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I recently celebrated my first Commencement as Pacific’s 24th President. What a splendid event. Dr. Don Shalvey of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (and co-founder of Aspire Public Schools) delivered the commencement address, and I have never heard one as meaningful or inspiring!

The Commencement weekend gave me a powerful sense of just how extraordinary our students are. I was stirred by the enthusiasm of their families and friends as they proudly cheered their loved ones’ accomplishments.

Since then, I have been reflecting on the power of ceremony to bring us together to honor and affirm important events and relationships. The Commencement ceremony paid tribute to our students’ hard work and achievement.

It also marked the end of their time at Pacific and the beginning of their lives out in the world.

This year has been full of meaningful ceremony at Pacific. The Inauguration ceremony in March, with its powerful symbolism, united all of us in a commitment to work together, through thick and thin, to assure that Pacific remains an excellent, strong and principled university with a bright future.

This year, the University honored me with an Inaugural Series, events that celebrate the rich strengths and history of the University. The “John Muir: Naturalist and Scientist” symposium and the 2010 Brubeck Jazz Festival spoke to Pacific’s remarkable heritage and our priorities. The Symposium on Social and Emotional Competence in Higher Education and Pacific McGeorge School of Law’s National Ethics Trial Competition highlighted our distinctiveness and our emphasis on whole-student learning. Our debate and men’s basketball events brought the community to campus and revealed the strength of Pacific’s co-curricular programming.

The Italian Festival and Pacific McGeorge’s “Italian Legal Traditions” symposium emphasized our promising global connections. Our multicultural performing arts show, “Colors of Rhythm and Rhyme,” celebrated the talent and rich diversity within our student body and our community. Finally, “Pioneering Diversity and Strengthening Community” connected us to the Stockton community and allowed us to consider how we can better serve our local population in the future.

I am enormously thankful to everyone who planned and participated in these events.

This year of rituals has helped us define what it means to be a Pacifican. I look forward to next year, as we draw on that identity to forge new and exciting paths for our University.

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I welcome your ideas at president@pacific.edu
From Fall 2009

A Very Personal Connection

I was pleased to see the article about Calliope in the fall 2009 Pacific Review. My daughter, Katherine C. Quyle, was a first-year student in 1970. By that time she was already an accomplished printer. She and her two sisters had the Pigtail Press. Katherine printed an earlier Calliope in her senior year of high school, a collection of poems and short stories from her classmates. She hand-set all of the type and printed it on her press. It was the first printed book done at Calaveras High School.

Copies of this book were shown to her English professor at Pacific, and they decided to do an expanded version. The resulting book involved more students, not only in creative writing and artwork, but also in printing and binding. It was a labor of love on Katherine’s part. She did the actual printing. Calliope had just reached the bookstore when Katherine lost her life.

— Paul Quyle '48

While researching Calliope for Back in Time, I found that the 1971 issue had been dedicated to Katherine. I spoke with one of the editorial staff of that issue, who remembered her as a wonderful young lady with a bright and vibrant spirit. Her untimely death was a tragic loss. (Calliope celebrated 40 years in 2010. Mr. Quyle’s letter, which is excerpted here, is printed in its entirety in that issue. Copies are available through the Pacific Humanities Center.) — Ed.

On Visiting Venezuela

I was surprised to read about Pacific’s involvement with Venezuela. I was not shocked that our Conservatory is working with the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra: one of the most amazing and inspired groups of young people on the planet, led by the greatest young conductor in the world. What was disturbing was that there was no mention of the more important reasons to bring this talent to Pacific: to remove them from a country where the arts have been pillaged and the voice of the people muted and punished. There are thousands of instances where President Hugo Chavez and his party have destroyed valuable national resources and treasures, moving that nation back decades in progress and industry. Keep in mind that all politicians and appointees (including justices) pledge allegiance to the Party and Chavez. This should be the reason that Pacific is opening up a relationship with the youth of Venezuela. It should not be assumed that our great alma mater embraces Venezuela’s policies.

— Brady Norvall ’03, ’04

Remembering Elizabeth Spelts

I missed seeing a notice in the current Pacific Review of the passing of Elizabeth Spelts, an esteemed member of the music faculty for many years. She was the best teacher of singing I ever had! I hope the next issue will have an article about her.

— Leila Kelly ’62

Two longtime Conservatory faculty members, Elizabeth Spelts and Stanworth Beckler, are remembered in this issue on page 43. — Ed.

From Winter 2010

The Part of Ourselves We’re Afraid Of

I was reading Pacific Review magazine and came upon the very nice article “The Part of Ourselves We’re Afraid Of” by Victor Inzunza ’12. It reminded me of Karina S. Lau who had attended Pacific some years ago. I keep a newspaper article about her in my notebook so as to remember her now and then… that she paid the supreme sacrifice in Iraq.

— Rodney Inefuku, Pacific Parent

Karina S. Lau ’05, age 20, was one of 16 Army soldiers killed when their helicopter was attacked on November 2, 2003. — Ed.

Tell Us How We’re Doing!

The Pacific Review is conducting a Reader Survey. Your feedback is important to us as we seek to continually improve your alumni magazine. The survey takes only about ten minutes to complete and can be found at: go.Pacific.edu/SurveyPR
Vice President for Development Appointed

Christopher M. Johnston has been appointed as vice president for Development. Johnston will oversee fundraising for the University and begin planning for a future comprehensive campaign. He begins his new role at Pacific in August.

Johnston is currently interim assistant vice chancellor for University Advancement at the University of California, Irvine, where he is responsible for the strategic management of the university’s campus development operations. Under the vice chancellor, he played a key role in directing UC Irvine’s $1 billion “Shaping the Future” comprehensive campaign, which recently surpassed its halfway point (currently at $524 million), involving nearly 128,000 gifts and donors.

Not a newcomer to Pacific, Johnston was senior director of development for the Eberhardt School of Business and the School of Engineering and Computer Science from 1997 to 2000. He was also acting director of the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs at Pacific.

Ferrillo to Serve as Interim Provost

With the retirement of Provost Phil Gilbertson on June 30, 2010, the search is on for a new provost. President Eibeck announced the appointment of Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr., dean of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, to serve as interim while the search is conducted.

Dr. Nader Nadershahi, currently associate dean for academic affairs at the dental school, will step into the role of acting dean and will have day-to-day management responsibility for the dental school while Ferrillo serves as interim provost.

The Provost Search Committee under the leadership of Dean Phil Oppenheimer will continue an aggressive national search for the new provost. The administration hopes to complete the search in the next nine months, with a new provost in place by summer 2011.

Interim Dean for School of International Studies

Cynthia Wagner Weick was appointed to serve as interim dean to the School of International Studies beginning June 1. Pacific will begin a nationwide search this fall for a permanent dean.

Weick, a professor in both the Eberhardt School of Business and the School of Engineering and Computer Science and director of the Powell Scholars Program, has been at Pacific since 1990. She has extensive industry experience as a consultant, strategic planner and research scientist, and teaches periodically at Mikkeli Polytechnic in Finland, the Helsinki School of Economics and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Over the course of her career, Weick has worked in 24 different countries.

In addition to her responsibilities for day-to-day operations at the school, Weick will oversee a university-wide planning process related to international education.

Two New Regents Appointed to Pacific’s Board

Randy Hayashi ’85, ’88 and Doug Eberhardt ’59 were appointed to the Pacific Board of Regents. Their three-year terms started July 1.

Hayashi is a graduate of College of the Pacific and Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. A Modesto dentist, he is a leader in his profession and is active in national and regional dental associations. He serves on the Board of Directors for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Stanislaus County and is a founding supporter of the Gallo Center for the Arts and the State Theatre in Modesto.

Last year, Hayashi served on the Presidential Search Committee. He is a member of the Pacific Tigers Athletics Association and past president of the Pacific Alumni Association. He has been active on committees including the National Commission, the Alumni Center Campaign Committee, the Pacific Fund panel and the Alumni House Committee.

Eberhardt is a graduate of the Eberhardt School of Business, which was named for the family in 1995 in recognition of their generous and substantial support to the school and the University. He served on the Board of Regents from 2000–2009 and also on the National Commission. He was inducted into the Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 for his participation on the 1956 championship water polo team.

Eberhardt is president and CEO of the Bank of Stockton which has $2 billion in assets and 17 branches. He has been very active in the community, serving in leadership roles on various boards and commissions. In 2007, he received the Central Valley Association of Realtors and the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Stocktonian of the Year award for his support of numerous philanthropic endeavors in the city of Stockton.
Dean Appointed for School of Business

Lewis R. Gale has been appointed dean of the Eberhardt School of Business. Gale has been serving as dean of the John B. Goddard School of Business and Economics at Weber State University in Utah since 2005. He began at Pacific July 12.

Gale, who grew up in the Sacramento area, earned his undergraduate degree in economics from California State University, Fresno, and his master’s and doctorate in economics from Arizona State University. His research interests are in international economics. He has taught courses in international economics, macro and micro economics, banking, monetary theory and international business.

At Weber State, Gale led a large business school of 2,400 students and 46 faculty. He increased annual donations to the business school by 20 percent, increased its endowment by more than $2 million and oversaw the creation of a new website for the school. He successfully created numerous community partnerships, expanded an existing relationship with Shanghai Normal University in China and established new relationships with organizations in Europe and Asia.

Fox to Oversee Undergraduate Research

Lydia Fox, associate professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, has been named director of Undergraduate Research effective July 1. She will oversee all aspects of undergraduate research, including applications for research grants, faculty involvement and the expansion of undergraduate research programs. She will continue to coordinate the annual campus-wide Pacific Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, now in its 10th year, which showcases research and original creative projects by undergraduate students.

Dean Ensign to Head African University

School of International Studies (SIS) Dean Margee Ensign announced earlier this year that she was appointed president of the American University in Nigeria, West Africa. Her last day at Pacific was June 30. The American University, established in 2005, is located outside Nigeria’s capital city of Abuja. Board members include Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It has a student body of 1,400 in its three schools. Ensign will be the only female university president in the country.

Ensign came to Pacific in 1998. Under her leadership, SIS has doubled its undergraduate enrollment; added a master’s degree in intercultural relations; established the Gerber endowment and lecture series; and moved the California International Studies Project from Stanford to Pacific, which trains California K–12 teachers in international education and world history.

She re-engaged Callison and Covell college alumni, started the InterAmerican program, established the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship, moved the Katalysis microfinance organization to Pacific, and established an undergraduate international law program with Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Fox has been an active member of the Council on Undergraduate Research, a national organization that supports faculty who involve undergraduates in research, for 15 years. She has served on the Council’s executive board and chaired its 2008 National Conference. She has led numerous workshops, funded by a National Science Foundation grant, to help faculty across the country develop undergraduate research programs.

Pacific’s strategic plan, “Pacific Rising 2008–2015,” calls for advancing undergraduate research. Each year, more than 300 undergraduates are involved in a research project at Pacific. These projects have helped students earn top honors and national grants.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Children’s Carnival Encourages Healthy Living

More than 200 students from Lodi Unified School District visited the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Campus on May 7 for the annual Children’s Awareness Carnival Health Fair. The event was hosted by The Children’s Awareness Committee, a pharmacy student group.

Students viewed presentations about asthma, dental hygiene, circulation of the heart, drug awareness, a healthy diet and more, including a firsthand look at the anatomy of the heart by examining a goat heart. Afternoon hands-on learning activities covered sun safety, first aid, hand washing, human anatomy and make-your-own trail mix. Students also participated in basketball, miniature golf, bowling, face painting, and arts and crafts.

