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Still Listening and Learning

As a first generation college graduate, I have seen firsthand how transformative education—and the support to pursue that education—can be to an entire family. As a high school student, I showed an early interest and aptitude for science, which was strongly encouraged by both my parents and my teachers, at a time when women did not always have that support. And I had the extreme good fortune to attend a small liberal arts and sciences institution (Pomona College) that has many things in common with Pacific University, most importantly an environment that allows students to live, study and work directly with faculty in small groups and on meaningful individual projects.

As an undergraduate studying biochemistry during the post-Sputnik science boom, my teacher-mentors were not only incredibly encouraging, they literally would not let me drop out when money was tight; there always seemed to be another campus job, a student loan or a grant-funded summer laboratory opportunity when it counted most.

Now after a career as a researcher, teacher and administrator, I have embarked on a great new adventure in education—as the leader of a growing and vibrant liberal arts and healthcare university. I am aware that this will be a challenging task, particularly in tough economic times. But President Phil Creighton helped solidify Pacific’s standing as one of the best colleges in the country. Phil has opened many doors, and the excitement and momentum here is palpable. There is tremendous potential on numerous fronts, and they all lead back to the transformative effect that education, particularly a Pacific education, has on its students.

You never forget the major awakening that occurs when you are exposed to something completely new, and the excitement to learn everything you can about it. For me, it was how the exact shape of DNA explained “all of life” and how viruses could be the tools that unlocked the mysteries of that shape. For each of you, it will be something else.

The other lesson I take to this new job is that developing education and inquiry based learning programs is not a solitary venture. To be successful, one must do a lot of listening and form partnerships that take advantage of each partner’s strengths. Some of those partnerships will be with you, our supporters. Some will be with other educational institutions. Still others will be with local, state and federal governments.

First, though, I need to hear your dreams and aspirations for Pacific, and what you perceive as barriers to their realization. By the time you read this, we will have launched a “Listening Tour,” in which I will be meeting with small groups from across the internal and external Pacific community. I look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible as I learn more of the rich legacy of Pacific and as we shape our priorities to move the institution forward for the next generation of students.

I look forward to working with you and hearing from you!

Lesley M. Hallick, Ph.D.
President

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Colin Stapp ’91, the University’s director of photography and multimedia, captured this image of Pacific’s famed acorn woodpecker tending to one of its “granaries.”

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

On Page 5 of the Spring 2009 issue (Under the Oaks) in the article about Chinese alumni, Benny Yu, MEd. ’07 and Ruzi Yu, MEd. ’07 were incorrectly referred to as Bennie Yang and Ruzi Ya. Their class years and degrees were also stated incorrectly. We apologize for the error.

On Page 6 in the article about Pacific’s oldest graduate, Jan Nerenberg ’09, we misspelled her father’s name. It should be Dirk Gombert, not Gilbert. Sorry, Mr. Gombert.

In the “Then and Now” history section (pages 12-23), the timeline says the Orphan Asylum opened in 1848—the correct date is 1846. The 1994 notation on the timeline also says “College of Education established.” That should read School of Education. The College of Education was formed in the 2000s. And, a reader pointed out that our statement in “Feminine Connection,” page 22—that “It wasn’t until 1989 that women students outnumbered men”—is in error if one recalls World War II-era classes wherein there were more women than men.

On Page 29 (Class Notes), we misspelled Tamara Shadbolt ’89, referring to her as Schadbolt. Our apologies, Tamara.
Lights and Shadows

The “lights and shadows” cast by the two Indian training school articles in the Spring 2009 issue [Voices, pages 8-11] may clarify or cloud what little we know about Pacific’s involvement in that controversial moment of the University’s history, but I question whether there is a justifiable cause to initiate a “healing ceremony.”

Such a program might easily be mistaken as simply that of an anthropologist in search of a cause. From what did the children die? Did the University accept responsibility for their health care? Is compulsory education anathema to American culture? Should the students’ attendance, choice of clothing and language spoken been optional? It seems to me that much more extensive research is needed before Pacific University should be led into atoning for the ambiguous sins of ambiguous sinners.

Don Bryant ’41
Lake Oswego, Ore.

Mike Steele, Distinguished Professor of English, replies | I certainly agree with Mr. Bryant that further scholarly investigation is warranted. Indeed, Marita Kunkel, Director of Pacific’s libraries, and I will be undertaking a project to gather copies of as many primary documents from the period as possible in order to facilitate such scholarship. I look forward to fruitful results from this shared effort.

Certainly one important point will be to try to find out what was entailed in the University’s role of “administering” the training school.

In my opinion, a healing ceremony is still in order, not the least reason being that the school’s director did not have the permission of the parents to remove some of the children from their tribal homes. I would not be at all surprised to learn that the mortality rate for those children was higher than for others, but we may never know the facts.

In my research for a prior book, I came across a valuable quotation from G.G. Coulton: “To ignore the question of human responsibility would make all history meaningless.”

Certainly, times have changed. The pedagogical theories that prevailed in the last quarter of the nineteenth century certainly are not the current values in the world of education. This raises the timeless question of absolute v. relative values. I would submit that kidnapping children is an absolute wrong at any point in human history.

We are all presented with the possibility that we may come to a better understanding of the details involved in this episode in Pacific’s past. I look forward to the results.

New Logo on Track


This may indicate that Barb Richey, Pacific Associate Vice President of Marketing & Communications, might be on the correct path with the new logo. However, though I appreciate the effort for the new design, I did like the original logo. Living with it since 1957, it’s hard to change my psyche at this stage in life.

Pacific is a Top Drawer publication, and I look forward to receiving it.

Howard Levenson, BS ’58, O.D. ’62
San Rafael, Calif.
Optometry Memories
Each of us enjoys seeing our name in print, but even more so, our picture in the Pacific magazine. On Page 18 of the Spring 2009 edition, there appeared a picture under the caption “1945-Optometry, Pacific’s first healthcare program begins.”

Now, I do not profess to being that old, for the picture was actually taken around 1956, in one of the rooms on the first floor of Jefferson Hall. While I do not remember who the lab tech was, the student to the left is Richard Nelson. I happen to be the one looking into the stereo instrument, and the student to the right is Stan Kurillo. We all were in the OD class of January 1957.

Unfortunately, Dr. Kurillo passed away some years ago, while Dr. Nelson and I both retired within the past few years. My sincere thanks to the photographer who snapped that picture; and to the editor who printed it in this edition. It sure does bring back many fine memories of some excellent friends and capable practitioners who are not yet forgotten.

Just a side note: On Page 4, “We Still Have Boxer’s Foot,” the name carved on the outside of the Boxer’s hoof is most likely that of Dick Bondelid, not “Dick Pondelid,” as listed. Dick Bondelid indeed was a student at Pacific in the late 40s or early 50s. He worked for Wesley-Jessen, had an optometry practice in Port Angeles, and retired to Florence, Ariz.

Donald G. Bettger, O.D. ’57

That’s Bob, Not Glenn
The recent Spring 2009 issue of Pacific [Letters, Page 2] printed the cover photo from the Spring 2008 issue: “Travels with Boxer.” The fellow identified by “the tattoo and spotted shirt with the partial grip on Boxer” is NOT my late husband Glenn Conover but rather his older brother, Bob Conover. Bob attended Pacific but didn’t graduate. His widow Helen, who lives in Hillsboro, has seen the photo and can attest that it is indeed Bob, not Glenn. The Conover brothers did look a lot like each other. I’m not sure if they both were on campus as students at the same time.

I graduated from Pacific in 1958 (yes, I’m officially in the Golden Guard!) and Glenn and I married in June 1959. He graduated in 1960 and was hired to teach in Yamhill, Ore. We were living there with our two children when he died in 1973.

Diana Satterlee Conover Daniel
Port Townsend, Wash.

Buddy’s Name on Boxer’s Foot
I was reading Page 4 of Pacific magazine, Spring 2009 and the letter “We Still Have Boxer’s Foot.” Richard “Dick” Bondelid, BA., 1950, O.D., ’51, Gamma, is the gentleman referred to as “Dick Pondelid.” Dick was one of a very few who had a car. Thus [that was] his “only” involvement [in Boxer tosses] as he has a very gentle-natured, non-confrontational manner. I suggest you search the rolls of that era in an attempt to match the initials you have.

Al Heimdahl ’53
Everett, Wash.

WHAT DO YOU THINK of any of the issues raised here or elsewhere in the magazine? Got a funny or poignant Pacific memory? Do you have Boxer or any of its parts?

Email us at pacificmag@pacificu.edu with text or digital photos, or write Letters, Pacific magazine, Pacific University, 2043 College Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Letters should be signed and may be edited for style, length, clarity or civility.

We are also looking for reader contributions to Encore, our closing photo feature, and opinions and personal essay for the Voices section.

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EDITOR’S NOTE   |  In the Spring 2009 issue of Pacific, letter writer Fred Springsteen ’65 of Newport, Ore. questioned whether the Boxer foot recently returned to the University was from the original Chinese statue. Library Archives assistant Elias Gilman looked into the matter.

Boxer Parts, Past and Present  By Elias Gilman ‘09

The foot missing in the photo you sent is Boxer’s front left, which can be identified by the wavy bronze protrusions which run along the left side (in relation to Boxer) of the leg. This is the same foot that was recently returned to Pacific, and the subject of our article in the Fall ’08 issue. This can be determined by the size and shape of the foot, and the corresponding location of other marks. Its appearance may have changed some in the intervening four decades since it was separated from Boxer; the foot is certainly black-brown with age, not the golden hue it originally had, and various minor damage may have happened over the years, such as its dew claw being broken off. Boxer’s rear left foot was detached sometime after your 1967 photo, and is currently in possession of the AZ Fraternity, as detailed in a number of letters sent in to Pacific magazine.

Boxer has sustained quite a bit of damage over the years. In 1912, Boxer’s tail and front leg were broken off. The leg was repaired, but Boxer, whose original form as an incense burner included a head that swiveled forward, appeared headless and anurous in 1927. Other injuries sustained over the years included Boxer’s horn being broken off, further repairs in 1937, the loss of its tail again, which was later repaired in 1957, and finally the ultimate losses of its tail and two left feet, which is how Boxer looked when it disappeared into infamy in 1969.

THE EVOLUTION OF BOXER IN PHOTOS

1  |  Boxer pristine at the turn of the 20th century, shortly after its arrival at Pacific.

2  |  Boxer in 1927, deprived of head and tail.

3  |  Boxer as shown in the 1943 Heart of Oak yearbook. Note the inscriptions scrawled on chest and legs, the smoothness of the legs where they have been reattached, and the fact that the head, which originally looked to one side, was changed to stare more directly ahead when it was reattached.

