



The PACRA Pacer

Where Are They Now?

JADENE DUGAS, San Marcos, CA



It was Bob Burton, Dean of Admissions, who, in December 1963, offered me a position in the Admissions & Records Office. This would be the beginning of what turned out to be an 18-year tenure at Palomar College. I had been working in the Admissions Office for one year when the position of Secretary to the Dean of Instruction (Virgil Bergman) became available. I applied, was chosen, and the rest is history. The year... it was 1964... Dr. Fred Huber was also hired as Superintendent/President.

Due to disabling health issues, I medically retired from the college in 1981. As soon as my health allowed I moved with my husband, Art, to Mesa, Arizona, where his employer, Hughes Helicopter, had relocated the production of its Apache Helicopter. I enrolled in classes at the nearby Mesa Community College. I also started a club whose purpose was to provide spouses of the employees of Hughes Helicopter to learn the in-and-outs of relocating to a new state and city. I continued my solo work singing at our church and I became a member of the Arizona State University choral group. Art joined me when the choral group had a concert tour in Hawaii.

In 1993, when Art retired from what was now Boeing Helicopters, we began our travels in a 1934 Pace Arrow motor home. Our first extensive trip lasted 5 months and we covered all contiguous states except for Maine and Vermont. It was a wonderful adventure.

In November 1993 we moved back to Vista, CA, but we

continued to travel. For our 50th wedding anniversary we took the Panama Canal Cruise. We later enjoyed cruises to the Mexican Riviera and Alaska. Also, upon my return to Vista, Fred Huber called and asked me to join PACRA and to run for the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors. He was running for the position of President. I did not hesitate... I accepted his offer. We were both elected to our respective positions, and I must say it felt so good to be back as a part of Palomar College.

My happiness and active life-style slowed down after knee and back surgery. Art and family helped care for me and I was getting stronger when on February 1, 2014, Art was stricken with a heart attack, which ended his life. We had 64 years of a great marriage and I have much to be grateful for, but I was devastated. In April 2014 I moved to Brookdale Senior Living in San Marcos.

I feel blessed to be in a lovely assisted living apartment close to family and friends. I continue to serve on the PACRA Board and am pleased to be able to continue with that service. I am now 83 years old and it is great to look forward to a new kind of life that continues to be productive, interesting and rewarding. ♦

PACRA Mission

*We are retired Palomar College
public employees working together
to maintain and improve
the quality of the lives
of our members by protecting
and monitoring our retirement benefits
and health and welfare issues.*



PACRA Request for your E-mail Address...

➔ If you haven't already done so, PACRA would very much appreciate having your e-mail address on file. If you prefer we not publish it in our Membership Directory please just let us know. We will honor your request for privacy. There are occasions when your Board feels it is in your/our best interest to alert you to events and/or activities that may affect your benefits, and due to the ever-increasing cost of postage it is far more cost-effective for us to do so through e-mail rather than US mail. Thank you for your support.

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Scholarship Donation Opportunity

The PACRA Board would like to enhance its scholarship fund so it can offer additional financial assistance (i.e., an additional scholarship opportunity or book grant) to a relative of a PACRA member in good standing. If you are interested in helping with this effort you can do so by making a tax-deductible donation to the PACRA scholarship fund. Simply go to the PACRA website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.palomar.edu/pacra>" www.palomar.edu/pacra. Click the 'Donate' link; select an amount; select PACRA (Palomar College Retirees' Association) from the drop down menu and then complete the payment process. Again... all donations are tax deductible.

Ability is what you're capable of doing.

Motivation determines what you do.

Attitude determines how well you do it.

Lou Holtz

Save the Date:



Mark your calendars and plan to attend PACRA's Annual Meeting to be held on **Thursday, May 21, 2015**, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 111 North Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos. Lunch will be served at noon.

Palomar College President **Robert Deegan** will be our honored guest, and he will give us an update on campus affairs.

Please plan to join us... renew acquaintances, take photos and just plain relax and enjoy the company of long-time colleagues.

