PACIFIC’S NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE

AWARDED FOR FLOOD WORK

Pacific’s Natural Resources Institute (NRI) received the Hogg-Owen Award for Meritorious Achievement for its efforts to reduce the effects of flooding in the region from the Floodplain Management Association (FMA) during the association’s annual conference in South Lake Tahoe. The FMA is a national organization of local, state and federal planning and regulatory agencies, flood control agencies, regional planning agencies, water resources consulting firms and researchers dedicated to reducing flood losses and maintaining floodplains in California, Nevada and Hawaii.

The institute is staffed by faculty from the School of Engineering and Computer Science, McGeorge School of Law, College of the Pacific and the Eberhardt School of Business. “The Institute is committed to promoting open dialogue on critical issues related to natural resources in the State of California, including future development in the floodplain,” said NRI Director Margit Aramburu. “We are honored to be recognized for our efforts toward the protection of Californians from the devastation of flooding.”

The Natural Resources Institute has sponsored numerous conferences and forums on the Stockton campus, addressing issues including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Levees, the restoration of the San Joaquin River and floodplain development. These events have brought together state legislators, local government officials, local flood agencies, non-governmental organizations, University experts, building industry representatives and others.

“The NRI is an important part of Pacific’s commitment to the betterment of the region and to California,” said Provost Gilbertson. The Institute has provided a series of recommendations to the Governor and state legislators for a State Flood Plan. Faculty and students have also participated in the development of a plan to restore the Calaveras River in the vicinity of the Stockton campus. The project will promote understanding and respect for the river habitat and serve as a working laboratory for the sciences at Pacific.

PHOTO ESSAY

“Comedy of Errors” Makes no Mistakes

Pacific faculty, staff and alumni collaborated this summer with Shakespeare’s Associates, Inc. in the Livermore Shakespeare Festival production of “Comedy of Errors.” Lisa Tromovitch, Theatre Arts, is the producing artistic director. The outdoor production at Retzlaff Estate Winery sold out more than half of the 11 performances and garnered rave reviews.

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Lisa Tromovitch, Theatre Arts, directed the performance of “Comedy of Errors,” with scene design by Randal Enlow, Theatre Arts; costume design by Cathie McClellan, Theatre Arts; stage manager Caitlin Furman ’07 and technical director Brad Enlow, Theatre Arts.

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Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was honored for her work in the national pipeline program that seeks to bring more minorities into the legal profession. She was honored at a dinner given by T. Papanikos. The 2007 Supplement No. 2 to Malloy’s three-volume treatise, “Banking Law and Regulation,” has been published by Aspen.

Jonathan Sandoval, Bened School of Education, was honored at a dinner given by the American Pyscological Association for his contributions to the profession of school psychology. He was commended for his work as a teacher, mentor, researcher, writer and colleague.

Francois Rose, Conservatory of Music, presented the Computerized Orchestration Tool that he developed in collaboration with James Hetrick, Physics, at the Chopin Music Academy in Warsaw, the Krakow Music Academy, in Poland, the San Sebastian Music Conservatory in Spain, and at the Institut de Recherche Coordination Acoustique et Musique (IRCAM) in Paris, France.

Linda Webster, Bened School of Education, was the guest editor of a special issue on “Attachment in High Risk Populations” for the journal School Psychology International. She also contributed an empirical study to the special issue entitled, “A comparison of unresolved versus resolved status and its relationship to behavior in maltreated adolescents” with Rachelle Hackett, Bened School of Education, as co-author.

Scott Jensen, Psychology, along with Lisa Grimes ’08 and April Pyle ’08, presented their poster “Relationship of Parenting Knowledge and Behavior in a Parent Training Setting” at the National Conference for the American Psychological Association.


Michael Hatch, Political Science, has published the chapter “The politics of climate change in Germany: domestic sources of environmental foreign policy” in Europe and “Global Climate Change: Politics, Foreign Policy and Regional Cooperation” (Edward Elgar, 2007) edited by Paul G. Harris.

Qingwen Dong, Randy Koper, Communication with Christine Collaco ’09 presented a research paper on “Social Intelligence, Self-esteem and Intercultural Communication Sensitivity” at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Intercultural Communication Studies in Harbin, China.

