



WESTERN ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING



President's Message

Barbara Schultz

Do a Good Job and Someone **WILL** notice

Barbara Schultz
WACAC President 2002/03

National Conference 2002
Panoramic Views –NACAC in an
Extraordinary Landscape:

The Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City provided an outstanding venue for the 58th national conference. There were approximately 3200 attendees from around the world, including a large contingency from WACAC. The conference provided excellent professional development activities, outstanding sessions, opportunities to reconnect with colleagues, discussion of important issues, and fun networking. Additionally, Western ACAC members turned heads west with many extraordinary accomplishments.

National Conference Highlights Election Results:

President-Elect- **Keith M. White**, Associate Director of Admissions, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Access. I am delighted to report that our own past president, **Rick**

Diaz, has been elected to serve this 3-year term. WACAC has been honored to have Esther Hugo, Elsa Clark, and Linda Zimring serve as non-voting members on the national board; however, the last time we had an elected member was in 1992 when Dan Saracino was President. Way to go Rick!!!

Awards:

The Margaret E. Addis Award

The Margaret E. Addis Award was presented to **Katy Murphy**, Dean of Enrollment at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont. This award originated in 1973 and is the highest award presented by the NACAC Executive Board. The award name was changed to honor Margaret E. Addis in 1996 and recognizes a person who has provided NACAC with unique and outstanding service.

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award was awarded to **Sonali Perera**, Assistant Director of Admissions at Mount Saint Mary's College. This award honors individuals and programs that exemplify excellence and dedication to serving the needs of students in the

transition from high school to college. This award encourages the nurturing of new professionals in their quest to continue their professional development through membership in NACAC.

We are excited and honored with the election and these awards.

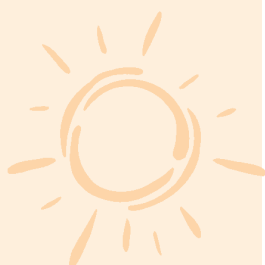
While not all WACAC members are part of NACAC, all WACAC may wish to be aware of issues decided by the national assembly.

Report of the 2002 Assembly.

The 205 members of the 2002 Assembly adopted the following:

- The 2003 Proposed Budget as recommended by the Fiscal Oversight Committee and the Executive Board, and as amended by the Assembly.
- A motion directing the national Admission Practices Committee to study the language of NACAC's documents regarding Early Decision incentives for the purpose of greater clarification, and report back to the Assembly in 2003.
- A motion directing NACAC to explore alternatives to the counselor statement or recommendation for those students whose counselors, because of large case loads and a wide range of

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Connecting people Changing lives

other responsibilities, do not have the data or the time to write comprehensive and specific statements.

- An amended motion directing the Membership and Governance & Nominating Committees to explore the idea of allowing small rural high schools the opportunity to share one membership for the purpose of extending the participation of underrepresented areas.
- A motion directing the national Admission Practices Committee to examine the practice of colleges and universities denying or wait listing applicants due to a perceived lack of interest on the part of the applicant. The Committee would then report its findings to the Assembly in 2003.

At the 2002 General Membership meeting members:

- Defeated the proposed amendment to NACAC Bylaws pertaining to Article I, Section 1.a. of the NACAC Bylaws that would have allowed voting membership for proprietary postsecondary institutions. (Though this amendment received majority support; it failed to achieve the two-thirds support required for passage of bylaw amendments.)
- Adopted the amendment to article I, Section 1.f. of the NACAC Bylaws, as recommended by the Governance & Nominating Committee and the Executive Board, extending voting membership to individuals employed by community centers, churches, and non-profit organizations.
- Adopted the amendment to Article I, Section 3 of the NACAC Bylaws as recommended by the Governance & Nominating Committee & the Executive Board, extending provisional associate nonvoting membership to institutions without accreditation.

The full report will be listed in the next issue of the NACAC Bulletin.

