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Leading off the 50th Anniversary on September 14, 1995, (l to r) Dr. Fred Huber, president emeritus, Palomar College; Miss Ellen Noonkester, president, Associated Student Government; and Mr. Ralph Jensen, president, Palomar College Board of Trustees.

50th Anniversary

A 50th Anniversary Committee, with wide representation, was established in April 1994 to develop and coordinate events celebrating the 50th year of Palomar College. Its first meeting was held on May 11, 1994, with monthly meetings after that. Members included Dale Wallenius, chairman; Nancy Corlett, Jo Anne Giese, Peter Gach, Loren Lee, Judy Mancuso, Phyllis Nimmo, Polly Pedjoe, Petra Caballero, Tom Humphrey, Dorothy Kalicki, Michael Steirnagel, Tony Walker, Mike Norton, Donna Robillard, and John D. Schettler.

Its first item of business was to establish the period of time for the celebration, the entire 1995-1996 Academic year starting in August 1995 and the 1996 calendar year, ending December 31, 1996.

One of the early components of this extended celebration was the writing and publishing of the Palomar College history of these fifty years. Dr. Roy (Pat) Archer had volunteered to write the history with Dr. John D. Schettler acting as editor.

The opening event of the 50th Anniversary occurred on Thursday, September 16, 1995, at 2 PM near the Patrons' Carillon Clock Tower. An attractive speakers' area was devised by Rick Kratoski and his crew under the tower with the audience seated under the oldest tree on campus, the Chinese elm planted by the students on May 21, 1951. Dr. Boggs, Mr. Ralph Jensen, president of the Governing Board, and Miss Ellen Noonkester, president of the Associated Students gave introductory remarks. The highlight was a reminiscing address by Dr. Fred Huber, president emeritus and president of PACRA. The Board of Directors of The Patrons of Palomar College were honored guests, seated in the front row. Billie Hawkins' Brass Ensemble from the Music Department provided music before the assemblage. But the best part of the afternoon was the many meetings of old friends and exchanges of

memories.

The Committee had previously approved a design by Michael Steirnagle of the Art Department for lapel pins with the 50th logo. These were on sale at the meeting and orders were taken for copies of the history book, *Golden Jubilee At Palomar College, Fifty Years of Excellence*.

The Vista Press and the San Marcos Courier published a special supplement to those newspapers with excellent articles on the events of the anniversary year and a fine tribute to Mrs. Esther Nesbin Altmann, but recently deceased.

The BIG event, OPEN HOUSE, will be an all-day celebration on campus on Saturday, March 16, 1996. Many departments will be open with demonstrations of their work. There will be all day entertainment and presentations by several student groups. A very special event will be presented in the Howard Brubeck Theatre in the evening, the opening of "Kiss Me, Kate." Each member of PACRA should plan to attend this full day celebration.



One of a few of the earliest buildings of 1950 on Palomar College campus, still in use as a storage facility.

Golden Jubilee at Palomar College - Fifty Years of Excellence -

Roy (Pat) Archer started working on the history of the first fifty years of Palomar College in the spring of 1994, and finished the job (or gave up) in August 1995. Assisted by John Schettler as editor, and eighty-three other contributors, Pat developed a comprehensive story of the events which have led to the Palomar College we know today.

Some of the students of the earliest years, those of 1946 to 1950, still live in the community and contributed narratives which could not be found elsewhere. The earliest surviving employees, which include Karen Floyd and Richard H. Crafts, gave descriptions of the first year on the San Marcos campus which are almost unbelievable. But not all history is of bygone years; there are accounts of important event which

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happened in the summer of 1995.

In fact, the editor wrote a letter to the President of the College, asking that he please stop creating history or the authors would never get the book into print.

The book was assembled on the printer by Letty Brewster of the Graphic Communications Department from floppy disks created by Schettler. Then the big press at Palomar took over, printing the text and cover, even the colored pages. Twelve pages of colored photographs were included, and countless black-and-white photos. One of the most interesting photos is a color reproduction of a water color made by a student in 1952 of the quad of the old campus long before any permanent buildings were erected.

The author and editor are concerned about all the history which they did not discover during the writing period. But perhaps some of the lost stories will appear in a later edition or in the history at the 75th year. The Palomar College Foundation and the President's Associates contributed funds to allow the history to be published.

