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Congrats grads!
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT EIBECK

Dear Class of 2015,

Congratulations! The many months you’ve spent learning, questioning, discovering, volunteering, networking and developing lifelong friendships have led you to graduation day. All of us at the University are so proud of you.

Armed with a superior education, you are ready to launch your careers and serve your communities. You’ve developed intellectually and ethically, honing your creativity and your skills in critical thinking. You’re prepared to lead, collaborate and communicate. You see the world through an intercultural and global perspective.

Graduates, you are headed into lives rich with promise. Thank you for contributing to Pacific’s vibrant learning environment — you have left your mark here and made us even better.

Our faculty and staff deserve a special thanks on Commencement as well. They care so much about you, and pour their hearts into ensuring you receive the best education possible. Commencement is a wonderful day for everyone to enjoy the results of that hard but wonderful work.

I also thank the family members of our graduates, especially their parents, guardians, spouses and children. Getting to Commencement required no small sacrifice on your part, and your support made all the difference in your graduates’ success. Congratulations to you on this special day.

Finally, I send a special welcome to the members of the Class of 1965, back home to celebrate their 50th reunion. I can think of no better role models for our new graduates to demonstrate what is possible with a Pacific education. Welcome home!

Happy Commencement, graduates, and remember: Your relationship with Pacific is not ending, it’s just changing shape. Those of you at Pacific for the last four years witnessed the dedication of the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House. Now that house is your home, and I cannot wait to welcome you back on Homecoming weekend in October.

Enjoy your wonderful success. Congratulations again!

Pacifically,

Pamela Eibeck

And the Faith Davies Award goes to...

Lauren Peterson
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

Once a year, outstanding Pacific students, faculty, staff and organizations are recognized at the Faith Davies All-University Leadership Awards luncheon. These prestigious awards consider nominations from all three of our Pacific campuses, which means not only is the competition fierce, but the winners themselves are absolutely incredible.

Elisabeth Griego Outstanding Student Leader Award

Nasser Bahzad, ESB

This award highlights a graduating senior who has made significant and sustainable contributions to the unique Pacific student experience. Nasser Bahzad, a native of Kuwait, has done just that. Through his successful tenure as president of the Council of University Social Entrepreneurs and his never-say-no attitude, Nasser has created a positive impact on Pacific’s Stockton campus.

Nasser said, “It’s an honor to win this award [and] I couldn’t have done it without the help, dedication and hard work of the people around me. I would like to thank Professor Laurie Lichter-Heath from ESB and Leslie Anderson from ISP for their continued support of my achievements and for nominating me for this award.”

Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award

Nicole Cherry, COP

The Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award recognizes a graduating senior whose outstanding contributions to Pacific make them undeniably excellent. Nicole Cherry ‘15 managed to balance four part-time jobs with an overloaded course schedule, all while being an active member of Theta Alpha Phi. Nicole performed in the Theatre Department’s production “Condemned” and was the production manager for Theta Alpha Phi’s production of “A Very Potter Musical.”

In her free time, Nicole volunteers through the Center for Community Involvement at events such as the Strawberry Breakfast. Cherry added, “I am very touched that I was worthy of the nomination.”

Jesse Marks Criminal Law Society

This award goes to the Pacific student organization committed to creating positive impact in the Pacific community. The purpose of McGeorge Criminal Law Society is “to be a forum for the discussion and furtherance of Criminal Law education on the McGeorge campus,” as quoted from the society’s Devina Douglas.

“Our most important goal is to serve as a sounding board for development of a criminal law community on campus, assisting members in the search for internships and the development of professional relationships.”

The Society has hosted panel discussions, mixers and even brought the federal prosecutor involved in the Unabomber case to the McGeorge campus.

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

Cary Bricker, Professor of Lawyering Skills, Pacific McGeorge School of Law

The recipient of this award must provide significant assistance to a student organization in order to guarantee success to reaching their mission and goals. Professor Cary Bricker is no stranger to excellence, having received this award. Leadership has always been a big passion of mine and I’m so thankful that I’ve been able to implement that passion at Pacific through academics, athletics and in the community.”

Aroosa Ahmed, COP

The second junior being awarded this year is a Career Resource Center Student Staff member, Aroosa Ahmed ‘16, who is an active leader in the Student Advising Program and is also an undergraduate research assistant in the Department of Psychology. Aroosa said, “It is truly an honor to be a recipient of the Dochterman award and a humbling experience to be among other phenomenal winners.”

