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Message from the President

Word for the Day: Community

By Pamela A. Eibeck, President

When I became president of University of the Pacific, I was asked to think of a word to represent my “ideal self.” Pick a word, they said, that captures me and my presidency.

Trying to describe myself in only one word isn’t easy. I chose “Community.” I have dedicated myself and my presidency to joining this magnificent Pacific community, to learn from it, and harness its power to improve our University and our surrounding communities of Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco.

“Community” turns out to be a good way to think about the year we have had at Pacific so far. As I came onboard in the summer, our regent and astronaut José Hernandez ’85 was preparing to blast into space aboard the space shuttle Discovery. José is an inspirational community story: a local boy — the son of migrant farm workers who settled in Stockton to allow José and his siblings to get an education. He attended Pacific through the support of our Community Involvement Program and went on to a career at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory before joining NASA. You can read more of José’s story in this issue of Pacific Review.

Soon after becoming president, I heard a strong call from our Stockton community for more involvement from the University. So this fall, I announced a major community engagement initiative called “Beyond Our Gates… Into the Community.” This is a series of five community forums on issues critical to the Stockton region’s success: healthcare; the economy; the environment; education; and arts and culture. So far, we have had an enthusiastic response from regional government, business and nonprofit organizations. We are gathering the community’s collective wisdom and listening to all the ideas we can. In the fall, we will report back to the community on what we heard and how the University can partner more effectively with the community. Stay tuned for more information from Beyond Our Gates.

As I write this, I am preparing for my formal installation as Pacific’s 24th president on March 19, 2010. I also chose “Community” as the theme for my inaugural address, because I believe this is a great time to celebrate the strength and history of this vibrant University community. In writing my speech, I am reminded of the pioneering spirit and sense of community that has always characterized Pacific. Our community has much to celebrate, and we have much to look forward to at this great University.
Thoughts on the Legacy of Callison College

Callison College was the third and last of the cluster colleges, established in 1967 by President Robert Burns. That first fall, Callison students were reminded of the bold claims made in its recruiting brochure: “The Callison College program is in response to a growing awareness that our survival depends upon educating a generation for global responsibility… The college’s curriculum will attempt to meet this need by integrating non-Western studies into a program which retains the proven values of a liberal arts education, will devote a significant portion of the curriculum to the social sciences and area studies, and will require all students to spend a year in residence studying in a non-Western country.” Those first students spent their year abroad in India.

Was the program a success? Many would judge that it was not. The college closed in a little more than 10 years. Supporters of the program worried that some of the students were more interested in the counterculture than in Western or non-Western culture. Indian educators at Bangalore University, expecting students dressed in blazers and ties or skirts and blouses, were often greeted by barefoot students in shorts or saris. But these externals were not what mattered. In India, Callison students reexamined their values; they studied Indian politics and religion; they observed great poverty; they came to understand the struggles of a poor and overpopulated country attempting to move into the modern world; and they developed a new understanding of the strengths of their own country.

This past June at Pacific Alumni Weekend, over 150 Callison alumni and former faculty members reunited in Callison Lodge. A rich tapestry unfolded as I interacted with these former students and learned about their dreams, values and vocations. They included lawyers, business entrepreneurs, therapists, a doctor and a dentist, government officials, city planners, international development workers, numerous teachers, the head of an international school in Latin America, writers, authors, composers for film and TV, a theatre technician and a naturalist.

As a teacher who believes in the capacity of a liberal arts education to prepare citizens for a free society with concern for both the haves and the have-nots, I was moved by the values and dreams they expressed. The alumni of Callison College truly demonstrate its resounding success and have more than fulfilled its bold claims.

— Larry Jackson, founding provost of Callison College and former dean of Morris Chapel

Below are excerpts from biographical statements sent to Dr. Jackson from Callison alumni after the reunion.

“I think that for me the most important ethic I gained from Callison is ‘what we do should make a difference.’”
— Mike Fleming ’75

“The Callison program launched me on a multicultural and multilingual career in education.”
— Jack Delman ’72

“Callison provided me with invaluable life lessons and certainly broadened my worldview. It prevented me from making assumptions about the world and reality which I might otherwise have made.”
— Jane (Stuart) Baron Rechtman ’72

“Going to India at such a young age somehow made me realize I could take chances and survive, leading me to a richer life.”
— Nancy (Ligon) de Ita ’73

“My time at Callison helped to ground and inspire me in my spiritual seeking as well as in my motivation to be of service.”
— Jo Valens ’71

“I didn’t find a career path at Callison: I found a way of living, of looking at the world. I found the ability to question, to step outside frames and see anew. I found a way to think beyond the usual. I learned to honor the freedoms in our own political system, working from within for change.”
— Laurie McBride ’71

Though the cluster colleges experiment seems short measured against this institution’s long history, their impact is tremendous, and their spirit and vision permeates the whole University through its focus on social-emotional intelligence, global citizenship, social entrepreneurship, experiential and service learning, and the close faculty-student relationships. Thank you, Dr. Jackson, for sharing.
— Ed.

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BEYOND OUR GATES
Presidential Forums on Community Engagement

On December 3, President Eibeck announced a major new series of community forums, called “Beyond Our Gates... Into the Community.” Organized by Pacific’s Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, the forums are half-day meetings in which University representatives and community leaders discuss critical issues affecting the greater Stockton area and explore how the University can work with the surrounding community to tackle those problems.

Topics of discussion are healthcare; the economy and the social safety net; energy and the environment; education and how to train and retain future citizens; and arts and culture.

“The futures of Stockton and Pacific are intertwined: Stockton’s successes help the University, and Pacific’s strengths benefit the community,” said President Eibeck. “These forums will focus on some of the tough challenges that have dominated dialogue here for decades and help us create a road map to tackle our priority issues with long-term, meaningful partnerships and initiatives.”

The first event on January 13, focused on healthcare concerns. Representatives from Pacific’s health-related programs on all three campuses engaged in discussion with a community panel, with time for questions from the audience. The second event, held in downtown Stockton, focused on economic issues. The remaining forums will be held monthly through May. Feedback received will be compiled into a report that will be presented to the community in fall 2010. To find out more, visit www.BeyondOurGates.org.

DEMystifying MEDicare Part D
Pacific Pharmacy Students to the Rescue

In November, Pacific pharmacy students conducted 11 different community outreach events in seven cities to assist individuals on Medicare to enroll into the appropriate Medicare prescription drug plan. They also provided translation services for Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish and Korean, among other languages.

Kenneth Cohen of the San Joaquin Health Care Services Agency and representatives from community healthcare organizations and hospitals discussed issues of concern in the region at the first forum, “Assisting With Community Solutions for Healthcare Issues.”

Students assisted around 300 Medicare beneficiaries, saving them thousands of dollars on their prescription drug costs and inappropriate premiums. At many of the events, they also offered free health screenings for glucose, cholesterol and bone density, and provided information on various health-related topics.
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
Social Entrepreneur Challenges Pacific Students

Social entrepreneur Dr. Victoria Hale spoke on September 10 to more than 300 students, faculty and staff members at various events throughout the day at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Hale challenged the audience toward “Helping Humanity through Social Entrepreneurship.”

As founder of the nonprofit pharmaceutical company Institute of OneWorld Health, Hale has worked to bring inexpensive medicines to underdeveloped countries, fighting diseases that kill millions of people in impoverished areas. Presently, Dr. Hale is founder and president of Medicines360, a second-generation nonprofit pharmaceutical company.

Hale’s visit was the result of collaboration between the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship at the School of International Studies.

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND...
Citizenship Fair Success Story

Pacific McGeorge’s inaugural Citizenship Fair exceeded all expectations, helping 290 immigrant attendees with a five-hour November program that included one-on-one assistance with paperwork, civics classes, mock interviews and a variety of workshops.

More than 80 students from Pacific McGeorge, UC Davis School of Law, and Pacific’s Stockton campus were joined by immigration attorneys to assist participants seeking to become United States citizens.

With an introduction in Spanish, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Julie Davies welcomed the 630 people who came, including participants’ family members. State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Assembly member Dave Jones, and a representative from Congresswoman Doris Matsui’s office spoke to the gathering.

Professors Raquel Aldana and Blake Nordahl, along with Community Legal Services Director Dorothy Landsberg, were the key organizers of the event, which received advance promotion in five different languages. Institute for Administrative Justice staff attorney Kathleen Benton assisted with the day’s operations. Univision Channel 19, among the event’s many cosponsors, interviewed organizers and participants.

INSIDE STORY
Behind the Scenes with Anthony Shafer

School of Engineering and Computer Science alumnus Anthony Shafer ’97 returned to Pacific in January to share a behind-the-scenes look at the production of Disney’s animated “A Christmas Carol,” released last November. Shafer worked for more than two years on the film as the stereoscopic supervisor for Disney’s ImageMovers Digital. He worked extensively on the design and implementation of the film. Always entertaining and informative, Shafer’s presentation included some raw footage from the film and a demonstration of how the 3D-effects were created.
PACIFIC HOSTS CHINESE DELEGATION
Here to Learn about U.S. Higher Education

Twenty-five officials from top universities and central government agencies in China were on campus the first week of December to see examples of teaching, research and economic development being practiced in higher education in the United States. The program was sponsored by the Advanced Leadership Program for University Presidents of China.

