PACIFIC, A GIVING COMMUNITY

Each year Pacific’s staff, faculty and students sponsor and participate in a multitude of outreachs that provide food, money and services to the surrounding community and various charitable organizations. This year is no exception, especially at the holiday season. Following is a sampling from November and December of the many ways the Pacific community reaches out to those in need.

The 4th annual Turkey Drive yielded $687 and 7 turkeys that were delivered to Catholic Charities before Thanksgiving to complete holiday meals for needy families. Also in November, the Baun Fitness Center hosted a blood drive, several student organizations sponsored a school supplies drive to benefit Madison Elementary School, and Phi Mu Alpha fraternity sponsored a benefit concert to support Stockton Unified Visual and Performing Arts Programs.

Pi Kappa Alpha’s annual “Hit of Reality” that raised $8,100 last year for the Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin County, has a goal of $10,000 for this year. Fraternity members live in cardboard boxes in the McCaffrey Center courtyard for three days to raise awareness of homelessness.

Through the Staff Advisory Council’s Adopt-A-Family program this year, so far thirty families have been adopted by various University departments, individuals and student groups. Each family will receive food or money for a holiday meal, household items and gifts to make their holidays brighter. Coats are being collected at drop-off locations around campus for News10’s “Coats for Kids.” Between 250 and 300 new and gently used coats are donated each year by the Pacific community.

The Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship is sponsoring a book drive to collect new and used college text books from the past five years for “Room to Read,” an organization that partners with local communities throughout the developing world to establish schools, libraries and other educational infrastructure. Donations can be placed in green and white collection boxes at various locations on campus through December 19.

The Library has its own version of a canned food drive, offering to take $2 off existing library fines for each can of food donated. These donations will be accepted through December 14 and then taken to the local Emergency Food Bank.

The Pacific community is truly a giving community that lives the value of community engagement as expressed in Pacific Rising 2008-15, “We have a deep consciousness of the world around us, and as a part of a multitude of communities, join together with them to serve and to learn. These partnerships create a synergy which raises the achievements of both the communities and the University.”
Harriett Arnold, Benerd School of Education, and Vivian Harper, San Joaquin Delta College, co-authored and were awarded funding from the Statewide Discipline Industry Collaborative for Family and Consumer Services for the "Delta Pacific Early Childhood Development Project." The purpose of this grant is to encourage partnerships among institutions of higher education in California.

Teresa Bergman, Communication, presented the paper, "How to Remember the Alamo: The Appropriation of Libratory Rhetoric," at the 2007 National Communication Association Conference in Chicago, Ill. The paper is co-authored with Jon Schambler, Communication.

Audrey Booth ’08 and Haroon Singh ’08, Sport Sciences, presented the paper "Cardiopulmonary Test-Retest Variability in College-Age Female Athletes" at the American College of Sports Medicine Southwest Chapter meeting in San Diego, Calif. J. Mark VanNess and Staci Stevens, Sport Sciences, were co-authors.

Kurtis C. Burmeister, Geosciences, presented a lecture on "Controls on structural architecture and strain partitioning within the Northern Appalachian fold-thrust belt" at the Northern California Geological Society.

Vice President Elizabeth Griego, Student Life, was appointed to the National Commission for Emergency Preparedness and Response, convened by the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators. The Commission will author a white paper and formulate recommendations for college and university emergency preparedness and response.

Said Shakerin, School of Engineering and Computer Science, had four short videos shown at the "American Physical Society-Division of Fluid Dynamics Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The videos: "Wet Wall Fountain," "Spelling Fountain," "Free Vortex Demos," and "Self-Induced Vibration in a Whirlpool" represented work done under Shakerin’s supervision by Matt Samuel ’05, Jeremiah Henley ’05, and Jonathan Sweet, Portland State University.

Brittney Holmquist ’08, Psychology, presented the paper “Detecting Malingering on a Reaction Time Text” at the American College of Sports Medicine Southwest Chapter meeting in San Diego, Calif. J. Mark VanNess, and Haroon Singh ’08, Sport Sciences, were co-authors.

Roseann Hannon, Psychology, presented the poster “Predicting College GPA Using Neuropsychological Tests Versus Self-rating Instruments,” at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. The poster was co-authored by Sarah Chollar ’07, Laura Melendez ’06, and Steve Clark ’08, Psychology.