NACAC 2003 Booth

The Local Arrangements Committee led by **Katy Murphy and Mike Pelly** provided a booth that was bustling with activity and excitement. NACAC's 59th national conference will be held October 2-4 in Long Beach. (See last page for pictures)



Standing Committees

I am delighted to report that WACAC has many serving on National Standing Committees:

Human Relations: **Elsa Clark**, Director of College Counseling, Immaculate Heart High School and Penny Sommers, Coordinator, College Partnerships, Los Angeles Unified School District

Membership: **Minh-Ha Hoang**, Senior Admissions Officer, University of San Diego

Professional Development: **Sonali Perera**, Mount Saint Mary's College

Seal of Approval: **Nancy Caine**, Assistant Director of Admissions –Assistant Director of Admissions, St Augustine High School, San Diego

Governance and Nominating: **David Kamimoto**, Associate Director of Admissions & Director Transfer Partnership Program, University of California, Santa Cruz

Current Trends and Future Issues: **Jon Reider**, Director of College Counseling, San Francisco University High School

Retirees Ad Hoc Committee: **Carolyn Barnhart**, Retired and a Past-President of WACAC

I encourage all of you to sign up for committee involvement. During this academic year I will be looking to nominate WACAC members to serve on one of the national standing committees. I will also be looking for WACAC candidates to fill the position of President-Elect and Assembly Delegate (perhaps 4 or 5 positions). My goal as your president is to get YOU involved. Please voice your opinions and ideas. You can reach me at bschultz@tarbut.com



History Buffs Wanted

Any long term members, past officers or board members who have a penchant for WACAC history are needed. Help fill in the blanks of our organization's history. Do you have any information about where conferences were held, who served on boards with you, any conference brochures, old photos, etc?

We're anxious to bring WACAC's history up to date, and your help is invaluable. Please contact Mary Fitzpatrick Johnson, WACAC Historian at mfitzpatrick@bhussd.k12.ca.us or by mail at Beverly Hills High School, 241 Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills, CA. 90212 or telephone: (310) 551-5100, ext. 8358.

What could possibly be better than our NACAC Conference in Salt Lake City? An "Ode to Long Beach" answers the question:

'Twas the year before Long Beach, and all through the crowd, the counselors were wondering, and some spoke out loud, "Why should we attend the conference next year when all we could want was covered right here?"

The sessions were brilliant; the speakers were grand. Despite all the rumors, there was coffee on hand. We got lots of info, and for heaven's sake, The town is quite gorgeous; we all loved Salt Lake.

When up on the stage came a man with a poem To tell all his colleagues they must leave their homes. "The sessions," he said, "will be ever so neat. And do please remember, there is a Long Beach."

"Some people will come to live life by the sea. The aquarium's great, you can fish if you please. Taste the local seafood; the city's a peach. And do please remember, there is a Long Beach."

"Ride in the Gondolas, sail boats on the Sea, Join us for a party on the grand Queen Mary. Disney, Getty, or Catalina are in reach, And do please remember, there is a Long Beach."

"Snoop Dogg was born in the LBC hood And many believe that his music's quite good. Some old diehards will go to learn and to teach, And do please remember, there is a Long Beach."

"See palm trees, stalk film stars, there's shopping galore. The average temperature is seventy-four. You get my message, and I don't mean to preach, But do please remember, there is a Long Beach."



Thanks to Lisa Meyer, University of LaVerne, who penned the poem. For more about the 2003 NACAC Conference in Long Beach see www.wacac.org

Christy McCrary Joins WACAC Board



Adding her name to the WACAC Executive Board as our new Administrative Assistant is Christy McCrary, formerly of Cal Maritime Academy. At the Vallejo campus Christy had been responsible for student recruitment and outreach activities. She resigned that position after the recent birth of her first child.

With over five years of experience in the higher education ranks, Christy has worked at Hampton University in Virginia as a project coordinator in the Center for Atmospheric Sciences. She graduated with a B.S. in Organizational Management from Nyack College, Nyack, NY in 1995.

"I'm excited about this new position," she said, "because it will allow me to stay involved in the field of admission while being available to care for my newborn daughter."

Pardon our blooper!

