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“... of Cabbages and Kings”
Newsletter of the University of the
Pacific Emeriti Society
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I. Recent Events

1. Holiday Wine & Cheese—Mike

More than fifty of our colleagues gathered in the Alumni House on December 1, 2017 to start the celebration of the holiday season a bit early this past year. Although political news has recently cast threatening clouds on the horizon almost daily, we were able to ignore those clouds for a while and enjoy our conversations about the past and common experiences at Pacific as well as our plans for the coming holidays. The excellent wine and revitalized cheese platters from *Bon Appetit* enriched the experience significantly!

2. Spring Luncheon—Judy

This year’s spring luncheon was held on Valentine’s Day, February 14th at the Alumni House. Over 60 Emeriti members and their guests enjoyed hearing three speakers. The first speaker was Dr. Mary Somerville, Dean of the Libraries. She spoke to us about the changes that will be made to the Pacific Library in Stockton and the 11 million dollar campaign just approved by the Board of Regents to renovate the building. Following Mary’s presentation, Scott Biedermann, Associate Vice President for Development brought us up to date on the progress of the current campaign Leading with Purpose. Lunch was enjoyed by all and following lunch, Mike Sharp introduced our last speaker Dr. Jeff Becker, Chair of the Academic Council. He brought us up to date on Council activities.

2a. From Simalee—At the Spring Luncheon we were also joined by Amy Field, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement and seven students from the Discovery Project (DP). The purpose of the DP is to re-engage alumni with the University. They connect with alums in order to learn about their “Pacific experience” and to encourage them to continue their support. Since alumni often mention faculty who had an impact on them during their time here, their presence at our luncheon is an attempt to connect them with our Emeriti Society as representatives of all retired faculty. The students may then be in a better position to act as a bridge between alumni and their memories of Pacific.

3. A New Dean¹ & Academic Model for McGeorge School of Law—Jed Scully²

Michael Hunter Schwartz, the newly appointed 10th Dean of the McGeorge School of Law presented a new and refreshingly original academic plan for McGeorge to move

¹ Dean Schwartz presented his plan for a downsized law school with a one academic year reduction in baccalaureate and professional preparation for a JD and qualification for admission to the Bar.

² Professor of Law, *Emeritus*, *Univ. of Pacific*. Scully served as a professor, academic planner, administrator and clinical teacher for more than 45 years at UC Berkeley, UCLA, Loyola Marymount (Loyola Law School), Inns of Court School of Law (London), and at McGeorge School of Law.

forward to the 2020's of the 21st Century. Dean Schwartz accepted the invitation of the Emeriti Society to outline his plans to reform legal education at Pacific by a mix of new initiatives and by attempting to recapture some of the successful strategies from McGeorge's golden age.

On Dean Schwartz' appointment, the Regents of Pacific asked him to develop several scenarios for McGeorge's future following at least ten years of declining bar pass averages, enrollment losses and declining applications for admission. McGeorge had clearly come to a crisis point in which drastic initiatives were called for to enable it to succeed as the principal regional law school for Northern California, for Sacramento – the capital of the 5th largest global economy, and for Northern Nevada.

In brief, Schwartz' outline for change called for a total enrollment capped at 500 students (less than one half of student enrollment five years ago); the reduction of undergraduate and first degree (JD) studies to 6 years from at least 7; and the requirement for at least two experiential or clinical sequences while in law school. Should enrollment applications increase, that factor would be used to raise entering academic credentials, not increase enrollment. The teaching faculty (tenured, tenure track, and contract) would be reduced from its present level of about 40 to 29 through retirements and buyouts. More emphasis would be placed on practitioners and judges as adjuncts. Remaining tenure and tenure track professors would be asked to carry additional course loads and mentor more students. Support and administrative staff would be reduced to at least one half of their previous levels.

Fortunately for McGeorge and the University of the Pacific, Dean Schwartz' menu for a new academic model for legal education is a promising blend of what brought McGeorge to regional prominence a generation ago, matched with creative approaches to align the demand for legal services with contemporary professional education. Schwartz' published scholarship and his experience teaching and administering in aspirational law schools equip him superbly well to lead McGeorge to its former leadership role in American legal education.

4. Re-envisioning the Library—Mike

Some of you may remember the Nov 2017 edition of C&K in which I wrote about my shock in entering our library in spring 2017 for the first time in months. Dr. Somerville's talk convinced me that I must have been living under a rock for more than a year! She had arrived at Pacific in January 2016 after her stewardship of the Auraria Library in Denver serving more than 53,000 students from 3 large schools there, including the University of Colorado. She has what the search committee found to be "an impressive body of scholarship that advances collaborative design of organizational communication systems and library service models that enhance an institution's student-centered teaching and learning mission." Her main task at Pacific, as the Provost articulated in her welcoming words, was leading the vision and implementation of an integrated library system serving faculty and students on our three campuses.