The great, irreplaceable source of information concerning these fifty years was the collection of newspaper clippings from 1946 to the present date. The collection and conservation of these started with the Mrs. Esther Nesbin Altmann when she was appointed to be librarian in the first year of the college. Years later, these clippings were assembled, mounted, laminated, and bound in folio sized books through funds provided by The Patrons of Palomar College. The college community owes deepest thanks to each person who had a hand in preserving these records. These clippings were from every daily and weekly newspaper in the county, many of which no longer exist or have changed names.

Other important sources of information were the minutes of the Governing Board, the complete issues of the student newspaper, The Telescope, and the complete issues of the Patrons' newsletters, Telstar. Two biographies were made available, and three histories written in earlier years were used. But the most interesting accounts came from narratives provided by individuals who lived through the events.

If you have not obtained your copy, please contact the Foundation Office, Judy Mancuso, telephone 619-744-1150, extension 2732, at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos, CA 92069. For \$25 you will receive a copy by mail, or if you stop by her office in the Administration Building you may obtain one for \$20. Meeting of September 23

Members of PACRA gathered at the San Marcos Civic Center dining room for their usual September social and business meeting.

Forty-six members and spouses lunched on fine food catered by the Palomar College Food Services Division, directed by Virginia Dower.

In addition, there were three guests: Betty Pardue and Cynthia Stribling from Keenan and Associates (insurance), and a representative from Unum Insurance. Pardue and Stribling gave a presentation of long term care insurance, a plan not offered through the College, but available from Keenan and Associates to retirees through the San Diego County Consortium. Discussion was given to an alternate dental program which will be available to the College staff and retirees by January 1, 1996. Information will be mailed to all PACRA members in early October.

Another guest was the newly selected Assistant Superintendent/Associate Vice-President for Human Resources and Affirmative Action, Dr. Teresa Doyle, the replacement for Jane Enright who resigned a few months ago.

Flowers for the luncheon were acquired by Ruth Serr and arranged by June Brubeck. Fred Huber, president of PACRA, presided over the meeting, introducing guests and making everyone feel at home. The attendance at this luncheon was the largest we have had since the

organizational meeting over four years ago. It's hard to believe it, but PACRA is now in its fifth year of service and benefit to retirees and the College.

Why It Happened

The Escondido Times-Advocate, in reporting on the opening ceremony of the 50th ANNIVERSARY, gave an excellent summary of the remarks that Dr. Fred Huber made on September 16.

Fred's key comment was, "This is the information highway—it's not on computers or the Internet." The editorial acknowledged that Palomar is "not exactly backward with technology," but has "grown to 24,000 students and eight satellite campuses because it has offered students good teachers in relatively small classes."

"Without these people teaching relevant classes, the information highway leads nowhere. That's why Palomar students often transfer to four-year California State Colleges and the University of California and perform better than students who came to the colleges and university as freshmen," concluded the newspaper editorial.

So our retired instructors, retired support staff, and administrators can continue to be proud of their efforts in the never ending game of education.

The Patrons Dedicate Patio

The Patrons of Palomar College on September 16 completed a program which they started in 1963, just 32 years late. In that year the College agreed that the courtyard just west of the mailroom, now completely enclosed by offices, would be the replacement Patio for the original construction made by the Patrons between two of the original wooden buildings.

The original Patrons' Patio fell to the bulldozers when the permanent building for the Art and Music Departments was constructed. The new patio was landscaped long ago by The Patrons, and was frequently used in the 1960's for receptions and teas. But a formal dedication was never made, probably because everyone was so busy developing a burgeoning college campus filled with students.

On September 16, 1995, the Board of Directors of The Patrons, with guests Dean Gene Jackson and the Supervisor of Grounds Services, Rick Kratoski, gathered before a bank of television camera to unveil a bronze plaque which calmly states, "The Patrons Patio -- 1963." Much of the work in getting this accomplished was done by Mrs. Jennifer Lebedeff, who led the project through the various steps and committee approvals.

This year marks the 50th year of The Patrons of Palomar College which was founded just a few months after the first classes of the College opened. A few of the original members of the 1946-1947 group still live in southern California. The Open House on March 16, 1996, will find the Patrons assisting and participating in the events.