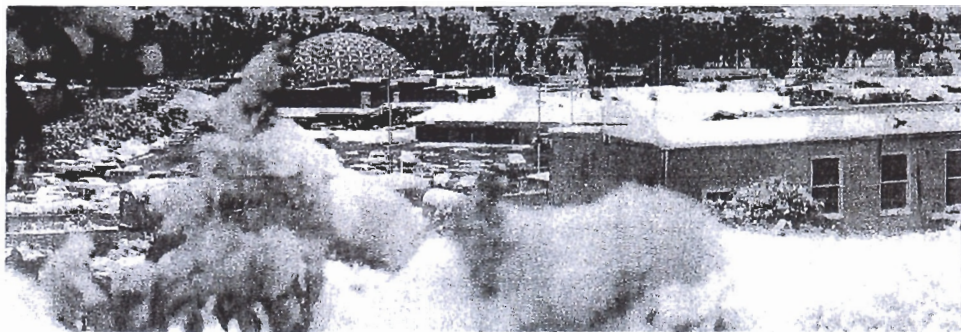
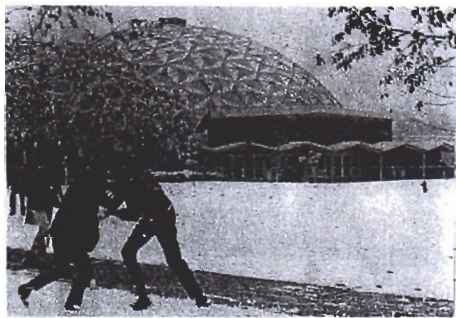
Looking Back

Historical Tidbits — Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow



One of the many treasures found in the Palomar College Library is a nearly complete collection of *The Telescope* student newspaper, starting with Vol. 1, No. 1, November 26, 1947. Within that collection is one unique issue, December 14, 1967, Vol. 21, No. 13, *The Snowscope*, A frosty edition of *The Telescope*. The *Snowscope* documents the "First snow storm in the College's 21-year history."

December 13, 1967 was a memorable day in San Diego when



gale force winds blew a Canadian cold front "far, far off course," dumping snow west of the Lagunas and into the City of San Diego. Snowfalls ranged from 2 feet on Palomar Mountain to 2 inches at Palomar Airport. The early morning snowfall was unique in both quantity and how far west it fell.

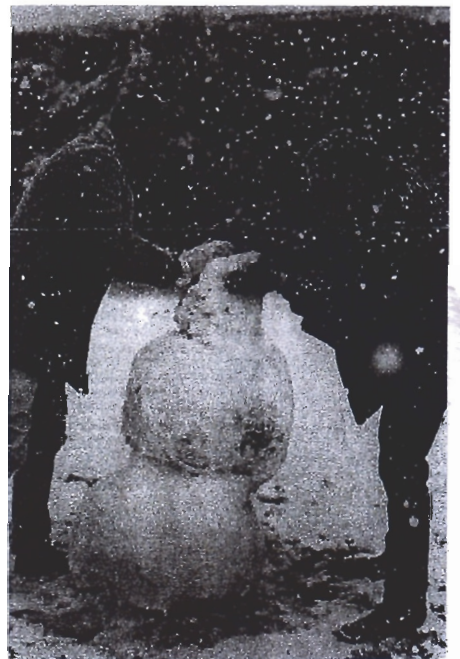
Palomar College Library Technician **Kelly Patrick** remembers the following from his student days at MiraCosta College.

"After my early classes I walked over to the student union/cafe-teria on the east side of campus. Other students coming in were exclaiming how cold it was, and then from the gray sky, snow began to fall, lightly at first, then a bit heavier. It blanketed the entire lawn; all the cars and plants had their own salting, which to us seemed thick and amazing. We all went outside to throw snowballs and build miniature snow-people. I was wearing my standard Huaraches with tire tread soles and sweat socks. Not much protection from the elements, and my feet became painfully cold quickly."

I expect Kelly's description would be echoed by Palomar students attending classes that memorable day because a few miles to the east found Palomar's distinctive dome and the rest of the campus blanketed in a considerable amount of snow. **Tom Humphrey** recalls, "It was an



exciting day. As we know it doesn't snow much in our community. I took lots of pictures because I happened to have film.



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in my camera. Many didn't have any pictures to remember the storm by because stores quickly sold out of film."

Thanks to the work of faculty members Ted Kilman, Jim McNutt and Jus Ahrend, Palomar's "snow day" was recorded in print and published the following day. Under the supervision of these faculty members Journalism and Photography students developed their own photographs, wrote copy, designed the composition and set type. Ted recalls this as "a great academic activity," and it is important to remember that in 1967, these tasks required typewriters, chemical developing and hand typesetting. This was done in record time despite an indoor snowball fight raging in the newspaper offices.

