FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Pacific’s annual holiday celebration, Festival of Lights is in its 11th year and will be celebrated Sunday, December 9 with an evening of holiday festivities. The event celebrates many holiday traditions and brings together the Pacific Community.

President’s Open House, 4:30 pm

The evening begins with a gathering at the home of President Don and Karen DeRosa. It is open to faculty, staff and their families and will include dinner and children’s entertainment. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Monday, December 3 by calling 209.946.2222.

Interfaith Service in Morris Chapel, 6:30 pm

Morris Chapel welcomes everyone for an interfaith service lead by Chaplain Donna McNiel. The service will be a time of sharing in the diversity of many religious holiday traditions through music and spoken word.

Holiday Tree Lighting at Burns Tower, 7 pm

Following the Interfaith Service will be Pacific’s holiday kick off trademark — the lighting of the holiday tree at 7 pm and Greek houses at 7:30 pm.

Student Holiday Reception, 7:30 pm

The evening concludes with a holiday reception for the entire Pacific community. The reception will be in Grace Covell Dining Hall. Highlights include holiday songs, multicultural holiday displays, a pancake buffet, cookies and hot chocolate.

The Pacific community is invited to come out and enjoy the evening’s activities as we enter into the spirit of the holiday season.

EVENTS:

“NEW WORK: JILL VASILEFF AND STEPHEN EAKIN”
November 30 • 6–8 pm Reception
Through December 14 Exhibition
Reynolds Gallery
Gallery open Tues. – Fri. 9 am – 5 pm; Sat. and Sun. 1–5 pm. Admission is free.

“TAM AND CAM”
November 30, December 1, 5-8 • 7:30 pm
December 2 • 2 pm
Long Theater
Cinderella story based on a Vietnamese folk tale. Tickets $12 general admission, $10 faculty, staff and students, $8 seniors.

CONSERVATORY EVENTS

• PHU MU ALPHA BENEFIT CONCERT
November 30 • 7:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

• COMBINED CONCERT BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE
December 2 • 2:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

• NEW PACIFIC TRIO
December 5 • 7:30 pm
Recital Hall
Works by Martinu, Bright Sheng and Brahms.

• UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/CHORUS
December 6 • 7:30 pm
Cathedral of the Annunciation

• UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/CHORUS
December 8 • 7:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall
Performing Bach’s “Mass in B Minor.”

Unless specified, tickets are $6 general admission, $4 seniors, and Pacific students admitted free with ID.

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Arturo Giraldez, Modern Languages and Literature and School of International Studies, has been appointed Research Associate at Autonomous National University of Mexico-Mexico City (UNAM) for the research project IN400707 (PAPIIT). Also he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the California World History Association (CWHA).

John Sprankling, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article “Owning the Center of the Earth,” accepted for publication in the UCLA Law Review.

Gene E. Bigler, School of International Studies, presented the paper, “Six Questions about the U.S. Role in Democratization,” at the combined meeting of the Midwest Association of Latin American and International Studies, in St. Louis, Mo.

Lisa Cooper, Benerd School of Education, co-presented “United We Stand: The Value of Learning Center Consortiums” at the 40th Annual College Reading and Learning Association’s National Conference in Portland, Ore. The session was based on her involvement with the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium’s Subcommittee on Learning Center that initially convened in spring 2006. Cooper was a founding member serving as both the 2006-07 Chair-elect and most recently as the 2007-08 Chair.

Bruce La Brack, School of International Studies, presented the paper “After Shocks: The Return Home May Be Over But the Journey Continues” at the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for International Education, Training and Research-USA in Kansas City, Mo.

Sandra Bellamy, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented a continuing education course entitled “Physical Therapy Management for Pediatric Clients with Obstetrical Brachial Plexus Injuries,” at the 2007 Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference. She also presented a seminar entitled “Acquisition of Gross Motor Skills during the First Three Years of Life following Obstetrical Brachial Plexus Injury,” at the Texas Physical Therapy Association Student Conclave.


David Sparkman, Chemistry, was a co-organizer of the 2007 American Society for Mass Spectrometry Fall Workshop “The Art of Open Air Ionization on Surfaces,” held at the Chemical Heritage Foundation facility in Philadelphia. Sparkman also presented research using the DART AccuTOF mass spectrometer. Over 100 scientists from around the world were in attendance.

Norena Norton Badway, Benerd School of Education, spoke on “Strategies for Effective Project Evaluation” at the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) National Science Foundation Principal Investigators Conference.

Fred Gertler, University Library, will be honored as an outstanding alumnus of the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science at its 40th anniversary celebration.

