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Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer?

Hello WACUHO,

I'm writing this from my non-air-conditioned office in the middle of the heat wave that's currently scorching California. When I moved to the Bay Area from SoCal last summer, I thought I was escaping 90-100 degree weather, not running to it! Keep cool WACUHO — let's not lose any members because you melted in this sweltering heat!

It may be summer, but I know many of you are coming back from your vacations to full inboxes, messages to return, RA training to plan, buildings to prep, and move-in to coordinate! Hopefully this edition of the WAVES will provide you with a nice respite to the otherwise hectic dog-days of late summer in housing and residential life.

Hallie, editor

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WACUHO Affirmative Action Statement

WACUHO recognizes the benefits which are derived from the inclusion of diversity in the Association. Significant contributions are made by members from all areas of higher education and at every level of responsibility. The quality perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation or differing abilities, adds a dynamic which enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

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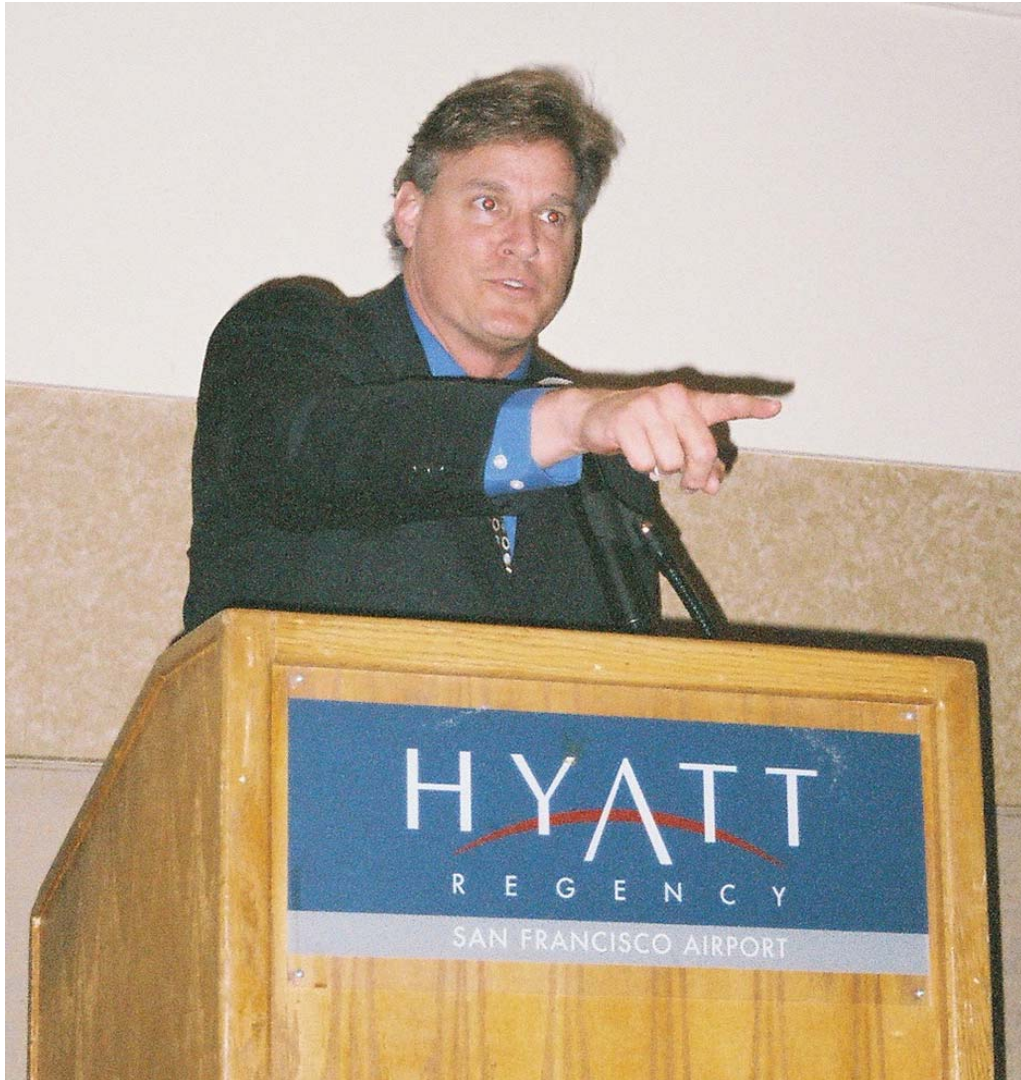
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President's Message



Hello WACUHO!

