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The newly landscaped entrance to the Howard Brubeck Theatre.

How to Spend a Cool Christmas Season

Dr. Ted Kilman and Dr. Beverly Kilman, with son Matthew and his wife, Angela, went on a Christmas holiday trip to Antarctica. Some people go to California or Colorado's mountains for winter snow, but they spent "summer" at the bottom of the world, entering Antarctica from the southern tip of South America.

In the next month, Ted, with Brenda Montiel, led an excursion of their travel group, "Adventures in Learning," to the Galapagos Islands on the equator. That should balance things!

Our Loss

Mrs. Mildred Nydegger, retired from the Music Department some years ago, passed away at her home in Lake San Marcos on February 25. Her many friends remember her skill and care in piano instruction for many years. When she retired from the faculty, the position was filled by Dr. Peter Gach.

Miss Carylnn Ann Damm, an instructor in the Nursing Education in its beginning years, passed away in Elk Grove, California, on January 22, 1994. She had served in several hospitals in Tennessee and California, and had been the Chief Nursing Administrator at Sutter General/Memorial Hospital in Sacramento. Donna Casey reports that Carylnn's former students at Palomar often write Donna concerning their former instructor.

Are You Bored A Bit?

If you live in Escondido, or for that matter, elsewhere, you and friends might like to attend drama productions of the Patio Playhouse in the Vineyard area at 1511 East Valley Parkway in Escondido. Usually five productions are presented each year, on weekend nights and Sunday afternoons, and always enjoyable. This is a little late for this year's season, but you may wish to contact their box office, telephone 746-6669, to receive a mailer on next year's programs. Their recent presentation of "Nunsense" was delightful.

Music--Drama--Dance

You are missing wonderful opportunities if you do not attend some of the productions in the Howard Brubeck Theatre on the Palomar Campus. Their main events are on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. You can make inquiries by calling 744-0136 on weekday afternoons or 744-1150 extension 2316 during regular hours.

The Golden Jubilee of Palomar College

Plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of Palomar College are underway, with the first event scheduled as an on-campus bash on Thursday, September 14, 1995. Other events will be announced later, perhaps with a special mailing so you can plan to celebrate.

The history of the College, "Fifty Years at Palomar", is in preparation, and promises to be an interesting book. Enough of it has been written and edited to indicate that it will be a fascinating story of all aspects of College life. In fact, so much material has appeared that we can promise that it will be a sizeable book, with many photos.

A Former Student

Jerry Broeckert, a student and graduate of Palomar College from the ADCOP-MADCOP days of the 1960's, has appeared in recent news from Somalia. He is a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, and has played a part in escorting UN troops from Somalia. Jerry was president of the Associated Student Government in 1973-1974, received both the Faculty Award and the David R. Clement citizenship Award, and worked with Mrs. Edna

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Pulver and others in establishing the Palomar College Arboretum.

Recovering

Dr. Omar Scheidt, as healthy an ex-president as you could find, underwent open heart surgery on February 23, and was home three days later, answering the telephone and telling callers all about it. His complaint?--he had never missed a day of work because of illness in all his educational career, and now that he is retired, and on his own time, he had to undergo surgery!

Bus Service

The Transit Terminal at Palomar College was dedicated and opened for business in the last week of February. The installation, funded by the North County Transit District, is beautifully landscaped and provides a pleasant entrance to the Howard Brubeck Theatre. The Terminal provides convenient access to the campus by buses from Oceanside, Vista, and Escondido, and through transfers, from other communities. Try it sometime--you'll find it convenient and not as tiring as driving.

South of the Border

Señora Tilly Cheyney Alvarez has written from her home in Vista Hermosa, near Guadalajara, reporting on family events. Her Christmas card was delayed while the family was having a group photo prepared, but it arrived in timely fashion to become a Valentine Day card. Nicholas is reading very well, with The Bible as his favorite book.