In an overview of her new vision that Dr. Somerville wrote for the Regents in February 2016, she declared that "guided by *Pacific 2020* and as recommended in the Academic Plan, the university library must evolve into much more than a repository to serve as a full partner in promoting student academic success and faculty teaching excellence." She went on to write that the library facility in Stockton "requires holistic redesign services

informed by the university's academic priorities" and announced that: "During spring semester 2016, planning conversations with ASUOP representatives and the Academic Council's Library Committee will refine the program (services) priorities that inform space redesign, allowing form to follow function." By the fall of 2016, Dr. Somerville had compiled a history of the "Library FY16 Print and Electronic Book and Journal Statistics" to underscore the decision to move from a primary reliance on print to electronic sources for Pacific's academic and teaching needs.

For a broader picture of what is happening at undergraduate libraries these days, I'll recommend again an article by Teresa Watanabe that first appeared in the LA Times (April 19, 2017) and then later in the Stockton Record: Teresa.watanabe@latimes.com. With words and pictures of what new undergraduate libraries look like at Berkeley (Moffitt), Santa Cruz, Harvard, and UCLA, Miss Watanabe gives us a more intelligible insight into what our library may become—including a photo of a handy "nap pod" for those whose academic toil may necessitate a quick pick-me-up! But then for those of us for whom the main function of libraries has always been as "repositories" of knowledge, the words of UC Berkeley librarian Jeffrey MacKie-Mason are heartening when he writes that "the Berkeley campus still has one of the largest book collections in the nation—12 million circulating volumes held in two dozen libraries."

5. Ken Beauchamp's Resignation—Jed

All of us on the Executive Board of the Emeriti Society join Skip Scully and his wife Glee in their heartfelt good wishes to Ken upon hearing of his resignation from the Board:

It was with significant regret when we heard that you will be leaving active duty on the Executive Board of the Emeriti Society. I have come to rely on your calm and mellowing presence at the head of our table in DUC 214. I also recall with gratitude the role that you played not only with your many years working on university athletic policy but your presence on the University Compensation Committee. . . . and all that Glee and I (as well as the rest of the Board) can say is *merci beaucoup* for the pleasure of our association with you.

II. Reports

1. Report on the Academic Council Meeting of March 8, 2018 by Roland di Franco, Emeriti Representative to the Academic Council.

As you know, each month Chair Elect John Livesey prepares a summary of the work done at the most recent meeting of the Academic Council. It appears just four days after the Council meeting and is reviewed by the Chair.

I'd like to report on the most important part of the meeting. Professor Jeff Miles resigned as Chair of the IPC. His reason was the limited information that the Committee received about the University budget. The Council discussion mainly concerned the availability of budget information and the effect on budgetary decisions such as those made about the athletic program and upcoming budget should enrollment diminish.

President Eibeck, Provost Pallavicini, and the members of the Academic Council were direct about the issues. I found it to be an excellent foundation for a cooperative discussion of how to solve the most pressing University problems.

Here are the abbreviations which are used:

Q = Question

C = Comment

AACU = Academic Affairs Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

AC = Academic Council

FHB = Faculty Handbook

JM = Jeff Miles, former IPC Chair

MP = Provost Maria Pallavacini

NTT = Non-Tenure Track

PE = President Eibeck

SF = San Francisco

SAC = Sacramento

SL = Shorelight

TOEFL = Test of English as a Foreign Language

TT = Tenure (or Tenure Track)

PBF = Vice President for Business & Finance

VPFA = Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

John's Report follows:

IPC Faculty Chair resignation & IPC University Budget Issues/
Concerns

- a) Jeff Miles spoke briefly on the antecedents to his resignation from IPC:

*Challenges will require true shared governance and transparent financial data *
Pleas in December for better data; nothing changed * Coming together as a cohesive unit
needs better cooperation

Q: On how many occasions were you asking for information and were stymied?

JM: Many requests for data across campus . . . there were many occasions.

PE: Two issues: what extent of detailed data do we have that's easily accessible? Jeff has
provided the detailed example of Rutgers, which is a public university that must publish
its financial information. We have not typically done that as a university. We could. I
spent 25 years in public universities and am very familiar with that requirement. Must
consider the implications—possibly revealing salaries; also, consider the charge and
scope of IPC; data on every budget line isn't necessarily understanding; Understanding is
in trends, benchmarks, and is examined by local experts. Example of my commitment to
transparency is the budget proposal we created last year for the first time for the board of
regents; sent out to AC.

PE: The work of IPC. . . we've been expanding information sent to IPC. Read from a
copy of the charge for IPC and framed the current information as part of this information
as appropriate to that "high level". It's difficult to make good decisions when outside that
organization. I don't want to dismiss the value of IPC or another central group looking at
how we spend our money, but ultimately what we need is a way to process a lot of
information, make sense of it, and do benchmarking and make comparisons.

Q: If, as you say, IPC isn't the right forum for budget detail (and I'm not saying it isn't),
then where does shared governance fit into the process as you've outlined it? Because we
have a role in budgeting the funds of the university.

PE: I think you'd like to see an expanded role for IPC or another group? I think we will
be, as Cindy made reference to, but much of that work will be school- and college-based.

We can have a central group that is engaged and weighing in on that work; it would be a very appropriate shared governance work; I might recommend that not be the same as IPC, because IPC has a series of decisions to make on cyclical events

Q: As a follow-up. . . You mentioned the Strategic Priorities Committee. I just sent out the call for nominations for the various faculty and joint committee assignments and was told that the SPC is “inactive.” IPC is either the right or wrong committee for budgeting or the right or wrong committee for planning. The faculty have a legitimate role in both budgeting and planning, so where, in your view, is the right home for these activities?

