PACIFIC NAMES ITS NEXT PRESIDENT

Pamela A. Eibeck, dean of the College of Engineering and professor of Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech University, has been selected as the 24th President of University of the Pacific, the sixth since Pacific moved to Stockton and the University’s first woman President.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be asked to serve as the next president of University of the Pacific,” said Eibeck. “It is also humbling to follow such a great leader as Don DeRosa, who has worked with Pacific faculty, staff and alumni to create an exceptional student-centered university. I look forward to joining the dynamic Pacific community and working together toward ever greater heights of excellence.”

As dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech, Eibeck has responsibility for eight academic departments, 33 degree programs and a $55 million budget. The college has 4,400 students, 156 faculty and five research centers. With an endowment of $57 million, $16.5 million in research funding and 18 endowed chairs, Texas Tech’s engineering school is perennially ranked in the top 100 by U.S. News & World Report. It also is one of the nation’s largest engineering colleges.

“Pam Eibeck is a distinguished scholar and a proven administrator, with the leadership ability to continue Pacific on the upward trajectory established by President DeRosa,” said Tom Zuckerman, chair of the Board of Regents. “She earned the admiration of the Board with her energy, her stellar administrative track record, and her interest in community engagement.”

Eibeck received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in mechanical engineering from Stanford University. Previously, she was on the faculty at U.C. Berkeley and at Northern Arizona University, where she was chair of mechanical engineering and later served as director of the honors program and vice provost for undergraduate studies. She was named dean of the College of Engineering at Texas Tech in 2004.

Eibeck’s husband, William D. Jeffery, is a law professor and a native Californian. They have four children. Eibeck will begin her appointment at Pacific on July 1, 2009. A full University welcome reception and press conference will be held in late March.

The complete press release can be accessed at www.web.Pacific.edu/x27809.xml.

“THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES” BRUBECK FESTIVAL 2009

This year’s Brubeck Festival, March 28 – April 4, will feature a live performance by the Brubeck Quartet of the landmark jazz album “Time Out,” in the first live performance of the album in its entirety. The concert on April 3 at 7:30 pm in Faye Spanos Concert Hall marks the 50th anniversary of the release of the album. Tickets went on sale February 17 and are nearly sold out. The concert will also feature a choral and orchestral work by Dave and Iola Brubeck, “Earth is Our Mother.”

The festival takes a look at how “Time Out” and other jazz albums released in 1959 changed the concept of what jazz could be, and their influence on music over time. Other festival events include “Jazz on the Mile,” the Stockton Symphony debut of Brubeck’s newest piece “Ansel Adams: America,” academic symposia and other concerts.

Get a complete list of events at www.Pacific.edu/BrubeckFestival.com
Scott Evans, Education Resource Center, had his book “Tragic Flaws” published by Xlibris publishers. It is a murder mystery that pits a young college instructor against a cunning serial killer.

Marjorie Florestal, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, trained Haitian government officials in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on rule of origin provisions in the WTO and bilateral agreements to which the country is a party. She also trained private sector officials as part of the USAID-funded project.

Robert Halliwell, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, will have his book “A Short History of the Drug Receptor Concept,” co-authored with Cay-Rüdiger Prüll of the University of Freiburg and Andreas-Holger Maehle of Durham University, published by Palgrave Macmillan in September 2009.

Brian Landsberg, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his Chinese-language book, “Representing Clients: Simulation Case Files for Legal Education,” published by Zhejiang Gongshang University Press. His co-editor was Luo Wenyan, a recent LL.M. graduate of the law school.

John Myers, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article, “A Short History of Child Protection in America,” featured in the Family Law Quarterly. He also conducted three workshops at the 23rd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Mistreatment. His topics included “Reunification Following Allegations of Sexual Abuse in Preschool Children.”

Stephen Wheeler, Eberhardt School of Business, had his paper, “Nonaudit, External Audit, and Internal Audit Services in a Post Sarbanes-Oxley World,” accepted for publication in the journal Internal Auditing.

Andreas Franz, Paul Gross (Emeritus), and Vyacheslav Samoshin, Chemistry, published the article “Syntheses of small cluster oligosaccharide mimetics” in Archives of Organic Chemistry.

George Randels, Religious and Classical Studies, wrote four entries for the “Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society,” which recently won a CHOICE award as an Outstanding Academic Title.

The Pacific Field Hockey Team earned the 2008 Academic Team Award from the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. The Tigers finished with a team GPA over 3.0. The senior class team average was 3.45. It is the third consecutive season that Pacific field hockey has nabbed the team award.

The Pacific Speech and Debate team took first place overall at the Northern California Forensics Association Championship tournament February 20 – 22 at Chico State. At the end of the weekend, not only did Pacific dominate in debate by taking first and second, Pacific debaters were the only competitors to advance to the final round in Impromptu and were six out of seven in finals of Extemporaneous Speaking.

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, dean emeritus of Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, is a recipient of the 2009 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement. Dugoni will receive his award for Outstanding Achievement — Dental Educator during the 86th American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition to be held March 14 in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, recognizes individuals and organizations for contributions to and support of global oral health and education initiatives. The winners exemplify dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation and achievement.

“I am deeply humbled and honored to be selected [for this award],” said Dugoni. “Education has been my passion for over 60 years. It has been a special privilege to be in dental education because educators affect all eternity, as those who are taught teach others.”
ELIZABETH GRIEGO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NASPA

NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, will officially announce Pacific Vice President for Student Life Elizabeth Griego as its newly elected president at its annual conference, March 7–11 in Seattle. “I am honored by my election to the NASPA presidency and I look forward to giving back to the professional organization from which I have learned so much over my professional growing-up years,” Griego said.

