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**PRESIDENT SEARCH**

Candidates visit campuses in January and February

Last summer, the Board of Regents formed a Search Committee to identify candidates to succeed retiring President Donald V. DeRosa. The Committee identified three final candidates who were set to visit the three Pacific campuses in January and February. Find updates on the Presidential search at www.web.pacific.edu/25298.xml.

**NEW FACES**

Eberhardt School Names New Dean

Richard Flaherty became dean of the Eberhardt School of Business in September. Flaherty, who retired in June 2007 as dean and professor of accounting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has been appointed to the post for two years. Prior to his time at UNLV, he was a faculty member at Arizona State University for 21 years and director of the School of Accountancy for five years. He has served in many roles for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the international accreditation board for business schools. He recently completed a three-year term on the board of directors of AACSB International and served as president of the Western Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. Flaherty received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. He has published articles on financial accounting theory and practice and co-authored an intermediate accounting textbook.

**CARVED IN CEMENT**

Engineering Solutions

The School of Engineering and Computer Science Pacific Resources Research Center (PRRC) received a $2 million grant to develop a revolutionary, sustainable cement production technology. Global cement production is a major contributor to the world’s greenhouse gas emissions. Dr. Henghu Sun of the PRRC has developed a revolutionary method of cement production that results in material that is more durable, and is produced using less energy and virtually without greenhouse gas emissions.
CIRCUIT RIDES TO SACRAMENTO
Pacific McGeorge Hosts Ninth Circuit

The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held its first-ever special sitting at Pacific McGeorge School of Law in October. Three hundred law students, attorneys, faculty and other spectators watched the proceedings, while an overflow crowd of 100 sat in the school’s courtroom where the proceedings were simulcast.

The three-judge panel, Ninth Circuit Chief Justice Alex Kozinski and Judges Sidney Thomas and Consuelo Callahan ’75 (a Pacific Regent), heard the appeal of a trial court ruling involving the restriction of retail sales and rentals of violent video games to minors. The court also heard another appeal involving an inmate claiming cruel and unusual punishment for having been deprived of outdoor exercise. The court will announce rulings on both appeals in the next few months.

Following oral arguments, Callahan, Kozinski and Thomas answered questions about court procedure for the audience. Callahan and Thomas spoke to students in two classes later in the day.

PRESIDENT DEROSA RECEIVES NASPA AWARD

Pacific President Donald V. DeRosa was named the recipient of the 2009 NASPA President’s Award. The award is NASPA’s (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) highest recognition for college and university presidents and is one of the greatest honors for presidents in higher education. Other award recipients include Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who will receive NASPA’s Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education award.

“I am honored to have been selected for this prestigious award by my peers,” said President DeRosa. “However, the accomplishments represented by this honor are not solely mine. It represents the hard work and collaborative efforts of the faculty and staff at Pacific. They are committed to providing a high quality, student-centered educational experience and have built strong programs to do just that.”

DeRosa was nominated for his commitment to developing student leadership as well as his many initiatives that challenged students to think about how they will impact the world after graduation. “Throughout his fourteen-year tenure at Pacific, President DeRosa has demonstrated insightful stewardship, innovative planning, and strong commitment to the education of the whole student,” said Elizabeth Griego, vice president for Student Life.

“From the day that he was hired by the University, Don DeRosa has emphasized a student-centered philosophy on every initiative and program established by Pacific,” said Dianne Philibosian, former chair of Pacific’s Board of Regents. DeRosa will receive the award on March 10 in Seattle during NASPA’s annual conference.

2+2+2 = TEACHER
Apprentice Program Creates New Opportunity

The Gladys L. Benerd School of Education, the Mathematics Department in the College of the Pacific, San Joaquin Delta College, and the San Joaquin County Office of Education have partnered to identify high school juniors who demonstrate academic aptitude and ability to teach mathematics. These young people work as teacher apprentices their senior year in high school. Following graduation, they attend an intensive 6-week “bridge to college” program in the School of Education, developing academic skills, learning strategies for success in college and beginning to develop the professional skills they will need as teachers. The students then study as a learning cohort for two years at Delta and then transfer to Pacific to complete their studies. During this time, they will work as paraprofessionals in area schools. Thirty-seven students are currently involved in the program.
BORDER CROSSING
Inter-American Exchange Program Launches
University of the Pacific signed a student and faculty exchange agreement in September 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. 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.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS
Music Fraternity Reaches Out
Music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, is preparing for its spring Music in the Schools program to raise funds for the struggling public school music programs in the Stockton area. The students conduct musical assemblies and perform benefit concerts featuring Conservatory of Music faculty musicians. This year’s benefit concert is on February 8 in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

ARTICULATE PAPER
Student Paper Earns High Honors
The American Student Dental Association honored the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry with the Ideal ASDA Chapter Award for Outstanding Membership and Communication and selected the dental school’s quarterly newspaper, The Articulating Paper, as the top student newsletter among competing U.S. dental schools. The paper also received the American Association of Dental Editors 2008 Meskin Journalism Award, which recognizes student dental publications for overall excellence in publishing.