While at Pacific the visitors observed classes; talked to faculty, staff and students; visited labs and participated in several group discussions with faculty and administrators. They also were interested in learning about faculty recruitment and development, university fundraising, quality assurance in the classroom and how the university works with local and regional businesses.

Provost Gilbertson and Associate Provost Jin Gong have made three visits to China over the past two years to confer with universities in several cities on increasing recruitment of Chinese students, advancing partnerships in graduate and professional programs and strengthening research partnerships. View summary reports for each trip at www.Pacific.edu/Provost.

ROOM WITH A VIEW
Professor Kasser Installs Mural in Lodi Hospital

When you walk into the lobby of the new wing of Lodi Memorial Hospital, you can’t help but notice the pastoral scene welcoming you into the building. Pacific Visual Arts Professor Lucinda Kasser was commissioned to paint a three-panel mural and two smaller paintings for the facility.

Kasser drew her inspiration for the pastoral scene from the surrounding Central Valley countryside. The mural was installed on October 16. The 5 ½ by 33-foot mural is the largest piece she’s ever done. The new hospital wing opened in January.

SEEN AND HEARD
Dukakis on Healthcare Policy

Michael Dukakis, former governor of Massachusetts and the 1988 Democratic Party nominee for president, discussed the challenges facing the U.S. on reforming the healthcare system and healthcare policy in his lecture at University of the Pacific’s Stockton campus in January. Dukakis spoke candidly about the issues and responded to questions from the audience. Dukakis has spent the last two decades lecturing and writing about political leadership in health care policy in the U.S. and is considered one of the foremost experts in the field.

Dukakis’ visit was sponsored by Pacific’s Legal Scholars Program, an undergraduate course plan for students interested in law. Prior to the public lecture, Dukakis spoke with students in the Legal Scholars program. His wife, Kitty, spoke with psychology students. Kitty’s 2007 book “Shock” deals with her struggles with depression and her experience with electroconvulsive therapy.
Pacific School of Engineering and Computer Science hosted the 17th Annual San Joaquin Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics Conference (EYH) on campus on October 10. The event drew 288 middle and high school girls. EYH encourages girls to pursue careers in math and science through hands-on workshops and inspirational speakers. Donna Djordjevich ’01 of Sandia National Laboratories was the keynote speaker. She shared with attendees how she combined her passion for computer gaming as a young girl with experience in software architecture design and interactive simulation to create an effective method of preparing emergency personnel for dangerous scenarios.

Twenty-four different workshops were offered on different topics and career options. Approximately 200 volunteers made the event possible, including Pacific faculty, staff and students, individuals from the community, and volunteers from co-sponsors Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories.

The Library’s Holt-Atherton Special Collections recently completed a major digital archive allowing access to the correspondence of naturalist John Muir (1838–1914). The project was managed in partnership with the University of California-Berkeley’s Bancroft Library, and was funded with an $111,181 Library Services and Technology Act grant from the California State Library. More than 6,500 letters to and from John Muir can be viewed online, including searchable full-text transcriptions, at the Digital Collections website of Pacific Library’s Holt-Atherton Special Collections department, and at the California Digital Library Online Archive of California and Calisphere.

University of the Pacific, in partnership with the Marysville Joint Unified School District, has been awarded a four-year Improving Teacher Quality grant of $999,820 by the California Postsecondary Education Commission for a professional development project to help improve elementary school teaching in science and language arts.

“This grant will help us assist teachers in the Marysville School District in teaching language arts through science,” says Benerd School of Education Dean Lynn Beck. “We’ll provide rich and sustained professional development for teachers in science content, and we’ll provide them with tools to ensure that they can help children develop as proficient readers and writers.” Professors Greg Potter and James Hetrick are the lead faculty members on the project.
The “Keep It Consensual” symposium on October 28, which dealt with consent and sexual assault, drew nearly 1,000 participants. “The day met and exceeded our learning outcomes and high expectations,” says Vice President for Student Life Elizabeth Griego. “I feel very confident that we raised awareness and that we sparked some good thinking on this important issue.”

Throughout the day, students, faculty, staff and community members participated in sessions covering sexual assault, the nature of consent, aspects of rape law, bystander empowerment and support of victims, best practices in responding to sexual violence and more. At the powerful keynote session with guest speaker Brett Sokolow, “Drunk Sex or Date Rape,” about 700 students were actively involved in the discussion of an actual sexual assault case.

For the first time, Pacific staff members sent session updates through Twitter for those who could not attend. There were many appreciative responses from both college and high school students and other colleges to the “tweets.” Following the event, organizers posted photos, additional resources and event handouts on the website. Find out more at www.Pacific.edu/Consent.

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“THE REAL GRAN TORINO STORY”
Looking Closely at Gang Violence

Actor Bee Vang, one of the central actors in Clint Eastwood’s film “Gran Torino,” highlighted an October panel discussion, “The Real Gran Torino Story: Stockton’s Secret War on the Streets,” on gang violence in the Southeast Asian-American community. The film “Gran Torino” addresses gang violence in the Hmong community.

The panel discussion, organized by Pacific students, included State Senator Leland Yee, chair of the California Senate Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs, as well as officials from the state Office of the Attorney General, the City of Stockton, the Stockton Police Department and Stockton Unified School District. The event was cosponsored by Pacific’s Cambodian, Hmong and Vietnamese student associations, Senator Yee’s office and several community organizations supporting the APL community. A performance by internationally known Khmer-American hip-hop artist PraChy Ly followed the discussion.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL
Celebrates Italian Music and Culture

University of the Pacific, in conjunction with the Italian Institute of Culture in San Francisco and CEMAT, hosted an Italian Festival of Music and Culture the week of October 18–24. The festival featured an art exhibition, movie screenings, a symposium and four concerts.

Works from contemporary Italian artists were featured in “Oggi: Contemporary Art in Italy,” and the Pacific Theatre screened a selection of short movies by emerging Italian filmmakers. Musical performances by both resident and visiting Italian artists included choral and orchestral performances, a string quartet and an intermedia performance. Works ranged from classical composers such as Verdi to premier 20th century artists Sciarra and Scelsi. The week culminated with a symposium on “Italian Culture in the Inter-War Period” and “Il Treno,” an Italian cabaret.

ONCE UPON A TIME...
New Pacific History Forthcoming

Provost Phil Gilbertson has been selected to write the next history of the University. The book will focus mostly on the past 40 years of Pacific’s history but will also include a narrative of the first 120 years. Gilbertson said he will tap into the memories of alumni, staff and faculty who can recall specific events or use archival documents explaining how events unfolded.

The idea for a new history of Pacific was first explored in 2003, when a committee recommended that a history be published focusing on the post-1970 years. In 2009, former President Don DeRosa appointed a panel to review proposals for the book.

Gilbertson says his book will be a more comprehensive approach to the history of the university that incorporates student life and the university’s overall culture, including major administrative and faculty initiatives.

Plans are to publish it in print and online, with corresponding photos, video and other electronic material placed on a university website, where readers may comment on the history. It is expected to be completed in 2014. “Pacific has such a rich and distinctive identity — I am eager to try to capture the saga of this splendid place over its 160 years,” Gilbertson says.

Previous historical works on University of the Pacific are:

- History of the College of the Pacific,” by Rockwell D. Hunt, a centennial history (1951)
- “Pioneer or Perish, A History of the University of the Pacific During the Administration of Dr. Robert E. Burns, 1946–1971,” by Kara Pratt Brewer (1977)
- “The Professor Who Changed My Life,” by Charles Clerc, commissioned for the University’s sesquicentennial celebration (2001)
DENTISTRY "TO GO"
With Virtual Dental Home

The Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry’s Pacific Center for Special Care, under the leadership of Dr. Paul Glassman, launched a new teledentistry pilot project called the Virtual Dental Home. The project demonstrates an innovative new way to bring dental care into underserved community settings, including nursing homes, schools and group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Using portable imaging equipment, community-based oral health professionals collect electronic dental records and upload the information to a secure website, where they are reviewed by a collaborating dentist. The hygienists and assistants work with dentists to establish diagnostic services and provide preventive and temporary restorative services directly to people who might otherwise be unable to get dental care.

The project is funded by the California Dental Association Foundation, California HealthCare Foundation, Verizon Foundation and others. Sites in San Mateo, Sacramento,

Utilizing the latest technology, Virtual Dental Home facilitates collaboration between dentists in dental offices with community-based oral health professionals to bring needed services to the underserved. San Jose, National City, Chula Vista, Visalia and Eureka are currently using the system, and three more locations are slated to be added throughout the state.

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PACIFIC PARTNERS WITH VENEZUELA
For Educational Exchange

Provost Gilbertson led a Pacific delegation to Venezuela from January 28 to February 6. The trip was coordinated by a group of about 10 Pacific alumni led by businessman Alberto Yanez ’73. Accompanying the provost and his wife, Carole, were School of International Studies Dean Margee Ensign, Conservatory of Music Dean Giulio Ongaro and Professor Gene Bigler.

The team visited six prominent high schools, two universities, the world-famous Fundación del Estado para el Sistema Nacional de las Orquestas Juveniles e Infantiles de Venezuela (FESNOJIV) — a national system of youth and children’s orchestras — and three other prominent institutions in five regions of Venezuela.

