February is Black History Month

Black History Month was founded by African American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Having earned a doctorate in History from Harvard University in 1912, Woodson, known as the father of Black History, established what was then known as “Negro History Week” to celebrate the intellectual, cultural, and social contributions of African-Americans to American society. So vast were these contributions, however, that Negro History Week soon became Black History Month, commemorated during February each year.

The Black History Month Planning Committee at Pacific cordially invites the Pacific community to celebrate Black History Month 2006. Highlights of Pacific’s celebration include:

• A performance by the Alvin Ailey II Dance Theatre, who will be celebrating Black History Month through the brilliance of dance on Sunday, February 12 at 6 pm at the Bob Hope Theatre in Stockton.

• Renowned University of Pennsylvania professor and African American cultural critic, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, will be speaking on the provocative topic, which is also the title of his latest book “Is Bill Cosby Right?: Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?” on Saturday, February 18 at 7 pm in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

• “Color Me Dark,” a historical drama of the great migration north and the serious issues which African Americans faced in the U.S. in the early part of the twentieth century commissioned by the prestigious Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., will be performed on Thursday, February 23 at 7 pm in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

Additional events include Gospelfest on Saturday, February 25 at 6 pm in Morris Chapel, African American movies in the Pacific Theatre and “soul food” in the Redwood Room. Please contact Associate Provost Heather Knight 209.946.2166.
Vietnamese Student Association Hosts Cultural Showcase

All Pacific faculty, staff, students, and their families are invited to the Vietnamese Student Association’s first annual Vietnamese New Year Culture Show which will be held on January 21, 2006 from 5 to 8 pm in Faye Spanos Concert Hall. This event presents the richness of Vietnamese culture and the fun and warmth of the Vietnamese student community at Pacific. This year’s theme is “Xuân Yêu Thu'o'ng - Lovely Spring.” The show will feature a variety of musical routines based on traditional Vietnamese artistry, as well as some modern pieces performed by local high school, college, and Pacific students. Several traditional Vietnamese dishes will be served during intermission. The proceeds from this event will benefit the non-profit organization Aid to Children Without Parents. Tickets are only $3 for the Pacific community and $5 for general admission. Tickets will be available at the door prior to the event. For more information about this great event, please call Quynh Lan Nguyen at 209.403.8815.

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Parto Khansari, Leanne Coyne, Ryoko Hirakawa, Miguel Perez, and Robert Halliwell, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented a poster titled “The NSAID, Mefenamic Acid, Reduces Ischemic Brain Damage in an Experimental Model of Stroke” at the 35th Annual meeting of Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC.

Deborah Crane and Shannon MacGregor, Career Resource Center, presented “Engaging Alumni Without the Price Tag” and John P. Carvana, Director Career Resource Center, and Dr. Katharine Brooks, of the University of Texas-Austin, co-presented “Career Coaching: A New Model for Millennials” at the Middle Pacific Association of Colleges and Employers conference in December 2005.

Pacific’s Engineering Management program was recognized by the Board of Directors of the American Society for Engineering Management as a runner-up for the 2005-06 Founders Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership for Undergraduate Programs.

Abel Fernandez, School of Engineering and Computer Science, served as panelist in two panels at the 2005 Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education.

Jennifer Sexton, Campus Recreation, was the external program reviewer for California State University-Monterey Bay’s recreation program in November, 2005.

Drs. Xiaoling Li and Bhaskara Jasti, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, edited the book *Design of Controlled Release Dosage Forms* that was published by McGraw Hill, New York.

Dr. Xin Guo, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, published a chapter in *Design of Controlled Release Dosage Forms*.

Dr. James Uchizono, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, published a chapter in *Design of Controlled Release Dosage Forms*.

Bruce La Brack, School of International Studies, attended the annual conference of the Society of International Education, Training and Research November, 2005 followed by a Leadership Task Force meeting of the Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Knowledge Community of NAFSA: Association of International Educators where he was appointed Scholar-at-Large and will be responsible for planning a NAFSA conference on research about international educational exchange to take place in 2006. La Brack also attended the annual conference of the Forum on Education Abroad where he participated in organizing and presenting a session titled “Theoretically Speaking, Who Cares?: Linking Theory and Practice in Study Abroad” in November, 2005.

Dr. Hugh McBride, Emeritus, Benedict School of Education, was honored by the California Medical Board in recognition of his 18 years of service to physician well-being and public safety through his work with the board’s diversion program for impaired physicians.


### 2005 Holiday Reception a Hit

The Faculty and Staff Holiday Reception, hosted by the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) and the Academic Council, was a tremendous success this year. The attendance of 347 nearly doubled last year’s number. Our vice presidents gave a more subdued performance by helping with drawings for wonderful prizes. In addition to prizes and great refreshments, attendees enjoyed holiday vocal selections by OIT’s Gary Gehman, piano selections by Enrollment’s Brenda Martin, and a humorous holiday reading by Professor Mary Little of the Education Resource Center. Thank you all for coming and sharing holiday cheer.

