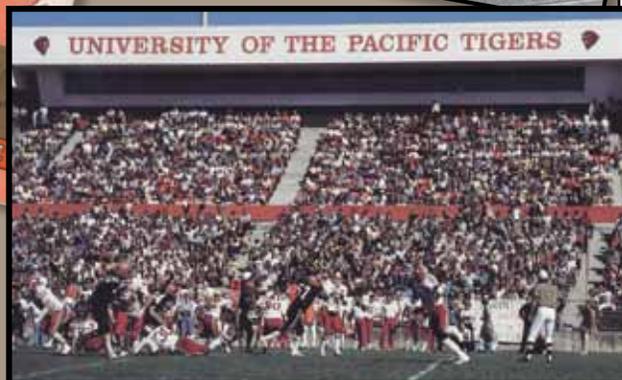
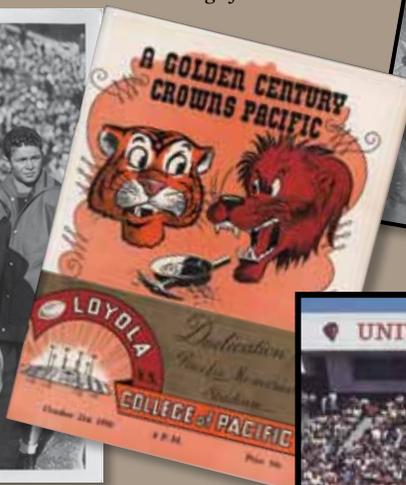
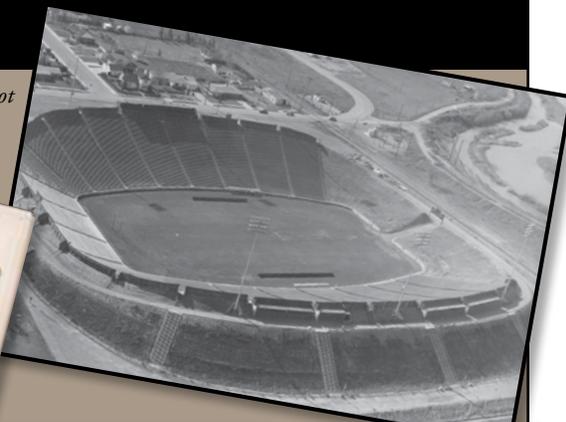


## BACK IN TIME

*Legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg (center), for whom the stadium was named.*



*The stadium c. 1951 not long after it was built.*



*Stadium dedication game program, October 1950*

*1995 marked the last year for Pacific football*



*Cheerleaders and marching band at half-time show, c. 1975*

## The Stagg Stadium Legacy

Almost as soon as it opened in 1950, Pacific Memorial Stadium quickly became a center for community events, sports and entertainment. The stadium was renamed Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium in 1988 to honor Pacific's legendary head football coach from 1933 to 1946.

Construction on the stadium, modeled after the original Stanford University stadium, began in May 1950. The entire cost of \$165,000 was raised through a two-month fund drive. It was completed in time for an exciting season home opener against Loyola on October 21. Loyola scored with 34 seconds remaining to upset the Tigers 35–33 before a crowd of 32,000. A few weeks later, Pacific came back with a 33–14 win against Santa Clara.

The largest crowd in stadium history was 41,607 at the Pacific-USF football game in November 1951. For 45 years, the stadium was the home of Tigers football, hosting more than a dozen games each year.

Concerts through the years featured headliners such as Chicago, The Byrds, Ten Years After, and Huey Lewis and the News. The Promise Keepers hosted a conference in 1999 that attracted more than 30,000 men. The Moonlight Classic, one of the oldest continuing Drum and Bugle Corps shows in the nation, hosted 32 annual events there. From 1998 until 2002, the stadium became the summer home of the San Francisco 49ers.

The Pacific Club was added in 1973. The \$250,000 event space with its grand view of the field was a gift from then Pacific Regent and former student-athlete Alex G. Spanos '48. Later improvements included a computerized scoreboard, improved lighting, new stairways and aluminum seating.

Use of the stadium began to decline after Pacific's football program was eliminated in 1995. Community use of the stadium further declined as new arenas and community event spaces were built in the area offering more modern conveniences and facilities, and high schools that once used Stagg Stadium for football programs and graduations began to build facilities of their own. In recent years, the stadium has been used primarily by Pacific women's soccer for games and practices.

In February, the University announced Stagg Stadium would close to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate needed repairs, upgrades and changes required to modernize the facility. The study is expected to be completed later this summer.

*What's your favorite Stagg Stadium moment?  
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