

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



*Top: Biological Sciences Center*

*Above: Students on the patio by the fire pit at the west end of the DeRosa University Center*

### STOCKTON HONORS PACIFIC

#### For Urban Beautification

University of the Pacific received two “Awards of Excellence” from the city of Stockton in July for its recently built DeRosa University Center and Biological Sciences Center.

Stockton’s City Planning Commission and the Cultural Heritage Board granted the awards for “significant contributions to urban beautification” in Stockton. The awards are granted to encourage improvement and beautification of the local community, create awareness toward building preservation and maintenance and to promote imagination and sensitivity when designing new buildings.

Pacific received the recognition previously for the renovation of the University Library (May 2006), the Baun Fitness Center addition (May 2005) and the residence facility Monagan Hall (June 2002).



### PACIFIC PRAISED FOR PLANNING

University of the Pacific received the first Excellence in Institutional Innovation and Integration

Award from the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) in July. The award recognizes universities and colleges that use original planning processes to tackle emerging issues facing higher education. The award was presented during SCUP’s annual International Conference held in Portland, Ore.

Pacific was chosen because of its “Pacific Rising” plan, a document that lists goals that Pacific hopes to achieve in the next seven years, as well as other efforts unique to higher education that support innovation.

“Pacific Rising is a living document that promotes innovation and creativity across all aspects of teaching and learning and University operations,” said Assistant Provost Rob Brodnick, one of the key administrators in implementing Pacific Rising. “We are honored that our peers have taken a hard look at what we are doing and have chosen us to be the first university for this award.”



### PROVOST HONORED by Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The San Joaquin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented Provost Phil Gilbertson with the inaugural John Aguilar Spirit Award at its 37<sup>th</sup> annual installation and awards dinner. Aguilar, for whom the award was named, passed away suddenly last July. The owner/founder of Vernon Transportation, one of

the top 100 minority business enterprises in the U.S., Aguilar was very committed to issues in the Latino community, especially youth and education.

The award recognizes an individual who champions the cause of Latinos. Gilbertson was selected for his role in promoting the many programs at Pacific that reach out to the Latino community. “Provost Gilbertson has done a significant job in making University of the Pacific extremely accessible,” said Mark Martinez, chief executive officer of the organization. “He worked hard to partner with the Chamber on the Bilingual Financial Aid Workshop, now a nationally known program.”



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**DENTAL SCHOOL GOES PAPERLESS**

The Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry has launched a new clinic information system called AxiUm. The system will facilitate centralized billing, insurance processing, collections and cashing.

AxiUm will improve collaboration among faculty, students and other dental schools for the school’s research initiatives. Students and faculty are able to search a large patient health history database and a large pharmaceutical formulary to identify trends.

Computer terminals installed in every operatory in the school’s dental clinics in San Francisco enable students to pull up the entire patient chart at chair side and enter all treatment information while the patient is present. The Union City and Stockton clinics came on board in September. This will result in better supervision of care and more consistent processes across the school’s various clinics.

Funding for the project was provided by the Dean’s Fund for Excellence. “This will benefit our entire community of patients, students and faculty,” said Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr., dean of the Dugoni School of Dentistry. “Medical and dental clinics across the country are exploring ways to implement electronic health records, so we’re glad to be staying on the forefront of this important issue.”

**PUBLICATIONS RECOGNIZE PACIFIC AS TOP UNIVERSITY**

This summer, Pacific’s strengths were recognized by three different college-ranking publications. The “Fiske College Guide;” Princeton Review’s annual book, “The Best 371 Colleges;” and U.S News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2010” all listed Pacific among the top national universities. The Fiske Guide and U.S. News also listed Pacific as a “best buy” or “best value” college where students can get the most for their dollar.

U.S. News also placed Pacific on the following lists: Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20 Students; Average Amount of Need-Based Aid Awarded; Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs; Highest Economic Diversity; and Campus Ethnic Diversity.

The Princeton Review listed Pacific as a University with “More to Do on Campus” along with Stanford, Duke and Notre Dame universities. The ranking is based on survey responses from students. Quotes from Pacific students praised the faculty, said the academics were “great,” and “If you ever have any questions, there’s always someone there to answer them and help you out academically and socially.” Others said Pacific is “a school that you can be proud of going to.”



