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On Saturday, October 16, PACRA held its annual autumn social meeting at The Sizzler Restaurant in Escondido. Mrs. JaDene Dugas, recently elected President, conducted the meeting at which Dr. Jack Miyamoto, the new vice-president of Palomar College for personnel was our guest. Those present included Dr. Pat and Gretchen Archer, Bill Bedford, Jim Bowen, Marilyn Burke, Lou Burnett, LaVere Campbell, Virginia Dower, JaDene and Art Dugas, Bill and Edith Eddy, Jim Felton, James Hammond, Joe and Betty Hedrick, Dr. Fred and Helen Huber, Jean Huston, Carl and Myra Iserman, Jay and Frieda Johnson, Nellie Kline, Wynona Knoff, Earl and Hatsuko Leach, Gretchen Milham, Shirley Morgan, Burtine Morse, Virginia Rife, Dr. John Schettler, Ruth Serr, Ann Steffens, and Lorna Tefft. We wish the rest of you members had been there too, for we all had a delightful time. Dr. Miyamoto gave an informative talk concerning some current problems of the College, but gave us the assurance that, in studying means to save funds, the last thing administrators would consider touching would be reduction of retirees' benefits.

President Dugas announced the appointment of some officers, filling recent vacancies: LaVere Campbell, secretary; Jim Felton, member-at-large; Pat Archer, finance committee chairman; and Jean Huston, by-laws and scholarship committee chairperson.

NOTCH VICTIMS

Those members who receive Social Security benefits and who were born between 1917 through 1921 have been shortchanged by the government, a practice known as the NOTCH. Inaccurate calculations made years ago have never been corrected and most congressional representatives have paid no attention to the inequity. There is no doubt that each congressman is aware of the problem, but not enough have felt that senior citizens should have their corrected benefits.

Several bills are now before Congress which need your support and that of your congressmen:

H.R. 1771--The Notch Baby Act of 1999;

H.R. 1772--The Notch Baby Health Care Relief Act of 1999;

H.R. 148---The Notch Fairness Act of 1999.

I think each of us, whether we fall into the Notch group or not, should write a note to his congressman asking him to cosponsor these bills and give his support to them.

TOM AND CONSERVATION

Dr. Tom Rose has been living in Ashland, Oregon, since he retired from Palomar. He works closely with the Sierra Club through the Mt. Ashland Ski Expansion Opposition Coordinator. In addition, he has been instrumental in finding creeks which are not on Forest Service maps. Checking in a legal notice of the Rogue River National Forest calling for bids in a timber dale, he found no map was available. This led to the discovery that a sewage plant was about to be build by the Forest Service under an illegal exclusion. That stopped construction of the plant.

LIBRARY BUILDING AILMENT

Palomar's Library building, housing the 120,000 volume book collection and many other aids to learning, is still making people sick. The cause of the problem is not known in spite of extensive modifications in its heating and ventilation system only two years ago.

Across the country there are other buildings with this syndrome which causes some people to suffer from eye irritation, metallic taste, burning skin, chapped lips, ringing in the ears, and general itchiness. The World Health Organization has found that the same syndrome exists in 30% of modern commercial buildings.

The college can only continue to search through the use of experts for the cause of the sick building syndrome.

SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY

The property of the San Pasqual Academy again is in the news. We should remember that the Academy and Palomar College long ago worked very cooperatively in exchanging the use of equipment in preparing the sites for the schools. We still remember the generous cooperation with the Academy.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

The difficulties of providing two-year college programs for the population of the huge Palomar College Community College District has led the Governing Board of the Palomar District to start thinking of ways to find funds for new buildings and equipment. The Governing Board has approved an agreement between various consultants, the Lew Edwards Group (feasibility study); Stradling, Yocca, Carson and Rauth (bond counsel); and Sutro and Comapany (financial consultants) to conduct a feasibility study, including a public opinion poll thorough a qualified pollster, leading to a recommendation to the Board regarding the advisability of placing a measure on the ballot asking voter approval in the year 2000 for sale by the District of General Obligation bonds to raise needed funds for capital improvement programs.

PALOMAR POLICE CHIEF

Through action of the Governing Board the first police chief has been employed to run the newly formed police department.