Andreas Franz, Chemistry, and undergraduate students Quy Lam Nguyen ’09, Laura Olmstead ’09 and Sandepp Bains ’09 published a paper with the title, “Solution Conformations of Three Small Cluster Oligosaccharide Mimetic (SCOM) from D-Glucosamine, D-Altrosamine, and (-)-Quinic Acid” in the peer-reviewed journal ARKIVOC (2007, xiii, 235-251, online).

Larry Levine, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article “Ruminations on the Formation of SacLEGAL,” appear in the July/August issue of Sacramento Lawyer, the publication of the Sacramento County Bar Association.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NSF GRANT

Andreas Franz, Chemistry, received an NSF grant in the amount of $523,535 for “Acquisition of a high-field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer”. The instrument enables researchers at Pacific to elucidate chemical structures in solution with better quality and higher sensitivity than currently possible. The total amount will go towards the purchase of the spectrometer. The instrument grant was written by Franz together with Vyacheslav V. Samoshin, Chemistry, Xin Guo and Bhaskara Jasti, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The new instrument is expected to be installed and running by next summer.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Ines Ruiz-Huston, formerly director of multicultural affairs and the Community Involvement Program (CIP), and has been appointed Hispanic community outreach coordinator under the Inter-American Initiative. She is still director of CIP. Serjio Acevedo is the new director for Multi-Cultural Affairs.

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Heather McAvoy- Jensen is an administrative assistant in the Career Resource Center.

Mathiew Le is the new assistant director of Admission at Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Betty Bedolla is the new financial reporting manager in Business and Finance.

Jamie Holmes is the new coordinator of men’s basketball in Athletics.

Former Tiger Jim Yanko ’91 returns to Pacific Athletics as the new baseball pitching coach. Yanko replaces Jim Brink.

Chris Pappas is the new technical service provider in Business and Finance.

Robin Mackay is a new administrative assistant at Morris Chapel.

Wesley Youth is a new assistant baseball coach in Athletics.

Jessica Martinez is a new administrative assistant with SUCCESS.

Clariibel Rabanales is a new custodian in Support Services.

Sophia Spearman is a new vocational specialist with the Community Re-entry Program (CRP).

Detwarn Bunton has been hired as an enrollment services counselor in Admission.

Linda Francis and Lynn Dorough have joined the Advancement staff as assistant directors for the Pacific Fund.

Barry Morrison is a new systems administrator with OIT.
Jane Lewis takes the helm in human resources

Jane Lewis has been appointed as assistant vice president and director of Human Resources following a nationwide search to fill the position. Lewis, a longtime Pacific employee, has served as interim director of the office for the past six months.

Lewis has worked in the University’s Human Resources office for more than 30 years. Widely respected among her colleagues, she is a recipient of the Most Valuable Pacifican Award. Her selection for the director position was based largely on her experience, knowledge and understanding of the University and the challenges that come with the position, said Vice President Cavanaugh.

“She’s well-regarded across the University’s three campuses for being open, informed, and collaborative,” Cavanaugh said. “I am confident we’ve found the best candidate for Pacific.”

Jin Gong has been appointed associate provost for research and collaborative programs and dean of Graduate Studies. Gong comes from Towson University in Maryland, where he was dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research and associate vice president for research.

Gong will advocate for graduate programs, oversee research activities and develop distinctive, collaborative graduate and undergraduate academic programs. He will also work to increase funding for research and graduate programs through the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Office of Corporate and Foundations Relations in University Advancement and Government Relations activities.

“Dr. Gong has an exemplary background that involves a high record of success at achieving increased support for faculty and student research, generating external funding, leading graduate and research programs and overseeing collaborations and joint programs,” said Provost Gilbertson. “His years of experience and commitment will serve Pacific well as we strive to build distinctive, innovative programs and increase support for research.”

Gong hopes to maintain high-quality graduate programs, advance support for faculty and student scholarship and develop a distinctive, international, interdisciplinary, university-wide professional education program for practicing professionals. “Pacific is a nationally ranked university that provides high quality education for students at all levels,” Gong said. “I am very excited about the opportunities here and becoming a member of the University’s leadership team.”

The Princeton Review features Pacific in a two-page profile in the 2008 edition of its annual publication, “2008 Best 366 colleges.” Only about 15 percent of the country’s four-year colleges – along with two Canadian colleges - were chosen for the book. Pacific is also listed among the 123 colleges on the Best Western College list. Selected schools are listed alphabetically. The lists can be found at www.princetonreview.com.

