PAMELA A. EIBECK
Named Next Pacific 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.

“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.”

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.

“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.”

Eibeck received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from Stanford University. Previously, she was on the faculty at the University of California at 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 became a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 2008. She received the Distinguished Engineering Educator Award from the Society of Women Engineers in 1996 and the Boeing Outstanding Educator Award in 1999.

Her 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.
Provost Phil Gilbertson announces retirement

Provost Philip Gilbertson announced in January that he will retire June 30, 2010. Gilbertson was appointed by President DeRosa six months into his presidency and is the first provost ever at Pacific.

Gilbertson orchestrated the development of the vision and priorities of the University, a strategic planning process, and distinctive academic programs. He oversaw an increase in school collaborations, improved professional and graduate education and assisted in the successful completion of a major fundraising campaign. He improved campus governance, developed new offices of planning and research, grants and contracts, learning assessment, faculty development and diversity; and developed a mature information technology system. He championed an experiential learning guarantee for all undergraduates, increased the diversity of faculty and students, expanded community partnerships and improved academic facilities.

Recently, Gilbertson led initiatives to increase Pacific’s international engagement in China, East Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, and to promote innovation in the University through creative partnerships outside of higher education. He and his wife, Carole, will continue to reside in Stockton.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES
Sakena Yacoobi Awarded Leadership Prize

Sakena Yacoobi ’77, founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning, was selected by Claremont McKenna College and the Kravis Leadership Institute to receive the fourth annual Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership. The Kravis Prize, which carries a $250,000 award designated to the honoree’s organization, recognizes extraordinary leadership in the nonprofit sector.

Yacoobi founded the Afghan Institute of Learning in 1995 while working in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan. Each year, the Afghan Institute of Learning provides an estimated 350,000 women and children with access to education and healthcare.

Sakena Yacoobi ’77

Yacoobi has spent the last 28 years providing education, training, and healthcare services to women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. “We are pleased and proud to recognize and celebrate the significant and inspirational work being done by Dr. Yacoobi and the Afghan Institute of Learning,” said Mr. Kravis. The Prize was presented to Dr. Yacoobi on March 31 in New York City.

GROUNDBREAKING EXPERIENCE
Chambers Technology Center

Construction of the John T. Chambers Technology Center formally kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony on April 24. The Center will provide cutting-edge computing and technology facilities for superior teaching, learning and research, and will support the launch of the new Master of Science in Engineering Science. With classrooms, meeting rooms, a study area and seven labs, it will serve as a catalyst for the advancement of regional, national and international technology collaboration and economic development.

The new center will also become Pacific’s second green building, with LEED certification. The $12 million, 23,500 square-foot facility is expected to be ready for fall 2010.
NEW FACES
Two New Regents Appointed to Board

Ronald D. Cordes, co-chairman of Genworth Financial Wealth Management, was appointed to the Pacific Board of Regents in January. Cordes chairs the Cordes Family Foundation and the Advisory Council for Pacific’s Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship. He also serves on the board of directors for the Oakland Boys & Girls Club and the East Bay Community Foundation in Oakland, and is a trustee of the Oakland Rotary Endowment.

Cordes was the co-founder and chairman of AssetMark Investment Services, purchased by Genworth Financial in 2006. Co-author of “The Art of Investing & Portfolio Management,” Cordes is frequently quoted in financial and trade publications and has appeared on television and radio programs.

Naka “Nick” Ushijima ’88 was also appointed to the Board of Regents in January. Ushijima is a graduate of the Eberhardt School of Business. As a student, he participated in men’s golf and served as an admissions volunteer.

Ushijima is chairman and CEO of Susquehanna Corporation, a real estate investment company located in Japan that he founded with American investors. Previously, Ushijima and his wife, Heidi ’95, co-owned Ushijima Trade Advisors Ltd., specializing in business consulting between the U.S. and Japan. His previous business experience includes serving as CFO and Senior Vice President for his father’s business, Ushijima Kosan, and NKS Americas (a Sumitomo group of companies).

ELIZABETH GRIEGO
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NASPA

NASPA — Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education announced Pacific Vice President for Student Life Elizabeth Griego as its newly elected president at its annual conference in Seattle in March.

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.

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 to have two women serve as 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 also presented President Donald V. 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 nationwide that was featured in a video on student affairs best practices at the conference. The film featured 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.

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE

Dr. Craig Seal, assistant professor of Business Administration at Niagara University, has been appointed after a nationwide search to direct Pacific’s newly established Center for Social and Emotional Competence.

He will begin June 1. Seal completed his doctorate at George Washington University, where his dissertation topic was “Emotional Intelligence: An Exploratory Study of Emotional Ability as a Moderator between Emotional Competency and Performance Outcomes.” He has published and presented on social and emotional competence and last year received a teaching excellence award at Niagara University.
NEWSMAKERS

Gavin Newsom visits campus

San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom’s exploratory campaign for governor sponsored a town hall meeting at Pacific on February 12. Prior to the packed, two-hour meeting, Newsom engaged in a discussion with political science students and faculty.