They shared Pacific’s Inter-American program and foreign and exchange opportunities with high school students and school officials. They also met with deans and university officials from The Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho University and the Technical University of the Center (UNITEC) about exchange programs and internship opportunities. UNITEC agreed to work with Pacific on internship opportunities at EXTRUDAL, S.A., an aluminum products manufacturer in Valencia. Vice President and COO Beverly Yanez ’77 invited the delegation to tour facilities and discuss internships for Pacific students.

Dean Ensign, Provost Gilbertson and Eduardo Fernandez, former Venezuelan presidential candidate and leader of the Christian Democratic movement, spoke to educators and political and community leaders on the importance of inter-American educational programs at a forum in Caracas organized by The Aristides Calvani Center for International Training, which had broad media coverage. Dean Ensign signed an agreement with the Center to develop faculty and student exchange programs.

Dean Ongaro also signed a collaborative agreement with FESNOJIV. The Conservatory will offer two scholarships for Venezuelan students to specialize in music therapy and music management. FESNOJIV will explore opportunities for Pacific students to learn about its program, which brings musical education to underprivileged areas and serves more than 220,000 young people. The delegation was treated to a series of performances by more than a dozen youth choirs and orchestras, culminating in a performance by the Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, an alumnus of FESNOJIV and the current music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

The Venezuelans enthusiastically embraced the prospect of student and faculty exchange programs and collaboration on internships and professional education. The success of the trip and warm welcome can be attributed in large part to the efforts of Pacific alumni from Venezuela. Covell College (1963–86) was a unique program where classes were taught in Spanish and half the students came from Latin America. Pacific has close to 1,000 alumni throughout Latin America. Pacific’s investment in educating earlier generations from Latin America has laid a foundation for ongoing cooperation.

Read about the Pacific Inter-American program, based in part on the Covell College experience, in the spring 2010 issue of Pacific Review.
Books by Alumni and Faculty

Fiction

Breathers: A Zombie’s Lament  
By Scott Brown ’89, San Francisco, CA  
A dark comedy and social satire about the plight of zombies in a world ruled by the living. “Breathers” has been optioned for film rights by Fox Searchlight Pictures, with Diablo Cody and Mason Novick co-producing.  
Broadway Books, March 2009

Ethics

Contemporary Bioethics  
By George Randels, Religious and Classical Studies  
Co-authored with Jessica Pierce of the University of Colorado, this cutting-edge anthology and casebook addresses the essential topics of bioethics, such as abortion, reproductive ethics, end-of-life care and research ethics, as well as provocative issues such as terrorism, cosmetic surgery, immigration, genetic manipulations and environmental sustainability. Includes both philosophical and religious perspectives.  
Oxford University Press, October 2009

Psychology

The Psychology of Executive Coaching, 2nd Edition  
By Bruce Peltier, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry  
This newly released edition of Peltier’s highly praised book translates popular therapies into coaching strategies and helps clinical mental health practitioners understand the culture and expectations of the corporate and business world.  
Routledge Mental Health, September 2009

Film Studies

The Sex Goddess in American Film, 1930–1965: Jean Harlow, Mae West, Lana Turner and Jayne Mansfield  
By Jessica Hope Jordan ’99, Davis, CA  
This critical study of the sexual empowerment and self-possession of the characters portrayed by these women also evaluates views on feminine sexuality and visual culture during this period of classical Hollywood cinema.  
Cambria Press, December 2009
History

Rwanda: History and Hope
By Margee Ensign, Dean, School of International Studies
Ensigh and coauthor William E. Bertrand of Tulane University document the innovative approaches Rwanda has taken toward governance, reconciliation, gender equity, education, health and economic growth since the 1994 genocide that resulted in the death of nearly a million Rwandans.

University Press of America, December 2009

Travel

A Temporary European: The Adventures of an American TV Reporter on the Continent
By Walt Christophersen '60, Apache Junction, AZ
Based in Germany and living as a European, Christophersen covered stories for a PBS newsmagazine in an area ranging from Iceland to Cyprus. The book includes behind-the-scenes looks at Radio Free Europe and CNN International.

Buckeroo Books, November 2009

A Traveler's Passport to Etiquette
By Lisa Mirza Grotts '84, San Francisco, CA
A handy guide for seasoned and not-so-seasoned travelers on travel etiquette, whether for business or pleasure.

Xlibris Corp, September 2009

Family

The High Definition Family: Tuning in Your Family Vision and Living It
By Sayer Strauch '85, Vancouver, WA
Strauch’s book provides tools to fine-tune and redefine family life, create an energized family culture and realize family dreams.

Xalon Press, August 2009

Children and Young Adults

Becoming Royalty
By Cherish (Weber) Doll '90 BSE, Salida, CA
Doll’s first book is a fairy tale about a young orphan girl who discovers her royal destiny through the mysterious and magical properties of her enchanted cloak.

Wheatmark Book Publishers, May 2009

We Were Here
By Matt de la Pena '96, Brooklyn, NY
In de la Pena’s third novel for young adults, a boy sentenced to a group home breaks out with two unlikely companions and embarks on a journey to Mexico that becomes a path of self-discovery.

Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers, October 2009
The Part of Ourselves We’re Afraid Of

By Victor Inzunza ’12

I found the devil in a fist,
in the shadows
of the part of ourselves we’re afraid of,
in a shadow we belong to.

He hides in whispered lies that taunt our lonely eardrums,
in roads that lead to strange tongues.

He hides in the twitches on the tips of fingers that dance
on the outskirts of a trigger.

He hides where the haze and the gunfire swell the
fear of the things that starve for blood.

He hides in a paranoid flicker on the horizon,
as the moonlight stains our skin,
and the visions of night reflect on our
sleep-deprived eyes.

We get an artillery shell symphony for a lullaby
and a nightmare for a good night’s rest.

There’s a price tag on my M-16.
There’s a price tag on our lives.
There’s a price tag on every breath.

Our chests are an Arlington graveyard,
where we bury the dead thing beneath the skin.

Stockton native Victor Inzunza ’12 served four years in the U.S. Marines,
with two tours in Iraq. He transferred from San Joaquin Delta Community
College to Pacific in fall 2008. An English major in the College of the Pacific,
he is married and has a 3-year-old son.
When I first came home from Camp Lejeune, N.C., at the end of my military service and two tours in Iraq, I found that my hometown had changed as much as I had. I struggled at first to accept those changes, but I was determined to succeed. The transition back home, the movement back into academic life and the assimilation back into the workforce did not come easily. I had been a non-commissioned officer and a corporal, a leader for some time. Scrubbing floors at the local grocery store, taking orders from those above me, I found myself back where I had started. As difficult as it was to swallow, I put my pride behind me and remained focused on the future.

Determined to continue my education, I enrolled at Delta College and completed my lower division courses so I could transfer to a four-year college. Pacific was the only school to which I applied. This is my home, and Pacific is part of that sense of home. As a young man I can recall walking passed the beautiful campus and being entranced by the superbly elegant architecture. Now that I am a student here, I know that there is much more to Pacific; there is the pride and a sense of belonging to a great center of learning in the heart of my hometown. In retrospect, it was really the only choice for me, the right choice.

It was here that I began writing seriously as more than just a hobby. I had written letters and some poetry to my wife when I was in the Marines, but as a student I found a love for literature and an irrepressible desire to express myself in words. Professor Camille Norton introduced me to poets who wrote about their war experiences. With her encouragement, I began to give voice to my thoughts and experiences. She urged me to apply to attend the annual writers’ workshop at The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and further pursue my work as a writer. After being accepted, I received a Pacific Fund Grant, which made it possible for me to attend.

At the Joiner Center, the brilliantly imaginative instructors facilitated workshop sessions that challenged my writing abilities. These sessions fostered the love of language and creativity, while developing camaraderie in a peer-learning environment. I studied poetry composition with Vietnam veteran and contemporary poet Bruce Weigl, met with a favorite poet of mine, Iraq veteran Brian Turner, and learned new approaches to my writing. I also met young veterans, many of them with experiences similar to my own.

After returning to civilian life, I found myself really confused about how I felt about the war, and I tried to just push the thoughts away. From attending the workshop, I came to realize that a writer has a sense of duty to tell the story of war, especially the human consequences. It helped me to reconcile the reality of war in my mind, to learn and grow from it. I confronted many of the feelings that lay buried inside me and exposed them to the light of day in ink on the page.

One experience in particular sticks with me. I remember standing in front of Harvard and looking across the street to see a homeless veteran living in a makeshift tent, his few scattered belongings and the tragedy of his life on full display. I thought to myself, “Here I am in front one of the wealthiest universities in our great country, the apex of prestige and ambition, and here is a man living in squalor before my very eyes.”

This experience, among many others, and the wisdom imparted to me by the Vietnam veterans that I studied with and talked to, filled me with a renewed sense of duty. At the Joiner Center, I saw Vietnam veterans working alongside Vietnamese who had also become poets, those caught in the midst of one of history’s most devastating wars, putting aside differences and working toward peace and reconciliation. I heard poets share their work, their experiences and their pursuits of peace. I saw veterans looking out for one another, older veterans caring for the newly returned veterans, providing a haven for those searching for answers and finding poetry and art. I strongly believe that this level of support and reconciliation can also happen here at Pacific.