In our "On the Move" column (*WACACConnection*, summer '02 edition) Tim Ford's previous workplace was erroneously referred to as the Otis Parsons School of Art and Design.

The correct school title is **Otis College of Art and Design**.

WACACConnection editor, Jan Ryder



2003 SCHEDULE

WACAC / NACAC Spring College Fairs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 20 EASTER	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24 NACAC San Diego 9:00am—12:00pm 5:30pm—8:30pm	April 25	April 26
April 27 NACAC Orange County 1:00pm—4:00pm	April 28 NACAC Inland Empire 9:00am—12:00pm 6:00pm—8:00pm	April 29 NACAC Ventura/ Tri-County 6:00pm—8:00pm	April 30 NACAC Ventura/ Tri-County 9:00am—12:00pm	May 1 NACAC Greater Los Angeles 9:00am—12:00pm 6:00pm—9:00pm	May 2	May 3 SAT Test Date
May 4 WACAC Central Valley 1:00pm—4:00pm	May 5 WACAC Central Valley Alameda County 9:00am—12:00pm 5:30pm—8:00pm	May 6 NACAC San Francisco 3:00pm—8:00pm	May 7 WACAC Marin 6:00pm—8:30pm	May 8 WACAC Santa Clara 10:00am—12:30pm 5:30pm—8:00pm	May 9	May 10 WACAC East Bay 1:00pm—4:30pm
May 11 Mothers Day	May 12 WACAC Sonoma 9:00am—11:30pm 6:00pm—8:00pm	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17

Please continue to check the WACAC websites for up to date information on the WACAC & NACAC College Fairs. Registration materials for the 2003 WACAC Fairs will be mailed in December of 2002. Registration for the NACAC fairs is handled by the NACAC office www.nacac.com.

WACAC Members Walk to Fight M.S.

Inspired by the courage and determination of his ailing mother-in-law, Mark Van Warmerdam, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services at Cal State, Hayward, along with his wife, Jane, completed a 50+ mile Challenge Walk against multiple sclerosis last summer in the Bay Area. The couple raised \$5500 for their part in the walk.

Jane's mother has had the disease for over 35 years and now needs a wheelchair in order to travel beyond her home. Joined by over 380 walkers, including WACAC

member Danielle Gordillo, of St. Mary's College in Moraga, the Van Warmerdams are hoping that their "making a difference" will encourage others to do the same.

Jane said this about her mother, "She is an artist and loves to paint with watercolor—painting children is her favorite. She also loves to cook but can't do that anymore. Our hope is that people will become more educated about ms and donate so that research can continue."

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often



Mark and Jane happy to finish!

disabling disease of the central nervous system. Most people with ms are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, and symptoms may be mild or severe enough to cause blindness or paralysis. Walks such as these fund vital research and local programs for people with the disease. For more information go to www.msconnection.org



What's New on the Government Scene

*by Arnie Kaminsky,
Government Relations Chair*



At the recent NACAC Conference in Salt Lake City the Government Relations Chairs from each of the state and regional associations met together to review the 2002 Legislative Priorities as outlined by the National GRAC Committee. These priorities include the following:

1. Strengthen the national investment in education initiatives that help students go to college such as increasing funding for Pell, SEOG, the Federal Work Study Program, LAEP, Perkins Loans, Gear Up, Trio Programs and maintain the \$75 million dollar commitment to professional development for counselors in elementary and secondary Schools.

2. Promote the benefits of sound international educational policy; including \$286 million for the Department of State Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs in 2003. Ensure international student

monitoring system (SEVIS) in implementation in a way that doesn't discourage students from studying in the United States. In addition, insuring access for qualified undocumented students by supporting HR 1582 that provides opportunities for restoring financial aid to qualified undocumented students.

3. Support efforts to insure diversity in higher education by supporting race-conscious admission policies in post-secondary education, increase funding for programs that help underserved students that take college prep courses and to encourage states and local education agencies to use funds under the ESEA to strengthen college counseling and advising programs.