4  |  A woman with damaged Boxer in the 1950s.
Break out the hard hats | Work is underway on the second building at Pacific’s Health Professions Campus in Hillsboro. Completion of the structure is slated for mid-August 2010 so that programs and offices can move in time for the 2010 school year. The $34.9 million facility is expected to house administrative offices including the Dean of the College of Health Professions, graduate admissions office, the mail room, plus the Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy and School of Professional Psychology programs, along with lounges and several faculty offices. Legal action by neighbors took the case all the way to Oregon Supreme Court for reconsideration, which denied the claim. The legal action resulted in a two-year delay in the project and $4 million in additional costs for the University.

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree receives full accreditation
School of Pharmacy Dean Susan Stein got the good news recently from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), which accredits Doctor of Pharmacy programs offered by colleges and schools of pharmacy in the United States and selected non-US sites.

Faculty/staff giving soared to 50 percent, up from 16 percent at the beginning of the fiscal year, thanks to a concerted effort by the Faculty and Staff Giving Committee. In addition, says Director of Annual Giving Kelly Elliott, some departments recorded 100 percent participation, with several others at 80-90 percent. This is a very good sign for two reasons, says Elliott. “Funds are still coming in despite challenging times, and when faculty and staff donate to the University, it sends a strong message of support to corporations and foundations when we approach them for major gifts.”

Football is a Go for the 2010 season as the Board of Trustees approved a proposal forwarded by Dean of Arts & Sciences John Hayes and Director of Athletics Ken Schumann. The return of the program for its 100th season is contingent on raising sufficient start-up funds. In the meantime, head coach Keith Buckley was hired from UC Davis; pictured here with wife Kara and daughters Kaitlyn (right) and Kristin. For the latest on athletics, go to www.goboxers.com.

Pacific will participate in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program in the 2009-10 academic year, a partnership with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to fund tuition expenses. The University will provide assistance to up to 15 veterans under the program.
Golf Classic Sizzles

Tommy Thayer, Pacific University Trustee and KISS lead guitarist, hosted another record-setting Pacific Legends Golf Classic, living up to its reputation as one of the region’s top fundraising tournaments. The third annual event was held Aug. 2-3 at The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club in Aloha. The event brought together over 30 celebrities from the worlds of sport, music and entertainment with over 150 golfers to support the University’s 21-sport athletics program. The event netted over $85,000 for Pacific’s athletics programs.

The sound of support for Boxer athletics was one of rock ’n roll, as Tommy Thayer and friends performed a string of hits for the dinner guests. Before the concert, guests had the opportunity to further support Pacific athletics by bidding in live and silent auctions and “buying” celebrity golfers for the next day’s round.

Among the big-ticket items were the opportunity to join KISS at a “2009 KISS Alive/35 World Tour” event and a NASCAR Fantasy Package.

Two-time major championship winner John Daly headlined the celebrity field. His five-some turned in the lowest round of the scramble-formatted tourney, carding a score of 19-under-par.

Clockwise from top left: Legends Golf Classic Host, Tommy Thayer, contemplates his next shot during the Aug. 3, 2009 tournament; Legendary golfer John Daly hits a shot leading his team to the lowest round of the tourney; Pacific University students Miranda McNealy ’10, Joey Pulito ’10, Carson Bartlett ’11 and Brian Pan ’09 volunteer at the Aug. 2 silent and live auction event which netted over $85,000 in support of Pacific’s athletic teams; Tommy Thayer and 2009 featured performer, Jack Blades, rock out during the post-auction concert event.
By the Numbers | HONORS & AWARDS

2 Fulbright Awards

Fulbright Awards for this year include Danielle Phillips ’09, who won an English teaching assistantship to teach English in Indonesia, and Jean Laschever ’09, who will conduct research on HIV/AIDS policy in India. The pair mark the University’s 20th and 21st Fulbright Scholars.

15th Program Ranking

The Master of Healthcare Administration program was named to Modern Healthcare’s “Top Business Graduate School for Physician-Executives” list. The first-year program ranked 15th on the list, based on programs nationwide.

5 Honors for Excellence

Pacific’s Sports Information Office earned five national honors for publication excellence from the College Sports Information Directors of America, including three “Best in the Nation” citations for its athletic media guides. The guides were written, designed and edited by Sports Information Director Blake Timm ’98. Jaime Valdez and Colin Stapp ’91 provided action photography. Alas, this is the last year we’ll see the guides, as the athletics department transitions to shorter pieces tied to the web. www.goboxers.com will have much of the strictly statistical information about Pacific sports.

$748,950 NSF Grant

The College of Education received $748,950 from the National Science Foundation to help educate students planning to teach in high-needs schools. The grant funds the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, responding to critical needs for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teachers in K-12 grades. Kevin Carr, Associate Professor of Science Education, and Juliet Brosing, Professor of Physics, direct the program. The accomplishment is “a great day for Pacific and science education,” said Chris Wilkes, Vice Provost for Research. “The effects of the grant will be substantial and long-term.”

Transitions

Three new members joined the Board of Trustees on July 1. They are: Lorely French, professor of German; Julie Berglund Baker, manager of Baker Land Surveys; and Nathan Gilpin ’11, current Pacific student.

Dwight Sangrey has been named Vice Provost to work with John Hayes, Dean of Arts & Sciences, the Business program and Provost John Miller to develop a business plan for a school or college of management and business that would meet the requirements of The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Sangrey is former president of the Oregon Graduate Institute, now part of Oregon Health and Science University, and a former member of the Pacific Board of Trustees.

Karl Malden, frequent artist in residence at Pacific, died July 1, 2009, at the age of 97. Malden has more than 50 film credits to his name. Not only did he teach, direct and act in productions of Pacific’s Department of Fine Arts in the mid to late ’60s, he also was awarded an honorary degree on Founder’s Day in 1970. Malden and his wife, Mona, had one of Hollywood’s longest marriages, having celebrated their 70th anniversary in December.

Linda Hunt, Occupational Therapy, received the prestigious Roster of Fellows Award at the American Occupational Therapy Association’s annual conference in April. Hunt was one of 20 occupational therapists nationally to receive the award. She was recognized for her exemplary contributions to occupational therapy scholarship.
At 27, Michelle Bingaman is not your average undergraduate student. She attends class like everyone else; she’s involved in extracurricular activities; she’s even the president of the Philosophy Club.

But Bingaman has a story that sets her apart from her classmates: before she came to Pacific she was homeless and dreams of a college education were just that, dreams.

Bingaman’s journey to Pacific began as a teenager in Colorado. Growing up in a poor family, college was a luxury her single mom just couldn’t afford. However, when she was 17 she got her GED and moved out of her mom’s house to pursue a life of her own in Virginia. “I moved out of my mom’s house because I honestly thought I could change my life…that I could work and not be poor,” she says.

Unfortunately, that life proved to be more challenging and dangerous than she ever imagined: Living on friends’ couches, huddling in abandoned warehouses with only a propane heater to keep her warm—this was not the life she had hoped for. One night Michelle was held up at gunpoint, and lost what little money and food she had. It was at that moment that she decided to make her dreams of attending college come true. She knew it might be her only way out alive.

Eventually, Michelle was able to work two jobs and earned enough money to rent her own apartment and attend community college part time. She met an older couple, Pat and his wife Lynn, who took her in as one of their own. They talked about their lives and often told stories about Oregon. Their stories encouraged Bingaman to look toward her next adventure, and when Pat was diagnosed with cancer, Bingaman knew where she wanted to go next. “Pat passed away a few months after I moved here,” she said, “and in a strange way, by being in Oregon I feel like I still have some connection to him.”

Today, Bingaman is a junior majoring in philosophy with an eye toward becoming a professor and doing work with the United Nations. Thanks to scholarships, primarily the Shishido Endowed Scholarship designated for students of philosophy or religion, she is able to pursue her dreams. Without the financial support of donors, she would never have had this life-changing opportunity. “It’s not about the money for me,” she says, “it’s about the opportunity and the possibility for growth...I honestly don’t care if I end up millions of dollars in debt, as long as I get to experience this.”

Haley Overton is Donor Relations Coordinator at Pacific.
> Happy Day | Some 220 undergraduates and about 306 graduate students (including Tanya Pang, MAT '09, at right) received degrees to close the 2008-09 school year in Arts & Sciences and professional schools commencement ceremonies May 23. In addition, the Master of Fine Arts program held its graduation ceremonies June 27. The annual Summer Commencement also convened on Aug. 15 and saw graduates from the College of Education’s Special Education program and Health Professions programs, including the schools of Physician Assistant Studies and Dental Health Science, celebrate on the east Marsh Hall lawn.

Talkin’ Philosophy | National Public Radio’s “Philosophy Talk,” taped a program on Social Networking at Pacific in April. The show was broadcast on Oregon Public Broadcasting July 9. Another show taping at the University is scheduled for Oct. 23. Listen to the first show at www.pacificu.edu/itunesu

^ New Gold for Gilbert | Gilbert Hall, named after alumnus and 1908 Olympic pole vault gold medalist A.C. Gilbert, has been certified LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council, joining four other recent Pacific University projects built to stringent environmental standards. Gilbert, the newest residence hall on the Forest Grove campus, was cited for water efficiency, energy saving systems, providing areas for recycling materials, diverting construction waste from landfills and indoor environmental quality.

^ Look Ma, No Rain | The new covered tennis courts, named for alumnus and long-time board member Tom Holce ’58, opened on June 29 on Cedar Street just across from the Abbott Alumni Center. The project features three new outdoor courts and three covered, open air courts, plus a “bioswale” natural area to help cleanse runoff water.

Invite a Student to Dinner for the “Past and Present Dinner” on Sunday, Nov. 15. Alumni and friends hosts determine how many students they can accommodate and may request a particular group, whether from a particular college or academic area, Greek organization or athletic team. Host-sites must be in the Portland area and student transportation will be coordinated by the University. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with a Pacific student and show them some Boxer hospitality.

Reunion 2010 | Be sure to save the date for Reunion 2010: June 18-20. This event is open to all alumni and members of the Pacific University community. Highlights will include special Golden Guard activities for the classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955; A 50th reunion dinner for the Class of 1960 on Friday, June 18, and lots of other opportunities to reconnect and recreate that old college magic. For more information, or to volunteer to plan and promote your reunion, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057.

^ A Great Time Was Had by All at Reunion ’09 | Larry Semler O.D. ’59 smiles for the camera as he signs the Golden Guard walk. Go to Pacific’s Flickr page at www.pacificu.edu/flickr/reunion for more photos of the event.
The New Green: When Pigs Fly … Off Our Plates

BY RAMONA ILEA

I GREW UP IN ROMANIA where meat and eggs were luxuries. These products were rationed and even then, we had to line up for hours to buy them. In smaller cities, like the one my grandparents lived in, people were able to get extra eggs and meat from relatives in the countryside. My grandparents paid for one pig to be fattened, and around Christmas time we would cook and store different parts and then eat these for a whole year until the next Christmas.