That is my new mission. Once I returned to the University, with the help and support of the staff, faculty and fellow students, I helped to revitalize the Student Veteran’s Organization here on campus. Through our work advocating for the Yellow Ribbon Program (an education benefit for veterans), and with the help of the Veterans Support Committee and the administration, we are working hard to make sure our local veterans get the support they need.

Supporting Hands-On Learning
www.Pacific.edu/PacificFund
For more than half a century, the Pacific Alumni Association has recognized the achievements and contributions of its alumni at the Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner and Ceremony. Last November, Pacific honored four Pacific graduates and a three-generation Pacific family for their outstanding professional achievements, public service and volunteerism. The recipients included an artist, an advocate for people with developmental disabilities, a theater instructor, a public radio expert and the descendants of renowned naturalist John Muir.

“This year’s honorees represent a wide range of interests and achievements, personifying Pacific’s proud history of innovation and diversity,” says Denny Stilwell ’88, president of the Pacific Alumni Association. “By their professional endeavors, public service and dedication to the University, they epitomize the spirit of excellence that is Pacific.”
When Travis Schlaht was an art student, his mentor, Professor Gil Dellinger, told him that if he was able to have a one-man art exhibit by age 40 he was doing very well. Since then, the 34-year-old painter and art teacher has had four one-man art shows. His first was at age 27 at the John Pence Gallery in San Francisco.

Now based in New York City, Schlaht has seen his paintings — which include still-life, landscape and floral works — shown in galleries around the world. To date, the former Pacific basketball player has sold more than 200 paintings. His inspiration comes from a connection he feels to the object, due to its color, shape, texture or simply the way light reflects off of it.

Schlaht ’97 credits his success largely to Dellinger. The retired Pacific art professor pushed him to move to New York to immerse himself in his craft and study at the Water Street Atelier art school. Dellinger believed in Schlaht so much that he was reluctant to write him a letter of recommendation for a high school teaching job because it would take time away from painting. “Every day that I get to spend painting I consider a gift,” Schlaht says. “I feel like I haven’t worked for the past ten years.”

Jeanne Farr ’80, ’07 has seen firsthand the transformation people with developmental disabilities make once they move from a state institution into a community-based home. It is as if they were freed from prison, she says. Farr recently led a successful campaign to have all institutionalized people in Oregon with developmental disabilities housed in community-based homes. In the homes, she says, people with special needs can take showers in private, sleep in their own beds and go for walks in their neighborhood. “They become just these full, vital members of society that these institutions prevented them from being,” Farr says.

Farr is the senior vice president of Developmental Disabilities Services for the Albertina Kerr Center, which serves children with emotional and mental problems and people with developmental disabilities. She oversees 650 employees, manages a $30 million budget and is responsible for an array of services for 200 developmentally disabled people.

In 2008, she launched Coexistence Collaborative LLC, a Portland-based business that provides diversity training to organizations around the world. Most of the company’s net profits support social entrepreneurial initiatives that benefit people with developmental disabilities in developing countries. Farr also sits on Pacific’s School of International Studies’ advisory board.

“When I get to spend painting I consider a gift.”

—Travis Schlaht
David Giovannoni’s professional accomplishments will echo in listeners’ ears for years to come. His work in public radio helped the industry grow dramatically over the years. And his resurrection of old sound recordings has changed how we hear history.

Giovannoni began his broadcasting career at Pacific’s KUOP. He formed Audience Research Analysis in 1977 while a graduate student at University of Wisconsin, Madison. He served as National Public Radio’s director of research and evaluation from 1979 to 1986. His 30 years of consultations, seminars and publications have significantly influenced how public broadcasters approach their listeners and their programming. His work has been recognized with the industry’s highest honors, including the Edward R. Murrow Award. He retired from radio in 2006.

Today he pursues his lifelong passion for old sound recordings. His historic CD reissues have earned five Grammy nominations over the last few years, and “Lost Sounds: Blacks and the Birth of the Recording Industry” won a Grammy in 2007. He made international news in 2008 when his team of audio historians identified and played back mankind’s first recording of its own voice, made in Paris in 1860, 17 years before Thomas Edison invented the phonograph.

“Skills learned at Pacific have served me well,” Giovannoni says. “Without them, my endeavors might have been twice as difficult and half as effective.”

—David Giovannoni

For nearly two decades, Bobbie Wallinger ’64 has taken her love for people with special needs and combined it with her love for theatre. It has been a magical, fulfilling union for her and her students. This past October marked the 19th year that Wallinger has written, directed and produced Stockton’s longest-running show for students with special needs. Her annual musical production in tribute of Stockton involves more than 80 developmentally disabled adult students.

In addition to her annual theatre production, Wallinger has volunteered for the Stockton Symphony, Tidewater Art Gallery and Lady Bugs organization. She also wrote the script for Stockton’s winning presentation at the National Civic League’s 1999 All America City competition and produced a two-act play for the city’s 150th anniversary celebration.

For her efforts over the years, the retired teacher has received the Susan B. Anthony Award for teacher of the year in 2007 and was named Arts Educator of the Year in 2008 by the Stockton Arts Commission. Wallinger says she feels blessed to have been able to serve the Stockton community for more than 30 years. “How many people can say, ‘Every day I go into work I love my job,’?” Wallinger says. “I can say that.”
John Muir’s legacy will live on at Pacific for generations to come, thanks to an invaluable gift from his family. In 1970, direct descendants of the environmentalist agreed to store most of Muir’s writings at Pacific. They serve as an essential part of Pacific’s efforts for sustainability and creating a culture of environmental responsibility.

Researchers come from all over the world to study the Muir papers. “The legacy John Muir left us is of preserving special places on this earth,” says Bill Hanna ’67, Muir’s great-grandson. “Many national parks exist because of one individual. One person can make a difference.”

Eight family members — five direct descendants of Muir and three spouses — have graduated from Pacific. The Hanna, de Lipkau and Powell families have studied at College of the Pacific, the Conservatory of Music, the Eberhardt School of Business, Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The legacy began in the early 1930s, when Virginia Young ’34 attended College of the Pacific and later married John Muir’s grandson John Muir Hanna. Another Muir grandson, Ross Hanna ’49, attended Pacific, where he was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Alpha Kappa Phi and the Pacific Library Associates. It was also where he met his wife, Gladys Stoeven ’47. Ross was instrumental in bringing the Muir papers to campus.

Bill Hanna ’67, one of Muir’s great-grandsons, also found love on campus. He met his wife, Claudia ’67, in a science lab class. “Not very romantic,” says Claudia, “but the chemistry was right.” Today the couple owns an award-winning winery in the Napa Valley and often participates in the Taste of Pacific Food and Wine Festival.

“The relationship between the family and Pacific is very good,” says Ross de Lipkau ’72, a graduate of Pacific McGeorge and great-grandson of Muir. “Where would we be if it weren’t for Pacific?”
When 8-year-old José Hernandez ’85 watched Neil Armstrong step onto the moon, suddenly everything seemed possible. “I could be an astronaut,” he said to himself, and a life of intention was set into motion.

For years it was his secret conviction. He shared it only with his parents. “They were supportive as always,” he says. “I was a little embarrassed because it was such a big idea. I didn’t even tell my wife until after we were married.”

Then, on August 28, 2009, the secret dream became reality; Hernandez blasted off into space, his lifetime goal achieved. On his mission, he spent nearly two weeks in the involved technical work of transporting material from space shuttle Discovery to the International Space Station. Thanks to thousands of hours of simulation practice, he operated the robotic arm with ease. “It was eerily the same; the visuals felt the same,” he says. “Of course, we were floating.”

Getting his “land legs” after being weightless for 12 days was harder than he thought. He wanted his nieces and nephews to be proud of him, and yet it was a struggle to make his limbs work correctly. Perhaps it was a hint of how uncertain his life on spaceship Earth would be now. “I just don’t know yet,” he responds when asked the inevitable question: What’s next? “For the first time in my life I really don’t know what I want to do when I grow up.”

Hernandez has thought about politics. As a young man, he drew inspiration from President John F. Kennedy, and read Kennedy’s “Profiles in Courage.” He isn’t so sure about running for office himself, though. “Politics has become so dirty,” he says. “You can lose yourself in the political process, and I’d want to be careful I don’t do that.”

REACHING FOR THE STARS, REALIZING A DREAM

BY JOYCE McCALLISTER

LAUNCH PHOTOS COURTESY OF NASA
“I could be an astronaut.”

Discovery’s crew Clockwise from lower left are Mission Specialist John “Danny” Olivas, Pilot Kevin Ford, Mission Specialists Nicole Stott and Patrick Forrester, Commander Rick Sturckow, and Mission Specialists José Hernandez and Christer Fuglesang.
Hernandez does have ideas he’d like to see implemented. Because education has been an important touchstone in his own life, he wants to be sure others have the same opportunities. His Reach for the Stars Foundation is in its infancy, and he wants to see it grow to provide an endowment for scholarships for first-generation college students in San Joaquin County.

“We want to start programs that reach into the grade school level, to introduce kids to science, technology, engineering and mathematics — STEM areas — because this is what we need to help this country move forward,” he says. “We must engage every aspect of society to keep the U.S. competitive in the marketplace.”

