

# *The ALAIR Newsletter*

October 1992

## **President's Message**

**Keep in touch.**

ALAIR has some aggressive plans for improving institutional research in Alabama this next year. One of the most important goals is to improve communication among the researchers at all post secondary institutions. Those actively involved in ALAIR and other IR organizations agree that the best way to learn new ideas and to be a more effective researcher is to communicate with others in the profession. Find out who the Institutional Researchers are and Keep in Touch.

The members of the ALAIR Executive Committee met in July to discuss goals in addition to improving communication for the coming years. Other ALAIR goals include:

Increasing Awareness. In addition to publishing two more newsletters like this one, a membership directory will be updated and distributed to all members. Also, a list of names of Institutional Researchers at each 2 and 4-year public institution will be made available.

Scholarly Research. Research activities will be included in the newsletter and participation in research and scholarly activity will be encouraged.

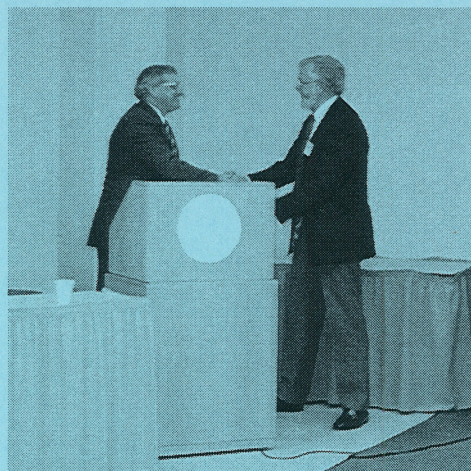
Professional Development. The annual conference will continue to support the professional development of the membership. Information on upcoming institutional research conferences will be distributed to members.

Membership. ALAIR will expect to increase membership by 5% this year. Membership brochures will be distributed to all institutions. New members will be announced in the newsletter. More individual involvement will be encouraged.

Joint Programs. This year ALAIR will assist ACHE in sponsoring a conference on retention. We will continue to cosponsor the Assessment Conference held at the University of Alabama.

Stay active and keep in touch. Your ALAIR Executive Committee members are:

Al Searway, President  
Harriott Calhoun, Vice President  
Karen Freemon, Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Dailey, Immediate Past President  
Hannah Delbridge, Member-at-Large  
Brenda Bryant, Member-at-Large  
Charles Blackledge, Member-at-Large



*John Porter receives service award from Al Searway.*

## **John Porter Honored**

Dr. John Porter was honored recently by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education upon his retirement as the Director of Institutional Research at The University of Alabama. Dr. Porter was presented with a plaque by Al Searway on behalf of ALAIR in recognition of his many years of service and contributions to the field of institutional research.

## **ALAIR/ACHE To Hold Conference**

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education and ALAIR will cosponsor a conference on student retention to be held in Montgomery November 16-17. The meetings will be hosted by Alabama State University and will feature noted experts Ansley Abraham, John Gardner and Patrick Terenzini. If you would like additional information contact Ellen Haulman at (205)269-2700. Please send your registration fee (check or purchase order) to Karen Freemon as soon as possible.

## **SAIR Conference Upcoming**

The annual meeting of the Southern Association for Institutional Research will be held October 24-27 at the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year's theme is "Catching the Waves of the 90s" and an exceptional program is planned. The conference will feature nationally recognized speakers, panels, papers, workshops, computer applications, SIG's, roundtable discussions, and a consultant's corner. For more information contact Bill Fendley, Program Chair, at (804)924-6432.

## **Site Selected for 1993 Annual Meeting**

The University of Montevallo has been selected as the host institution for the 1993 ALAIR annual meeting. The conference will be held on April 23, 1993.



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## **Transfer Data Advisory Committee**

The Transfer Data Advisory Committee has developed and tested formats for two reports that they will encourage universities to provide annually to 2-year colleges. Data elements for the "transfer report" include student name, ID number, term of matriculation at the university, and number of hours accepted from the sending institution. The "graduation report" includes student name, ID number, term of matriculation at the university, term of graduation, GPA, major, and degree received.

