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“What kind of a Registration shall we have this time, Bob?” This was the question regularly asked by President Huber of Dean Robert Burton at meetings of the Administrative Council as it began planning for the next registration of students. And as always, Bob would reply, “Well, do you want a good one or not?”

As we look kindly on these little exchanges of the past, we regret that they will not happen again. Dean Robert Burton passed away in Prescott, Arizona, on April 13, at the age of 91. He came to Palomar in the summer of 1957 after several years as registrar and head of counseling at Douglas, Arizona, High School, and had been recognized as the best high school counselor in Arizona. He guided the students of Palomar during the upsetting years of the '60's with no major disturbances within the student body. Following his retirement in July, 1977, he and his wife, Betty, moved into a development near Dewey, Arizona. They made frequent trips to Europe until his health caused him to remain at home. All who knew him admired his personality and his manner of dealing with others.

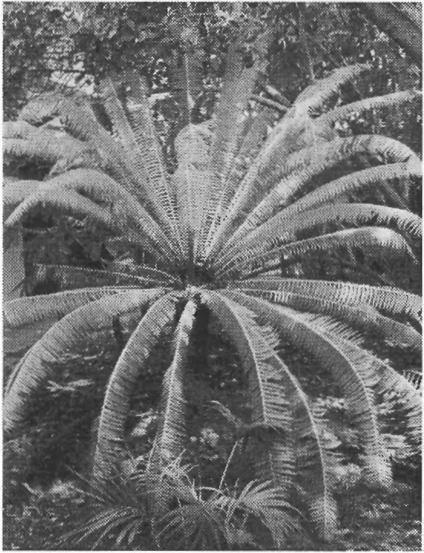
STILL BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

With 28,915 students enrolled on census day in the fall semester, Palomar was still the second largest among the 25 colleges and universities in San Diego County. San Diego State University is still the largest with 33,391 students, with the University of California, San Diego, third at 23,548. Mesa College had 21,482, MiraCosta College was #11 with 10,176, and California State University, San Marcos, as #13, with 7,676.

On looking at these numbers one can see that Governor Davis' proposed reductions of State funds to higher education is highly biased against community colleges.

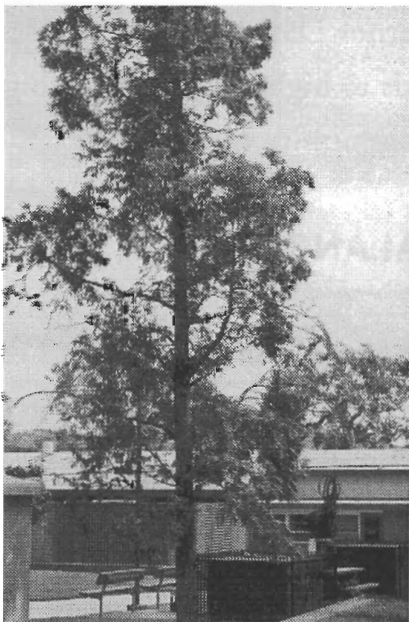
BALANCING THE BUDGET

Dr. Sherrill Amador reminds that three of the top criteria to be used in budget-balancing decisions at Palomar are: (1) to assure the solvency and fiscal integrity of the district; (2) to minimize the impact on students enrolled in classes; and (3) to maintain adequate student

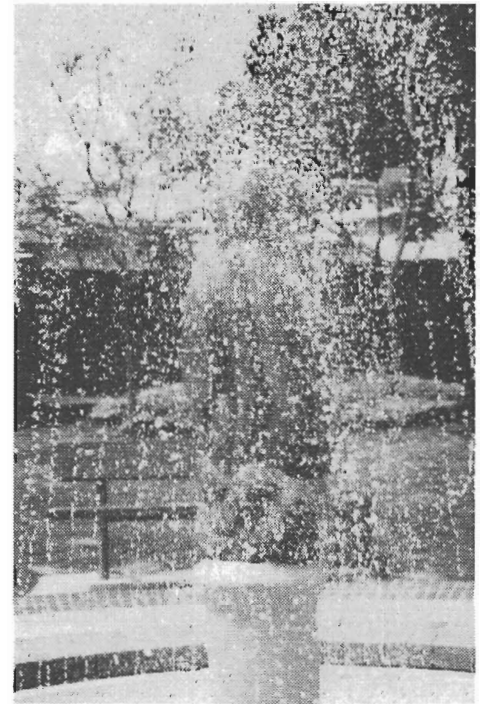


Wayne Armstrong's 30-year old Cycad

services. The four planning councils have been asked to recommend budget reductions to the Strategic Planning Committee and to the Revenue Allocations Committee. If State funds are restored, the same criteria will determine which positions or functions will be restored first, and the ranking of the others.



Metasequoia



John Barlow's Mexican Onyx Fountain

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Dr. Nadine Barlow, a world-renowned expert on the planet Mars, found her first interest in astronomy when her fifth grade class visited the Palomar Planetarium. She later attended Palomar, majoring in astronomy under James Pesavento, graduated in 1976, transferred to the University of Arizona, and received her doctor's degree in planetary sciences there. At present, she is assistant professor of astronomy at Northern Arizona University. She will receive Palomar's "Alumna of the Year" award at the annual commencement on May 23, 2003.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

Don Bartletti, a photographer for *The Los Angeles Times*, graduated from Palomar in 1968



Student Union - 2003

COMPLETION OF STUDENT UNION

The reconstructed Student Union will be completed in May 2003, ready for occupancy by the incoming students of the fall semester. Several photos taken during the construction period are shown in this issue. The Patrons of Palomar College have contributed a set of flags, Old Glory and the State Bear flag, to the students of Palomar for use in the new building.

with an associate degree in art. He recently won the feature photography Pulitzer prize for images of Central American youths trying to come to the United States.

EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Palomar's Governing Board recently approved an early retirement plan for full-time teachers. The purpose is to save money by retiring teachers who have been at the College for many years, accruing high salaries, and then using the funds to maintain younger teachers. The plan may save between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000 if at least 20 veteran full-time teachers use the plan. This supplemental retirement plan awards bonuses to teachers of at least 55 years of age who have been with the college at least 10 years and choose to retire by June 30, 2003. The bonuses may run as high as \$5,200. The plan is for this college year only, and does not extend beyond June 30.



Student Union



The first planted tree - a Chinese Elm

OLD STUFF AT PALOMAR

By "old" we mean really old, far older than any of our retirees can ever hope to be. The age of the dinosaurs, 65 to 225 million years ago, (and that's before any of us were around,) was the period of a few plants which are now represented on campus. The Ginkgo biloba tree, the maidenhair fern, and the dawn redwood (Metasequoia), as well as cycads are well represented. These trees and other forms are remnants of ancient times, extending before the coal beds of Earth were formed. The splendid cycad in the inner courtyard of the Science building was a gift from Wayne Armstrong, who used the gift as an income tax

deduction that year. More information, all very interesting, can be found on the internet at <http://waynesword.palomar.edu> Try it out.

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