

Mailbox

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and memories.

Counting on Pacific Review

When the Pacific Review arrives in the mail, my husband, Charles Parsons '39, and I read it from cover to cover. We remember the wonderful times we spent at Pacific and look for the names of people in the classes of 1935–1939. Sadly, many of our friends are no longer with us, but we treasure our memories of them. I was an Alpha Theta Tau girl, Mardi Gras Queen and received a teaching certificate along with my degree. I taught briefly in the Stockton school system before marrying Lloyd Test. We had a wonderful life for 59 years, when he passed away.

Two years later I married Charles Parsons whom I had gone through school with in Stockton from the third grade, and who attended Pacific and was a Rho Lambda Phi. We married at age 85 and have had seven years of happiness traveling and creating a new life in a Monterey, Calif. retirement community.

We feel very blessed to have been a part of Pacific in the days of Dr. Tully Knoles, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Patty Pierce, DeMarcus Brown, the Toonerville Trolley and the rising of the campus buildings when the college moved to Stockton from San Jose. We were both “townies” raised in Tuxedo Park, one mile from the campus. Those were the days my friend.

— Verna Test-Parsons '39

Old Friends Meet Again

Nine women, all who graduated from Pacific in the 70s have been keeping in touch for thirty-one years through a letter called the “Round Robin!” The Round Robin is a large envelope filled with letters and pictures from each of these nine close friends. We have talked about changing to e-mail, but we all love receiving the large envelope bursting with letters.

One weekend in July 2009, seven of the nine friends gathered for a reunion. Four of us reside in California, two in the state of Washington, and one is teaching American students in Dubai. Kristin Sanford '78 and Marta Anderson '78 were unable to come.

At the reunion, we friends shared hours of laughter, rich memories and special stories of our days at Pacific. Before the gathering was over, we were already planning the next get together. We all agreed that we will always be lifelong friends and are grateful that our Pacific experience brought us together!

— Karen King '78

Deanna Hay Cornett '78
Darcy Miller Fluit '78
Karen Brelje King '78
Cheryl Smith '78
Nancy Hurlow Houghton '78
Mary Heinrich Thomason '77
Renee Williams '77



Sorority Memories

Thanks for the Back in Time in the spring 2009 Pacific Review. I was both a Delta Gamma and also a sweetheart and belle of Archania in the 80's and have a lot of great memories of the traditions of the Greek system at Pacific. Some of the great memories include: Band Frolic, Sunday night dress dinners at Archania, and riding in the Archania fire engines on the way to football games.

What I remember most were the parties: Tour de Tahoe (all night bus tour to Lake Tahoe); Off to the Races (trip to the Bay Area to watch horse racing), and, of course, toga parties. But the highlight each year was the Archania “Fireman’s Fling.” We waited all year for this one.

The “set up” was that your sorority house was “on fire” and the brave Archania firemen had to rescue you. Someone from the house would design a T-shirt each year for everyone to wear. All of the girls had on their special T-shirt and special color coded “underwear.” I remember the DG color was red. The Archites brought over their fire engines and put the ladder up to the top floor. We would have to come out of the top floor of the house to be “rescued” by the firemen below. Yes, we had to climb out of the house backwards onto the ladder. It was, looking back, silly, but so much fun. The house was decorated ‘to the nines’ and usually there was a slide built from the top of the third floor to the yard to slide out of the ‘burning building.’

These were some great memories. Thanks for asking.

— Lisa (White) Hartley '85

We'd like to hear from you!

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