

SCCC President Dr. Ralph Boone Resigns

COLLEGE WILL APPEAL CCE ACCREDITATION DECISION

Editorial Staff

On June 30, 1994 the board of trustees of Southern California College of Chiropractic (SCCC) accepted the resignation of President Dr. Ralph Boone. Dr. Boone has been SCCC president since 1990. He will serve as a consultant to the college until September 1, 1994.

It was stated in a news release from the college that Dr. Boone's resignation was "... in recognition of the necessity to allow new leadership to guide the college as well as to direct its continuing process of seeking accreditation."

Dr. Graham J. Dobson, vice president of chiropractic programs, has been appointed interim president with the full authority of the office of the president. The college has formed a presidential search committee to find suitable candidates for the position of president of SCCC.

Dr. Dobson has been part of the administrative team at SCCC for two years. A 1971 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, Dr. Dobson practiced in his native New Zealand for 20 years and held executive positions in the New Zealand Chiropractors Association during and after that country's commission of inquiry into chiropractic. Prior to accepting the position of vice president of chiropractic programs, Dr. Dobson had both teaching and college administrative experience. He also participated in the last two Olympic games as team manager/chiropractor for the New Zealand kayak team.

SCCC to Appeal CCE Resolution

SCCC continues to actively seek accreditation with the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), which was denied by the CCE Commission on Accreditation (COA) on June 16, 1994. The college is currently appealing that decision and has a maximum of 60 days to do so. The response to an appeal by the COA/CCE must be made within 90 days. The board of trustees and the administration of the college are "committed to resolving the accreditation issue and to meeting other challenges to the college's future."

The state of California Board of Chiropractic Examiners has recently reaffirmed the position it took in a letter to the college in 1992, which stated: "The Board will continue to approve the college until June 1995, provided the college continues to seek accreditation from CCE and makes a good faith effort to qualify."

The college is planning a coordinated fund-raising effort to maintain the quality of its educational program and to continue to provide the faculty, staff, and services to support it. A college communication termed this "a challenging time for all concerned at Southern California College of Chiropractic," but noted that campus morale is good and classes continue as usual, and expressed confidence in the administration and in the future of the college.

AUGUST 1994