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## **PALOMAR COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE**

The Golden Jubilee Open House held on campus on March 16 was the main event of the year of celebrations. The final event of the Jubilee will be performances in the Howard Brubeck Theatre on December 21 and 22 of Handel's *Messiah*. The Performing Arts Department chose this great work to honor the first performances of *Messiah* exactly fifty years ago under the direction of William Vogel. Mrs. William Vogel, a former Latin teacher at Escondido High School, still resides in Escondido.

But the performances in 1946 were not in a theatre on campus, but in various churches in Fallbrook, Escondido, and Vista. From its very beginning, Palomar College has had vigorous and lively Music, Drama, and Dance programs, now well-known all over the country. Of course, at times they do play adagio, but only when the composer requires it. If you wish to attend the December event, contact the Theatre Box Office immediately for ticket reservations because the two concerts will quickly sell all seats.

The best bargain for good entertainment in North County is the series of programs provided by the Performing Arts Department. A telephone call to the Box Office will bring you a listing of all programs at bargain prices. To some of us old-timers, it always with amazement that we view and hear the excellent performances of this Department.

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF NOVEMBER 14**

The final celebration of Palomar's 50th anniversary year will be held on Thursday, November 14, 1996, on the San Marcos campus.

Part of the on-campus celebration in November will be a luncheon sponsored by PACRA at 11:30AM, catered, with reservations. **RESERVATIONS AND ADVANCE PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED.** Many other faculty, staff, and community leaders are expected to join us. Musical entertainment will be provided by Billy Hawkins Brass Ensemble. Additional information will be mailed after details are determined.

At 3 PM the closing program will be held at the Clock Tower. A time capsule containing memorabilia of Palomar's first fifty years is being prepared.

Guided tours of the Palomar College Arboretum will be available for those interested. These will start after the 3 PM program at the Clock Tower.

## **HAVE YOU MET ANY SCAMS LATELY?**

Protecting the marketplace and consumers, particularly those who have retired with long service, becomes more troublesome with the ever-widening range of telephone calls, personal visits, and mailed schemes.

Some of the most unbelievable offers are just that, unbelievable. Offers of great earnings for work-at-home frequently are accompanied by requests to pay upfront money for a job. Beware!

Charities come with all sorts of names; some of them are quite well known for their work. But others have adopted names very similar to the longstanding charities and hope that those to whom they are appealing won't notice the difference. It would be wise also to check to see if you have contributed to the charity in the past and how recently. In my own household it is a rare day that I do not receive a mailed appeal for funds, with at least one telephone call during the week. Be charitable, but know what you are doing. In case of doubt, make your contributions to an alternate outfit in which you have confidence.

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"We will have a representative in your area this week"—how often have you heard these words on your phone? A polite refusal will serve as a terminator to the conversation.

Sweepstakes promotions are amusing to me—if I responded to each of them I would be so rich that I wouldn't be able to afford the taxes on the winnings. Beware of requests asking you to call a 900 number unless you are prepared to pay for the telephone charges.

Your local Better Business Bureau provides free services to anyone seeking information. In San Diego County, the Bureau has reliable information on more than 10,000 companies in San Diego, information that is not available from any government agency.

Help defang the scams!

## IDENTITY FRAUD THROUGH CREDIT CARDS

The Federal Trade Commission, planning a consumer education campaign, offers the following tips to consumers:

1. Minimize the amount of personal information a thief can steal. Don't carry extra credit cards, a Social Security card, birth certificate, or passport in your purse or wallet.

2. Never give a credit card number or personal information over the phone unless you made the call.

3. Check your credit report for accuracy once a year from each of the three credit bureaus: Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian (formerly TRW).

4. Do not print your Social Security number on your checks or give it out unless necessary.

There are lots of honest people in the world, but don't fool yourself, there are more dishonest ones than we need.