Dental Hope for the Homeless

Several times each year, students and faculty from the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry volunteer their time and talent to provide dental care for San Francisco’s homeless through Project Homeless Connect, a city-supported event offering health and human services to people in need.

The dental school has participated in PHC since 2007. At each event, held at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, volunteers spend the day providing screenings and oral health education to the public. Those needing immediate care are sent to dental clinics throughout the city, including Pacific’s own emergency clinic.

In early 2010, the dental school furthered its commitment to PHC through a denture pilot project, which provided partial or full dentures for 10 clients. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom publicly thanked the University for its long-standing commitment to San Francisco’s most vulnerable population.

To watch a video of PHC volunteers, visit the dental school’s YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/PacificDental.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Snell Chairs National Committee

Christopher R. Snell, chair of the Department of Sport Sciences, was appointed as chair of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee by Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. The role of the committee is to make recommendations on CFS that will guide government response to this important healthcare issue. Other members of the committee include representatives from the Centers for Disease Control, Food and Drug Administration, Health Resource Services Administration, National Institutes for Health and Social Security Administration. Snell’s appointment as committee chair places the Pacific Fatigue Laboratory and University of the Pacific in the national political spotlight. The appointment is a tribute to Snell’s long-standing contribution of research and public service in this arena.

GRAMMY Foundation Helps Preserve Brubeck Recordings

The GRAMMY Foundation awarded Pacific a $5,000 grant to preserve Dave Brubeck’s recording collection. Pacific was one of only four academic institutions to receive a preservation planning grant in 2010. The project will determine which audio and video recordings are most endangered and develop a plan for implementing the measures. It will start this summer.

The Brubeck Collection, housed in Pacific’s Holt-Atherton Special Collections, contains music from rehearsals, jam sessions and audio recordings from the 1940s to the present, numerous interviews with Brubeck, and rare trio and solo recordings. Many of the recordings have never been released to the public, making their preservation even more important, since there are few, if any, other copies of these works. More information on the Brubeck Collection can be found at: http://Library.Pacific.edu/HA/Brubeck
Pacific Named One of the Top “Green” Colleges in the U.S.

The Princeton Review’s “Guide to 286 Green Colleges,” released in April included Pacific in its list, which recognizes institutions that have comprehensive policies that encourage energy conservation, recycling, sustainability and environmental literacy. The announcement came two days before Earth Day and near the end of Pacific’s “Sustainability Month,” which included: lectures with well-known environmentalists such as Rick Bass and Bill McKibben; joining the RecycleMania national competition to enhance recycling efforts; and other activities designed to increase the University community’s awareness of environmental issues.

Yellow Ribbon Program Comes to Pacific

Pacific was notified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that it was accepted as a qualified institution under The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Program. The program allows veterans to attend Pacific, with a significant portion of their expenses and tuition covered by the VA and the University. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Qualified veterans may apply for benefits for the fall 2010 semester.

SEEN AND HEARD

Robb Advocates Sustainability

Whole Foods CEO and Pacific Regent Walter Robb was the featured speaker for the Pacific Business Forum in February, sponsored by Eberhardt School of Business. Robb’s talk on “Business and Sustainability in the 21st Century: Observations of a Retailer,” discussed the advantages of sustainable business practices in the modern environment, using examples from Whole Foods Market.

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CENTER STAGE

Black History Month

CNN’s Soledad O’Brien was the keynote speaker for Pacific’s annual Black History Month Celebration in February. The popular annual Gospel Fest Concert featured rising star Deon Kipping and was held for the first time in Atherton Auditorium at San Joaquin Delta College. Other events included a screening of O’Brien’s “Black in America” documentary, a poetry reading by Samiya Bashir, roundtable discussions and a health and heritage fair.
**“ENOUGH IS ENOUGH”**

A Campaign Against Violence

Students and staff at Pacific explored different approaches to reducing violence as part of the national “Enough Is Enough” campaign in April. “Enough Is Enough” was initiated by NASPA, the national organization for student affairs professionals, in response to the Virginia Tech shootings. It combines the resources of colleges and universities, K-12 schools and various community agencies to reduce societal violence. Pacific was selected by NASPA to serve as a model school for “Enough is Enough” as the first school to host the program.

The campaign kicked off with a student art show and a performance by “Kelly and Becca” that focused on different aspects of sexual assault. At the Heroes Awards Ceremony, 20 awards were given to individuals in the local and university community acknowledging their work to reduce violence. Other highlights were a fund-raiser which raised $2,100 for the Women’s Shelter of San Joaquin County, a play by Naomi Ackerman, and an exploration of all the factors that can lead to violence called “Conflict: Everyone Plays a Role.”

**WORLD CHANGERS**

Students Attend Clinton Global Initiative-University

President Eibeck joined 15 Pacific students representing all of Pacific’s schools and colleges chosen to attend the Clinton Global Initiative-University event in Miami, Florida. To be selected, each student had to make a commitment of what they would do to spark positive change. At the event, they met students, university faculty, celebrity icons and global leaders, including former President Bill Clinton.

**IT TAKES A RAINBOW CONFERENCE**

Focuses on Issues of the LGBTQIA

Pacific hosted the second “It Takes a Rainbow: Bridging the Mountains to the Bay” conference for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex and Ally (LGBTQIA) community on February 20. The conference included a variety of programs and speakers, including Peter Paige of the hit television series “Queer as Folk,” Stockton City Council Member Susan Eggman and the closing act, Miss Coco Peru. More than 225 people attended from throughout California and Arizona.
EXTREME GRADUATES

Law School Graduates the Youngest and Oldest

All graduation ceremonies have their inspirational moments, and Pacific McGeorge’s 2010 Commencement on May 15 packed a little more excitement as it marked two milestones to hearten both young and old. Alice Thomas, 79, walked the stage at Sacramento’s Memorial Auditorium as the oldest-ever graduate, to a deafening roar from the crowd and a standing ovation from the faculty. Minutes later, Zachary Powell, 19, was announced as the youngest-ever graduate as the audience let out an audible, collective gasp.

Thomas’ journey through law school has been chronicled in national publications. The former construction company controller and paralegal attended law school, she said, to refute the media stereotype of older adults as “doddering fools.” Her studies were delayed while she cared for a dying loved one, and she later found time to spend 20 hours a week working in Pacific McGeorge’s free Elder Clinic. Thomas is studying to take the State Bar of California exam in July — just days after her 80th birthday.

Powell is a Japanese-American prodigy from Rio Vista. At age 9, he started taking classes at Solano County Community College. At 13, he transferred to UC Berkeley after earning his associate degree. He commuted to Cal and graduated two years later with a bachelor’s in mathematics and environmental science.

Powell never discussed age with his classmates, who accepted him as a rather young-looking peer. After he crossed the graduation stage, one of his best friends said, “Hey, dude, I never knew you were 19!”

STUDENT SCHOLARS

Engineering Students Receive High Honors

Mechanical engineering and engineering management major Benjamin Alldritt ’10 was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in April. Nearly 9,000 students applied for the prestigious scholarship this year, and only about 17 percent received them.

Alldritt, who is also a Powell Scholar, was awarded the Fulbright for his research involving the design and construction of a new exoskeleton system that allows paraplegics to operate their legs without external supports such as crutches. He will use the award during the 2010–2011 academic year for research at HAMK University of Applied Sciences in Hämeenlinna, Finland.

He is one of three engineering students who reached the final stages of competition for prestigious national awards in 2010. Matthew Lemmon ’11 received an Honorable Mention for a Goldwater Scholarship, and Grant Hollis ’09 was one of a select group who made it to final interviews for a Rhodes Scholarship. Pacific’s Fellowship Office recognized all the students who applied for national scholarships this year at a reception in May.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Design Award to Biological Sciences Center

Pacific’s Biological Sciences Center received an Award of Honor from the California Council of the Society of American Registered Architects in recognition of superior achievement and professional design excellence. The entry was submitted by Fong & Chan, the building’s architects. The professional jury of practicing architects in California cited a high degree of detailing and great use of brick masonry. The award was presented during the Society’s annual Celebration of Architecture event held in San Francisco in April.
For Children and Young Adults

Mozart’s Blood
By Louise Campbell Marley ’69, Redmond, WA
Historical fiction about an abiding passion for music which time and death cannot extinguish. Based on a real-life character, the opera singer Teresa Saporiti, who created the role of Donna Anna in Mozart’s opera “Don Giovanni.”
Kensington, June 2010

The Singers of Nevya
By Louise Campbell Marley ’69, Redmond, WA
Omnibus volume of Marley’s 1990s fantasy trilogy of the singers of the ice planet Nevya who use their musical psy-powers to hold back the deadly cold.
Fairwood Press, Inc., October 2009

The Blue Mexican
By Danny T. Dunne-Ruiz ’90, ’93, Stockton, CA
Coming of age novel about the Hispanic son of a career military man and his three-decade-long search for meaning beginning in the 1960s. Much of the story takes place in the San Joaquin County area.
Trafford Publishing, November 2009

Business

Zero (IN)Tolerance: A Low-Risk Alternative to Current Zero Interest Rates
Brent L. Leonard ’61, San Francisco, CA
Leonard’s first book proposes a safe alternative to being “FED up” with low interest rates, for retirees and prudent investors seeking higher yields. He has been in the investment business for 25 years.
CreateSpace, February 2010

Corporate Governance: A Board Director’s Pocket Guide, 2nd Edition
By Eric Yocam ’90, Sammamish, WA
Yocam’s book, coauthored with Annie Choi, presents principles of corporate governance for both nonprofit and for-profit companies, including critical leadership practices for the director.
iUniverse, February 2010

Dentistry

Esthetic Dentistry in Clinical Practice
Edited by Marc Geissberger, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Practical guide to bring esthetic dentistry into everyday practice with treatment planning and case design from basic to advanced cases. Collaboratively written with 26 faculty members of the Restorative Dentistry department.
Wiley, April 2010
Law

Thompson’s Legal Writing Exercises: A Case File and Formula-Based Approach to Legal Reasoning
By Stephanie J. Thompson, Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Workbook provides a step-by-step approach to objective and persuasive legal writing.
West, May 2010

Global Issues in Intellectual Property Law
By Michael Mireles and Amy Landers, Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Co-authored with John Cross and Peter Yu, this latest in the Global Issues series is designed to facilitate the introduction of international, transnational and comparative law issues into a domestic Intellectual Property course.
West, February 2010

Founding Fictions
By Jennifer Mercieca ’95, ’97, Bryan, TX
Mercieca, associate professor of communication at Texas A&M University, provides an analysis of how Americans imagined themselves as citizens from 1764–1845 and examines fundamental assumptions about a government based upon the will of the people.
University of Alabama Press, March 2010

China and the Birth of Globalization in the 16th Century
By Dennis O. Flynn, Economics, and Arturo Giráldez, Modern Languages and Literature
Including 11 essays published over the past 15 years, this volume concerns the origins and early development of globalization.
Ashgate/Variorum, April 2010

The Pacific World: Lands, Peoples and History of the Pacific, 1500–1900
General Editors: Dennis O. Flynn, Economics, and Arturo Giráldez, Modern Languages and Literature
Ashgate/Variorum, July 2009

History

My Personal Brush With History
By Kurt Mayer ’51, Tacoma, WA
Kurt Mayer’s memoir, written with Joe Peterson, is an account of his childhood as he fled Nazi Germany in one of the last ships to leave Europe. Proceeds from the sale of the book support the Kurt Mayer Chair in Holocaust Studies at Pacific Lutheran University, which provides classes, seminars and lectures on topics related to genocide and the Holocaust.
Available through Garfield Book Company at Pacific Lutheran University, 2009

BOOKEFL SHELF
At 70 years old, most people hope to slow down and enjoy retirement. Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry alumnus James Rolfe ’68 is not most people. Rather than spending his time on the beaches of Bermuda, Rolfe travels to a suburb of Kabul, Afghanistan, where he commits his skills, time and resources to improve the health and the future for the poor and destitute. Rolfe’s story demonstrates the power of one person’s passion and commitment.