Readability

It has been suggested that some retirees may be having trouble reading our newsletter which is printed in maroon ink on light gray paper. We chose that combination because those colors are the official colors of Palomar College. If you would prefer to receive a copy with black ink on white paper please let us know. We'll try to provide!

We shall also try to put fewer words into our articles, thus allowing the size of the print to be slightly larger. Sometimes our pen just doesn't know when to stop writing.

New Honorary Members

We have been fortunate in locating mailing addresses of the spouses of two of our former presidents of Palomar College. Mrs. D. Maye Putnam, wife of Dr. Phil H. Putnam, our third president, for whom the library is named the Phil H. Putnam Memorial Library, lives in her home in Corvallis, Oregon, near her son, Jere Ky, and his family.

Mrs. Ora Dunn, wife of Dr. John W. Dunn, our fourth president, lives in Los Altos, California, near her three children, William, Shirley, and Steven. After retiring from Foothill-De Anza College, John formed Professional Personnel Leasing with three partners, and was still active in this organization

until a few months before his death in 1986. Bill, the older son, and his family live in Alamo, California, where he teaches mathematics and computer science at the Las Positas campus of Chabot-Las Positas Community College. Shirley, now Mrs. John Poitras, lives in Woodside, California, where she works for Sentient Systems, Inc., training and consulting with local government in employee development. Steve, his wife, and their three children live in Antioch, where he is a sales representative for Wilson Sporting Goods.

Each of the ladies have been made honorary members of PACRA by action of the PACRA Board of Directors, and each hopes to be able to visit this area during one of the 50th Anniversary occasions. Their names and addresses will appear in the next edition of our directory, but if you wish to write to them, their addresses are:

Mrs. D. Maye Putnam, 1612 SW Squaw Creek Road, Corvallis, OR 97333;

Mrs. Ora A. Dunn, 1015 Crook Creek Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024.

Each of these former presidents moved on to head other community colleges after leaving Palomar; Phil to Ventura College and Compton College, and John to Peralta (Oakland) College and Monterey Peninsula College.

After Phil's death on October 13, 1966, Maye returned to this area and served from January 15, 1967 to June 1975 as an assistant in the Palomar College Library. Ora spends her time with Sierra Club work. As she says, "I took long hikes while John played golf." Each of our two new honorary members had made a significant contribution to the PACRA scholarship fund.

We would like any information you may have on the wives of the first and second presidents, Mrs. Margaret McNaughton, and Mrs. Elon Hildreth.

Grandparents

Some people are lucky enough to have grandchildren living nearby, and who, in one way or another, are busy spoiling the grandparents. Helen and John Schettler report that they have eaten more hamburgers in the past five years, keeping the kids well fed, than they ate in all their previous seventy years. Their youngest is now in kindergarten, so there should be several years of close relationships before the blase teen ages appear.

Would you like for us to print a few lines about your grandchildren? Just send us some notes.

Special Offer

If you have overlooked payment of dues for this year, we shall be glad to receive the money, which will be credited to this year and next year. Two years for the price of one--just like the fast-food stores.

A Thought

Here's a thought from Longfellow: "A boy's will is like the wind's will, and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

A Memory Center

PACRA proposes a simple memory center! We all have memories of our association with Palomar College and its personnel and students, memories with which we would not part. We suggest a reminder which can go on forever. Plant a nice geranium, any color, in a pot this spring. Whenever you look at it, you will be reminded of the College and your friends. And your friends will be doing the same! If, after a time, the plant loses its vigor, just break off some branches and restart it. How's that for a perpetual symbol of our past years? It's small and portable--you can take it with you if you move. And you can even call it "Pal" if you wish.

California State University San Marcos

Close articulation between Palomar College and California State University San Marcos has established strong links between the two institutions which are only a few miles apart. Students at Palomar can obtain precise information on the courses they should take at Palomar to make a smooth transition to Cal State.

Some 290 out of 790 new students at Cal State SM last fall were transferees from Palomar, with the next largest group from MiraCosta College in Oceanside.