MP: It was the recommendation of IPC to put SPC on hold. Two committees doing strategic planning.

Q: Yet, the fourth item in SPC’s charge includes reviewing the progress on the plan, so it’s not just plan construction.

PE: This was also a consideration of faculty time and effort.

Q: Was that ever acted upon by AC and was the handbook changed? Because, if not, that was an inappropriate and improper governance action.

MP: I have no idea . . .

Discussion of history and structure of IPC vis-à-vis SPC

C: We’re trying to help and that’s why we need to see budget numbers.

C: The University’s budget is about \$320M/year

[PE: That is both restricted and unrestricted].

COP budget is between \$17 and \$20 M/year, which is a fairly small percentage, for such an important unit. One might say, “What on earth is happening with the rest of the money?” I want to know that ****some faculty member**** has an idea. I don’t need to know, but I want to know that someone who represents me has that information. I want to know from an independent source, that when you ask us to make 10% cuts across budgets, that that’s a reasonable thing to do. Without that, it’s pretty difficult to have any confidence; I think all of us are on board with trying to help but making difficult decisions when we’re in the dark about the majority of the money, we have no way to make sense of those decisions.

Q: Jeff, did you ask for specific information and what is the reason that our faculty representatives don’t have access to that data?

C: I would like to apply that to the Faculty Compensation Committee . . . Why cannot the FCC (confidentially and as representatives) see salary data as we used to in previous decades?

C: It would be like doing Promotion & Tenure without being able to see the portfolio. You’ve got to have data to make decisions and make recommendations.

JM: We’ve asked specifically for all-funds income and expenditures and been told that because of the Banner System, that’s not going to be available. As the President said, they’re working on the Chart of Accounts and it will take some years to make that happen. Right when we need to make really important budget decisions, we don’t have the data.

Q: Is it that we really don’t have that data or we’re not willing to provide it to IPC?

PE: There is no information, other than individual compensation breakouts, that we would not be willing to provide to the IPC. Will not debate prior communications; deeply appreciate Jeff Miles’ commitment to understand the budget; also recognize the need to be as transparent as possible but we also want to have information in ways that inform understanding.

PE: College budget vis-vis the University budget: IPC is about to complete and is looking at benchmarked data to compare expenditures against standard & aspirational peers also information on administrative costs relative to our peers. We have this information and will share it—we're not hiding it. A legitimate question is how much does this full AC want to be involved? (ie, versus IPC alone)

C: I'd reiterate the idea that the faculty on IPC could be our representatives to let us know that they have examined the budget and "it's ok". I'm also concerned when I hear the faculty representatives on IPC vote one way and Cabinet votes another way. That's the bigger problem that leads to overall disagreement.

PE: Absolutely! Our first semester didn't start out well, but we've improved the situation and a frank conversation helped to reach the same commitment. That has made a real difference. Haven't seen that block voting since this frank conversation.

MP: I'd like to say that during that early time period last fall, the athletics' budget clouded everything. Athletics overshadowed all else, fomenting distrust. We also have to ask ourselves, "so if you see budget detail, like the athletics travel budget, what do you do with that information?" Are you going to say, "I don't think they should travel so much" . . . or if Student Life has three counselors, will you say, "I don't think they need that much?" What is the purpose of knowing that information? Are you wanting a broad overview such as we've provided, or will you say, "I don't think that Division should do that." That would be like the administration telling the faculty, "you've got to teach that way." So, we need discussions about how much detail do you want and what will you do with that detail. Is it broadening your horizon about how money is being spent or will IPC tell Divisions how to spend their money. That's not their expertise.

Q: So, you're saying that numbers require interpretation . . . that's what we do in the Humanities—facts and interpretation. The former questioner framed an interesting question: The athletics budget is roughly equivalent to the COP budget, a unit that houses half of the instructional faculty of the University. The Values Initiative defined our institutional values and I'm cynical about those values in light of these budget numbers, with spending equivalence between ½ of our faculty and 1/10th of our students (student athletes). We're askew; we've lost our way! This is an institution about education. I don't care how much advertising we get from athletics; why are we spending so much on something that isn't even mentioned in our mission?

C: In asking for the data, we're asking for a fuller picture to make better decisions. A lot of things you've mentioned are incremental (Div-I to Div-III). I just came from the Strata Conference where the titans of Silicon Valley were presenting the future. There's disruption everywhere and we need a non-determinative solution to this and the only way to obtain that solution is to see a full picture—granular level data to get the full picture. We need a non-incremental solution; we have an opportunity because every other smaller liberal arts university with an athletics program is facing the same problem. We have an opportunity to solve this for ourselves and others. . . that's the reason people are asking for the data.

MP: That's a good and wise thing to look at—where are we spending our money generally. It's in how far do you want to go. . . looking at efficiencies in the units or the big picture.