Eberhardt School of Business, is not only a force to be reckoned with when she competes for the Tigers on the women’s soccer team, but is also a leader inside the classroom and in the greater Pacific community. Shadya is an active member of the Pacific Student Athlete Council, even serving this year as president. She also volunteers with ONE TLC School and the Boys and Girls Club in Stockton.

Shadya commented, “I would like to say that I’m extremely grateful to have received this award. Leadership has always been a big passion of mine and I’m so thankful that I’ve been able to implement that passion at Pacific through academics, athletics and in the community.”

Co-Op Outstanding Junior Scholarship

Shayda Ansari, ESB

This year, two juniors were recognized for their significant contributions to the Pacific community.

Shayda Ansari ‘16, from the
Your degree will serve you well. Congratulations Class of 2015!

Maria Pallavicin

Paula A. Eilers
COMMENCEMENT

May 9, 2015

Faith Davies Award

Anderson Y Community Service Award
Council of Social Entrepreneurs

When the mission statement of a student organization reads, “To educate and empower the Pacific community on the ideals and practices of social entrepreneurship while actively creating positive change in Stockton and the world,” it’s easy to recognize the Council of Social Entrepreneurs as an outstanding student organization engaged both within Pacific and in the surrounding local community.

From hosting the Hunger Banquet supporting Second Harvest Food Bank, championing Grassroots Soccer to eradicate the AIDS pandemic in Africa and the organization of Alternative Spring Break for the study of social entrepreneurship in our interconnected world (past destinations include Alaska, Puerto Rico and Cuba), the Council of Social Entrepreneurs combines students’ creativity and variety of interests to create positive change at Pacific, in the surrounding community and in the world around us.

Current Vice President Lauren Peterson commented, “It’s incredible to have received this prestigious recognition from Pacific, and this is proof that a few passionate individuals can create real positive change.”

Pacific Fund Philanthropy Award
Muslin Student Association

No stranger to Faith Davies awards, the Muslim Student Association has been recognized for their commitment to charitable giving and fundraising for nonprofits.

This year the Muslim Student Association hosted a variety of thought-provoking events, such as Peace for the People to stand in solidarity with the victims in Ferguson and Gaza conflicts as well as “Does Muhammad Have a Future in America?”, a panel discussing the effects of police brutality, anti-sharia movements and civil liberty restrictions on the Muslim identity.

The Association also hosted the wildly successful For KinderUSA to provide direct relief to the children affected by the events in Gaza.

COP Student Speaker

Drew Jones

Communication student Megan Griffin will be headlining the College of the Pacific commencement ceremony as the student speaker. Griffin, who also minors in business administration, has done her fair share on campus and cannot wait to get her feet wet in the real world.

Griffin served as the president for Theta Alpha Phi, the California Gamma chapter of the National Honor’s Theater Fraternity. “My Pacific experience has been a blast. I have been crazy busy, but I love being involved on campus,” tells Griffin. She was also the treasurer for Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication Honor Society, as well as a member of Tri Delta.

“Tt is very sad but also very exciting to be graduating,” reveals Griffin. “I am ready to start this new chapter in my life, but it is hard to leave behind the friends and organizations that I have dedicated the last four years to.”

Griffin says the most important thing she learned at Pacific is balance. “I have learned that in order to be able to participate in the fun activities, you have to manage your time well and work hard to get things done ahead of time,” she affirms.

When Griffin steps in front of an audience of hundreds of COP students and their families, she hopes to leave a lasting impression. She encourages all to do what will bring the most joy. In her words: “Live life fearlessly.”

The graduating senior from Morgan Hill desires to work in public relations. She is currently applying to different companies and firms and is hopeful to hear some good news soon!

Griffin’s main advice for incoming and continuing students is to “build a life, not a resume.”

The Pacific Mace: Knowledge is a powerful weapon

Eileen Le

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

The mace was originally used as a weapon in hand-to-hand warfare by kings or nobles in the Middle Ages. Since then, it has been seen as more of a symbol of education that dates back to Shakespeare’s time. While the origin of the mace dates back to medieval times, the University of the Pacific Mace is much younger. Previous Pacific President Robert E. Burns (whose name you may recall seeing on our campus’s tallest building), asked Stuart Devlin, an internationally known London silver designer, to create our official mace. It was made to recognize and celebrate Pacific’s transition from a college to a university.