Data from all branches of the State University system through California show that Palomar students finish their first year at branches of the State University with an average grade point average of 2.83, a B minus, while students who enter the State University as freshmen average 2.67, a C plus. About 31% of the Palomar students transfer to four-year institutions.

Mr. Robert Larson, director of Palomar's Transfer Center, assists students in transferring to four-year institutions. He has stated, "I think it shows that Palomar College gives students a good education while they're here, and that when students leave here, they are well prepared."

Mr. Steve Terlink, currently president of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the honor society at Palomar, says that anyone who comes to Palomar College thinking that community college classes are easy will be surprised. "The advantages of community colleges is not easy classes, but the availability and price of the classes. The classes here are very challenging. Everyone I've talked to who's gone on to a four-year college says there's not much difference. It's like a stepping stone for me. I'm kind of easing into the university experience."

The records of Palomar College transferring students has been consistently high for over 35 years.

PACRA Scholarship Award

One of the goals of PACRA is to provide scholarship support to the students of Palomar College. The Board of Directors recently approved the establishment of a \$1,000 scholarship for 1995-1996 to a full-time student attending Palomar who is a relative of a current or deceased member of PACRA who has maintained a 3.3 GPA. The student must maintain the 3.3 average, and continue full-time for two

semesters. It will be awarded in two \$500 increments. Applications on forms which have been sent to members must reach the College Financial Aid Office by March 27, 1995. Future scholarships will depend on the size of our membership and availability of funds.

News from the Colorado Rockies

Helen and Warren Donahue are still enjoying every minute of their life in the Colorado Rockies. At last report, Warren was busy building an additional room. It seems that they always wanted a fireplace, and now had to build a room to put it in. She hopes to get to the 700 mile goal of hiking this year, now that she passed the 650 mile mark last year. Springtime should be breaking in the Rockies at this time--perhaps we shall hear from them again as soon as the mail delivery can press through the snow.

A Trip to the Near East

Donna Casey (Iowa) is still floating on air from a physically demanding trip to the Near East in November. Her trip covered the Syrian-African Rift Zone, Mount Herman, the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, and the Gulf of Aqaba. She's convinced that Christ's level of physical fitness must have been very high because the terrain was a challenge for tromping up and down.

Learning to Drive A Car

Back in the 30's, when driving instruction was left up to fathers, the best advice a father could give his son or daughter was to remember that when you drive you are really driving three cars--yours, the one ahead of you, and the one behind you. But today, with multi-lane freeways, more can be added--the car on your left and the car on your right. That's five cars for the price of one driver's license.

Quiz

What airport in California has its main runway starting in one city and ending in another?



Construction was recently completed on the new 'Wellness' building.

ENTERTAINMENT

PALOMAR COLLEGE -- DRAMA -- 744-1150

The Butler Did It: April 28, 29, May 4, 5, 6, 7.

PALOMAR COLLEGE -- MUSIC -- 744-1150

Falcone Piano Recital, Room D-10: Sunday April 23, 2 PM

The President's Concert -- Howard Brubeck Theatre: May 13, 8 PM; May 14, 2 PM

PALOMAR COLLEGE -- DANCE -- 744-1150

Spring Dance Concert, Howard Brubeck Theatre: May 10, 20, 21

MIRACOSTA THEATRE -- DRAMA -- 757-2121

Student One-Act Plays: April 28

The Phantom Toll Booth: May 20

Nonsense: July 29

PATIO PLAYHOUSE COMMUNITY THEATRE -- ESCONDIDO -- 746-6669

Alone Together: June 9 through July 2

Dear Ruth: July 21 through August 6

PALOMAR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO ORCHESTRA

Performing Arts Center, Poway: April 2, 3 PM

PALOMAR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

Performing Arts Center, Poway: May 21, 3 PM

LA JOLLA SYMPHONY AND CHORUS -- MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM -- UCSD

Varied Program: May 27 and 28.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS -- ESCONDIDO -- 738-4100

Excellent programs of all kinds. Call the Center for program details.

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