



# Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling

School Counselors, College Admission and Financial Aid Professionals  
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## Newsletter

December, 1996

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### President's Message

It was great being at NACAC and Minneapolis certainly out did themselves with even the weather in the beautiful range. More and more members of OACAC are making themselves known at the National Conference and with the next one being held in San Francisco, I know you will all want to attend.

A big thank you to Macalester College for hosting our OACAC meeting. It was a busy time for them but with their long time commitment to international students, we all felt at home. Thanks to the entire staff and especially, Jim Crowder and Bill Shain.

Lee Stetson, Director of Admission at the University of Pennsylvania was recently in Tokyo and had a meeting for local counselors. He is a new member of the College Board Advisory Council and he suggested that OACAC take a more active role as an organization. A suggestion was even made that the Ivy Leagues no longer respond to ratings such as U.S. News and World Report and the rest would trickle down. Another area of concern has been the College Board and its handling of the Language Listening Tests. We here in Japan have had many problems before we were given permission to give these tests. Our major concern is the students, but the lack of communication on the part of SAT was frustrating to say the least. If you have any concerns along these lines, please pass them on and we can make a concerted effort.

As many of you are aware, the U.S. Congress passed a new Immigration Bill in September. The ramifications of this are yet to be clearly spelled out, but there is a great fear that this may affect international students. Nancy Mally of the ECIS North American

Office is on a committee of NAFSA that is looking into all of this and promises to keep us all informed. Some of the key provisions that affect International Education are: 1. Foreign Student tracking and reporting. The new law directs the Attorney General to track all students and scholars (F,J, and M visa principal and dependents) from five countries (to be determined by the Attorney General) beginning January 1, 1998. Institutions including colleges and private/public high schools will need to report to INS electronically "where practicable" the following information: student identity and current U.S. address, the non-immigrant classification of the alien and date of visa issuance or date of change, current academic status of the alien, including whether an F or M student is full time, and a J student is "satisfying the terms and conditions of his program, any disciplinary action taken by the institution against an F/M student as a result of the student's being convicted of a crime, or in the case of a J, any change in the alien's participation as a result of conviction.

The law also requires that institutions "impose on and collect from" students from those five countries a fee based on the Attorney General's estimate of the cost per alien of conducting the information collection program effective with the admission of such students beginning in April 1997. The program will be expanded to ALL countries beginning six months after the submission of a report to Congress. That report is due no later than April, 2001.

There is a great deal more information available on the NAFSA Home page on the World Wide Web:

(<http://www.nafsa.org/nafsa/advo/advo.html>).



Contrast this with what Australia is doing for its international students. The Summer 1996 issue of *The International Educator* of NAFSA has an article that all college and international school counselors should read. I quote from the first paragraph: "At a time when U.S. government appears to be scaling down its efforts to promote American Higher Education abroad, attracting foreign students is a big business in Australia. Educating growing numbers of international students is an integral part of Australia's broader national strategy to promote regional integration through trade, diplomacy and investment. Australia's decision to reach deep into the Asian foreign-student market was implemented with swiftness and cohesion that is more commonly associated with corporate than government policy. Items: A meeting and greeting center has been established by the New South Wales universities in the Airport, Australia enrolls 2300 percent more Indonesians than it did 10 years ago." The article was written by Kyna Rubin. With three other international school counselors, I toured universities in New South Wales and can only echo the marvelous treatment and services received by international students. If the United States would like to remain the world's largest exporter of education it must wake up and take some positive measures. In my opinion some aspects of the Immigration Bill are not a the way the USA should be going.

Your comments are certainly welcome. John Evans, Cy Boschert and I will be in Washington, D.C. in March to attend the NACAC Legislative Conference and plan to bring these concerns to Congress.