PE: I'm not surprised that the conversation is going to the point of whether we should have athletics at all here at the University. It's an understandable question, given the pressures on us. I'm happy to engage in an analysis of this next year so that we can bring to bear facts and analysis from scholars who have actually studied this. There is a real value that athletics brings to the out-of-the-classroom experience, extraordinary for the %10 of students who participate in intercollegiate athletics, and it's the experience for all

students as part of the University community, a sense of spirit, a sense of belonging, a sense of having a premier residential experience, both in the classroom and outside the classroom. Athletics has brought value almost from the beginning of the University, so let's be careful about making too rapid a decision. Very happy to engage in the dialog; very happy to look at comparison data, so we can rationally understand the tradeoffs.

Q: Getting back to asking for the data. This is an issue that has been around for years. We're trying to help; going back to your opening remarks, we need to trust and not be divisive like the prevailing mood in the country. We need that trust both ways; you'll need to trust that we'll be part of the solution.

C: The invitation for the athletics staff to attend today was to put faces to the name; whom are we talking about when we say, "Athletics."

PE: Example of data request from Miles to Mullen; we don't have that data in a form that's accessible; we're not trying to hide data. . .

Q: We're getting ready to make some serious cuts to the budget. . . Under FOOF we made a 6% cut, mostly across the board, then 1% and last year 2.5%; some units are so strapped that they may not function with across the board cuts; without data we can't strategically be able to assess impact on various units and help you construct a plan to achieve minimum harm.

PE: The cuts we're talking about will extend beyond FY19 and over a 12-month period; working with IPC to get a plan to the Board that is as informed as possible.

C: Based on many decades of experience, today's discussion is a whole new breed of discussion between faculty and administrators; fine job of explaining the difficulties that you all face; hope you can build on today's discussion.

Q: One last thing. . . Why are we making cuts in a rapid manner?

PE: We need to be "fast" in FY19 only; can be more measured and considered in the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 17:25

2. **Treasurer's Report**—Simalee

We would like to thank Rosanne Hannon for her service to the Board as the Treasurer for the last five years. In December Simalee volunteered to take over this position while Rosie still remains on the Board.

The Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$2,728.76 at the beginning of March, 2018. We had 48 guests attend the Dec. 1, 2017 Wine & Cheese social and collected \$45.00 in additional donations from that event. The annual Spring Luncheon, held on Feb. 14, 2018, was well attended with 53 Emeriti and guests attending. Additional donations at the Luncheon were \$65.00. The cost of these events continues to be the same at \$5 for the Wine & Cheese gatherings and \$20 for the luncheons. We are able to keep the charges very reasonable due to the additional donations. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

3. **Communication Corner** — Bill and Walt

The 2018-19 academic catalogs are now online. These can be found at

www.pacific.edu/About-Pacific/AdministrationOffices/Office-of-the-Registrar/Academic-Catalogs.html

Emeritus Faculty-Staff List - The University maintains an official list of Emeriti called **Emeritus Faculty-Staff list**. The Membership page of the website has a link to this list. You can also find the list here:

<http://catalog.pacific.edu/stocktongeneral/emeritusfacultystaff/>

Emeriti Society History – The latest edition of the Emeriti Society History is available on our website (www.pacific.edu/emeritisociety). The edition subtitled “29th Anniversary Edition 1988 to 2017,” presents the history of the society from its founding year to the present with a summary of key notes from board minutes in Appendix A.

New Web Entries for Emeriti Membership - The Membership link on our website (www.pacific.edu/emeritisociety) has important updates. The newly approved criteria for "emeriti status" is presented. It is a simplified Handbook entry which includes criteria for non-tenured faculty.

The **Memorial List** contains the names of Emeriti who have passed away since 2008. We make every effort to maintain an accurate list. If you note errors or know of deceased colleagues who are not on the list, please notify Walt (zimmermanns@comcast.net)

III. Upcoming Events

1. Spring W&C, April 12, Alumni House—Mike

Lisa Cooperman, currently the Curator of the University Art Collection will be our speaker at this social event. Both a connoisseur of the fine arts as well as a nationally exhibiting sculptor, she was formerly a member of the studio faculty in the Art Department at Pacific and co-directed its Humanities Center before her years of service at our Haggin Museum. She has given her talk the intriguing title: “*Wait, there’s art at Pacific?*” “Yes indeed” will most certainly be the longest answer to this that many of us are capable of giving, while detailed answers may be in short supply—with some exceptions. Glee Scully, for example, has dropped some hints about personal experience with University art at the Law School in Sacramento. Lisa gave some clues to her own answer in her proposal when she described her talk as “a few words on and images of the art in the University’s permanent collection and why art matters to everyone there.” It should be a delightful excursion into a facet of university life that has both aesthetic as well as monetary value. A related note about Lisa from the current OLLI brochure: She will lead an OLLI—sponsored Campus Art Tour from 10 AM til noon on April 26 “through the hallways and corridors that double as exhibit space for the University’s diverse art collection.” Don’t miss it!!

2. One more OLLI gem in Spring 2018—Mike

Among the most tempting travel adventures OLLI offers this spring is a “Yosemite Springtime Waterfalls Tour” (Mar 17-18). Included is a one-night stay at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, a lecture by Mike Wurtz, the library Special Collections Curator, and a two-hour bus tour of popular points of the Yosemite Valley!—I’ll let you know how it was if you can’t make it!

