

President's Letter



Allie (Palafox) Baker '99 SIS with husband Jeff and son William

It is hard to believe another school year has come and gone and that we now have more than 1,000 new alumni. Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

As our newest alumni head out to meet the world, it is a great time to sign up for the Alumni Mentor Network. The network is a resource that current students and recent graduates can use to help build a professional network or aid in the search for jobs or internships. Mentors provide general college guidance or simply exchange emails with students describing their careers and offering tips for success. We hope you will consider sharing your expertise and job knowledge with a current student. Online registration is available at www.PacificAlumni.org/Mentor.

Like many institutions, the Pacific Alumni Association tries to limit the amount of paper products we use. We have eliminated most of our direct mail correspondence, but by signing up for our weekly e-newsletter, *What's Up Pacific?*, you will get regular updates on alumni events and University news. We are also on Facebook and Twitter! Find us by searching for "Pacific Alumni."

Our biggest news is that the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House is almost complete! It is such a thrill to know that years of hard work and generous gifts by more than 600 hundred alumni have made this dream a reality. The

What's Up Pacific? e-newsletter has featured the progress of this building from artist's rendering to the actual brick-and-mortar masterpiece that stands today. From the yearbook archive in the Omega Phi Alpha Library to the Alumni Plaza containing more than 500 personalized bricks, the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House is a wonderful place for students and alumni to come and share the rich traditions of the University of the Pacific.

You still have a chance to add your brick to the Alumni Plaza. The plaza will hold 1,100 bricks and we will continue to add additional bricks until it is full of inscriptions! With a \$1,000 donation, you can leave your own legacy at Pacific. The Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House will be open to the community and available for event rental in the fall. I look forward to seeing all alumni in our new home!

Go Tigers!

Alejandra (Palafox) Baker '99 SIS
Pacific Alumni Association President

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Leadership at Its Best

Through alumni leadership, the members of the board provide support for the University, its students and alumni.

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Alumni Around the World



Ecuador

Last October, 27 alumni and friends, along with University President Pamela Eibeck and her husband, Bill Jeffery, made the trip to “la Mitad del Mundo” (the middle of the world) — Quito, Ecuador.

The occasion? A gathering of Elbert Covell College alumni in South America to discuss the revitalization of the Inter-American program trail blazed by Covell College almost 50 years ago. Classmates traveled from Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States. While there, alumni participated in several educational activities and meetings. Along with

President Eibeck, some alumni visited schools in Ecuador to promote Pacific and share their experiences, while the rest of the group toured the capital city and other local sites. One highlight of the Quito tour was seeing the Ecuadorian president on his balcony at the Presidential Palace. The group also attended a meeting of FLASCO, an organization of university-level social science professors, where President Eibeck spoke on promoting inter-American cooperation in an age of globalization.

No trip to Ecuador would be complete without visiting the equator. In a symbolic act, Covell alumni straddled the two hemispheres simultaneously, illustrating the idea of extending a hand across boundaries. The commitment to an inter-American agenda remains

relevant in the hearts of these Covellians. One Covell businessman encouraged the partnership between Pacific and the Americas, stating that Latin America has much to offer in terms of natural commodities and human talent.

Helping organize the event were Gerardo Borrero '66 ECC, Ciro Santamaria '69 ECC and Kurt Freund '69, '70 COP, all of Ecuador. Alberto Yanez '72 ECC of Venezuela and Luis Eherlich '72 ECC of Mexico were also instrumental during the week's activities.

Special thanks to Kimberly A. Reed Edwards '73 ECC for contributing to this report.

Kuwait

In March, key alumni and administrators, including former NASA astronaut José Hernandez '85 ENG, Rick Nemetz '62 ENG and Marc Goto '61 ENG accompanied School of Engineering and Computer Science (SOECS) Dean Ravi Jain on a trip to Kuwait. The purpose of the trip was to share news about SOECS with the University's large contingent of alumni and friends in the Middle East.

The Gulf Alumni Board, established in 2006, helped organize the trip. The group's new board of directors

includes Faisal Al-Ragom '91 (president), Mohammad Al-Shayji '89 (vice president), Bashar Al Awadhi '98, Hasan Khajah '98 and Abdulaziz Fakhroo '91.