I write my last President's message to you on a flight to Northern California for a meeting at UC Santa Cruz. And this flight comes the day after a WACUHO meeting in Palm Springs . . . talk about a change in temperature!

It is amazing how quickly time goes by. We just celebrated our 50th Annual Conference and are now planning the 51st! There just was not enough time at the past conference – not enough time to

see all the conferees, attend all the programs, or talk with all the exhibitors. So little time . . . and so many stages from which to fall!

For those interested, I have healed nicely after my tumble from the stage Monday morning at the conference (some said I looked like a tall tree falling over). There is now a picture of me in Webster's under the definition of "falling on your ass!" Speaking of pictures, this article's picture is of me pointing out where the accident occurred. In addition to my injuries, I also stepped on a laptop on stage at the closing brunch. I am told that the laptop also recovered. We are thinking of implementing a "no stage" policy at the next conference.

The last meeting of the 2005/06 Executive Committee was Sunday, June 4th. This was

our “transition meeting,” where the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees meet jointly, to close the business of 2005/06 and begin the business of 2006/07. We are in good hands under the leadership of Alex Belisario and her team.

At our meeting we continued our on-going discussions regarding technology. We will soon be recruiting for the new position of Technology Coordinator, which was approved at our last business meeting. We also finalized a member survey which will be sent to the membership. While we continually talk with members, we want to capture your thoughts on a range of topics, from membership dues, to when (or if) we should have another joint conference with NWACUHO. Your responses will direct your executives. Other topics discussed included the 50th Annual Conference deficit, Finance Advisory Committee recommendations, WACUHO 2008, and scholarship timetables.

I might go into a WACUHO coma if I were to just sign off here, so I am slowly weaning myself off the Executive Committee by serving as your WACUHO 2007 Annual Conference Co-Chair, along with the lovely and very capable Happy Cimenski-Almogela. Happy and I (along with all the conference committees), toured our next host hotel, the Renaissance Esmeralda, and truly found a paradise oasis. And if the arrival of fifty WACUHOites (WACUHOers? WACUHOs!) was not enough excitement for this luxury hotel, the Governor (yes, AAARRRRNOLD!) stopped by to visit a conference being held there.

One glance at the Renaissance Esmeralda, and you'll be planning your vacation in conjunction with the conference. Mark your calendars now . . . April 8-11, 2007. And while it is not our official conference theme, “Let's Have Fun!” is one of our goals. Trust me, that goal will be easily met!

After five years serving on the executive committee as Treasurer, President-Elect, and finally President, I now sign off. Thank you for the opportunities, and I will see you in Palm Springs!

Andy

Andy Plumley
WACUHO President (now retired!)

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Meeting in the Middle: Making the Transition from Student to Professional Staff Member

New professionals traditionally encounter challenges and struggles as they begin their adult careers, and beginning a career in student life is no different. Oftentimes the best way to prepare yourself is to be open to wherever your experiences will take you, although it's always nice to have a bit of helpful information from someone who's been there. That's where this article comes in. When asked to write an article relevant to new professionals in our field, it was difficult to narrow down my experiences of the past year and isolate the most important pieces of advice. Ultimately I chose to write about the challenges of the transition from student to new professional because many of us in this field begin our careers directly out of school.



One of the more difficult facets of being a new professional in higher education is interacting with students – quite a catch-22 seeing as most of us choose to work in this field because we love the student interaction! There are two main challenges in making the transition from student to new professional. The first is the fact that students may not see you as a professional because you are so close in age to many of them. The second challenge lies in the fact that you are, in fact “new” to the profession. Taking a closer look, we can discern why challenges can sometimes pose obstacles to making a smooth and successful transition. Closer examination will also help us determine how to use our positions as new professionals in a positive way – by meeting in the middle between student and professional.

