

## **Remembering KOCE's Bill Furniss**

William A. Furniss, founding General Manager and President of KOCE passed away on November 19, just one day shy of the station's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Furniss was 66 years old. He served as the station's president from 1970 until his retirement in 1996.

"Bill Furniss was a major contributor to KOCE-TV," said Board President Walt Howald. "He was a sincere pleasure to work with."

According to KOCE President Mel Rogers, Furniss always had high expectations for KOCE. "I know he was very proud of the station's many accomplishments and awards," said Rogers. "He retired leaving a vital one-of-a-kind legacy to his community -- KOCE, PBS from Orange County. Bill saw KOCE through some challenging times. Thanks to his efforts, Orange County public television still exists today."

A graduate of UCLA and Cal State Fullerton, Bill Furniss served as chairman of the Board of Governors of Pacific Mountain Network, a regional public television network within PBS, which included 14 Western states. He also served as president of the Association of California Public Television Stations, as well as on many PBS board committees.

During his tenure as president, KOCE provided Orange County with its first regular news program, "Newscheck," the issue-oriented series "Voter's Pipeline" and "Jim Cooper's Orange County" and a local magazine series, "Inside Orange County." One of KOCE's most well known series, "The Magic of Oil Painting" with Bill Alexander was produced under Furniss' leadership, as were many telecourses, art series, and "how-to" programs produced for national distribution.

"Bill built KOCE from the ground up," remembered Board Vice President Paul Berger. "I am honored by our friendship."

Furniss was a resident of Mission Viejo and is survived by his wife, Betty, three children and four grandchildren.

## **REPORTS**

### **Board of Trustees**

- Trustee Walt Howald honored the memory KOCE-TV's Bill Furniss for his contributions to the station and to the District. Trustee Howald thanked the policy committee for their presentation and their hard work.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson commented that the student reports were consistently professional and informative and on behalf of the Board, thanked the students for their efforts.
- Student Trustee Derek Shelly reported on the recent District Student Council meeting, where students decided that a food drive benefiting the Salvation Army would be held in March 2003.

### **Presidents**

- Vice President, Instruction, Barbara Holowell, CCC, thanked Vice Chancellor Ron Berggren for coordinating the visit with the Dutch delegates from the League of Innovations Conference. Holowell announced that the annual Foundation celebration will take place on December 5. The Holiday and International Fashion Show will be held on December 12 at the Westminster Center.
- Station Manager, Bruce Reed, KOCE, expressed sympathy on behalf of the station to the family of Bill Furniss. Reed also announced that November 20 was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KOCE's first day of on-air programming.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias was proud to announce that both the men's and women's water polo teams won the state championship.
- Interim President Gene Farrell, OCC, announced the championship victory for both the men's and women's cross country track teams.

### **Academic Senate Presidents**

- Nancy Jones, CCC senate president, reported that the EOPS department will have an Angel Tree for students of the program who are in need of holiday gifts for their children.

### **Student Government Organizations**

- David Turner, CCC CalSAC vice president, reported that CalSAC officers participated in the San Diego State University book drive. The students have recently created committees to oversee student outreach and student activities.
- Keri Dawn Jubran, ASGWC president, reported that the blood drive will continue through November 25 and appointments are not necessary. Three student government members will attend the national conference in Orlando, Florida.
- Femia Scarfone, ASOCC president, announced that over 74 pints of blood were collected at the student blood drive. The ASOCC will host a children's holiday party at the Harry and Grace Steel Children's Center on December 5. Johnny Beck and Elizabeth Holt have filled the vacant ASOCC trustee positions.

### **Employee Representative Groups**

- Diane Sharp, president, CFCE Local 4794/AFT, voiced concerns regarding administration of the OCC bookstore. Sharp requested union participation in any current negotiations.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS**

The Board congratulates the following retirees:

- Peter Green, GWC, Instructor, Biological Science, effective 12/16/02. Dr. Green began teaching at GWC in 1970. Dr. Green has been active in the Academic Senate and on various other committees during his 32 years of service. Dr. Green contributes to the community in various ways. He was an early founder of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica, served as a city councilman and is the former mayor of Huntington Beach.
- Joan Kosuth, OCC, Counselor, effective 12/06/02. Kosuth joined the faculty of OCC in

1976 as a general counselor and later as a professor of English. Kosuth has been a presenter at the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) conferences. Kosuth's husband, Thomas is a counselor at GWC.

- Sally Mazur, OCC, Cook, effective 12/31/02. Mazur has worked at OCC for 18 years in the Instructional Food Service operations department. Mazur has been known for her cheerful attitude and dedication.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF**

The Board authorized the following classified hires:

- Nathaniel Harrison, CCC, Military/Contract Education Technician, from hourly, effective 11/21/02.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS**

The Board authorized the following resignations:

- Robert Baker, CCC, Corporate Developer, effective 12/06/02.
- Lora Flinn, KOCE, Broadcast Operator, effective 10/28/02.
- Mark Freed, OCC, Director of College Bookstore, effective 01/14/03.
- Donna Leventhal, OCC Secretary Senior, effective 10/04/02.
- Susan McClintic, OCC, Director, Early Childhood Lab School, effective 02/07/03.
- Bruce Nyrop, OCC, Energy Management Facilitator, effective 11/05/02.



#### *UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS*

December 11, 2002	Special Meeting
January 15, 2003	Third Wednesday

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