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STUDY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

An important document was released in June 1998 related to the future of community colleges in California, *A State of Learning: California Higher Education in the Twenty-First Century*. This is a report from the California Citizens Commission on Higher Education.

This Commission was organized in 1996 "to help preserve and extend California's goal of educational opportunity." It is independent of both state government and California institutions of higher education. Its report was prepared by 24 members of the Commission, only three of whom have clear cut connections with colleges or universities.

It adopted this vision statement early in its work: "All Californians should have the opportunity and encouragement to attend an affordable institution of post-secondary education which will best meet their needs. California colleges and universities should possess the highest quality and efficiency in the nation, and they should regularly demonstrate their performance and results in clear and objective ways. California should have the most prominent and productive research universities in the world, as well as a wide range of other high quality institutions which offer academic, vocational and continuing education programs to students of all ages. Student bodies throughout public higher education should reflect the racial/ethnic and socio-economic diversity of California."

Sponsors of the study are the James Irvine Foundation, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, the Weingart Foundation and the Arco Foundation.

The report, while noting that the state financial support per student of the University of California is \$7,000, \$5,760 for the California State University, and \$3,150 for the California Community Colleges, does not mention that the community colleges are now educating ten times the number of students that are accommodated in the University of

California system and the California State University system combined.

The huge influx of students now moving through the elementary and high schools of the state will pose a tremendous problem for higher education of a magnitude never before experienced.

Without going into detail on the specific recommendations which the Commission approved for the people and the legislature of California for handling 500,000 more students in higher education, it is important to look at their recommendations for community colleges. The Report deplores the fact that community colleges governance structure is similar to secondary schools with geographic districts and elected boards of trustees. This is felt not be "collegiate," and should be replaced with a simplified scheme and changed to one more characteristic of collegiate institutions. A two-level system is recommended, consisting of (1) a statewide chancellor's office and Board of Trustees, and (2) Governance Councils on individual campuses. Each Governance Council would consist of nine members appointed by locally elected officials, four members appointed by the statewide Board of Trustees, and four members appointed by the campus constituencies, the administration, faculty, staff, and students. Each Council should be required to have representatives from each of the most important external constituencies of the Community College (business, labor, secondary schools, four-year colleges, and the non-profit sector), and the membership should be broadly representative of the community's demographic diversity. The Governance Council members should serve without monetary compensation. These councils should follow the "volunteer" model of higher education trusteeship.

Since the passage of Proposition 13 some years ago the local community college districts have lost most of the local taxes which they formerly received. To a

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great extent, this loss has been replaced by funds from the State under various formulas and with unprecedented restrictions. But control of these funds lies with the legislature and the governor.

The recommendations of the Commission would make the present community colleges very definitely branches of state control with the word "community" losing much of its former meaning.

The Report contains many other recommendations for all levels of education, from elementary schools through the university level, some of which are long overdue, but which have been lost in political bickering. This Report and its recommendations will become the subject of several hearings throughout the state in the near future. Stay tuned in.

DIRECTORY

We are sorry for the delay in sending out the new directory. We hope the computer problems will soon be solved and we can get it into the mail to you. In the meantime, please check your records. There are MANY who have not renewed their membership for 1998-1999 (due July 1, 1998.) If you need verification of your status please contact our Treasurer, Shirley Morgan at (760) 727-7385.

LEGAL PLAN

If you are like most people, you encounter at least four to six legal questions a year, but don't consult an attorney because you are afraid of high fees or do not know how to select one. PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE is offering a new voluntary benefit plan effective January 1, 1999, that can help with this problem, THE HYATT PREMIER LEGAL PLAN. This plan is also available for retirees. It gives you, your spouse, and dependents unlimited access to Plan attorneys for assistance with a wide range of legal matters. For covered legal services, this assistance includes consultations on the telephone or in person, documentation preparation, and representation in many frequently needed legal matters.

Hyatt Legal Plans, a MetLife company, is the nation's leading provider of group legal plans. A Hyatt legal plan is now available at over 200 organizations in the United States and provides legal services to over a million plan participants.

The cost of the plan for Palomar retirees is only \$162 a year. The plan covers you, your spouse, and dependents.

Information and a brochure will be sent to you from the Human Resources Office of Palomar College. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Hyatt Client Service Center at (800) 821-6400. A Client Service Representative will be happy to answer your questions and provide additional information by mail or fax. Another source of answers to your questions would be a call to Victoria de la Torre, Benefits Technician, Human Resources Office, Palomar College, at 744-1150 ext. 2889.

