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Burns, Stagg, Knoles, Holt, Hand . . .

These are names you'll hear and see on the campus. What are their importance?

I hope this booklet will give you at least some small idea of the significant part these men and women played in the history and growth of the University of the Pacific.

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ANDERSON DINING AND SOCIAL HALL

Anderson Hall (now the southern wing) was named in 1929 for Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anderson, local farmers active in the Methodist church and Pacific supporters. The Anderson "Y", formerly housed in the matching building directly north of Anderson Hall, was completed in 1939, also through a gift from Mrs. W. C. Anderson. The YWCA and YMCA functioned together from 1934. Now the Regents Dining Room connects the two buildings. Career Planning and Placement and Community Involvement Program are now housed in the northern wing. The School of Engineering recently expanded their facilities into the former dining hall and more recently the dance studio area. Construction began in the fall of 1984.

BALLANTYNE HALLS (Jesse L. and John)

These are Cluster College residence halls completed in 1964 and 1965, respectively, and named for Acampo orchardists. They had no children and bequeathed their estate to Pacific.

BANNISTER HALL

This classroom and faculty office building was acquired as war surplus after World War II. This former wooden barracks was moved to its present site by being sectioned, trucked here and reassembled on a new foundation. The building was named for the Reverend Edward Bannister, the first president and a founder of the University. Later a brick facade was added. Bannister's daughter, Mrs. Clara B. Congdon, gave \$100,000 to Pacific in memory of her parents. Her gift, made in 1927, was the largest received at that time from an individual.

BAUN HALL

The Power House, as the building was first known, was the original steam heating plant for the campus and housed huge boilers which served the entire campus, inefficiently as it was soon learned. Heating for the campus was an all or nothing arrangement as heating could not be directed to an individual building. It then served as the library prior to becoming the home for the School of Engineering in 1955. Baun Hall was named in 1958 for Ted F. Baun, a 1927 graduate of the then Department of Engineering and long-time president of the Board of Regents.

BAXTER WAY

Thomas F. Baxter, a former president of the Board of Trustees, was a prominent Stockton banker instrumental in raising necessary funds for construction of new buildings to establish the Stockton campus when the College moved to Stockton from San Jose in 1924.

BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Bechtel International Center, dedicated in 1983, is located in the enlarged and renovated Callison Lodge building. It is the result of a \$250,000 gift to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Bechtel and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Davies, Jr. The Senior Bechtels, particularly, have long had great interest in international affairs and have included in their interest the University and its international programs. UOP's new facility is the second Bechtel International Center, the first being at Stanford University.

Bechtel International Center houses offices for the Center for Inter-national Programs (which sponsors and arranges study-abroad programs for UOP students) and the Office of International Services (OIS), the foreign student support office on campus. The Center includes a library, conference room, lounge, kitchen and reading areas.

DE MARCUS BROWN STUDIO THEATRE

The Regents on January 13, 1984 approved the naming of the Studio Theatre as the "DeMarcus Brown Studio Theatre" in recognition of the significant contribution made to the training of generations of drama students and through hundreds of outstanding dramatic performances directed by DeMarcus Brown, who served with distinction as Director of the Pacific Theatre from 1924-1968.

BURCHAM DRIVE

John L. Burcham, the college's vice president from 1921 to the depression years, was instrumental in raising funds, along with community business and church leaders, for construction of the Stockton campus. Recent construction on Khoury Hall has eliminated one block of Burcham Drive. Planned library expansion will eliminate the remaining block.

ROBERT E. BURNS TOWER

Dedicated on March 8, 1964, this structure combined President Burns's wish for a campus landmark with the practical need for a new water tower. Various administrative offices, including the office of the president, are housed in the Tower. Dr. Burns was called at the time the greatest president this institution had had. He was credited with building Pacific into a university of worldwide stature and re-established the Lower Division. He adopted the cluster college concept. The College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco became Pacific's School of Dentistry and the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento became part of Pacific. The institution grew by over 40 buildings during his administration, by more than had been built in its previous 96 years.

CARTER HOUSE

Carter House is a student residence hall named for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter, Acampo farmers and supporters of Pacific who bequeathed their estate. It was completed in 1965 as housing for Cluster College students.

CASA JACKSON

This Cluster College residence hall was completed in 1962 and named for Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Jackson. Use of the word "Casa" for residence halls was originally intended for Elbert Covell College.

CASA WERNER

Casa Werner, a Cluster College residence completed in 1962, was named for Dr. Gustavus A. Werner, a much beloved history professor at Pacific for many years. This residence hall was originally intended for use by Elbert Covell College.

COLLIVER HALL

This building, which is the south wing of Morris Chapel complex, was named after George Colliver, a graduate of the class of 1915 and a long-time professor of Old and New Testament History at a time when such courses were part of the required curriculum. He founded the Religious Studies Department.