When I came to North America 19 years ago, I was surprised to see how much more meat people ate. Americans now eat an average of 35 land animals per year. The amount of meat that people in developing countries consume is also rapidly increasing; Romanians, for example, now eat almost as much meat as Americans. Approximately 56 billion land animals are raised and killed worldwide every year for human consumption, and by 2050, global livestock production is expected to double—growing faster than any other agricultural subsector. Most of the animals that Americans—and Romanians—eat nowadays grow in factory farms that raise animals in severe confinement, using modern machinery, and biotechnology. The advantage of this system is that meat, milk and eggs are cheap and easy to find, but there are many disadvantages as well.

The United Nations recently published a four-hundred-page report, Livestock’s Long Shadow: Environmental Issues and Options, showing that livestock production is now one of the three most significant contributors to environmental problems, causing increased greenhouse gas emissions, land degradation, water pollution, and health problems. For example, the United States Department of Agriculture recognizes that “nutrients from livestock and poultry manure are key sources of water pollution…caused by ever-growing numbers of livestock and poultry per farm and per acre” in intensive livestock farms. The U.N. study also has revealed a shocking fact: the livestock sector generates 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, more than all land, air and water transport together.

Factory farms are the norm in the United States: over 98 percent of eggs come from factory farms and are becoming increasingly common all over the world. In factory farms, pigs are castrated without anesthesia and pregnant sows are crammed into crates where they cannot even turn around. Cows are given hormones, antibiotics and a corn diet that makes them sick; furthermore, although they produce more milk than ever, their offspring are taken away from them at an early age. Chickens raised for eggs live in tiny cages where they cannot even spread their wings, and they have the tips of their beaks chopped off so they cannot engage in cannibalistic behavior caused by this confinement.
I mentioned that Americans eat an average of 35 land animals a year as well as large numbers of eggs and dairy products. Reducing our consumption can have a positive impact on the environment, animals’ lives, and our health. Having grown up with the notion that animal products were delicious luxuries, it was very hard for me to get used to the idea that I should give these up voluntarily. However, I have become convinced that cutting back and even eliminating our consumption of animal products has many advantages.

There are a lot of problems in the world, and it is difficult to figure out what to do about them, especially as individuals who have limited time and money. It is tempting to feel powerless when we hear about the problems I described above, especially since most of us are not legislators or owners of factory farms. But all of us have a choice about what we put on our plates. Making the choice to consume fewer animal products can have a far-reaching effect on reducing suffering in the world.

We would benefit from this change as well. Large amounts of animal products, not just the hormones, antibiotics, etc. contribute to the growing obesity epidemic as well as to other common diseases; eating fewer animal products is a simple way to improve our own health while helping animals. And with so many of us trying to be more “green,” the environmental benefits of cutting down one’s consumption of animal products is something we should seriously consider. Researchers at the University of Chicago have shown that an American eating just 20 percent less meat is equivalent to switching from a standard American sedan to a Prius. Another study shows that just two pounds of beef burns enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for nearly 18 days. Looking at the plethora of research on this topic, I sensed that reducing one’s consumption of animal products is the new “green.”

In the ten years that I have been interested in animal issues and food ethics, I have seen people become increasingly concerned with these topics. A flurry of academic and popular books and articles, and even movies (such as “Supersize Me,” “Fast Food Nation,” “Peaceable Kingdom,” “Processed People,” and “Food, Inc.”) have drawn our attention to the negative effects of factory farms on the environment, animals’ well-being, and our health. I feel optimistic that we will see some change in my lifetime or at least the lifetime of my students.

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Maybe you are thinking that your feet support you on this earth, on 26 miraculous bones each. Or, maybe not. Okay. Maybe your thoughts are on biochemistry or fashion television or tomorrow or yesterday. Maybe your thoughts are in your feet, that twisted ankle, heel cramped toe, and so it isn’t until they are upon you that you see them. The children. All ages, in the crotch of the tree, hanging from the branches, forts in the rhododendron bushes, flower petals sly around their mouths. Now pause, recover your surprise. You who watch your shoes, your papers, your phone, look closer, right where you are. What do you see?

LARA VESTA MFA ’07, is an Assistant Professor of English and teaches writing at Pacific.

ON THE WEB | For more “Voices” contributions, go to www.pacificu.edu/magazine
BRANDY HUMPHREYS ALWAYS HAD AN APPRECIATION FOR THINGS WILD. It was a trip to Costa Rica for her senior project, however, that culminated in a life-changing experience for the 1998 graduate of Pacific University.

“I had already planned to do my independent project on lizards, but once we got there and I saw the amazing diversity and abundance of birds, I scratched the lizard project and designed a bird project,” she explained. Back on the Forest Grove campus, she noticed the acorn woodpeckers the campus is famous for. The northern-most colony of the birds resides in the Oregon white oaks at Pacific. “Once I caught the birding bug, I birded everywhere. Fernhill Wetland south of town was a big spot for me, as was Pacific’s arboretum in the Tillamook Forest,” said Humphreys.
Many students became aware of the University’s birds thanks to walks with Phil Creighton, just-retired president of the University.

“Students would come and go across campus,” he noted. They are unaware of the scream of a red-tailed hawk as it flies overhead or of the buzz of a humming bird as it flies to a flower. One of Creighton’s great joys was introducing people to the wildlife around them. He remembered walking around campus with a group of students, pointing out a colorful western tanager, a white-breasted nuthatch and the acorn woodpeckers, among others. “Where did all these birds come from?” a student asked. The students often start by tracking the gregarious woodpeckers with their distinctive black and white plumage and red cap. The woodpeckers usually form colonies of about 16 birds. They collect acorns and store them in holes they’ve drilled in the bark of trees, called granaries. These granaries can be found in oak trees or the softer fir trees.

Biology Professor Pam Lopez’s students are mapping the granary locations, a useful field exercise and a help to the buildings and grounds staff, who know to leave the granaries alone.

John Hayes, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, also has an interest in the woodpeckers and other birds. “As the University adopts sustainability throughout its operations and curriculum, we should give more thought to how to preserve this bird population,” he noted.

Students and teachers—and presidents—are not the only ones who appreciate the birds found on the campus and the surrounding area. James Davis, a naturalist with the Metro regional government, lists Pacific as one his favorite spots to watch birds in western Washington County.

“The oaks are great for acorn woodpeckers and the white-breasted nuthatch. I’ve seen chipping sparrows a handful of times on this side of the cascades, and almost all of them were this end of Washington County,” he said. When he’s doing what birders call a big day count, counting as many species as he can in a 24-hour period, he’ll also be sure he’ll get to check off at Pacific’s barn owls.

Harold Roark, director of Facilities and Safety Management, and his staff are familiar with the pair of barn owls, nesting in the fascia of Carnegie Hall for years. “I’ve had one of the adults sweep over me at night,” he said. Roark would like to patch the hole in the fascia eventually. Toward that end, a nesting box for the owls was put up a few years ago. There’s evidence the birds use it for a perch, but so far not for nesting. Roark’s staff regularly cleans up owl pellets—the regurgitated remains of the birds’ meal—under the nest box as well as under the hole in Carnegie.

Of course, the Forest Grove campus is connected to a much larger ecosystem with year around bird activity. Winter brings a variety of waterfowl to the area, to flooded fields and to Fernhill Wetland, in the southeast section of town just off Highway 47. A partial list of wintering ducks includes canvasbacks, American wigeons, green-winged teal, ruddy ducks, hooded mergansers, Canada geese, and both tundra and trumpeter swans. There are occasional sightings of rare birds that cause the Fernhill parking lot to
fill up with birders within driving distance. One doesn’t see the sandhill cranes or curlews that used to nest here. But there was a time they were common.

A bird’s eye view of Forest Grove in the early 1840s, just before Pacific’s founders arrived, would have shown stands of oak on hills like the one the University is built on. The area south of the town was wetland prairie, flooding in the winter, drying out in summer and providing grazing for deer and elk. Then as now, Gales Creek flowed down from the Coast Range, through Forest Grove and into the Tualatin River as it makes its meandering journey from the hills just a few miles south and west of Forest Grove to the Willamette River near Oregon City. The local Native Americans, the Kalapuya tribe, burned the prairies each fall, said Jim Labbe, urban conservationist at Portland Audubon. The Oregon white oaks survived the burns, he said.

Pacific Professor Rich Van Buskirk, who teaches Restoration Ecology, adds that the grasses growing up after the burns provided food for deer and elk, which, in turn, provided food for Kalapuyan hunters. “There’s evidence burning increased the amount of root food, berries and acorns, and even improved the grasses used to make baskets,” he said. “Once the first white settlers came to the area in 1845, they saw burning as a bad thing and over time stopped them. Douglas fir came down from the coast range and began shading out the oaks.”

The settlers continued to change the landscape, Buskirk pointed out, draining marshes and clearing trees for farmland and what today are nurseries, vineyards and Christmas tree farms.

For instance, the area just outside of Gaston was once Wapato Lake, a place where the Kalapuya harvested wapato, also called Indian potato, and camas, a kind of bland onion formed into cakes and used for food and trade. Camas was once so abundant that David Douglas, an early European explorer and botanist, described a sea of blue camas blossoms covering much of the Willamette Valley.

\[\text{Owl} \quad \text{The barn owl (} \text{Tyto alba} \text{) has a pale, heart-shaped face and rusty-brown back. It nests most often in barns, but sometimes in other buildings or trees. A pair has nested in the fascia of Pacific's Carnegie Hall for years. A nest box has been placed nearby, and once it's certain nesting is taking place in the box, the fascia of Carnegie Hall will be repaired. (16" long)}\]

\[\text{About the Artist} \quad \text{Thomas Schultz has been a full-time bird artist and illustrator for over 30 years. It may be said that Schultz lives in a world dominated by birds, for if he isn't painting them, he is probably watching, identifying, counting or reading about them. Among his many credits are “Field Guide to the Birds of North America,” 3rd, 4th and 5th editions, published by National Geographic; National Geographic’s “Complete Birds of North America,” and their new Eastern and Western bird field guides; “Birds of South Asia: The Ripley Guide,” published in 2005 by the Smithsonian Institution. He was also one of two illustrators who did the paintings for the Peterson Series field guide to the “Warblers of North America,” published in 1997. He lives in Green Lake, Wis. with his wife Wendy and two sons. For more on Tom Schultz, go to www.pacificu/magazine.}\]
Today, the land continues to change. Many of the old white oaks on campus suffer from root rot, possibly from the summer watering of the lawns on campus. With the woodpeckers in mind, non-native red oaks are being planted now. They tolerate the water better, says Van Buskirk, and though some protest that red oak is not native, Van Buskirk pointed out the land is already managed, and was even when the tribes conducted their burns.

