

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Exciting Future

By Pamela A. Eibeck, President

University of the Pacific has a rich history of innovation. For 161 years, we've stayed nimble in the face of change, while remaining true to our core value of exceptional teaching and learning.

Today, Pacific continues to move forward and embrace change. As you will read, we have kept our promise to go "beyond our gates" to help bring positive change to our communities. In San Joaquin County, we are working with community partners to launch a major youth literacy initiative. We are sponsoring two successful extracurricular academies for local youth. We are also bringing luminaries such as Ralph Smith, senior vice president of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to the region to tackle key issues in K-12 education.

Pacific is preparing for major changes in higher education as well. Colleges and universities across the country are contending with a shifting economy, online learning, changing student demographics and new student expectations for teaching and learning. In response, our University community has crafted a powerful new strategic plan, Pacific 2020: Excelling in a Changing Higher Education Environment (go.Pacific.edu/Planning).



President Eibeck speaks at the launch of the Stockton Forward initiative in September. Stockton Forward is an effort to build pride in Stockton, led by local business leaders Dea Spanos Berberian, Fritz Grupe, John Quinn, Pamela Eibeck and Doug Eberhardt.

Our vision for the future is that Pacific will be a leading California university preparing graduates for meaningful lives and successful careers. Pacific 2020 positions the University for great strength by focusing on student success, offering academic programs that provide the value students expect in their education. We will provide the learning opportunities students want, where and how they want to learn, aligned with the jobs they seek. What is more, this education will remain distinctly Pacific, where personalized and

deep learning occurs through meaningful relationships between students and faculty.

Thank you for your dedication to University of the Pacific. Your continued involvement and support will help Pacific do more than just weather change in higher education. We'll emerge more robust than ever, offering an even stronger education.

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Readers Share Memories of Stagg Stadium

Knowing that the November 1951 Pacific-USF football game would be sold out or close to it, I decided to apply for a job as a Coke vendor working the stands as a way to get in and see the game free! At 17 years of age, I was already feeling the invincibility of youth and figured I had this gig worked out to perfection. One problem: there were so many thirsty fans, I could hardly keep up with the sales, let alone have time to watch the game. I did get to see USF's Ollie Matson make a touchdown toward the end of the game to sink Pacific into the loss column.

— Robert “Bob” Webster ’59

Opening game—I remember it well. I was a senior student at COP when Bob Monagan hired me, at the start of construction, as the gofer, utility man, and timekeeper for the day laborers. The day before the game we were all working frantically to get everything ready. The playing turf was in great shape within the sidelines, but the sidelines had not been planted. We got a number of work scholarship athletes to help spread sawdust along the sidelines and end zones and sprayed it with green dye. It worked well for most of the game but soon exposed the sawdust as players and bands moved around the sidelines. We still had months of work to do, but at least we had a good opening for players and fans.

— Robert “Bob” DuRee ’51



During fall 1950, I was the sports editor of the *Pacific Weekly*, when Omega Phi Norman Harris ’54, a source of good tips, came to my office and told me that there were many flats of ice plants that needed to be planted as ground cover in the stadium. Soon Norm and I were on the phones to campus living groups, rounding up a crew (the entire student body) to come out the next day — when classes were dismissed — to help plant them. It was great fun, and we got dirty, and many of our fellow students slipped and slid down the steep embankment of the stadium. Smarter members of the Greek houses brought big jugs of lemonade to help slake the thirst of those working in the hot sun.

— Larry Allin ’54

Splash from the Past—Remembering Bill Anttila

Bill Anttila, longtime outstanding Tiger water polo coach, recently passed away. He was a friend and counselor as well as a coach and always had his hands firmly on the coaching reins. Our 1956 team was one of his best. That year we beat Cal for the Pacific Coast title. On a road trip to L.A., we clobbered USC in their fancy marble pool and narrowly lost to the U.S. Olympic Team in the old Coliseum pool.

A highlight that year was the team’s award dinner at Jessie’s Place, a favorite Stockton haunt at the time. The team was inducted into the Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002–03. Team scoring standouts were Bob “Duck” Gaughran ’57 and the late John Felix ’59. Other stalwarts were Doug “The Banker” Eberhardt ’59, Chris Greene ’58, Roger Moreau ’59, Walt Patterson ’58, Don Smith ’57, Walt Culbertson ’59, Stan Emerson ’58, Jerry Hogerheide ’57, the late Ben Randall ’57 and yours truly. In Bill’s memory, a scholarship fund has been established with Pacific Athletics to promote academic and athletic excellence in future water polo players.

— Stan Pedder ’57

See more on athletics endowed scholarships on page 14

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