At Stockton’s Franklin High School, where he was student body president his senior year, Hernandez took part in MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) and Upward Bound programs, which were aimed at encouraging students in those areas his foundation also advances. He continued to work with Upward Bound as a Pacific student, teaching calculus to area high school students on Saturday mornings.

Studying engineering at Pacific provided a foundation for his aspiration to work for NASA. He also had the opportunity to do his Engineering Co-op at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he would later work. A focused student, he credits former Engineering Professors Andres Rodriguez and Thuan Nguyen, Mathematics Professor Coburn Ward and fellow student Fred Cleveland ’75 with giving him the special attention that made him a successful student.

“I had a knack for math, and I thought engineering would be a good fit for me,” Hernandez says. He points out that mathematics is a universal language — one that everyone can speak. It was an important fact for a youth who didn’t feel he had fully conquered English until he was 12.

The Hernandez family were migrant workers, moving through the north San Joaquin Valley following the crops during harvest season. He went to several schools each year. On weekends, he and his brothers and sister joined their parents in the fields. At the end of the day, when they were hot and dirty, tired and thirsty, his parents Salvador and Julia would remind the kids that unless they stayed in school, the migrant life was what they could expect. Hernandez says his father’s friends in this country criticized him for keeping the children in school during the harvest season.

“All his friends’ kids worked full time in the fields from age 16 on to bring in more money for the family,” he says. “They didn’t finish high school. It was harder for us to stay in school, but my father saw it as a long-term investment.” Salvador and Julia’s persistent encouragement paid off. All four of their children graduated college or took advanced training.

One of Hernandez’ early school memories is of riding a big yellow school bus to school, not knowing English and being confused about what the teacher was saying. Spanish was spoken at home, and, until José was seven, the family spent two to three
months of every year living with his grandparents in Mexico.

“I have lots of fond memories of my cousins and uncles in Mexico. It felt like home,” he says. “I have room in my heart to be comfortable with two countries as home. I feel an allegiance with America, and I honor my Mexican heritage and background. The border is more fluid to me.” He says he feels an obligation on both sides of the border to speak about the importance of a good education, a good plan and perseverance.

“That recipe is going to work anywhere: don’t give up!”

Although he was aggressively recruited by Stanford University, Hernandez chose Pacific. Pacific’s Community Involvement Program’s scholarships made it possible for him to attend Pacific and also live at home. He felt comfortable with the program and the support it offered. He says the tutoring and counseling services were invaluable to a first-generation college student.

“We had a one-week retreat before school started with empowering speakers that helped raise our self-esteem and confidence so that we could succeed,” he says. “Coming to the CIP office felt like coming home on campus.”

Hernandez worked at Lawrence Livermore after he graduated, and then received a full scholarship for graduate work at the University of California Santa Barbara. Returning after he earned a master’s degree in electrical engineering, he worked on laser weapons systems. He also was a co-developer for the first full-field digital imagery for mammography, which improved early detection of breast cancer. He received awards throughout his career for outstanding performance and for professional and community contributions.

Each step brought him closer to his dream. His tenacity is amazing. He applied to NASA each year for 12 years before he was finally accepted. He continually worked to become a better candidate for NASA.

“There’s an element of perseverance and improving your situation each time you apply,” he told the space agency before his flight last August. Everything he did was focused toward that goal. In 2001, Hernandez joined NASA as a materials research engineer, eventually managing professional civil servants and contractor support for the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

“Finally, after 12 years of perseverance I did get selected in 2004,” he says. Hernandez completed Astronaut Candidate Training in 2006. He took special pride, he says, in noticing the 28-volt power supply strips on Discovery.

“I had worked on them seven years earlier. It was pretty cool to see something in use that I had helped develop before I became an astronaut.”

Back on earth, he is a proud father and supportive husband. His wife, Adela, runs the Tierra Luna Grill in Houston.

“My friends call it the Dirt Moon Grill,” says José. His favorite dish? “Mole poblano,” he says, and he prefers it with chicken. Adela’s recipe has origins in the Hernandez family’s province of Michoacan in Mexico.

Their five children are the most interesting people on the planet, he says. Elder son Julio, 15, attends a combination high school and community college. When he graduates from high school, he’ll also have finished two years of college and would like to come to Pacific.

“He wants to be an engineer,” his proud dad says.

Daughter Vanessa, 12, is an athlete. She came to campus recently with her father to look at athletics facilities for cross country and swimming. She’d like to attend Pacific as well. Karina, 14, is creative and nurturing, like her mother, and Yesenia, 10, has the intelligence to become an engineer if she chooses, although she talks about becoming a veterinarian like her sister Vanessa. Antonio, 7, has a knack for math, his dad says.

As a regent and alumnus, Hernandez serves on board committees dealing with student life, facilities and academic affairs. He feels the best thing he can do for the University is to be an ambassador.

“I want to see that Pacific gets recognized and gets positive exposure because of my experiences there,” he says.

At 47, his lifelong dream accomplished, Hernandez is excited about the future.

“Perhaps I’ll retreat to a mountaintop to consider the possibilities,” he jokes. “I’m as interested as you to see where I am going to go.”

That recipe is going to work anywhere: don’t give up!

– José Hernandez ’85
THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

40 Years and Counting

147 scholarship recipients for 2009–2010

More than 1,000 graduates

80% graduation rate

20% higher than the national average

It’s for the kids who cut onions with their families beginning at age 9. It’s for kids who never thought a college education would be possible, and it’s for kids who are a part of the Stockton community. Launched in 1969 as a result of a movement led by students, the Community Involvement Program (CIP) was established to increase diversity at Pacific, reaching out to students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Fall 2009 marked the 40th anniversary of CIP. About 150 alumni and their families, faculty, staff and current students came together to celebrate in November. Representatives from the California State Legislature presented a resolution honoring the contribution of CIP to the community. Letters of congratulations were presented by representatives for Congressman Jerry McNerney and the City of Stockton.

The program continues to grow each year, with 147 scholarship recipients enrolled in the 2009–10 academic year. There is no limit on the number of participants, according to CIP Director Pov Chin ’02, ’03. “We want to reinforce the message that Pacific is here for everyone,” she says.

The University provides full tuition scholarships and 40 housing grants; students are responsible for textbooks, supplies, computers, food, transportation and electronics. Chin is constantly on the lookout for additional resources to help students with these necessities. Pacific also provides support services through the SUCCESS program, including tutoring and counseling. And it all works: 80 percent graduate, nearly 20 percent more than the national average.

The program also has a strong focus on community service. “We are passionate to share what we’ve been given,” says Chin, who is the first CIP alumnus to direct the program. In the early years, community service hours were required. Now, Chin says, since many of these students have children and other family obligations that make demands on their time, community service participation is voluntary with incentives.

CIP students volunteer in a variety of projects throughout the year, including the annual bilingual financial aid workshop hosted at Pacific that draws upwards of 3,000 students and their families. When nearby Cleveland Elementary School lost funding for after-school tutoring, CIP students stepped in to help. Cleveland has identified so much with the University that it changed its colors to orange and black and its mascot to Tiger Cubs.

More than 1,000 students have graduated from Pacific through the CIP program — each one a unique success story. The most well-known CIP alumni are singer/actor Chris Isaak ’80 and astronaut José Hernandez ’85 (also a Pacific regent), who was the guest speaker at the 40th Anniversary celebration. Both he and Mary Aguirre ’86, ’89, San Joaquin County supervising deputy district attorney, were honored as Distinguished CIP Alumni at the event. And not only does the program benefit the local community through scholarships to Stockton youth, more than 60 percent of CIP alumni still live and work in the Stockton area, giving back to the community that nurtured them.

Above: The California State Legislature honored the CIP program with a resolution recognizing its contribution to the community at the 40th Anniversary Celebration in November. Pictured left to right: Megan Mullins, representing Congressman Jerry McNerney; Pov Chin ’02, ’03, director of CIP; Max Vargas, for Assemblymember Cathleen Galgiani; and Dillon Delvo for State Senator Lois Wolk.

BY JOYCE McCALLISTER
Jane Gets Vamped

BY AMY ELIZABETH SMITH
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

I used to think Jane Austen and vampires didn’t have much in common. I’ve been teaching weekend film courses on each of those topics since I came to Pacific in 1999. Vampires won me over decades ago when I first saw Barnabas Collins in “Dark Shadows,” that low-budget, oddly appealing Gothic soap opera from the ’60s. Who can forget Barnabas stalking young beauties while eyeing the cue cards or dodging low-hanging microphones? As for my love of Jane Austen, shared by so many readers, Austen’s in a category all her own, endlessly fresh, endlessly entertaining.

In 2009, Austen World and Vampire Planet collided. It’s hard to miss the press vampires have gotten through Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight” series and HBO’s “True Blood,” and in April, “Pride and Prejudice and Zombies” appeared, followed by “Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters.” Sure enough, vampires (having let the less subtle monsters test the waters) soon emerged from the shadows in “Mr. Darcy, Vampyre,” and then “Vampire Darcy’s Desire,” followed by — horrors! — “Jane Bites Back,” with Austen herself as a vampire.

What on earth is this all about? Why vampires in Austen, and why now? Well, vampires are endlessly adaptable, which is why they’re so hard to kill. And Austen’s novels are endlessly adaptable, as anybody knows who has seen “Clueless,” “Bridget Jones’s Diary,” or “Lost in Austen.” Vampire tales touch on our deepest fears and desires — our fear of death, of the dark, of the unknown and our desire for power, for excitement, for eternal life.

