

## **Conferences and Contacts**

### **Association of University Summer Sessions**

The 1997 Association of University Summer Sessions (AUSS) conference will be held in Chicago, and it will be co-hosted by the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of Notre Dame. The conference will begin on Sunday, October 18, and end on Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

Participants are encouraged to arrive in Chicago on Saturday, October 17, to take advantage of the multitude of attractions in the "Windy City." Participants will stay at the Radisson Hotel, located in the heart of the city, one block from Michigan Avenue (Chicago's most prestigious shopping district) and four blocks from Lake Michigan. Shops, restaurants, and galleries abound in the immediate vicinity of the hotel, and the Field Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Adler Planetarium are easily accessible via public transportation. One can also take public transportation to visit the universities located in the greater Chicago metropolitan area, including the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Loyola University, DePaul University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Roosevelt University.

To receive registration information, please contact James Powell, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Director of Summer Session, University of Notre Dame, 312 Main Building, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Telephone 219/631-7282; Fax 219/631-6630; E-mail James.H.Powell.1@nd.edu.

### **North American Association of Summer Sessions**

The North American Association of Summer Sessions (NAASS) will convene its 34th annual conference in Berkeley, California, November 16-19, 1997. The conference, to be hosted by the University of California at Berkeley, will meet on the shores of San Francisco Bay at the Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel.

Although the business of the conference does not begin until

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Sunday, November 16, early arriving participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a wine-tasting tour on Saturday, November 15. On Sunday, the annual, all-day workshop for newer summer session administrators will be conducted and standing committees will meet. The conference formally begins on Monday with the First Plenary Session and a variety of panel discussions, and it concludes at noon on Wednesday.

The host has scheduled a walking tour of the Berkeley campus through Sproul Plaza, followed by luncheon on Telegraph Avenue. On Tuesday evening, the annual Conference Banquet is to be held on board a dining yacht that takes the attendees around San Francisco Bay, ducking under the Golden Gate Bridge at sunset.

To receive registration information, contact: Michael U. Nelson, Executive Secretary of NAASS, 11728 Summerhaven Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146-5444; Telephone 314/872-8406; Fax 314/872-7352; E-mail NAASS@aol.com.

### **North Central Conference on Summer Schools**

The North Central Conference on Summer Schools (NCCSS) will hold its 48th Annual Conference March 12-14, 1997, at the Westin Hotel in downtown Chicago. NCCSS is dedicated to assuring the quality and vitality of academic programs during the summer. Membership boundaries reflect those of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools regional accrediting association plus Manitoba. The Annual Conference, held each March in Chicago, is the highlight of the organization's activities. Speakers, panels, mini-workshops, research reports, etc., are aimed at helping participants improve their effectiveness as summer session administrators. The Conference's format, informality, and relatively small size facilitates interaction and makes it easy for participants to get to know one another.

The theme of the 1997 Conference, "A Year in the Life of Summer Sessions," will feature sessions that address four key challenges faced by summer session professionals across each full year: fiscal management, leadership for curricular development, marketing and promotion, and measuring the success of summer session. Non-NCCSS members are welcome to attend. To receive conference registration information or information about membership, please contact the NCCSS Secretary/Treasurer: Roger Swanson, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 317 Ag Science Bldg., River Falls, WI 54022; Telephone 715/425-3851; Fax 715/425-3785; E-mail roger.a.swanson@uwrf.edu.

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### **Western Association of Summer Session Administrators**

The 1997 Western Association of Summer Session Administrators (WASSA) conference will be hosted by Arizona State University. It will begin on Thursday, September 25, and end on Sunday, September 28, 1997. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of the multitude of attractions in Arizona, including the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson Mission, Biosphere, golf, tennis, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Participants will stay at the Mesa Hilton in Mesa Arizona. Shops and restaurants abound in the immediate vicinity of the hotel. To receive further information, please contact Angela Muniz, Summer Sessions, Arizona State University, P.O. Box 3003, Tempe, AZ 85287-3003; Telephone 602/965-6620; Fax 602-965-3851; E-mail WASSA@ASU.EDU.

## **What to Expect in the Next Volume of *Summer Academe*:**

**Articles describing current research that pertains to summer session administration or pedagogy.** A call for articles is sent to members of the organizations listed in the "Conferences and Contacts" section of this issue, as well as to various departments at a number of universities and colleges in January. The editors strongly encourage anyone working on a research project to submit an article describing the project and its results. One can find examples of appropriate research articles in this volume, but authors are encouraged to submit research articles even if they are not sure if the articles are appropriate. The editors will make that determination and notify the authors.

**Case studies and descriptions of innovative, new, or unusual programs.** Anyone who has administered or taught in an interesting and unusual summer program is encouraged to submit a description of the program. Anyone who has a relevant case study is encouraged to submit it. If an author is uncertain if a case study is relevant, he/she should submit it and let the editors make that determination.

**Research funding sources.** Some of the organizations above have funds available to sponsor research that will benefit summer session administrators. Information about how to apply for such funds will be included in the next volume.

**Survey synopses.** Virtually all summer sessions administer surveys to gather information. That information can be very valuable to summer session administrators at other institutions. In the next volume of the *Summer Academe* a summary of various surveys will be published, as well as the names of individuals to contact for copies of the surveys or other related information.