THE DEBATES AREN’T OVER

With Presidential elections over, you may have thought the debate season was finished. Think again. Hundreds of the nation’s best college debate teams will swarm to Pacific this week, November 7-9, for the annual Paul Winters Invitational Tournament, as well as two other tournaments being held simultaneously. The Winters tournament, which normally attracts 400 to 500 students, will draw between 600 and 800 students from some of the top colleges in the nation.

The increase in participation is because of what’s happening March 27-29, when Pacific hosts the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament, considered to be one of the top tournaments in the nation. Schools are coming now to get a feel for the competition and the judges they will face in March. The Paul Winters tournament will run simultaneously with the Kennedy Debate Tournament and the Mustang Invitational, which is hosted by San Joaquin Delta College. The three tournaments each stress different styles of speech and debate. They are held simultaneously so that schools can participate in all three in a centralized location.

Since the Winters and Parliamentary Debate tournaments will be bigger than anything Pacific has hosted in the past 40 years, Pacific Speech and Debate Coach Marlin Bates is reaching out to alumni and the community for help. They will need help with judging and coordinating this huge event.

You can support the Pacific teams and hear some of the finest speech and debate in the country. Pacific’s team is off to a strong start this season, finishing first overall in the California Double-up tournament at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif., October 16-19. If you would like to volunteer to judge or help support the team, contact Professor Bates at mbates@pacific.edu or 209.946.3049. The events are all open to the public.

PRESIDENT’S OPEN FORUM

Pacific students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the President’s annual Open Forum for the University community on Thursday, November 13 at noon in the DeRosa University Center Grand Ballroom. President DeRosa will discuss the state of the University, including the year’s accomplishments, finances, enrollment and progress on projects such as the Social-Emotional Intelligence initiative. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

EVENTS:

CONSERVATORY CONCERTS

• UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
  Nov 8 • 7:30 pm
  Faye Spanos Concert Hall
  Premier of works by Professor Francois Rose, conducted by Peter Jaffe.

• OPEN WORLD RUSSIAN JAZZ QUARTET
  Nov 14 • 7:30 pm
  Faye Spanos Concert Hall
  With the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet and guest artist Marvin Stamm on trumpet

Unless otherwise indicated, tickets are $7 general admission, $5 seniors and students free with ID.

REYNOLDS GALLERY EXHIBITS

• “CAPS AND COUTURE: FASHION AND THE URBAN LANDSCAPE”
  Through Nov. 7

• “SINGGALOT: TIES THAT BIND”
  Nov 17 – Dec 19
  Exhibition on the history of the Filipino community in the U.S. On tour from the Smithsonian Institution. Viewing hours M-F 8:30 am to 4 pm, on weekends by appointment only; call 209.946.3096 for appointments.

CAREER MONTH EVENTS

• EXPLORING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT PACIFIC
  Nov 10 • 11:30 am
  Library Community Room
  A brown-bag discussion on obtaining positions at Pacific. E-mail sac@pacific.edu with questions.

• GRIP-N-GRIN NETWORKING WORKSHOP
  Nov 18 • 3:30 pm
  Regents Dining Room
  Improve your networking skills. Sign-up by November 11 at sac@pacific.edu.

• PACKAGING YOURSELF: INTERVIEW AND RESUME SKILLS
  Nov 19 • 11:30 am
  DeRosa University Center, Room 211A
  Lunch provided. RSVP by November 12 to sac@pacific.edu.

FIND OUT MORE AT EVENTS.PACIFIC.EDU
Ken Albala, History, was elected co-editor of the journal Food, Culture and Society: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Research, and officially began editorial duties on October 1. Albala has been book reviews editor of the journal for the past six years.

Diane M. Borden, English and Film Studies, was a panelist on “Image and Politics” for the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California held at the Mechanics Institute in San Francisco.

Kurtis C. Burmeister, Earth and Environmental Sciences, delivered a lecture on his innovative teaching methods at the 2008 National Science Foundation “Cutting Edge Workshop on Teaching Petrology & Structural Geology in the 21st Century.” He also presented two papers at the 2008 annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Houston: “Modified Busk-Kink method for constructing quick admissible cross sections of parallel folds” and “Structural geology of the Nankai accretionary prism; Tenryu Submarine Canyon, Japan.” Burmeister is a co-author on the paper “Subduction-related gravitational collapse through exhumation and seismogenic turbidites in the Nankai accretionary prism” presented at the 2008 Geological Society of London (Burlington House) Conference on “Gravitational Collapse at Continental Margins.”

Lydia Fox, Earth and Environmental Sciences Chair, presented “Learning the Tools of the Trade in Petrology: Developing a Research Proposal as a Semester-long Project” at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America meeting in Houston, Texas. She also led the workshop “Starting out in Undergraduate Research and Education: a Professional Development Workshop for Young Faculty.”