“We take our health for granted, fully expecting to live without illness or suffering,” he says. “Most Afghans have no access to healthcare of any sort. Dental care is vital to the health of people living in developing countries, and most Afghans do not even own a toothbrush.”

A two-week outreach in 2003 as a volunteer dentist at an Afghan orphanage changed Rolfe’s life forever. Over the past seven years, he has given much of his time and energy and more than $700,000 of his own money to provide dental services and professional training to the people of Afghanistan. Through the Afghan Dental Relief Project (ADRP) which he founded, Rolfe’s clinic provides Afghans free dental care and trains dental assistants, dental hygienists and laboratory technicians.

Rolfe maintains a private practice in Santa Barbara, California, which provides most of the revenue for ADRP. He makes all of his fillings and moldings himself, and does not have a dental hygienist. This allows him to provide very personalized service to his clients and keeps overhead low so he can commit more resources to ADRP.

Years of war in Afghanistan have left behind many widows and about 3 million orphans with no source of income. Malnutrition, illiteracy and poverty have left them with few prospects and little hope. The current life expectancy is around 44 years — the sixth lowest in the world — and the median age is 17.

Healthcare is primitive and limited. There are only 134 dentists for a country of about 29 million (that’s one for every 216,000); meaning access to dental care is rare and expensive.

“Eighty percent of kids that I talk to have no hope for the future,” Rolfe says. He has seen young adults dying as a result of their dental problems. “They had multiple abscessed teeth and no antibiotics — not even clean water.” They only restored electricity in Kabul in the past year. He realized that Afghanistan had no future without education and opportunity.

Rolfe began working to develop a permanent clinic and training center there. He personally outfitted a 40-foot shipping
container as a completely functional clinic, which took 18 months to complete. He traveled all over the state to collect donated and discounted dental supplies and equipment, which filled another two containers. Rolfe’s clinic boasts the only electronic x-ray machine and functional laboratory in the country. The containers were shipped fully outfitted to Afghanistan.

Securing the land for the clinic presented another problem, but a Pacific connection provided the solution. Kamila Mohammadi, mother of Pacific speech-language pathology major Husna Mohammadi ’11, heard about Rolfe’s organization about the same time she was diagnosed with kidney cancer. She and her family had moved from Afghanistan to Northern California in the 1980s. Though she would never return to her homeland, she was able to give back to Afghanistan and its people. As her last wish, Mohammadi donated her family’s land in Kabul to Rolfe for the clinic. Since her death in 2007, Mohammadi’s husband and daughter have been very committed to the success of ADRP.

ADRP now includes the clinic, a three-bedroom guest facility for volunteer dentists, a classroom and dental laboratory, and a waiting and reception area. The clinic serves 35 people each day and trains dental assistants and laboratory technicians.

In February the first class of dental hygiene students graduated. These graduates are given modern portable equipment, which they can take with them to practice in any licensed dental office. Rolfe hopes to expand the training center to include other educational programs and the organic garden, which provides nutritional supplements to clients. Eventually he plans to build permanent facilities in Kabul so the mobile units can be sent to a new location.

Rolfe’s passion is contagious. Husna Mohammadi has organized fundraisers and events to raise awareness for the project. Other Pacific students, including Suhaila Aziz ’10, have joined the effort. In conjunction with the Center for Social Entrepreneurship and the School of International Studies, Aziz, Mohammadi and several other students organized a Global Development Dinner in March on the Stockton campus that featured Afghan music, food and auction items.

“Pacific faculty, students and community members all came to learn about ADRP, and we raised more than $1,000 for the organization,” says Aziz.

“They always say ‘one person can change the world’ and, after meeting Dr. Rolfe, I believe this statement,” says Mohammadi. “His dedication and willingness to commit so much of his personal resources is outstanding.”

“I became a dentist to help people,” says Rolfe. “I see the world as one people; it’s too small of a place to continue to be isolated.”

To find out more about the Afghan Dental Relief Project, visit www.ADRPinc.org or e-mail ADRP@verizon.net.

Above: Patrick Walton '10, Daniel Ray '10 and Professor Alan Ray

The Forbes article sparked strong reactions from those who live and work in Stockton and on Pacific’s Stockton campus. Communication major Daniel Ray ’10 and political science major Patrick Walton ’10 decided to challenge the “Most Miserable Cities” moniker. They dubbed themselves Team Misery.

“The mission of the project was to investigate Forbes magazine’s claim, to see if people in Stockton thought we were really miserable and to get their reaction to the article,” said their advisor, Communication Professor Alan Ray. So, in November 2009, Daniel and Patrick wrote to “Most Miserable Cities” author Kurt Badenhausen, a senior editor at Forbes magazine, asking for an interview. They wanted to find out how and why Forbes chose the categories they used for the “miserable” classification. Forbes’ list was based on data gathered on nine categories: commute times, corruption, weather, violent crime, unemployment, income and sales taxes, and other more unusual factors such as pro sports teams and superfund hazardous waste sites.

According to Daniel and Patrick, the magazine was reluctant to grant interviews, initially turning them down. But Badenhausen eventually agreed to it with the stipulation that the questions had to be presented ahead of time. Once Team Misery got approval for the interview, they had to find a way to make the trip to New York possible. The received a Pacific Fund grant to help cover the...
cost of a four-day trip to New York in search of answers.

Daniel and Patrick found that the criteria for the rankings and even the choice of the word “miserable” had been chosen in an editorial brainstorming session for the story. Results were based on available statistical data, but no outside experts were consulted. No visits to the cities or polls of citizens were factored into the final outcome.

“I created the article to show how people view their cities in times of economic crises,” Badenhausen told them in the filmed interview. “Not one person in Stockton should be surprised that it was named the most miserable,” he remarked. As the interview closed, Badenhausen promised that there would not be another “Most Miserable City” article. However in 2010, Forbes’ again published the list with Stockton at number two.

When Team Misery returned to Stockton, they filmed interviews with local political leaders and community members to find out how the community felt about the “miserable” label. The mayor, chief of police, local television news reporters, Pacific professors and students were among those captured on video.

Patrick and Daniel found out through their interviews that, although people did acknowledge Stockton has some very real problems related to unemployment and crime, for the most part the people like their city and feel it has a lot to offer. City leaders, who have been working hard for years to overcome these challenges, said they thought this kind of negative publicity only makes their jobs more difficult.

Another point they said emerged was the positive feeling Stocktonians in general have about University of the Pacific. They appreciate its beauty; attend sporting and other events; send their children to summer camps and swimming lessons; and take advantage of healthcare services. The people of Stockton also tend to have strong family ties, enjoy the easy access Stockton provides to Northern California attractions, and they appreciate the city’s diversity. The students felt there was a lot more to what makes up the sense of misery or satisfaction for the people of Stockton than the nine factors used for the Forbes rankings.

“I now realize there is a lot more diversity and there is a lot bigger story to Stockton,” said Patrick about the experience.

“Through the many interviews, we learned that the ‘miserable’ designation can be a good thing to learn from,” Dr. Ray added. They hope city leaders and supporters will continue to be motivated to keep resources focused toward addressing Stockton’s most pressing needs.

Team Misery has compiled all of its interviews and produced a documentary on their findings. They made a presentation to Pacific alumni and gave a sneak preview at Pacific Alumni Weekend in June and plan to premiere “Why So Miserable Stockton?” at the Bob Hope Theatre in downtown Stockton sometime this fall.

“We hope the film will help generate a conversation in the community about what a miserable city really is,” said Daniel. “We hope it will help people realize that Stockton can actually be a fascinating place to reside, but to also remind them that a city is what you make it.”

Allyson Seals ’12 carries a double major in Communication and English. An aspiring writer, she is the sports editor for The Pacifican and enjoys acting in and directing films.

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School of International Studies student Veronica Chavez ’10 will be the first to earn the InterAmerican Certificate, awarded through Pacific’s new InterAmerican Program (IAP). The program allows students to build the competence to practice their profession anywhere in the Spanish-speaking world without linguistic and cultural barriers. Currently, more than 20 students in a variety of majors are working toward their InterAmerican Certificates.

The IAP was launched in 2008 with the ceremonial visit of César Gaviria, former president of Colombia and ex-secretary general of the Organization of American States. Students first enrolled in fall 2009. At this time, the certificate program is offered to students in College of the Pacific, the School of International Studies, Eberhardt School of Business and Benerd School of Education. Professor Susan Giráldez, the program’s academic director, is working to expand it to students in the Conservatory of Music and the School of Engineering and Computer Science by fall 2012.

The program evolved from the roots of former Elbert Covell College, one of the cluster colleges which existed from 1963 to 1985. The unique program offered a structured curriculum in InterAmerican studies taught entirely in Spanish, with more than a dozen required courses in specific majors, such as business and bilingual education. Most students lived in Spanish-speaking dormitories, and half of the students were from Latin America. Then Colombian President Alberto Lleras Camargo extolled the Covell College program, saying it provided “education for life in the Americas in the 20th century.” Today, close to 1,000 former “Covellianos” live and work in Latin America.

In February, Provost Phil Gilbertson led a trip to Venezuela to meet with Covell College alumni and visit high schools and universities to further exchange programs and internships for the IAP. In October of this year, Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck will host a meeting with Covell alumni in Ecuador and conduct a series of outreach activities to reinforce the recruitment of students there. Covell alumni in Latin America continue to make a significant contribution in assisting the University to connect with high schools, universities, government, businesses and other organizations in support of Pacific programs.

For the certificate program, students complete approximately four courses on Latin America or the Latino experience in the U.S. that are taught in Spanish or involve the use of Spanish in the course. They receive training in intercultural communications and must achieve advanced competence in the use of Spanish in their field of study. IAP students complete a required internship related to their major, either in Latin America or in a Spanish-speaking environment in the U.S.

Students participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the school year, such as the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, and clubs such as Familia Latina, MEChA and the Hispanic sorority Gamma Alpha Omega. Chavez was president of Pacific’s MEChA chapter and carried out many outreach activities.
InterAmerican Cooperation at Pacific

1963 — Elbert Covell College (ECC) first opens its doors to students. Mexican government donates archeological artifacts to Pacific.

1970 — Study abroad partnership formed with the University of Costa Rica.

1971 — Pacific hosts the first of four annual InterAmerican Seminars for School Administration and Supervision.

1974 — Agreement reached to educate 220 Venezuelan students at ECC.

1976 — First ECC alumni reunion held in Guatemala. Pacific hosts the Model Conference of the Organization of American States. Students from University of Puerto Rico study at ECC.

1981 — Foreign student enrollment at its highest; the most (105) are from Latin America.

1986 — The School of International Studies (SIS) is established.

2004 — SIS Dean Margee Ensign travels to Latin America to meet with ECC alumni and explore reviving InterAmerican studies.