GRACE A. COVELL HALL

This facility, the largest residence hall on campus, was completed in 1959 and named for Regent Grace A. Covell, one of Pacific's most generous benefactors.

COWELL STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Center was completed in 1969 as a result of a gift of \$967,000 from the S. H. Cowell Foundation in San Francisco.

EISELEN HOUSE

Eiselen House, a Cluster College student residence built in 1965. It was named for Malcolm Rogers Eiselen, a member of the faculty of the history department for many years.

FARLEY HOUSE

This Cluster College student residence, built in 1962, was named for Fred Long Farley, a long-time faculty member, professor in classical language and first dean of the Graduate School. He was also the Dean of Men.

CLIFFORD J. HAND HALL

This building's name was changed from North Hall in 1983 to honor Clifford J. Hand, Academic Vice President for 8 years until his death in 1983. Hand had been a popular member of the faculty for 26 years and served as Acting President for one year in 1982. The former North Hall was originally used as the men's dormitory. It now houses the School of Business and Public Administration, Financial Aid, KUOP and other offices.

HARRIS HOUSE

Conceived as an Alumni House in 1968, Harris House was named for the first dean of the School of Education, J. William Harris, who originally owned the property. Its name was changed from Alumni House to Harris House in 1976. The building now houses the Campus YW/YMCA, (the "Anderson Y", as it is still known, because of its previous location in Anderson Hall) is active in several community, religious and social programs implemented by UOP students.

WILLIAM KNOX HOLT LIBRARY WING

William Knox Holt is the son of Benjamin Holt, founder of Caterpillar Tractor Company. The Foundation, named for William Knox Holt, is a major contributor to the library. The Holt family and Foundation have ties and interest in the University, including the Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies. Atherton is the grandson of Benjamin Holt.

KNOLES HALL

This hall, originally the campus' Administration Building, was named on May 26, 1972 after Tully Cleon Knoles, President of the College for 27 years, from 1919 to 1946, and Chancellor for 13 years. He was revered as a wide-ranging scholar, dramatic speaker, able administrator and gifted Christian teacher during his administration. Knoles was instrumental in raising the scholastic standards and prestige of Pacific. He recognized that the growing competition of colleges then in the Bay Area would affect the future status of Pacific: either to become a junior college, a small four-year college, or that there should be a search begun for another site to become a full-sized college. (Incidentally, his favorite physical exercise was a daily ride on a saddle horse, and he delighted in opportunities to demonstrate his skill with the lasso.)

KNOLES FIELD

Amos Alonzo Stagg gave a portion of a 22-acre piece of land he purchased west of the site of the former Baxter Stadium to Pacific. His stipulation was that a field developed on the site be named Knoles Field after President Tully C. Knoles. The bleachers for Pacific Stadium were to be constructed on a dirt embankment. Although the University had approval from the Corp of Engineers to dredge the Calaveras River for this soil, an untimely rain and high tide necessitated a change in plans. Soil from the site of the field was used instead, thus the present sunken field.

KHOURY HALL

This newest engineering building, dedicated on April 5, 1983, was named in honor of the major donors, Mr. and Mrs. Said Khoury. Mr. Khoury is president and chairman of the Board of Directors of Consolidated Contractors Company in Kuwait. Their son, Tonfic, who earned a degree in civil engineering in 1980, has returned to Kuwait. Khoury Hall houses labs, classrooms and offices.

LONG THEATRE

Long Theatre, inherited from the Stockton College, was made possible by a gift from the family of Thomas J. Long, a former regent. His brother, Robert M., a current regent, maintains a strong interest in the School of Pharmacy.

IRVING MARTIN LIBRARY

Completed in 1955, the central wing of the library is named for Irving Martin, Sr., former publisher of the Stockton RECORD. At the time of Pacific's move to Stockton in 1924 his friendly, co-operative attitude proved especially helpful.

MORRIS CHAPEL

The Chapel, dedicated in 1942, was made possible chiefly by the gift from Berkeley businessman Percy F. and his wife, Lillie.

OLSON HALL

Olson Hall was named after Mrs. Winifred Olson Raney, who brought to the College's foreign language instruction the most advanced techniques and equipment. She financed the original language lab. It now houses chemistry laboratories.

OWEN HALL

Today a music practice facility, this building originally was acquired as war surplus. Named for Isaac Owen, one of the University's founders, this building was later faced with brick. Owen had a passion for providing better education, having acutely felt his own lack of schooling. He became trustee, financial agent and presiding elder.

PACIFIC MEMORIAL STADIUM

Financed in part through contributions from the community, the stadium was dedicated October 21, 1950, in honor of war veterans from the Central Valley and the Mother Lode.