**WEBSITE SHOWCASES SUSTAINABILITY AT PACIFIC**

Pacific’s Division of Student Life has launched a new component on the Pacific website highlighting the University’s position and role in advancing

sustainability. Pages on the site show student involvement in sustainability activities, including the Mountain Ocean Valley Experience held during orientation week. Students participated in various environmental projects in

Yosemite National Park, the Marin Headlands, Mt. Diablo, the American River and the San Joaquin Valley. The site covers environmental academic programs and research at Pacific, as well as the wide-ranging efforts to increase

sustainability at Pacific. These include waste management, green facilities, dining practices and purchasing options. To find out more, visit [go.Pacific.edu/Sustainability](http://go.Pacific.edu/Sustainability).



## PACIFIC STUDENTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS STATE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Pacific students Kristal Leonard '11 and Devon Blount '11 received prestigious U.S. State Department Boren scholarships for the 2009–2010 school year worth up to \$20,000 each to study in China and Russia to immerse themselves in the countries' languages and cultures. Leonard and Blount were among the 130 students selected out of a pool of nearly 900 applicants nationwide to receive the scholarships for this school year.

Leonard will study intensive Mandarin at Beijing University in China for 11 months while Blount will spend four months at St. Petersburg State University in Russia to study Russian language and culture.

The Boren scholarships, awarded through the National Security Education Program, provide funding for study abroad opportunities in countries and fields of study that are underrepresented in such programs. The NSEP is designed to broaden the pool of qualified U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills critical to the country's security interests. Scholarship recipients are expected to pursue federal government positions once they graduate.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RESCUES MATH PROGRAM



*Top: Students brought their families to an open house in June show what they had been learning.*

*Above: Teachers used a variety of interactive games and activities to enhance learning.*

University of the Pacific has partnered with the San Joaquin County Office of Education, in collaboration with the Stockton and Lodi Unified School Districts, to save an intensive math summer program designed for children of migrant workers. The 20-year-old program, which serves more than 80 local students, was due to be eliminated by Stockton Unified School District due to state budget cuts.

The five-week program reduces the risk of students dropping out of school, prepares students to succeed in other advanced high school courses, and encourages them to enter a college preparatory program.

With funding from the San Joaquin County Office of Education, Pacific took the lead role in organizing the program, including hiring bilingual math teachers and teaching assistants, developing the class curriculum and organizing busing for the students. The classes were held on campus at Benerd School of Education. This is the first time Pacific has run the program.

## KENNEDY LEADS LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy helped break ground for the new Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center on September 18. The \$10 million law library expansion is the largest building project ever carried out on the law school's 13-acre campus.

Kennedy is the longest-serving current professor at Pacific McGeorge. He taught constitutional law at the Sacramento law school from 1965–1988 when he was sworn in as the 104<sup>th</sup> justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has taught annually

in the McGeorge Salzburg Summer Program in Austria since 1989.

Pacific McGeorge Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Jamie Sammut, the president of the Student Bar Association, and Randy Schaber, nephew of the late Dean Gordon Schaber, joined Kennedy and President Pamela Eibeck in the ceremonial groundbreaking shovel toss. The Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center, which will

house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, is set for completion in 2011.

Following the groundbreaking, Kennedy gave the annual Constitution Day lecture to students at the law school.





**BURNS TOWER GETS A FACELIFT**

For the first time since it opened in 1964, the exterior of Robert E. Burns Tower was

cleaned and painted from top to bottom. Support Services began the process in mid-May.



Director of Support Services Scott Heaton estimated the project used more than 1,100 labor-hours and 180 gallons of paint.

First, crews put up scaffolding and safety systems for

workers, as well as a system to collect water and paint runoff from the project, to prevent contaminating the soil around the tower. Next, the entire tower was cleaned before painting could begin. A coat of a masonry surface conditioner was applied first, followed by a coat of acrylic white paint.



**BEST IN THE NATION Goes to Brubeck Quintet**

For the second time in three years, Downbeat Magazine named the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet the best college jazz group in the nation. The award was announced in the June edition of Downbeat Magazine, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Awards issue. The group received the same honor in 2007.

The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet performs about 25 concerts each year around the United States. “This is a great honor and one that is well deserved by the fellows because

they work hard to bring the best jazz, both standards and new creative works, to audiences around the nation,” said Steve Anderson, director of the Brubeck Institute.