2006 — Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship established. Katalysis Bootstrap Fund, a nonprofit microfinance organization working with clients in Central America, moves its headquarters to Pacific. Students participate in internships in Latin American countries.

2007 — InterAmerican Program approved by the Board of Regents.

2008 — Campus visit of César Gaviria marks formal inauguration of InterAmerican Program. Pacific becomes first U.S. university to join the Union of Universities of Latin America.

2009 — Global Ambassador Corps program established. Five of 10 students in the first year do internships in Latin American countries.

2010 — Pacific delegation visits five cities in Venezuela to form exchange agreements with Venezuelan institutions. In her inaugural speech, President Pamela Eibeck recognizes the ECC experience and its role in the development of the InterAmerican Studies Program.

in the Latino community. The annual Latino graduation ceremony prior to Commencement recognizes student achievement. There is also a Spanish-speaking living community. Named to signify the program’s roots in Elbert Covell College, Casa Covell housed 48 students this year, with the potential for 61 this fall.

Chavez, an ambitious student who double-majored in global studies and Spanish literature and minored in ethnic studies, is among the first cohort of IAP students. She will complete the program in fall 2010 through an internship with the Asamblea Nacional de Ex-Braseros in Tlaxcala, Mexico, where she will participate in a study of migrant labor experience.

“The great thing about Pacific’s new InterAmerican Program,” says Chavez, “is that it prepares students today to be able to apply the skills they have learned in their majors and overcome the language and cultural barriers that have prevented the people, whether within the U.S. or in U.S.–Latin American relations, from working together as neighbors should.”

Gene Bigler ’67 RAY is faculty advisor and international outreach coordinator for the InterAmerican Program and teaches international relations. He served many years as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service in Washington D.C., Iraq, Italy, Cuba, Peru and Panama, and taught in Venezuela and other countries of Latin America.

Veronica Chavez ’10 will be the first student to receive the new InterAmerican Certificate after completing her internship this fall in Tlaxcala, Mexico.
Pamela A. Eibeck hit the ground running as Pacific’s 24th president on July 1, 2009 and shows no sign of slowing down. She has launched a “Listening Campaign” that has taken her to all three Pacific campuses, into the community and across the nation to meet and hear from students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. Her boundless energy, warmth, openness and ready smile have energized the Pacific Community.
Her colleagues and friends describe her as personable and animated. She holds office hours and fireside chats for students, has her own Facebook page and led a campaign to reach “Beyond Our Gates” into the Valley community. An avid hiker, skier and backpacker, she runs every morning at 5:30, was a guest coach for the baseball team and was a guest conductor for the Stockton Symphony. She loves Harry Potter, “Star Trek” and Dr. Who. The dynamic 53-year-old is also the first woman president in Pacific’s 159-year history. Though Eibeck has a packed schedule, she manages to find time to balance it all and maintain a high degree of accessibility.

So how does she do it?

“I am blessed with high energy, good health and a wonderful life partner,” said Eibeck. Her husband, Bill Jeffery, whom she married 22 years ago, is an adjunct professor of law at Pacific McGeorge School of Law. They have four children. The two met at the Embarcadero YMCA in San Francisco, where they were both members, and reconnected several years later through a running group at Stanford called the Angell Field Ancients.

“Our personal relationship is very strong,” Jeffery says. “We were best friends before our marriage 22 years ago, and we have remained best friends ever since. We work hard to support each other in whatever we are doing.”

It’s obvious upon meeting Eibeck that she is simply delighted to be at Pacific. She says the students are “a blast,” describes the leadership opportunities as “exceptional,” sees the Stockton community’s appreciation of the university as “powerful” and says there is a “deep dedication” among the faculty ensuring that all students get a high-quality education. She also takes pleasure in her surroundings, saying that she has enjoyed the spring crop of ducklings that have begun swimming in the pool at the President’s Residence and was excited to tour the sites where Harrison Ford filmed “Raiders of the Lost Ark.”

Living on campus has its perks, says Eibeck, especially “the commute.” Jeffery says the couple enjoys hosting events, including ceremonies for two sororities who asked permission to throw their respective presidents into the pool at the President’s Residence. “We love being Pacific’s biggest boosters, and we particularly enjoy living on the campus where we can have regular, informal contact with students, faculty, alumni and community members visiting the campus,” Jeffery says.

Pacific is a long way — literally and figuratively — from her high school days in Buffalo, New York, when counselors who noticed that she was good at math suggested that she shoot for a career in accounting.

“I was a rebel,” Eibeck says with an impish grin, adding that she wasn’t even allowed to take auto shop, a class that was reserved for boys at that time. Not particularly interested in accounting, she instead became a pre-med engineering major in college (she dropped the pre-med idea after nearly fainting while observing surgery).

“I saw engineering as an exciting area that would offer extraordinary opportunities,” she recalled.

When Eibeck was accepted at Stanford University, she left snowy Buffalo behind for sunny California. There she earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering between 1979 and 1986. She had no inkling at the time that she would someday be a university president. Teaching had not even been in her original plan, but she discovered she loved it after working as a teaching assistant and completing a doctoral fellowship.

She secured a professorship at the University of California, Berkeley,
working under Karl Pister, then dean of engineering. He eventually became her mentor and friend. Pister, who routinely spent an hour chatting with each new faculty member, was delighted to learn that Eibeck and his daughter Jacinta had been classmates at Stanford. “That was the beginning of our acquaintance,” says Pister, who now counts Eibeck among his extended family.

Eibeck says Pister was warm and supportive, especially after she became a mother, struggling to balance career and family life. In 1995, after 10 years at Berkeley, during which she had earned tenure, she took a position at Northern Arizona University as professor and chair of mechanical engineering. She later served as director of the honors program and vice provost for undergraduate studies. Eibeck credits John Haeger, current president of NAU, for teaching her a tremendous amount about university leadership. “Whenever deans talked at faculty meetings, I always found their vision fascinating,” Eibeck says of her own evolution from educator to administrator. “They would consider, ‘What is society expecting out of a college of engineering graduate?’”

Pister says that he and his wife visited Eibeck and her family in Flagstaff and found her happy and fulfilled. Not long after, though, Eibeck indicated to her mentor that she had an interest in moving. He subsequently received an e-mail telling him that she was a candidate for dean of engineering at Texas Tech. “That struck me with such force,” he recalled. “I said, ‘You mean you would go to Lubbock, Texas?’ That was indicative of her rebel character. She’d go to Texas!”

Though Pister had imagined that a move to Texas would be quite a culture shock, he was pleasantly surprised to find that Eibeck was thriving when she visited him during a fundraising trip to California. “I saw quite a change in this rebellious young woman,” Pister says. “She was becoming an administrator.” As dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech in 2004, Eibeck was responsible for eight academic departments, 33 degree programs and a $55 million budget.

That job groomed her for her next stop — University of the Pacific. She originally became acquainted with the University when serving on an accreditation team for the School of Engineering and Computer Science. She learned much more about it when her son, Will Jeffery, was shopping for a college. It was then she found out about the search for a new president.

“We both applied,” she joked. As it turned out, both were “accepted” at Pacific, but, after Eibeck was appointed president, Will chose to attend Santa Clara University. “I was disappointed at first because I’ve seen the exceptional opportunities he could have had here at Pacific,” Eibeck says. “On the other hand, I understand that he wanted and needs to develop his independence. He is exploring his own life and is doing well there.”

Eibeck is grateful for the support of her family. When asked how her children would describe her, she was thoughtful for a moment, then said, “They’re very proud of me. I think they would say I am a loving mom who’s fun, but sometimes bossy, who has high expectations and encourages them, but mostly just loves them.”

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She became Pacific’s 24th president on July 1, 2009, and was formally inaugurated in the Alex G. Spanos Center on March 19, 2010. Pister, who spoke at the inauguration, stopped during his prepared remarks, looked at her and said, “One of her attributes is that she knows when to accept counsel and when to reject it,” praising Eibeck for going to Texas Tech even though he advised against it. “She was smart enough to see what she needed to do and do it.”

Eibeck remarked that she was surprised at the commonalities between the jobs of dean and university president. “As dean of engineering, I was also very involved in fundraising. I learned about the enthusiasm people had and the pleasure of telling the university’s story,” she says.

In May, she got a chance to tell some of Pacific’s story during a videotaped interview
In Los Angeles with Pacific Alumni Association President Denny Stilwell, where she also had an opportunity to visit her daughter Katherine, who is a student at the University of Southern California. Among other things, she spoke about her vision for the university and the incredible network of alumni throughout the world. “We are very proud of our alumni,” she says. “Our students get energized by them, thinking, ‘I can be there someday.’ As soon as a student arrives at Pacific, he or she begins a lifetime association. They become a Pacific Tiger for life.”

Eibeck says her challenges as president include increasing the size of the University’s endowment, which she noted is half the size that it should be, and expanding the diversity of the student population to reflect the diversity of the nation’s current and future population.

“The other vision I have is making sure we are ready for the students of 2020,” said Eibeck, noting the need to give Pacific students more opportunities to study abroad. “Our students recognize they are part of a global world, and we want to provide opportunities for them to be part of that.”

In spite of whatever changes the future holds, Eibeck said Pacific will continue to be “student-centered and student-focused.” “I have been struck by the intense joy and enthusiasm for me as a female president,” she says. “I feel like I have come to a place where I am welcomed with open arms.”

Pister agreed: “The reception she got during the inauguration was amazing. The students just seemed to go wild.”

“The reaction of alumni, especially women, has been equally gratifying. By accepting their enthusiasm, I realized I was honoring their accomplishments,” she says. “Of course, I just happen to be a woman, but I have been a trailblazer as a female engineer and female dean of engineering. Now that there’s a woman president, there is a sense that anything is possible.”

As the taping came to a close, the camera was turned off and the spotlights extinguished, Eibeck jokingly asked Stilwell, “Did I ramble?” He looked at her and said, “You are a rock star.”

To hear Dr. Eibeck’s inaugural address and more, visit www.Pacific.edu/Inauguration.
University of the Pacific commemorated the beginning of Pamela A. Eibeck’s presidency with a Presidential Inaugural Event Series during the 2009–2010 academic year. Events embodied core Pacific values such as responsible leadership, a commitment to the local and global community, a superior academic experience and a practice-ready education. The series started in October with the Italian Festival Week, followed shortly by the Pat Kennedy Parliamentary Debate Tournament on November 6. Below are highlights of the spring events.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

John Muir impersonator Dr. Richard Shore transformed from a Scottish gentleman to the bearded adventurer during his presentation at the “John Muir: Naturalist and Scientist Symposium” April 21–24, featuring lectures by experts on Muir’s contributions to science and natural history and his impact on outdoor recreation and environmental education.

Environmentalist Michael Pollan, author of “The Omnivore’s Dilemma,” offered a lively and entertaining lecture on “The Sun Food Agenda” culminating Sustainability Month events. It was hosted at Pacific McGeorge School of Law and simulcast to the Stockton campus.

The Powell Scholars program commissioned a work of art inspired by the spirit of John Muir. “Muir Woods National Monument” was unveiled by photographer Stephen Joseph at an April reception in William Knox Holt Memorial Library, which holds a repository of John Muir papers in its Holt-Atherton Special Collections.
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE

Daniel Goleman, author of “Emotional Intelligence,” keynoted the Symposium on Social and Emotional Competence in March, which showcased Pacific programs designed to increase students’ social and emotional competence and prepare them for responsible leadership. The symposium also featured Richard Boyatzis, author of “Resonant Leadership,” presentations and panel discussions.

GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Professor and judge Fausto Pocar of Milan and professors from the University of Parma, Italy, a sister city of Stockton, highlighted a seminar in April at Pacific McGeorge on Italy’s legal traditions and cultures. The seminar was part of the Celebration of Italian Music and Culture held last fall on the Stockton campus.

DIVERSITY

Performances by local schoolchildren and Pacific students showcased the diversity of the community at “The Colors of Rhythm and Rhyme” in the DeRosa University Center on April 30.

Astronaut and regent José Hernandez ’85 keynoted the Pioneering Diversity, Strengthening Community Symposium on April 30, which brought together community members, alumni, and Pacific staff and faculty in a half-day symposium to explore Pacific’s historic contribution to diverse groups, and examine current community needs that will inform the University’s future efforts.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Brubeck Festival celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Brubeck Institute and featured performances by former Brubeck Fellows and the Institute’s first musical director, jazz bassist Christian McBride.
THE LISTENING CAMPAIGN

For her first year in office, President Eibeck conducted a listening campaign to meet and hear from the members of the University community — students, faculty, staff and alumni of all three campuses — and the local communities the University serves.

STUDENTS: Several times during each semester Eibeck held office hours and fireside chats at the DeRosa University Center, visited classrooms and hosted call-in radio shows on the student radio station KPAC to have the opportunity to speak with and hear from students.

THE PACIFIC FAMILY: President Eibeck held Town Hall Meetings in Stockton, San Francisco and Sacramento once each semester to talk about the state of the University and take questions and comments from staff, faculty and students.

ALUMNI: At alumni receptions throughout California and across the country, President Eibeck had the opportunity to meet and speak with Pacific alumni about their continuing Pacific Experience.

COMMUNITY: With her “Beyond Our Gates, Into the Community” forums, President Eibeck, Pacific faculty and staff, and community leaders addressed challenges in San Joaquin County regarding healthcare, education, the economy, the environment, diversity, and arts and culture. Information gained from these forums will be used to plan how Pacific can partner with the community toward solutions.
"When I was a child, I used to dream about running a camp for learning," Provost Phil Gilbertson told those gathered at an April retirement reception. "It wasn't until I was well into my Pacific days that I realized that was a child's description of being a provost." Gilbertson, who retired June 30, reflects on his time at Pacific and looks ahead to his next adventure.
His wife, Carole, says he can’t wait to get out the door in the morning. His longtime assistant, Debbie Miller, says she hears the office door open, and he is up the stairs before she can count to 10. “It’s probably because I take the stairs two at a time,” he says. Faculty have called him the Energizer Bunny. He says it’s all because he has the best job in the world. But after 14 years at the helm of Pacific’s academic units, Gilbertson is leaving Pacific to follow his muse.

“I look forward to enjoying the creativity and the beauty of the world, rather than organizing it and trying to improve it,” he told Carole, who is a researcher for Pacific’s Advancement Services. A large crowd of friends, students and colleagues honored them both at a reception in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom April 29.

“I’ve always known that I am an artist at heart,” says Gilbertson, who has been a painter and poet for most of his life. “Now I want to do something different; I need to work in a new medium.”

The couple will travel in Scandinavia this summer and fall, with an Italian sojourn planned next spring, to explore art they find intriguing. Gilbertson’s current interest is leaning toward stone carving and metal work with large sculpture. They are building a studio to house his projects and plan to continue living in Stockton. Carole plans to return to playing her flute.

“I have a real sense of adventure about it,” he says. “That’s part of the excitement: to be a brand-new student.” At the same time, Gilbertson admits he will miss being at the university.

“That’s why I want to write the new history of Pacific,” he confesses, “because I will still be engaged.” The former English professor will undertake this project over the next five years. Publication is scheduled to coincide with Pacific’s 165th anniversary in 2016.

“This was never just a job for Phil,” says President Emeritus Donald V. DeRosa. “He treated it with such passion and energy. He is a man of remarkable integrity, and is truly honest and straightforward.” Gilbertson was Pacific’s first provost, a position DeRosa established shortly after he came to the university in 1995.

“I wish I could have met his parents, who produced this person of such self assurance and directedness.”

“My father and all of my uncles were ministers,” Gilbertson says. The third of six children, he grew up in South Dakota and received an undergraduate education at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he met Carole.

“Bach brought us together,” he says. “I was singing in a classical choir, a very big deal on campus then, and we decided to tour with a production of Bach’s ‘Magnificat,’ for which we needed a small orchestra. The choir director found the best flute player, and there was only one open seat on the tour bus as I got on — next to her.” They’ve been married 45 years this June and have two children, Erica and Nate, and four “adorable, talented” grandchildren.

“I was pulled into administration at the age of 32 by my colleagues, who wanted me to become head of the English department,” says Gilbertson of his path to leadership. He moved from teaching into administrative positions at the University of Idaho, Wartburg College in Iowa, Texas Lutheran College, Doane College in Nebraska and Valparaiso University in Indiana.

“Education is a sacred calling,” Gilbertson says, and he feels that his religious household gave him the spiritual basis that engages his soul. He finds that renewing spirit in the family’s Flathead Lake, Montana, retreat, where he has spent summers since 1953. He and Carole purchased land there in 1972 and built their house in 1982.

“It’s where I spend time reflecting and reading, painting, writing poetry, fishing, boating, hiking,” he says. And for 14 years he’s returned to Pacific renewed and refreshed to immerse himself in the hiring of deans, improving enrollment, reviewing academic programs, and strategic planning and budgeting for all the projects the university has engaged in to provide a premier student-centered education.

“I have been fortunate as a first-year President to have Phil as provost,” said Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck. “His wisdom and vigor have changed this University and have helped to shape our direction in innumerable ways.”

Asked about his greatest accomplishment, Gilbertson mentions the strong deans he has recruited and hired. He has been instrumental in the hiring of all the current deans as well as other top academic administrators.

“The work of the deans is to empower faculty to empower students in learning and personal growth,” he says.

Gilbertson established Pacific’s Council of Deans, which includes the deans of the nine schools and the library and graduate studies; assistant and associate provosts for professional and continuing education; the provost; and the president. See page 27 for more details.

“His mark will live as long as there’s a Pacific.”

— President Emeritus Donald V. DeRosa
education, enrollment, research, curriculum, faculty development, diversity and international initiatives; and an academic budget officer. The upper management layer in the Provost's Office was instituted under Gilbertson's leadership. When he came to Pacific, his office consisted of only himself and two assistants.

Gilbertson has prioritized leadership for diversity in his office. Pacific now has more diversity and cultural variety than ever, both among faculty, staff and students, and in academic and extracurricular programming. The university has adopted a Statement of Diversity and Inclusion underlining its commitment to a respectful and inclusive community.

The assistant provost for Faculty Development directs the Center for Teaching and Learning and provides programming and resources to help professors become more effective teachers and scholars who engage students more actively in learning.

“Technology was an absent enemy when I arrived,” says Gilbertson of information services, which was also in his brief. “We didn’t have a mechanism to handle academic computing.” It required a huge commitment of time and energy to understand the technology needs and requirements, Gilbertson says, and not a little frustration on all sides to bring the university to the current level of efficient and effective service. Tremendous improvements in technology include robust academic software, plentiful smart classrooms and making the campus wireless — with much more to do.

Gilbertson was instrumental in promoting and implementing the values of the DeRosa administration and developing “Mission, Vision and Priorities 1996–2001 and 2002–2007,” a defining strategic plan that evolved into what is now “Pacific Rising 2008–2015.” He was an essential advocate to combine planning and budgeting to ensure that budget decisions were based on university priorities. He chairs the Institutional Priorities Committee, a university standing committee made up of faculty, staff, students and administrators to advise the president on planning and budget priorities.

“The university has improved the quality of academic programs and has more faculty fully engaged in teaching and research,” he says. Gilbertson is pleased with the caliber of Pacific’s faculty and the backgrounds and experiences they bring. He also takes pride in the student engagement he sees in the rich learning environment of the three campus communities.

“In 1996, there wasn’t enough going on,” says Gilbertson of the student experience when he came to Pacific. “There wasn’t a lively sense of engagement — in learning or the community. Now with experiential learning a component in all our programs, a push toward undergraduate research and the social element thriving, there is a vitality here that means there is far more to do than students can handle.”

He is proud of Pacific’s holistic educational experience, which combines a strong liberal arts program with a fully developing professional awareness. He has also been committed to increasing study abroad and extending it to include faculty who want to teach in other countries.

“We want to double our numbers and to expand work-based learning abroad,” he says, noting Engineering and the School of International Studies’ successful student experiences in this area. He and Carole have traveled widely on behalf of the university in the past few years, making three trips to China as well as trips to Africa and the Middle East to develop and enhance educational exchange programs. This spring they traveled to Venezuela to visit alumni from the former Elbert Covell College and strengthen the university’s new InterAmerican program. (Read more on page 16)

“I am so impressed with the willingness of the people of Pacific to seek improvement,” says Gilbertson. “To strive for excellence, to critically examine Pacific to make it better — to turn this 1924 onion field into an elegant garden of delights.”

Gilbertson says he is not a person who lives with regrets. “I acknowledge my mistakes, try to correct them and move on.” He says he doesn’t have personal heroes, but admires Leonardo DaVinci for the breadth of his creativity and learning, and Marcus Aurelius and his tremendous insight and wisdom about leadership.

“Phil was always able to go beyond the problem at hand, striving to improve and strengthen,” says DeRosa. “His mark will live as long as there is a Pacific.”

“One of my favorite quotations is ‘visions are dreams with deadlines,’” Gilbertson shared at the reception this spring. “That has been the watchword of my career, and it also defines my future. I have set a clear five-year plan — my own personal Mission, Vision and Priorities — that is both inspiring and ambitious, and I get to do it with the person whom I most count on, Carole.”
"Best of the Decade"

Pacific Basketball Sweeps “Best of the Decade”

In April, the online sports website Rivals.com from Yahoo Sports selected its “Best of the Decade” for the 31 NCAA Division I conferences. For the Big West, Pacific swept all three categories: Player, Coach, and Team of the Decade.

Christian Maraker '06, 2001–06, was selected as “Player of the Decade.” Maraker, from Sweden, was a three-time first-team all-league performer and was the Big West Player of the Year in ’06. He helped the Tigers to three consecutive Big West titles and three consecutive NCAA appearances. Maraker finished his career averaging 13.4 points and 6.6 rebounds. He shot 48.8 percent from the floor and 79.7 percent from the line.

The “Coach of the Decade” was none other than Head Coach Bob Thomason. Thomason guided the Tigers to seven 20-win seasons and three NCAA appearances during the decade. He also won league Coach of the Year honors three times. Pacific set a school record for wins in 2004–05 with 27. In February 2009, Thomason was honored as the Big West’s winningest coach, when he overtook Coach Jerry Tarkanian’s 205-win record with his 206th win in the Tigers’ game against U.C. Irvine.

Pacific’s 2004–05 men’s basketball team was the pick for “Team of the Decade.” The Tigers dominated league competition, going 18–0 in conference play and winning the regular-season title by five games. They were seeded eighth in the NCAA tournament and beat Pittsburgh in the first round before falling to top-seeded Washington in the second round, finishing out the season at 27–4.
Women’s Water Polo Comes Into Its Own

Tiger women’s water polo capped its best-ever year with a Big West Conference Championship — and they’re still feeling the thrill. “We just kept exceeding our goals each week, and we had to come up with new ones,” said Head Coach Megan Thomson.