Breaking down and examining the components that make the transition from student to new professional challenging can help us prevent those challenges from arising to begin with. The first issue of age is fairly logical. It's much easier for students to look at you and see someone their own age who, from their perspective, is ‘just like them’ as opposed to looking at you and seeing a direct supervisor, advisor, mentor other professional person on campus. It's possible that students will see you as a new friend before they see you as a supervisor. The other hand, it's common for new professionals feel nostalgic for their own college experiences, or to feel lonely (as a result of a change in location) and eager for friendship. The second issue may not be anticipated at the start of a new job, but it can arise quickly. An inherent part of being a new professional at an institution in higher education is a high learning curve. For the first several months in a position there will be lots of questions and

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Meeting in the Middle (continued)

confusion as you learn about your job. However, the students that you work with may have been in their positions, or at least been familiar with their positions, for years. It's quite likely that the students you interact with will know more about your job that you do for the first few months. This imbalance of information can easily lead to students viewing you as an incapable leader. They may even take the attitude of "I could do their job better than them." While these individual challenges may seem manageable, combining these two factors with personal transition issues and the change that comes with starting a new job can result in a difficult start as a new professional.

This is where the balancing act comes in. It would seem these challenges might be avoided by creating a very strict professional demeanor and by not showing any doubt or confusion about decisions made or aspects of your job – and some professionals do this successfully. However, there is a way to 'meet in the middle' and find the advantages to the unique position we hold as new professionals. While we want students to treat us as professionals and to see us as supervisors or mentors, we also have an amazing opportunity to reach out to students because we are so much more connected with them than an upper-level administrator who has been working in higher education for decades. Furthermore, while we want students to have faith in our ability to do our jobs, utilizing the resources and knowledge of students is a great way to foster confidence and leadership.

The best way to find the middle ground between friend and professional is to create boundaries for yourself. As difficult as it can be in this profession, attempt to keep your work life separate from your personal life as much as possible – especially in your first few months as a new professional. If a student reaches out to you as a friend, there's no reason to be cold or distant, but be mindful of your interactions outside the office. Go to lunch on campus during your workday rather than dinner on a Saturday night. Be conscious of the conversations you are having with students – are you discussing work-related issues or what you did over the weekend? Let students see that you are in-

“Utilizing the resources and knowledge of students is a great way to foster confidence and leadership.”

deed a real person with a life outside of campus, but don't feel the need to include students in every area of your life. It can be harder to define boundaries when it comes to questions arising at work or in student interactions. Feel free to use students as the resources they can be and include them in appropriate processes; students will feel valued if their input is sought. As a caveat to that, be cautious that every answer out of your mouth isn't "I don't know," even though sometimes it seems like that might be the case. Chances are, you were hired because you have a

good dose of common sense, so rely on that before admitting that you aren't sure of what to do in every situation that arises. Choose a balance between keeping students involved and helpful and having confidence in yourself and your abilities to do your job.

Being a new professional in any field is always a challenge, but as we all know, student affairs presents its own unique situations that one would not necessarily encounter in any other job. While those situations are sometimes challenging, when viewed as an opportunity for quality student interaction and the chance to make an impact, we're reminded why we love our jobs!

— Christina Broat

Christina is an Area Residence Coordinator and the Coordinator for Student Programs at California Lutheran University. She was this year's recipient of the ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship and attended the ACUHO-I conference in Atlanta Georgia.

2006 Case Study Competition

The case study competition has become a fixture at the annual conference and is a chance for new professionals to grapple with some of the issues seasoned professionals face on a regular basis. Intrepid individuals and teams of New Professionals tackled the topic of online communities such as Facebook and MySpace in this year's competition. The case study required competitors to formulate responses to students, paraprofessionals, and professional staff members regarding issues the campus was having with online communities. The teams presented their responses to four of the Association's seasoned professionals: Sue Matthews from UC Santa Cruz, Andy Plumley from UC Riverside, Carol Roberts-Corb from UC Irvine and Alan Ogi from UC Santa Barbara.

Congratulations to this year's winners: 1st place – Hallie Lewis from California College of the Arts and Matt Smith from University of Nevada, Reno; 2nd place – Niki Libarios from Hawaii Pacific; and 3rd place – Kohsuke Kashiwazaki from Cal Poly Pomona.