Austen may not tap into our deepest fears (except for folks with muslin-phobia), but she most certainly treats readers to their hearts’ desire: love.

So if vampires are popular and Austen is popular, and both are renewable literary resources, why not double your pleasure and combine them? For my money, despite the new Austen vampire titles out last fall (all of them fun in various ways), vampires and Jane Austen had already made each other’s acquaintance in “Twilight.” Love isn’t a new theme in vampire tales, but Meyer captures the sort of door-opening-gentlemanly-meet-your-parents kind of love one finds in Austen, something that strikes a warm, familiar chord. It’s love that’s about family, about connections, about mutual respect, about staying together, even if one half of the couple involved happens to be, well, dead already. The only thing better than the happily-ever-after that Austen grants her most deserving characters is Meyer’s happily-ever-after. With vampires, true love truly never dies.

Professor Amy Elizabeth Smith teaches literature, creative writing, and professional writing at Pacific. She would love to lead a Jane Austen tour to England or a vampire tour to Romania — or both! Interested? Let us know at pacificalumni@pacific.edu.

Illustration by Visual Arts major Christine Strain ’10
Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards Honor Former Athletes

Named for Pacific’s “grand old man of football” and coach in the 1940s, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards of Merit recognize alumni who participated in athletics and who have achieved distinction in their lives through examples of integrity, dedication, idealism and team spirit — qualities epitomized by Coach Stagg.

Honored at a luncheon January 16 at the DeRosa University Center were Rick Paulsen ’82 ESB; Gary Scott ’70, ’71 COP; and Kristen Spracher-Birtwhistle ’81, ’88 COP.

Kristen Spracher-Birtwhistle was a tennis player who majored in sports medicine at Pacific and works as a medical group administrative consultant for Kaiser Permanente. She’s been involved with many community health organizations and campaigns, serving on the boards of the Dameron Hospital Foundation, Su Salud, Child Abuse Prevention Council Foundation, Goodwill Industries and ATHENA International. “It is important to me to be part of an organization that values sports as a tool that supports leadership development, self-awareness and community engagement,” she said.

Basketball and baseball were Rick Paulsen’s games at Pacific, and he continues to coach youth baseball and basketball. Each summer, he coordinates a two-week church basketball camp for 160 3- to 15-year-olds. He has been a major fundraiser for the Pacific Tigers Athletics Association and serves on its board as well as on the advisory board for the Eberhardt School of Business Institute for Family Business. He has also served on several community boards, including the Dameron Hospital Foundation, and was named to both the St. Mary’s High School and Pacific Athletics Halls of Fame.

Gary Scott is a health education instructor at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, where he also served for 11 years as the athletics division dean and athletic director. He played football at Pacific and spent much of his career coaching football for Valley high schools and Delta College. He’s been a member of the Pacific Hall of Fame Committee for nearly 30 years, and serves on the Stockton Sports Commission and the board of the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame. He has received numerous coaching awards and is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and the California Community College Athletic Directors Association.
The Pacific Men’s Basketball team faced off against the nationally ranked Cal Golden Bears on December 9 in the Stockton Arena. It was the first time since 1981 that the Tigers played a home game away from the Spanos Center and the first NCAA Division I basketball game played at the Arena.

Dameron Hospital partnered with Pacific to present the event. Other community partners assisting with promotion included the Stockton Business Alliance, Stockton Sports Commission, The Miracle Mile Association, Stockton Thunder Hockey Team, Stockton Chamber of Commerce and United Way. San Joaquin RTD provided trolley and bus services to and from the University, and Valley Brew hosted the pregame party.

The Tigers wore special Stockton jerseys to mark the occasion. The jerseys were later auctioned off, with a portion of the proceeds going to local charities. A whopping 8,704 fans packed the arena for the game, the largest crowd ever to see a Pacific Tigers basketball home game.
Hello fellow alumni,

As the time rolled around for me to write this next “welcome note,” I was stumped about how to be inspirational in this short space. It didn’t take long to realize that inspiration is all around me in the form of my fellow alumni.

At our recent Alumni Association board meeting, I was inspired by the selflessness of my classmates when I saw the fundraising progress that we have made toward the construction of our own Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House. Together, we have helped raise nearly $4 million towards our $4.5 million goal. You can find more information about the Vereschagin Alumni House, including up-to-date progress on fundraising, by visiting www.PacificAlumni.org/Brick.

We were also informed that after just a few short weeks, the recently launched Alumni Mentor Network now includes nearly 70 alumni volunteers. Interested in serving as a mentor? For more information, and inspiration of your own, read more on page 30, or visit www.PacificAlumni.org/AMN.

Finally, I am profoundly inspired by Pacific’s new president, Pamela A. Eibeck. Her non-stop work ethic, her motivating speeches and the fearlessness with which she is tackling her presidential agenda are inspiring to all of us. By the time this goes to press, she will have completed the last two stops on her alumni “Listening and Learning” campaign, both in Southern California. She will be formally installed as Pacific’s 24th president on March 19 in official ceremonies at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” At Pacific, we are surrounded by such leaders. Individuals who have selflessly given to our Alumni House or have signed up to be alumni mentors are among the alumni who, along with President Eibeck herself, inspire me to dream more, learn more, do more and become more.

Inspirationally,

Denny Stilwell
President
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Pacific Clubs Corner
Alumni Enjoy Hearing Pacific Wind Ensemble in SoCal

In early January, over 45 members of Pacific’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble joined alumni and prospective students and their families for a dinner in Orange, Calif. The event also featured the Conservatory of Music’s new dean, Giulio Ongaro, and live performances by the students.

Four current students performed a French horn ensemble piece for the crowd.

Ron Schmitt ’56 and Richard Bolin ’71 and wife Kay Bolin show off an original banner from the 1950s!

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Professor Eric Hammer, stopped in Orange County as part of their weeklong bus tour of Southern California, performing at several area high schools. Conservatory alumnus Ron Schmitt ’56 was thrilled to be able to meet current students and hear them perform. “What a great event,” he said, “and a thrill to be able to bring my 90-year-old mother along with us to learn about Pacific today!”

Upcoming Events

April 1, 2010 • Bakersfield, CA
Alumni Meet and Greet

April 16, 2010 • Washington, D.C.
Alumni Night at the Spy Museum
Pacific Club of the Nation’s Capital

May 8, 2010 • Concord, CA
Volunteer Day, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
East Bay Pacific Club

May 14–15, 2010 • Stockton, CA
Class of 1960 50th Reunion

May 15, 2010 • Stockton, CA
Half Century Club Luncheon

For more information about these and other upcoming events, go to www.PacificAlumni.org

BLACK ALUMNI PACIFIC CLUB HOSTS LOCAL STUDENTS

This past November, 57 students from Bidwell Elementary, accompanied by their teachers, parents and the school’s principal, spent a day at Pacific learning about the world of higher education. The event, cosponsored with Ethnic Studies, brought the campus together across disciplines and interests. Also helping to organize the event was Bidwell teacher and Pacific mom, Tara McDaniel, whose daughter, Gabby ’13, pitches for Women’s Softball.

The highlight of the day was the participation of Pacific students, including members of the Embajadores, Pacific Ambassadors, First Generation and Ethnic Studies Club, as well as students and faculty in the Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry, School of Engineering and Computer Science, Benerd School of Education, Art Department and the Reynolds Gallery, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Alumna Norma Ivy ’74 said about the program, “The university provided a great experience for a group of special children. I am so proud to say that I am a Pacific tiger!”

Alumni Enjoy Hearing Pacific Wind Ensemble in SoCal
Class of 1960
Register Today!

Your reunion is only a few months away. Festivities will take place during Commencement weekend. This is an extra-special celebration as you were the last graduating class of College of the Pacific before the name was changed to University of the Pacific, and the last class to graduate in Baxter Stadium!

Take a trip down memory lane, and plan to join your classmates the weekend of May 14–15, 2010.

Highlights of the Weekend
Friday
- Class of 1960 Lounge
- Campus Tours
- Interfaith Baccalaureate Service
- Reception with President Pamela A. Eibeck
- Class of 1960 Reunion Reception
Saturday
- Continental Breakfast and Assemble for Commencement
- Commencement and Memorial Rose Walk
- Half-Century Club Reception and Luncheon
- Class of 1960 Reunion Reception and Dinner
Get details at www.PacificAlumni.org/Reunions

Alumni Mentor Network
You Can Make a Difference

What Do Mentors Do?
- provide guidance and advice to students as they consider possible career choices
- advise students in navigating the college experience and learning to balance academic, social and work responsibilities
- provide advice and guidance to students from a shared major as it applies to career and education
- assist graduating seniors with relocation advice for your region
- provide advice and guidance to alumni looking for career and relocation mentors

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Sign up at www.PacificAlumni.org/AMN

Momentum Is Building
More than 70 alumni representing eight different schools and over 25 majors have signed up online as potential mentors for alumni and current students.
1940s

Alan Kelly ’07 COP and Kay (Powell) Sweet ’48 EDU


1960s

Class of 1960
Reunion Committee:
Barbara (Fridell) Flores EDU
Barbara (Henning) Gaughran COP
Janet (Barron) Geiman COP
Sally (Anaclerio) Hall COP
Ron Loveridge COP
Robert Sapp COP
Joanne (Mills) Vera COP
Dave Wilson COP

Elizabeth Shore ’61 EDU, Christchurch, New Zealand, is active outdoors and volunteers with the local Green Party, working to protect the climate and rivers, and supporting schools and health care for children. She welcomes contact with other alumni who visit or live in New Zealand.