PRICE HOUSE

Price House is a Cluster College student residence completed in 1962 and named for Chalmers G. Price, a Placerville lumberman, and his wife. Price, a former regent, also set up a memorial scholarship in the name of his son, Sandy.

RITTER HOUSE

This Cluster College residence, completed in 1962, was named for Ovid H. Ritter, for many years comptroller and financial vice president of the University. He managed the dining hall and housing auxiliaries, as well as personally supervising the care of the grounds. He bore the burden of financing the institution during the depression years. In addition to these full-time duties, Ritter taught memorable business administration classes.

RUDKIN WAY

This street is named after Jesse Rudkin, an active member of the development staff and assistant to President Burns.

SEARS HALL

Sears Hall, a classroom addition to Morris Chapel, was dedicated June 16, 1950. This building was financed through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Osro Sears in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sears. It is the north wing of the Morris Chapel complex.

HARRIET M. SMITH MEMORIAL CAMPUS

A 40-acre gift of land, named for the mother of a founder of the J. C. Smith Co., formed the basis for the Stockton campus. The acreage was part of an original 2300-acre tract of marsh land which was drained and made productive by Smith. \$1,500,000 was needed to facilitate the 1924 move from San Jose and was allocated to four sources in concert (i.e., obtain all or none): \$600,000 from the city; \$150,000 from the district outside Stockton (from Turlock to Sacramento); \$500,000 from Northern California; and \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. Early faculty and students remember a campus of summer dust and winter mud.

ALEX G. SPANOS CENTER

The Alex G. Center, designed as a multi-purpose facility to accommodate athletic contests, concerts, lecture and other events, opened September 11, 1981. Spanos, a Stockton resident and Pacific alumnus, is one of America's leading building developers. He has been a major Pacific benefactor for several years.

STAGG WAY

Known as the "Grand Old Man" of American football, Amos Alonzo Stagg became Pacific's football coach in 1933 after his retirement as football coach at the University of Chicago. His skills and fame lent prestige to Pacific for the 14 years he served as football coach. It was said the local football scene came immediately alive with his arrival.

WEMYSS HOUSE

This Cluster College residence was completed in 1962 and named for Edwin Wemyss, Stockton businessman and donor to the University.

WENDELL PHILLIPS CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Originally designed as office and classrooms for the Cluster Colleges, the building was completed in 1968 and named for businessman and world-traveler Wendell Phillips.

WEST MEMORIAL FINANCE CENTER

Originally an infirmary, this building was converted to offices for financial services following completion of the Cowell Student Health Center in 1969. It originally was constructed in 1926 as a result of a gift from Mrs. Charles M. Jackson, in memory of her parents, George and Ellen West, and her brother, Frank Allen West.

DONALD B. WOOD BRIDGE

Completed in 1969 to link the main campus and north campus over the Calaveras River, the bridge is named for Donald B. Wood, former member of the Board of Regents of the University.

WOOD MEMORIAL HALL

This addition to the Irving Martin Library is named in memory of John Thornton Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Wood, donors.

OTHER NAMES OF INTEREST

ADAM C. BANE

Bane, an alumnus of Pacific and pastor of Central Methodist Church, labored in church and community and was credited locally for having initiated the movement of winning Pacific for Stockton. He became a financial vice president.

ROCKWELL D. HUNT

Author of History of the College of the Pacific, Dr. Hunt was Director of the California History Foundation. He was a graduate of the class of 1890 of the Napa College, which was amalgamated with Pacific in 1896. In 1901 he wrote a short history of Pacific's first 50 years. Former President Burns in 1951 thought it a little short of miraculous to have been able to invite the same man to return to the staff and write a history of the first 100 years. An autographed copy of his 100-year history is in Martin Library.

JOHN MCLAREN

Considered one of the country's seven greatest landscape architects of his time, McLaren was engaged to make suggestions for the design Pacific's 50-acre campus. He was famous for his design of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. As anticipated in 1924, the University of the Pacific has become an outstanding beauty spot of Stockton.

ROLLA W. WATT

Watt, a Pacific Board of Trustees member for 36 years, was president for 15 of those years. He was a leading San Francisco business man; president of the YMCA Board of Trustees, and leading layman in the Methodist church. Dr. Knoles called him "a strange combination of a hard-headed businessman and one who possessed the soul of an artist." The Watt Memorial Organ was a gift from him and his wife.

EUGENE WILHOIT

Wilhoit was president of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce in 1924 when the Chamber was responsible for raising \$600,000 toward Pacific's building fund. Stockton was enthusiastically supportive of Pacific's move from San Jose. Representing banking interests locally, Wilhoit was said to be the anchor in the local financial campaign - steady, loyal and resourceful.

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