Kurtis C. Burmeister, Geosciences, presented four papers at the 2007 annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver, Co. Burmeister was first author and presenter of the papers “Interpreting Tectonic Fabrics From AMS And Normalized Fry Measurements In Low-Strain Sandstone Of The Appalachian Fold-Thrust Belt” and “America’s finest natural cement: the history and economic geology of the Rosendale natural cement region, Ulster County, New York.” Burmeister was a co-author on the papers “Possible cyclic post-seismic normal faulting during off-scraping in accretionary prism development: examples from Nankai and Boso complexes, Japan” and “Puzzling interactions between the northern and central segments of the sinuous Appalachian foreland fold-thrust belt in New York and Pennsylvania.”


Robert F. Halliwell, Leanne Coyne, Ryoko Hirakawa and Parto Khansari, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Stefan Pryzborski, United Kingdom, presented the paper “Functional properties of neurons derived from human stem cells” at the Society of Biomolecular Sciences in Anaheim, Calif.

Ryoko Hirakawa, Parto Khansari, Leanne Coyne and Robert F. Halliwell, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented the poster “Effect of ciprofloxacin and biphenylacetic acid on voltage-gated ion channels in cultured rat neurons” at the Japanese Society of Neuroscience in Yokohama, Japan.


Jeffrey Becker, Political Science, participated in a two-day conference on “Political Liberty and Freedom in Hannah Arendt,” sponsored by the Liberty Fund, in San Diego, Calif.

Nina Flyer, Conservatory, has had a CD, “Remembrances,” produced by North/South Consonance featuring Flyer playing a piece for solo cello and orchestra, composed by Allan Crossman, with the North/South Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Max Lifschitz. A second CD, “Many Moons,” produced by Albany features Flyer with Sonia Leong, Conservatory, and former Pacific Faculty member Linda Wang playing the piece “Sidewalk,” written by Jorge Liderman for the New Pacific Trio.

The Pacific McGeorge Women’s Caucus conducted its annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction in October at the Atrium of the California State Personnel Building. More than 200 attendees helped raise over $5,000 for the Sacramento County Court Appointed Special Advocates, who represent the interests of children.

Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Craig Manson, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, were selected to serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, for the State Terrorism Threat Assessment Advisory Group (STTAAG), formed by the State Office of Homeland Security. Parker also served on the National Research Council’s editorial committee responsible for producing the comprehensive report, “Science and Security in a Post 9/11 World: A Report Based on Regional Discussions Between the Science and Security Communities.”
PACIFIC IMPLEMENTS

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Pacific has implemented a new emergency notification system called PacificCONNECT, a communication system that will allow the University to immediately send emergency notifications via voice message, e-mail and text message to everyone who has registered for the system. The University will introduce this service on December 5, and students will begin registering their emergency contact information into the PacificCONNECT system. Staff and faculty are also encouraged to register for this service.

This system will only be used in the unusual situation of a severe weather alert, life safety issue or a once-a-semester test. It will not be used for advertising or spam. The contact information will be kept strictly confidential. If there were to be an emergency, a text or voice message will be issued through the PacificCONNECT system by Public Safety, informing the University of the nature of the emergency and any important instructions that should be followed during the incident.

Students and employees can register on-line at http://inside.pacific.edu as of December 5, 2007, the same day the system becomes active. Those who register can also add the phone number or e-mail address to a family member who may also need to be informed of any on-campus emergencies.

Over the next few weeks, you will see posters, table tents and brochures about PacificConnect. Letters are being sent to students and their parents as well. Questions about this new service can be directed to Dr. Steve Jacobson, assistant vice president for Residential and Dining Services, Mike Belcher, director of Public Safety or Dr. Elizabeth Griego, vice president of Student Life.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT
GRANT TO FUND STUDY CENTER
AT PACIFIC

Elfi Kraka and Dieter Cremer, Chemistry, were awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of $340,000 to set up a study center for analyzing the mechanism of chemical reactions. Kraka and Cremer worked out a new computational method that presents all mechanistic changes occurring during a chemical reaction with high precision in a detailed manner. This is an important advance since Chemists seek to understand all features of a chemical reaction as summarized in its reaction mechanism. The goals of the project are: establishing a library for chemical reactions and their mechanisms, developing software that can be used nationwide, working out new courses for teaching “Reaction Mechanism and Reaction Dynamics” and disseminating the method developed at Pacific by organizing workshops for colleagues from other universities. This grant is a non-RUI grant received in competition with research teams throughout the US. The project will increase the distinctiveness and visibility of the Department of Chemistry, College of the Pacific and the University.

NOTABLE CHANGES

The Center for Teaching and Learning, formerly the Center for Teaching Excellence, has made a significant change in staff and services. The Center provides services and resources to assist faculty in becoming more effective teachers and scholars. Recent staff additions to CTL include: Jim Thompson, assistant director; Vu Chu, instructional media coordinator; Michelle DiGulio, part time coordinator of teaching and learning. “Beefing up the CTL is the University’s response to faculty requests for more support for teaching and learning to affirm the teacher-scholar model for Pacific faculty,” said Provost Gilbertson. The Center will hold an open house sometime in mid-January to showcase its services, and welcome the new staff. “We are looking forward to working with faculty in their continued pursuit of excellence,” CTL Director Jace Hargis said.