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#### **MINUTES OF OACAC FALL GENERAL MEETING**

*Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996 - Minneapolis, Min.*

The OACAC meeting was opened by Pete Hauet, President of OACAC at approximately 6:00 PM. Introductions were made by the Executive Committee and then by the general membership and guests. Because Ruth Granados, NACAC's National Staff Liaison, was able to attend the meeting briefly, the

agenda of the meeting was altered to allow Ruth to address the membership at the beginning of the meeting regarding some upcoming legislation which may affect international students. Ruth updated the membership about various components of the Immigration Reform bill. The intent of the bill is to restrict additional illegal immigrants from coming to the United States, but it also includes measures that would restrict movement of both legal immigrants and legal foreign visitors to the United States. There was also language in the bill which discussed deporting students who receive more than twelve months of continuous financial aid. NACAC and FAFSA have both been fighting this language and there is some question as to whether the statement remains in the final bill. It does seem likely, however, that other new requirements will be a part of the bill including an increase in the collection of data required by individual universities regarding foreign student matriculants. Colleges may be asked, for example, to keep current information about the whereabouts of their international students, including summer addresses, in order to make sure that students do not overstay their visas. Institutions will have to pay approximately \$100 per student in order to maintain the data collection at the federal level. The program will be required initially for international students from five yet to be determined countries, but may eventually extend to all international students. Ruth offered to arrange a meeting for OACAC representatives in Washington with appropriate parties to discuss this bill and its impact on international students as well as on colleges and universities. Cy Boschert urged individual member concerns related to government issues to be addressed to him since he is OACAC's Government Issues representative. He should be in Washington in March to discuss various legislative issues.

Pete reminded members about the Macalester Conference on Friday and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Larry Turns handed out the minutes of the summer meeting and urged members to contact him with any additions or deletions.



Debbie Dostert gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that OACAC currently has a balance of \$7,000 with some outstanding bills. She commented that we have enough money to continue with current association activities such as mailings, membership directory, and sending representatives to various workshops. She discussed membership numbers and stated that we had seventy-one membership renewals and forty new members over the past year of which sixty-three are voting members. Debbie pointed out that over half our membership came from Europe and one-third from Asia. She felt we need to concentrate on encouraging new memberships from other regions including Africa, South America, and Canada. Beth Linguri commented in response that she was looking into devising local membership chairs to encourage regional membership drives, perhaps one person per continent. The new membership period will run from January 1 until December 31st and invoices will be sent at some point in November with dues to be paid by January 1. It was suggested by one of the members to send invoices by fax or by E-mail which she will investigate. Debbie mentioned that she doesn't usually send receipts, therefore, if you need one to please ask. The issue of cutting costs and fundraising was discussed. John Carpenter suggested that newsletters be mailed from a central place in the United States in an effort to reduce mailing costs. Paul Fredette inquired about the idea of selling OACAC labels in order to increase revenues. Pete responded that he had looked into this idea but discovered that our addresses were readily available in various publications already and there was no interest in OACAC labels at the present time.

Beth Linguri reported on the results of discussion at the summer conference regarding admissions practices. Bill McClintock conducted a workshop during the summer conference. He divided the conference attendees into five groups, each discussing different topics: categories of student citizenship, communications, admissions requirements, collecting and reporting data, and financial concerns. Bill was present at the Minneapolis meeting and stated that as a result of the summer conference, he understood that the present

NACAC document addressing admissions practices does not speak to all of the concerns or provide service to all of the issues that overseas students face. He is in the process of creating a committee to update the current document but foresees the creation of a new document specifically addressing overseas students in the future. The committee will consist of one member from the Human Relations Committee, one member from the National Admissions Practices Committee, and two OACAC members.

Marie Vivas solicited ideas and articles for the winter OACAC newsletter. She was particularly interested in having updates from some of our university members on issues related to international students on their individual campuses.

Peter proposed a new fee structure for OACAC membership to the general membership to vote on. Membership for Overseas colleges and secondary schools will be \$75.00 and \$50.00 for associate membership. The motion carried with only one dissenting vote.