Thomas B. Plotts will head the department and be the police chief, supervising 10 officers, two sergeants, and a lieutenant. His duties will also cover administration of the justice and fire science programs.

This will be paid for by a \$750,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a three year term. Supervisory personnel will be paid from the college's security operation fund.

Plotts has been coordinator of the College police academy for three years following police officer employment by National City.

DEATHS IN RECENT WEEKS

Members of PACRA who have died in the past six months include; Virgil Bergman, former vice-president and assistant superintendent for instruction;

Mrs. Natalie Bergman, his wife of many years;
Robert Bowman, former coach and counselor;
Clarice Hankins, former head of Health Services;
Dr. Harry Mahan, former professor of psychology;

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

A leading article in "The Telescope" of October 4, 1999 by Tom Chambers announced that Palomar College had reduced its expenditures by \$1.5 million for fiscal year 1998-1999 to avoid future deficits.

The causes of these anticipated deficits cover lowered enrollment and the limited funding by the State. Since the passing of Proposition 13 in 1978 the funds from the State to replace local property taxes have been insufficient. The

#3,400 per full time equivalent student is the key to the deficit. By law, the apportionment formula is based on 15 units per full-time equivalent student. Any student taking less than 15 units diminishes the income form the State. However, for many other purposes, the College uses 12 units to create a single full-time equivalent.

The deficits have been covered largely by not filling positions when there has been a resignation or retirement. Last year Palomar had 12 full-time faculty members retire.

PACRA OFFICERS

On May 15 on the Palomar College San Marcos campus the membership of PACRA held its annual business meeting. Dr. George Boggs gave an up-to-date talk on events at Palomar.

Election of officers for the positions to be vacated on June 30, 1999, included Mrs. JaDene Dugas, President through June 30, 2001; Carl Iserman, Vice-President through June 30, 2001, and Peter Durst, member-at-large through June 30, 2001. Dr. Omar Scheidt presented a plaque to Dr. Huber for his four years of service as President of PACRA.

The financial report as of the end of May 1999 showed that PACRA had a balance of \$4,259.59. This is largely due to the fact that no eligible students have applied for two years for the PACRA scholarship.

AROUND THE WORLD

The ninth annual "Palomar Goes!" Gala was held at the four Season Resort, Aurora, in Carlsbad on September 18.

This extravaganza, sponsored by the Palomar College President's Associates, is an annual fund raising event with the participants enjoying a gourmet dinner, bargains in auctions, entertainment and dancing.

Billy and His Band, (That's our Billy Hawkins of the music department) provided the music with general direction from Mrs. Ann Boggs and Dave Wallenius.

RELIGIOUS ETHICS COURSE

A new course, Ethics/World Religions, has been established under Jeff Moore, showing how major changes in history have paralleled major changes in religion from earliest known sources to the recent past.

The views of society about slavery, women's rights, banking, and sexuality have been linked with religious views about the same subject. Moore believes that as students understand how our own cultural beliefs were shaped, they will acquire a greater ability to think for themselves.

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

Palomar College will receive \$4.1 million in GEARUP funds

over three years to help prepare thousands of local students for college. This is an acronym for Gearing Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, created by law in 1998, becoming effective in October 1998.

The work involves after-school tutoring for students who need help at a chosen grade level and school. Colleges in a sense become partners with at least one middle school in a low-income community to help raise expectations by making students better prepared for college. Palomar will work with 550 seventh-grade students at San Marcos Middle School. California State University at San Marcos will also participate in the program, partnering with 400 students at Grant Middle School in Escondido.

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

By revising the Multicultural Program, Palomar will offer a certificate in African Studies for the first time in 20 years. The program for a certificate requires 24 core units and 12 elective units. New or revised courses include African Psychology, Diverse Cultures, Introduction to Judaism, Mexican Ballet Folklorica, History/Culture of Brazil, and Introduction to the Irish American experience.

OLYMPIAN INSPIRES FACULTY

Rafer Jackson, winner of the decathlon at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, gave an inspirational talk to the Faculty in the Howard Brubeck Theatre in August as part of the day-long orientation of returning professors. He pointed out that each of the staff was here to make the lives of students all that they can be. He gave several illustrations from his own life which helped him become the best he could be.

