A Profound Legacy

By Pamela A. Eibeck, President

The University of the Pacific family recently lost a dear member, the renowned musician and humanitarian Dave Brubeck ’42. Dave was a legend: He changed our ideas about music forever, and he embodied creativity and innovation. He also lived his values. He was deeply dedicated to creativity and education and to the environment and human rights. Dave’s life and work had repercussions across the globe, and of course he also meant the world to us right here at Pacific. He made no secret of his love for his alma mater; he and his beloved wife, Iola, bestowed on us the greatest gift they could give—the honor of housing the Brubeck archives and the Brubeck Institute. Dave’s life and legacy are about giving—to the world of music, to his fans, to his family and to Pacific.

Pacific was also saddened by the recent death of our exceptional benefactor Regent Jeannette Powell. She and her husband, former Regent Robert Powell, fully embraced the power of a Pacific education. In a gesture that will transform our University, they bequeathed their $100 million estate to Pacific. From our campus beauty to the arts to the superb Powell Scholars Program, the effects of the Powells’ philanthropy will enhance Pacific in perpetuity. Robert and Jeannette Powell will touch the lives of every student who attends Pacific today and into the future.

Not many of us will achieve international fame, and not many of us can give at such an extraordinary level, but all of us can leave our mark on Pacific. Dave Brubeck and the Powells remind us of the impact we can make when we live our values and give generously of our time and resources. Your legacy at Pacific can change students’ lives, no matter what the level. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do to make University of the Pacific great.
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LETTERS

From Our Readers

Memories of Buckbee and Stedman

Sadly, I read of the passing of two of my former Conservatory professors, George Buckbee and William Preston Stedman. I played clarinet in the orchestra for several opera productions directed by Professor Buckbee, and I believe it was a particularly excellent production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* in 1975 that taught me to truly appreciate and fall in love with this art form. During rehearsals and performances, Professor Buckbee had complete command of all aspects of the production, directing the singers and orchestra, and playing the harpsichord. It was a truly outstanding experience!

My audition for entrance into the Conservatory of Music occurred in 1972 before Dr. Stedman. I had prepared Mozart and Brahms, practiced very hard and hired a very fine professional accompanist. I will never forget his words at the conclusion of my performance. “Son, you have excellent technique, but compared to your accompanist you are just playing notes!” I believe my formal education in music began that day as he made me realize music has an emotional character that goes beyond flashy fingers and fast notes.

— Mark Hollingsworth ’76

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Peace Pole Mystery Continues

I worked in the SIS office the summer the peace poles were installed. I am guessing the plaque that was next to the original pole is no longer there. I know the third pole was sent to a sister site (I can’t recall if it was a city or university). If you can get into the University newspaper archives, the event was definitely recorded there, and it should be in the spring of ’89.

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