Participation in the Case Study Competition is open to New Professionals — graduate students, and those members who have been in the profession for fewer than 3 years. It's a great chance to flex your creative muscle and to get some insight into the issues Chief Housing Officers address in their daily work. We look forward to next year's competition!

— Alex Belisario and Happy Cimenski-Almogela

SAVE THE DATE!

WACUHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

April 8-11, 2007

***R&R The WACUHO WAY:
Rejuvenate & Rediscover***

**Hosted by UC Riverside, and CSU San Bernardino
Pay attention for more information this fall.**

We're Not In South Carolina Anymore Toto: One ACUHO-I Intern's Experience

I wanted to try something different. I completed my B.S. in Marine Biology in Wilmington, North Carolina at UNCW, and I am currently completing my Masters in Counseling in Clemson, South Carolina at Clemson University. I needed to try something new. An ACUHO-I internship was my ticket out of the South.

This may come as a shock to some but the upstate region of South Carolina and the Bay Area are different. An equally shocking observation is that large state-funded schools are different than small private art schools. Of course I am being facetious. I found something new, and I could not be happier with my choice. Perhaps it is the underlying presence of the laidback hippie temperament combined with the progressive nature of the liberal political and social atmospheres, or maybe it's just all the organic foods, but the California way of life is addictive and refreshing. I was pleased to see that this attitude was reflected in the housing department at the California College of the Arts (CCA), my home for the summer.

Don't get me wrong, I love sweet tea, southern hospitality, and my experiences at both institutions. But my student affairs résumé consisted of two public and fairly large state schools within six hours of each other. When looking for intern host sites I knew I wanted a totally new experience. School size, location, funding source, and student body were the criteria I looked into. CCA seemed like an excellent choice. The specs: size = 1600 students; location = the other side of the country and somewhere I had never been before; funding = private; student body = art students, *all* art students.

ACUHO-I says that their summer internships allow participants to experience a new institution and develop a greater appreciation for the housing profession. My time at CCA has indeed done that. I have been given the opportunity to not only ask questions about a new school and housing department, but also to supervise resident advisors, develop and present RA training modules, and handle crisis situations basically as a professional staff member.

Not everything has been peaches and cream though. It has been difficult to find how I fit into the staff. Since my position does not exist during the academic year a lot of my responsibilities tend to fall under the "and other duties as needed" section of my contract. I completely understand though. The department at CCA has four professional staff who are used to doing everything and twelve dedicated RAs so there is not exactly a lot of room for someone else. Fortunately, the assigned tasks involve getting to interact with other branches

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ACUHO-I Internship Experience (continued)

of student affairs and exercising my creative side by aiding with programming. There is a lot of freedom with the position which is very nice, and I think this is the first time I have had an official lunch break since high school!

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Maybe it is because I am one of the few blue flowers in the middle of the red field of conservatism, but I have enjoyed exploring new programming ideas at CCA. I am a man who enjoys pushing the envelope when it comes to program topics and marketing schemes. Though I respect the conservative nature of the South, I feel it sometimes constricts the programming potential of not only RAs but of student groups and academic organizations as well. Of course then you get the people who tell you “well you’ll just have to think of more creative ways to get your point across”.

That is like telling an artist that they can only paint in yellow: they can do it, but it’s never quite as stimulating.



CCA CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Just before arriving at CCA I was able to briefly experience another WACUHO school. I attended and presented at the NACURH conference at UC Berkeley. The beautifully run conference was an excellent preview of what was to come in my internship and California. They turned a conference that is usually solely for the betterment of residential life, into a positive proactive message that all the attendees could learn and grow from. Even though I wore a lampshade on my head the whole time, the experience began to let me see the housing world “in a different light” (sorry, I had to).

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My experience at the California College of the Arts has been a refreshing one. It has opened my eyes to a totally different housing department, a new region, and avocados. And I must say, this was the first “behind closed doors” training that I have done that consisted of a resident bringing a homeless man into the halls. The internship has been extremely beneficial to me and my goal of becoming a student affairs professional. I would urge all schools to get involved in the ACUHO-I summer intern program and encourage your students to do the same. The learning process definitely goes both ways, for both the host and the intern. I would like to think that I have made small impact here at CCA, and I know the school has left an everlasting memory in my head.

— James Robilotta, ACUHO-I Intern, California College of the Arts

WACUHO 2008

Time to Celebrate!