If you are interested in this document or any of the other 60-plus years of events described by *The Telescope* or local newspaper articles in the College scrapbook collection, drop by the second floor of the Library. Someone will be happy to help you locate them. ♦

Remember to vote...



The California General Election is
Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Polls are open
from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on Election Day.

Thank you for taking your civic
responsibility seriously
and making your voice heard!

*"We ourselves feel
that what we are doing
is just a drop in the ocean.
But the ocean would be less
because of that missing drop."*

Mother Teresa

**Remembering
our members
we one time worked with,
but have passed...**



In Memoriam



Dori Matzkiew
Vocational Technology
Passed – March 9, 2014

Robert Miller
Behavioral Sciences
Passed – April 3, 2014

John Leahy
Business Education
Passed – April 25, 2014

Pamela Taylor
Research
Passed – May 1, 2014

Jay Johnson
Foreign Languages
Passed – July 23, 2014

Burtine Morse
Social Sciences
Passed – July 27, 2014

Ernest Shiwanov
Chemistry
Passed – August 15, 2014

Jim McNutt
Graphic Arts
Passed – October 2, 2014

NEWS BRIEFS

1 Humanities Building Completed



Palomar College's new \$34 million Humanities building is energy-efficient and cutting-edge in design. But its greatest value to students and faculty is how it brings together departments that were scattered across campus in 40-year-old buildings. Construction on the building started in November 2011 and was finished in March 2014. Students have been attending classes inside the building since the start of the 2014 summer session.

Located in the center of the San Marcos campus, the 90,000 square-foot, three-story building includes 81 offices, 25 classrooms and multiple learning laboratories. The new building is home to the college's reading center, writing center, English, world languages, reading, speech, English as a Second Language, American Sign Language and journalism departments.

The building also houses a newsroom for the college newspaper — The Telescope — and a place where Palomar's award-winning speech and debate team can conduct research and prepare and fine-tune their craft.

The building project was funded by Proposition M, a \$694 million bond measure approved by voters in 2006 to replace, expand or modernize learning facilities on Palomar campuses.

Previous work completed using Prop M bond monies were, among others, a new teaching and learning center, a new multidisciplinary building, health sciences building, and the remodeling of the Howard Brubeck Theatre and the Escondido satellite campus.

A new child development center is expected to break ground in the near future.

2 It's all in a Name

A new option available to supporters of student success at Palomar College allows donors to leave a legacy by naming a building, classroom, laboratory or other public facility. Trustees approved the new option in May 2013. It allows an individual, company or foundation to become a highly visible and permanent partner with Palomar College. Naming gifts are placed in an endowment fund that is closely monitored by the Palomar College Foundation Investment Committee. Income from endowment funds provides long-term stability for Palomar College student success programs.

A naming rights gift is a personal and significant decision that should reflect the donor's interests. College staff, including President Deegan and the appropriate Dean or Vice President, will work with donors to identify naming opportunities. The construction of a variety of new buildings funded by Proposition M in 2006, provides a wide range of choices, including: Escondido Education Center; Health Sciences Building; Humanities Building; Industrial Technology Complex; Multidisciplinary Building; Natural Sciences Building; Palomar Planetarium; and the Performing Arts Complex.

Your Name Here...

Palomar College Retirees' Association

1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069-1487



The **PACRA Pacer** 92003380361



Palomar College Retirees' Association Scholarship

Application and deadline information

Palomar College Retirees' Association (PACRA)

Award: \$1,000

Criteria:

- Must be a relative of a PACRA member in good standing (*Please state this clearly on your application*)
- Enrolled full-time Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 at Palomar College (exclusive of Kinesiology classes unless required by the major)
- Open to all high school seniors who are legal US residents in public and private schools and to new or continuing Palomar students
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Demonstrate school and/or community leadership and service
- Recipient selected by PACRA Board

Transcripts:

High school seniors without previous college credit — supply an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope. New or continuing Palomar College students, supply official college transcripts from all colleges attended in a sealed envelope

To Apply:

There is no paper application. The application must be completed on-line.

Log onto Student Services and click on "Apply for Scholarship." Then, complete the on-line application. Students new to Palomar College must file an on-line application to get a Palomar College student ID.

Questions:

Contact **Jo-Anne Lesser** at HYPERLINK "mailto:joanne.lessner@att.net"

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Application Deadline:

February 27, 2015