## INFORMATION WHICH MAY HELP EVERYONE

Death seems to come when least expected and often when family members such as spouses or beneficiaries are not prepared for the resolution of many problems.

1. Be sure that your spouses or beneficiaries know where you keep all important papers, from your birth certificates to your instructions for disposal of your assets.

2. Be sure that beneficiaries of insurance policies have full information on the insurance company, the local agent, the policy, and where you have filed the policy.

3. Most PACRA members, perhaps all, have some connection to the State Teachers Retirement System, the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), and Social Security. Find out what such benefits are, and how one should go about applying for the benefit. The Summer 1996 issue of "In Touch," a newsletter for CalPERS Retirees, has a worthwhile article on the subject.

4. Many of our members, in their 70's or above, years ago may have converted their term insurance policy under Veterans Affairs to another form of insurance. This has been a very profitable investment with low premiums and high annual accumulations of interest. But the procedure for the beneficiary to collect on the insurance policy should be clear to the veteran and to his beneficiaries. Check it out through your nearest Veterans Affairs office.

## REGULATION OF EMERGENCY CARE

Among the promoters of federal legislation to regulate coverage of emergency care is Kaiser Permanente, the first health maintenance organization to join the movement.

No doubt each of you has read of some horror story of medical treatment which seemed unfair to the patient. Denial of patient coverage by managed-care health plans for emergency care has led nine states to set guidelines for coverage.

It's a political football and likely to be one of the issues under discussion in the campaigns this fall. If the issue is one which interests you, keep in touch with the news and your congressional representatives and senators.

## PALOMAR COLLEGE ESCONDIDO CENTER

This center opened in 1989 with 2,500 students in portable classrooms in the parking lot of a shopping center. After a year the center moved into the renovated Royal Arden store on East Valley Parkway, now an excellent facility with about 6,000 students.

This center is the only one of seven satellites that Palomar College actually owns. Other centers in Pauma Valley, Camp Pendleton, Poway, Fallbrook, Ramona, and Rancho Peñasquitos are in leased quarters.

The Escondido Center now offers student health services, a bookstore, full-time counselors, along with day and evening classes. Under the capable direction of Jim Clayton and June Rady the Center has been a popular site for classes for many students. If you're in the neighborhood, drop in and visit with one of the supervisors—they're wonderful people.

## FORENSICS

Ray Dahlin has reported that the Palomar College Forensics won national recognition once again as they captured the third place sweepstakes trophy at the U. S. National Championships held in San Francisco. The team competed against 500 students from more than 90 colleges from across the nation.

The San Francisco trip was funded in part by the Palomar Community College District, the Associated

Student Government, and several local businesses.

And of course, it is no surprise when we remember the wonderful speech teams at early Palomar coached by Virgil Bergman and Vic Heyden in the 50's and 60's.

### EDUCATION VIA TELEVISION

Palomar College and MiraCosta College have been offering alternative TV courses for about 20 years. Palomar now offers 60 television courses a year, serving 3,000 students.

Patti Moyer, manager of education television at Palomar, has stated that "you need to be a very self-motivated person to do well with education television, You aren't forced to go to classes, so you need to be accountable to yourself." The courses do require some meetings with the instructor on campus, usually on Saturdays.

### REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the PACRA Board meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 1996, the following items were covered:

- 1) Financial Report of \$4,292.59 on hand. The large balance was the result of no applicants for the 1996-1997 scholarship.
- 2) Plans were finalized for the September 22, 1996, social meeting to be held at the home of Marilyn Burke in Lake San Marcos.
- 3) Plans were started for a PACRA luncheon to be held in conjunction with the closing program of the 50th Anniversary Year, scheduled for November 14, 1996.
- 4) Board members were assigned names of PACRA members who need to be contacted regarding renewing membership for 1996-1997.
- 5) Approved a \$1,000 scholarship to be offered for 1997-1998. Suggestions were made for additional advertising so more people were aware that the scholarship is available.
- 6) Estimations were made of additional expenses expected through the end of the year. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a \$2,000 Certificate of Deposit be purchased as soon as feasible.
- 7) The By-Laws Committee chairperson was requested to formulate a proposal for the establishment of a Life Member status. This item will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- 8) The College Marketing Office has requested assistance to staff an information table at the North County Fair. Anyone interested should call Barbara Anaya, 744-1150, extension 2150.

### DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

If you need help or information concerning retirement matters or insurance for retired personnel, please call Victoria de la Torre in the College Human Resources Office, 744-1150, extension 2200.

### INFLUENCE OF PALOMAR COLLEGE

Dr. George Boggs, President of Palomar College, reported that since 1946 Palomar has given over 700,000 students the strongest possible foundation to build their futures. The support of the District, the State, and private funds always is less than that needed to give all students the courses they need and want. As Dr. Boggs stated, "We must work harder than ever to find the resources necessary to ensure that the promise of a Palomar College education can continue to be a reality for all worthy students."

### RADIO BROADCASTING STATION

Since March of this year, the campus radio station KKSM has been on the AM dial at frequency 1320. The station broadcasts from Palomar College's main campus and transmits by cable from Oceanside.

The coverage extends from Del Mar to Valley Center and is available on Cox Cable 35B as well as on AM. As well as proving entertainment by the broadcasts, the experience of producing programs and broadcasting benefits many students in the radio and TV classes.

### TIDBITS OF NEWS

The temporary, statewide "differential fee" of \$50 per unit for California residents who already had a bachelor's or higher degree expired on January 1 of this year. As a result, many former students with degrees returned to Palomar's classrooms and laboratories.

The Phil H. Putnam Memorial Library on the main campus, available to all district residents as well as students, has been equipped with TELSTAR, a computerized reference system. Funded by the Palomar College President's Associates and the Palomar College Foundation, this system has rendered the old file card catalog obsolete.

Spring semester of 1996 found 24,113 students in credit and non-credit classes, an increase of 1,000 over the spring semester of 1995.

The Mt. Carmel Center celebrated its 20th year of high-quality evening classes and seminars at Mt. Carmel High School.

Students transferring from Palomar College to the California State University and College system continue to outperform those who started their college careers at



the four-year institutions. Their grades were higher than the statewide average of community college transfers as well.

State Proposition 203 passed in the balloting of March, providing \$14 million for upgrading and replacing the entire infra-structure, water lines, natural gas, sewer and drainage lines, sidewalks, power lines, and telecommunications.

Redevelopment funds were made available to develop a second campus in the Poway area. The College authorities are investigating possible sites for a full-time college facility serving residents in the Interstate I-15 corridor.

No applications from students were received for the PACRA scholarship of spring 1996. We hope that there will be an award next spring. If there are any students, relatives of current members of PACRA who have completed one year, or are completing one year, at Palomar with a high grade point average, please encourage them to apply through the College scholarship office.

### **A PALOMAR STADIUM**

The first steps in the possible creation of a stadium on the Palomar campus were announced in April 1996. These plans call for moving the baseball diamond, the construction of three new practice fields, and a new football stadium.

While the project is still in the planning stages, it was announced that the \$2 million project would be funded by the City of San Marcos.

### **PRAISES TO PALOMAR**

The Community College Journal has praised Palomar College as a leader in new approaches to learning. The new approach concerns shifting emphasis from teaching and instruction to learning.

Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, and Maricopa Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, were the other two colleges mentioned in the report.

As one of "flagship institutions on the move," it is expected that Palomar and the other colleges will lead the way to create the learning college of the 21st century.

### **A SUMMER LUNCHEON**

A mini-reunion occurred in July when Robert (Bob) Smith, former Director of Personnel (1974-1986) visited in San Diego and Escondido. Several were able to attend a luncheon at the Sizzler Restaurant in Escondido, Karen Floyd, Wyn Knopf, Lorna Tefft, Marlys Usher, Jean Huston, John Schettler, and Bob. Over a delightful meal we chatted for almost two hours about the "good old times," and then took Bob on a quick tour of the

Escondido Palomar Center which began operation after he left the area for Washington State.