Meanwhile, Tom Beck, former dean of Arts & Sciences and current faculty member, and other interested people are planning an education center at Fernhill for use by community residents to enhance understanding of the natural history of the northern edge of the Willamette Valley. The sandhill cranes and curlews may not nest in the Tualatin Valley again. But thanks to Pacific’s community, the northern-most colony of acorn woodpeckers will remain in Forest Grove.

And 40 miles south and west, as the crow flies, Brandy Humphreys is helping the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde manage what remains of their land. “My interest in birds, begun at Pacific, led to the job I have today.”

DEBBY DE CARLO was introduced to birding in Mt. Carroll, Ill., as an undergraduate at Shimer College. She pursued both bird watching and writing after moving to Wisconsin in 1975 from Cambridge, Mass. She’s a freelance writer but keeps her day job at the Forest Grove News-Times. Her grandson, 7, refers to Pacific as “my college,” having realized at age 5 that by attending the University, he could eat lunch at his grandmother’s house every day.

Rockin’ Robin

BY JESSICA CORNWELL

My favorite bird has always been the common robin. It’s a sight that makes me laugh out loud and brightens my day: especially in the fall, when they’re bulking up for the coming winter, they’ll fluff out their feathers to keep warm. This will make them perfectly round. It’s in the scrappy, defiant glare of a common robin that makes me believe birds are related to velociraptors or the eyotyrannus, a relative of both the raptor family and the tyrannosaurus family. With their attitude, and if they were just a little bit bigger, they would conquer the world.

Here’s a fast fact: if hummingbirds were the size of ravens, it wouldn’t be safe to go outside. Ever.

Woodpeckers also hold a soft spot in my heart. One woodpecker, who I named Barney, returned three years in a row to my family home in Colorado, where he would gleefully hammer on a metal vent on our roof. He was as regular as the timer on the coffee; every morning at six, faint buzzing could be heard from the roof, and that was just Barney, getting ready for his day just like the rest of us.

Yesterday, while I walked through Trombley Square, a small woodpecker with a scarlet head and speckled wings dove in front of me and landed on a brick wall. He fixed me with his tiny black eyes, impudently flipped his tail at me, and was gone as quickly as he had come.

I exhaled; I had forgotten to breathe.

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As I sit in my office, I love listening to acorn woodpeckers as the birds fuss around the oaks, giant sequoias, and Douglas fir around Bates House. Walking across campus when I first arrived in July 2003, I heard them well before I saw them, their chattering transporting me back to trips to the New World tropics.

In Mexico, moisture-laden air rises up out of the Gulf, its temperature cooling with elevation, causing rain, fog, and dew to inundate the coastal slope, promoting lush rain forest and cloud forest plant growth. Rising further, its moisture wrung out by further cooling, the air descends, first over dry pine-oak woodlands, followed by drier deserts of the Mexican plateau.

Those Mexican pine-oak woodlands used to harbor huge populations of acorn woodpeckers; alas, as those woods fragment under the axe, the woodpecker populations fade away. Oaks used to envelop one popular destination, San Miguel de Allende—I affectionately call it Gringotenango—but now to find an oak you have to make your way to isolated mountaintops. Not surprisingly, the acorn woodpeckers are long gone.

Our small, relictual population at Pacific, left over from a time when Oregon had more extensive white oak stands, could easily disappear if we do not continue to repopulate the oaks as they succumb to root rot. Evidence suggests that watering oaks in the summer promotes root rot, a price we pay for that biological desert we call green lawns. Extending the bare patches surrounding the oaks out beyond the drip line, and not watering within that circle, might help preserve populations of both oak and woodpecker.

As the University adopts sustainability throughout its operations and curriculum, we should give more thought to how to preserve this bird population. It’s not about their quaint storage of acorns in granaries they have drilled in the sequoia’s furrowed bark, nor is it about their colorful visage or the pleasure we gain in watching their playful antics; we should preserve them as a constant reminder of how we have altered the planet in ways that dramatically affect other species.

Committing ourselves to preserving our small populations of oak and woodpecker is one small step toward recognizing our need to work harder to stop and then to reverse habitat decline. Preserving the acorn woodpecker is important but no more so than preserving all of the less charismatic species that once surrounded us.

John Hayes is the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Dean John Hayes marvels at the campus sequoias on a recent bird-watching walk.
As you climb the winding gravel road that leads up a gap in the forested hills to Lesley Hallick’s farm, you hear them: to one side the lowing of a bull; off to another an answering bellow from another bull.

Not terribly unusual for a small farm which raises beef cattle, but on Hallick’s 20 acres near Scappoose, lots of other “voices” soon join the chorus. Pacific University’s new president, 63, is known as a steady leader, an accomplished fundraiser and a builder of partnerships. What is less well known is that she has a soft heart for animals, most all of them rescues of one sort of another. When she’s not attending meetings or events, she loves to unwind on the farm with her grandchildren and help tend the four retired horses, 30 or so chickens with an equal number of chicks, three Anatolian shepherd dogs to fend off the coyotes, various other rescued dogs and cats and a Mediterranean donkey named Elvis.

“Rescued,” in fact, is a frequent descriptor at the farm.

Hallick moved to the property 14 years ago with one cat. “Now the creatures come here and don’t leave. Anything that has a heartbeat finds a home,” she says, shaking her head as if she doesn’t quite understand how it all happened.

Hallick admits she doesn’t have much time for the day-to-day operations of the farm, leaving that to her family. “I pull a calf now and then,” she says, mostly because no one else wants to do it.

The animal interest shouldn’t be too much of a surprise. As a college student, she got interested in molecular biology because it was about the building blocks of life. Now after a career as researcher, professor and the last 20 years as provost and vice president of Oregon Health & Science University, she is embarking on a new assignment as Pacific’s 17th president. She says she intends to do a lot of listening, seek partners for new initiatives and build on what has been accomplished.

She’s not seeking any more animals.
Lesley Hallick cares for several rescued animals at her Scappoose farm, including Big Mac, a retired Belgian draft horse. Hallick plans to split time between the farm and a new home in Forest Grove. Plums and chickens are among the varied flora and fauna that call the Hallick farm “home.”

**DR. LESLEY HALICK** earned a bachelor’s degree in molecular biology from Pomona College, Claremont, Calif. and a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of Wisconsin. Her research interests include the virology of Simian AIDS retroviruses and DNA tumor viruses; and Psoralen photochemistry as a probe for DNA & chromatin structure.
Toni Watt O.D. ’10 administers an eye screen test at a free Pioneer Square clinic in Portland. | PHOTO BY COLIN STAPP ’91
Called to Care

By Bobbie Hasselbring

Whether at a mobile eye-care van or a low-income clinic, Pacific graduate students are there helping—and learning.
It’s grey and cold. A half dozen Pacific University optometry students huddle, collars up against the wind, under the portable tent that’s propped next to a large white truck with “Mobile Eye Care” emblazoned on its side. In the truck, or IVAN as it’s called (pronounced “eye-van”), Jared Haggen ’11, a third-year optometry student, peers into the eyes of Olivia Luchiton, who’s worried about her glaucoma.

“Will you look at this?” Haggen asks supervising doctor Susan Littlefield, O.D. ’94, who runs Pacific’s mobile eye van. Littlefield, Director of Community Outreach Service for the College of Optometry looks over the chart, then scans the patient’s eyes.

“You’re exactly right,” she says, smiling at the student. She turns to the patient. “The pressure’s gone up a little, Mrs. Luchiton, but things still look fine. I’m glad you came in to check.”

IVAN, the brainchild of Kenneth Eakland, O.D. ’84, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs, was designed to bring eye care to those who can’t or don’t access it – children, migrant workers, homeless, the poor. This vision screening in Portland’s Pioneer Square is one of more than 300 eye care events first-to fourth-year students will offer this year. The free screenings not only help identify eye diseases and other health problems, they also provide students with valuable hands-on experience.

Service to the less privileged is nothing new for Pacific. It was originally established as a school for orphans of the Oregon Trail. Today, that dedication to public service underscores the University’s many healthcare programs.

A Wealth of Programs

“Service to the community is a core value that comes from our history and is deeply embedded in this place,” says Sara Hopkins-Powell, Executive Dean and Vice Provost of Health Professions. “But each program defines service somewhat differently.”

In addition to the mobile eye van, the College of Optometry offers eye clinics with fees on a sliding scale based on income. For those who can’t afford the reduced rates, funds are available like the Shirley Corey Sustaining Memorial Fund for vision care for needy children and the Simon Fund for eyeglasses. “Serving the poor goes along with the oath we take,” says Fraser Horn, O.D. ’05, Assistant Professor and Director of Pacific’s West Side Clinics of Optometry. “If we can reduce or eliminate healthcare costs as a barrier, we help our community and we help our students become well-rounded practitioners with experience serving all sorts of populations.”

In addition, Pacific’s School of Professional Psychology operates a program in downtown Portland and the IRIS Clinic in Hillsboro that serve the poor. Under the supervision of faculty, psychology students see individuals, couples and families for as little as $10 per session. “Last year, we served 750 low-income clients in Portland and 50 clients at our IRIS clinic,” says Lisa Christiansen, MS ’98, Psy.D. ’01, Director of Psychological Services. “We’ve become known as a good provider for people who fall through the cracks and don’t qualify for other programs or services.”

Jay Thomas, Professor and Assistant Dean in the School of Professional Psychology, says poverty exacerbates the mental health problems faced by the poor. “The fewer resources you have when you’re under a lot of stress, the more it’s going to impact you,” he says. “Many people we see also have other medical problems, particularly if they use drugs and alcohol.”

Lisa Rowley, Program Director for the School of Dental Health Science, says since February 2007, Pacific’s new Hillsboro dental clinic has served 3,000 patients. More than half have incomes below the poverty line and 80 percent have no health insurance. “Dental care is difficult to access because it’s expensive and many dental offices don’t have Spanish-speaking staff to serve the people in our area,” she says. “The clinic offers assessment, teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments, sealants and limited tooth filling at less than half the standard cost.”

Jay Thomas, Professor and Assistant Dean in the School of Physical Therapy, low-income clients are seen at the faculty practice clinic, where Pacific students shadow clinic faculty. “The majority of our patients are referrals from Virginia Garcia,” says Richard Rutt, Director of the School. The Virginia Garcia Clinic, located in the Pacific’s Health Professions building, is a community clinic designed to serve primarily low-income Hispanic patients. “Many patients have inadequate insurance or no insurance. We charge them on a sliding scale based on their income.”

An evaluation at a PT clinic would normally cost $100-125. At Pacific’s clinic, the cost is $15. If that’s too expensive, a payment plan is available.
The Physician Assistant program also sees a lot of needy clients at the Essential Health Clinic, the only free health clinic in Washington County. Physician Assistant faculty and students have volunteered at the clinic since 2000. First-year PA students shadow faculty; second-year students work directly with patients alongside faculty.