State Capitol, Sacramento, CA

Thanks to our colleagues and friends at UC Davis, who have agreed to host the WACUHO 2008 Conference in Northern California, March 16-19, 2008. Mark your calendars now!!! The incoming Executive Committee tentatively approved the bid at the recent June transition meeting with the conference slated to occur at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento (site of the 1997 WACUHO Annual Conference "Capitol Connections"). At this time, other logistics are being working out by the Host site, so stay tuned for more details to come.

Thanks, again, to UC Davis for agreeing to host in 2008. We are looking forward to an exciting conference. One question though: who will be California's Governor by then? Maybe s/he can swing by the conference to say hello!

— Dana Pysz, Time & Place Chair 2005-2006

Corporate Relations Updates

Greetings from the Corporate Relations Committee! The Corporate Relations Committee is composed of WACUHO members and corporate partners who work together to enhance the benefits of WACUHO corporate membership. Our corporate partners provide financial support to WACUHO, serve on the WACUHO Corporate Relations Committee, and bring outstanding services to our campuses.

The Corporate Relations Committee is asking for your help in identifying new products or services you would like to see exhibited during the Annual Conference. The committee will seek out suppliers and encourage them to exhibit. We would also like the names of any suppliers or organizations that you think would like to join WACUHO as corporate partners. We will contact them and offer them all the benefits of WACUHO membership.

The 2006-2007 Corporate Relations Committee is composed of member institution representatives and corporate member representatives. You may contact the following committee members with your suggestions and referrals:

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Moe	Greg	University Loft Company	(602) 304-0692	gmoe@universityloft.com

The benefits of Corporate Partnership:

- **Financial Support** - Our corporate members contributed over \$25,000 this year.
- **Conferences and Programs** - This support was critical to the success of many of our conferences and programs, including Northern, Central, Southern and Island RAPS, and the Western Training Institute (WTI).
- **Exhibits** - Our corporate members were a vital part of our Annual Conference by exhibiting their services and connecting with our member institutions.

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Corporate Relations Updates (continued)

The timeline:

Corporate partners are on a calendar year cycle. In the Fall, the committee will contact corporate members and ask them to renew their membership or upgrade their level. At that time, we will contact companies that have been referred to the committee members and ask them to join the WACUHO corporate partners program. The program offers three corporate levels to companies with suggested contributions and benefits associated to each level. For more information on these levels and benefits, please contact a member of the Corporate Relations Committee.

Wishing you the best in the month ahead and an enjoyable Summer.

WACUHO wants to thank the following companies for their continued commitment to the organization by being a Corporate Partner in 2006:

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Campus Loft Company	Starrez, Inc
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Coinmach Laundry	University Loft
Dehler Manufacturing	USA Today
Ecologic	WEB

— Philippe Cumia, 2006-2007 Corporate Relations Committee Chair

UC Berkeley Hosts NACURH 2006



On June 1st, 2006, the University of California, Berkeley, and the NACURH 2006 Conference Staff extended a warm welcome to all of our guests for NACURH 2006. We were thrilled to have people here from the WACUHO region and all over the United States, Canada, and even Australia, excited to share, collaborate, and network. The Conference Staff worked extremely hard over the past two years to make sure that we were able to provide an amazing and unique experience for all delegates.

Our theme for NACURH 2006 was *In a Different Light*. Inspired by our school's motto of "*Fiat Lux*: Let there be light," this conference was meant to highlight the diversity and different perspectives within student populations, unified by the common goal of higher education.

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to try out some new ideas this year that we felt very passionate about. We instituted the video roll call that allowed us to highlight the uniqueness of each region, roundtable discussion sessions, and a theme focused on social justice and creating inclusive communities, while at the same time maintaining the spirit of NACURH. Our opening speaker, UC Berkeley Dean of Students, Jonathan Poullard, spoke about working to realize our interconnectedness and how to open ourselves up to communicating on a deeper level. The roundtable discussions allowed for a space to talk about issues that affect us all on a daily basis but are often avoided topics. We were pleased that many of the 2100+ delegates in attendance put themselves out there and were willing to engage with each other. We hope that we were able to provide the space for dialogue and for gaining different perspectives and personal understanding. Daylong advisor workshops, the Tunnel of Oppression, and passive education were additional new things we hope aided in creating a fresh, fulfilling experience.