The Forgotten War

How President Emeritus Fred Huber Returned to Alaska
After Leaving There in November 1945
Fred Huber

It so happened that World Explorer Cruises was searching for someone who had knowledge of Alaska and the Alaskan military campaign of World War II. I spent three and one-half years in the Aleutians beginning in June 1942 when we made the landing on an uninhabited island, Adak, in the Aleutian chain about 300 miles from Attu. You may remember that after Pearl Harbor the Japanese decided to occupy Attu and Kiska in January 1942. This became a psychological as well as a military problem for the United States. The enemy on American soil!! Never!

I was asked to deliver two lectures on board the S.S. Universe as it

cruised through the Alaskan Inland Passage in August of 1995. On board were a marine biologist, a geologist, an anthropologist, and an historian, each of whom also lectured on Alaska.

This part of World War II was truly a "Forgotten War." Very little has been written about it even when it was going on, June 1942 through August 1943. The purpose of the campaign was to recapture Attu and Kiska. The Navy and the Air Force could have kept the Japanese "bottled up" on these two islands, but people at home would not be happy about that. But more important, what was Russia's role in this war? There had been no commitment from Russia at that time.

Fortunately, I was not in the Army forces that made the landings on Attu and Kiska. There were more casualties from the weather and lack of proper clothing than from actual fighting. The Japanese eventually surrendered or fled, with many committing hari-kari.

For reasons still unknown, this campaign was not given the priority and publicity which it deserved. Troops used in the attack had been trained in desert maneuvers. The definitive book needs to be written about this war. Perhaps, I shall attempt it now that I have come back to it after 50 years.

There was a lighter side to all of this during those three and one-half years. I became the Special Service Officer for the island of Adak which was, and still is, a major supply base for the Navy and Air Force. I had a Special Service Company assigned to the island which provided musicians, librarians, film projectionists, writers, artists, and many other talented personnel. Dashiell Hammet was one of these. He edited the daily newspaper, the Adakian. Buddy Freeman formed a jazz band, and the arranger for Andre Kostelanetz led the symphony orchestra.

Many screen star comedians, dancers, and singers came to Adak to entertain the men and women stationed there. It was a city of 35,000, prepared to handle 100,000. President Roosevelt visited us prior to the attack on Attu. Olivia de Havilland, Errol Flynn, Marilyn Maxwell, and Yehudi Menuhin were among the well-known personalities who came to Adak.

Gaylord Carter, the world's greatest organist for silent movies, was the Morale, Recreation, and Welfare officer the Navy. We became close friends, and I am happy to report that he celebrated his 90th birthday in August.

There are some wonderful stories to tell about these three and one-half years. If you are interested, I'll be happy to describe them when we have our get-together. Thanks for listening.

Morse Olmstead, Former Board Member

Mr. Morse Olmstead of Escondido, a member of the Governing Board of the College District from 1956 to 1971 passed away in June 1995. He became a Board member just as the first permanent buildings were finished on campus and served through years of rapid growth. Many new buildings and facilities were constructed during this period. It was also the years of student activism throughout the country. He was chosen by fellow Board members to be president of the Governing Board for 1958-1960, 1963-1965, and 1967-1969. In June 1971 he was awarded the Associate in Humane Arts by Palomar for his contributions to the community and to the College.

Mrs. Esther Nesbin Altmann

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Esther Nesbin Altmann on July 30, 1995 at her home on Questhaven Road. Esther was the last of the original faculty of Palomar College. She came to Palomar as a secretary for veterans' affairs, but in the spring of 1947 was appointed by Dr. Dan McNaughton, director of the College, to be librarian. At that time classes were held in late afternoon and evening hours in rooms of the old Vista High School. It was not until September 1950, that the College, with library attached, occupied the wooden buildings

on its present campus in San Marcos.

Although she had several titles during her 30 years of service to Palomar, she was always known familiarly as the "librarian." Born in the Edgewater suburb of Denver, she was reared and schooled in Buffalo, New York, becoming a graduate of the University of Buffalo. For some time she was employed by the Grosvenor Research Library in Buffalo. After her family, the Winters, moved to Los Angeles she met Anthony Nesbin whom she married. They moved to Vista where her husband decided to built houses; it was at this time that she become connected with Palomar College.

In the early years of the Library, Nesbin built the book collection primarily through gifts and community support. But after the move to San Marcos, the continued purchase of needed volumes became a large part of the acquisitions. As an ambassador of the College she found eager audiences in her many talks about wild flowers and the value of the library to the community. Newspaper indices indicate that she gave more talks to public groups than did the presidents of Palomar.