PACIFIC HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

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.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY HELPS UNDERSERVED CHILDREN

Volunteers from Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry provided oral health screenings, treatment and education to underserved children in San Francisco during a Give Kids a Smile event in February. Through hands-on, interactive education, the children learned about proper diet and nutrition as well as brushing and flossing.

During the outreach project held at Rosa Parks Elementary School in San Francisco’s Western Addition neighborhood, volunteer staff members and Dental Auxiliary Utilization instructors from the school’s pediatric dentistry clinic screened more than 130 children and three dozen children received fluoride varnishes.

STACKING THE DECK

Pacific Pharmacists Set an Example of Leadership

Staff, faculty, alumni and students of Pacific’s Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences demonstrated the leadership the University provides to the pharmacy profession at the California Pharmacists Association annual meeting in February. Former faculty member Jeff Goad is the Association president. The president-elect is Eric Gupta ’00, Assistant Dean Nancy DeGuire ’89 is speaker, the parliamentarian is Mike Pastrick ’73, Ken Scott ’78 is treasurer and Jarrod Mills ’06 is speaker-elect.

Eric Gupta was also recognized at the event as the New Practitioner of the Year, Dana Nelson ’71 as the Innovative Pharmacist of the Year and Professor Chet Yee as the winner of the Bowl of Hygeia Award in recognition of outstanding involvement in and outside of the profession. The San Joaquin Pharmacists Association received a Chapter of Excellence award and Chris Woo ’88 won the No. 1 Club recognition. LeAnne Piche ’09 participated in the Statewide Patient Counseling Competition and advanced to the national level. Andrea Pangilinan ’10 took home the prestigious Robert C. Johnson Scholarship Award. Also through the efforts of Pacific students, the University had the largest donation, more than $2,000, for the Pharmacy Foundation’s “Strike out Against Medication Errors” campaign.
Toward Dental Excellence in Egypt

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry has entered into a collaborative agreement with the Faculty of Dentistry at Pharos University in Alexandria, Egypt. Dental educators from Pharos University, the Consul of Egypt, Yasser Abed, and Samantha Stephen, dental director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, attended the agreement-signing ceremony between Pacific Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr., and Dr. Tarek Mahmoud Ali, dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at Pharos, on February 3 at the dental school in San Francisco.

With this collaboration, the schools hope to foster academic and professional exchange and help Pharos achieve an international standard of excellence in undergraduate dental education.

Moot Points

Pacific McGeorge Wins Major Event

Pacific McGeorge students Allysia Holland ’09 and Preston Morgan ’09 made the law school’s first trip to the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition a memorable one, taking first place in the West Regional of the Intellectual Property Law tournament.

Jeff Schaff ’09 and Alan Donato ’09 advanced to the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition championship with a final-round victory over UC Davis at the TYLA Northern California Regional. Pacific McGeorge will be sending a team to the national finals of the most prestigious mock trial event in the country for the second year in a row and the third time in the last four years.

At the Niagara International Moot Court Competition held in Toronto, Canada, the law school entry finished second against stiff competition and walked off with several team awards. Miranda Carroll ’09, Devi Kumar ’09, Sandeep Vishwa ’09 and Yury Kolesnikov ’09 comprised the runner-up team.

The Lefkowitz team of Preston Morgan and Allysia Holland with their coaches, Professors Mike Mireles and Ed Telfeyan

New Dean for Conservatory of Music

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.

Ongaro, a native of Venice, Italy, has a bachelor’s degree in flute performance from the University of Iowa and master’s and doctoral degrees in musicology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has held teaching positions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the 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. For the past year he has served as the faculty master at USC’s Parkside International Residential College.

Giulio Maria Ongaro
Professor Don Floriddia
Headed for Hall of Fame

Professor and Associate Dean Don Floriddia ’71 will be inducted into the California Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame in November. Floriddia has been the associate dean for Professional and Student Affairs in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for the past eight years. Beginning as a part-time instructor in 1968, Floriddia has been an educator and mentor of Pacific pharmacy students for more than 40 years.

Floriddia has received numerous honors and awards, including Outstanding Educator of America, California Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year and Fellow of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He has twice received the Merck Sharp and Dohme Pharmacist Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Profession of Pharmacy.

In 2001, Floriddia was invited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research for the United Arab Emirates to review the programs at Ajman University of Sciences and Technology. He established the first centralized nuclear pharmacy in the state of California, authoring regulations which govern centralized nuclear pharmacy operations.

He has served in many professional organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the California Pharmacists Association, where he has held virtually every office from District Trustee to President. Floriddia has served as faculty advisor for Pacific’s chapter of the American Pharmaceutical Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and Phi Lambda Sigma. Under his leadership, the student organizations have achieved national and state recognition.

MULTIPLYING THE FUN
Math Steeplechase Challenges Local Children

The Benerd School of Education’s Math Steeplechase is in its fifth year. The day-long event groups together fourth and fifth graders from San Joaquin County schools to solve complex math problems in 10 minutes or less. The students are given objects such as jellybeans and jars, stacks of odd-shaped blocks, long pieces of string and other objects and are required to use math to solve problems using the items.