Working to create spaces where all your residents feel welcome and included on your own campus is not something that can be learned in a 40-minute program, one discussion, or even within the three-day conference that was NACURH 2006. Rather, we recognize that this is a lifetime undertaking and an ongoing, daily struggle. We hope that NACURH 2006 served as a starting point or as a reminder for delegates to be a part of this commitment. We want to thank all of our WACUHO neighbors who attended, and hope that both individually and as groups serving our residence hall students, that you found the conference useful and motivating.

We also encourage other WACUHO institutions to consider hosting future NACURH conferences. It was an incredible growing and connecting experience for us!

— Tera Nakata, Conference Chair

— Robert Stephens, Registration Advisor

ACUHO-I Foundation

The ACUHO-I Foundation gives you the chance to give back to new professionals in Student Affairs and Housing.

The ACUHO-I Foundation meets this goal by raising funds to enable research, education projects, programs and initiatives that contribute to professional development of staff, scholarships and grants.

Each of you has the opportunity to support the future of our profession. Your generous support enabled ACUHO-I to award over \$143,400.00 for scholarships to the national conference, NHTI, the CHO Institute, Housing Intern travel stipends, and research that directly benefits our region.

Please visit the Foundation web site, <http://www.acuho-i.org/foundation/found12.html>, or give me a call to learn how you can make a donation that will help benefit you and your fellow WACUHO members.

To everyone that has already made a donation this year, thank you for your support of the ACUHO-I Foundation!

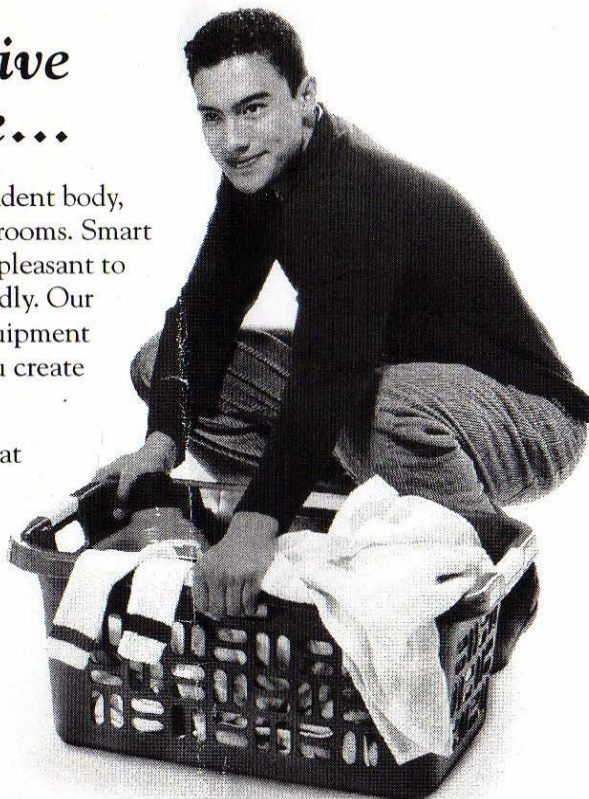
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Comings and Goings

WACUHO celebrates the following members as they move-on to new places and experiences, and thanks them for their contributions.

We also welcome the following new professionals as they begin their careers in our region!

Janice Chu Camara

Janice Chu Camara, Interim Director of Student Housing Services, at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, will be celebrating a much-deserved retirement at the end of June after almost 30 years of service in housing. An active member of WACUHO (CACUHO when she first started her career), she earned the Spirit of WACUHO award in 2005. “Chu”, a nickname that has stuck with her since her college days, has actively participated in numerous conferences, institutes, committees and workshops. A few worth noting were her leadership as Chair of the WACUHO Financial Advisory Committee from '03-'05 and her role in starting the first ever Island RAP (IRAP) back in 1999 to present. And, of course, the unforgettable annual conferences in 1987 and 1999 at the Ala Moana Hotel here in Honolulu, Hawaii where she spent endless hours of coordination and planning. Do any committee members still have their committee aloha shirts?