Quoting Mrs. Carolyn Wood, Librarian, "At a time when women were conspicuously absent in higher education, Nesbin played an important and visible role at Palomar College as a pioneer. All over North County, there was praise of Nesbin's efforts for the library and deep admiration for her as a person."

After Anthony's death she continued developing the land and buildings which they had undertaken in the Questhaven area. She later married Mr. Maxwell Altmann, an Australian by birth, with whom she spent the final years of her life in a loving relationship.

We will always miss her at the opening moment of The Patrons' Annual Book Sale in November, when she and Max were always first in line after the ribbon was cut for the opening. That is, nearly always, for her health did not allow her to attend the 1994 sale. She was one of the original members of The Patrons of Palomar College, and will be long remembered for her invaluable contributions to Palomar. Esther will be missed by her many friends and acquaintances.

Losses Among Our Friends

A valued member of the Palomar faculty passed away in the summer of 1995. Mr. Lester Knapp, associate professor in the Life Sciences Department, died in May 1995 after a long illness. He was an energetic instructor with many students in his classes. In 1982 he led a study group to Polynesia, in 1987 to the Society Islands and Tahiti, and in 1988 to the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico, and later to Tahiti.

Mr. Inder Singh, Dean of Counseling, Guidance, and Career Development, a counselor at Palomar since 1972, died in May 1995. An amiable gentleman and a well-liked counselor, he had served in a similar position at San Marcos High School.

Mr. Gordon "Scotty" McTernan died on September 21 at an Escondido nursing center at the age of 90. A native of a suburb of Edinburgh, Scotland, he moved to Canada when he was 21, then to Detroit and Long Beach. He was best known to us as a maintenance worker of Palomar College. Always a cheerful man, well-liked by his colleagues and the students, he frequently displayed his skills by singing and playing Scottish music. In 1978 he was awarded an Associate in Humane Arts degree by Palomar College for his contributions to our community and the College.

Scott Boyles, the news director of Palomar College in the early 1960's, died in a San Diego hospital on June 25, 1995, at the age of 89. Before he came to Palomar he had established a reputation for writing Western novels, magazine articles, and short stories under the pseudonym of Will C. Brown. His first Western novel, "The Border Jumpers," was the basis for the 1958 movie, "Man of the West," Gary

Cooper's last cowboy epic. For 15 years he wrote a twice-weekly "North Coast" column in the San Diego Evening Tribune. "The Nameless Breed," his best seller, was voted "Best Western Novel of 1960" by the Western Writers of America, winning their prestigious Spur Award. His daughter, a story writer; a granddaughter, a screen writer; and one of his six grandchildren, a former copy editor at The San Diego Union all follow Scott's footsteps. An anthology of Mr. Boyle's short stories, "The Best of Will C. Brown," is being published in the United States.

Wartime News from the 40's: Burton

In this 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II some of the participants have sent us their stories. One of the most interesting is that of Robert Burton, former Dean of Students, now living in Dewey, Arizona.

Bob's story starts in 1943 when he was an instructor at the Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Missouri. He noticed an advertisement concerning a huge construction company which had a contract for Canol, an oil field development in northwestern Canada and Alaska. He applied for a position and was made an offer at double the salary he was making as a teacher, with all expenses paid including clothing, and a bonus at the end of a nine-month contract.

He took the offer and was trained to be a traveling paymaster to various camps in those areas. He was sent to Edmonton for the training course, then to Seattle where he boarded a ship headed for Skagway, Alaska. His destination was to cross the high pass to Carcross, Yukon Territory. His ship, the U. S. S. Otsego, had been captured from Germany in World War I and converted into a general transport by the War Department.

The Otsego headed north through the inside passage en route to Skagway. But at about 1:30 in the morning of a cold March night it struck a reef and stopped with a large hole in the bow. He had already dressed to get fresh air on deck, so he picked up his briefcase and made his way to the deck. Life boats were lowered and all were taken to an island near Bella Bella, British Columbia. All went well except for three men who jumped into the cold water with only their underwear. Bob got one foot wet but lost all his luggage for which he was later reimbursed.

They were picked up by another ship and taken to Prince Rupert, B. C., from which they were taken to a secret Canadian Air Base, later leaving to return to the trip to Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway. From Skagway he traveled the narrow gauge railway via White Pass to Carcross, which became his headquarters for several months before transferring to a site on the Alcan Highway.