IV. Bits of News from Around Campus

1. Professor Gesine Gerhard leaving Pacific—Provost

Gesine Gerhard, Associate Dean and Professor of History in the College of the Pacific, has announced that she is leaving the university at the end of the spring semester to become Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, effective July 1.

Gesine joined the university in 1999 as an assistant professor and was promoted through the ranks to earn the title of full professor in 2015. During her tenure at Pacific, she served as Director of the Gender Studies Program and Interim Co-Director of the Humanities Center. She most recently led the General Education program in her role as Director of General Education and Associate Dean of the College since 2012.

During her tenure in this important leadership position, Gesine oversaw a productive program review for one of the largest university-wide programs, introduced student success initiatives including PACS Plus to address the developmental writing needs of our first-year students, and launched new general education courses in the natural sciences designed to make science more accessible for non-science majors.

She received numerous awards during her time at Pacific, including the Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award in 2007, and had a tremendous record of university service. She chaired or served on numerous committees and teams over the years, including work on *Pacific 2020R*, the Early Alert Project Team and the Student Success Committee. In addition, Gesine is a widely published author. Her most recent book, *Nazi Hunger Politics: A History of Food in the Third Reich*, was published in 2015.

Provost Pallavicini would like to thank Gesine for her leadership in the College, commitment to general education and university service, and years of exemplary teaching and support for our students. We wish her success in her new role as dean at Drake.

2. Humanities Center Field Trip—email from the Center

- a. The Humanities Center (sponsored) a field trip to SFMOMA and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco on Saturday, March 3rd. We visited SFMOMA, participated in a guided tour of YBCA and had lunch on the terrace of SFMOMA. Students also had time to explore the Yerba Buena outdoor sculpture garden and park. The trip was free for students, faculty, and staff. All transportation, lunch, and admission fees and activities were paid for by the Humanities Center.
- b. On May 2, Philosophy Professor Ray Rennard will deliver the Humanities Center Annual State of the Arts Lecture: “What is the Meaning of That?: On the Nature of Language.” There will be a reception at 3:30 followed by the lecture at 4. The location is to be announced.

3. Give Kids a Smile Children’s Dental Health Fair—School of Dentistry

Pacific’s Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry offered **FREE** dental check-ups and oral health screenings for children as part of a Give Kids A Smile event. The screenings took place at the Dugoni School of Dentistry's Pediatric Clinic on the San Francisco campus

on Saturday, February 24 from 10 am to 2 pm. Free screenings included a dental exam and cleaning, orthodontic evaluations, sealants, fluoride treatment and an opportunity to have oral health questions answered. There were also educational games with fun prizes, face painting and entertainment. More than \$150 in free dental services were provided each child.

4. A message from the “National Humanities Alliance [humanities@nhalliance.org]”

On February 12 “President Trump released his Presidential Budget Request for FY 2019, which again calls for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities along with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Education’s International Education Programs, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and the Institute for Museums and Library Services. The request also calls for the elimination of federal funding for the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. . . . Last year, we sent a forceful message to Congress that we oppose the administration’s efforts to eliminate humanities funding. While the appropriations process for FY 2018 has not yet been completed, Congress has rejected Trump’s proposals at every turn.

Update: New York Times, March 4, 2018 “Trump Nominates
New Chairman for the National Endowment for the Humanities”

President Trump has nominated Jon Parrish Peede as Chair of the NEH, a scholar of Southern Literature and recent publisher of the Virginia Quarterly Review.

But: “While overt conflict has largely died down, Mr. Trump last year [proposed eliminating its roughly \\$150 million annual budget](#) entirely, along with that of the National Endowment of the Arts. Congress rebuffed the attempt, and funding for both agencies [was renewed](#). But in February, the administration released a budget for fiscal year 2019 that included [\\$42 million for “orderly closure”](#) of the agency, as well as calling for closure of the arts endowment and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.” Let your members of Congress know that you support these important bastions of the humanities in American life!

5. Faculty Awards Recognition—Provost

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Pacific honored five faculty members for their exemplary teaching, scholarship and service at Pacific at the annual Faculty Awards Recognition Reception. The awards presented that night were:

a. Faculty Research Lecturer—Ove Peters, Professor of
Orthodontics, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

b. United Methodist University Scholar/Teacher of the Year—John Mayberry, Asst.
Professor of Mathematics, COP

c. Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Awards:

- i. Mamoun Alhamadsheh, Associate Professor of
Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry, Thomas J. Long School of
Pharmacy and Health Sciences

- ii. Alan Gluskin, Professor of Endodontics, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
- iii. Ronald Hallett, Associate Professor of Educational Administration and Leadership, Gladys L. Benerd School of Education

6. Black History Month February 2018—Pacific News

Pacific celebrated Black History Month with various activities during the month:

- a. CNN political commentator . . . and NPR political analyst Angela Rye was the keynote speaker for the 2018 Black History Month Celebration at Pacific. She presented a lecture at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall on Feb. 20, 2018. The lecture was free and open to the public.
- b. On Feb. 12 at 6:30, Paul Butler, professor of law and author of "Chokehold: Policing Black Men," gave a lecture in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom.
- c. A special presentation of the film, *Gina's Journey: The Life of William Grimes*, was screened on Feb. 21 at the Janet Leigh Theatre. Immediately following the screening, there was a discussion with producer Sean Durant and the author and great-granddaughter of William Grimes, Regina Mason.
- d. Pacific's Black Campus Ministries Student Club (BCM) hosted its **Annual Praise Dinner** from 6 to 8 pm on Sunday, Feb. 25, in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom.