Her active involvement in WACUHO was mirrored here at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Chu participated in various committees, including campus recruitment, food services, master planning, parking advisory, safety and security, wellness, Regent's scholar, AIDS education and the list goes on. Whenever there was something to be planned, her staff was used to the anticipated email attachment from Chu in the form of an outline or lists of various responsibilities, tasks, schedules and deadlines.

She was always there for her staff and students. When no one else could do it, Chu was there to pick up the ball. She was a caring administrator who led us with her organization and leadership. Her experiences were invaluable and we will miss her dearly.

Please join us in wishing her the best on July 1st, when she can look forward to a well-earned retirement. Thank you, Chu, and good luck from all of us.

— Janice Nakashima

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Renae Wilkerson

I recently accepted a position as the Assistant Director of Residence Life and Student Life Development at Mesa State College in my home town of Grand Junction, CO. Since Mesa State is located outside the WACUHO region, I would like to send my sincerest thanks and best wishes to everyone I have worked with and met while in WACUHO. Since my first encounter with WACUHO (via the 2002 Western Training Institute in Santa Cruz/Scotts Valley) and subsequent participation in committees (NRAP, SRAP, New Professionals and WTI) and the annual conferences, I have been blessed with the support and encouragement (both professionally and personally) by every person I talked with and built friendships with. I look

forward to continuing the connections that have been built. Please feel free to look me up at Mesa State and send me an e-mail every once in a while! I look forward to re-connecting in the future!

— Renae Wilkerson



Chico State welcomes the following new-comers to their Residential Life Staff this year:

Faye Perata, Whitney Hall Residence Community Coordinator

Faye will be joining us from Eastern Washington University where she currently serves as a Residential Life Coordinator (RLC). She has been a RLC for four years and brings with her solid Residential Life experience and great enthusiasm & energy. Faye has also held other positions such as Head Resident Advisor, Summer Coordinator and Resident Assistant.

Spencer Anson, Whitney Hall Assistant Residence Community Coordinator

Spencer will be joining us from Northern Michigan University where he currently serves as the Interim Resident Director. He has been a Resident Assistant for over four years and has had the opportunity to student teach in New Zealand and Marquette. Spencer's passion for working with students was very evident during his visit.

Eric Price, Lassen & Shasta Hall Residence Community Coordinator

Eric will be joining us from Southern Illinois University where he currently serves as the Graduate Hall Director. He has been a Graduate Hall Director for two years and is completing his Masters of Science in College Student Personnel. Eric has also held other positions such as Resident Assistant, and served as an intern at the Admissions Office at SIU-Carbondale and University of San Diego.

Tara Sanders, Lassen & Shasta Hall Assistant Residence Community Coordinator

Tara will be joining us from University of Redlands where she currently serves as a Resident

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Coordinator and supervises an upperclassman residence hall. Tara is very passionate about community service projects and has been involved with AmeriCorps Students in Service & Habitat for Humanity. She has also worked as a Resident Advisor for two years and completed a study abroad program in South Africa.

Bertha Lonzi, North Campus Residence Community Coordinator

Bertha will be joining us from Illinois State University where she currently serves as a Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC). Bertha has been a RHC for four years and brings extensive experience working with thematic housing and faculty members. Bertha has also worked as an Assistant Residence Hall Coordinator, Summer Conference Coordinator, Resident Assistant, and as a School Principal in Kenya.

Chris Hyatt, North Campus Assistant Residence Community Coordinator

Chris will be joining us from University of California Los Angeles where he currently serves as an Assistant Resident Director. Chris has great passion for merging education into programming and working with faculty members. Chris has also worked as a Program Coordinator at UCLA, Resident Assistant, and Instructor for Resident Assistant Class.

Anna Lind, University Village Assistant Residence Community Coordinator

Anna will be joining us from Lincoln Nebraska where she currently works as an advertising consultant. Anna is highly creative, self motivated, energetic and enjoys working in a team atmosphere. Anna has also worked as a Resident Assistant for two years and cannot wait to come back to a University setting to work with students.

Chad Disharoon, University Village Assistant Residence Community Coordinator

Chad will be joining us from Radford College in Virginia where he is completing his Masters of Science in Education & Human Development and currently serves as the Student Activities Graduate Advisor for Roanoke College and a Graduate Research Intern for Multicultural Affairs at Virginia Tech. Chad has extensive programming experience through his student activities background.

