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FOREWORD

I was asked by Dave Scott to put together a brief explanation of how the various buildings on the Stockton campus came to be named as they are. This seems to be an appropriate time to be doing this: we have a relatively new president, a new vice president and another vice president and a dean on the way.

Much of the basic information in this narrative was taken from Appendix III of Kara Brewer's book Pioneer or Perish. I have embellished it here and there and have added an entry or two.

To the nit-pickers I will concede that the Raney Recreation Area is not a building, but if you tried to accommodate that fact in the title, it would run off the edge of the page.

To those familiar with some of my reports in pre-retirement days: be assured that none of this contains figments of my imagination. Well, hardly any.

The named facilities are listed alphabetically by surname. More or less. George Wilson Hall is listed under "W". Grace Covell Hall, however, is listed under "G" because it is often referred to as "Grace." If you don't find it under the surname, look under the first name. If you don't find it either place, what then?

HISTORY OF NAMING OF BUILDINGS AT UOP

Anderson Hall: What had been the Social and Dining Hall building on the original Stockton campus was expanded in 1939 to provide facilities for the campus YMCA/YWCA program. The expanded structure was named Anderson Hall in recognition of the support of the W. C. Anderson family, local walnut growers. The dining hall was phased out in the middle 1970's, and for several years the hall housed the University's dance program. In the mid-1980's the dining hall was converted into classrooms, laboratories and offices for the School of Engineering. After Bill Atchley's arrival, the Office of the President was moved from Burns Tower to Anderson Hall.

Jessie Ballantyne Hall, John Ballantyne Hall: These cluster college residence halls were built in 1964 and 1965 and were named for this childless farming couple who gave their ranch and residence, along with a substantial cash gift, to establish an endowed scholarship.

Bannister Hall: (See Owen Hall and Bannister Hall)

Baun Hall: What had originally been the heating plant on the new Stockton campus was later converted to house the college library, where it remained until the construction of Irving Martin Library (1955). Today, it is the headquarters building of the School of

Engineering complex. It is named for Ted Baun, Class of 1927 engineering graduate, who has served on our Board of Regents for 39 years, over 20 years as chairman. He has been keenly interested in the School's growth and progress and has given generously in support of it.

Bechtel International Center: After the phasing out of Callison College as a separate entity, the former Callison Lodge building was renovated to serve as a campus "International House." The renovation, completed in 1982, was made possible by a grant from the Lakeside Foundation, founded by Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Bechtel Sr., and their daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Paul L. Davies Jr.

Burns Tower: The landmark of the University, Burns Tower was built largely with gifts from University Regents and dedicated, in 1964, in honor of Robert E. Burns, 20th President of the University and the only Pacific alumnus ever to serve in that capacity.

Callison Dining Hall: The remaining vestige of our third cluster college, Callison College, established in 1967 as a School of Oriental Studies and named for Dr. & Mrs. Ferd Callison in recognition of a "start-up" gift of real estate valued at \$2.5 million. Dr. Callison was a member of the Board of Regents (1964-69).

Carter House: A cluster college dormitory built in 1965 and named for Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carter, an Acampo chicken farming couple who had been major donors to the University.

Colliver Hall: The academic wing of Morris Chapel was named, about 20 years after his death, for Professor George Colliver, who taught bible studies and chaired the Department of Religious Studies during his 30-year tenure on the faculty.

Elbert Covell Dining Hall: This dining hall formerly served Elbert Covell College, our second cluster college, which was the first (and only) four-year college to conduct all classes in the Spanish language. It was named for Regent and benefactor Elbert Covell, a Woodbridge vineyardist.

Cowell Student Health Center: The Center was made possible by a grant in 1966 from the S. H. Cowell Foundation of San Francisco. The Foundation was created by the estate of S. H. Cowell, founder of the Cowell Lime and Cement Company. Because the wealth had been generated by construction projects, the Foundation chose to underwrite many campus facilities. Almost every major college and university in California has a Cowell building--many of them health centers--on its campus.

Eiselen House: A cluster college residence hall, built in 1965,

was named for D. Malcolm Eiselen, a popular professor of history for many years.

Farley House: A cluster college residence hall, which was named for Fred L. Farley, professor of Ancient Languages and one-time Dean of College of the Pacific.

Grace Covell Hall: Completed in 1959, this is the largest student residence facility on the Stockton campus. It was named in honor of Regent Grace A. Covell (1955-58) a Central Valley agriculturalist and University benefactor.

Hand Hall: North Hall, the original men's dormitory when the University moved to Stockton, which was later converted to classroom and office facilities, was renamed Hand Hall in memory of Clifford J. Hand, one-time cluster college English professor and, at the time of his death in 1983, Academic Vice President.

William Knox Holt Memorial Library: Sixteen years after the completion of Wood Memorial Hall, the library had become extremely overcrowded and increasingly inaccessible. As one of the major construction projects of the campaign For A Greater Pacific, work was begun, in 1982, on a second addition to the library, which would double its size. It was dedicated in 1985 and named in memory of William Knox Holt, son of Benjamin Holt, inventor of the Caterpillar tractor. Construction was made

possible, in part, by a major grant from the William Knox Holt Foundation of San Francisco. The Holt family has had a prominent role in the development of the City of Stockton and the history of the University.

