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## Raymond-Callison College Merger To Expand Educational Options At UOP

STOCKTON -- A year-long study of University of the Pacific's cluster colleges has resulted in the formation of a new college which will combine interdisciplinary, intercultural and international programs through a merger of two of the colleges--Raymond and Callison, it was announced today by President Stanley E. McCaffrey.

Also announced were the appointments of Dr. Margaret L. Cormack as dean of the new Raymond-Callison College and Dr. John D. Smith, a member of the Raymond faculty, as associate dean.

Dr. McCaffrey said, "The merger of the two schools makes it possible to expand the variety of approaches to liberal arts education at UOP. For nearly two decades, the university has been a national leader in providing alternative educational opportunities for students through the cluster college concept. The new Raymond-Callison program will continue this unique character of Pacific and extend the attractive features of the cluster colleges."

The new college will not have departments and will be interdisciplinary in its approach to a liberal arts education. It is anticipated that it will offer Bachelor of Arts degrees in International Studies and in Interdisciplinary Studies. Elbert Covell College, another liberal arts college with half of its students from Latin America, offers the Bachelor of Arts in Inter-American Studies. College of the Pacific, the largest of the liberal arts colleges, is organized along

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departmental and disciplinary lines and offers the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees with numerous possible majors.

The year of study in Japan that is featured in Callison College will be continued. Also, the new college will develop several new interdisciplinary majors. Those under discussion currently are "Human Development," "American Studies," "Environmental Studies," "Social Policies and Planning," "Literature, Self and Society," and "Creative Expression."

Students currently enrolled in Callison or Raymond College will be able to complete their programs without change. Students entering this fall will enroll in the new college.

The changes were made following a year-long study conducted by members of the administration, faculty and student body under the direction of Academic Vice President Clifford J. Hand. The study pointed out the strengths of the university's cluster college program and based its conclusions on several significant findings. Included were:

1. The interdisciplinary, intercultural and inter-American aspects of the cluster college programs are worthwhile.
2. The style of teaching and learning within the cluster colleges has been effective and attractive to those students who otherwise might not be attracted to the traditional university curriculum.
3. The living-learning community concepts of the cluster colleges is valuable.
4. Elbert Covell College, where the instruction is in Spanish, is unique in North American education and makes an important contribution to the cultural

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and educational richness of the university. ~~This college will remain unchanged.~~

"We have taken this action to enrich both the offerings of the cluster colleges and of the educational program of the overall university," McCaffrey said. "Not only will students who have been in Raymond and Callison be afforded broader academic options, but students in other schools and colleges of the university will be offered these expanded programs as well. Thus, this action is an extremely positive step in strengthening and enriching the overall educational program of the University of the Pacific."

Dean Cormack, formerly the acting dean of Callison College, is an internationally recognized Far Eastern expert and has served as chairperson of the university's Academic Council.

She stated, "The compatibility of the Raymond and Callison philosophies and personalities has always been obvious. The merger of the two colleges will offer students a greater variety of programs than was possible with them operating as separate units of the university. It combines the interdisciplinary approach to teaching with the option of an international experience in Japan or elsewhere at no additional cost to the student."

It also is anticipated that the various internship programs of Raymond College will be retained and expanded to provide greater opportunity for job-related experience.

Raymond, Callison and Elbert Covell Colleges were established in the 1960s and were named for benefactors of the university.

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