Bob and his wife Elizabeth (Liz) divide their time between Hoodspport, Washington, and Punta del Este in Uruguay, South America. Liz is part owner of a brokerage company in Washington, but Bob does most of the traveling. A telephone call later informed us that, after a safe trip back to Hoodspport, he took a tumble and broke an ankle. In spite of all this, Bob will leave in early September for six weeks in Europe, visiting London, Paris, and Prague. Then he and Liz will go to Punta del Este for our wintertime. He reminded us that Punta del Este was the city where the GATT Agreement was signed, with President Bush present for the ceremony. There is a section of the city named for John F. Kennedy and a roadway named for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### **RECENT RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Recent retirees include Duncan McGilvray, David Chappie, William Bedford (PACRA member), and Rosemary (Clissold) Davies. Resignations have been accepted for Charrie Chappie and Michael Gregoryk

### **NEWS FROM OREGON**

Ben McCormick reports that the disastrous fires southeast of Bend, Oregon, missed his acreage north of the city. Many homeowners had disregarded warnings to skirt their houses with wide lawns and greenery. Those surrounded by sage and juniper invited disaster. He and his family are now bona fide Centra Oregon hicks, with three teen-age boys, sheep, dog, cats, rabbit, and chickens. As with many of us, the presence of young people prevents one from feeling "retired."

### **REMEMBERING ROBERT (Bob) KURETICH by Jan Kuretich**

I remember well the afternoon we received the telephone call from Palomar College informing Robert that he had been accepted for a position in the Business Department. We jumped up and down with joy.

Our next trip to San Marcos was to check out the College, the area, and to find a place to live. We ended up moving to Escondido in June, with Robert starting his 30-year career teaching in the Summer Session, 1965.

For the next five years Robert was involved with various faculty organizations and was sponsor of the Business Club. He was involved with the charter for the local chapter of the California Teachers Association and became involved with the athletics programs. He employed a staff of students and ran the business and security for Palomar's football games. From time to time I was even recruited to sell tickets or make posters.

Work Experience was a new but growing program on campus; Robert became its first full-time director. The program eventually moved to the Vocational Education Division. Continued growth of Cooperative Education (a new title for Work Experience) and vocational programs brought about a new title, Director of Vocational Programs. Robert was appointed by the Chancellor's Office to develop the State guidelines for Cooperative Education. He was honored by the State Department of Apprenticeship Standards and the Governor's office for his development of the Electrical Apprenticeship programs. He developed several new and successful programs and expanded the many existing ones. Robert was considered an educational specialist in cooperative education and apprenticeship training.

Robert Kuretich loved his role in education. Students and employers appreciated his dedication. He went into the community and provided opportunities for education to students through vocational programs.

In March 1994, Robert was diagnosed with cancer. Throughout radiation treatments and chemotherapy he managed to spend time in the office each day. He knew he didn't have a lot of time and began setting up the educational programs so they could function for a year or so until someone could be employed to replace him.

On November 19, 1995, Robert died. Prior to his illness he talked of retirement, though I doubt he would have done so. Education and his family were his life.



*PACRA Party - September 22nd*

### **PACRA MEMBERS WHOOP IT UP: HOST IS IN HOSPITAL**

The PACRA party on September 22 at the home of Marilyn Burke had an unexpected turn. After the 35 guests arrived they learned that Marilyn had been ordered into the hospital only the day before, but allowed the party to continue under the guidance of the Social Committee, June Brubeck, JaDene Dugas, Ruth Serr, and Jean Huston. As predicted, there was lots of fun and

conversation.