During the trip, Hernandez gave several presentations to groups of young people, high school counselors, teachers and alumni. The representatives from SOECS held many gatherings in restaurants and private residences during the eight-day visit; two of the events were hosted by Faisal Sultan Al Essa '62. Dr. Ali Dashti '90, chairman of Kuwait and Gulf Links Holding Company, and new University Regent Fawzi Al-Saleh



Esq. '62 dedicated staff and resources to support the success of the trip.

The School of Engineering and Computer Science plans to continue to work closely with Kuwait and to hold alumni meetings on a regular basis.

PACIFIC CLUBS CORNER



Students from Bidwell Elementary School enjoyed a visit to campus last fall sponsored by the Black Alumni Pacific Club.

Regional and special-interest Pacific Clubs have been very busy the past few months. Here is a recap of some notable club activities. Alumni, parents, students and friends are always invited to Pacific Club events. To get involved in a Pacific Club, or to see a list of upcoming events, please visit www.PacificAlumni.org.



Arizona Valley of the Sun Pacific Club

Alumni spent a day at Salt River Fields watching the Arizona Diamondbacks play the Texas Rangers in a spring training match-up.

Alumni and Parents

Alumni and parents of current students enjoyed a reception at the Reynolds Art Gallery kicking off Parent & Family Weekend and the Japanese Festival. The reception showcased the photography of alumnus Bruce Osborn '73.

Black Alumni Pacific Club

The Black Alumni Club sponsored a Black History Month essay contest. More than 90 students from four California schools participated. Each participant was given a Pacific T-shirt and college literature. The club also hosted a group of students from Sacramento's John Bidwell Elementary School on campus last fall. The students heard from a panel of engineering students, played music with the concert band in Faye Spanos Concert Hall and toured the art gallery.



Orange County

A small group of alumni gathered in Orange County to discuss revitalization efforts for their regional club.

Los Angeles Pacific Club

Alumni gathered at The Factory Restaurant in Long Beach, ready to cheer on the Tigers men's basketball team. Restaurant owner and Pacific alumna Natalie Gutenkauf '93 COP put together a great reception for the group.



Sacramento Pacific Club

In October, alumni learned wine tasting techniques at Café Michel Bistro in downtown Sacramento.

In December, a group of alumni and their children went on a magical journey to the North Pole during the Tiny Tiger Night on the Polar Express.

East Bay Pacific Club

Bay Area alumni gathered for an evening of jazz at Yoshi's Oakland in Jack London Square. Featured guests included Steve Anderson, director of the Brubeck Institute, and the Brubeck Institute Fellows.

San Joaquin Club

Biology professor Stacy Luthy provided a tour of the Biological Sciences building and presented a lecture on Stockton-area water sources and the condition of the Calaveras River.



San Diego Pacific Club

Alumni in San Diego enjoyed a stage performance at La Jolla Playhouse of "Little Miss Sunshine," an adaptation of the Academy Award-winning movie of the same name. The group also hosted a meet-and-greet in January.



Don't miss Pacific's **160th Birthday!**

On July 10, the University will celebrate 160 years since its charter was established.

July 10, 2011

Ways you can celebrate:

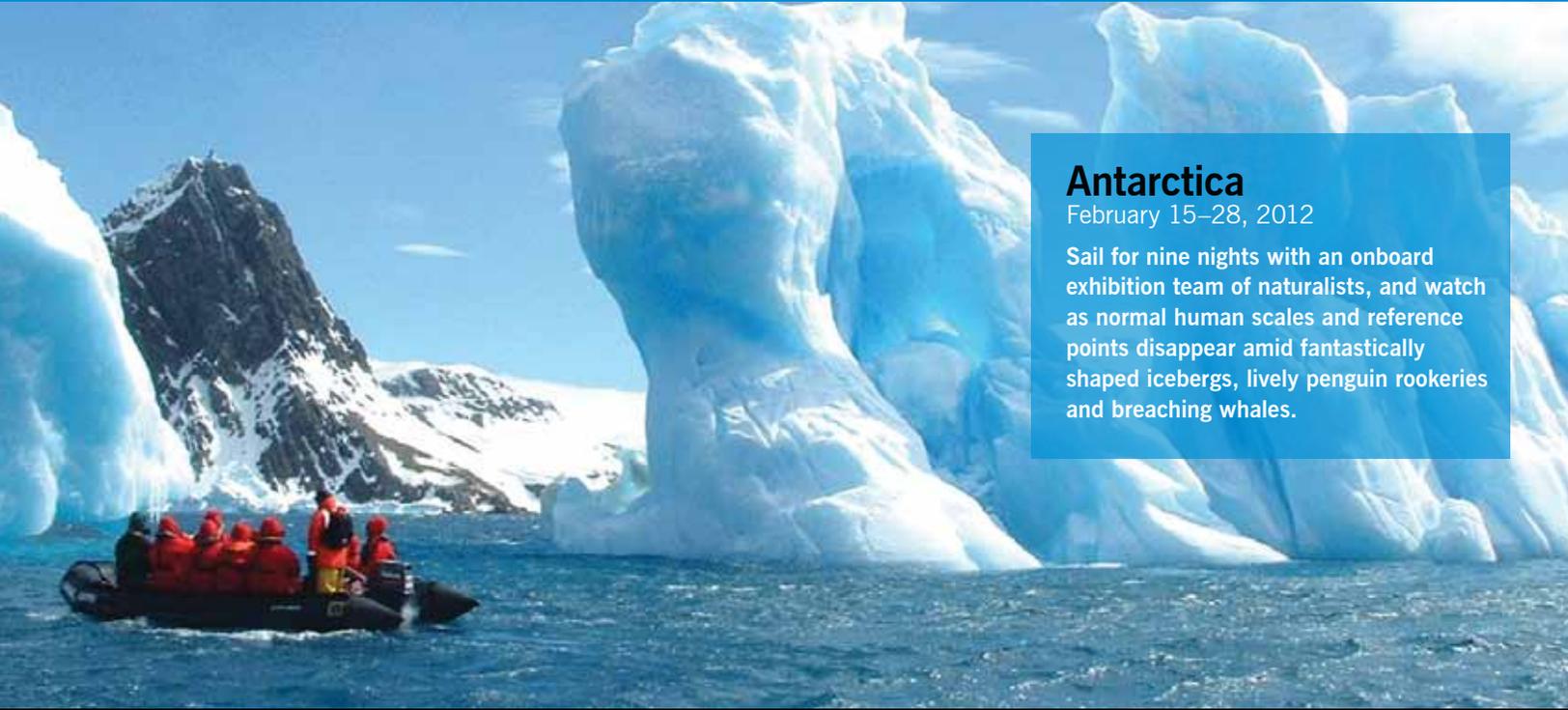
- Wear orange on July 10
- Decorate your work space with orange and black
- Request orange and black balloons by emailing the Pacific Alumni Association
- Throw your own Pacific birthday party
- Attend a Pacific birthday event in your area

For more ideas on how to celebrate Pacific's birthday or to see a list of Alumni Association sponsored events, visit www.PacificAlumni.org or email pacificalumni@pacific.edu.



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Antarctica

February 15-28, 2012

Sail for nine nights with an onboard exhibition team of naturalists, and watch as normal human scales and reference points disappear amid fantastically shaped icebergs, lively penguin rookeries and breaching whales.

DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD ON PACIFIC ALUMNI TRAVEL TOURS!

Oregon Shakespeare Festival
with Professor Courtney Lehmann
August 5-8, 2011

Normandy with Paris
September 16-25, 2011

Sicily, Italy
November 11-20, 2011

Peru, featuring Machu Picchu
February 20 - March 1, 2012

South American Cruise
March 8-21, 2012

Music Tour of Spain and Italy with
Professors Jim Haffner and Matt Krejci
May 16-24, 2012

For more information on these and other trips, including upcoming cruises, **contact Kelli (Williams) Page '87 in the Pacific Alumni Association toll-free at 866.575.7229** or visit the Alumni Web site www.PacificAlumni.org and click on Benefits.

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