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“This clinic allows our students to see a segment of the underserved community they may not see later in their clinical years,” says Randy Raldolph, PA-C, MPAS, Program Director of the School of Physician Assistant Studies. “It allows us to mentor our students in a clinical setting. We also hope it helps them recognize we need to give back as professionals through charitable work.”

Along those lines, a new interdisciplinary program launched last year takes faculty and students from dental hygiene, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy to Nicaragua to provide healthcare for elders abandoned by their families. A dental hygiene student who participated in the program said working with occupational therapists showed her that many elderly face problems like holding a toothbrush or opening the toothpaste. “This program broadens students’ perspective and gets them to see that people have problems other than those in their mouth,” says Rowley.

In addition to its own programs, Pacific students serve the community and gain valuable experience working at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, the Russell Street Clinic in Portland, the Virginia Garcia Clinic and other programs. The proximity of the Health Professions Campus to Tuality Healthcare’s Hillsboro hospital and clinics provides easy access for students to gain clinical experience while serving the low-income community. It’s a win-win for the hospital, for Pacific and for the community says Brian Costa, Tuality’s Director of Community Relations. “Tuality’s partnership with Pacific provides opportunities for enhancing services to the community,” he says. “It also allows us to nurture local students in healthcare professions.”

Working with people who are poor or who come from other ethnic cultures can be challenging. To ease the cultural gap for students, Pacific offers medical Spanish. For dental hygiene and PA students, it’s a requirement; for other majors, an elective.
The schools also offer classes in ethics, communication and socio-economic and cultural issues. The real learning, however, comes with hands-on experience.

**Changing Lives**

Dean Hopkins-Powell says one of the goals of serving the poor is to make lasting changes not only in the community, but in the students. “We want our students to continue to serve low-income people after graduation,” she says.

Serving poor people has had an enduring impact on dental hygiene student Diana Drovorub ’09. She’s just finished cleaning the teeth of a patient with severe periodontal problems. Before coming to Pacific, Drovorub assisted in a dental practice where patients had insurance or could pay for treatment. “This experience has opened my eyes,” says Drovorub, herself an immigrant from Russia. “So many people don’t have health insurance and don’t even seek help. When I graduate, I want to continue volunteering or working at a community health center.”

Drovorub’s patient, Julia Carter, a retiree on a fixed income, has dental insurance, but can’t afford the $150 co-pay four times a year at a periodontal office. Today’s visit, which includes a fluoride treatment, cost $50. “This clinic is a wonderful community resource, especially with the bad economy,” says Carter, rising from the chair. “The treatment is equal—no, it’s even better—than what I was getting at the periodontist’s.”

On her way out, Carter suddenly turns and hugs the student. “Thank you so much,” she says. “You’re wonderful.”

PT student Jose Renya ’09 says his commitment to serving low-income Spanish speakers comes, in part, from his own background. The son of a mother who emigrated from Mexico and whose family picked crops when he was young, Renya works at the nonprofit ¡Salud! providing for healthcare access to vineyard workers. “I want to set an example of repaying our community for my daughter,” he says.

When he graduates in May, Renya says he’ll continue working with low-income Hispanics. “There aren’t a lot of Spanish-speaking physical therapists,” he says. “I can build rapport with them and I want to continue serving them.”

Faculty members like Susan Littlefield, OD, are also impacted by the work. Four years ago, Littlefield worked in a private eye clinic near Seattle. The money was good, but she says, “Something was missing.” When she saw Pacific’s ad for someone to run the mobile eye van program, she jumped at the chance. Now, she makes less money. Some days she works 16 hours, but she’s fulfilled. “You can’t do this work without being changed,” she says. “It’s easy
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The optometry students are up early to set up for Washington County’s Homeless Connect. It’s a resource fair where community members and social service providers bring desperately-needed goods and services like eye care to the poorest. The students provide full eye exams and glasses to anyone who needs them.

The sun hasn’t even broken and already there’s a crowd. They stand patiently, sleeping bags, rag tag blankets, tattered jackets wrapped against the cold. When the doors open, they stream in, rushing to find what they need.

In less than half an hour, the day-long optometry schedule is full. The students will see 40 people today, churning out full exams every 15 minutes. One in ten will have to wait until the next eye care event. Littlefield looks over the crowd, “The more you get into the work, the more you realize how much need there is,” she says softly.

By the time “John” gets into the exam chair, he’s been waiting three hours. He’s in his late ’50s, but his face is deeply lined, his cheeks permanently reddened from exposure. He looks 70. Like many homeless people, John once had dreams, but the Vietnam War, a divorce and drugs got in the way. He’s been on the street for more than 30 years. His eyes have been bothering him, but he can’t remember the last time he had an eye exam.

When John puts on the reading glasses, he sucks in his breath sharply. “I can see it,” he says, a grin creasing his face. “I can read it. I told them I could read.”

It’s been a long day. Littlefield and the students are packing up the last of their equipment.

John is headed for the library.

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ON THE WEB | Read more on Pacific’s healthcare partnerships and watch a video about IVAN at www.pacificu.edu/magazine
Junko Iijima | METAL WORKS

AS A YOUNG STUDENT IN JAPAN, Junko Iijima thought it likely that she would follow in the footsteps of her journalist grandparents. She loved the idea of immersing herself in a topic and building a story. It was while setting up props and painting backgrounds for a talent show as a college student in West Virginia, though, that a different creative spark was ignited. She went on to study art in New York and Oregon, exploring everything from ceramics to drawing and printmaking. But it was metalsmithing, with its variety of materials and its required stretching, soldering and forming that really grabbed her.

Like journalism, metalsmithing also lends itself to research. Iijima first does extensive investigations of a subject and then carries out her projects step by step. For instance, her latest work grew from an eight-month study of Japanese Nanbu cast ironwork, traditionally used for tea kettles. Drawing from her dual Japanese and American experiences, Iijima’s non-functional bronze tea kettles are a playful combination inspired by Nanbu—and pop icons like Hello Kitty and Mickey Mouse. She calls it a “hybridization” of cultural objects from two countries, very much representative of her own life and artistic journey. — Steve Dodge

Junko Iijima lives in Portland, Ore. and is an Assistant Professor of Art at Pacific. She holds a BFA from State University of New York, New Paltz, and a MFA in metalsmithing from the University of Oregon. ON THE WEB | To see more of Iijima’s work, go to http://tinyurl.com/nvppkks
at left | Hybridization: object study #3, 5"x5"x5", cast bronze, 2005

right | Hybridization: drawing study #4, pencil on paper, 7"x7", 2005

below | Gold Sakura series, mouse hands, cast iron and cast brass, 12"x14"x14", 2004
The best summer of Molly Fischer’s life was the summer of 2008, when she was an intern for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. After graduating from Pacific in 2007 with a degree in Exercise Science and an emphasis in motor behavior, it didn’t seem to be the next obvious step. “The original plan was to become a high school physical education teacher,” she says. The next step was moving to Kansas to obtain her MSEd in Sports Pedagogy at Kansas University, and then she would start the job search to complete her goal. However, her experience at NASA changed her plans. Not only is she now passionate about space, she received a hands-on education in physical fitness, which made her want to pursue her Ph.D.

During her time at the Kennedy Space Center, Molly was an Adapted Physical Activity intern in the fitness center there. Her duties included 40 hours of unpaid work with clients. By the end of the summer, she was seeing up to five clients a day and teaching a fitness class once a week. “My clients varied in age, ability, job position, fitness knowledge and level of fitness,” Molly says. “Some were interns from other areas of the base, mechanical engineers who had worked on base over 25 years with disabilities and receptionists from down the hall who wanted to get in ‘bikini-shape’ again.” She discovered the internship while looking for something different to do for the summer. She certainly found it.

“The Kennedy Space Center is brimming with historical places and incredible sites to visit,” she says. She was able to go on tours around the base and saw the launch sites of Apollo 1 and 13, the first manned space vehicle [Mercury 3] and the International Space Station assembly building. She also saw a shuttle launch, an unmanned rocket launch and more alligators than she could count. The most amazing thing she did was sit in the pilot seat of the Discovery space shuttle. “I cannot convey through words how incredible an experience it was. I can tell you that I had to sit on my hands to keep from pressing the giant red [ignition] button in front of me on the dashboard!”

Molly says that much of the knowledge she needed to be successful at NASA and other universities came directly from her experiences at Pacific. These included Perceptual Motor Learning with Professor Brian Jackson, which besides being her favorite class continues to change her perceptions and ideas about movement and learning. Swimming competitively for Pacific with Coach Webster sticks out in her mind as well as a fine-tuned work ethic that later allowed her to graduate from Kansas University with a 4.0 grade average.

During her NASA experience, she often thought back to classes she took from Professor Shawn Henry and Professor Philip Schot. “I miss the days of living in Vandervelden 313 with ‘my girls,’ getting up before dawn for Crew practice, being a part of the Residence Hall Association for two years, campus life meetings with the Pacific Undergrad Community Council, working for Outback, ‘mental-health meetings’ on Thursdays at Maggie’s Buns, and let’s not forget happy hour at McMenamins!”
Edward Eliot Caine and Janet Nye Cain ’54 were in Hillsboro and Forest Grove recently for the memorial service for Edward’s sister, Ginny Caine Cooper Burnett ’59. She passed away on Jan. 17 due to Parkinson’s disease. “The campus was deserted but looked great! Still miss Herrick Hall, and it looks like Old College Hall has been moved again!”

1953
Glenn and Gloria Doerfler Wulf of Hillsboro, Ore. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 14, at the Elks Lodge in Hillsboro. Gloria was a University employee at the Registrar’s Office and Office of the President from 1954 to 1988.

1956
J. Gordon Dickinson married Patricia A. Payne on Oct. 21, 2008 at Chapel of the Bells in Reno, Nev. The bride is a graduate of Commerce High School and retired from private business. The groom is retired from the U.S. Post office in Portland. The couple honeymooned in Reno and will reside in West Linn, Ore.

Myra Schimke Beeler is a retired teacher and enjoys traveling, golf, church activities and her family.

1960
Myron Smith and Jann Chapman Smith still live in the same house since they left Pacific in 1963. They raised four children, but lost one of their sons. Chuck died Sept. 23, 2008. Two of their sons Todd ’86 and Kyle ’89 both graduated from Pacific. Daughter Kelly graduated from Central Washington University. Their home is in Marysville, Wash. Myron taught chemistry and physics and Jann taught three years in Hillsboro, Ore., and substituted for many years in Marysville. Myron and Jann are both 71.