The event is hosted by the Math and Science Education Club and coordinated by Professor Gregory Potter. The problems utilize all aspects of math, require critical thinking and use elements of geometry, algebra and complex word problems.

Each school that participates receives a trophy for its top fourth and fifth grade teams. Trophies also are awarded for the school with the highest scores. This year’s event, on April 3, was the biggest yet, with five schools participating.

PROFESSOR CAROLINE COX
AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

Pacific history professor Caroline Cox has been awarded a research fellowship by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Cox will conduct research at the library of the New York Historical Society toward her book, “Boy Soldiers: War and Society in the American Revolution.”

The Gilder Lehrman Institute awards short-term fellowships to conduct work in archives in New York City. The Institute promotes the study and love of American history, serving teachers, students, scholars and the general public.
THE COMPLETE “TIME OUT”
Brubeck Festival 2009

The year 2009 marked the 50th anniversary of Dave Brubeck ‘42’s landmark jazz album “Time Out.” At the featured concert on April 3, the Dave Brubeck Quartet played the entire album for the first time since its recording in 1959. Dave’s son Darius Brubeck stepped in for Dave at the concert after Dave was hospitalized briefly due to a viral infection. The evening began with a performance of Dave and Iola Brubeck’s choral and orchestral work “Earth Is Our Mother.”

The Festival, which began with the annual “Jazz on the Mile” event, also included a concert by the Gerald Clayton Trio, an academic symposium and a concert lecture, “1959: The Beginning of Beyond,” about the revolutionary jazz albums produced that year. The Stockton Symphony premiered a new orchestral work by Dave and his son Chris called “Ansel Adams: America.” Adams’ breathtaking landscapes were projected above the orchestra as it played music composed specifically for the images.

PHILIPPINE EXPERIENCE
Fulbright Scholar Brings Manila to Pacific

Professor Don Amorsolo served as a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Pacific for the 2008–09 school year. Amorsolo is a professor of painting and chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Interior Design at St. Scholastica’s College in Manila, Philippines.

Throughout the year, he served as a guest lecturer in Pacific’s Department of Visual Arts and offered critiques for photography classes and seminar students in studio art. He was actively involved in community outreach with Stockton’s Little Manila Foundation and Kilusan, Pacific’s Filipino student organization. “Bridges,” a special exhibition and reception on April 30, featured paintings Amorsolo completed during his time at Pacific and recognized his contribution to the University and the community this past year.

Amorsolo donated a three-panel painting called “Meditation” to the University and a two-panel painting, “Kinship,” to the Department of Visual Arts.
BIOFEST CELEBRATION

Celebrating the first year of the new Biological Sciences Center, Biofest, held May 2, included the annual Pacific Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, tours of the Biological Sciences Center and a lecture by Jared Diamond, scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Guns, Germs and Steel.”

Diamond met with students for a question-and-answer session prior to giving a public lecture in Faye Spanos Concert Hall. Diamond, a professor of geography and physiology at UCLA, is an evolutionary biologist. His informative and engaging lecture focused on the topic of his best-selling book “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed.”

PACIFIC CELEBRATES
Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage and Culture

Internationally renowned poet Li-Young Lee performed a reading of his works in April highlighting Pacific’s Asian Pacific Islander Month celebration. Lee’s four award-winning books of poetry are “Behind My Eyes,” “Book of My Nights,” “The City in Which I Love You,” and “Rose.” His 1995 memoir, “The Winged Seed: A Remembrance,” garnered an American Book Award.

Other highlights of the celebration included a screening of the documentary “Sentenced Home,” an Asian-Pacific Islander Community Forum led by State Senator Leland Yee, and a youth summit. The all-day summit included workshops on empowerment, self-assessment, and college admissions and financial aid, and offered opportunities for networking and mentoring with peers, college students, business professionals and community leaders.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEATURES

ACTOR DANNY GLOVER

Actor and human rights activist Danny Glover headlined this year’s Black History Month celebration at Pacific. Glover and long-time friend and actor Felix Justice packed Faye Spanos Concert Hall for “An Evening with Langston and Martin,” a two-man play consisting of dramatic readings from Martin Luther King Jr. and poet Langston Hughes. The actors responded to questions following the performance.

The annual GospelFest concert featured acclaimed singer Marvin Sapp. Sapp’s best-known hit single “Never Would Have Made It” became the longest-running No. 1 gospel single in Billboard’s history.

Other events during the month of February included a poetry reading by acclaimed Los Angeles poet Wanda Coleman, a film festival, a comedy show, a black heritage festival and a high school conference. This year’s theme was Kuumba, a Kwanzaa tenet that means to do as much as we can, in the way we can, to leave our community better than we inherited it.

Jared Diamond met with students prior to his public lecture.
Below: Undergraduate biology students Anabelle Visperas ’09 and Veena Vaidyanathan ’09 share their groundbreaking discovery of a gene that creates the adhesive in black widow spider silk.