long time employees, have been promoted to assistant director of admission and associate director of admission, respectively. We also welcomed two new staff members in the Admission Office this summer. They are Jamie Koenn and Stefan Faerber, both graduates of DC. Stefan participated in a McMaster School project in Guatemala as an undergraduate student and wrote a reader in Spanish for students to use in a grade school in Chiquimulilla, Guatemala. Our students and faculty are continuing McMaster projects this year that were started last year, which include developing a community library in Guatemala, working with under-trained teachers in Cambodia, doing research at a women's crisis center in Phenom Penh in Cambodia and a water quality project in Belize, in addition to beginning a project in Israel. The McMaster School's focal point is to improve the human condition worldwide. The dean of the School is Gary Percesepe.

Michael Suzo joined the college this summer as Vice-President of Enrollment Management and will oversee the Admission and Registration Center areas. In the Registration Center Mary Cannon is our new financial aid director and comes to us from Ohio Dominican. Dionna Prchlik just started at Defiance College a week ago and is the Registration Center supervisor.

Defiance College is off to a great start this fall and we are pleased to welcome our new staff members.

Glenn Davis assumed the University Registrar position at **Kent State** on August 1. Many of you may remember Glenn from when he was the Registrar at the College of Wooster and his involvement with OACRAO. Most recently, Glenn was University Registrar at Utah State University.

Also at KSU, Brian Pekerek has moved from the Assistant University Registrar position and has assumed the Associate Director of Admission position at Kent State. We are currently conducting a search for the Assistant University Registrar position.

Susan Cole, Associate University Registrar, will be on temporary assignment to our ERP, which is being headed by former University Registrar Roberta Sikula-Schwalm. The "Student" implementation will also involve Brian Pekerek, from Admissions, and Diane Walker, from the Stark Campus, who will be representing the Regional Campuses. Gerri Hill, former University Registrar from the University of Akron, will provide "backfill" for the Associate Registrar duties here in the Registrar's Office

**Miami University** students, faculty, and staff are proud to introduce David C. Hodge as Miami University's 21st president. Dr. Hodge comes to Miami with a successful track record spanning 30 years of experience in higher education. Gifted with a talent for both teaching and research, he served as a professor of geography, department chair, divisional dean, and most recently, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle. He began his tenure on July 1, 2006. Calling his new post "an uncommonly good fit," Dr. Hodge is happy to have returned to his Midwestern roots and looks forward to this stage of his professional career. "This new chapter seems incredibly special."

Lots of change in the Office of the Registrar at **Wright State**! Banner went live for Summer and Fall 2006 quarters and is deemed a success -- though continues to be a focus on campus as we learn more around each turn. New staff also joined the office this summer and fall: Jeff Gardner, Assistant Registrar for Records/Degree Audit, came from an advising role at Wright State (and is a double alum!); Owen Daniels, Assistant Registrar for Course/Room Scheduling, joins us in October from the Ohio Board of Regents; and Marian

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Hogue, University Registrar, came from CWRU. Our next project is implementing Ad Astra room scheduling software for Spring 2007.

**Otterbein College** is thrilled to welcome a new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Abiódún Gòkè-Pariolá, or “G-P”, as he is called, to our campus community. G-P comes to us from Berry College in Georgia where he was the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English, his master’s degree in philosophy and his doctorate’s degree from the University of Ife in Nigeria. He also earned his doctorate of art degree from the University of Michigan. He is often seen riding his bicycle to work while wearing a suit and a helmet and is already demonstrating his commitment to Otterbein’s core values and leading us in our pursuit of a collective vision for the future.

In other Otterbein news, this year, for the first time, our entering freshmen registered themselves on-line prior to attending orientation. Response to this new initiative was overwhelming with several hundred students taking advantage of this opportunity. We are beginning to migrate from SIS Plus to Banner with a Spring 2009 “go live” target date. Cindy Davis won the naming contest for the new web product with her submission of O-Zone. Now when we are really flummoxed with the implementation process we can literally say we are “working in the O-Zone”.



Register for the  
Fall Conference!  
Nov. 1-3 in Toledo

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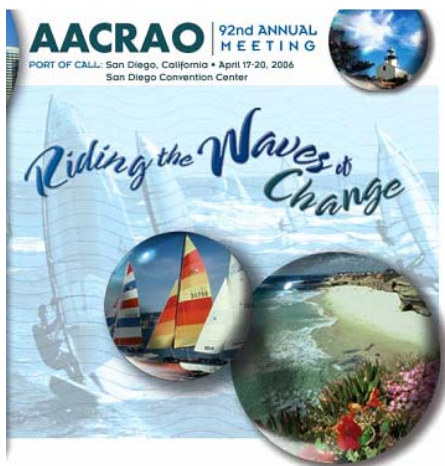
search feature to our website, developing new session topics, and conference exhibitors. Many thanks to Dick Carpenter from Ohio Northern for offering use of this facility at minimal cost to the association. Dick and his wife Carol take vacation time and serve as resident hosts at each annual retreat.

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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## 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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