The schools were picked primarily for their outstanding academics. Other deciding factors include feedback from students, school visits and opinions of independent college counselors, students, and parents. Pacific ranked number 20 among schools on the More to Do on Campus list. The rankings, which include a variety of top 20 categories, were based on a survey of 120,000 students.

“Pacific provides a wealth of opportunities outside of the classroom, from leadership training to Greek Life, ethnic clubs, social justice organizations, intramural sports, movie nights and volunteer efforts in a great community environment,” said Provost Gilbertson. “These stem from our core values: learner-focused, whole person education. It is not only our goal to provide a superior education, but also to create an environment that is rich with activities that contribute to an outstanding student-centered learning experience.”

New dean of research and graduate programs

Jin Gong
**CLASSIFIEDS**

**HOUSING:**

Room for Rent: In search of one female student to live in brand new house on Alpine Ave. with 3 other females. 5-7 minute drive to campus. $500 per month, including utilities. Contact Rosanna at 408.693.8880 or e-mail rosanna2011@yahoo.com.

House for Rent: 3 bd., 1 ba. charming brick cottage two blocks from Pacific. Central heat/air, fireplace, appliances, quiet neighborhood, private backyard, pet friendly. $1,500 per month. Available in October. Call Steve at 209.463.3726.

House for Sale: 5 bd., 2.5 ba., sun room, two-car garage, near Pacific, off Alpine and west of I-5. $10k credit towards closing. Contact Manuel at 209.495.2510.

**AUTO NEEDED:**

Car Needed: International Student needs to purchase an inexpensive and reliable vehicle while he is studying at Pacific. Please contact him at xavier_850707@hotmail.com.

**VARIOUS ITEMS:**

Dresser: 68” wide by 29” high by 17” deep, eight drawers, built out of quality materials. Shows some wear but in good condition and rock solid, $100. E-mail Ty at traterman@pacific.edu.

Wood Desk: 48” wide, includes a matching 24” wide drawer/shelf unit and 46” wide by 27” high hutch. Finish in great shape, $100. E-mail Ty at traterman@pacific.edu.

Queen Headboard: 49” high in the center, then rounds down. Rustic Mexican pine, $75. E-mail Ty at traterman@pacific.edu.

Handcrafted Dragon Table: Solid wood and leather top with design of dragon with shield and mini-Stonehenge, 30” in diameter, 16” high. Made in Wales, UK in 1988, original owner, $1,000. Pictures available. E-mail jpena@pacific.edu or call 209.946.7625.

**VHS Baseball Films:** Nine collections of “Major League Years” from 1900 to the present in excellent condition, $200. Call 209.952.7001.

**Sewing Machine:** Singer, touch-tronic memory machine built in a wood table with 3 drawers. Like new, $350. Call 209.952.7001.

**Kitchen appliances:** New Osterizer Galaxie cycle blender, $40. New West Bend food processor, $30. Call 209.952.7001.

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**Freezer and File Cabinet:** Westinghouse 25” wide and 33” deep freezer in excellent condition, $100. Aluminum four-drawer filing cabinet in excellent condition, $100. Call 209.952.7001.

**TV:** 25” RCA color console TV/home theatre, free. Must be able to pick up. Contact Joyce at 209.946.2791 or 209.639.5224.

**PETS:**

Calico Female Cat: Fixed and has all shots. Friendly and healthy. Contact Rebeca at 209.956.1445 or rstovall@pacific.edu.

**DISCOUNTS OFFERED:**

Educator Savings Week: Borders is offering 25% discounts to all individuals current or retired who work within an education institution during Educator Savings Week, September 26 through October 2. Go to www.bordersmedia.com/educators/ for more information and a coupon.

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**“KIDS IN THE KLINIC GOLF CLASSIC” RAISES $90,000**

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry raised more than $90,000 during its annual Kids in the Klinic Golf Classic this summer. Susan Bittner ’74 founded the Golf Classic in 1997 to raise money for the Kids in the Klinic endowment, which provides dental care to underserved children in the Bay Area and Central Valley. Today, the endowment is on its way to raising $2 million.

Each year, Pacific’s Hutto Patterson Pediatric Clinic delivers $800,000 in dental care at substantially reduced prices to children who could not otherwise afford it. Endowment funds cover treatment for dental restorations, cleft lip and palate, orthodontics and preventive dental education.

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