1961
Mimi Gonigam Stevens is retired and continues to sing with a number of choral groups in the D.C. area. She also continues to compose mostly choral music—her great love—and is proud that one of her works is performed every year at Good Friday services in the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. She is so thankful for her music education at Pacific, which inspired her to follow this avocation.

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1963
Brenda (Craig) Adams lives in Council, Idaho with husband Dolan and three children: Brian, Jeffrey and Erica.

1964
Barbara Collins Ferenstein is now retired after 30 years as a book editor. She tries to get together annually with Dorothy Schimke, who lives across the Bay in San Francisco. They take great pleasure in comparing notes on their grandchildren with Cathy Jones Bader ’62 and Becky Pearson Newhouse ’65. She would like to say that although she just spent just one year at Pacific, that year was a happy one because she made life-long friends there.

Jerry Greenfield reports he is returning to live in Wilsonville, Ore. with wife Kathleen. After a teaching career in Boston, Philadelphia, and for 12 years in Japan, he studied at Harvard Divinity School, Rhode Island School of Design and Temple University.

Potter Named to Music Wall of Fame

Bill Potter ’57 came to Pacific in 1953 from Wheeler, Oregon on a music scholarship and is this year’s addition to the wall of distinguished music alumni in the Taylor-Meade building. His passion for music grew under the mentoring of Prof. Donald Schwedja. After graduation, Bill took his love for music and dedicated his professional life to teaching music to elementary, junior high and high school students for 33 years. He held positions at Prineville Junior High School; Reedsport Union High, Junior High and Elementary schools; Irvington Elementary in Portland; and Lake Oswego Junior High. His commitment to expanding his students’ appreciation for music and performance has exposed students to Oregon’s Centennial, Music in May, All Northwest Choir, numerous local and district music festivals, and guest conductors such as Jester Hairston, the Pittock Mansion, Multnomah Athletic Club and numerous solo performances. Because of Bill’s mentoring and inspiring teaching, several of his students went on to perform professionally.
1965
Mary (Wolfe) Holland is enjoying retirement and still keeping busy singing in two choirs, playing the Celtic harp and gardening. She is an established textile artist and also has a home business, making arsian jams and chutneys.

Rev. Stephen Lusk works as a chaplain to the terminally ill. His daughter graduated from Stoney Brooke University in New York with an MFA in Dramaturgy. He is thinking about retiring when the stock market gets back up.

1966
Randall Corey O.D. ‘67 is busy practicing optometry part-time in Portland at Cedar Hills Vision Clinic. He is also a full time administrator for Vision Source in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. He received the Clary Carkner O.D. of the Year Award for 2008.

Kathryn Korevaar Costin has retired from public school as an elementary school music teacher. Currently, she is a part-time private piano teacher.

Larry C. Krieger has been retired for two years. He and Carol, his wife of 49 years, enjoy hiking and biking in Colorado.

1967
Janet Collins Larsen retired from teaching for Portland Public Schools after 27 years.

1971
Margaret (Wong) Owen is enjoying retired life after working over 30 years with the Los Angeles Public Library System. She works at two community college libraries as an adjunct librarian. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her two dogs and two ears.

1972
Noreen Brownlie has been working as a job developer at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, Wash. for over two years with WorkFirst, a Welfare to Work program. Alas, state budget cuts have slashed the program and Nora will be out of work by July. She lives in Bothell, Wash. with her husband of 33 years Jerry Chan and their two cats, Tanuki and Nikki. Nora may return to writing fiction again, a successful endeavor from her past that resulted in nine published novels.

1973
Gerald Bowers retired on April 1, 2008 after 31 years of service in law enforcement. The last 13 years he spent as the chief of police in Burlington, Wash. He and his wife Bonnie live in Anacortes, Wash.

Brian B. Dubes O.D. ’75 and wife Michele M. Dubes ’74, live in the Knoxville lakes region of east Tennessee in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Brian is in his 33rd year of practice and Shelly teaches fifth grade. Two grown children and two grandchildren live in the Phoenix area and two grown children live in Tennessee. Iowa got too cold, so they have been in Tennessee since 2002. Stop in for a visit!

1974
Paul Barnard was elected to his second term on the Evanston City Council in Wyoming.

1975
Josie South works at Frames For You in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Pratt Institute and received an MFA in painting and also attended Eastern Washington University where he received master’s in art education.

Kathryn Leventis Molesa is recently retired after 30 years of teaching for Portland Public Schools. Now she devotes her time to writing children’s books. She has written a series of American history books in an ABC format so that young readers may appreciate history. She has been married 27 years to the same man, raised a family and built a home, but now they are empty nesters and are finding each other all over again. Kathryn has also formed a vaudeville troupe called “Cathy and the Canaries.” It consists of four retired teachers who perform around the Portland area for senior citizen homes. Kathryn says it is her calling and that she learned to love the footlights at Pacific. Does anyone remember Mr. Neff, choreographer for Oklahoma? “How he kept that toupee on during all those dance rehearsals beats me!”

1976
Benson Medina keeps a blog at www.anymomentblog.com. Stop by!

1978
Dr. John Rickman O.D. ’84 has been in solo private practice since 1995 in his hometown of Sublimity, Ore.

1981
John Fagan O.D. ’84 has become affiliated with The Bakersfield Eye Institute in Bakersfield, Calif.

1982
Joe Leineweber is a contractor for Hardware Hawaii with wife Andrea and their two children, Anthony Thomas Iokepa and Maria Teresa Makanalani.

1986
Greg Theilen OT was honored in January by the Pacific University School of Occupational Therapy for his promotion of education in the field.

1988
Michael A. Joki PT works as director of physical therapy for Therapeutic Associates. In July, graduates from the class of 1988 gathered in Tigard, Ore. There was a great turnout: 27! Classmates came from as far as Michigan and Minnesota. Michael says, “Hard to believe it has been 20 years since we have walked the oak-covered grounds of campus.”
1989
Janelle (Peters) Kelly
lives with her husband James and
their children Cheyanna, 5, and
Dawson, 2.

1990
Sande Brown MAT is the
principal at Gearhart Elementary
School. She is involved in the
district’s English language
development program. The program
helps those students whose first
language is not English.

Jane (Harms) Harloff OT
is a rehab director at Hillside
Retirement Community skilled
nursing facility in McMinnville,
Ore. She is married and has two
kids, Leanne, 14, and Jackson, 11.
They love living in wine country in
Yamhill!

1992
Dan Peralta O.D. was the 2009
State of Wyoming Optometrist of
the Year award.

1994
Jason Brown is the bi-lingual
federal investigator for the U.S.
Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission. He lives with wife
Liliana J. Brown in Phoenix.

Gregory and Andrea R. (Bickel) Happel would like to
announce the birth of their third
son, Stefan Fred Happel, born
June 20, 2007. Andrea and Greg
are homeschooling Martin, 7, and
August, 5. They are managing two
home-based businesses, beyond
Greg’s “day job,” are involved in
church activities and lead a rich and
full life!

Jim Kitch is the vice president
of sales at ADI Mobile Health in
Evansville, Ind. He lives with his
wife, Karla, and three-year-old
twins Jonathan and Matthew.

Matt Longtin was elected as
president of the Lane County Bar
Association in Oregon in June. Matt
served on the board for two years
prior to serving as the secretary-
treasurer in 2007 and president-
elect in 2008. Matt continues to
focus his practice on family law and
criminal defense.

Amanda R (Brown) Pickar
works for the city of Beaverton, Ore.,
as a police officer. She is married,
lives to ride motorcycles, earn shirts
from local runs, hang out with her
two little sisters as a volunteer with
Big Brothers Big Sisters, carry on
her dad’s legacy, dance at the local
honkeytonk, ride her horses, play
with her dog Kayla Grace and stay
active and happy!

1995
Mark Thompson attended
Western Oregon University and
received a Master’s in Education.
He now lives in Warrenton, Ore.

1996
Rebecca Campbell
choreographed a production of
Shenandoah in conjunction with
the Camelot Theater Company in
Talent, Ore. The performances ran
from March 13 to April 12.
At CTC, she has directed shows
including Into the Woods and
Once Upon a Mattress. She has
choreographed for Meet Me In
St. Louis, A Little Night Music and
Camelot.

Joanna Crowder Dorchuck
and husband Brad had their first
baby on July 12, 2008. The baby
class is called Oliver Boyd Dorchuck.

1997
Luke Cleaver MAT ’98, was
named Educator of the Year by
the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce in
Nyssa, Ore. He is now the vice
principal at Nyssa High School.

Katherine “Kelly” Shafer
attended Lewis and Clark College
and received her Master’s of
Education in 2003. She now lives in
Portland with her son Miles.

Lynn Tackett-Landre
and husband Kurt would like to
announce the birth of their
daughter, Daxana Joy Landre, born
on Dec. 6, 2008. Lynn is enjoying
getting to know little Miss Dax,
along with all the wonders of sleep
depprivation!

Erin Williams is the intake
coordinator for Lutheran

Community Services Northwest
in Spokane, Wash. She lives with
husband Landon and children Zoe,
Micah and Jaydn.

Elizandra “Ellie” Zapata
is a program assistant at Boston
College. She graduated from Suffolk
University in 2001 with a Master’s
of Communication and from
Boston College in 2006.

1999
Philip Brandt graduated from
the University of Phoenix in 2008
with a Master’s of Education. He is
now a major with the 55th Rescue
Squadron in the U.S. Air Force.
He lives in Tucson, Ariz. with wife
Amanda and Porter, almost one
year old.

Billie Good lives in Atlanta after
attending Georgia State University
and receiving a Master’s of Science
degree.

James Kundart O.D., MEd.,
is an assistant professor in Pacific’s
College of Optometry. He lives in
Hillsboro, Ore.

Jane Terrazas Murphy works at
Central Catholic High School in
Portland, Ore. She started there in
1993 as business manager, then in
1998 left to attend Pacific’s College
of Education for her MAT. After
finishing in 1999, she returned to
CCHS. The school introduced
sports marketing in the spring
in the Business and Technology
Department.

Danielle (Johns) Preston
married Curtis Preston ’98. They
have one daughter, Juliet, born on
Feb. 21, 2009. They live in
Lakewood, Colo.

Wendy Wagner lives in
Portland with 6-year-old daughter
Fiona. She is attending Miskatonic
University with coursework in
Weird Fiction.

2000
Chris Burke graduated from
the University of Sydney in 2008,
where he earned his medical degree.
He will begin a three-year medical
residency in Emergency Medicine at
Oregon Health and Science
University in 2009.