7. Marijuana on Campus?—NO! Message to the Pacific Community:

“Please note that although changes in California law permit the recreational use of marijuana by anyone 21 years of age or older, federal laws prevent the University from allowing marijuana on campus. The policy prohibiting marijuana use applies to faculty, staff, guests, vendors and visitors to campus. Failure to comply with this policy can lead to corrective action or discipline.”

For more information, students can contact the Office of Community Conduct and Standards; faculty and staff can contact Human Resources; and vendors can contact the university’s Procurement office. Information is also available here:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-update-marijuana-enforcement-policy>

8. First Amendment Expert to Speak on campus—Pacific Legal Scholars Program

Pacific Legal Scholars presents Constitutional scholar and dean of Berkeley Law, Erwin Chemerinsky, who will speak at the University of the Pacific Thursday, March 22 on the issue of balancing the rights of free speech and an inclusive learning environment. The talk will take place in Grace Covell Hall, 720 Presidents Drive, from 6:15 to 7:30 and is free and open to the public.

Chemerinsky is nationally recognized as one of the United States' leading experts on the First Amendment. He published his book *Free Speech on Campus* with co-author Howard Gillman in 2017.

9. Tax Changes & Access to Higher Education—Mike

On December 3, 2017 a letter from President Eibeck’s office titled “Tax Changes Would Reduce Access to Higher Education” appeared in the Record. The following article quotes from and reformulates parts of this letter. The main concerns of University leaders across the country focus on changes in the tax laws that Congress has been considering that would ultimately have negative effects on higher education. These could “threaten economic growth and educational opportunities for generations to come.” Already on November 16 of last year the House passed a bill “that will make it considerably more difficult to access a college education at private, not-for-profit institutions.” The main fear is that the taxation of endowment returns would “result in a significant reduction in scholarships and other financial aid, threatening access to higher education for low-income families.”

The letter goes on to talk about and give examples of University employees whose families are offered reduced tuition “for themselves, their spouse or children. . . . But if the tax proposals take effect, it would create a new financial burden for the family that could make it cost-prohibitive to continue utilizing the benefit.”

The article concludes by summarizing the negative effects that such taxation would have on Pacific: Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Pacific provided more than \$8 million in donor-funded, endowed scholarships to students last year. If the proposed excise tax were adopted and applied to Pacific, the university would owe the federal government more than \$700,000 in taxes, money that would otherwise go to provide financial aid to students in need. **Ouch!**

V. *A Bit of Stockton News*—“Beyond the Gates”

1. In a Stockton Record article dated February 23 it was reported that Pacific President Pam Eibeck along with Pacific student-athletes, faculty and staff were among those reading to school children during the February 22nd Rotary Read-In. In this beautiful example of “Beyond the Gates” academic diplomacy, President Eibeck and other Pacificans were spotted at Lincoln’s Don Riggio Elementary School while others were “Sharing the Love of Reading” (the title of the article) with youngsters at several other Stockton schools.

2. **Pacific hosts girls from local high school for STEM Awareness**—Pacific News

On February 23rd Pacific faculty and students welcomed 26 students from the Merlo Institute of Environmental Technology, a high school in Stockton, in celebration of “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.” This celebration is held annually as part of National Engineers’ Week. Pacific’s event goes broader than just engineering, however, incorporating several STEM fields. The girls had the opportunity to visit with faculty and students from a variety of science and engineering programs, and attended a panel discussion with several women who shared how they had turned their interest in science into meaningful careers.

3. **Engineering Graphics Primer Workshop for MESA Students**—Ash Brown

A ten-hour, three-week graphics workshop was taught to twenty Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) middle and high school students from schools in

Stockton, Lodi and Tracy in the School of Engineering and Computer Science Anderson Computer Laboratory from February 26 thru March 14, 2018. The educational goals for this workshop were to provide middle and high school students (20 students) with an understanding of graphics education suitable for entering a university-level engineering graphics class. The workshop's learning objectives included learning to complete two-dimensional hand sketches of objects, devices, and machines by manually using pictorial, isometric and orthographic projections. Students were also taught to use a computer-aided software called SolidWorks 2017 to design 3-dimensional models of objects and machines in the computer using sweeps, lofting and extrusion operations during this workshop. Students were able to produce computer-aided drawings of their models and machines at the end of this short workshop.

They were also taught the basics of Stereolithography (3D printing) and given a hands-on demonstration of this technology with the various 3D printers in the School of Engineering and Computer Science Technological Innovation Entrepreneurship Space (TIES) laboratory by Mr. Jeremy Hanlon.

