



# THE PACRA PACER

San Marcos, CA

Volume 9 - Number 1

Nov 2000

## PRESIDENT BOGGS HAS A NEW POSITION

Dr. George Boggs, President and Superintendent of Palomar College for 15 years, accepted a new position as President of the Association of American Community Colleges effective August 1, 2000. This position has required that he and his wife, Ann, move to Washington, D. C. His new office is located at the National Center for Higher Education on Dupont Circle.

Before he left he reported to the Palomar Board that he had attended 360 Board meetings of the Palomar College Board and felt very lucky to be associated with a Board of this caliber. He leaves as chair of the Accrediting Commission where he has become acquainted with the relationships at other colleges that do not approach ours. "We have a very professional Board that respects our faculty, staff, students, community members, and one another." He emphasized that he appreciated the time he had spent with this Board, the leadership of the faculty, administrators, classified staff, and students.

Dr. Boggs, upon his retirement as Superintendent/President, was designated by the Governing Board as Superintendent/President Emeritus. Each of the members of the Governing Board extended best wishes to Dr. Boggs as he leaves the service of Palomar College.



President Mrs. Jadene Dugas, president and and Dr. Fred Huber, past president.

## BOARD SELECTS INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

The Governing Board of the College has selected Dr. John (Jack) Randall as interim president/superintendent until a new person has been selected to fill that position on a permanent basis. Dr. Randall is most proud of being selected as a fast-pitch softball player in the Softball Hall of Fame. He pitched for the Long Beach Nitehawks, winners of several national titles during his career. He admits that his athletic endeavors are now limited to racquetball and trying to learn how to hit a golf ball.

A large committee of the faculty, the administrators, and the classified staff of the college will serve as a screening committee to assist the Governing Board in the selection of a new president. In addition the Governing Board has selected Community College Search Service to assist in the selection.

## ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED

After a small drop in enrollment last year, the new millennium shows that growth is very strong. The head count in credit classes is up 6.8% from last year, with an increase in total head count up 14.7%. The reconstruction work on campus probably accounted for the drop for last year. Now that the work has been completed we can look forward to increases each year, with attendant space needs for classes and parking. Over 8,000 students are enrolled at the Escondido Center, showing how important are such local college centers.

## CHANGES

### NEW MEMBERS:

- Robert Larson, 5761 Kensington Place, Bonsall, CA 92003, (760) 724-2844.
- Marsha Booth, (Robert), 28890 Lilac Road #97, Valley Center, CA 92082-5430
- Pamela E. Taylor, 740 Beacon Place, Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 745-4813.

**CORRECTIONS TO CURRENT DIRECTORY:**

- Mary Fulton, 6465 Buckhorn Avenue, Alta Loma, CA 91701.
- Eloise Kremer, phone number correction, (760) 727-7303
- Charlyne G. Taylor, 821 E. Bourbon A-5, Pahump, NV 89048-5643, (775) 727-6955
- Marlys Usher (correction in spelling of name)

**BOARD APPROVES LEASE OF SAN MARCOS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER**

The Governing Board has approved a lease with the City of San Marcos for an initial term of five years of a portion of the San Marcos Safety Center to cover instruction in Law Enforcement, with access to the Training Tower and Drill ground. This share of a facility is to be funded from the District's share of the redevelopment agency tax increment. The facility is expected to be completed by March, 2001.

Some of the features of the facility include two classrooms accommodating 60 students each, with full complement of learning aids, including group computer instruction and wireless telecommunications technology. The five story drill tower, unlike anything else available in San Diego County, offers reconfigurable floor plans for search and rescue training, environmental burn room, pump test facility, ventilation and artificial smoke capability. The drill ground offers an all-weather area for vehicle extrication and gas training exercises.

**FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS**

Some student leaders have publicly criticized the college administration as "oppressive" and "threatening the constitutionally protected rights of students and faculty."

The administrators have countered that they're not attacking free speech, but are merely trying to balance the First Amendment with both the California Education Code and the business of education. The college's proposal is now in its fifth revision and has yet to meet approval of all parties concerned. One thing can be declared with certainty, that on the subject of free speech there is plenty of free speech.

**WHICH BRAND OF DRINK**

One of the vigorous disputes among the students on campus concerns the Food Services' choice of Pepsi Cola as the sole provider of drinks in the dispensing machines. A vigorous protest has been identified by students who prefer a choice, particularly for Coca Cola.