At the end of this wintry nine months, his office manager took a job in Arabia, and Bob was slated to accompany him. But his draft board would not let him go. So he applied for a commission in the U. S. Navy, was accepted, and ended up as a Navy officer in Tinian before the war was over.

All this work was very secret for it involved the creation of the Alcan Highway, an inland route through Canada to give access from Alaska to the lower states in case of an invasion by Japan. The oil fields were important as a source of fuel, so in the midst of all this a refinery had been brought in, bit by bit, to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. The Alcan Highway was important as emergency landing fields to pilots who were ferrying airplanes to Fairbanks to be picked up there by Russian pilots and then flown to Siberia.

Bob claims he has enough information to write a book, but he fears no one would read it. Perhaps some of our readers would like to write to him encouraging him to produce this book--it would probably be interesting to a lot of people.

An Old Photo Lives Again

One of the most interesting items uncovered in the historical search related to the 50th anniversary was a large panoramic photograph of the students and faculty of Palomar College posed against the buildings of Vista High School, the first setting of the College. It was taken in January 1951, and displayed the names of each person on the reverse side. The photograph was not in first-class shape, but rephotography, retouching, and colorization brought out an unbelievable image. A large portion of the photo was used as the cover of the Palomar College Catalog 1995-1996. The last living member of the faculty of that year was Mrs. Esther Nesbin Altmann, who passed away a few weeks after the Catalog was issued.

Here's How It Used To Be

Richard H. (Dick) Crafts has provided an interesting report from the early years of Palomar on the San Marcos campus. Here are his words:

In 1949, when I went to work for the College, we started moving Camp Elliott buildings to the new Palomar campus in San Marcos. My first contract was for \$188 per month for eight hours per day, on call for seven days per week.

In 1950, the College acquired a dump truck from Army Surplus, and I hauled six loads of five yards per load of top soil from Lake Hodges to the College every day for about eight months so that we would have something into which we could plant our landscaping. The campus property was mostly granite rock, and very sterile. The tasks put before a staff of four people were unbelievable. We always got the job done, one way or the other. I think that if it had not been for Charles Crafts, with his dedication and love for Palomar, that the campus as you see it today would not have been possible. Also, the way all staff members from the president of the College, the teachers, and custodians all working together on a budget that was very little or nothing made all the difference. I know myself that I never worked so hard for so little in all my life, but for the most part loved every minute of it.

A Visitor from Jalisco

One of the delightful events of August was the visit of Tilly Alvarez and her children, Amanda and Nickolas, from Vista Hermosa, Jalisco, Mexico. Tilly worked for several years in the Business Department offices before the Business Office of the College induced her to change positions. She was one of the most dynamic leaders of the classified personnel while serving as the right hand assistant to Dr. Schettler, the Assistant Superintendent for Business. All goes well with her family, including her husband, Benjamin, and we will all welcome her next visit to this area.

Get Out & Get Under

One of the bits of history which escaped the author of the recently published Golden Jubilee at Palomar concerned John Barlow, the "Art Department" in the early fifties, while teaching in one of the wooden buildings. The floor boards of his classroom were separated by a measurable distance. One day a student brought her small daughter to class with her and gave her the car keys to play with. As you can foresee, the keys were dropped and immediately went through the separation between the floor boards. Fortunately, the building was on supports about three feet above the ground. And of course Mr. Barlow crawled under the floor to retrieve the set of keys.

San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium

New appointments have been made for official representatives of the Governing Board of Palomar College to the San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium for medical, dental, vision, life, Internal

Revenue Code Section 125, retiree health and retiree dental programs, and any other risk or plan. The new representatives are Michael D. Gregoryk, Assistant Superintendent/Vice-President for Finance and Administrative Services, and Teresa F. Doyle, Assistant Superintendent/Associate Vice-President for Human Resources and Affirmative Action. William "Tony" Walker and Mario Mendez are alternate representatives. Mendez replaced Lois Meyer and Doyle replaced Jane Enright.

The Dome

The gymnasium at Palomar, constructed in the geodesic dome style developed by Buckminster Fuller, has served the College since 1958 when it was constructed by plans developed by the College architect, C. J. Paderewski of San Diego. This type of construction had been used for banks, alternative housing, and Arctic radar stations for military installations.

The outstanding feature of the dome for gymnasium use is that it enclosed a lot of space with a minimum of materials and without interior supports which would cut lines of sight.

