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*Dr. Fred Huber and Susan Marchu at the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee with the 50th Anniversary time capsule she sculpted and donated to the college.*

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

The celebration of the 50th year of Palomar College is over, but the permanent reminders lie in the time capsule installed in a case in the second-floor lobby of the Phil H. Putnam Library. The grand finale was a presentation of Handel's oratorio *Messiah* in December 1996 to full-house audiences in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. The Music Department, through this event, commemorated the 50th anniversary, to the month, of the first presentation of *Messiah* by Palomar College music students under the direction of Mr. William Vogel. At that time, the College, housed in Vista High School in late afternoons and evenings, presented the oratorio in Vista, Fallbrook, and Escondido. Why not in San Marcos and

Poway—these cities did not exist until much later although their pioneer origins go back many years. You can be assured that the name of each PACRA member is in the time capsule—our Directory is part of the contents.

## TELEPHONE CALLING

If you live in San Diego County, or if you receive calls from distant places, you should be aware of changes in the area code which took effect on March 22. These become mandatory on September 27. In a general sense, residents from Encinitas, Escondido, Ramona, and Julian and all areas north of these cities will have a new area code, 760, while those southward will retain the 619 code. Rancho Santa Fe retains the 619 code. The details are a bit complicated, but you can obtain local information by calling (800) 310-2355 (Pacific Bell). So, notify your distant friends that they can contact you in the future. And, of course, you will want to receive notifications of your sweepstakes winning.

## HOW TRUE

There's another advantage to being poor—a doctor will cure you faster. K. Hubbard.

## ARBORETUM

A splendid article by staff writer, Conor Volk, appeared in the Palomar College *The Telescope* on March 7, 1997, concerning the Palomar College Arboretum. It reviews the history of the establishment of the Arboretum and describes how The Friends of the Palomar College Arboretum, a support organization established in 1995, is attempting to involve students as well as other adults in restoring and improving the Arboretum. If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Arboretum, just let your editor know—it's very easy.

## STUDENT WORKERS

One of the results of changes made in the California minimum wage law is a probable increase for the student workers of Palomar. Currently, the wages range from \$5 to \$5.75 per hour following approval given by the Governing Board in January, 1990. Since Palomar has paid above the previous California minimum wages of \$4.75, it is expected that the new limit will cause an increase in the student workers' wages at Palomar.

## MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

I'm sure each member of PACRA is interested, one way or another, in MEDICARE and Social Security. This is the season when Congress and the Administration work, together or otherwise, in creating changes in the two systems. All we can do for our readers is to encourage them to keep up-to-date with developments and to write your Congressmen, Senators, and the President to express your points of view.

## THE RETURN OF TOM CRAFT

Tom Craft, after coaching the Palomar Comets football team since 1983 with 73 wins, 41 losses, and one tie, took a leave-of-absence three years ago to be the offensive coordinator of the football team at San Diego State University. But in January 1997, he returned to Palomar with the "primary reason ... a commitment to my family." As Dr. George Boggs stated, "Tom never really quit. He was granted a leave of absence and that was extended so he could get some valuable experience at San Diego State. The Board members feel he's a great coach and a great person and that he would come back."

## DR. FRED RETURNS TO ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

On Saturday, April 19, Dr. Fred Huber, was invited to an all day celebration at Orange Coast College honoring former faculty members and others. Fred was Dean of Men at Orange Coast before he got into the circuit of presidencies. Nice to be remembered, Fred!

## REPAIRS FOR OLDE PALOMAR

Much of the plumbing, water pipes, sewers, and electrical distribution underground at the Palomar San Marcos site dates back to the 1950's and 1960's. And these "infrastructure" units have caused severe problems due to age and undersized. A sewer built to serve about 1,000 students on campus has been heavily overloaded when it must serve over 12,000.

At any rate, there is good news. As part of the \$3 billion bond issue approved by California voters in March 1996, Palomar will receive a \$14 million share. But it will take up to two years to correct the problems, according to Mike Ellis, the College Facilities Director. You may remember Mike who started at Palomar as a student in 1973, became an electrician two years later, and was appointed to his present position in 1985. Palomar has had only four persons in that position, often with other titles, Charles Crafts, Paul Rabe, Bill Eddy, and Mike, during its 50-year history.