Griego has held various leadership positions within NASPA, including Region VI National Vice President, chair of the northern California Executive Committee, and coordinator of the Region VI Women’s Network. “With her powerful intellect, incomparable interpersonal skills, and experience as a leader, Elizabeth is the right person at a time that could predictably be a turning point for not only NASPA, but for higher education,” said NASPA Executive Director Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy.

Griego will be the second administrator from Pacific to serve in the position. Judy Chambers, former Vice President for Student Life, served as NASPA president from 1987 to 1988. Pacific is the only university in the country to have provided two women NASPA presidents. NASPA’s membership includes professionals working within all areas of student life and has more than 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses, representing 29 countries.

During the conference, the organization will also present President Don DeRosa with the 2009 NASPA President’s Award, the organization’s highest recognition for college and university presidents. Pacific’s Division of Student Life is one of six universities nationwide that will be featured in a video on student affairs best practices at the conference. The film will feature Pacific’s First Year Experience program, including Pacific’s orientation programs, Mountain-Ocean-Valley Experience (MOVE), Reach Out Pacific day of service to the Stockton community and the freshman year Pacific seminars.

NEW DEAN FOR CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Following a national search, Giulio Maria Ongaro, associate dean for faculty affairs and a professor of musicology at the Flora L. Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California, has been appointed the new dean of Pacific’s Conservatory of Music. He will take over the position from Interim Dean Bill Hipp in July.

“I am so pleased to have such a distinguished educator and academic leader as Giulio Ongaro join the University’s leadership team,” said President Don DeRosa. “His fresh ideas, combined with experience in several highly respected academic programs, will help us keep the Conservatory at the forefront of distinctive undergraduate and graduate music education.”

Ongaro, a native of Venice, Italy, has a bachelor’s degree in flute performance from University of Iowa and master’s and doctoral degrees in musicology from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has held teaching positions at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Delaware and USC. He was the first director of faculty affairs at the Thornton School at USC from 2000 to 2004 when he was promoted to associate dean for faculty affairs. He serves on a wide variety of university committees at USC and also is a professor of musicology. For the past year, he has served as the faculty master at USC’s Parkside International Residential College.

“I am excited to be named to head Pacific’s Conservatory of Music, one of the most respected schools of music in the nation with some of the nation’s leading alumni, such as jazz master Dave Brubeck,” Ongaro said. “I look forward to working with faculty and students to help the Conservatory continue to be a leading voice in music.”

ETHICS SYMPOSIUM EXAMINES GOVERNMENT

Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law & Policy will host the second in a series of Ethics Across the Professions symposia on Friday, March 6. Former California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown will provide a personal reflection on these critical issues as the luncheon keynote speaker.

The conference, “Ethics in Government — Ethical Cultures, Falls from Grace, and the Way Ahead,” will focus on ethics and conduct in government, issues that have taken on heightened importance as local, state and federal governments address scandal, allegations of impropriety, and concerns about conflicts of interest in both political office and in the public service.

The symposium will bring together academic experts, practitioners and thoughtful observers with experience in and out of government for a timely reflection on the problems, analysis of the cures and an open roundtable on the way forward. Lobbying and ethics will be the special focus of a major session.

This conference, supported by a grant from the Sierra Health Foundation, is part of a series of annual gatherings dedicated to the discussion of Ethics Across the Professions.
PACIFIC HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

For the second year in a row, University of the Pacific was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

“University of the Pacific prides itself in the thousands of hours of public work performed each year by the students, faculty and staff here,” said Erin Rausch, director of Pacific’s Center for Community Involvement. “The number and scope of the volunteer efforts performed by Pacificans includes everything from painting local homeless shelters to delivering food and medical supplies to people in need in disaster areas and in poverty-stricken regions around the globe.”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on such factors as scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. The Honor Roll is presented during the annual conference of the American Council on Education.

RAP THOSE TALES

The Rap Canterbury Tales, a clever, entertaining and hilarious one-man adaptation of Chaucer’s medieval masterpiece will be performed at Pacific at 7:30 pm on March 4 in the Pacific Theatre. The performance is free and open to the public.

This Rap interpretation stays true to the original spirit of the tales, yet allows the younger audiences to better understand the verse. “The Tales of the Miller,” the “Pardoner” and the “Wife of Bath” come alive through a combination of wordplay and physical theatre.

Writer and performer Baba Brinkman is a Canadian hip-hop artist, actor, published poet and medieval scholar. The Rap Canterbury Tales has toured festivals around the world and at dozens of universities and colleges in the USA and the UK, including Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge.

The concert was made possible by a Pacific Distinctiveness Grant and sponsorship by the English Department, Writing in the Disciplines, the Institute for the Humanities and the Conservatory of Music. For more information about the performance, contact Beth Moreno in the English Department at 209.946.2121.

SCHOLAR TO DISCUSS JEWISH BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

One of the nation’s top biblical scholars, Marc Brettler, will discuss Jewish biblical interpretation at 6:30 pm March 23 in the Pacific Theater. The lecture is sponsored by the Pacific Judaic Fund. It is free and open to the public. Brettler is a professor of Biblical Studies at Brandeis University. He has taught at Brandeis University, Yale University, Brown University, Wellesley College and Middlebury College.

“Marc Brettler is a premier biblical scholar who has made outstanding contributions to academic biblical studies,” said Alan Lenzi, Religious and Classical Studies. “He’s also a consummate teacher and communicator. If you’re interested in the Bible, you won’t want to miss this talk.”

Brettler co-edited the “Jewish Study Bible” which won a National Jewish Book Award. He also authored numerous books, including “How to Read the Bible,” which won a Best Book Awards in Judaism and was featured on National Public Radio’s “Fresh Air” with Terry Gross.

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