



Rick Paulsen '82 ESB



Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards Honor Former Athletes

Named for Pacific's "grand old man of football" and coach in the 1940s, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards of Merit recognize alumni who participated in athletics and who have achieved distinction in their lives through examples of integrity, dedication, idealism and team spirit — qualities epitomized by Coach Stagg.

Honored at a luncheon January 16 at the DeRosa University Center were Rick Paulsen '82 ESB; Gary Scott '70, '71 COP; and Kristen Spracher-Birtwhistle '81, '88 COP.

Kristen Spracher-Birtwhistle was a tennis player who majored in sports medicine at Pacific and works as a medical group administrative consultant for Kaiser Permanente.



Kristen Spracher-Birtwhistle '81, '88 COP



She's been involved with many community health organizations and campaigns, serving on the boards of the Dameron Hospital Foundation, Su Salud, Child Abuse Prevention Council Foundation, Goodwill Industries and ATHENA International. "It is important to me to be part of an organization that values sports as a tool that supports leadership development, self-awareness and community engagement," she said.

Basketball and baseball were **Rick Paulsen's** games at Pacific, and he continues to coach youth baseball and basketball. Each summer, he coordinates a two-week church basketball camp for 160 3- to 15-year-olds. He has been a major fundraiser for the Pacific Tigers

Athletics Association and serves on its board as well as on the advisory board for the Eberhardt School of Business Institute for Family Business. He has also served on several community boards, including the Dameron Hospital Foundation, and was named to both the St. Mary's High School and Pacific Athletics Halls of Fame.

Gary Scott is a health education instructor at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, where he also served for 11 years as the athletics division dean and athletic director. He



Gary Scott '70, '71 COP



played football at Pacific and spent much of his career coaching football for Valley high schools and Delta College. He's been a member of the Pacific Hall of Fame Committee for nearly 30 years, and serves on the Stockton Sports Commission and the board of the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame. He has received numerous coaching awards and is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and the California Community College Athletic Directors Association.

Pacific Basketball Goes Downtown

For Stockton Showcase



The Pacific Men's Basketball team faced off against the nationally ranked Cal Golden Bears on December 9 in the Stockton Arena. It was the first time since 1981 that the Tigers played a home game away from the Spanos Center and the first NCAA Division I basketball game played at the Arena.

Dameron Hospital partnered with Pacific to present the event. Other community partners assisting with promotion included the Stockton Business Alliance, Stockton Sports

Commission, The Miracle Mile Association, Stockton Thunder Hockey Team, Stockton Chamber of Commerce and United Way. San Joaquin RTD provided trolley and bus services to and from the University, and Valley Brew hosted the pregame party.

The Tigers wore special Stockton jerseys to mark the occasion. The jerseys were later auctioned off, with a portion of the proceeds going to local charities. A whopping 8,704 fans packed the arena for

the game, the largest crowd ever to see a Pacific Tigers basketball home game.