The improvements and replacements include a high-voltage electrical system (\$2.7 million), a telecommunications system (\$1.3 million), storm drain improvement (\$900,000), a fire-suppressing sprinkler and water system (\$860,000), a new sewer system (\$500,000), new lighting (\$540,000), temporary overhead electrical lines (\$630,000), and new sidewalks and landscaping (\$1.6 million). The remainder will be used for design, planning, and architectural and engineering fees.

These figures are interesting when we remember that the total cost of the first four permanent buildings on campus was \$485,000—but that was 1955-1956.

Final plans and construction bid documents for the improvements are expected to be sent to the State for approval in July or August, with contracts probably awarded in September or October.

The work will be in 20 different phases, using small areas which will cause minimum disruption to the College environment.

The most noticeable sign of the improvement projects will be two giant trenches for the new facilities. These trenches will be 30 feet wide and 10 to 15 feet deep. One will run from the Patrons' Carillon Clock Tower to the Howard Brubeck Theatre, over 2,000 feet long. The other will go from the Phil H. Putnam Library to the largest parking lot, about 900 feet long.

Walls and chain link fencing will be installed to keep students and staff from becoming part of the problem.

Ample notice of progress on the work will be given through the use of bulletin boards, newsletters, The Telescope, and electronic message signs. It is estimated that the total job will take 18 to 24 months after the start of construction. But that's a short period compared to the 20 years of problems and 10 years of planning for these improvements.

A boy's will is the wind's will and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts

What am I? If you take away one letter, I remain the same. If you take away two letters I remain the same. If you take away all the letters, I will remain the same. Courtesy of Scott Dancz and Wendy's Child Lunch packaging.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to know which members of PACRA are online. Let us know your E-Mail or FAX address so we can publish it in the Fall issue.

## BRYANT GUY

We regret to tell you of the death of Mr. Bryant Guy, the Director of Contracts at Palomar for many years. After serving with the United States Marine Corps for 20 years he came to Palomar as Purchasing Agent. He was a most admirable employee and a fine, cheerful friend to all.

## KEITH HANSEN

We have been informed that Mr. Keith Hansen passed away in January of this year. Keith was Palomar's first head of the Audio-Visual Section, a position he held until he retired. He was the first employee of this instructional support, now known as Media Center, one which has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years.

## RETIREMENT PROGRAM

In the summer of 1996, the Governing Board of Palomar, in an effort to encourage retirement of academic employees,

adopted the Golden Handshake program of the State Education Code for 1996-97 to begin April 15, 1997, through June 15, 1997, for all STRS eligible employees. For 1997-98, the program extends from April 15, 1998 through June 15, 1998. The District agreed to pay the present value of the additional allowance and purchasing power supplemental payment in the time and manner specified by the State Teachers' retirement Board.

**SILENCE:** What would follow if the average politician spoke his mind. Anonymous.

You might truly say a glutton is someone who eats too long and a dieter is someone who longs to eat.

#### THE BURTONS

Bob and Betty Burton of Dewey, Arizona, report that they keep busy. "We walk about one mile every morning and later in the day we spend about 25 minutes on an exercise machine. I (Bob) recently had a complete physical examination and the medical doctors could find nothing wrong with me! When you are 85 this cheers you up a bit. I was taking some heart medication, but my cardiologist has taken me off the stuff. He tells me I don't need it. My first year at Palomar was 1957-58--I will never forget that year, among other things, John Dunn. All of his predictions concerning Palomar have come true. So I have been with Palomar for forty years--twenty years as an employee and twenty years as a retired Dean Emeritus."

### PALOMAR READY TO ACCEPT A MOUNTAIN

The big, white "P" on the mountain behind Palomar may finally belong to the College. The letter and 30 acres surrounding it on Owens Peak is the subject of an agreement in principle between the owner and the College. The 180-foot tall, 80-foot wide "P" is made of crushed lime and has regularly been cleared of brush and whitened by Palomar students. It was created six years after the College was founded, two years after Palomar moved to its current location from Vista.

On a warm, summer afternoon in the late 1950's, there was an impromptu race to the top of the mountain between the football coach and the business officer--no cheerleaders, no audience. Guess who won!

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength. St. Frances de Sales.