Optometry Alumni, Faculty Members
Named to Optometry Academy
Fraser Horn ’00, O.D.’04 and Tracy Doll ’03, O.D.’06
have been named Fellows in the American Academy of Optometry.
Horn, an assistant professor in the College of Optometry, is the clinical
director for Portland-area Westside clinics and teaches the third year
Patient Care course. Doll, also an assistant professor in the School,
currently works as a consulting and attending optometric physician at
the Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center. At Pacific,
Doll advises third and fourth year students in Pacific clinics and
serves as the lead instructor for the elective course, Spanish for the
Eye Care Practitioner.
Cherie Anne Noble is glad to be back in Vancouver, Wash. For the last five years she served on active duty in the Navy as a cryptologic technician. She was stationed onboard the USS McFaul. The ship was deployed to the Persian Gulf in 2006 and to the Mediterranean Sea in 2008 where it was the first U.S. ship to deliver humanitarian aid during the Russia-Georgia conflict.

2001
Ann Marie (Kaltwasser) Dinsmore lives with her husband Peter and daughter Allison in Salem. Allison was born in July 2007.

Amanda Mobbs is the international student services coordinator at St. Martin’s University in Lacey, Wash.

Fletcher Ray is the vice president of PNC MultiFamily in Portland and serves Pacific’s Alumni Board.

Eric Reisler O.D. and wife Courtney just had their second baby on April 9. His name is Cohen Winslow Reisler. His sister is Bryce Kendall Reisler and she is almost two.

2002
Bill Carrigan has been teaching photography in Virginia at a private boarding school for the past five years. He is now an adjunct instructor at Pacific for the art department. He teaches Introduction to Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Digital Imaging.


Sara Hains MAT ’05 and Christopher Thorsland O.D. ’05 were married in Hood River, Ore. on June 20, 2006. Currently, Christopher works as an optometrist and clinic director at Lasik Plus in Tigard, Ore., and Sara teaches high school English in the Beaverton School District.

Stephanie Scott PA recently joined the cardiology department at Bend Memorial Clinic in Bend, Ore.

Walt Whitley O.D., F.A.A.O. received his MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno on May 15. He is currently the director of optometric services at internationally recognized Virginia Eye Consultants (VEC) in Norfolk, Va. Starting in May of 2010, VEC will participate in Pacific’s Fourth Year Externship Program.

2003
Annie (Wilson) Marske and Ben Marske welcomed Scarlett Adeline Marske on April 19. Scarlett weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces and stretched 21 inches.

Veronica Russell is the editor in chief/production manager of Pelican Productions, Inc. in Seaside, Ore.

Stacy Vance has joined the 2008-09 Leadership Snohomish County class, committed to learning about the needs of Snohomish County, Wash. and the value of community involvement and leadership.

Liz Good and Matt Lengwenus ’03 married in Newport, Ore. on Aug. 16, 2008. The wedding party included Randi (Strickland) Buhl, Jill Winger ’06, and Michael Larson ’98.

Marc Roche ’05, ’08 and Lisa (Kjorstad) Roche ’06 were married July 26, 2008 in Williston, N.D. Marc is currently a P.E. and health teacher at Forest Grove High School and Lisa is an office associate in admissions at Pacific University.

2004
Stacy J. (Amano) Eyton recently moved back to Oceanside, Calif. from Caldwell, Idaho. Stacy is teaching high school math and husband Steve Eyton is working in the IT department at a local hospital.

Bethany (Ross) Thurman lives with husband Jonathan Thurman ’03 and son Nolan, born in February.

Todd Jukkalab MAT and Jaci Schmidt were married Oct. 4, 2008, at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Hillsboro, Ore. The newlyweds plan a wedding trip at a later date and live in Newberg, Ore.
A Boxer Wedding

David Bednar and Maria Gilleece ‘04 were married Aug. 9, 2008 in Lakeside, Mont. Kristina Cadaoas ‘04 was a bridesmaid, Jason Wheeler ‘05 was the best man, and David Perez ‘05 and Tim Foster ‘05 were groomsmen. Currently the bride and groom are residing in Durham, N.C. where David is almost finished with his master’s in entomology at North Carolina University and plans to go on to get his Ph.D. Maria is in graduate school at Duke University, working on her Ph.D. in chemistry.

John Moody lives in Portland and works as a freelance director and cameraman for Friend of the Family Productions.

Nathan Moore is a student at the University of Massachusetts, Biomedical Graduate School. He is studying cancer stem cell research.

Ella Morris is the new wellness coordinator at the Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc., also known as Rural CAP.

Annamaria Elizabeth Pagano is living in Santa Barbara and working as a merchant teller at the Santa Barbara Bank and Trust.

Derri Sandberg O.D. opened a third Central Oregon Eyecare office on Jan. 19 in Madras in conjunction with Dr. Todd Sheldon.

John Moody

Elizabeth Conroy-Yockim is the executive vice president of the Umpqua Valley Home Builders Association in Roseburg, Ore.

2007

Brian Arvidson O.D. joined the ophthalmology department at Bend Memorial Clinic, Bend, Ore. He recently completed a primary eye care optometry residency at the Portland Administration Medical Center.

Eric Foote PA ’08 joined the staff of the North Lake Clinic in October 2008, providing a variety of services that includes both diagnosing and treatment of patient ailments as well as prescription of medication.

Kirk Halvorson has been selected to join the Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society for his service to special programs such as the Special Olympics, the Native American Rehabilitation Association and programs to the villages of Belize.

Megan Jones works as a middle school teacher at Kunming International Academy in Kunming, China.

Allison Springer and Jared Pendergraft were married Oct 11, 2008, in Portland. Allison is employed as a staff accountant for Schwindt & Co. in Portland. Jared is a graphic designer for Kaiser Permanente in Clackamas. Laura Springer, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Joel Pendergraft, brother of the groom, was the best man. After a reception at the Jean Vollum Natural Capitol Center in Portland, the newlyweds honeymooned in San Francisco.

Lisa Twigg married Oregon State University alum Jonathan Pearson in a ceremony at the Portland Yacht Club on Dec. 27, 2008. The newlyweds took a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and are making their home in Cornelius, Ore. Lisa will complete a Master of Arts degree in education at Pacific in May 2009 and plans to be an elementary school teacher. Jonathan is currently a fifth grade teacher at Banks Elementary School.

2008

Billy Gates is a sports editor for the Hermiston Herald in Pendleton, Ore.

Jessica (Duncan) Hamlet married Tim Hamlet ’06 on April 5 at Ainsworth House Gardens in Oregon City. The honeymoon was a trip by train to Niagara Falls from Portland.

Patty Rudd is an assistant clinical professor at the University of California in San Francisco, where she lives with husband Chuck and kids Lauren and Eric.

Evan Shute PT and Lauren Hill were married in July 2007 at Kramer Vineyards in Gaston, Ore.

2009

Jean Laschever is a Fulbright Scholar. In August, she will travel to Delhi, India and conduct research on HIV and AIDS education policy.

Danielle Philips is a Fulbright Scholar. In August, she will travel to Indonesia, where she will teach English on a ten-month program.

FRIENDS

Mike K. J. Rumpakis and Louise Bitar Rumpakis of Lake Oswego celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2008, with family and parish friends at a reception at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral where they married in Portland, in 1958. Mike was a former educator with Portland Public Schools for 25 years, the latter 10 as principal of Lincoln High School. Louise was a teacher with the Portland Public Schools for approximately 20 years and served on Pacific’s Board of Trustees.

Sarah (Gardner) Mahugh works at the Washington State Auditor’s Office in Tumwater, Wash. She married Erick Mahugh on Nov. 29, 2008. The bridesmaids were Sky Leady ’07, Crystal Ventura ’06, Lola Achilova ’06, Monica Brewer ’07, and Angel Hou ’06. Erick and Sarah live in Olympia. Erick is a Civil Engineer at Vector Engineering Inc.

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IN MEMORIAM

1942
Margaret R. Knispel died on March 11 after a long illness. After graduating from Pacific, she went on to earn a master’s degree at the University of Oregon. Additionally, she attended Stanford University, Columbia University and the University of Massachusetts. She taught English, speech and journalism at Hillsboro High School and was head of the English department at Beaverton High School. She was the first woman to chair the advisory Oregon Standards and Practices Commission.

1945
Barbara Philips Ford died on May 22, 2008. She had been married to Dr. Peter Ford for nearly 63 years. She was the mother of six children and a grandmother to 12. Her gifts to life were many. Besides raising a large family, she was a poet, a pianist, a quilter, and deeply engaged in Japanese floral arrangement. Beyond all this she was a very caring and loving person.

1948
Dr. Huber W. Ellingsworth died at home on Feb. 9. He was named Professor Emeritus after retirement from the University of Tulsa.

Jack Charles Smith O.D. ’49 passed away on March 8 at age 92. After graduating from Pacific, Jack bought a deceased Portland optometrist’s practice and re-opened it. He worked part time in Tigard and Vernonia and later started a practice from scratch in Sweet Home, Ore. He enjoyed woodworking and building Adirondack furniture. He could fix anything. He collected eyeglasses to send to third-world countries, enjoyed traveling and is survived by 11 grandchildren.

1950
Ralph Hess, decorated veteran, died March 28 at age 90. After graduating from Pacific he fought in the Army’s infantry during World War II and served in Africa and Italy. Awarded the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, he was one of the most decorated soldiers in Oregon. He married Dorothy Day on June 30, 1945. He was in the Hillsboro Happy Days Parade for almost 60 years and was Grand Marshal in 2000.

Louise Woolsey passed away peacefully on March 19 at 80 years of age. After Louise met and married Bob Woolsey, they moved to Berkeley, Calif. to further their schooling. Louise worked for the city of Berkeley as a personnel administrator. She spent many years employed by General Telephone (now Verizon) as both a telephone operator and an executive secretary.

1951
Richard Lee “Doc” Schwan died peacefully on Jan. 18 with his wife, Jeanne, and two daughters, Sandee and Melissa, by his side. Richard attended the University of Oregon before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1942. He moved to Condon, Ore. and practiced medicine there for 10 years. He retired in Lincoln City, Ore. and Sun Lakes, Ariz.

Glenn W. Sundstrom O.D. died at his Hood Canal home in Hoodsport, Wash. on Jan. 19. He was 83. After graduating with his doctorate, he joined his father to practice optometry. He was an avid photographer, hiker and camping enthusiast who also enjoyed sailing. He enlisted with the Navy’s V-12 in 1944 and served as a photographer. In his retirement, he enjoyed cutting wood, following financial news, maintaining his properties and being a grandfather.

1954
Joyce Anne (Barnes) McLean died on Dec. 28, 2008 at age 78. Joyce was a homemaker and held various part-time jobs. Following her retirement in 1984, she volunteered for Medical Teams International and St. Vincent’s Hospital. Joyce had very fond memories of Pacific because it is where she met her husband. She used to jokingly emphasize the value of taking Sophomore Accounting because that was the first class they had together.

Agnes Mary Smith O.D. died at her home in Forest Grove on Aug. 9 at age 65. She was the only daughter of Robert and Helen Smith. She was a graduate of Pacific University with a degree in Accounting because that was the value of taking Sophomore Accounting because that was the first class they had together.