To enroll in the plan, complete the enrollment form enclosed in the brochure and return it to the San Diego County Schools Benefit Consortium. You must stay in the plan for a year; the premium is billed on an annual basis.

HONORED FOR TV WORK

Mr. Dana Hawkes, associate professor of communications, has been honored by membership in the Silver Circle of the San Diego chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. This society honors individuals who began their careers in television at least 25 years ago and who have made a significant contribution to San Diego television as part of their career.

STUDENT ON CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES BOARD

Mr. Xavier Corona will represent more than a million students across the state this year as an elected member on the California Community College Trustees' Board. In April he was elected president of the Associated Student Government of Palomar College which by local policy makes him a student member of the Palomar Governing Board. About eight years ago, Palomar student Mary Reynaga was the student representative on the State Trustees Board; a 21 member board which represents 1.35 million students from 107 colleges in 71 community college districts.

PROFESSOR A ROLE MODEL

Mr. John Eduardo Valdez, Chicano Studies professor at Palomar since 1972, has been acclaimed by his students for his ability to bring out the best of his students and for his inspiration to them to get involved and help the community. He holds a master's degree from San Diego State University in language and policy studies and will soon acquire another master's in international relations from the University of San Diego.

Born in Mexico, he migrated with his parents to Lemon Grove where he entered kindergarten, speaking no English. He quickly earned top marks in elementary school, but dropped out of high school because of pressures of work. Later he returned to high school, graduating from the Claremont High School in San Diego. Encouraged by a former school teacher, he enrolled in the University of San Diego, graduating with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1967.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER AND EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Dr. George Mozes has been the Director of Library Media Center and Educational Television for five years, helping faculty develop and support new techniques for future telecourse productions at Palomar College. Federal funding has recently revised rules for distance learning. Frequent and adequate contact between student and teacher must be upheld, but no longer is it required to be only face to face. The contact can also be made through telephone, internet, or virtual seminars.

UNDER THE V BOMBS

Hilda Wenrich relates how she spent the summer of 1944 in Britain, dodging the V bombs of that period, but also watching the American bombers going overhead for hours on their night raids over Europe. She later returned to Victoria, B. C., married Dr. John and reared a family who now live in Detroit, the grandson an electrical engineer and the granddaughter in the Pittsburgh ballet.

GARZON IN WHO'S WHO

Who's Who Among America's Teachers has recognized Dr. Luz Elena Garzon, Palomar's associate professor in multicultural studies and foreign languages for the past 24 years. She was born near Guadalajara, Mexico, attended Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista and San Diego State University, and later received her doctor's degree from the University of California at San Diego.

ELECTION OF PACRA OFFICERS

At the luncheon meeting on May 9, 1998, officers were elected to fill three positions:

Carol Stroecker, Secretary through June 30, 2000;
Shirley Morgan, Treasurer through June 30, 2000;
June Brubeck, Member-at-Large through June 30, 2000.

There were no eligible applicants for PACRA's scholarship this year. The buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all present, with harpist Katie Rose Lynn playing harp selections. Miss Lynn is the granddaughter of PACRA member Ola Bradford.

BENEFIT CONCERT

World-renowned vocalist Frankie Laine presented a benefit concert to provide scholarships for Palomar College Performing Arts students on September 12, in the Concert Hall of the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

The concert, well attended, was accompanied by the Benny Hollman Orchestra, with Laine singing several old favorites as well as selections from his recent compact disc.

DR. VERNON HONORED

Dr. Mark Vernoy, associate professor in Behavioral Sciences since 1976, received the 1998 Pacific Region Faculty Member Award from the Association of Community College Trustees, and also the 1998 Teaching Excellence Award in Division Two of the American Psychological Association.

ORIENT EXPRESS ROLLS AGAIN

The annual "Palomar Goes on the Orient Express" attracted 400 guests on September 19 at the Four Seasons Aviara in Carlsbad. But according to the North County Times only 399 left the gala alive. An older woman (actually portrayed by a performing arts student) found her water poisoned and dropped over in the middle of the event. The fun of the annual fund-raiser was vividly portrayed in the decor of Murder on the Orient Express. But the good news was that the goal of raising \$100,000 was easily reached. This, the eighth annual extravaganza, was the most successful of the series.

NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The nursing education program at Palomar for the next three years will be improved by a \$50,000 grant for scholarships to as many as 12 students Americans of Hispanic descent.

The Escondido-based Everhealth Foundation has provided these funds because its leaders "believe there is a rapidly-growing need for Americans of Hispanic descent in the nursing profession," said Michael B. Lopez, chairman and CEO of Everhealth Foundation. Mr. Lopez' wife, nee Nancy Lee Saffiotte, was a member of Palomar's first graduating class in nursing in 1968.

IMPROVEMENTS TO UTILITIES BEGIN

The long awaited plan for extensive improvements in electrical, telephone, water, gas, and sewage systems has gone into the action stage. Almost all the work involves underground replacements, but the grounds themselves will be broken up until the work is completed many months from now in the year 2000.

The state-funded project will be the first major construction on campus since 1983. However, the underground lines, the infrastructure, dates to the 1950's and 1960's when the master plan for the campus called for only about half as many students as now use it.

There are 10 consecutive phases to the reconstruction work, all of which have been planned to minimize the adverse effects on the educational program. But there will be major relocations of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. As each phase of the work is completed, another will be started. The first phase, on the south side of the campus near the gymnasium, has been started, to be followed by other phases moving northward on the campus.

The second phase covers redeveloping the lower campus from the Howard Brubeck Theatre eastward to the Student Union. While many of the present trees and shrubs will be removed, the new landscaping will be very attractive.

Mike Ellis, Director of Facilities, promised that the project will make the facilities workload a lot easier and a lot less disturbing to the learning process at Palomar.

COMMENCEMENT LAST MAY

The graduation/commencement exercises on May 22, 1998, included a record number of 1,171 associate degrees and 430 vocational certificates.

An honorary degree in humane arts was presented to Larry Lucchino, president and chief executive officer of the San Diego Padres.

Tom Humphrey, a 1958 graduate of Palomar and an associate professor here since 1966, received the alumnus award from the Palomar College Alumni and Friends.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Hugh "Mac" McKinney, senior library technician, was selected as Classified Employee of the Year, with notice that "he is a talented, innovative, obliging

man of humor and grace." For over 20 years he has handled film bookings, interlibrary loans, reserved materials, and a myriad other tasks. One of his recent projects was to establish the San Diego and Imperial Community College Library Union List of Periodicals in association with eight other college campuses.

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Melba M. Kooyman, associate professor, Nursing Education.

Angelo M. Carli, associate professor, English.

Aura A. Cuevas, associate professor, English.

Janet R. Hafner, associate professor, English as a Second Language since 1973.

Jay Johnson, associate professor, Foreign Languages, since 1961.

Francis S. Jones, associate professor, Art Department.

Robert W. Larson, associate professor, Counselor/Director Transfer Center.

Brenda F. Montiel, associate professor, Performing Arts Department.

Val G. Sanders, associate professor, Art Department.

Sylvia C. Tatman, associate professor, Nursing Education since 1977.

Larry J. Williams, associate professor, Business Education since 1970.

Susie A. Ludwig, Senior Accounting Assistant, Fiscal Services.

Beverly A. Toth, associate professor, Dental Assisting.

Woody R. Vanderheiden, Instructional Support Assistant II.

Phillip Baum, TRIO/Coordinator/Counselor EOPS.

Hugh McKinney, Senior Library Media Technician.

Barbara Ross, Accounting Technician EOPS.

Earnest (Gene) Ross, Media Equipment Technician.

A REMEMBRANCE FOR LIL AND DICK

The recent passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Kornhauser, Lil, 90, honorary member of PACRA, wife of former Board Member, Richard Kornhauser, reminds us of the tremendous contributions that these two persons

made to the community and to Palomar College. A graduate magna cum laude from Smith College, she was one of the charter members of the Friends of the Palomar College Library and, with Richard, had received an honorary Associate in Humane Arts degree from Palomar. Her longtime community leadership and social services included the American Red Cross, Home Services for Members of the Armed Forces, the Escondido Blood Bank, Planned Parenthood, the Escondido Community Clinic, American Field Service, American Association of University Women, and the League of Women Voters.