PALOMAR BOOKSTORE

After serving Palomar College since 1946, the College Bookstore as an integral part of the college will be succeeded by the Follett Bookstore on campus. The college store of the past had run into severe financial problems in recent years, with deficits of \$59,000 in 1996, \$110,700, and \$82,000 in the two following years.

A ten-member bookstore advisory task force led by Assistant Superintendent Jerry Patton, with members from all branches of the college including the students, studied the problem in great detail. The task force 7-2 in favor of the Follett Corporation, with two members not voting because they were off campus.

A DIRTY JOB

Archaeology can be a dirty job, but Phillip de Barros, assistant professor of archaeology, is revitalizing the department to make it easier for students to find jobs after

college.

Many opportunities exist in government or private industry to inspect and excavate lands before they are developed. Palomar's cultural resources management began 25 years ago when the state selected Palomar College to have a public archaeological program, a school to train people to learn practical skills about evaluating and excavating sites for developers. Developers are required by law to have professionals to inspect the land before construction.

New equipment has been purchased from funds from the state and Palomar College Foundation to assist working archaeologists in the field.

PERFORMING ARTS LEAGUE

The Performing Arts League (PAL), meeting on July 16, brought the opportunity of gathering many people together in their love and support of the Performing Arts Department as they gathered to see Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

One of the attendees was Mrs. Betty Stroot whom many will remember through her late husband, Edward (Ed) Stroot. He was a graduate of Harvard Business School and served on the faculty of Palomar College from 1967 through 1976. He was a very popular instructor in the Business and Cooperative Education Departments. Betty continues their love and interest in Palomar.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The ongoing improvements to the campus in San Marcos have taken great strides in the past six months. The front part of the campus is nearing completion, with greater attention now being given to the middle and upper sections of the campus.

In fact, there are new areas of GREEN GRASS on the lawns near the Theatre and the Music Department. It looks as if spring time is coming during the fall months. Several new trees have already been planted.

While there is much yet to be done, it is heartening that the completion is in sight. Then it will take a lot of care, water, and plantings to return the site to its original beauty.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

One of the most impressive public performances of the Music section of the Performing Arts Departments occurred in the Concert Hall of the California Center for the Arts Escondido on the afternoon of October 24.

Under the general direction of Dr. Joe Standford, a varied program of American and French choral music was presented, using the musical skills of the Palomar Chorale, the Palomar Chorale Chamber Singers, and the Palomar College

Chamber Singers. Dr. Steven Gray accompanied the groups on piano or organ.

The program covered:

Singing by Numbers	Bob Chilcott
How Can I Keep From Singing	Quaker Hymn
Magnificat	Halsey Stevens 1990-1989
Magnificat	Heinrich Schutz 1585-1672
Requiem	Maurice Duruflé 1902-1986

In the final number, the Requiem, all vocal groups united on the stage with a chamber orchestra, a solo cello, a trumpet solo, and vocal soloists. Dressed in formal black, the members of the groups struck a high note for professional appearance in Escondido as they united in presenting a very important musical work.

CHOPIN BY GACH

Another equally thrilling concert was a piano recital by Dr. Peter Gach, artist in residence at Palomar, on October 17 in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. To a capacity audience, Peter gave an exciting performance of three selections from Chopin's many works, followed by several encores.

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RETIREMENT

The following staff members of Palomar have recently retired:

Jane B. Lipson
 James T. Bowen, Director student Activities;
 Susan D. Monell, counselor and guidance;
 Diana Gibson, professor of English;
 Charles Hanlen, professor of Social Sciences;
 Dr. Ray Dahlin, professor of Speech and debate coach.

Performances in Late November & December

Peter Pan, by J. Barrie. For children of all ages.
 Howard Brubeck Theatre: November 17, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:00 pm and on November 21 at 2:00 pm.
Dance Enterprise. In Howard Brubeck Theatre.
 December 4 at 8:00 pm and December 5 at 2:00 pm.
Wireless City. A mixed-media performance conceived by Dr. Peter Gach and Michael Mufson.
 December 10 and 11 at 8:00 pm.

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