

# *The Growl -- October 1999*



## ***Tuesday Topics -- Dr. Humphreys Set To Illuminate!*** Professor Rowena Walker

President Bob Humphreys will be the lecture/discussion leader for the next TUESDAY TOPICS to be held Tuesday, October 19 at 1:15 in The Forum. Dr. Humphreys will talk about “The Mysteries of the Black Holes”, the astronomical phenomena that have scientists scrambling in their search for clues on the beginnings of the universe.

An ever curious student of astronomy, Dr. Humphreys has read widely on all matters dealing with these Black Holes and can shed considerable light on their “mysteries.” After presenting a lecture, Dr. Humphreys will open the floor for questions and discussion.

All students and faculty are invited—and encouraged—to attend. Since TUESDAY TOPICS is always scheduled near lunchtime, brown bags are most welcome!

TUESDAY TOPICS is a monthly program sponsored by the Liberal Arts Department.



## ***Field Trip To Buddhist Temple*** Professor Rowena Walker

The Religion 101 class (Great Religions of the World) will be going to the Buddhist Temple on Shimizu Drive in Stockton on Friday, October 15. This field trip will be in conjunction with the study of the Buddhist religion at that particular time in the class. The temple priest will speak to the class for approximately one hour beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Anyone interested in going with the class on this field trip is welcome. Please see Mrs. Walker for the details.



## *Meet Your Teacher*

“Nobody Ever Made a Show about Accountants...”

*Don Hubbard, Coordinator of the Business Management Department*

**His interest in accounting originated when he took a career test in high school. He placed high in something called “accounting.”**

“At that time I didn't even know what accounting was. A year or so later, a neighbor asked if I would like to work for the accounting firm in which he was a partner. Since I was not working during that summer, just playing golf every day, I took a shot at it. That was in 1967. I worked for that firm until 1993.”

**In the meantime, however, came the college years.**

“I was introduced to accounting during my two years at Delta College. During that time I worked for a local accounting firm. Then I transferred to Sacramento State (now CSUS) to complete my BS degree in Accounting. Later I passed the CPA exam, gained my experience, and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1971. Once I graduated, I went to work for the same accounting firm in Stockton. I spent four years as an accountant, then a manager, and finally became a partner in 1974. During the following years the firm grew into the largest local public accounting firm in the community. My work included auditing, income tax, accounting, management consulting, and in the later years computer consulting. I also moved into the position of the administrative partner during the last few years I was with the firm.”

**Don remained with this firm for twenty-five years, until he decided to retire from public accounting. Then he spent two years as the CFO of a local construction and restoration company.**

“While the private industry experience was terrific, I found I missed public accounting; I resigned and started my own accounting business in 1995. You will now find me working out of my home office; I have all the amenities of being at home and working at the same time. The only problem is that my clients know I am there and don't mind calling me on the weekends.”

**When did you join Humphreys College?**

“In the early 1980s, I was approached to work at Humphreys as an adjunct instructor in accounting. In addition to my initial teaching assignment of Intermediate Accounting, I have gone on to instruct courses in auditing, income taxes, economics, money & banking, and accounting. In 1998, I was appointed the coordinator of the Business Management Department. The work as well as the staff and the students at Humphreys have always provided me with an enjoyable environment. I feel the college is a truly unique institution. It gives me great satisfaction to see students learn the different aspects of accounting and economics and to go on to become successful in their careers. Here, students and faculty have the opportunity to know each other personally and interact with one another on a daily basis.”

**As an experienced CPA, successful financial manager, and now professor, what can you say about the accounting profession and its future?**

“The prospects for students in the accounting field continues to expand as the profession becomes more involved in technology and consulting. Accountants were once thought of as Tax People; now accountants are generally the most trusted advisors of business. What it takes is a well-rounded education, interest in many subjects, and the discipline to learn new things and stay current in an ever-changing economic environment. Communication is a must: to communicate the results of a project, solve client problems, and be the sounding board for ideas. As you gain experience in accounting you really become a Firefighter. You solve tax-, computer-, and accounting-related problems, or provide business advice. Accounting today requires computer proficiency. The Internet will be more and more important to the profession, with the increased use of the computer for research, electronic tax filing, and e-commerce.”