### THE DONAHUES

Helen and Warren Donahue, after moving to Colorado from California twelve years ago, continue to enjoy the Rocky Mountain State in spite of the loss of their great friend, their dog, Addie. But they now have Maggie, a black Newfoundland puppy. "We were hardly prepared for her boundless energy and enthusiasm for life! We used all the tactics we had learned from Clair Carr, Newfoundland breeder from whom we got Addie. We studied the book given to us on "How to Train a Puppy" written by 'behaviorist' monks who raise and train dogs with love and praise. Our Maggie

absorbed all the love and praise we could bestow upon her, but maintained her own rambunctious life style! One day she found ecstatic joy when she discovered the loose end of the roll of toilet paper and gleefully ran through the house with it in her mouth, all the while I'm yelling and chasing after her. Streamers of toilet paper festooned every room in the wake of our race around and around the house! It took a few of these episodes for both Warren and me to remember to close the bathroom door as we left."

"One cold gray day the wind chilled us to the bone, a coyote's shrill call from across the valley cut through the steely, arctic air and we quickened our pace to keep warm. The very next day gleaming snow-capped peaks reached into a cobalt blue sky and only a gentle breeze ruffled the winter-worn brown grasses. We were excited to find perky, bright yellow buttercups and tiny green blades of new grass hugging the warming earth. This is Springtime in the Rockies."

"Soon spring dissolved into summer and flowers burst upon the landscape in a calliope of colors that lifted the spirits. As the sun climbed in the sky, lingering snow melted away and trails opened to the high country. We followed the migrating herds of elk, deer, and bighorn sheep as well as smaller critters up the slopes to the greening tundra. My spirits soared higher with each succeeding hike to our favor spots on top of the world. I know that helped poor Warren too, as he tried so hard to encourage and help me through my trauma."

"The Fern Lake trail winds its way through shoulder-high cool, green ferns where as a little girl I found the wee folk--where the ferns shaded the playground of fairies and elves. Years later my grandchildren discovered these same pixies playing and dancing 'neath the same lacy ferns. Our young visitors gave names to the sprites that hitched rides on their backpacks and shoulders, tickling their necks and telling them stories along the way to shorten the trail. Now, our human elves have grown up into big people and the elves and fairies of the ferns must wait for yet another generation of little ones to entertain!"

Helen's annual letter to her friends is a reader's delight, reflecting the freedom which can be found in the mountains. The paragraphs above are but a small part of her literary masterpiece.

### LIBRARY AT THE ESCONDIDO CENTER

The Escondido Center of Palomar College will soon have shelves, study cubicles, electronic transmittal capacity and about 2,000 more books. The estate of Mr. Ernest J. Allen of Valley Center has contributed \$200,000. Dr. George Mozes, Director of the Libraries and Educational Television at Palomar, said the grant will also provide for an electronic delivery system to transmit documents from the San Marcos campus to the Escondido facility.

**ANSWER To "Who Am I?"--The mail delivery man.**

For dieters: you can burn up three and a half calories just by laughing a good laugh.

From a nursing home: Asked what he liked best about being 96 years old, the young fellow replied, "Less peer pressure."

It seems that nothing ages your car as quickly as having a shiny new one parked next to you.

Kids today are no different from the way they were when we were young--whatever they do just costs a lot more now.

Too many folks spend too much of their lives chasing something that they eventually discover isn't worth catching.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25, 26, (8 PM), May 1, 2, 3 (8 PM):  
THEATRE: The Miser.

May 10 (8 PM), -11 (2 PM):  
MUSIC: President's Concert, Palomar Symphony Orchestra.

May 16, 17 (8 PM), -18 (2 PM & 7 PM):  
DANCE: Spring Dance Show.

May 17 (8 PM), -18 (2 PM):  
MUSIC: Spring Chorale Concert. Palomar Chorale and Chamber Singers.

### HELP NEEDED

If any one has information that would help Max Altmann concerning the books and pictures which Esther Nesbin Altmann had in their home before it was destroyed by the fire last fall please contact him at the address or telephone number in the directory. It seems there was no inventory of these materials, and insurance settlement has become a problem.

### MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Are you having problems with Medicare or the College insurance coverage: call Victoria (Vicky) de la Torre in the Human Resources Office of the College, (760) 744-1150, ext. 2889.

### MUSIC PREMIERE

The Palomar College Music Department through the Palomar Symphony Orchestra played the premiere of Concerto for Piano and Strong Orchestra, written by Norman Weston, now professor of music theory at Saddleback College. The concerts on February 15 and 16, 1997, were conducted by Robert Gilson, with Peter Gach at the piano. The work, about 15 minutes in length, was written as a single movement featuring nine variations on a theme by English composer Giles Farnaby who flourished about 1600. These performances were held to be a landmark in the continuing development of the Music Department.

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