VI. News from Members—Mike

1. **Ria Sutton** closed her email comments with the remark: “It is always fun to see what everyone is doing,” an indication of the popularity of this section of the Newsletter. Please keep that in mind next time when you receive my request for “News from Members”! Ria wrote:

Hey Mike: I do not think I have sent anything for a couple of issues as we have not really done much. We still enjoy our Oregon place, both here in Redmond and at the coast. The coast property is pretty high maintenance, so Connor is heading over this week to work on various projects. We had an outdoor staircase collapse this summer, so that has to be replaced. Obviously, this kind of project is weather dependent, so will see how it goes. He always comes home with a trailer load full of firewood, so this time of year, if he does not want to put on chains over the pass, he has to watch the reports carefully.

I had my right knee replaced in September, so that curtailed any hunting, as Connor was chief cook, bottle washer, and nurse for the first couple of weeks. All is coming along very nicely. I am absolutely convinced that PT is the defining work that complements the doctor's expertise. We did make it to Stockton for the mentor award ceremony in November. It is always so much fun reconnecting with all the emeriti.

As I am still working on rehab, we have not taken any trips this year. At least we did not get overwhelmed with snow this season.

Thanks for all your work on the C&K. It is always fun to see what everyone is doing.
Ria Sutton

2. **Steve Anderson** sent the following short note filled with the characteristic humor we have come to expect from him—Thanks Steve!

I published descriptions of two new Iranian lizards this past year as part of ongoing research on the fauna of Iran, if that is of any possible interest to anyone. Recently I have enjoyed writing for the OLLI writers' group, attempting to participate in the humanities

to a greater extent. All between naps, of course. Otherwise retirement is the same ol', same ol'.

Steve

3. **Roger Katz** writes of family and wonderful trips:

Hello all. My wife, Holly, and I continue to reside in Sun City Lincoln Hills which is a 55+ Del Webb community not far from Sacramento. Life is good. Holly still dabbles in real estate, while I dabble in pickle ball which is a great racquet sport for those of you who've never heard of it. Besides this, we travel a bit and make monthly sojourns to Ashland OR where we have a second home. This fall we're planning to take a small boat cruise along the Croatian coast. We did a river boat tour along the Danube two years ago and really enjoyed it. It's kinda of like being in a 5-star hotel that's floating down the river. My two daughters (both UOP grads) are doing great. Kim teaches at Annunciation in Stockton. Holly is an entrepreneur in NYC. My granddaughter, Lindsey, will be graduating from the U. of Oregon in June. We'll be there to take part in the festivities. Grandsons Chase and Ryan are thriving. Son-in-law Chip is a physical therapist at Delta Physical Therapy in Stockton who may be helping some of you feel better. I'm very proud of all of them. I stay in touch with a few of my former graduate and undergraduate students and am happy to report that they all have very positive memories of the time they spent at UOP. Those were the days! My best to all of you.

4. **Judy Van Hoorn** writes: I'd never imagined retirement would be so busy and that life as a-getting-older-senior, so rich. We're still very involved in caring for our younger grandchildren, going to Livermore every Thursday to play with Jake who just had his first birthday and Ava, age 5. Happily, we also see our older grandchildren often, but now they're both teenagers with busy social lives, we miss assuming we can just drop by.

This year Derek and I enjoyed several visits to friends in different places and a relaxing time by ourselves in Kauai. I've been playing travel agent and we're looking forward to a family summer trip to Kauai for all ten of us. As I write this, I'm getting ready for my first visit in Australia, a two -week stay with Ann Sanson, an old friend and developmental psychologist in Melbourne, for a combination of work and speaking engagements with trips along the coast and inland. She's a perfect guide – knows a lot about native species, especially marsupials and birds.

I'm still writing and working on research about half time on two very different topics – children and climate change, and children and play. In 2017 I started working with Ann and her colleague from the Australian Psychological Society, collaborating on several articles about the psychology of climate change on children. Our most recent article was just accepted for publication in Current Psychiatry Reports; another will be published in the journal Parenting: Science and Practice.

My continued personal and professional interest in children's play keeps me sane. I'm working as an advisor and writer for an EESD California Dept. of Education book on play in early education. At a personal level, playing with own grandchildren for over 17 years has inspired me to write a non-academic book (my first) about playing with young grandchildren. I'm collecting stories and vignettes, and looking for feedback. If you're interested, I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks Judy! Good to hear from you again and keep us informed!

Regards from Mike!

5. **Dennis Flynn's** News covers nearly all of the four years that have passed since his retirement in 2014—Great to hear from you Dennis! I think we arrived together at Pacific in 1979, right? Keep us informed about what's happening in your life a bit more often from now on:

Nearly four years have passed since my retirement in 2014. We sold my Stockton condo, and I have lived full time in San Francisco since—our house is about 6 blocks north of the Castro Theater, near Duboce Park. Rosalinda Benedet, my wife—a specialist in breast cancer—also retired a few years ago from the Stanford Cancer Center. She has become a docent at SFMOMA, is enthusiastic about working with groups of school children and learning about art. Rosalinda tells people that I "retired from teaching" which is accurate since I continue to read and write perhaps 30 hours a week—which is more than I could squeeze in while teaching at UOP.