After snagging the championship with a 4–1 record in league play, the 12th-ranked team came in third in the Big West Women’s Water Polo Tournament in Long Beach April 25 with a 7–5 victory over UC Santa Barbara. Pacific finished the season 23–10.

“Pacific has the opportunity to be really great,” Thomson enthused. “It used to be about the other teams. Now it doesn’t matter who the other teams are. We’ll form our own culture around our own confidence.”

When the program began in the late ‘90s, there was money for a coach and that was it — no scholarships, and the equipment was all handed down from the men. They now have their own equipment and, with Thomson’s coaching expertise and the addition of more scholarships, the Tigers have made an impressive leap forward.

Thomson is a native of Wellington, New Zealand, and she has built an international team. Two Kiwi freshmen were outstanding players for the Tigers this year. Goalie Brooke Millar ’13 and Jasmine Myles ’13 were named to the Big West All-Conference Team along with juniors Dara Tawarahara ’11 of Honolulu and Bridget Geck ’11 of Huntington Beach, Calif. Myles was the Big West’s and Pacific’s leading scorer with 80 goals in 32 games.

There were no seniors on the 2010 team, and 10 juniors will be returning, Thomson said. “This is really exciting for them. We’ve been able to recruit some of the best kids in the country and good things are happening.”

Other Spring Sports Stand-Outs

Tiger women’s tennis standout Jenifer Widjaja ’11 of San Roque, Brazil, played in the NCAA Division I singles championships for the second year in a row. The Big West Women’s Tennis Athlete of the Year, the junior was undefeated in conference play. She had a 30–7 overall record, which gave her Pacific’s record for most wins in a single season.

Men’s tennis player Artem Gramma ’11 of Kiroj Roj, Ukraine, claimed Athlete of the Year honors in the Big West, closing out the season with a six-match winning streak. He finished with a 15–6 spring record.

Pacific softball player Nikki Armagost ’13 was named the Big West Freshman Pitcher of the Year, also earning All-Big West First Team honors along with teammate Megan Hom ’13.

Karie Wilson ’10 was named to ESPN The Magazine’s Academic District VIII First Team, and earned All-Big West Second Team honors along with teammate Lindsey Pierce ’11.

T.J. Bordeaux ’11 claimed his third straight all-conference selection when he was named to the All-Big West First Team in golf. He had the best scoring average for the Tigers during season play.
Pacific Baseball Salutes Veterans

During the 2010 baseball season, the Pacific Tigers hosted eight “Salute to the Troops” events at all Sunday home games. Veterans received free admission and were recognized during each game, and the baseball team wore camouflage jerseys.

The grand finale of Salute to the Troops on Memorial Day weekend included participation by various military groups from the region. The day’s highlight was the landing of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter and an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter on the practice field next to the main playing field by the California Army National Guard. Other activities included the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard presentation of the colors and a reading of the names of San Joaquin servicemen and women fallen in action, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of “Taps” by Pacific Veterans Organization member Jonathan Hess ’11.

Above: Pacific baseball players pose with the CH-47 Chinook helicopter that landed next to Klein Family Field at the last “Salute to the Troops” event Memorial Day weekend. Camouflage uniforms worn during the games were auctioned off to benefit local veterans outreach programs.

Baseball on the Rise

It was one of the best seasons in Tiger baseball history, but a disappointing final three weeks kept the team from a sparkling league finish. Losing a three-game series to UC Santa Barbara at Klein Family Field on May 30, the team posted a 31–23 record for the season, an even 12–12 in league play.

“We’re not happy with how we finished, but hopefully we will learn from this,” Head Coach Ed Sprague said. “We did a lot of good things. We played hard and we got the community behind us. We’re an offensive club and we just didn’t swing bats at the end.”

Pacific finished the year with the most wins over Division I teams in program history, and set records for most hits with 629, highest batting average with .325, the most saves in a single season (12) and the highest fielding percentage of .971.

Six Tigers made the Big West All-Conference team, with five tapped by Major League Baseball. On the second day of the first-year player draft, outfielder Nick Longmire ’11 was the top Tiger chosen, taken in the fifth round by the St. Louis Cardinals. Longmire finished as the top hitter in all 24 Big West Conference games, earning All-Big West honorable mention. Catcher Joe Oliveira ’10 went to the Baltimore Orioles in the 15th round, also receiving Big West honorable mention. Earning All-Big West Second Team were second baseman J.B. Brown ’11, who was chosen by the New York Mets in the 114th round, and third baseman Mike Walker ’10, chosen by the Milwaukee Brewers seven picks after Brown. Tiger relief pitcher Hunter Carnevale ’10 made All-Big West first team and was chosen by the Mets on the third day of the draft in the 33rd round.

Nick Longmire ’11
In May, I had the pleasure of conducting a one-on-one interview with President Pamela A. Eibeck in Los Angeles. We talked about her first year on the job and various aspects of the University. Here are a few highlights from our discussion.

DS: What does your vision of Pacific entail?
PE: It is very much grounded in what we’ve been. We will continue to be student-centered and student-focused. We’ve also been connected with our community, and clearly my vision is to expand serving our communities, not just Stockton, but Sacramento and San Francisco. We have tremendous opportunities to pull together our three campuses as a single University. The other vision I have is to make sure we are prepared for the students of 2020 and beyond. Student demographics are changing. How is our University positioned to educate a much more diverse group of people from very different cultural backgrounds?

DS: What can alumni do to help the University?
PE: Our alumni can help tremendously by being engaged and volunteering their time on our advisory boards, with the Alumni Association and other organizations. Being engaged in the quality of the educational experience and mentoring our students can make a big difference. And of course, alumni can help by donating to the University. The quality of our education is so dependent on having a robust endowment. The return from that endowment can provide scholarships and program support that help us ensure the highest quality for our students and our academic programs.

DS: Can you describe the new Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House?
PE: It is so important to have an alumni house on campus, a dedicated space for alumni to come back to and have a sense of belonging at the University. It is going to be in the center of campus — at a hub where students move between classes. It’s a beautiful site… I’m quite impressed by the design and the way in which alumni have stepped forward to make this a reality… This is not only a functional building for alumni to use… but it is also a symbolic message to our students that they are Pacific Tigers for life.

DS: What key message would you like to send to alumni?
PE: First of all, that we’re very proud of you. Our alumni have done so much, not only to develop a strong professional career path, but in giving back. We appreciate and love having our alumni back on campus and engaged with our students. They get energized by seeing what happens to graduates of our University. Pacific has been fortunate to have outstanding administrators over the past several decades, and President Eibeck continues that trend with her vision, enthusiasm and leadership. You can hear more of the interview with President Eibeck at www.PacificAlumni.org/PresidentInterview.

I look forward to seeing you at alumni events throughout the year.

Go Tigers!

Denny Stilwell ’88 COP, Association President
Do You Know “What’s Up?”

The Pacific Alumni Association keeps you up to date with a weekly e-newsletter that delivers campus buzz, photos, alumni news, event announcements and more!

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Alumni Mentor Network

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Help a Pacific student figure out their college, career and life goals by joining the Alumni Mentor Network. Mentors are matched with students who have similar career interests or paths of study. Mentors can choose their level of commitment to the program by indicating how many students they are able to mentor each year. Alumni of all class years and careers are encouraged to participate. Sign up at www.PacificAlumni.org/Mentor.

“I’m really excited I decided to connect with someone, because it looks like it will be a definite benefit!”

— Elaine Campion ’09

Ashby Brown ’10 COP, Marcie Spencer ’81 COP and Elaine Campion ’09 COP
Helping Hands in Haiti

The 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince in January shattered the landscape, killed thousands, and left countless others homeless and severely injured. Pacific alumni were among those around the world who mobilized to help. Here are a few of their stories.

Mike Hahn ’02 EDU

Hahn and his wife Christa first traveled to Haiti last October as ambassadors of their nonprofit organization His Little Feet and spent a month at the Hope for Haiti Children’s Center in Ouanaminthe, a city located about 200 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince. After the earthquake, the Hahns returned to the orphanage and helped provide medical assistance, comfort, recreation and other basic need fulfillment to children orphaned by the earthquake. Many of them were severely injured, scared to go inside of buildings and plagued by nightmares. During their month-long stay, the Hahns provided the children a sense of normalcy by teaching games and songs and giving the children a sense of community and fellowship. Mike also helped coordinate teams of American volunteers, including doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. A former Pacific basketball standout, Mike says that the couple’s connection to Pacific has been instrumental in their efforts. He said many coaches, boosters and former Pacific athletes are supporting their organization. They described participation by Pacific alumni in their endeavors as a “neat display of support.” For more information about His Little Feet, visit www.HisLittleFeet.org.

Travis Medley ’97 BUS

Medley has been going to Haiti with his best friend’s church group since 2006. In January, Medley and the group made their already-scheduled trip to the Robert Ford Haitian Orphanage in Cap Haitien, about 80 miles north of Port-au-Prince. Structurally untouched by the earthquake, Medley said the effects could still be seen everywhere as homeless and injured people were bused into the area, and loved ones mourned family members and friends who were killed or missing. The group helped build a playground, which brought joy and laughter to the children. Medley also traveled with a medical team and worked in a clinic where he saw infants and children who were badly injured, many of whom lost their parents in the quake’s destruction. One child had survived a school collapse that killed 500 of his classmates. Medley said the diversity of his experiences at Pacific gave him the confidence to volunteer in Haiti and said his time spent there has been “incredible.”

Shirley King ’60 COP

King is the founder of Gramma’s Hugs International, a nonprofit organization that gives blankets to needy children. She responded to the crisis in Haiti by shipping almost 500 items to an orphanage outside of Port-au-Prince. Due to Haiti’s tropical climate, the group sent twin-sized cotton sheets and cotton blankets made from print flannel. They also sent large drawstring cotton bags to hold children’s belongings. King says they will be sending more items soon but are waiting for more donations. To find out more about Gramma’s Hugs International, visit www.GrammasHugs.org.
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Black Alumni Pacific Club

In June, the club hosted its first event in Southern California. Held at the home of Joy (Parrish) Howell ’71 CAL in Chino Hills, the event was open to incoming and current students, as well as alumni from the region. Assistant Vice President for Student Life Lisa Cooper attended and shared updates about Pacific’s efforts to increase African-American applications and retention rates. Rickey Boyland ’79 BUS and Norma Ivy ’74 COP helped organize the event.

Bakersfield Pacific Club

With more than 400 alumni in the area and a growing group of current and incoming students, Bakersfield could be a hotbed for Pacific alumni activity! Before the summer temperatures really kicked in, Davyd Morris ’77 COP held a reception for prospective students, families and alumni at his home.

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Pacifica Club of the Nation’s Capitol

*Left:* The Pacific Club of the Nation’s Capitol hosted a “Spy at Night” outing at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. The mastermind of the declassified operation was Stacy (Pierce) Gustafson ’05 BUS. (L. to R.) Wendy (DuShane) Enloe ’95 COP, Mary Ann Gomez ’89 COP, Sarah Bulley ’06 SIS and Stacy (Pierce) Gustafson ’05 BUS.
East Bay Pacific Club
Volunteers handled approximately 20,000 pounds of food at this year’s community service day for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano in Lafayette, Calif. Alumni volunteers participated in the letter carriers’ annual food drive, “Help Us Stamp Out Hunger,” organizing food donations collected by the letter carriers as they delivered mail in their neighborhoods.