Xin Guo, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Vyacheslav Samoshin, Chemistry, and former Pacific graduate students Barbora Brazdova ’06 and Ningrong Zhang ’08 published the article “$^{\text{trans}}$-2-Aminocyclohexanol as a pH-sensitive conformational switch in lipid amphiphiles” in the journal Chemical Communications.

Robert Halliwell and Leanne Coyne, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, were awarded a grant of $33,000 from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing. The grant supports development of nerve cells derived from human stem cells for neurotoxicological studies.

Gesine Gerhard, History, presented the paper “Confronting the Past: Living with the memory of their father, Nazi perpetrator Herbert Backe” at the conference of the German Studies Association in Minneapolis, Minn.


Bruce La Brack, School of International Studies (emeritus), delivered a workshop on “Recognizing and Responding to All the Cultures in your Classroom” for the faculty of the MA in International Performance Research program at the University of Warwick, Coventry, UK. He also delivered a plenary session on “The Evolution of Best Practices in Study Abroad Training” at the “Moving Beyond Mobility” international education conference sponsored by the European Union as part of the European Year of Intercultural Dialog events in Berlin, Germany.


Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, was one of 30 selected to participate in the 2008 Leadership Training Institute on Career Advancement for Diverse Researchers. She was selected to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Research and Coaching Clinic in San Diego, Calif.

Matt Normand, Psychology, conducted the workshop “Treatment Integrity: Methods for Effective Behavioral Intervention” at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis in Bonita Springs, Fla. He also co-authored a presented paper, “Increasing caloric expenditure through task clarification, goal-setting, self-monitoring, and feedback.” He was recently named a member of the editorial board for the journal Behavior Analysis in Practice.

Derry Shanley, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, received honorary membership into the Association of Dental Educators for Europe.

Erin Rausch, Center for Community Involvement, was selected to be a member of the Leadership Stockton class of 2009. Leadership Stockton is designed to prepare and inspire a new generation of men and women from diverse backgrounds to assume leadership roles in our community.

Carrie Schroeder, Religious and Classical Studies, has been awarded a $4,400 individual research grant from the American Academy of Religion. The grant will support a research project titled, “From Asetic Ingenue to Jephthah’s Daughter: Children and the Representations of Children in Early Christian Monasticism.”

Lisa Tromovitch, Theatre Arts, is being honored by the Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women as their “Woman of the Year” for her work as “Producing Artistic Director of Livermore Shakespeare Festival and full-time professor in Theatre Arts at the University of the Pacific.”

Jerry Tsai, Chemistry, published “Conservation of Unfavorable Sequence Motifs that Contribute to the Chemokine Quaternary State” in the journal Biochemistry.

Dan Wadhwan, Eberhardt School of Business, presented a paper at the “Congreso Internacional de Historia de las Cajas de Ahorros” in Murcia, Spain. His review of the book “Founding Corporate Power” also appeared in the journal Common place.

Stephanie Hannon ’09, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The award is presented to one student at each of the country’s 54 dental schools to recognize outstanding leadership in the profession of dentistry and the community.

The Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership Advisory Board has elected former state senator Patrick Johnston as chair and David Frederickson ’66, former federal administrator and director of Pacific’s Grassroots Global Institute, as vice chair. President DeRosa has recently appointed retired Superior Court Justice James Darrah to the Jacoby Center Advisory Board.

Fehmida Ali ’08, a student tutor in the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, was recognized by San Joaquin A+ as its 2008 Outstanding College Tutor. Ali has been part of the team of students and Jacoby staff providing after school programs to schools in the Midtown Magnolia district of Stockton.
MUIR LETTERS TO GO ONLINE

All the letters of naturalist John Muir will soon be digitized and placed online, complementing the already available collection of Muir’s journals, drawings and photographs on Pacific’s Web site. The project will be funded by a $111,181 Library Services and Technology Act grant that was awarded through the California State Library.

“This is a major step in expanding online access to the John Muir Papers and facilitating research on Muir, California history and the development of the environmental movement,” said Shan Sutton, head of Holt-Atherton Library Special Collections. “Images of Muir’s original letters will not only be Web accessible, but we’ll also have full-text transcripts that can be searched online.”

The Muir Papers include approximately 6,500 letters, nearly 100 journals and several hundred photographs and drawings. Portions of the Muir Papers currently online include 7,000 pages of Muir’s journals, 384 drawings and 242 photographs. The grant will expand the online Muir materials by adding thousands of letters to and from Muir, including one from President Theodore Roosevelt written in 1903 requesting a tour of the Yosemite Valley.

The grant will pay for scanning and transcribing the letters as well as the technical resources required to create the online collection. During the next year, the University Library will manage the project in partnership with UC Berkeley’s Bancroft Library and the California Digital Library. The new digital archive will be made public in summer 2009 at Pacific’s Holt-Atherton Special Collections Web site and the California Digital Library’s Calisphere Web site.