The committee will meet again on November 16. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Committee Chair Judy Miller or any of the following members: Al Searway, Harriott Calhoun, Hannah Delbridge, Sam Lowther, Debbie Dailey or Steve Fancher.

## **Membership News**

**Dr. Gerald Leischuck** (Auburn University) has been promoted to Assistant to the President in addition to his duties as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

**Sam Lowther** (Auburn University) has been named acting director of the Office of Planning and Analysis.

Congratulations to **Janet Morgan** (Auburn University at Montgomery) who was married to Tommy George on June 11, 1992.

Congratulations to **Janice Colee** (Alabama Commission on Higher Education) who was married to Stephen Kwilos on July 11, 1992.

**Freddie Wood** (University of North Alabama) has retired as Director of Institutional Research.

**Don Gibson** (Troy State University) has retired as Vice President for Student Affairs and Special Assistant to the Chancellor.

## **Joe Sutton Doing Well**

**Dr. Joseph Sutton**, former executive director of ACHE and an ALAIR founder, has made remarkable progress since his diagnosis with Guillian-Barre one year ago.

**Dr. Sutton** became critically ill a year ago while visiting his daughter in Knoxville, TN. After three months in intensive care he was moved to UAB-Spain Rehabilitation Center. In June he returned to Montgomery where he received an additional three months of outpatient treatment. **Dr. Sutton** is now home and continues to make great strides in his recovery. He maintains a regimen of physical therapy and is able to walk and drive again. **Dr. and Mrs. Sutton** are currently planning a trip to Knoxville to visit their grandchildren.

**Dr. Sutton** extends his regards to all his friends and colleagues who have kept him in their thoughts and prayers throughout his illness.

## **Glover joins UA**

**Dr. Robert H. Glover** has been named Director of Institutional Research at the University of Alabama. Glover comes to UA from the New England Board of Higher Education where he served as a consultant. Prior to this position he was Director of Planning and Institutional Research at the University of Hartford. Glover, who holds a Ph.D. from Duke University in Higher Education Management, is expected to begin his duties in Tuscaloosa on November 1.

## **New Member**

ALAIR welcomes **Vicki Hawsey** of Reid State Technical College as a new member. Vicki is the Registrar and is also responsible for Institutional Research. She can be reached at P. O. Box 588, Evergreen, AL 36401, (205)578-1313.

## **Auburn Announces Vacancy**

A search committee headed by **Teresa Hall** is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Director of Planning and Analysis. Screening of applications will begin November 30 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information see the October 7 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education or contact **Teresa Hall**.

## **Call For Nominations**

With the annual spring meeting comes the election of new officers. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please fill out the following, detach it and return it to Al Searway. The offices to be filled are Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The office of Secretary/Treasurer will be separated into two distinct offices effective with the 1993-94 year.

### **ALAIR OFFICER NOMINATION**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_



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## New Fee Structure

The Executive Committee has modified the membership fee structure to include an institutional membership option. Many institutions will not pay for individual memberships in professional organizations but will finance institutional memberships. Under the new policy, for \$25 an institution may list up to two representatives for ALAIR membership. Each additional representative will be added at a cost of \$15 per member. Effective November 1, 1992 individual memberships will be \$15 per member.

## Note from the Editor

Recently I took over the newsletter from the capable hands of Judy Miller. Since I am new at this I invite your comments, criticisms, and suggestions, but most of all your items of interest to include in the next ALAIR newsletter.

If you have something you would like to include in the next installment please send it to Karen Freemon, Office of Planning and Budgets, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL 35899 or FAX to 205-895-6901.

### Detach Along Dotted Line Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title ( ) Dr. ( ) Mr. ( ) Ms. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Miss ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
EMail \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Membership \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Institutional Membership\* \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Covers up to two individuals; members beyond two may be added at \$15 each.)

List information for additional Institutional Representative on a separate page and attach.

Total Remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to ALAIR. Mail application and payment to: Karen Freemon, Office of Planning and Budgets, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL 35899.

If you know someone who is interested in joining ALAIR please give them the above membership application or send their name and address to Brenda Bryant or Karen Freemon.