These legislative priorities parallel WACAC's priorities. As a WACAC member you can play an active role in helping to

meet these priorities. As an individual you can contact your state legislators as well as your members of congress. You can contact individual members of the California State Assembly at www.assembly.ca.gov and the State Senate at www.senate.ca.gov. For those individuals in Nevada you may contact your legislators at www.leg.state.nv.us/assembly for the state assembly and www.leg.state.nv.us/71st/legislators/senators. The members of the House of Representatives can be contacted at www.house.gov and the US Senate at www.senate.gov.

This is your opportunity to make a difference and have an impact on policy that will directly affect the students we counsel.

If you are interested in joining the WACAC Government Relations Committee send Arnie Kaminsky a note at ahkaminsky@hotmail.com.



NAME THE COLLEGE

Test Your College I.Q...Find Out How Much You Really Don't Know

- _____ 1. "Song of Myself" Walt
- _____ 2. Christmas Clause + Nurse Barton
- _____ 3. Body of water + tree grove
- _____ 4. Goliath foe + father's male child
- _____ 5. Colorful fish catchers
- _____ 6. Texas hat
- _____ 7. Car tracks + opposite of less
- _____ 8. Breathing apparatus + type of car
- _____ 9. Not shallow + mattress coils
- _____ 10. Furniture maker
- _____ 11. Royalty + walking stick
- _____ 12. Smile + bell sound
- _____ 13. Water animal + jumping
- _____ 14. Frost's "well traveled"
- _____ 15. Actors' lines
- _____ 16. Italian home + star
- _____ 17. Clothing line
- _____ 18. Classic car
- _____ 19. French chapeau + first letter of alphabet
- _____ 20. Archer's instrument + completed
- _____ 21. Type of cheese
- _____ 22. Camping bed + hot drink
- _____ 23. Spice
- _____ 24. D'foot of an animal
- _____ 25. Royalty + pork
- _____ 26. Animal's hide + grown male
- _____ 27. Barbie's friend + over there
- _____ 28. Dracula's home
- _____ 29. Helen Keller's first word + wild party
- _____ 30. Deep water reservoirs
- _____ 31. President Nixon's alma mater
- _____ 32. Center + fruit
- _____ 33. Oldest school in America
- _____ 34. "The Victors" is this school's fight song
- _____ 35. "Anchors Aweigh" is this school's fight song
- _____ 36. On St. Patrick's Day, students cut a hole in the ice pond and jump in
- _____ 37. This school hosts Nude Olympics to celebrate the first snowfall

- _____ 42. Harrison Ford
- _____ 43. Tommy Lee Jones
- _____ 44. Paul Newman
- _____ 45. Christopher Reeve
- _____ 46. John Elway
- _____ 47. Sylvester Stallone
- _____ 48. Steven Spielberg
- _____ 49. Bill Clinton
- _____ 50. Regis Philbin
- E. San Francisco State
- F. Georgetown
- G. University of Miami
- H. Long Beach State
- I. Cal State Fullerton
- J. Yale
- K. Ripon
- L. Notre Dame
- M. Pomona

Answers will be posted in the **Winter WACAC Connection**. However, scores and ratings are as follows:

- 1-10** Attend a one- day WACAC workshop immediately. See the sign up sheets in this edition. Your timing is perfect even though you don't know much.
- 11-20** Buy a Fiske Guide. Don't be cheap. Buy a new one.
- 21-30** Consider a move from public to private
- 31-40** You're National Board material!
- 41-50** Open your own college counseling business

Our thanks to Bonnie Laughlin, Director of College Counseling at Francis Parker School in San Diego, CA. for this purely unscientific questionnaire.

NACAC Messages offer Help to Counselors

After two years of hard work, NACAC is launching its first-ever marketing campaign designed to encourage students to meet with their high school counselors, who can help them in the college admission process.

NACAC staff is working with the national media (*New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Washington Post*, etc.), congressional leaders, education associations and others who work to assist students in the transition from high school to college.

The ad on page 11 may be published in your high school's newspaper and/or shared with your local media (newspapers, television stations). This public service announcement can publicize the college counseling message that NACAC wishes to promote.