In Memoriam

Owen Fox | Long-time employee Owen Fox died April 1 at his home in Forest Grove. He was 65 years old. A life celebration has been held. Interment was at Mt. View Memorial Gardens in Forest Grove.

Fox began work as an operations manager for two years for Pacific in the late 1980s, then served in a variety of positions for 19 years. He was the assistant director of the University Center, then in 1991 he became director of conference services. In 1992 he also served as the coordinator of non-academic facilities. Six years later, he began service as director of the Pacific Information Center while continuing as director of conference services and coordinator of university facilities scheduling.

He became an advisor to the Na Haumana O Hawai‘i Club in 1993 and remained actively involved in the organization until shortly before his death. He also worked extensively with the Greek Life Club and student government.

Many of his Pacific friends remembered him as a thoughtful, caring and generous man at a Celebration of Life gathering on April 5 at the Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center. He enjoyed music, videos, reading, garage sales, photography and traveling.

Remembrances may be contributions to the Hawaiian Club, c/o Edna Gehring, UC Box 113, or to the Bonnie Hayes Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro.

Amy Lynn Slenk ’05 | Pacific alumna Amy Lynn Slenk collapsed at her wedding reception in Soledad, California on May 25, the victim of a brain aneurysm.

After her death, a California neurosurgeon told her family that although she appeared healthy, she had a pre-existing aneurysm and that “it could’ve erupted at any time.”

Her mother, Diane Slenk of Holland Township, Michigan, said, “I know they were very excited about starting their lives together and starting a family … they were planning on doing so many things together.”

Amy moved to the West Coast to pursue international studies and study Japanese at Pacific University. She met her future husband, Cole Handley, there during their freshman year. “They were immediate friends, and they stayed friends for a couple years before they realized it was love,” her mother said. “Cole was always so willing to take part in any of the crazy plans she had.”

After graduating from college, Slenk lived in San Diego before moving to Soledad, where she ran a wine-tasting room. The groom works at a golf course.

Although a funeral already was held in California, Slenk’s family is planning a private memorial service in the Holland area because she was fond of where she grew up. “She loved Michigan,” Diane Slenk said. “She always loved being near the water.”

For more on Amy’s life, please visit www.tinyurl.com/amy-slenk
1957
Steve M. Burkstaller O.D. passed away in Albuquerque, N.M. on Dec. 12, 2008 from complications due to diabetes and stroke. After graduating from Pacific, Steve established an optometry practice in Roswell, N.M., where he remained until 1999. His passions included skiing and tennis. He loved New Mexico deeply, but also enjoyed travel to Europe, Mexico and South America, and in 2000 graduated from the Toscana Saporita Cooking School in Tuscany, Italy.

1960
James E. (Jim) Vickers O.D. died on Dec. 12, 2008. He was 74. Jim practiced optometry in Phoenix for 45 years and upon leaving dedicated his time and equipment to the Old Town Mission in Cottonwood, Ariz. Jim was extremely proud of his Jerome birthplace. His passion was cooking. He tried a new recipe every day.

1962
Donald Morrison died March 21. Donald grew up in Hillsboro, Ore. and served with the 5th Marine Division from Camp Pendleton during World War II. He fought in the Battle at Iwo Jima and was later posted to Nagasaki. After graduating from Pacific, he taught in Hillsboro for six years and then again in San Diego until his retirement in 1990. An avid golfer and skier, he also earned his pilot’s license when he was 70.

1964
Melvyn C. Berens MA ’66 died on Jan. 11 at his daughter’s home in Newberg, Ore. Melvyn was a geophysical engineer with Sinclair Oil in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Libya and Tanzania. He was a college professor at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Ore. from 1966 to 1991, when he retired. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1972. His hobbies were traveling, reading and visiting with family.

1972
Wendy Sue Matheny lost a long battle with breast cancer on March 8. After graduating from Pacific, she married and spent several years in Texas and Germany before returning to Juneau, Alaska. Despite the cancer, Wendy remained strongly focused on life, inspiring family with her spirit. She loved it when her entire family shaved their heads to match her bald pate. Family always surrounded her; she spent as much time as she could with her three grandchildren.

1973
Chad D. Lusk O.D. died Jan. 8 at home surrounded by family. After graduating from Pacific, he worked as a farm laborer and was an assistant teacher. He enjoyed a wealth of hobbies, including restoring cars. He built his own Cobra in his garage; footage can be found online at www.youtube.com under “Chad Lusk and his Cobra.”

Friends In Memoriam
Patricia Morgan died in her home on April 7. She owned and operated Ballad Towne Antiques in Forest Grove, was a self-employed accountant and tax preparer and worked as director of operations in University Relations from 1981-89.

Alfred Staehli died of a brain tumor at age 79 on May 4. He saved and restored many historic Oregon buildings and sites, including Old College Hall.

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EMILY SMITH ’05  |  JILL WINGER ’06  | ANDREW ZABLE ’05

Helping HANDZ  

Three recent Pacific University graduates, along with several volunteers, are helping young people in Zambia get an education.

Board members and founders Emily Smith ’05 and Jill Winger ’06, and volunteer Andrew Zable ’05, manage a non-profit organization called HANDZ, which stands for Helping Academic Need and Development in Zambia. With Kim Lewis, an Oregon State University graduate, they are in charge of organizing fundraising and managing the organization here in the States. They work together with a six-member board in Zambia to help distribute the funds.

Children in Zambia must pay from the third grade on for school, according to Winger. The HANDZ scholarships, around 150 partial and full scholarships a year, go to the most needy students. HANDZ also provides assistance to women’s centers for community projects.

The country as a whole has been “definitely affected by AIDS,” she noted. “A lot of students are raising themselves or being raised by their grandparents.” As a consequence, Winger said, the scholarships not only are used to fund tuition, but include spending for clothing, food, books, supplies, shoes – “anything that would allow them to go to school.”

All this began when Smith and another Pacific graduate, Andrea Bowden ’04, arrived in Zambia to work with a women’s group in the rural area of Muchinshi Village in 2005. Both women were encouraged by Associate Professor of Psychology Mark Bodamer, who does research at the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage in Zambia, the largest chimpanzee sanctuary in the world. Bodamer has taken several classes from Pacific to study the chimps, and also has connections with local women’s centers.

The two Pacific students taught at Muchinshi Upper Basic School, worked with local tribal groups and aided women’s cooperatives. Smith then decided she wanted to help children with their education and began a grassroots fundraising campaign back in the United States. With money donated by friends and relatives, she raised some $3,000 for scholarships in 2006.

In Zambia, six community members, including the school headmaster, teachers and representatives from women’s centers help the group to decide the best way to utilize the funds they have, said Winter. Every summer, one or two of the HANDZ board directors goes to the African country to work with the directors there to distribute funds and take care of other business. They travel in partnership with Pacific student researchers under the direction of Bodamer. The wildlife orphanage is about 45 minutes away from the Muchinshi Village.

Now that HANDZ has been set up as a non-profit with a board of directors, “We are really looking to get more people involved,” said Winger. “We’re in a big transitional stage...The infrastructure for the organization is in place—we just want to keep the momentum going.”

In addition to raising funds for the program, HANDZ is seeking volunteers for staff positions both in Zambia and in the U.S. State-side volunteers are also needed to work on getting sponsorships, helping with marketing or other activities. In Zambia, a number of volunteer activities exist, including teaching at a preschool or the upper school, tutoring, coaching sports, or helping with medical clinics.

More information is available at www.handzambia.org.

Wanda Laukkanen is a writer in the Office of Marketing & Communications and works part-time in the Pacific Library, Forest Grove.
Morning Glory | Photographer Michel Hersen and his wife Vicki rattled and bumped 25 miles up a washboard road to capture this image at sunrise of the east rim of Steens Mountain, Harney County, Ore. Hersen, the Dean of the School of Professional Psychology, composes his shots for luminosity and coloration reminiscent of the Hudson School landscape painters. His images were most recently published by Oregon Public Broadcasting and the Portland Japanese Garden and won First Prize in the 2008 Oregon Wild Competition. For more Hersen photos, go to www.photographybymichel.net
## September

### 10 Noon Tunes
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Promotes global and local sustainability through music, art, displays, booths, installations, and demonstrations. Sponsored by Center for Gender Equity, the ACE Board and Elise Elliott Fund. More information at www.pacificu.edu/academics/gender-equity

### 20 Founders Day Corn Roast
12 p.m. March Hall West Lawn
Fresh corn on the cob, music and family fun. For info, contact Paula Thatcher at thatchep@pacificu.edu

### 28 State of the University Address
3 p.m., McCreary Hall, Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center
President Hallick delivers her first “State of the University” speech.

### 30 Portland Alumni & Friends President’s Welcome
6 p.m., Portland City Grill, 111 SW 5th Ave, Portland, Ore. Welcome Pacific University’s 17th president, Dr. Lesley M. Hallick. Cocktails and hearty hors d’oeuvres; RSVPs requested by September 28. alumni@pacificu.edu, 503-352-2057, www.pacificu.edu/alumni

## October

### 8 The Eugene Student Teacher Alumni (STARS) Reception
5:30 p.m. Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St., Eugene, Ore.
An opportunity for College of Education grads to network with share ideas and tips with current student teachers. Beverages and hors d’oeuvres provided. RSVP to teach@pacificu.edu

### 10 Performing Arts Series
7:30 p.m., Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center
The series kicks off with The Best of Broadway, featuring the songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber. For tickets, visit the Box Office at boxoffice@pacificu.edu, or at 503-352-2918, Monday through Friday, 1-5 P.M.

### 19-25 Spirit Week and Family Weekend
Join Pacific students and families Oct. 19-25 for fun activities and competitions, including the annual Noise Parade. For more information, contact Paula Thatcher at thatchep@pacificu.edu

### 22 College of Optometry Alumni & Friends Lunch
Noon, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, Ore.
Join Pacific President Lesley Hallick and College of Optometry Dean Jenny Smythe ’90, O.D. ’93, MS ’00 for an appreciation lunch during the Great Western Council of Optometry Congress 2009. Reservations requested at www.gwco.org

## November

### 7 Performing Arts Series
7:30 p.m., Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center
The series continues with Colcannon, a contemporary and traditional Irish musical group. For tickets, visit the Box Office at boxoffice@pacificu.edu, or by phone at 503-352-2918, Monday through Friday, 1-5 P.M.

## December

### 2, 9, 10 Alumni Holiday Parties
Dec. 2 | Portland
Dec. 9 | Eugene
Dec. 10 | Seattle
Join Pacific staff, faculty and alumni for food and festive cheer. For more information visit www.pacificu.edu/alumni

### 18 College of Education Eugene Commencement
Friday, Dec. 18th, John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts 6 pm.

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