Nicholas Elliott ’64 COP, Stockton, CA, was given Stockton’s Top Arts Recognition for 2009 by the Stockton Arts Commission.

1970s

Class of 1970
Reunion Committee:
Richard Edelstein COP
Irwin D. Chow PHS
Jon Werner COP

Manuel Herrera ’71 CAL, San Jose, CA, is a public sector consultant and recently launched a nonprofit project called Alliance of Community and Teachers (ACT) www.actforteachers.org. Herrera has served as director of planning for United Way of the Bay Area, as ombudsman for the City of San Jose, and as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill and in the California State Legislature. He is a candidate for the San Jose City Council.

Joseph Mulligan ’71 COP, Stockton, CA, is a senior real property agent. He and his wife, Julie, have four children: Gabriel, Rosie, Rachel and Robin, a business major at Pacific.

Pete Carroll ’73 BUS, ’78 COP, former head coach of the University of the Southern California (USC) football team, has recently signed on as the new coach and executive vice president of the Seattle Seahawks. Carroll is the Seahawks’ eighth coach and brings 16 years of NFL experience and 19 years of collegiate experience to Seattle. He leaves USC after one of the most successful runs in USC history.

Robert Acosta ’73 COP, Tracy, CA, was elected Chief of Medicine for 2009 at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital. He is a past president of the Osteopathic Medical Board of the State of California, and is currently in active practice in Tracy.

Jerry Spolter ’74 LAW, Sausalito, CA, of JAMS: The Resolution Experts’ San Francisco Resolution Center, was named as the top choice in The Recorder’s third annual “Best of the Bay” survey in the Individual Neutral category. The survey was published in December and was based on polling feedback gathered from Bay Area attorneys who read The Recorder. JAMS is the nation’s largest private provider of mediation and arbitration services.
ALUMNUS COMMANDS THE V.A. DEPARTMENT
Roger Brautigan ’74 EDU, Stockton, CA, has been appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Brautigan, who is also a former state undersecretary of Veterans Affairs, served 33 years in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Major General. He earned his master’s degree in physical education at Pacific and taught and coached at Lincoln High School in Stockton throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Brautigan will oversee a department of about 1,700 people and a budget of $300 million. According to the department’s statistics, California is home to more than 2 million veterans, or nearly 9% of all veterans nationally. The department provides information and services to veterans to help them access a wide array of benefits and programs.

AJ Smith ’74 DEN, Salt Lake City, UT, practices general dentistry in Salt Lake City. He was recently installed as second vice president of the American Dental Association.

Joe Dietrich ’74 COP, Stockton, CA, recently competed in the Golden Gate to Bay Bridge 10K Swim with a goal to break two hours. He came in at 1 hour, 46 minutes. The oldest swimmer in the race, Dietrich placed 17th out of 31; third out of five in the non-wetsuit division; and first of one in the non-wetsuit, no goggles division. Jim Belogorsky was his support crew.

Michael Ravn ’77 LAW, Merrill, WI, is the new CEO of Church Mutual Insurance Company, the leading insurer of churches and related institutions.

Bruce Palmer ’77 COP, Red Hill, Australia, is the new basketball operations director of Knox Basketball Inc.

Shirley O’Brien ’78 COP, Chesterfield, VA, is the director of Camp Baker Services. Camp Baker is a full-service, handicap-equipped retreat facility in Chesterfield County, VA.

Melanie Fesmire ’78 LAW, Indio, CA, has served on the Indio City Council since 1997. She has been mayor three times; her most recent term ended in December 2009. Fesmire serves on the Desert Sands Unified School District’s 2x2 Committee, the Indio Chamber of Commerce Mayor’s Roundtable Committee, the Indio Water Authority and the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission. She represents Indio on the Southern California Association of Governments.

LAW

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CLASS NOTES

1980s

Class of 1980
Reunion Committee:
Brooks Esser BUS
Audrey (Umeda) Hane COP
Karen (Taketa) Mitani BUS
Frances Ridgley EDU
Kathi (McGowan) Sakamoto EDU

Nancy Ayers ’80 COP, Hanford, CA, was appointed to a Superior Court judgeship in Ventura County.

1990s

Class of 1990
Reunion Committee:
Georgette (Haefling) Hunefeld COP
Katharine Garrett MUS
Gregory Meath BUS
Kim (Austin) Peterson COP

Marvin Curtis ’90 EDU, Granger, IN, took his South Bend Symphonic Choir to the White House to perform this past December. The community-based choir performed a 75-minute holiday concert for White House guests.

Kimberly (Henwood) Marquis ’93 COP, Ladera Ranch, CA, is taking her ‘Haute Boyz’ Clothing Line to 200 boutiques nationwide.

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Bjorn Rebney ’93 LAW is CEO of the Bellator Fighting Championship, a Chicago and Los Angeles-based company that recently signed to broadcast seasons 2 and 3 of its mixed martial arts competition on FOX Sports Net, NBC and Telemundo.

David Tellman ’94 LAW, Meadow Vista, CA, was honored as ‘Prosecutor of the Year’ for Placer County District Attorneys Office.

Class of 1995
Reunion Committee:
Sheré Bowie COP
Jenny (Fan) Laskarzewski PHS
Athena Watson ENG
Renate Zilles BUS

Kyriakos Tsakopoulos ’97 LAW, Sacramento, CA, was named president and CEO of AKT Development Corporation, a land development company in Sacramento.

Sean Flynn ’97 BUS, Culver City, CA, is a newly elected partner for Ropers, Majeski, Kohn and Bentley.

Scott Oakes ’99 MUS, Wichita, KS, is assistant professor of Bassoon at Wichita State University School of Music, the only school of music in the state of Kansas. He also performs as principal bassoon for the Wichita Symphony and Lieurance Woodwind Quintet.

Robert Randolph ’03 DEN, Solana Beach, CA, known by his patients and colleagues as “Dr. Bob,” recently opened his new office of the Randolph Family Dental Practice.

Scott Halligan ’04 MUS, Ashfield, MA, has completed a master’s degree at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He recently completed an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, in which he developed the first music program for the Pediatric Psych Ward at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. Halligan is an Artist in Residence and director of Instrumental Music at Double Edge Theatre in Ashfield, MA.

Dustin Johnson ’04 LAW, Sacramento, CA, was appointed to serve on the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees.

Dean Khloth ’05 ENG, Stockton, CA, recently received his CA license in Civil Engineering by Stockton’s Siegfried Engineering Inc.

Matthew Gouaux ’06 LAW, El Cerrito, CA, has been selected as Barrister of the Year for the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Matthew Hall ’06 ENG, Roseville, CA, is a security solutions engineer for Hewlett Packard in Roseville. His minor in German has come in handy professionally as he often works with clients from Germany.

Nicholas Hansen ’07 COP passed the state certification test for wastewater operator, grade three, this past fall.

PACIFIC WEDDING ALBUM

Lora Tuley ’02 EDU and Jason Brys, 4/28/07, Wichita, KS

Breanne Macbeth ’00 BUS, ’01 MBA and Aaron Beseda, 7/14/09, Lodi, CA.

Melanie Stratton ’00 COP and Jason Park, 10/11/08, Sacramento, CA — 1

Damion Martin ’00 COP and Emily French 8/26/09, Paso Robles, CA — 2

Luke Landeros ’04 COP, ’08 DEN and Monica Scannell, 9/19/09, San Francisco, CA — 3

Tin Huynh ’03 BUS and Derek Westen ’02 BUS, 12/26/08, Anaheim, CA — 4

Class of 2005
Reunion Committee:
Tara Cuslidge-Staiano COP
Adriana Cruczes COP
Colleen Farris BUS
Stacy (Pierce) Gustafson BUS
Jennifer (Plassmeyer) Krengel COP
Suzie Mangum EDU

Lonea Tuley ’02 EDU and Jason Brys, 4/28/07, Wichita, KS

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Tin Huynh ’03 BUS and Derek Westen ’02 BUS, 12/26/08, Anaheim, CA — 4

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Spencer Short ’08 LAW, Lincoln, CA, was sworn in by Judge James Garbolino to the State Bar of California and can now practice law. Short is the Mayor of Lincoln.

Andrea Johnson ’09 COP, Tokyo, Japan, is working as a chat host at an English café in Tokyo and attends Calvary Chapel West Tokyo. She worked for the Pacific Alumni Association until her move to Japan.

Laura King ’09 COP, Livermore, CA, competes and plays soccer with IF Brommapojkarna in the Swedish First Division League in Stockholm, Sweden.

IN MEMORIUM

Marion (Dillinger) Wentworth ’37 COP, 10/2/09, Placerville, CA
Helen Fuller ’39 COP, 12/30/08, Sacramento, CA
Cordner Nelson ’40 COP, 10/26/09, Carmel, CA


Retired Professor Oral “Boyd” Mathias, 83, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Born in Ogden, Utah, he served in the Air Force during World War II, after which he served a two-year church mission in Norway. In 1965 he moved to Stockton, Calif., where he taught Scientific Thought and other courses at Pacific’s Raymond College, Callison College and the College of the Pacific. While employed at Pacific, he enjoyed living one year in India and also a semester in Colombia.