For more information visit www.nacac.com/psa.html to download campaign resources and ads to share with your local media or school web sites. The Daniels Fund awarded NACAC a \$10,000 grant to help advance and advertise the campaign. Visit the Daniels' web site at www.danielsfund.org to learn more about that organization.

Match the Celebrity to His/Her Alma Mater

- _____ 38. Annette Benning
- _____ 39. Richard Chamberlain
- _____ 40. Kevin Costner
- _____ 41. Jodie Foster
- A. Harvard
- B. Kenyon College
- C. Cornell
- D. Stanford

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

WACAC Spring Conference 2003:

Wednesday, May 28 through Thursday, May 29

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California



We're looking for proposals for presentations and discussions (sessions) of interest to the entire range of professionals at all levels within our membership. If you have an idea (or several), please contact your presenters and return this form no later than January 13th. The Program Chair will review all the proposals with the goal of providing both depth and breadth for the conference participants.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS:

With the approval of NACAC's PRO (professional recognition opportunities), we would like to continue to link our conference sessions to the Counselor Competencies that best fit. The basic competencies are listed below. You can find more complete descriptions at www.NACAC.org.

- Pre-Conference sessions are 3 hours in length so topics can be explored more in depth.
- If an exhibitor proposes a session, a not-for-profit member must be a co-presenter.

Counselor Competencies

1. The possession and demonstration of exemplary counseling and communication skills.
2. The ability to understand and promote student development and achievement.
3. The ability to facilitate transitions and counsel students toward the realization of their full educational potential.
4. The ability to recognize, appreciate and serve cultural difference and the special need students and families.
5. The demonstration of appropriate ethical behavior and professional conduct in the fulfillment of roles and responsibilities.
6. The ability to develop, collect, analyze and interpret data.
7. The demonstration of advocacy and leadership in advancing the concerns of students.
8. The ability to organize and integrate the pre-college guidance and counseling component into the total school guidance program at the secondary level or support a college admissions counseling program at the college level.

Session Information

Session Title: _____

Session Description: (50 words or less) _____

Would this be appropriate for a pre-conference workshop? Yes No

Technology and audiovisual needs for your session: _____

Please circle Counselor Competency number(s) that best fit this session: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8

Audience: New:	<input type="checkbox"/> Admission Counselors	<input type="checkbox"/> Community College Counselors	<input type="checkbox"/> HS Counselors
	<input type="checkbox"/> Admission Dean/Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Counseling/Guidance	
Experienced:	<input type="checkbox"/> Admission Counselors	<input type="checkbox"/> Community College Counselors	<input type="checkbox"/> HS Counselors
	<input type="checkbox"/> Admission Dean/Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Counseling/Guidance	

Moderator's Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail Address (Required): _____

Presenters: *(All must have agreed to participate)*

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Title: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____ Organization: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City, State, and Zip: _____ City, State, and Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____ Telephone Number: _____
 E-Mail Address (Required): _____ E-Mail Address (Required): _____

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 City, State, and Zip: _____ City, State, and Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____ Telephone Number: _____
 E-Mail Address (Required): _____ E-Mail Address (Required): _____

Questions?

Questions? Please contact Arnie Kaminsky Conference Chair ahkaminsky@hotmail.com
 or Helena Johnson Helena_Johnson@redlands.edu.

Arnie Kaminsky, 6225 Canterbury Dr., #203, Culver City, CA 90230. Helena Johnson, University of Redlands

Kaminsky Heads WACAC Spring Conference at LMU

Government Relations Chair Arnie Kaminsky, of the Foshay Learning Center, will chair the WACAC Spring Conference at Loyola Marymount University, May 28-29, 2003.

Esther Hugo, WACAC President-elect, had been scheduled to lead the annual event but had to step down because of the heavy commitments to her graduate studies at UCLA. "We need all segments of WACAC to volunteer to conduct sessions at the conference", said Arnie, who is imploring members to get involved. "Let's make this the best conference yet."