John Evans encouraged attendance at next year's summer meeting to be held in San Francisco from July 19th until July 21st. The conference will be coordinated in conjunction with the ECIS tour of California colleges.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 PM.

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#### **MINUTES OF MACALESTER MEETING - Friday, October 4, '96**

The program began with a welcome from Jim Crowder of the Macalester College Admissions staff and an outline of the visit to Macalester.

Peter Hauet then began the general meeting by bringing before the group a concern expressed by some of the universities that enroll large numbers of international students. He discussed the possibility that some OACAC member institutions were being disadvantaged by the present methodology used by the US News and World Report staff for their annual ranking of colleges.



Presently colleges are asked to report SAT verbal scores for all students and does not have an alternate way (such as providing TOEFL averages) for colleges to report verbal scores for those students for whom English is not a first language. It forces colleges to either blatantly disregard the rules and omit foreign students from the statistics or to face the possibility of a lower ranking because of lower verbal scores caused by the inclusion of verbal scores from non-native English speakers. University members would like OACAC to lobby the US News and World Report staff to address these concerns. The fear is that the power of the rank in US News and World Report is so great that institutions may actually begin to deny students for whom English is not a first language simply because inclusion of scores from non-native speakers may cause a university to be ranked lower.

The general consensus was that members were sympathetic to the dilemma but some members raised concerns about how to separate out non-native English speakers from those for whom English is a first language yet are foreign students. Also, what about those students for whom English is not a first language yet who live in the United States. One suggestion is to exclude only those applicants who also submitted a TOEFL and to replace those scores with a TOEFL average for each university. Nancy Maly pointed out that one of our members is on the advisory committee to US News and World Report, and she suggested that we contact him with our concerns. A great deal of discussion took place about how to address this issue, and it was finally decided to solicit the membership for ideas and then to discuss the issue again during the summer meeting. Members are encouraged to send their ideas and suggestions to Larry Turns. Ronn Beck also suggested that he might be able to get someone from the US News and World Report staff to attend the summer meeting.

Several members expressed concern that students were being increasingly denied visas. It was suggested that this was in response to a growing concern in the United States about illegal aliens. Some suggestions were given to alleviate this problem. One idea is to work on building a relationship

with local visa officers so that they get to know your school and your students. One counselor suggested inviting the consulate staff to the school to give a lecture on visa procedures. Pete Hauet suggested that the association join forces with NAFSA in an attempt to make legislators realize the economic force of students in American universities. Presently they represent the fourth leading source of income for the United States. Beth Linguri suggested that the organization write to NACAC and urge them to address this issue.

The meeting concluded with a brief overview of Macalaster College.

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### **ANNUAL OVERSEAS ACAC SUMMER CONFERENCE '97**

Preparations are being made for next summer's annual Overseas ACAC conference. It will likely be held at a college in the San Francisco Bay area July 18-20 to coincide with the conclusion of the E.C.I.S. Summer Tour. Featured activities may include a guest speaker, workshops, an update from our NACAC national office liaison, discussions on school-college relations and related topics, and opportunities for professional and social dialogue. Please consider joining us for this unique, once-a-year occasion! Meanwhile, contact John Evans, OACAC President-Elect, if you have suggestions, comments, or questions. His address is : American Embassy School, Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 100-021, India. He can be reached by telephone at 91-11-611-7140 and by fax (a better option) at 91-11-687-3320.

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### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

ASSEMBLY DELEGATE: A 3 year term beginning on April 30, the assembly delegate represents the organization as a delegate to the National Assembly of the National Association. Candidates must be voting NACAC members.



Call for Nominations: cont'd.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** A 1 year term, beginning on July 1. Candidates must be voting OACAC members and voting NACAC members. The President-elect will take over as President after 1 year in office and will serve as past President for 1 year, thus represents a 3 year commitment to attend the national and regional conferences.