At Pacific, he met and married Biology Professor Anne Funkhouser. A San Mateo native, Anne taught at Pacific from 1966 to 1991 and served a term as assistant dean of College of the Pacific. She earned her PhD from the University of Oklahoma, identified new species of frogs in South America and served as a Fulbright scholar. She was an avid gardener and donated produce from her garden to local food banks. Anne Funkhouser passed away on January 4, 2010.

They will both be remembered for their generous spirit, helpfulness and lifelong search for understanding and knowledge.

PACIFIC BABY ALBUM

1. Laura (Lendman) Schloemer ’02 MUS and Sebastian Schloemer, a daughter, Antonia Sophie, 5/21/09, Augsburg, Germany
2. Tiffany (Tuton) Blasingame ’09 COP and Eric Blasingame ’07 COP, a son, Tyler, 10/24/09, San Francisco, CA
3. Rebecca (Curry) Perry ’01, ’09 COP and Justin Perry ’02 COP, a son, Luke Justin, 11/24/09, Stockton, CA
4. Karla de la Vega-Winters ’92 COP and Dan Winters, a daughter, Kayla Danica, 9/24/09, West Hills, CA
6. Charles Miller ’95 BUS and Michelle Lynch, a son, Calvin Arthur, 10/6/09, Glendale, AZ
7. Nicole (Kohn) Rayl ’01 COP and Timothy Rayl ’99 BUS, a daughter, Taylor Grace, 9/21/09, Redding, CA
8. Amber (Littlefield) Hernandez ’06 EDU and Erick Hernandez ’05 COP, sons, Owen Carlos and Ethan Joseph, 12/27/08, Stockton, CA
9. Elisa (Orosco) Anders ’01, ’02 BUS, ’08 EDU and Corey Anders ’03 COP, a daughter, Akayah Gizel, 11/17/09, Stockton, CA
David Gerber
1923–2010
Former Regent David
Gerber '50 COP passed
away Saturday, January
2 after a long illness. A
veteran of World War II,
he was held prisoner for 13
months in Austria. Gerber
received a bachelor's degree
in Communications at
Pacific and participated in
Radio, Drama, Omega Phi
Alpha fraternity and men's
football. An esteemed alumnus and university
leader, he served as a University Regent from 1987 to 2001 and
received an honorary doctorate from Pacific at the Convocation
Ceremony in 2002.

Gerber received the Alumni Association’s Professional Service
Award in 1985 and was named to the Athletic Hall of Fame in
1986. With his wife, Laraine, he was a generous supporter of the
University with gifts benefiting The David and Laraine Gerber
Endowment Fund in support of the School of International
Studies (SIS), the Gerber Lecture Series, the Los Angeles Pacific
Club Pantheon of the Arts Endowed Scholarship and the Pacific
Annual Fund Scholarships. He served on the SIS Advisory
Board and the National Commission Panel for Business,
Engineering and SIS in 2000.

"From the first time I met him, it was obvious how much
David loved Pacific," said President Emeritus Don DeRosa.
"His life exemplified the best of Pacific values — responsible
leadership, innovative and lasting achievements in the
entertainment industry, and generous service to Pacific and his
community. He was a mentor to so many people with whom he
worked and who admired him greatly." In May 2009, DeRosa
awarded Gerber the President’s Medal of Achievement at the
Commencement exercises in Stockton.

A longtime television producer and studio executive, Gerber's
accomplishments spanned over three decades of breakthrough,
innovative programming for which he won Golden Globe,
Emmy and Peabody awards. His 2006 production “Flight 93,”
that told the story of the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 on
September 11, 2001, received
seven Emmy nominations,
including outstanding
made-for-television movie. A
recipient of many awards for
his lifetime achievements
and humanitarian efforts,
Gerber's illustrious career is
also honored with a star on
Hollywood’s Walk of Fame.

Pacific Remembers
Professor Roy Timmons
1929–2008
By Robert Hanyak ’79 and
Simalee Smith-Stubblefield ’82

In “The Last Lecture,”
Randy Pausch wrote
“. . . I truly believed that I
was a lucky man because I
had lived out my dreams.
And I had lived out my
dreams, in great measure,
because of things I was
taught by all sorts of
extraordinary people along
the way.”

Dr. Roy Timmons was
one of the extraordinary
people in his students’
lives. He was their
teacher, colleague and
friend. His students
always commented
on “what a wonderful
teacher Dr. Timmons is.”

One of things we remember most was his sense of humor
and quick wit. He was the kind of person who would make
everyone laugh. His easygoing and humorous nature was
punctuated by his intelligence and contributions to the field
of speech-language pathology.

After retirement, Dr. Timmons seldom visited the speech-
language pathology (communicative disorders) department.
He politely declined invitations to participate in department
activities, saying “he was born to retire.” But he was still a
presence within the department and has a continuing influence
on how it functions today. Prior to his death, he and his wife
established the Dr. Roy J. Timmons and Dr. B. Jan Timmons
Graduate Research Endowment Fund to support graduate
student research in speech-language pathology.

Dr. Timmons’ students were blessed to have been able to
live out their professional dreams because of this extraordinary
person who influenced the careers of many speech, language
and hearing professionals.
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts recognized jazz pianist and composer **Dave Brubeck ’42 MUS** during the Kennedy Center Honors on December 6, Brubeck’s 89th birthday, with a reception at the White House hosted by President Obama and the First Lady. The event capped off an amazing 18 months for Brubeck: he was the first recipient of the State Department’s Benjamin Franklin Award for Public Diplomacy, was inducted into the California Hall of Fame, and celebrated the 50th anniversary of his groundbreaking album “Time Out.” Pictured here with Dave (lower right) are Kennedy Center honorees: (from top left) actor Robert DeNiro, musician Bruce Springsteen, actor/director Mel Brooks, and opera singer Grace Bumbry.

**Attention Future Tigers!**

The Pacific Alumni Association would like to welcome your new Tiger into the Pacific family with a “Future Tiger” baby bib. Just send us your baby’s birth announcement with name, birthdate and address to pacificalumnii@pacific.edu, or post it directly to Class Notes at www.PacificAlumni.org. After you receive your bib, take a picture of your child wearing the bib, and we’ll post it in the Class Notes section of our secure website.

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**Vicky (Thompson) Yee ’07 ENG and Adam Yee ’07 ENG** spent most of 2009 renovating their house in Sacramento, including refinishing the hardwood floors. The couple finished the renovation in time to host their second annual Pacific Engineers Barbecue. Professor Rahim Khoie and Assistant Dean Gary Martin attended with their wives. Congratulations to Vicky and Adam on a great home makeover!

**Dr. Dianne Philibosian ’68 COP**, former chair of Pacific’s Board of Regents, welcomes **Regent José Hernandez ’85 ENG** back to Earth following his landing in the Discovery space shuttle at Edwards AFB after his mission to the International Space Station.

A group from Pacific gathered at the Kennedy Space Center in August 2009 to cheer on José Hernandez ’85 ENG at the launch of the space shuttle Discovery. Front row (l. to r.): **Alice Hirata, Dean Ravi Jain, Georgette Hunefeld ’90, Kathy Nemetz, Steve Sherman, Amanda Root, Leslie Campbell, Deanna Hendricks.** Back Row: Grace Goto, Jack Patton ’68, Caryn Patton, Henry Hirata ’64, Marc Goto ’61, Rick Nemetz ’62, George Campbell.
Soldiers on Campus

In the 1940s, the military drained college and university campuses across the country of men and some women as the United States went off to fight World War II. This, on the heels of the Great Depression, made the economic realities of keeping a college open fairly dire. In an interesting twist of fate, it was the military that also filled some of that gap.

Nearly 400 sailors and marines of the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC) and V-12 reserve programs marched into Stockton on July 1, 1943. These were men training to become officers who would need a college education before being commissioned to active duty. Pacific adapted the school year, moving to a trimester system — three 16-week terms — so that sessions could be offered year-round. Empty fraternity houses were converted into barracks for the Marines. The Navy bunked in the Quonset huts formerly located in the area near the DeRosa University Center. The College provided food, instruction and medical attention, as well as learning facilities. The Navy and Marines paid a guaranteed minimum for room, board and tuition.

Curricula depended on the area of advancement or service, and class schedules weren’t easy, beginning at 6 a.m. and filled with mathematics, sciences, languages, business administration, aeronautical engineering, electricity and magnetism. Pacific offered upper division and graduate courses; lower division classes were taken through adjacent Stockton College. It was a tough regimen, including the military training and participation in physical education, sports, music and theater.

Tiger intercollegiate football and basketball teams were among Pacific’s best, in large part because of fit, mature students benefitting from rigorous military training. The double P.E. requirements for trainees were also required for non-military students, who nicknamed them “commando” classes, and the word entered the popular lexicon of the day to include a commando costume party. The women were so glad to have “the fellas” onboard; they held dances often. With their intense schedules, though, the men couldn’t stay out late.

The program was phased out in 1945 when the war ended, although Pacific continued to work with the ROTC program over the years.