Ashley Kallman ’09, Sport Sciences, presented the paper “Dehydration and Fluid Shifts do not Accompany the Metabolic Abnormality that Exists in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome” at the American College of Sports Medicine South- west Chapter meeting in San Diego, Calif. Haroon Singh ’08, J. Mark VanNess and Christopher Snell, Sport Sciences, were co-authors.


Bridgette Mason ’08, Sport Sciences, presented a paper entitled Nasal Acoustic Rhinometry Does Not Detect Differences in Sympathoadrenal Activation in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" at the American College of Sports Medicine Southwest Chapter meeting in San Diego, Calif. Haroon Singh ’08, J. Mark VanNess and Christopher Snell, Sport Sciences, were co-authors.

Larry Meredith, Religious Studies, presented an interpretation of the religion of Charles Schulz, during a symposium at the Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Ca.

Nadar Nadershahi ’94, Richard Sobel, and Kenneth Frangadakis ’66, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, were granted fellowship by The American College of Dentists, an honorary organization that recognizes dentists who have made significant contributions to the advancement of dentistry.


Merrill Schleier, Visual Arts, had the article “The Grid, the Spectacle and the Labyrinth in The Big Clock’s Skyscraper: Queered Space and Cold War Discourse” published in the international journal Film Studies.

Harnoor Singh ’08, Sport Sciences, presented the paper “Artigraphy and Heart Rate Monitoring for Characterization of Post-Exertional Malaise in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome,” at the American College of Sports Medicine Southwest Chapter meeting in San Diego, Calif. Sport sciences graduate student Travis Stiles and professors J. Mark VanNess and Christopher Snell were co-authors.

Staci Stevens, Sport Sciences, presented a colloquium at the University of Colorado at Denver on therapeutic exercise for patients with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Darcy Umphred and Rolando Lazarro, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, published “Improving Cultural Diversity Awareness of Physical Therapy Educators,” in the Journal of Cultural Diversity.


The Pacific Debate Team has been accepted as the host of the 2009 National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament which will be held in March 2009, the premier event for college parliamentary debate. Congratulations to Coach Marlin Bates, Communication, and the members of the team.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Mike Maroney ’93, Pacific’s men’s water polo coach has announced his resignation to take the head coaching position of men’s water polo and men’s and women’s swimming at San Joaquin Delta College. Maroney has coached the Tigers for five seasons, compiling a record of 62-84. A national search to fill the position will begin immediately.

Welcome to Pacific

Julie Deverell — account technician II in Business and Finance.

Nick Demuth — police officer in Public Safety.

Michelle DiGuilio — coordinator in the office of the Provost.

Cerena Gil — director of graduate school operations in Research and Graduate Studies.

Stacey Lucchesi — student loans specialist in Student Loans.

Ron Tacan — student accounts specialist in Student Accounts.
PACIFIC ROLLS TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Niquel Garcia ’09, finished first in the country and fifth in the world in the 2007 World Roller Skating Championships, which took place in November at the Carrara Sports Stadium on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. Garcia is a student in the Benerd School of Education pursuing a credential in elementary education. She is a member of TEAM USA and competed in the Senior Ladies Figures competition.

SHADES OF CHARITY

Pacific Art students are painting 20 large umbrellas to raise money for charity. Forty students in the University’s two Design and Color classes are participating in the effort. It is the second year Pacific students have been involved.

The umbrellas will be donated to Junior Aid of Stockton for their annual crab feed. The patio umbrellas, about six or seven feet in diameter, will be used for decoration at the event and will be auctioned off at the organization’s 80th Cracked Crab Dinner in January. The money raised will go to a variety of charitable organizations in San Joaquin County. The event raises about $50,000 annually.

IN MEMORIAM

Pacific mourns the recent passing of two former Pacific Professors:

Jerry Briscoe, emeritus professor of political science died on October 26 of complications of Parkinson’s disease. Briscoe came to Pacific in 1964, originally as part of the faculty of Raymond College and retired in 1994. He was very interested and active in local politics and was well known for championing and organizing community actions. He worked with the Coalition of Concerned Citizens which opposed and ultimately overturned the privatization of Stockton’s water system. In 2004, he received the Unitarian Church Pacific Central District Social Justice Award for his service.