Sacramento Pacific Club
Did you know there is a jail cell and a parking lot inside Arco Arena? Alumni got to see behind the scenes during their group tour of the arena, followed by a great lunch and the Kings game against the Denver Nuggets in January.

Arizona — Valley of the Sun Pacific Club
Above: Phoenix is a vibrant city with a new active Pacific Club, chaired by Bob Webster ’59 BUS. Bob and his wife Janet helped to organize the club’s event in May at the Heard Museum. After a successful first event, the club is excited to help the University recruit new students and to bring Pacific representatives from the schools and colleges out to Phoenix.

For more information about regional and affinity clubs in your area, go to www.PacificAlumni.org or call 866.575.7229

Half Century Club Luncheon & Class of 1960 50th Reunion Celebration
May 15–16
The Class of 1960 celebrated its 50-year reunion during Commencement Weekend. The group was formally honored during the commencement ceremony as they followed the processional of graduates in the traditional rose walk. They were inducted into the Pacific Alumni Association’s Half Century Club and reminisced with classmates at reunion activities throughout the weekend.
Oregon Shakespeare Festival
August 6–9, 2010
Join Pacific English professor and Shakespeare authority Courtney Lehman in a weekend of glorious theater and captivating discussions on this third annual Tiger Trek to Ashland, Oregon. Enjoy three to five performances, pre- and post-theater discussions, fun group meals and accommodations within walking distance of the festival.

Provence
September 21–29, 2010
Discover the allure of French Provence, where beaches and rolling hills tie the Mediterranean to the Alps. Discover the village of Le Lubéron, view the impressive ruins at Arles and visit delightful Les Baux. Throughout your trip, there will be a pleasurable mixture of seminar and excursion.

China
October 11–24, 2010
Explore the secrets of China's mystique and view its most amazing landmark sights, including Beijing's Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Warriors near Xi'an, the distinctive landscape of Guilin, the spectacular beauty of the Three Gorges region and the Bund in cosmopolitan Shanghai.

For more information on these and other trips, contact Kelli (Williams) Page ’87 at the Pacific Alumni Association toll-free at 866.575.7229, or visit the Alumni Web site www.PacificAlumni.org and click on Benefits.

We’re Moving!
The Pacific Alumni Association and the External Relations division have temporarily relocated a few blocks north of campus to 1776 W. March Lane. We join several other campus entities there, including the Center for Professional and Continuing Education and the Office of Information Technology. Our staff phone numbers will stay the same and we will still provide the same level of service as we did from our third-floor perch in Hand Hall. We encourage you to drop by for a visit!

We look forward to greeting you from our new offices in the beautiful Vereschagin Alumni House in summer 2011!
1940s

Averil Thomas, Jr. ’47 COP, St. Petersburg, FL, was a registered civil engineer in California for 37 years. He built a section of Interstate 5 in San Joaquin County and six sections of Interstate 80 in Solano County. He also set up the Vacaville Construction Department upon state requirement. He is currently retired and living in Florida.

1950s

Larry Allin ’54 COP, Norman, OK, has been invited by the Oklahoma Academy to participate in its Water Town Hall, which will advise the state of Oklahoma on its 50-year water plan.

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David Dunlop ’60 COP, Yuba City, CA, was recently inducted into the Yuba College Athletics Hall of Fame. He supervises the student teaching program for Brandman University, which is part of the Chapman University system.

1970s

Mary (Martin) Jerland (right) ’63 MUS and her son Paul Jerland ’85 ENG in Italy.

Mary (Martin) Jerland ’63 MUS, Eureka, CA, along with her son Paul Jerland ’85 ENG, climbed the 463 steps to the top of the Duomo of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy, while on a family cruise in the Mediterranean in September.

1980s

Ron Ranson ’63 COP and his wife Nicola in Nepal.

Ron Ranson ’63 COP, Leucadia, CA, and his wife, Nicola, recently returned to San Diego after spending a month in Nepal. Ranson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal from 1964–1966.

1990s

Kathleen (Wiley) Francis ’65 COP, Sonora, CA, is in her third term as president of the Sonora Elementary School Governing Board.

Charles Mackenzie ’68 COP, Omaha, NE, lost his wife to cancer last October. He is thankful for his Pacific and Alpha Kappa Lambda experiences which have allowed him to always prosper no matter what life has thrown his way.

SPRING INTO SERVICE

Peggy (Limbert) Rosson ’70 COP, ’95 EDU, joined a group of students and the Center for Community Involvement Director Erin Rausch on an alternative spring break trip to Puebla, Mexico. Working with the organization Community Links International, this cultural immersion and service program included home stays with families in nearby Tlaxcalancingo, building an energy-efficient stove from local and renewable materials and helping at the Community School for the Blind in Cholula. They learned that there are many ways to communicate across cultures and that every act can have positive consequences for another person.

2000s

Ali Altaho ’11 ENG, Kathy Ordanza ’13 PHS, Peggy Rosson ’70 COP, ’95 EDU, Erin Williams ’10 PHS, Erin Rausch, Caitlin McGavran ’13 SIS, Joe Rosales ’12 COP and Samantha Wormstall ’10 PHS

Richard Scott ’69 MUS

Richard Scott ’69 MUS, Murray, KY, was installed for a two-year term on the Music Teachers National Association Board of Directors. In 2009 he was awarded the Kentucky Music Teachers Association Distinguished Service Award and received the Murray State University Regents College Faculty Member of the Year award. Scott teaches at Murray State and performs as a soloist and collaborative artist.
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Stan Taylor ’77 LAW, Eugene, OR, has been named chair of the Lane Peace Center. He is a professor at Lane Community College in Eugene, where he teaches classes in peace and conflict, environmental politics, and civil rights and liberties.

Dona (Milleheim) Cady ’78 COP, North Reading, MA, has degrees in English/history and archaeology from University of the Pacific, University of Notre Dame and Somerville College at Oxford University, England. She has taught at Middlesex Community College since 1981. Her online courses have won best-practice awards in Massachusetts. In addition to her teaching, she is currently an Asian Studies Coordinator at MCC.

David Branson ’78 MUS, Reno, NV, has been awarded Administrator of the Year by the Nevada Music Educators Association. He currently serves as the Fine Arts/Music Administrator for the Washoe County Schools in Reno.

Gaither Loewenstein ’79 BUS, Highland, CA, has been appointed president of Modesto Junior College effective July 1, 2010. Loewenstein was vice president of Norco College in the Riverside Community College District. He has more than 16 years’ experience as a college administrator, 11 in the California community college system and the last four as vice president at Norco. Prior to serving at Norco, he worked in higher education administration at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA, Barstow Community College in Barstow, CA, and Mendocino College in Ukiah, CA.

Karen Graham ’84 COP, Galt, CA, was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Elk Grove with a National Citizenship Education Teacher’s Award.

Kenneth Drew ’84 COP, Boston, MA, recently accepted the position of director of U.S. Sales and Business Development for Flamma.

Michael Bernstein ’85 LAW, Milwaukee, WI, assumed the CEO position of Medical Education Technologies, Inc. in July. METI is the leading provider of medical and healthcare education and human patient simulation technologies.

Hue Jackson ’87 COP, Owing Mills, MD, was recently hired by the Oakland Raiders as an offensive coordinator.

Hugh Vu ’87 COP, Elk Grove, CA, has held several positions in the medical field since graduation. He has been an associate professor of surgery at UC Davis, the senior plastic surgeon at Shriners’ Hospital, the medical director of plastic surgery services at Dameron Hospital and the medical director at the California Wound Care Institute.

Richard Paulsen ’82 COP, Stockton, CA, was honored at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards Luncheon. He and his father, Max, have raised over $2 million for Pacific Athletics.

Richard Good ’82 COP, Modesto, CA, is now the executive director of San Joaquin County YMCA.

Dolores Delgado ’84 COP, Stockton, CA, retired as Lathrop’s police chief and moved back to the sheriff’s department to take on a role in a new capacity.

Michael Merriweather ’82 COP, Carlton Kammerer ’61 COP and Honor Jackson ’72 COP at the NFL Convention in Maui.

CONVENTION REUNITES FOOTBALL ALUMNI
Carlton Kammerer ’61 COP, Highland, MD, along with Michael Merriweather ’82 COP and Honor Jackson ’72 COP, attended the “first ever” convention that brought together active and former NFL players in Maui, HI. Those involved hope that the historic meeting will improve communication and forge a stronger relationship between current and former players.

Karen Graham ’84 COP, Galt, CA, was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Elk Grove with a National Citizenship Education Teacher’s Award.

Sharon Browne ’85 LAW, Davis, CA, was nominated by President Obama to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation, a nonprofit that is the largest single provider of civil legal aid for the poor. She is a principal attorney with the Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation, a nationally prominent conservative public-interest organization.

Michael Bernstein ’85 LAW, Milwaukee, WI, assumed the CEO position of Medical Education Technologies, Inc. in July. METI is the leading provider of medical and healthcare education and human patient simulation technologies.

Hue Jackson ’87 COP, Owing Mills, MD, was recently hired by the Oakland Raiders as an offensive coordinator.

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Paul Oliva ’87 COP, San Francisco, CA, was named chair of the School of International Studies Advisory Board last year. He was reappointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke to chair the Northern California District Export Council, and is working on preparations for the United States’ hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings in 2011. He is also the San Francisco Chronicle’s waterfront columnist.

Jeff Frazier ’89 COP, Cary, NC, is currently senior director of the global public sector at Cisco Systems Inc. and has been appointed to the 2010 board of directors for the International Affairs Council.

Della (Whitaker) Richardson ’89 UC, Stockton, CA, was named February 2010’s CASA (Court Appointed Child Advocate) of the Month. She recently retired from Pacific where she worked as the adult student coordinator in the Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

1990s

Michael Paul Vicencia ’90 LAW, Torrance, CA, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, was elected 2009/2010 president of the California Judges Association.

Murray Kidd ’92 MUS, Boston, MA, is a visiting professor at UMASS/Lowell where he directs several choral groups and teaches a group of vocal majors. He recently started a nonprofit organization in New England. The Boston Singers’ Relief Fund helps professional singers who are in financial crisis due to tragic life circumstances. www.bostonsingersresource.org/

Elmano Costa ’94 EDU, Turlock, CA, was named the Christie Sue Whalen-Saxton Professor of Teacher Education at California State University, Stanislaus. Costa is a professor of teacher education.

Stephanie Clauss ’94 EDU, Sacramento, CA, was named chief deputy general counsel of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She served as assistant chief counsel in CDCR’s Office of Legal Affairs since 2007.

Richard Fredekind ’94 EDU, Oakland, CA, was presented the Medallion of Distinction at the 111th Annual Alumni Meeting of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. He has been a member of the Dugoni School of Dentistry family since 1984 when he joined the faculty as an assistant clinical professor. He continues as project director of the Future of the Clinic Information System project, and helped the dental school implement a new, paperless clinic system to improve the way dentistry is taught and how patients are treated.

John Godi ’95 BUS, Pleasanton, CA, accepted the position of general manager for Stone Bros. Management in Stockton.

Vincent Goh ’97 DEN, Hong Kong, moved back to Hong Kong after graduating and is in private practice. He has two sons, James and Nicholas. He attained his prosthodontic/implant degree at the University of Zurich in 2003 (all in German) and recently became a partner at his current dental practice, Costello Brothers Dentistry.