Deans, directors of admission, college admission counselors and high school counselors—new and experienced—are requested to complete the **Call for Proposal** form in the *WACAC Connection* and return it to Arnie or Helena Johnson prior to January 13, 2003.

Jonasson Endowment Grant Awarded to Patty Hart

WACAC Human Relations Chair Patty Hart, of La Costa Canyon High School, is the recipient of the Frank Jonasson Endowment Award.

Cited for her outstanding service to high school students in San Diego and Imperial Counties, Patty was presented the award at the recent San Diego State Counselor Conference, October 18, 2002, at the San Diego Convention Center.

Jonasson, retired from San Diego State, represented the San Diego State Student Recruitment and School Relations department, and cited Patty for her role in helping young people prepare for higher education.

The \$20,000 grant includes scholarship monies for students and provides payment for Counselor Patty Hart's fees at all future WACAC Spring Conferences! A plaque was also given to Hart.

"I couldn't believe it when Frank called out my name at the SDSU Conference in front of all of those people," said Patty. Jonasson has served as chair of the National College Fair in San Diego for several years and will continue in that position again this year.



Share, Learn and Connect



A series of 2002-03
Regional Workshops for Counselors
and others involved in the high school
to college transition



WESTERN ASSOCIATION FOR
COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING

Workshop Dates & Locations:

Save these dates:

Los Angeles
Orange County
Sacramento
Inland Empire
Reno

Mt. St. Mary's
Chapman University
UC Davis
Univ. of La Verne
Truckee Meadows CC

January 9, 2003
January 24, 2003
March 25, 2003
April 17, 2003
May 2, 2003

A Sample of Workshop Sessions

- College Counseling From Freshman To Senior Year
- Financial Aid: Making It Simple
- Organizing The Paper Chase
- Updates On The UC/CSU Systems
- Case Studies In Admission: Public And Private
- Streamlining Your Office
- Tips For Writing Recommendations
- Counseling Students From Multicultural Backgrounds
- NCAA Rules And Registration Process
- How To Do A Transition from High School to College Workshop
- Counseling Undocumented Students
- AB540 Ethical Issues In College Counseling

Who should attend?

Counselors, Teachers, Administrators and others involved with helping students prepare for college.

Registration Information Cost: \$25.00

The \$25 fee includes: sessions, continental breakfast and lunch, and binder of handouts from all sessions. In order to reserve a place, your payment (check or money orders only) must be enclosed and postmarked no later than one week prior to the workshop date. Please mail your payment to the appropriate WACAC contact person listed on the opposite column.

Directions and further information will be emailed to each registrant prior to the workshop.

Name _____
School/Org _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Years in the college counseling field _____
Vegetarian meal? _____

Questions? Please contact Jane McClure, WACAC Professional Development Chair, (415) 421-4177 or janemclur@aol.com.

Workshops

January 9, 2003 – Los Angeles – Mt. St. Mary's College

Contact: Tiffany Kunich
Mt. St. Mary's College
12001 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 954-4250 • tkunich@msmc.la.edu

January 24, 2003 – Orange County – Chapman University

Contact: Barbara Schultz
5 Federation Way, Irvine, CA 92603
(949) 509-9500 extension 1122 • Barb.Schultz@juno.com

March 25, 2003 – Sacramento – UC Davis

Contact: Maryann Straub
University of California, Davis
School/University Partnerships
One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8714
(530) 754-5498 • mastraub@ucdavis.edu

April 17, 2003 – Inland Empire – University of La Verne

Contact: Ana Liza Zell
University of La Verne
1950 Third Street, LaVerne, CA 91750
(909) 392-2800 • zella@ulv.edu

May 2, 2003 – Reno – Truckee Meadows Community College

Contact: Carolyn Barnhart
7178 Blue Falls Circle, Reno, NV 89511
(775) 852-8108 • cgbarney@aol.com

Your WACAC Executive Board at Work

Keeping members informed through the newsletter is an important function of the Executive Board. The following mini reports from some of the Executive Board chairs are geared to getting YOU involved.