The footings and sidewalls which would eventually support the dome were installed in the usual fashion using concrete, steel, and brick masonry. The footings extend far into the ground to bed rock, but even at that level several small streams of water were intercepted. After these features were constructed, the installation of the dome proceeded rapidly, needing only six days to complete the work.

A vertical tower or crane was installed at the center of the proposed gymnasium to be used only for the erection of the dome after which it was removed. The highest center plate of the dome was assembled at ground level around the base of the crane, then elevated a few feet while the second row of aluminum alloy panels were bolted into place. Successive rows of plates were installed with each elevation of the finished sections. Finally, the last row of panels was installed and the entire dome, now suspended in mid-air, was lowered to the base columns.

This type of construction was confusing to the State construction authorities and to the fire insurance carriers. They could not determine which portion was wall and which was ceiling. So to solve the issue, the State Fire Marshall required the installation of a fire sprinkler system under the metal dome before it could be occupied.

Mr. Paderewski and Palomar's dome were the subjects of an interesting article in the September 1995 issue of San Diego Home/Garden magazine. Pat remarked that "it makes a beautiful structure; it's economical; and it has worked well."

New Entrance Sign

In May 1994, a Sign Development Task Force was established to review proposals which have been presented by representatives of the North County Transit District. The design and engineering of new entrance sign was to be a monument-type front entrance sign with electronic marquee which would be visible to travelers on Mission Road from both the east and west directions of travel. The committee was composed of Mike Ellis, Donna Robillard, Ken Swift, Neil Bruington, Donnie Renner, Floyd Collins, Sue Martin, John Schettler, Peter Gach, Harry Bliss, John Woods, Nancy Corlett, Dale Wallenius, and Mika Romano.

A suitable design was agreed upon and bids were called by the College for construction of the sign. It was completed and put into operation in August 1995, just prior to opening of classes.

Important Information

1. The expected usefulness of an article is inversely proportional to its actual usefulness once bought and paid for.

2. Law of gardening: Other people's tools work only in other people's gardens.

3. Celibacy is not hereditary.

4. The truth of an idea has nothing to do with its credibility and vice versa.

5. No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session.

6. If you want a track team to win the high jump, you find one person who can jump seven feet, not seven people who can jump one foot.

7. Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

8. Any simple idea will be worded in the most complicated way.

9. Always leave room to add an explanation if it doesn't work out.

10. The chance of the bread falling with the buttered side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.

11. You always find something the last place you look.

12. The handiest—and cheapest—gadget to open a mistakenly locked door is an extra set of keys.

13. Once two bills met on the way to the incinerator, a \$20 bill and a \$1 bill. The twenty dollar bill began to tell of all parts of the world that he had visited with his owners, Europe, Hawaii, the Star Princess to Alaska, and the south Pacific. After several minutes of this, he asked the one-dollar bill where he had been. The little one replied, "To church, to church, to church."

14. The values of some matters in life appear at times in strange situations. Once there was a mother mouse leading her three little ones across a dangerous pathway. Suddenly a fierce cat appeared and began to make mean noises to the little family. The mother mouse backed up a small step, then in the voice of a large dog, barked and growled at the cat. The cat quickly disappeared in a the bushes. Mother mouse turned to her little ones and said, "See, that is one of the values of knowing a second language."

15. I have always regretted I am not as wise as the day I was born. — Henry Thoreau

16. I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than to be crowded on a velvet cushion. — Henry Thoreau

17. The bustard's an exquisite fowl,

With minimal reason to growl:

He escapes what would be

Illegitimacy

By grace of a fortunate vowel.

Reminders

There are always a few matters which we need to be reminded of:

1. Keep Jean or John informed of changes in address, telephone number, insurance carrier, or other important data.

2. Send information to John telling about yourself and your family, their activities, and such good things. The April issue of THE PACRA PACER will be put together in February, so we'll need your stories in time.

Peter Gach at the Falcone Piano

Dr. Peter Gach of the Music Department and Artist-in-Residence at Palomar College presented a piano recital of Chopin compositions at the Concert Theatre of the California Center for the Arts Escondido on Sunday afternoon, September 17, 1995. The Falcone piano from the Music Department was used in the program. These delightful selections of Chopin's music were enthusiastically received by the capacity audience, many of whom had never before heard this magnificent musical instrument.

