Hornberger Leads CESS to Recognition

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN | The residence halls have been occupied by students for months.

Several hundred people are scheduled to arrive for an event in a day and a half.

And, due to a miscommunication, the cleaning crews aren’t coming.

That’s the situation that stands out in Lois Hornberger’s mind when she recalls her seven and half years with Pacific University as the director of what is now Conferences and Event Support Services.

“I pulled every single student we had working,” she said. “We started cleaning, and we cleaned all night.

“I cleaned for 36 straight hours. I let everybody go home for about four hours and get some sleep, then come back.”

Hornberger even called her husband in to help. At 3:30 p.m. that Saturday, 30 minutes after the group’s arrival time, she made the last bed.

“That was something I never want to repeat,” she said.

Happily, that incident is the only one that caused such worry.

Pacific hosts more than 150 events and conferences a year. Summer is the busiest time with some 75 different groups attending events, most on the Forest Grove Campus.

Included this summer are international groups, such as junior track teams from Norway and Ukraine, who will train at Pacific’s athletic fields before attending the IAAF World Junior Championships for Track and Field in July in Eugene.

A lifelong resident of western Washington County, Hornberger grew up in Scoggins Valley. One of the buildings used in housing the summer groups, Gilbert Hall, is on the site where Hornberger attended junior high school.

Hornberger came to work at Pacific on Jan. 15, 2007, “a snow day,” after serving in several capacities as an organizer. She worked for the Forest Grove Chamber of

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CONFERENCE OF COLLEAGUES

Pacific University staff members enjoyed the annual All-Staff Conference on June 13, sharing breakfast, listening to a keynote address, and engaging in full activities — indoor and out — with colleagues. Though rain showers greeted staff members in the morning, employees spent the afternoon taking part in everything from golf and bingo to crafting and beer brewing.
ELLEN BASS, MFA, has written a poem featured in the May 5 edition of The New Yorker. She was also featured in an article, “Ethical Wisdom,” in Psychology Today.

DAVID BOERSEMA, Philosophy, spoke at the Forest Grove City Library in April at a presentation debunking stereotypes of the Middle East.

JULES BOYKOFF, Politics and Government, coauthored a blog essay, “Why is Blackwater Helping to Train Brazil’s World Cup Security?” in The Nation in April.

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER, Professional Psychology, is one of the creators of a nine-week Mindfulness-Based Resilience Training program for the Hillsboro Police Department, believed to be the nation's first on-the-job mindfulness training program aimed at law enforcement officers.

KARL CITEK, Optometry, was a keynote speaker at a highway safety conference for police officers in West Virginia in May. He spoke about the horizontal gaze test used by officers in field sobriety testing.

MARK A. DELLA PAOLERA, Pharmacy, is one of eight pharmacy faculty members chosen nationwide to be included in the 2014-2015 Faculty Scholars Program by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation. Each faculty scholar identifies a research mentor and small working group to foster interactive discussion in project development. Each also receives a research grant to launch a patient-focused research project in a community pharmacy setting.

KEN EAKLAND and LINNA SO, Optometry, co-wrote an article, “Want to Increase Your Optical Sales? Think Apps!” for the June 2014 issue of Vision Care Product News.

SARAH PHILLIPS, Sociology, provided tips on choosing a college for graduating high school seniors and their parents, in an article in The Oregonian in April. Her message included advice about valuing faculty who care about students, not ratings or flash.

JESSICA RITTER, Social Work, wrote an opinion piece about Washington County’s services for health and human services — the social safety net — that appeared in The Oregonian and its local affiliated newspapers, Forest Grove Leader and Hillsboro Argus.

JIM SHEEDY, Optometry, was interviewed on Here & Now, a National Public Radio news program, in May about the effects of eye strain for people spending long hours viewing computer or television screens.

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Today, she said, “I love working with the students. I hire 10 to 12 students every summer. That’s the best and the worst. “The best because we get about 35 applicants, and then taking that down to 12 is terrible. That’s probably the worst part of my job: not being able to hire everybody.”

The fun part of her job, she said, is working with different associations, from beekeepers, who brought hives to campus, to family reunions to wine distributors.

“I do love working at Pacific,” she said, adding that she has been on the Staff Senate for the last four years. “I’ve enjoyed meeting other university staff that I normally would not have the opportunity to meet.”

Hornberger also said that the Office of Conference and Event Support Services, which was the result of a merger, now allows the office to work with both university and non-university groups.

Pacific’s ability to host events brought an honor award to the office in March.

The Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International honored Hornberger and her team with its Outstanding Institution Achievement Award for Legends in 2013.

Hosted by Tommy Thayer, Legends is Pacific’s signature fundraiser benefiting student-athletes events.
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT AUGUST COMMENCEMENT

The Pacific University August Commencement Ceremony takes place Saturday, Aug. 9, on the east lawn of Marsh Hall at the Forest Grove Campus. Volunteers are needed to help usher, handing out programs, helping guests navigate the campus and answering questions. Also needed are people interested in driving golf carts to help guests get around.

Commencement begins at 9:30 a.m., and volunteers will be needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students from the schools of Physician Assistant Studies, Professional Psychology, Dental Health Science, and Healthcare Administration and Leadership will receive their degrees.

Contact Melodye MacAlpine at mmacalpine@pacificu.edu if interested in helping.

STAFF SENATE MEETS IN JULY

The next meeting of the Staff Senate will be Wednesday, July 16, from 3 to 5 p.m., in Berglund 200 on the Forest Grove Campus. All Pacific staff members are welcome to attend. Suggestions, concerns or comments are always welcomed at staffsenate@pacificu.edu.