Jan Russell-Cebull, College Fairs

Chair: Being on a College Fair Committee in your area can be a wonderful way to contribute to the profession of college admissions counseling. College fairs are one of the most successful ways of enabling access to information, both for the students in our state, and the colleges around the country. You can work on publicity, transportation, hospitality, the physical arrangements, workshops, counselor training, college fair handbooks . . . the list is endless. Additionally, joining a local fair committee is a great way to meet new colleagues and catch up with local news! Contact the chair of the fair in your area today. Fair chairs' names and phone numbers follow. Please call and volunteer your help. You will be making a significant difference!

- **San Francisco:** Chris Krzac (707) 654-1331
- **San Diego:** Frank Jonasson (619) 582-TALK
- **Greater Los Angeles:** Mary Fitzpatrick (310) 551-5100 x 8358
- **Ventura/Tri County:** Linda Conti (818) 575-9243
- **Orange County:** Jalani Bakari (714) 278-2334
- **Central Valley:** Steve Romero (209) 467-5356
- **Sonoma:** Gina Geck (707) 664-3035
- **Marin:** Margo Dillon (415) 485-3206
- **Alameda County:** Alta Tinsley (510) 885-2556
- **Santa Clara:** Linda Ortega (408) 924-2557
- **East Bay:** Michael Beseda (925) 631-4060
- **WACAC College Fairs Committee Chair:** Jan Russell-Cebull (925) 837-5375 x7241 2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville, CA 94506 (925) 831-1120 (Fax)

Patty Hart, Human

Relations Chair: A revised *Immigration Guide* for counselor use is underway...as is the new *Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender College Resource Guide*. More "Cash for College" locations are being developed in Orange County, Ventura County and Northern California. A Spanish version of the *Scholarship Brochure* is being developed in conjunction with Kris Zavoli of the College Board and should be ready for the Spring College Fairs. **We need volunteers to work on these projects and the time commitment is minimal. Hours range from a few hours to about eight hours per project!**

Robyn Royster, Cultural Diversity

Chair: The most significant change involves integrating the Institute for Contemporary Leadership (ICL) with the WACAC Spring Conference at Loyola Marymount University. The conference will take place May 28-29, with the ICL to follow on May 30.

Arnie Kaminsky, Government

Relations Chair: I have continued contact with members of the State of California legislature and the governor's office regarding pending legislation:

Commented on SB 1944 to the Governor for his signature (\$1500 tax credit for California income tax similar to tax credit for credentialed teachers). Unfortunately, the teacher tax credit has been suspended with the new budget.

AB 1751 is making its way through the Assembly regarding the implementation of a course providing information about college, financial aid and options.

SB1639 defining a counselor's



WACAC at NACAC social in SLC

role in secondary schools was passed by both house of the legislature and sent on to the Governor. It is in limbo currently because the Senate recalled the legislation before the Governor could make a decision on the bill.

Fidel Ramirez, Membership Chair:

New member packets have been distributed and included a thank you, directory and the most recent newsletter. Automated membership renewal and the possibility of accepting credit cards online is being discussed. Our goal is to increase membership to organizations and/or school districts or higher education institutions which have been underrepresented and underserved.

Please contact the chairs if you have questions and/or wish to be more involved with WACAC programs. A complete listing of phone numbers and email addresses is on the last page of this issue.



Tim Ford Shines

As Dancer, Mentor

Another in a series of WACAC interviews with a member whose impact on others is exceptional. Tim Ford, newly elected delegate and admission officer for Mt. St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, met with editor Jan Ryder, and tells readers about the man behind the "trademark smile."

In addition to his role as an admission professional, Tim also teaches dance to underprivileged youths in an after school community program in Los Angeles at the Sammy Davis Performing Arts School. His protégés performed one year ago at the WACAC Spring Conference at Occidental College.

Question: How did you begin your dancing career?