PALOMAR COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

- Music: November 19, 2 pm, D-10: Piano Recital.
- Music: December 2, 8 pm; December 3, 2 pm: California Center for the Arts, Escondido: Choral Christmas Celebration.
- Music: December 16, 8 pm; December 17, 2 pm: Howard Brubeck Theatre: Orchestra Concert, Holiday Favorites.
- Music: February 17, 8 pm; February 18, 2 pm: Orchestra, International Concert.
- Music: February 25, 2 pm, Studio Six: Piano Recital.
- Musical Comedy: "Kiss Me, Kate," March 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 8 pm; March 10 and 17, 2 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Music: March 23, 8 pm, March 24, 2 pm: Palomar Choral Reunion, Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Music: April 21, 2 pm, D-10: Piano Recital.
- Music: Civic Youth Orchestra Concert, December 2, 3 pm., Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Music: Palomar Brass Ensemble Concert, December 9, 8 pm, December 10, 2 pm, Studio Six.
- Music: Band Concert, December 15, 8 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre
- Music: Palomar Jazz Ensemble Concert, April 11, 7 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Music: Palomar Brass Ensemble with Chamber Singers Concert, April 13, 8 pm, April 14, 2 pm. Studio Six.
- Music: Palomar Band Concert, April 14, 2 pm, Room D-10.
- Music: Palomar Symphony Orchestra Concert, Poway Center for the Performing Arts.
- Theatre: "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," December 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9, 8 pm; December 10, 2 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Theatre: "Macbeth," April 26 and 27, 8 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre.
- Dance: Contemporary Dance Improvisation, February 2 and 3, 8 pm; February 4, 2 pm, Howard Brubeck Theatre; dancing with live keyboard music improvised by Peter Gach.

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LATE NEWS

From North County Times, October 1, 1996

PALOMAR EXECUTIVE WINS NATIONAL AWARD COLLEGE PRESIDENT GEORGE BOGGS PICKED AS TOP ADMINISTRATOR IN U. S. Sandra San Agustin, NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN MARCOS -- The president of Palomar College has been named the top community college executive in the country by the Association of Community College Trustees.

George R. Boggs, superintendent of the Palomar Community College District and president of Palomar College in San Marcos, will be awarded the 1996 "Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award" during the association's annual conference on Oct. 1 in Miami Beach, Fla. Boggs was nominated for the award by Barbara Hughes, president of the Palomar Community College District Governing Board, on behalf of the entire board.

In 1993, Boggs received the association's Pacific region "Chief Executive Officer Award," but Hughes referred to the recent honor as the "Academy awards" of community colleges. "This is like being named Man of the Year among community colleges," she said. "He's just a super CEO."

Named after a former president of a community college in Los Angeles, the Marie Martin award is given annually to just one top college administrator.

"We've got a great college," Boggs said. "It's easy for me to look good because we've got such great people here." Boggs said he felt honored that Palomar's trustees thought him worthy enough to nominate. He also credited his wife, Ann, for putting up with his long hours at work.

Criteria for the award included the development of innovative programs, service on special community college committees, demonstration of a "caring attitude" toward the college community, publications in the area of community college concepts, other leadership awards, and outstanding personal characteristics.

"Strong community support and partnerships nurtured by Dr. Boggs have enabled Palomar College to provide additional facilities and services to our students," Hughes wrote in her nomination letter. "Dr. Boggs is one of America's most active authors and speakers on issues related to community colleges."

The trustee also praised Boggs for his unending support of faculty and staff in bringing innovative practices to the campus.

"He gives you broad direction and then assumes that you'll do your job, which is wonderful," said Diane Michael, Palomar's assistant superintendent/vice-president for instruction. Michael, who has been with the college since 1980, has worked with Boggs during his entire 11-year tenure at Palomar. "There's no one more deserving of the award than he," Michael said. "He has a very strong focus on student learning."

A native of Conneaut, Ohio, Boggs graduated from Ohio State University. He received his master's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. He was associate dean of instruction at Butte College when he was named president of Palomar College in July 1985.

In 1994, Boggs received a Certificate of Achievement in Recognition of Leadership Excellence and Community Service from the U. S. House of Representatives, the Harry Buttner Distinguished Administrators Award from the Association of California Community College Administrators, and the Stanley A. Mahr Community Service Award from the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce. Under Boggs' leadership, Palomar College was named as one of three "flagship" community colleges in the country by the League for Innovation in the Community College for its focus on student learning outcomes.