**So far, we are chatting just about awfully serious issues... What is your favorite pastime?**

“Since my high-school years I have been an avid investor. I enjoy following the stock market and business on a daily basis. With the advent of the Internet and faster computers, you can find my home computer tuned into the stock market. I also enjoy learning about computers, including upgrading and repairing them, learning to network computers, and testing new products. Today, I have three computers on my desk and credenza in my home office. I also spend many hours on the Internet, answering email, obtaining information, doing research, and just finding out what's out there. My home computer is now connected to the Internet with a cable modem using broadband, which is incredibly fast. I find it frustrating not to have the latest speed and technology, so I upgrade my computer hardware about every two years. You might even call me a computer junkie when it comes to the latest technology.”

**Well, both the investing and super-fast computers, it's still closely related to your job...**

“As for the other ways I spend my off time, I enjoy following sports. If there is a football game on television, I am probably watching it. My boys are also big fans and I like to watch and discuss sports with them. In my younger days I played a lot of golf. At Lincoln High School and Delta College, I was part of several championship golf teams. One of my golfing buddies from those days went on to a career playing professional golf on the PGA tour. Unfortunately, my golfing days are basically over as time requirements for other things have become more important to me. Other than sports, my favorite television shows are NYPD Blue and The Practice. I guess nobody ever made a show about accountants. Normally, my television is tuned to CNBC financial news.”

**What is your life credo?**

“Well, it would probably be "Do today what you might want to put off until tomorrow." Now, all I have to do is follow my own advice!”

**~Stanislav Perkner**

## *The San Francisco Ballet -- A Field Trip*

Professor Rowena Walker



The Art and Music Appreciation class will be going to San Francisco on Friday evening, December 17, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to attend the San Francisco Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker*. Since the San Francisco Ballet Company is one of the best in the United States, its performance of this very popular Christmas-time ballet is also one of the best that can be seen anywhere. Staged at the old and beautiful San Francisco Opera House, the ballet is always loved by everyone from ages five or six to one hundred!

If you think you might be interested in going to the performance—and inviting whomever you wish—please see Mrs. Walker before October 18. She can make reservations for you with our group. You do not have to be taking Art and Music Appreciation to attend with us. We would welcome anyone who would like to go.



## *Outdoor Excursions*

### **See the Sandhill Cranes & Visit the Howard Ranch**

Professor Ann Bauermeister

Come see the beautiful and dramatic fly-in of the sandhill cranes at Woodbridge Ecological Reserve. All members of the Humphreys community, family, and friends invited. The tour will be on Sunday Oct. 17 (1st choice) or Sunday Nov. 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> choice) for about two hours in the late afternoon until just after dusk. Tours have little walking and have exclusive use of the new wildlife viewing shelter. (Porta-potty available.)

For reservations see Ms. Bauermeister by Wed. Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. Details on confirmed date, time, and maps to follow. Donation of \$5 for each adult at time of reservation.

Read the final two pages of this edition of *The Growl* for information regarding another fascinating outdoor adventure at the Howard Ranch.



## *Student Council's Corner*

Shazia Sarwar, Student Council President

Welcome back! I would also like to welcome all the new students to Humphreys College. The '98 -'99 Student Council has planned a lot of fun activities for the month of October. First of all, I would like to encourage all of you to join us to celebrate **International Day**, October 20, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a day where you can dress in the clothes of your culture. There will be a Fashion Show in the Forum at 12:00 p.m. for you to have the opportunity to see the beautiful fashions from the different countries. You can also have the chance indulge yourself in foods from all over the world -- all the way from the Philippines to Pakistan and to Mexico. If you would like to be a part of the Fashion Show, please see Dr. Chabot.

It is that time of year again. **Elections**. Participate, and be a part of the Student Council. See Dr. Chabot for more details. And lastly, at the end of the month we will be having the annual **Halloween Parade** in the courtyard on the Main Campus at noon. Dress up in your costume and have the chance to win a prize. The results of the elections will also be announced at this time. Watch out for more details!!!