### Pacific Adopts 27 Families

SAC sponsored holiday giving opportunities through Adopt-A-Family and the News 10 “Coats for Kids” Drive. Boxes throughout campus were overflowing with coats for those in need of some winter warmth. This year 19 departments, 4 individuals, and 1 student group sponsored a total of 27 families in the Adopt-A-Family program. Many of the host departments were able to deliver the gifts directly to the families.

United Cerebral Palsy, one of the host agencies, shared heartwarming stories from the families who received gifts. A mother lost her husband last Thanksgiving and was struggling. Her two brothers came from Mexico to help support her financially, and care for a seriously ill nephew. The woman said she wished she could speak English so she could understand what the doctors were saying. She was given a computer with an English language immersion program and her four year old daughter helped her get started.

A family that didn’t have basic lighting and cleaned their carpet by picking up lint by hand, received lamps and a vacuum cleaner as well as toys and toothbrushes. Another grateful family said they wouldn’t have had any toys for their children without Pacific’s generosity.

The Staff Advisory Council thanks everyone who participated in holiday giving this year. Many people had a better holiday as a result of your generosity.

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### Dr. Elizabeth Griego Named Vice President of Student Life

Dr. Elizabeth Griego has been appointed Vice President for Student Life, effective April 1, 2006. In light of the University’s commitment to student-centered education, her appointment is especially important.

“We are so pleased to welcome Elizabeth to Pacific,” said President Donald V. DeRosa. “She brings a depth of student life experience and is recognized nationally as a leader in the student affairs profession.”

Griego served as Vice President and member of the Board of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and has been recognized as a “Pillar of the Profession” for a lifetime of contributions to the student affairs profession.

Currently serving as Associate Director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Griego has been responsible for assisting schools in all stages of the accreditation process and works with the evaluation teams through the site visit process. She previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Samuel Merritt College and Director of Planning and Research at Mills College.

“I am pleased and excited to be joining Pacific’s leadership team,” Griego said. “I look forward to working with Pacific’s students, student life staff, faculty, and alumni to build upon the sense of community that defines Pacific.”

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### Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr. Named Dean of Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr. has been named Dean of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, effective July 1, 2006.

Ferrillo, who has more than 30 years of experience as a dental educator, is currently Vice Provost for the Division of Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Dental Medicine at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“Pat Ferrillo is a highly-experienced and well-regarded leader in dental education whose career has been marked at every step by bold vision and a global perspective,” President DeRosa said. “I have every confidence in his ability to lead our outstanding dental school.”

Ferrillo said, “I am very excited to be joining University of the Pacific. I have long known and respected the dental school for its humanistic model of education and its strong commitment to patient care, research, and clinical education. It is also an incredible honor to be able to work with my long-time friend and mentor, Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, and with the school’s strong leadership team.”

Ferrillo’s appointment comes after a national and international search to find a successor for Dugoni, who is stepping down after leading the school since 1978.
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FACULTY MEMBER LOOKING TO RENT a 2 bedroom single level condo with garage, washer and dryer, enclosed patio, and fireplace. Have 2 cats. Please contact ssutton@pacific.edu.

Housing

ROOM FOR RENT: Room with walk-in closet in 3 bedroom home. Access to whole house, split utilities 3 ways. Gated community. Female preferred, no smoking. $500 per month. Call 209.518.0575.

ROOM FOR RENT: Room in home 4½ miles from Pacific. $275 per month, includes utilities and home privileges. Female preferred. Call Florence Austin at 209.477.8807.

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT: Female looking for non-smoking female student to rent a large bedroom with two closets. Located on Lake Lincoln in quiet gated complex. Kitchen and pool privileges. $460 plus $200 deposit, includes utilities and cable. Call 209.956.5744 or 209.915.8079.

HOME FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath home for rent in quiet neighborhood. Located at El Dorado and Robinhood. Home has central heat and air. $800 per month, security deposit required. Call 209.952.7964.

CONDO FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Quail Lakes gated community with 2 pools, tennis courts, and laundry facilities. $800 per month, plus $1,000 deposit. Call 209.969.8979.

HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath home for rent in Valley Springs. 1 acre lot with plenty of quiet nature around. 30 minute commute to Pacific. $1,300 per month plus deposit. Call 209.832.1723 and ask for John or Monica.

HOME FOR RENT: Two bedroom house a stone’s throw away from Pacific. 1512 S. Tuxedo Ave. (near Pershing and Country Club). Has washer and dryer, some IKEA furnishings (negotiable), and a piano (music majors, fix the D key and you have a place to practice and give lessons). $850 per month. Contact Dick Stepken Property Management 209.466.4043.

Items

BIKE RACK: Free standing rack, 2 bikes hang vertically. Perfect for small spaces. Like new. $100 or best offer. Call 415.789.1359 evenings.

Services

DENZEL IS AVAILABLE TO WORK FOR YOU! I don’t mind hard, dirty work. If you need cleaning, inside or out, taking care of the yard, taking care of the animals, you name it, I’ll most likely do it. Call me at 209.941.2514 or 209.351.1354 (or my mom, Cindy, at 209.946.3289).