ALUMNI TEACHERS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Alicia Taylor ’87 COP, a calculus teacher at Edison High School in Stockton, and Nicole DiRanna ’01 COP, a biology teacher at Centennial High School in Compton, were selected to receive the 2010 Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teachers of America Awards.

The foundation each year recognizes five exceptional California high school teachers as a way to reward those who have a documented history of success, despite the obstacles of teaching in low-performing schools and low-income areas.

The teachers were selected for the awards April 3 by the Newport Beach-based nonprofit organization. They will be honored during a ceremony October 16. Both will receive a $15,000 cash award and $5,000 for their schools.

“These teachers consistently produce academically successful students in the most challenging circumstances,” said Tim Allen, executive director of the Carlston Family Foundation. “Despite the circumstances, they elevate their expectations for their students and do everything in their power to make sure the students meet those expectations.”

To be eligible for the awards, teachers must be nominated by former students who are either enrolled in a four-year university or have graduated from one. The foundation then interviews other former students, colleagues and the principal of the teacher’s school to determine if the teacher has consistently been a life-changing influence in students’ lives.
Erik Ferroggiaro ’98 BUS, San Francisco, CA, recently graduated from the California State Railroad Museum’s training program and is an active member with the museum’s foundation and the Sacramento Southern Railroad. For the past two years he has helped 80 alumni and their families as part of Tiny Tiger Night on the Polar Express. This summer he will be a guest speaker in Yosemite at the LeConte Memorial Lodge presenting a program entitled “Journey to Yosemite,” about the Yosemite Valley Railroad.

2000s
Shanti (Patching) Halter ’01 LAW, Little Rock, AR, has been appointed to the national board of trustees of HIPPY USA (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), a nonprofit that promotes educational programs for parents and foster parents. As the “Second Lady of Arkansas,” whose husband is Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter, she is active in several major community organizations in the Little Rock area and is an officer on the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board.

Sally (Gohlke) Noma ’04 COP, ’09 LAW passed the California bar exam and is currently an attorney-at-law with the West Sacramento firm of Culbreth-Schroeder specializing in insurance subrogation.

Jamie Sahouria ’01 COP, ’04 DEN, Rohnert Park, CA, became board certified this year and is now a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Her pediatric dental office recently celebrated its first anniversary.

Lauren (Parsons) Silver ’99, ’01 EDU and David Silver, a daughter, Abigail Grace, 10/18/09, Mill Valley, CA
Phillip Jay ’02, ’04 EDU and Kathleen Jay, a son, Gian Carter, 6/18/09, Lodi, CA — 1
Evangelina (Reyes) Paoluccio ’04 ENG and John Paoluccio ’02 ENG, a daughter, Isabella Marie, 7/21/09, Modesto, CA — 2
Darrin Atkins ’93 COP and Ling Tandian, a daughter, Mieko Tandian, 1/22/10, Pittsburg, CA — 3
Deolinda (Borges) Wallace ’98 BUS and Jonathan Wallace ’99 BUS, a son, Nicolau Berthold, 3/15/10, Snohomish, WA — 4
Veronica (Tovar) Bandy ’00, ’08 PHS and Jason Bandy ’00 PHS, a daughter, Victoria, 8/18/09, Elk Grove, CA
Stacy (Ray) Knox ’03 PHS and Jeffrey Knox, a daughter, Piper Elaine, 3/25/10, Sacramento, CA — 5
Shannon (Haugh) Delucchi ’98 BUS and Anthony Delucchi ’98, ’01 COP, a daughter, Olivia Josephine, 2/23/10, Burlingame, CA — 6
Rachel (Long) Cabuhat ’06 PHS and Chris Cabuhat ’06 COP, a daughter, Ella, 12/25/08, Mentone, CA — 7

John Eckhart ’98 BUS and Gina Eckhart, a son, Johann Donovan, 1/31/10, San Francisco, CA — 8
Patrick A. Hall ’09 ENG and Michelle Hall, a son, Tyrus Anthony, 1/5/10, San Leandro, CA — 9
Cara (Turner) Weichman ’00 COP and Jerry Weichman ’99 COP, a daughter, Maya, 9/13/09, Newport Beach, CA — 10
Melanie (Borchers) Rogers ’95 COP and Daniel Rogers, a son, Benjamin Rogers, 10/21/09, Goleta, CA
Imelda Arroyo-Mora ’00 BUS and Francisco Mora ’97 COP, a daughter, Crystal, 12/17/09, Lodi, CA.
Adlai Shawareb ’92 ENG and Shauna Shawareb, a daughter, Summer, 2/2010, Los Gatos, CA — 11
Gina Rae (Carranza) Goodwin ’01, ’03 COP, ’09 EDU and Todd Goodwin, sons Gianni Makoa, 2/27/09 and Nicco Kapono, 5/2/10 — 12 & 13
Bridget (Yates) Hamman ’96 COP and Kory Hamman ’94 BUS, a daughter, Teal Brooke, 4/4/10, Chico, CA.
Stacy Olson ’02 BUS, Gardnerville, NV, has been appointed Alpine County’s Deputy Director of Health and Human Services.

Ananda Case ’03 SIS, Livermore, CA, is happily back at work in global product development.

Edward Randolph ’03 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed director of the office of governmental affairs and senior policy advisor for the California Public Utilities Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Meagan (Pulley) Wilson ’03 ENG, Nipomo, CA, recently received her senior reactor operator license to supervise control room personnel for the two operating nuclear reactors at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

Oona Mallett ’03 COP, SIS, ’09 LAW, Sacramento, CA, joined the law firm of Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry and Christopherson.

Matt Olson ’04 COP, BUS ’09 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed law clerk to the Honorable Ronald H. Sargs of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

Tiffany Trout ’04, ’09 EDU, Stockton, CA, would like to announced her engagement to Isaac Madariaga on December 17, 2009. They are making their home in Stockton with their beautiful daughter, Giovanna.

Maria Kalmantis ’02 COP, Walnut Creek, CA, was named to the Board of Occupational Therapy by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. An associate at Kegel Tobin and Cruce APC in Los Angeles, she has served as acting vice president of the Taiwanese American Professionals since 2004.

Robert Culp, ’49 COP, Los Angeles, CA, was born in Oakland, CA, August 16, 1930. He passed away March 24, 2010 at age 79. A standout athlete in track all through high school, Culp was offered scholarships to several universities but chose Pacific for its active theater department. He transferred to San Francisco State in 1949. Off screen, he was active in civil rights issues and other civic causes.

Best known for playing a secret agent in the hit television show “I Spy” alongside Bill Cosby, Culp wrote the script that became the series pilot. It was the first prime-time network drama to cast an African-American in a starring role. He had several notable roles in film and television, most recently a recurring role as Ray Romano’s father-in-law on the sitcom “Everybody Loves Raymond.”
Honoring the Memory

Stanworth Beckler ’50, ’51, 1923–2010

Conservatory of Music

California native Stan Beckler was born December 26, 1923, and began studying piano at age seven. At age 12 he was playing organ for church services and continued to serve as a church organist through most of his life. After high school, Beckler served in the Army Air Corps from 1942–1946. He came to Pacific in 1947 on the GI Bill. Voted “outstanding senior” by the faculty when he graduated in 1950 with both bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degrees in Music Theory and Composition; he earned his master’s in 1951. Beckler was a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Mu Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and was a member of ASCAP.

Beckler began teaching part-time at Pacific in 1951 and was appointed full-time in 1955. He served as chair of the Theory/Composition Department from 1971 until he retired in 1991.

The Conservatory of Music honored Beckler’s chamber music at a concert September 17, 2009. It included performances by faculty, alumni and students. He wrote more than 400 classical compositions.

“I believe I am some sort of music machine,” Beckler wrote in a catalog of his works. “Everything I do seems to turn into music.”

Beckler died on March 10, 2010, at 86 after a difficult battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, musician and composer Lynda Forbes, their two children from his marriage to the late Betty Jean Lucas: Jonathan Beckler of Stockton and Bonnie Beckler of San Jose. He had a tremendous impact on all who knew him.

Oscar T. Jarvis, 1930–2010

Benerd School of Education

Dr. Jarvis had a significant impact on Pacific. He served as dean of Benerd School of Education from August 1974 until September 1983. After the death of Academic Vice President Clifford Hand, Jarvis was named interim vice president. He was appointed permanently to that position in January 1984 and served until January 1988.

Under his leadership, the doctoral program in Benerd School of Education received initial NCATE accreditation in 1977 and the school received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He helped foster partnerships through community-based programs in special education and was instrumental in increasing and securing funding for Teacher Corps, special education, the high school equivalency program and “Title VII bilingual/cross-cultural programs.

Born July 21, 1930, Jarvis passed away January 26, 2010 at age 79. He was living in Brownwood, Texas.

Elizabeth Spelts, 1914–2010

Conservatory of Music

Retired Conservatory of Music faculty member Elizabeth Spelts passed away February 27. She was born in Nebraska in 1914, the youngest of three sisters. Music and singing were her passions. Spelts graduated from Colorado Women’s College and went on to attain her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees at Northwestern University.

Before coming to Pacific, she was a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She joined the faculty at the Conservatory of Music in 1948 where she served proudly as a voice professor until her retirement in 1985. During her long tenure at Pacific, Spelts enjoyed a highly successful career as a teacher and performer and was head of the voice department. Her total devotion to the art of singing, to her students and to Pacific was inspiring to all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She continued to teach privately in her home until her death at age 95. To honor her life and her contribution to Pacific, the Conservatory of Music dedicated its April 24 Symphony Orchestra and Choral Concert to Spelts. A group of her former students has established the Elizabeth Spelts Vocal Scholarship/Performance Fund in her honor.

The Conservatory of Music
It’s Steak Night!

Everyone eats, especially college students. Many gain a bit of weight when they leave home for higher education — the notorious Freshman Fifteen — and almost everyone experiences some sort of separation anxiety from familiar foods and preparations. Food service directors are challenged to tempt the taste buds of students and appeal to finicky eaters.

For Pacific students in 1965, it was all about the meat, and you couldn’t get much classier than a steak dinner. So, new Housing and Food Services Director Paul Fairbrook had the student body in the palm of his hand when he announced Steak Nights would be a regular feature of dining at Pacific.

Fairbrook’s steak barbecues marked the end of each semester and the beginning of dead week. Steak dinners with all the trimmings: baked potatoes and Jell-O salad, rolls and frosted cakes, brought a touch of elegance to holiday celebrations in all five campus dining rooms.

In the second week of October in Fairbrook’s inaugural year, students responded in the affirmative to an informal poll in the Pacific Weekly asking whether there had been improvements in food quality. “I spend the whole day waiting for the total ecstasy of dinner,” said one student.

Food service director for 20 years until Pacific outsourced dining services in 1985, Fairbrook always looked for new ways to keep students interested in eating well. He enlisted international students to help him plan authentic meals in their native cuisines, and orchestrated progressive dinners among the dining halls that highlighted the food specialties of several regions of the United States. The whole 2,000-student campus came to a luau he initiated with the help of Pacific’s large Hawaiian student contingent. “We had a fire dancer and a sword swallower who came from Los Angeles, and we cooked a whole pig kalua style,” he reminisced.

He even taught a class for the “elite waiter,” instructing 10 volunteers in “the art of the waiter’s towel” and pouring wine. Fairbrook, who lives in Stockton and has a food-service consulting business, has written several books about the successful programs he pioneered at Pacific.