**NEW GYM FLOOR AND BLEACHERS**

Work has been completed on replacing the gym floor and bleachers. The new seats move in and out with the touch of a button. The previous floor had been in use for over 40 years, installed when the geodesic dome was built. It was discovered that the floor was three inches higher in the center. So for all these years, the basketball team has been dribbling uphill and downhill.

**TO PROMOTE A CAREER IN TEACHING**

Palomar College and MiraCosta College have formed a consortium to apply for and administer a grant that would encourage students, especially first generation college students, to pursue a career in teaching. This plan will provide funds for at least five years to enable the consortium to create a pipeline of teacher prospects who would be recruited from area high school, offering teacher preparation course work at Palomar, MiraCosta, and California State University at San Marcos.

**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

Scott McClure, supervisor of systems and programming for information services, has been selected as "Employee of the Year" in the college's Administrative Association. He has been instrumental in the implementation and adaptation of the new Peoplesoft software system at Palomar.

**ALMOST 1,600 DEGREES TO GRADUATES**

Last May the College granted degrees and certificates to nearly 1,600 students in the commencement exercises held on the San Marcos campus. The largest graduation class in the history of the College was sent on its way to "drive wherever it is that your imagination will take you," said commencement speaker Quincy Troupe.

**NEW PROJECTOR IN PLANETARIUM**

A newly installed computer-controlled Digistar II projector has been set up in the Planetarium. At a cost of \$458,000 this projector will replace a system which was installed under Mr. Charles Coutts in 1963 at the time the building was competed. The projector was obtained by the College at a sizeable discount because it had been used as a demonstrator at trade shows. Donations from the President's Associates and from Helen Duke of San Marcos cover part of the cost, with a lease-purchase agreement to cover the balance.

\$1000

\$1000

# PACRA

**PALOMAR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

## SCHOLARSHIP



### Prerequisites:

1. Be a relative of a PACRA member.
2. Be a student of Palomar College for at least one previous semester.
3. Have earned a GPA of 3.2 with a minimum of 12 units (exclusive of P.E.).
4. Will continue at Palomar, maintaining a 3.2 GPA as above, in order to receive a second \$500 payment.
5. **OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.**
6. Complete application and return it to the Financial Aid Office by MARCH 31, 2001

\$1000

\$1000

## ONE MILLION DONATION TO THE PALOMAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The estate of a local woman, Geraldine Bessie Hill of Lake San Marcos, increased the endowment at Palomar by \$1,000,000. Its use will be for scholarships for the students, probably annually paying for tuition, fees, and books for about 100 full-time students every year. She was one of a small group of women who served as pilots during WWII, one of the 1,000 WASPS who flew planes from the factory to military airfields around the United States. In addition to this donation, the endowment of Palomar includes \$300,000 for nursing students and \$400,000 for unrestricted use.

## LOSSES FROM OUR GROUP

Mr. Carl Iserman, died on April 15, 2000, of cancer at his home. He had been a business education teacher at Palomar College after serving in the U.S. military forces in WWII. He was vice-president of PACRA, and a member of several organizations including the Escondido Library Foundation, Friends of the Escondido Library, Patio Playhouse Angels Auxiliary, Escondido Historical Society, the American Legion, and the California Center for the Arts Escondido. His wife, Myra, was a librarian for many years.

Mr. Fred Elliott, a long time teacher in the Life Sciences Department, passed away in July, 2000. He first joined the Palomar staff in 1960 at the start of the great growth period of the College, retiring in 1981. His wife, Harriett, was a long-time teacher in North County.

Dr. Richard Norlin, a long time teacher in the English Department, also came in the great growth period of the college, retired in 1993, died at his home in Escondido in September 2000. After retirement, he spent a great deal of time instructing in English at the university in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. He is survived by his wife, Karin Norlin, an enthusiastic member of the Palomar College Chorale.