Casa Jackson: A dormitory built in 1962 and named, by agreement with the donor, in recognition of Mr. & Mrs. Lester R. Jackson of San Francisco who gave an estate note of \$250,000 to the University. Mr. Jackson, a Cal grad, had been an admirer of UOP's tradition of Christian education. He operated a neighborhood hardware store on Clement Street.

Khoury Hall: Dedicated in 1982, this classroom-laboratory-office addition to the School of Engineering complex was one of the major capital improvement projects in the campaign For A Greater Pacific. It was named for major benefactor Said Khoury, international industrialist, whose son graduated from the School.

Kjeldsen Pool: This Olympic-size pool was built in the early 1970's, financed in part by gifts in memory of Chris Kjeldsen, a popular member of the Physical Education faculty and coach.

Knoles Hall: The original classroom and administration building on the Stockton campus was renamed, belatedly, on the recommendation of President McCaffrey, in recognition of the Knoles family, headed by Tully C. Knoles and his wife Emily, who

were instrumental in moving the college to Stockton during his tenure as President (1919-47).

Long Theatre: A 450-seat theatre building, acquired in the purchase of the vacated Delta College campus (south of Stadium Drive) had been used to teach stagecraft, production, etc. Its renovation to a performance facility was financed by the gift of Honorary Regent Thomas J. Long, Chairman and CEO of Long's Drug Stores, whose daughter had participated in drama productions while she was a student. The theatre was named in honor of the Long Family and its long-time association with the University.

Irving Martin Library: The first building on campus designed specifically for use as a library (until then the library had been housed in the old heating plant building--now Baun Hall) was completed in 1955 and named for the publisher of the Stockton Record, who had made the leadership gift to launch the building campaign. Since then, the Library has been expanded twice (see Wood Memorial Hall and William Knox Holt Memorial Library).

McCaffrey Center: The University Center complex, dedicated in 1974 and financed by a combination of private gifts, student fees and government housing loans, was renamed by the Board of Regents in 1987 on the occasion of Stanley E. McCaffrey's retirement as the 21st president of the University.

Morris Chapel: Dedicated in 1942, the Chapel was named for Regent Percy F. Morris and his wife Lillie, who made the initial leadership gift toward the cost of construction.

Olson Hall: Acquired in the 1974 purchase of the Delta College campus, this building had functioned as the science building for the junior college. With funds contributed by Regent Winifred Olson Raney, the building was modified to accommodate the needs of the Physics Department, which had been crammed into the basement of the School of Pharmacy. It was renamed at Mrs. Raney's request, in memory of her first husband, a melon rancher.

Owen Hall and Bannister Hall: To accommodate swelling enrollments in post-World War II years, a number of surplus military buildings were moved onto the campus and adapted for instructional or residential uses. Two of these were large, two-story barracks-type buildings which were given brick veneer to make them blend with surrounding "brick and ivy" structures.

One of these was named Owen Hall, in memory of Rev. Isaac Owen, one of the founders of the University. For many years it housed the School of Education. In the late 1970's, it was converted into practice studios for the Conservatory of Music.

The other building was named in memory of Rev. Edward Bannister, first president of the University. It housed various academic departments of College of the Pacific and is now used to house various services: housing, food service, audio-visual, etc.

Price House: This cluster college residence hall, completed in 1962, was named for Regent (1955-71) and University benefactor Chalmers G. Price, Placerville lumberman, and his wife.

Raney Recreation Area: This basketball, volleyball, frisbee and horseshoes area was developed around 1980 on the site of the original University swimming pool (south of the old gymnasium), using monies donated by Regent Winifred Raney.

Raymond Great Hall: Formerly the dining hall for Raymond (cluster) College, this facility continues in use for banquets and other special events. The College, our first cluster college--modeled after Oxford--had been named for Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Raymond, ranchers and devout methodists, who gave 3,500 acres of prime farm land to endow the College.

Ritter House: Another cluster college student residence facility completed in 1962, Ritter House was named for the long-time Vice President and Comptroller of the College, Ovid H. Ritter, who also established the Department of Business Administration (and taught its courses) and planned much of the campus landscaping.

Sears Hall: A wing of additional classroom facilities, was added to Morris Chapel in 1950. A challenge gift from Mr. & Mrs. Osru Sears, Bakersfield grocery stores operator and active Methodists,

generated gifts toward the construction cost. The wing was named in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sears, his parents.

Alex G. Spanos Center: This 6,000 seat multi-purpose events facility was the major construction project undertaken (1978) in the campaign For A Greater Pacific. It was named in honor of (then) Regent Alex G. Spanos, prominent Stockton developer, not only in recognition of his leadership gift to the building campaign, but of prior gifts enhancing the athletic program: the Pacific Club, Field House, etc.

Faye Spanos Concert Hall: The Conservatory auditorium was completely renovated and modernized with gifts from former Regent Alex G. Spanos and an anonymous donor (the latter also financed construction of the new adjacent buildings: Rehearsal Center and Recital Hall). The renovated auditorium was named in honor of Faye Spanos, wife of Alex, at a gala dedication emceed by Bob Hope.

Stagg Memorial Stadium: The University's football stadium was renamed in 1988 in memory of "the grand old man of football" who coached at COP for 13 years after his mandatory retirement, at age 70, from University of Chicago. The stadium occupies part of a 21-acre parcel of land given to the University by Mr. & Mrs. Stagg.