NOTWORTHY CONTINUED

Dolores Delgado ’84, Sociology, a graduate of the Community Involvement Program, received the Mayor’s Award of Distinction in October in Lathrop’s City Hall. Delgado has served as Lathrop’s Chief of Police since 2005, has been in law enforcement for 24 years and is the highest ranking Latina in law enforcement in the state who is not a political appointee.

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Susan LeGreco is the new executive director of Advancement Services in University Advancement.

Jeanne Moser is a new custodian in Support Services.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Rich Toledo, who has been serving as the acting director of Admission since 2007, has been named as the permanent director of Admission, effective October 1.

PHARMACY STUDENTS CONDUCT MEDICARE PART D OUTREACH

The Medicare Part D enrollment process can be tedious and very confusing. Many individuals do not want to deal with picking a prescription plan, so they are randomly assigned to one that may not fully benefit them. Pacific pharmacy students will be conducting several outreach events in Stockton, Lodi, Modesto and San Jose from November 15-22 to assist people in identifying the best prescription plan for them. Anyone who has questions about their plan is encouraged to come to any of the outreach events, whether they are newly eligible for Medicare or just want to be sure their current plan is the right one for them. They will need to bring their red, white and blue Medicare card and all of their prescription vials. The first event will be at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from 9 am to noon on Saturday, November 15. A complete list of events can be found at web.pacific.edu/x25984.xml.

JAPANESE FESTIVAL IN SECOND YEAR

Following the resounding success of Pacific’s first Japanese Festival, the University is proud to announce the 2008 Japanese Festival. This year’s festival showcases two events:

A Celebration Of Japanese Dance
Saturday, Nov 15 • 3:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall
This event features four traditional Japanese dance troupes: the Dance School of Nishikawa, the Dance School of Hanayagi, Minyo Tanoshimi Kai and Ryukyu Buyou (Okinawa Dance with Ryukyu Drumming and Sangen players). Some dances will be accompanied by live musicians playing traditional instruments. This is a rare opportunity to see a variety of traditional Japanese dances.

Taiko Drums
Saturday, Nov 15 • 7:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall
This event features two Taiko drum groups: San Jose Taiko and Stockton Bukkyo Taiko.

Taiko drumming has been part of Japanese culture for many centuries, often related to the activities at the temples and shrines. For the last forty years, it has become a high energy and engaging performance art in itself.

Tickets are in sale at the Pacific Box Office 209.946.2474 and at www.tix.com. General admission is $7, seniors are $5 Seniors, students are free with valid ID.
DIRECT DEPOSIT AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENTS TO UNIVERSITY VENDORS

Effective December 1, 2008, all University vendors will have the option to receive payments via direct deposit in lieu of paper check. Similar to employee reimbursements and student account refunds, an e-mail notification with an attached direct deposit advice (DDA) will be sent to the vendor when the direct deposit is processed.

The direct deposit option saves paper, eliminates delays associated with mailing address problems or lost checks and eliminates the need to wait in bank lines to deposit a check. Overall, this service ensures more timely receipt of funds for the vendors.

While any vendor doing business in U.S. dollars is encouraged to sign-up for DDA, sign-up will be required for any vendor payment of $100,000 or more. There is no dollar minimum threshold for DDA. Payments in foreign currencies are not eligible at this time.

Vendor Direct Deposit Authorization Forms are available in the Purchasing Office or on the controller’s Web site at http://web.pacific.edu/x8084.xml. Completed forms are submitted to Purchasing for verification and processing. Contact Stockton Purchasing with further questions at 209.946.2206.

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES

University of the Pacific signed a student and faculty exchange agreement on October 6 with the Union of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (UDUAL), the largest association of universities in Latin America. Pacific is the first U.S. university to be invited into an exchange program with UDUAL, an organization of about 150 member universities in 20 countries.

The agreement is part of the launch of Pacific’s Inter-American Program in the School of International Studies, an immersive residential and academic program designed to give an advantage to students preparing for professional, business and other careers related to Latin America.

“We are honored to have been invited to work with this respected organization of Latin American universities and look forward to a long and rewarding relationship,” said Provost Phil Gilbertson. “Our partnership with UDUAL will become integral to the student experience in the Inter-American Program, which develops cultural proficiency through intensive study, travel and immersion.”

The signing was attended by Gilbertson, Dean Margee Ensign of the School of International Studies, Jorge Peralta of UDUAL and César Gaviria, the former President of Colombia and former Secretary General of the Organization of American States. California Superintendent Jack O’Connell also issued a certificate to Pacific marking the state’s recognition and support of the new Inter-American Program.

PACIFIC FACULTY MEMBER TO ADVISE THE WHITE HOUSE

Economics professor Benjamin N. Dennis has been appointed as a Senior Economist at the Council of Economic Advisors in the White House. He is one of two senior economists responsible for international economic policy. His regional focus will be the Middle East and Africa. Dennis is on leave while working at the CEA. He plans to return to Pacific during the year to present a talk on his work at the CEA and the current economic situation.

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