It seems that a few years ago a similar event happened to Marilyn. She had invited guests for a Thanksgiving dinner, the food was all prepared, and then she was suddenly ordered into the hospital. So she took helpings of the food for herself, mixed them in her blender, put the whatever-you-call-it into a container and went to the hospital with it. She is reported to have said that it tasted pretty good. We're not sure that she blended the pumpkin pie with the turkey giblets—it would have made a new recipe for the cookbook.

Among those attending were Fred and Helen Huber, Natalie and Virgil Bergman, George and Ann Boggs, Omar and Lorraine Scheidt, Allison Gronberg, Pat Archer, Rita White, Jim and Rosemary Felton, Ken Burns, John Schettler, Carl and Myra Iserman, Bill and Edith Eddy, Ruth Serr, Virginia Rickenbaugh, Florine Atkinson, Gretchen Milham, JaDene Dugas, Jean Huston, Eileen Smith, Eleanor Heltzel, Virginia Beresford, Ray Jessop, June Brubeck, Ruth Clothier and Dale Lovell, Linda Nomura, Lou Burnett, and Nellie Kline. An excellent buffet was provided and, of course, we talked about everyone that wasn't there! Come next time!

### **GOVERNING BOARD OF PALOMAR COLLEGE**

Candidates for the Governing Board of the College will be present at a forum on October 15, 4 to 6 PM, in the Board Room on the San Marcos campus. George Chamberlain, talk-show host, will moderate. The three incumbents, Barbara Hughes, Ralph Jensen, and Rita White are running for re-election.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PACRA**

The PACRA Board of Directors is considering the establishment of a Life Membership. If you have suggestions, please let us hear from you.

### **TUTI TUTI!**

A number of you have not paid your current dues. You should receive a telephone call from one of us as a reminder soon.

### **DEATH IN OUR GROUP**

On June 14, Mrs. John (Helen) Schettler passed away at her home from a heart attack. She had a long history of heart problems including a by-pass operation some years ago. A memorial service at the First United Methodist Church in Escondido on June 22 was well attended. A flood of sympathy came to the family from letters and calls from those who were acquainted with her.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## 1996-1997 PERFORMING ARTS SUBSCRIPTION EVENTS

- November 2 (8PM), -3 (2PM). MUSIC: Great Classics Concert; Palomar Symphony Orchestra.
- November 17 (2PM). MUSIC: Falcone Piano Recital, Delores Stevens.
- November 21, 22, 23 (7PM), -24 (2PM). THEATRE: The Legent of Beauty and the Beast.
- December 13, 14 (8PM), -15 (2PM & 7PM). DANCE: Peter and the Wolf, and The North Pole Follies.
- December 21 (8 PM), -22 (2 PM). MUSIC: Messiah. Ceremony of Carols. Palomar Chorale, Chamber Singers, Contemporary Dance Ensemble.
- January 31 (8 PM), February 1 (8 pm), -2 (2 pm & 7 pm). DANCE: Contemporary Dance Theatre.
- February 15 (8 PM), -16 (2 PM). MUSIC: International Concert; Palomar Symphony Orchestra.  
Soloist: Peter Gach.
- March 2 (2 PM). MUSIC: Falcone Piano Recital, Andreas Klein.
- March 22 (8 PM), -23 (2 PM). MUSIC: Four Centuries of Sacred Music.
- March 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 (8 PM), -9 & -16 (2 PM). MUSICAL: Little Shop of Horrors.
- April 6 (2 PM). MUSIC: Falcone Piano Recital: Gach and Friends.
- April 25, 26 (8 PM), May 1, 2, 3, (8 PM). THEATRE: The Miser.
- May 10 (8 PM), -11 (2 PM). MUSIC: President's Concert. Palomar Symphony Orchestra.
- May 16, 17 (8 PM), -18 (2 PM & 7 PM). DANCE: Spring Dance Show.
- May 17 (8 PM, -18 (2 PM). MUSIC: Spring Chorale Concert. Palomar Chorale and Chanber Singers.

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