PHYSICAL THERAPY GOES TO AFRICA
New Internship Opportunities Launched
Physical therapy professors Joseph Serra and Cathy Peterson traveled to Malawi last summer to establish an internship program for Pacific physical therapy students. Students will complete an 8-week internship working under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist at the Cure International Hospital in Blantyre. They will gain experience examining, evaluating and treating children who have undergone a variety of orthopedic surgeries. The first internship will begin in July.

Pharmacist Month Activities Promote Good Health
Pacific Pharmacy student organizations collaborated in the Stockton community on a series of events to promote good health in October for American Pharmacist Month. Events included symposiums on women’s health and on hepatitis, family health screenings on campus, Family Affair Health Day at a Stockton mall and Children’s Awareness Carnival at a local elementary school. Services provided at the various events ranged from blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings to flu vaccinations. Faculty and students also conducted a number of workshops throughout the valley and Bay Area helping seniors to better understand Medicare Part D and select the best prescription drug program to meet their needs.

Welcome to ASDA’s 38th Annual Session
IN THE NEWS

Brubeck inducted into the California Hall of Fame

Dave Brubeck ’42 was among the newest inductees to the California Hall of Fame at the California Museum of History, Women and the Arts in Sacramento. Among the 12 recipients honored by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and first lady Maria Shriver at a ceremony Dec. 15 were actors Jack Nicholson and Jane Fonda, music impresario Quincy Jones, fitness guru Jack LaLanne, chef Alice Waters and sculptor Robert Graham. Posthumous awards were given to Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel, photographer Dorothea Lange, architect Julia Morgan, scientist Linus Pauling and Leland Stanford.

At a reception following the ceremony, Brubeck thrilled the crowd by sitting in with the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet.

FASHION FUNDS

Dental School Raises Funds for Bay Area Children

In August, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry hosted its biennial benefit fashion show, Fashions with the Stars. The event raised more than $28,000 for the dental school’s Kids in the Klinic endowment, which supports dental care, education and oral health prevention for socioeconomically disadvantaged children in the Bay Area. Academy Award-winning actress Rita Moreno and state Senator Jackie Speier attended the event. Dental school alumni, students and friends walked the runway to model fall fashions.

INNOVATIONS

Engineering Invention Wins Prize

Pacific’s Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Student Section, working with United Cerebral Palsy, took first place in this year’s national Boeing Team Tech Competition, earning a prize of $5,000. Made up of 10 undergraduates (8 women and 2 men), Pacific’s team presented, “Developing a Cost Effective Augmentative Communication Device.” They developed speech-generating software for a device to assist individuals with speech impairments.

AT THE MOVIES

Moscone Remembered

Memorial ceremonies were held around San Francisco in November to mark the 30th anniversary of the slayings of Mayor George Moscone ’53 and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

At Pacific, Moscone played two years on the varsity basketball squad and earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He served nine years as a state Senator and took office as mayor in 1976. Moscone and Milk were killed by Dan White on November 27, 1978.

The critically acclaimed drama, “Milk,” starring Sean Penn, opened in November and has brought attention to the era once again.
DeRosa University Center Grand Opening Events October 2–10

DeRosa University Center Grand Opening Week Events

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and campus-wide barbeque on October 2 kicked off a week of special events celebrating the opening and naming of the Don and Karen DeRosa University Center.

“Rediscovering John Muir”


“Technology and Sustainability”

Guest speaker Moira Gunn, host of the radio programs “Tech Nation” and “BioTech Nation,” spoke on Technology and Sustainability.

“New Directions in US-Latin American Relations”

Former President of Columbia César Gaviria commended Pacific for its efforts to enhance students’ understanding of Latin American culture and politics.

“Tiger Nights”

Pacific students enjoyed reggae band Righteous Movement as well as hypnotist Saliesh, craft sessions and other activities.
Religion, Politics and Elections —
Colliver Lecture Takes it On


Fairness for the “Fair Sex”?

Pacific Gender Studies sponsored “The Fair Sex? Gender, Justice and the Law” at the DeRosa University Center Ballroom in October. The symposium featured panelists Judge Mary M. Schroeder and Judge Consuelo Callahan ’75 from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, moderators Professor Cynthia Ostberg and Pacific alumna Kerry Krueger ’06, and guest speakers Professor Ruth Jones and Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker of Pacific McGeorge School of Law. They responded to questions and shared statistics and anecdotes regarding the challenges women face among their peers in the legal profession and how attitudes related to gender impact court decisions.

Symposium Focuses on Poet Sylvia Plath

Pacific alumna Kate Moses ’84 spoke at a symposium on the late poet Sylvia Plath in late October. Moses, a columnist with Salon.com and author of “Wintering: A Novel of Sylvia Plath,” shared from her vast research. Pacific English Professors Camille Norton, Diane Borden and Xiaojing Zhou shared insight on Plath’s life, work and the context of her time and contemporaries.

Nobel Peace Prize Winner Speaks at Pacific

Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú Tum of Guatemala spoke at Faye Spanos Concert Hall in October. Menchú received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for her work on behalf of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Super-Sized with Spurlock

The man who took on the fast-food industry with his documentary “Super Size Me” drew a standing-room only crowd to the DeRosa University Center Grand Ballroom in mid-October. Morgan Spurlock spoke about how he developed the Oscar-nominated documentary and what he learned from the experience. He also talked about his television show “30 Days” and his documentary, “Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden?”