## RECENT RETIREMENTS

A large number of the Palomar faculty and staff retired recently. These include:

Dr. George Boggs, Superintendent/President;  
James Clayton, Director, Escondido Education Center;  
Eugenia Crouch, Supervisor, Bookstore Operations;  
Betty Ellis, Supervisor, Child Care Operations;  
Ronald Jordan, Director, Placement Services;

Catherine Ott, Manager, Human Resource Services;  
June Rady, Assistant Director, Escondido Education Center;  
Phillip Ryan, Manager, Facilities;  
Marlys Usher, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources;  
Nancy Corlett, Manager, Admissions and Registration;  
Peggy Di Battista, Supervisor, Admissions;  
Carol Stroecker, Supervisor, Admissions;  
Richard Aufmann, Professor, Mathematics;  
Dorothe Bleth, Professor, Performing Arts;  
Adele Flores, Counselor, E.O.P.S.;  
Dr. Luz Garzon, Professor, Multicultural Studies & Foreign Languages;  
Hulda Goodson, Professor, Child Development;  
A. Dana Hawkes, Professor, Communications;  
Thomas Humphrey, Professor, Business Education;  
Jerome Latulippe, Professor, Trades and Industry;  
Frank McGuerty, Professor, Cooperative Education;  
Richard Muchow, Professor, Business Education;  
Carl Tucker, Professor, Trades and Industry;  
Lois Wunderley, Professor, Behavioral Sciences;  
Letty Brewster, Graphics Specialist I, Communications;  
Mary Brindley, Administrative Secretary, Public Safety Programs;  
Johnny Corona, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aids;  
Peter Durst, Senior Programmer Analyst, Information Services;  
Lois Gaines, Instructional Support Assistant III, Reading;  
Cheryl Huettl, Academic Department Assistant, Earth Sciences;  
Shirley Jordan (Escobedo), Campus Services Assistant  
Roberta Posner, Academic Department Asst, Business Education;  
Jessie Booth, Administrative Secretary, Escondido Center;  
Eve Borrego, Food Services Assistant, Food Services;  
Audrey Ellis, Custodian I, Custodial Services;  
Judith Hopkins, Administrative Secretary, Facilities;  
Shirley Johnston, Human Resource Assistant II;  
Valerie Parker, Bookstore Assistant, II;  
Lucille Ragusa, Instructional Support Assistant II;  
Esther Seddig, Admissions Assistant;  
Doris Smith, Bookstore Assistant I;  
Janice Vance, Bookstore Assistant II;  
Barbara White, Payroll Assistant II;  
Patricia Whatley, Administrative Secretary, Cooperative Education;  
Joanne Wahl, Academic Department Assistant;  
Kenneth Dyches, Library Media Technician II;  
Jennie Galvan, Food Services Assistant;  
Glenola Mills, Food Services Assistant.

Years of service:  
faculty=255  
classified, 370  
administrative associates, 260  
**TOTAL = 885**

## UNION ISSUES AT PALOMAR

The state Public Employment Relations Board has stated that a faculty organization at Palomar has enough support to continue an effort to be recognized as a union. Negotiations on such issues will require that both full-time and part-time faculty be included.

## COLLEGE GALA EVENT 2000

The gala event of the year was very successful, with about 75 more tickets sold than in the previous year. Last year the event raised a net of \$90,000 for support of the College through the Foundation.

## SUMMER PROGRAM IN PARIS 2001

The summer program to Paris, France, will depart on June 30, 2001, with a return departure from Paris on August 1, 2001. The program covers French language courses, civilization, conversation, and tutorials at a total cost of \$2,750, airfare not included.



*Mrs. Linda Nomura, archivist and Mrs. Jean Huston, past president and mother of us all.*

## DEATH BENEFITS FOR CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

Classified school personnel members of PERS now have a comparable death benefit to the one offered other PERS members. AB 50, recently approved by the Governor, increases the post-retirement death benefit from \$600 to \$2,000 for classified school members of PERS. It continues the present law which allows school employers to elect to provide a \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 lump sum death benefit.

Also AB 2177 became law, providing that classified employees who work a school year contract receive PERS service credit for a full year. It also standardizes reporting of compensation and service for such employees and requires school employers to pay employer contributions in a timely manner.

## HMO AND MEDICARE

If you are returning to original fee-for-service Medicare BEFORE January 1, 2001, you must complete a disenrollment form which is available from your old HMO, S social Security Administration office, or the Medicare choices Helpline (800) 633-4227.

## SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS

The 45.2 million Americans getting Social Security checks will see them grow by 3.5 percent next year, the biggest cost-of-living increase in almost a decade. Inflation has picked up speed, almost entirely a reflection of surging energy prices.

November 2000  
Volume 9 — Number 1  
THE PACRA PACER

Palomar College Retirees' Association -- PACRA  
1140 West Mission Road  
San Marcos, CA 92069-1487