— Hemlata Jhaveri



University of San Francisco, Office of Residence Life is very happy to introduce our new Hall Directors and Graduate Assistants for the 2006-2007 academic year.

We welcome the following new Hall Directors to USF this summer:

Michelle de Sousa, Fromm Hall

Michelle has just completed her Master of Education in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education at Springfield College, Springfield, MA.

Joel Gagnon, Lone Mountain Hall

Joel is completing his Master of Arts in Education Counseling with emphasis in College Student

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Services from St. Mary's College in Morago, CA.

Derrick Gunter, Phelan Hall

Derrick has just completed his Master of Education, Higher Education Administration, at University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.

Kayla Haptonstall, Gillson Hall

Kayla has just completed her Master of Arts, with an emphasis in Student Development in Postsecondary Education, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

We are very happy to have **Brianne Nunn** (Hayes-Healy Hall) and **Janeece Hayes** (Pedro Arrupe Hall) return for a second year as Hall Directors.

We also welcome the following new Graduate Assistants to USF:

Gustavo Fernandez, Loyola Village, Assistant Complex Coordinator

Gustavo is currently a Prefectural Advisor at Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, Okinawa, Japan. He will be enrolled in the Asia Pacific Studies program.

Midhun Joseph, Gillson Hall, Assistant Hall Director

Midhun just graduated from De Paul University in Chicago with a major in Finance and Marketing. He will be enrolled in the School of Education Organization and Leadership program.

Holly Lueth, Phelan Hall, Assistant Hall Director

Holly just graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL with a major in English. She will be enrolled in the MFA in Writing program.

Bobby Rodgers, Phelan Hall, Assistant Hall Director

Bobby has been studying Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at California State University, Northridge, and will be enrolled in the School of Education Organization and Leadership program.

Eric Smith, Hayes-Healy Hall, Assistant Hall Director

Eric just graduated from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, with a major in Communications Studies. He will be enrolled in the Sport Management program.

Marcus Steele, Lone Mountain Hall, Assistant Hall Director

Marcus is graduating from Seattle University with a major in Criminal Justice. He will be enrolled in the School of Education Teacher Education program.

We are also very happy to have **James Wade** (Graduate Assistant for Facilities, Operations, and Apartment Life, return for a second year. James will begin his third year in the School of Law.

The six new Graduate Assistants arrive the week of July 3 and begin their New Graduate Assistant Orientation the week of July 9.

— Mark Thoma

In Memoriam



Ron Prestridge with Woofy

Ron Prestridge succumbed peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Seattle. He had been in failing health the past few years. He was well-known in ACUHO-I and PNW-ACUHO for his participation at conferences, as editor of the PNW-ACUHO newsletter for several years, and as an ACUHO-I program steering committee member.

Ron was a graduate of San Diego State University with bachelor and masters degrees in Public Administration. As a student, he was active in student government and became a Resident Advisor and a Residence Hall Advisor there. He worked at Arizona State University and later as Assistant Director at Seattle University before joining a private student housing firm in Texas, and moving back to the Northwest for student housing positions in Alaska and in Seattle. He was regarded highly as a student residential activities programmer and was an enthusiastic baseball fan. He is missed by his family and many friends and by his Corgi, Woofy. He is survived by his sister, Sharon Mudd from San Juan Islands in Washington State. At his preference no services were held.

– Mike Huctor

2005-2006 Executive Committee

The 2005-2006 Executive Committee would like to thank the membership for giving us the opportunity to serve WACUHO in such a rewarding capacity.

This has been a fantastic year!



2005-2006 Execs at the 50th Annual Conference

Standing (left to right): Andy Plumley, President; Brian Stevens, Member at Large, North; Alex Belisario, President-Elect; Martin Castillo, Vice-President; L.J. Hartig, Secretary; Joe Martinez, Member at Large, Central; Robert Stephens, Information and Technology Systems Chair; Hallie Lewis, WAVES Editor; Stacy Buchwald, Treasurer; Jerica Turek, Member at Large, South.

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Signing Off...



This officially wraps up the 2005-2006 WACUHO year.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and that fall move-in goes smoothly. I look forward to serving the Association as editor again in the upcoming year!

Hallie Lewis,

editor