Both Delegates to the Assembly and the President-elect are voting members of the executive board of the organization.

Please send your nomination to Beth Linguri, Chair of the Nominating Committee by March 15, 1997, by fax +41-22-9609120 or email:

BETH.LINGURIA@ECOLINI.CH

If you would like to be active in a leadership role, please nominate yourself for one of these offices.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

Please encourage all OACAC members in your area to join the National Association. The benefits are many : publications, conferences networking, and other services. If you need a membership form they are available from the National Office or on the World Wide Web.

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#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A new publication will be produced in the Spring called "What's new on our campus for International Students!"

This publication will feature something of interest on your campus for international students (both U.S. citizens overseas and foreign nationals). It may be a new service, office, program, curriculum offering, financial aid, whatever -. The charge to participating colleges and universities is \$100.00 - This will be distributed free to secondary counselors members in International Schools. Please contact Beth Linguri at 41-22-9609120 or BETH.LINGURIA@ECOLINT.CH

Deadline for copy is February 10, 1997.

#### ADMISSIONS PRACTICES

Both at the Summer conference in Orlando and the past conference meeting at Macalester, issues such as testing, recruitment, financial aid offers, moving up deadlines (like May 1) and others surface as affecting our international students unfairly. If you have case examples or grievances, please contact any Board Member, especially AP Chair Gwen Bergman or John Evans.

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#### FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings to all. In these times of electronic communications, we still have to rely, to some extent, on slower methods. For this reason, The Fall 1996 issue of the OACAC Newsletter is a little late. I apologize for the delay. I would like to thank John Evans, Pete Hauet, Beth Linguri and Larry Turns for their submissions and encouragement.

As I put together this issue, I noticed that we hear frequently from officers but not as often from other members. I would like to encourage fellow members to submit articles for publication in our newsletter. I would also like to hear your suggestions on the kinds of information that you would like to see in the future.

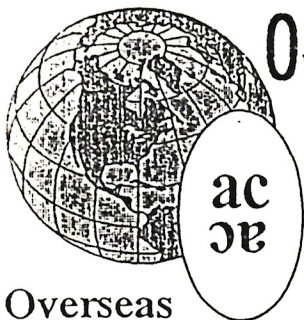
Please send your comments, observations, submissions, announcements, or suggestions to the following address:

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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Marie I. Vivas





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## 1997 Membership Application

For the membership year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997  
Apply NOW and your membership begins immediately

Please use one form for each member (photocopy as needed). Please type or print neatly.

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Title
Institution			
Institution Street Address (as it is to appear in the directory)			
City/State/Postal Code			
Institution Country Code/Area Code/Telephone	Fax		E-Mail

My Institution is currently a member of NACAC. Yes ☐ No ☐  
Please Complete One Section (A,B,C) Below

### A. College or University Overseas (Not-for-profit)

\$75.00 ☐ I am my institution's principal or only Overseas ACAC member.

\$35.00 ☐ I am my institution's second or multiple member.

### B. Secondary School

\$75.00 ☐ I am my institution's principal or only Overseas ACAC member.

\$35.00 ☐ I am my institution's second or multiple member.

### C. Associate Member College, University (Non-Voting) (Not located in the Overseas Region, not-for-profit only)

\$50.00 ☐ I am my institution's principal or only Overseas ACAC member.

\$30.00 ☐ I am my institution's second or multiple member.

I understand that continued membership in Overseas ACAC is dependent upon meeting the following conditions: Compliance with the provisions of the Statement of Principals of Good Practice of NACAC, maintaining appropriate professional status as an individual, organization, agency or institution under Article 1 of the by-laws of Overseas ACAC and payment of annual dues by January 1st.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return you completed form with payment in US\$ to : Deborah Dostert, Treasurer,  
Overseas ACAC c/o St. Stephen's School, Via Aventina 3, 00153 Rome, ITALY