Although it is heresy to say so at Pacific, I always taught in order to do research, so it is a luxury to write articles, chapters and books from home and to have organized a 2016 conference (San Francisco, Stockton, and Virginia City) that led to the publication of a monetary history volume; Bill Herrin, Director of SIS, was an important supporter of this conference, as was my long-time friend, Dan Cort, who graduated from UOP sometime in the early 1970s. I am also co-organizing—with Patrick Manning, immediate Past President of the American Historical Association—a session on "Global Silver History, 1530-1900" at the World Economic History Congress in Boston 2018. In November 2017 Arturo Giraldez and I were interviewed (separately) for a forthcoming three-part documentary series on Silver, China and Globalization by Matchlight, a company out of London and Glasgow; they seem to think that someone (Netflix, BBC, Amazon?) will purchase the series by May 2018, so it will be interesting to see how their multi-century project turns out—it is financed by a Chinese company. Rosalinda and I travel overseas every year, usually in conjunction with one of my conferences, and then stay over for a few extra weeks—often via a house swap, which helps financially and is relatively easy to do based in San Francisco. My son, Justin, who graduated from UOP a dozen or so years ago, loves his new job with Scoot—ubiquitous electric scooters in SF—and is fortunate to have purchased a condo before prices skyrocketed beyond belief. I do not get back to Stockton often, but have always enjoyed my time there, unlike some faculty. I was fortunate to have worked at UOP for 35 years, and living in the City now suits us perfectly. Life is enjoyable. Hope the same is true for you all too.

My best,
Dennis O. Flynn

VI. Obituaries

1. Robert Tolman Knighton, Ph.D.

Feb,23, 1935

Dr. Robert Tolman Knighton passed away on December 22, 2017 at the age of 82 in Stockton. He was born in Bountiful, Utah to George Robert and Edith Knighton. He grew up with five brothers, George Albert, Maurice Dean, Byron, Roger and Kenneth and two sisters, Edith and Jennie.

He received his undergraduate degree from Utah State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. In 1967 he joined the English department at the

University of the Pacific. In 1993, Dr. Knighton received the Faye and Alex G. Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award. He became Professor Emeritus in 2002. He received correspondence and visits from past students throughout his 40-year teaching career and retirement.

During his pastime, he enjoyed watching football, basketball, baseball, playing card games and brain-teasers with his loving and supportive wife of 37 years, Letha Claudette. Robert also enjoyed writing poetry, reading mystery novels, doing crossword puzzles and gardening.

Robert is also survived by his sons Daniel, Jonathan and daughter Crystal Eunique and will be sorely missed by surviving brothers George Albert, Maurice Dean, Byron and Kenneth and sister Edith Hoskin and extended family and many friends. Robert is preceded in death by his parents George and Edith Knighton, brother Roger, and sister Jennie.

Amnesty International, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Cancer research and disabled veterans counted among his charitable donations. Private interment took place at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi.

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2. Clark Shimeall - Covell College/Geology Retired in 1986

Clark McMillan Shimeall, resident of Borrego Springs, born March 21, 1922 in Kansas, died at home on January 22, 2018. Married to Eleanor E. Euwer, they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2017 with all the 5 children, spouses, and 6 great grandchildren.

A native of Western Kansas, Clark led an adventurous life. During high school years he worked at J C Penny Co, who wanted him to stay on professionally. He played football (center, both offense and defense) and basketball, and was Valedictorian of his senior class. He graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a BS in Geology. He was president of his fraternity Sigma Nu.

In 1943 he was called to the University of Chicago for Meteorology courses. Assigned to the Army Air Corps, he spent a full year on Guam. Photo Intelligence school served him well in the Air Corps in 1944 and later with Marathon Oil.

After the war Clark worked for the Ohio Oil Co., now known as Marathon Oil Co., for 20 years, with 5 years in Guatemala as Chief Geologist and later, Exploration Manager. The family all became bilingual in Spanish, and also learned French and German, returning to Findlay, Ohio in 1963.

For his second career he chose Elbert Covell College, part of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, teaching Geology and Natural Sciences in Spanish, from 1968 to 1986. He was a natural teacher and loved sharing ideas with students and colleagues. He ended that career as the Director of Elbert Covell College for the last year of its existence.

Clark was a World Citizen working for PEACE in many ways. Thanks to his efforts, a Peace Pole stands at the Methodist Church corner in Borrego Springs. He was an avid reader, enjoyed close relationships with pastors wherever he lived, and worked on many boards and commissions. He was a true environmentalist, building San Diego County's first permitted straw bale house and incorporating solar panels into his and Eleanor's lifestyle, and was a charter member of Solar Cookers International, serving as President in 1987. He was a volunteer at Anza Borrego Desert State Park, and served 3 years on the ABDNHA board. He served on the first Groundwater Study Committee by the Borrego Water District. The Cancer Support Group was a passion, as well as was Golden Share.

Clark was an exemplary father, serving as Scout Master and on Scout committees and leading campouts and canoe trips. The children all inherited his love of the natural world. With fragile lungs, Clark has loved Borrego for 26 years with its clean air, above ground geology, sunsets and hikes, and so many good friends with whom he loved to talk!

His life was celebrated at a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. on February 24, 2018 at the Steele Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center at 401 Tilting T Drive in Borrego Springs, CA. The public was welcome to attend.

Memorial donations in his honor would be appreciated and may be given to the Anza Borrego Foundation, Solar Cookers International in Sacramento, CA, Survivors of Torture in San Diego, or your favorite charity.