Welcome to Pacific

Laura Ramos — custodian in Support Services.
Robyn Cheshire — administrative assistant III in the Conservatory of Music.
Susan Mitchell — administrative assistant II in social sciences in College of the Pacific.
Sarah Higgins — external relations director for the School of Engineering and Computer Science in University Advancement.

PACIFIC PARTICIPATES IN
MULTI-AGENCY EMERGENCY
EXERCISE.

A multi-agency emergency simulation took place at Pacific’s A. G. Spanos Center and Stagg Memorial Stadium on Wednesday, November 14. The event involved federal, state and local agencies including the Stockton police and fire departments. “The event allowed the University emergency response teams to test their ability to respond and communicate with other first responders in the event of a major disaster on the Stockton campus,” said Mike Belcher, director of Public Safety.

The event was part of a statewide exercise taking place that day in four cities throughout the state, and involving more than 3,000 participants representing 45 federal, state and local agencies. The annual exercise was instituted by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004 to test the response of numerous agencies working together in the event of a catastrophic emergency. It was the largest state-sponsored homeland security exercise in the country.

More than 100 students participated in various capacities, including communications students acting as field reporters, who said the event was a tremendous learning opportunity. Pacific alert team members and first responders felt the event was a success and pointed out some areas both for the participating agencies and for Pacific emergency services where communication processes and emergency procedures can be improved.
SAFE TRICK OR TREAT
AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

The University was overwhelmed by more than 1,100 trick-or-treaters from the Stockton community on October 30 for the 9th Annual Safe Trick or Treat. The event was sponsored by the Price, Casa Werner and Farley Community (PWF) in cooperation with many others of the Pacific community and Stockton businesses.

Families were provided a safe environment for children to trick-or-treat with over twenty-four stops throughout the campus. Over 30 volunteers led the trick-or-treaters tours that ended with a carnival on WPC lawn. Over 60 volunteers worked at the Carnival. Dominoes donated pizza and Chipotle brought chips, salsa and guacamole.

The PWF staff would like to thank everyone who contributed to this wonderful event. The donations, time and effort of students, staff and faculty is what makes this event such a success each year.

Eeyore hands out candy at Delta Gamma

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

Condo for Rent: 4 bd., 2.5 ba., remodeled condo in Lodi. Includes 2-car garage, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Partially furnished (optional). Lawn care provided. Near Lodi Lake wilderness area and Mokelumne River. Easy access to Hwy 99; 20 minutes to Pacific. $1,450 per month. No pets or smokers. Contact Ron at 209.470.5959 or 209.478.7482.

House for Lease: 3 bd., 1.5 ba., 1,800 sq. ft. home in Tracy. Near park, elementary school and hospital. $1,400 per month for six-month lease. $1,200 per month for one-year lease. Deposit required. Contact Linda Gemelos at 209.373.7860 (cell), 209.952.8231 (home), or e-mail at lgemelos@comcast.net.

AUTO

1985 Mercedes: 380 SL, 77,500 miles, two tops, $13,500. Contact Hank or Audrey Coldani at 209.951.8383 or 209.607.3751. For photo and more information, contact Will Price at 209.946.2638.

VARIOUS ITEMS

¾ Submersible Pump: 60 ft. pipe attached, 10 gallons/min, use own pressure switch $250. Contact Helen at 209.478.8822.

Mattress and Box Springs: Twin, only used a couple of times $30. Contact 209.473.8805.

Appliances: All items only 4 years old.
Kenmore side by side refrigerator/freezer with icemaker in door, 25 cu. ft., $400.
Kenmore washing machine, $150.
Kenmore dryer, $150.
Sony 26” TV, $150.
Sony portable radio-cassette recorder boom box $20. Call Lurline at 209.477.4339 or Paul Fairbrook at 209.464.9503.

PETS

Two Chihuahuas: Male and female, free to good home. Moving and need to find loving home for both, prefer not to separate them. Call Betty at 209.981.0084 or e-mail bettylgarcia@hotmail.com.

EVENTS

Annual Christmas Home Tour: The San Joaquin AIDS Foundation will host its Annual Christmas Home Tour Friday, December 7 from 5 to 9 pm. Tour beautifully decorated homes and attend a private wine and hors d’ oeuvres social, hosted by Serventi’s with Flair. Tickets are $20 in advance ($25 at the door) and are available at the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation, Barkley’s Garden and Outdoor, Clara gifts and Home décor, Serventi’s with Flair and Alpine Nursery. For details call 209.476.8533.

Classified Ads are FREE to Pacific faculty, staff, parents, students and friends. Placement is first-come, first-served based on space availability. All ads will run for one issue only, unless a renewal is requested. Renewal request must include the ad. Send e-mail to bulletin@pacific.edu.

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