Dick and I met regularly to discuss college matters when he was President of the Board at a table reserved each week at Dantes in Escondido. Dick's great talent as a sculptor and artist was not lost on the Art Department. He and Lil attended all of the college events and continued their interest even after he left the Board. Their home off Conway in northeastern Escondido was the location of many community and arts related events over many years. They were great hosts, charming people, and devoted to making a difference. Their legacy is quite evident. — Dr. Fred Huber, President Emeritus, Palomar College.

PASSINGS

Doris Deuel, 84, died August 30, 1998. Born in Gary, Indiana, she served for many years as fine arts librarian at Palomar.

Miss Louise Diener, 89, served as secretary to Dean Robert Burton in Student Services and as placement officer for many years. Later she moved to the Palomar Bookstore as an assistant.

Mrs. D. Maye Putnam, 87, widow of Dr. Phil H. Putnam, the third president of Palomar and for whom the Palomar College Library is named. She was born in Soldier, Kansas, and spent many years as the wife and advisor of a prominent educator. After his death, she was a Library Assistant at Palomar for a number of years under Mrs. Esther Nesbin.

Mrs. Alice Coulter, 81, manager of Food Services at Palomar in its pioneer years, 1956-1968. Known as "Gertie" to everyone, she was able to make everyone feel at home at Palomar. She, with the architect, C. J. Paderewski, planned the food services area of the Student Union, a plan which has not greatly changed in its 30 years of use.

EITHER

The quest for the correct (?) pronunciation of "either" was pursued by Allison Gronberg who reports that the sounding of the first syllable is a matter of regional variance.

NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Sylvia C. Tatman, 31115 Willowood Way, Menifee, CA 92584 (909) 679-4805. Nursing Education since 1977.

PACRA HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Saturday, October 31, twenty-two PACRA members and guests attended Halloween Surprises, a reunion of friends followed by the Sorcerer's Apprentice Concert by the Palomar Symphony Orchestra under Robert Gilson in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. Great times were had by all! Sorry we missed you.

NO NAILS, NO SCREWS

A group of students under Chris Feddersohn, associate professor in Trades and Industry, has completed a wooden frame structure near the Howard Brubeck Theatre to house arts and crafts shows and other functions. What is amazing about the 20 by 40 foot structure is that no screws, nails, or dry wall were used.

The framing uses tenons, mortises, and wooden pegs, as did most of the buildings in America before the 20th century. The method—still widely used in Japan and Europe—creates a building which is expected to last 200 to 300 years.

CHURCH WINDOWS

Mrs. Dorothy Willey, a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Vista, recently created two stained glass windows for her church. We remember Dorothy as the head cook/baker in Food Services here at Palomar, a position she held for 20 years.



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Hello and Good-Bye - Peter Gach, Artist in Residence. HBT. Nov. 8, 2 PM
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown - Musical Vignettes. HBT. Nov. 20, 21, Dec. 3, 4, 5, 7 PM
and Nov. 22 and Dec. 6, 2 PM
Starting Here - A Collaborative Project of Dance,
Music, and Drama. Studio Six. Nov. 21, 8 PM and Nov. 22, 2 PM
Holiday Memories Concert - Civic Youth Orchestra & Ensembles. HBT. Dec. 5, 2 PM
Deck the Halls - All the music groups including the Civic Youth Orchestra. CCAE, Dec. 11, 7 PM
Garland of Carols - HBT. Dec. 12, 8 PM and Dec. 13, 2 PM
Holiday Jazz Concert - HBT. Dec. 16, 8 PM
Sounds for the Holidays - Concert Band. HBT. Dec. 17, 8 PM
Showcase of Young Artists - Civic Youth Orchestra. CCAE. Jan. 24, 3 PM
Artistic Interpretation in Dance. HBT. Feb. 6, 8 PM and Feb. 7, 2 PM
Stories - Peter Gach, Artist in Residence. Studio Six. Feb. 21, 2 PM
West Side Story. HBT. Mar. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 8 PM, Mar. 7 and 14, 2 PM
The Creation - Oratorio by Franz Joseph Haydn. HBT Mar. 20 at 8 PM, Mar. 21 at 2 PM
Intimations of Spring - Chamber Singers. HBT. Mar. 26, 8 PM
Palomar Symphony Orchestra - Sibelius Symphony No. 3. CCAE Escondido. Apr. 11, 2 PM
Chopin and After - Peter Gach, Artist in Residence. CCAE. Apr. 25, 2 PM

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