*Pictured here with Dave Brubeck, The 2008–2009 fellows (l. to r.): pianist Javier Santiago from Minneapolis, Minn., Dave Brubeck, bass player Zach Brown from Columbia, Md., saxophonist Chad Lefkowitz-Brown from Horseheads, N.Y., saxophonist Ben Flocks from Santa Cruz, Calif., and drummer Adam Arruda from Toronto, Canada.*



**LAW STUDENTS RAISE OVER \$65,000 To Support Public Legal Assistance**

The Pacific McGeorge Public Legal Services Society raised \$65,500 for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program at its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Live & Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Auction provide stipends to Pacific McGeorge students working for non-profit/governmental organizations during the summer, and loan repayment assistance to recent graduates working in the public interest.

The 2009 PLSS Auction, headed by Megan Herberger '09 and a dedicated team of students, surpassed all past such events in its professionalism and funds raised. “What a wonderful outcome for our community and the much needed support for public interest legal service,” said Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. Despite challenging economic times, the donations for the auction were plentiful, and more than 500 attendees turned out to bid on donated items.

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### OFFICERS, START YOUR CHARIOTS!

#### New vehicles for Public Safety

New additions in Public Safety are making Stockton campus patrols more environmentally friendly while enabling officers to interact more directly with students. The two “chariots” by T3 Motion have been in service for about a year. Officers have better visibility and are able to move about easily throughout the campus. The chariots have also sparked a lot of curiosity, which gives officers the opportunity to talk more with students as they patrol.

In addition to chariots, officers patrol on bicycles and also walk through the campus buildings and residence halls to check in with staff, faculty and residence hall staff. Officers are assigned as liaisons to individual residence halls to provide information and education to residence directors and students and solicit feedback regarding safety concerns.

Pacific’s Public Safety Department actively works to provide a safe and secure learning and living environment for students. Safety education begins with presentations at student orientations about safety and crime prevention and Public Safety services available. Proactive programs have resulted in a 29% overall reduction in incidents in the past year. They continually look for ways to improve safety on campus as well as in the surrounding neighborhoods. Find out more at [www.Pacific.edu/StudentLife/PublicSafety](http://www.Pacific.edu/StudentLife/PublicSafety).



### ELIXIR OF SUCCESS

#### Pacific Opera Institute

In three short years, the Pacific Opera Institute’s annual productions have become a highlight of the annual Bear Valley Music Festival in the Sierras. The festival’s music director approached Conservatory professor Daniel Ebbers in the summer of 2006 about including Pacific students in the festival’s opera production. From that, Ebbers developed the Pacific Opera Institute.

The Institute combines an intensive three-week educational program with a full-scale opera production. It incorporates three tiers of artists: high school or junior college students with a strong interest in the field of opera; advanced undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate music students; and professional opera singers. Students are also hired as interns, stage managers and participating artists.

The summer program provides a comprehensive learning and performance experience. The students learn an entire opera role as a cover for one of the professional artists. They also have the opportunity to perform their cover role in a separate production. Ebbers collaborated with the Stockton Opera Association to include a performance of the opera as part of its annual fundraiser. The event more than doubled the previous amount raised for the Association as well as providing funds for the Pacific Opera Institute, which has become fully self-sustaining.

The institute’s contribution, with support from Conservatory and Theatre Arts faculty and staff, also improved the quality of the festival’s opera production. This year’s performance of “Elixir of Love” packed the 900-seat festival tent and received rave reviews. The institute has brought greater national exposure to the Conservatory’s opera program and has increased the quality of its applicants. Many of the institute’s young performers have chosen Pacific for their music education.



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**President Pam Eibeck's First Days at Pacific**

Pamela A. Eibeck became the 24<sup>th</sup> President of University of the Pacific on July 1, 2009. She is Pacific's sixth President since the University's move to Stockton in 1924. In her first months at Pacific, Dr. Eibeck has been on a listening campaign to get to know and to hear from Pacific faculty, staff and students, alumni, Regents and friends. Here are scenes from some of the events during President Eibeck's first months at Pacific.