Answer: I developed a love for dance as an eighth grader. I found it difficult to pursue dance in school due to the negative perception many of my schoolmates had of male dancers. It was easier to retreat to my den and imitate what I saw on TV, sort of self taught. It wasn't until my freshman year at UCSD that I built up my courage and took my first dance class.

Eventually, I switched majors from animal physiology/pre-med to theatre with an emphasis in dance. I auditioned for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center's Summer Intensive, just before graduation—and made it...but didn't receive enough financial aid to stay on---and returned to LA after graduation. I joined the Lula Washington Dance Theatre as well as the Sammy Davis school, where I am still employed.

Question: What is it about kids that enhances your job on a day to day basis?

Answer: I believe that I'm motivated by the mere fact that I'm playing a key role in helping students realize and pursue their dreams in entertainment. Many of them are interested in becoming professional dancers. I'm the first teacher these students have



Tim Ford with dance students



New delegates Tim (left) and Robyn Royster ready for Assembly.

had. It's exciting to know that I'm laying down the foundation for something bigger and better. Perhaps they'll remember me in their acceptance speech when they receive their Tony Award 20 years from now. (smile)

Question: Is it too early for you to make comparisons between what you are doing now at the Mount as opposed to Otis?

Answer: Otis was my first venture into this profession, and I acquired a great deal of knowledge there. I find it unique now that I'm encouraging young women to investigate the wonderful opportunities that an all women's college has to offer. My main goal is to advocate the importance of a college education to the young women I speak to on a regular basis. It's just in a different environmental setting. The Mount is a wonderful place to continue to develop a deeper understanding of this profession.

Question: You are obviously very

artistically talented....did you get this from dad, mom or Uncle Harry?

Answer: Well, I am an only child, and I would say that it is from mom's side of the family. She encouraged me to pursue the violin as a third grader, and I played on and off for about six years. For as long as I can remember music has been a part of my life. It was always a joy to visit my grandparents because I knew they had a stereo. I was so fascinated by turntables and the likes. That love of music continues to this day. I just added a little bit of movement into the mix.

Question: What were your impressions of being a delegate at NACAC in Salt Lake City?

Answer: It was great spending time in assembly meetings and being surrounded by colleagues who are so passionate about the profession and its future. I am excited to be a part of this future.



The Winner Is...

Debbie Echenique of Truckee High School is the recipient of a free one year membership to WACAC as a result of the first timer's jeopardy challenge which took place at the spring conference at the University of the Pacific.

Congratulations Debbie!

Want a Mentor? Be a Mentor



By Allyson Hill, University of Southern California

What do thirty WACAC members know that you don't know?

They know that the WACAC Mentor Program is alive, well, and making a difference in the lives of new and seasoned admission counseling professionals. The objectives of the mentoring program are to:

- Strengthen ties between new and veteran professionals
- Build future leadership for WACAC and NACAC
- Enhance the quality of an individual's professional career
- Share knowledge of best practices
- Share knowledge of professional challenges and solutions

The WACAC Mentor Program was re-launched at our spring conference 2002 at University of the Pacific. Since early September, 30 professionals in our region have been either engaged in our formal mentoring program and anxiously awaiting assignment.

Now that you are in the know, you are invited to get involved. If you have five or more years experience in college admission counseling (on either side of the desk), you may become a mentor. If you are new to the profession or new to your current position, you may wish to become a mentee.

Your first step is to visit the NACAC Web site to review the complete program expectations. Second, while at the site, download a program application. Third, fax the completed application to Allyson Hill (USC Annenberg) at 213-821-0772. (Unfortunately, some mentee forms are "out-of-location." If you previously submitted a mentee form and have not received an assignment, please complete a new form and fax it to Allyson Hill immediately.) Mentoring is a valuable process that has proven positive outcomes. Take advantage of this opportunity "to want a mentor/be a mentor."

The WACAC Mentor Program Committee: Allyson Hill, Sonali Perera, Elaine Berman, Traci Thomas-Navarro, Chris Krzak

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1. WACAC groupies surround Rick Diaz.
2. Carolyn Barnhart beckons us to Long Beach in 2003!
3. WACAC delegates await election results!



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