Sy M. Kahn passed away on November 27 at his home in Port Townsend, Washington in the company of loving friends and family. Kahn was a professor of English and drama at the Pacific and served as executive director of the summer repertory program at Fallon House Theatre from 1970 to 1984. During his tenure at Pacific, he directed and led Theatre Arts tours in Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia each winter term that gave 74 performances in 46 European cities from 1972-75. Kahn retired from Pacific in 1986 and received the Order of Pacific in 1987. He was a prolific author and poet, and directed and produced more than 350 productions for academic, civic and commercial theatres. After his retirement from Pacific, Kahn continued to direct plays, lecture, teach, perform and write.

Celebrations of Dr. Kahn’s life will be held on December 16 from 1-4 pm at the Port Townsend Yacht Club and in February at Pacific. Contributions in his name may be made to the “Sy Kahn Scholarship Fund” at the Pacific Theatre Arts Department, to the Hospice Program of Jefferson Health Care, 834 Sheridan Avenue, Port Townsend, WA, 98368, or to an organization of choice.

WHEELS FOR PERU

Erin Webb ’08, Hilary Norman ’08 and Cathy Peterson, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, traveled with local Rotarians to Peru to distribute 240 wheelchairs to people in need. They assessed recipients for appropriate fit and provided mobility and transfer training. In addition, they delivered 300 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste donated by Oral B and the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and 100 Pacific pens donated by Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

From top right, Erin Webb ’08 and Hilary Norman ’08 with wheelchair recipients in the Hospital San Juan de Dios in Cuzco, Peru.

Dr. Cathy Peterson assesses a little girl in her new wheelchair at the Hospital San Juan de Dios in Cuzco, Peru.
STUDENTS LEARN NETWORKING AND ETIQUETTE AT CRC’S “NET’IQUETTE DINNER”

Things they don’t teach in the average college classroom were the focus of CRC’s “Net’iquette Dinner” in November. The annual event is designed for students to learn and practice proper dining etiquette, networking and interview skills while interacting with employers. Guest speakers discussed topics such as place settings and basic rules of courtesy, appropriate dress, proper use of technology, interviewing skills, qualities employers look for in candidates and writing professional correspondence.

This year’s featured speakers were Assistant Professor of Political Science Jeff Becker and Adjunct Professor at McGeorge School of Law Robert Oakes. Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Civic Engagement John Carvana gave a presentation on networking.

Over appetizers and throughout the five-course meal, the 83 students attending had the opportunity to engage employers and faculty members in conversation and practice their networking skills. Students said they learned valuable information from the presentations.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING:

House for Rent: 1,265 sq. ft., 3 bd., 2 ba. home in quiet neighborhood six blocks southeast of Pacific. Central heat/air, fireplace, modern kitchen, indoor laundry, detached garage, private and landscaped backyard and gardening service provided. $1,325 per month, or $1,275 per month with a six-month lease. Call 408.779.4918.

House for Rent: 3 bd., 1 ba. at 11 West Downs St. $1,350 per month. Credit checks will be run. College view. Call Sherri Albeit at 209.931.9494.

Condo for Rent: 4 bd. or 2 master suites and a third bd., 2.5 ba. in Lodi. Formal Dining Room, great-room and day room overlooking the Lodi Lake Wilderness area adjacent to the Mokelumne River. Includes refrigerator, washer and dryer and partially furnished (optional). Lawn care provided. No pets or smokers. Easy access to Hwy 99, 20 minutes to Pacific. $1,450 a month. First and last month plus security deposit. Contact Ron at 209.470.5959 or 209.478.7482.

Room for Rent: Room in Venetian Bridges Apartments. Amenities include HDTV, Comcast wireless and cable, stove, fridge, microwave and dishwasher. $400 per month including utilities. E-mail Robert Kelly at rkelley@pacific.edu.

AUTO


Ford Mustang: 1998, V6 3.8 L engine, 5 speed manual, 70,000 miles, black exterior, well maintained. Asking $6,000 OBO. Contact mmoran@pacific.edu for more information.

VARIOUS ITEMS


Diamond Ring: Princess cut, 18k white gold custom setting. Small diamonds around the center. 1.09k center stone and on the band. GIA certified with receipts to show proof of value. $6,500. For pictures and more information, e-mail mrainstkn@sbcglobal.net or call 209.474.1505.

Microwave oven: Sharp brand, white, 1000 watts, $50. Call 209.467.1439.

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