*Left, Top to bottom: Dr. Eibeck starts her first work day July 1 with a cup of coffee from the Calaveras Coffee House.*

*The new president greets new students and parents at the Opening Convocation in August.*

*President Eibeck participates with incoming students in the community service project to help eradicate the invasive Himalayan Blackberry in Yosemite National Park in August.*

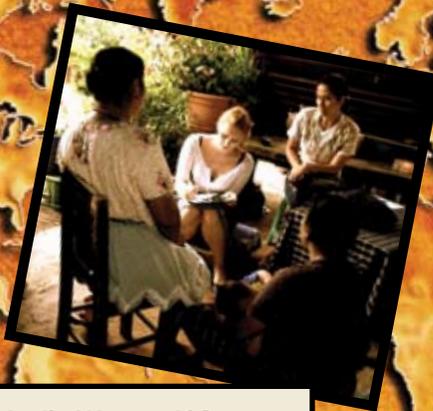
*A formal welcome reception was held on the Stockton campus in early October.*

*Above: President Eibeck enjoyed a humorous moment at her first Town Hall meeting in September, while getting feedback from faculty, staff and students about Pacific's strengths.*

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### PACIFIC AROUND THE WORLD

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#### **Ambassador Corps: Lydia Wassan '13 English and Global Studies**

To evaluate the effectiveness of a microcredit program in Guatemala, Wassan interviewed over 40 women in rural areas around Guatemala City who had received loans to start businesses.

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#### **Pacific–Africa Partnership**

Curt Snarr (left), Regent Ron Cordes and Professor Joe Johnson (far right) with three of Johnson's students at St. Lawrence University in Uganda who won a competition for writing the best business plan sponsored by SIS, Cordes and other members of the team.

#### **Pacific-Africa Partnership**

Pacific was one of 20 U.S. universities chosen from nearly 300 applicants to receive a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Higher Education for Development (HED). The \$50,000 USAID/HED grant funded feasibility studies for development partnerships between U.S. universities and higher education institutions in sub-Saharan African nations. Pacific collaborated with the School of Banking and Finance in Rwanda, and St. Lawrence University in Uganda. Because of population growth and poverty, these two countries are experiencing 20 to 30 percent unemployment. Students face the reality that they will need to create their own jobs.

Pacific's team includes Margee Ensign, dean of the School of International Studies and associate provost for International Initiatives; Joe Johnson, adjunct professor in the Eberhardt School of Business; Jerry Hildebrand, director of Pacific's Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship; and Bill Herrin, College of the Pacific professor of Economics.

They assessed needs for faculty and curriculum development in both universities in entrepreneurship and economics, and determined the training requirements for the existing microfinance networks in both countries. Johnson taught a pilot course on writing a business plan at the two partner universities in fall 2008. Afterward, the students presented their plans to a group of American business people that included Pacific Regent Ron Cordes. On the return trip this summer, the team found a number of the students had already started successful small businesses while still in school. The School of International

Studies has launched an online certificate program in Social Entrepreneurship which has several Ugandan students enrolled. Ensign presented the group's findings and proposals at a conference in Accra, Ghana in August.

#### **Ambassador Corps Launches**

The Ambassador Corps program in the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship provides scholarships from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to fund student internships in social entrepreneurship. The scholarships are sponsored by the Cordes Foundation, the Peery Foundation and Otis McAllister Inc. Ten students from Pacific received Ambassador Corps scholarships for internships this summer.

These internships build a foundation for careers in international development, enhance preparation for graduate school and cultivate professional relationships with social entrepreneurship organizations in developing countries. The Global Center works with both the host organization and the students to match the intern's skills, interests and learning objectives with the organization's needs.

This year's ambassadors are:

Nahila Ahsan '09, Paraguay; Liza Boyle '09, South Africa; Nabeel Cajee '11, Bolivia; Caroline Fantozzi '11, Peru; Jocelyn Gray '09, South Africa; Fatima Iqbal '12, Uganda; Kelly Walker '12, Vietnam; Patrick Walton '11, Honduras; Lydia Wassan '12, Guatemala; and Jennifer Yau '09, China.

For an insider's view of the Ambassador Corps experience, read Jocelyn Gray's blog at [www.JocelynGray.WordPress.com](http://www.JocelynGray.WordPress.com) or Liza Boyle's at [ambassadorcorps1.blogspot.com](http://ambassadorcorps1.blogspot.com).