Its first usage was at Founder’s Day on March 6, 1966. The mace’s design is beautiful — four feet long and 15 pounds made entirely of silver, the mace has a gold-plated seal of the University in its head. The Pacific Mace was a gift from Mrs. Winifred Olson Kaney, a regent of the University.

To this day, the mace is displayed at all official University functions and is typically carried by the chair of the Academic Council at Convocation and Commencement.

This year, Dr. Courtney Lehmann, chair of the Academic Council, will be carrying the mace at the 2015 Commencement.

When asked how she feels about this opportunity, Lehmann stated: “It’s very exciting to be carrying the mace for Pacific’s commencement. This opportunity is especially meaningful to me as someone who teaches Shakespeare, because the mace represents a tradition in higher education that dates back to Shakespeare’s lifetime under Queen Elizabeth and King James. To carry the mace is a great honor — my only apprehension is that I might drop it!”

Grad Images
Senior Reflection: How Pacific has impacted my life

My boyfriend, Richard Moore '15, and I will both be graduating with summa cum laude honors, while I hold the highest GPA of the seniors in the Department of English. If only younger me could see us now!

When I look back on my college experience, I am amazed at how much I have grown and changed in the five years since I graduated high school. Within my three years at Santa Rosa Junior College, three semesters at Pacific and one semester studying abroad at University College Cork in Ireland, I have learned so much — about my courses, my interests, myself.

Through a nostalgic lens, even the books I didn't want to read can now be appreciated for broadening my horizons. The papers with pages numbering in the teens are a point of pride, instead of the monumental stress I remember them being. I have made lifelong friendships in college that are incomparably stronger than those I made in high school.

One of the reasons I chose Pacific was because I wanted a good school with resources to be on my academic transcript for anything I may apply for in my future. As Richard and I graduate and move on to earn our master's degrees in England, I realize how worthwhile our educations have been as a base for the next step of learning.

In physical, tangible achievements during my college years, I have had my poetry published in around 40 journals, magazines and other literary works. I have self-published two books, and this semester I assembled an anthology called "O' Words" with almost 50 contributors. Getting my master's degree in novel writing will hopefully be the decisive next step in my career as an author.

As some parting words of wisdom I wish I could have given to my freshman self, I would say to take opportunities. Study or travel abroad if you get the chance — my boyfriend and I are living proof you don't have to be an SIS major to do it. Take extension courses, and learn about things you are interested in.

Make the most of your education and youth while you can, before adult responsibilities tie you down to a place and make it difficult to explore the world. And relax! Everything will get done eventually; you can stress less about them.
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Nicole Felkins: Thomas O. Boren Award (Outstanding Senior Staff Member)

Edna Rush: Trent Allen Award (Outstanding Underclassman)

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Seniors: Tips from the Career Resource Center

Caroline Herrod
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CRC

Tip #1: Don’t Panic!
The Career Resource Center is available to support you in your transition into the professional world. The CRC has lifetime services for alumni at no cost. This means that the CRC can continue to work with you even after you graduate.

If you are not in the geographic area, phone and email appointments are available, and the CRC is open during the summer months. The CRC can help you put together a job search strategy and make this stressful time not so overwhelming.

Tip #2: Narrow Down Your Search to One or Two Target Goals
It is so much easier to achieve your goals when you know what they are! If you don’t have any idea of what you want to do after graduation, it would be best to pause and take some time to figure this out. Take some career assessments (offered at the CRC), and ask mentors and people in your field what opportunities might be a good fit for you.

Tip #3: Go For It!
Once you have an idea of what you might want to do for a career, start looking for opportunities. Don’t let fear or anxiety hold you back. Develop a strong resume and LinkedIn profile and get it out there! Talk to people in the field, ask questions, and let them know you are looking. Set a realistic goal of what you want to do each week and follow through!

Tip #4: Be Open Minded about Companies and Opportunities
Sometimes, companies that you may not think of have exciting and lucrative opportunities. Companies that you have never heard of can have great jobs that will allow you to grow professionally and financially! Many small companies give you a chance to wear many hats and gain a wide variety of skills more quickly. So don’t rule out a company just because you are not familiar with them.

Tip #5: Use Your Network (and everyone else’s)
Statistically over 80 percent of jobs are found through networking, so ignoring this job search method can be long and drawn out, but following up with employers can help speed up the process and show that you have initiative and interest in the organization.

Tip #6: Be Proactive, Persistent, and Follow Up
The job search process can be long and drawn out, but following up with employers can help speed up the process and show that you have initiative and interest in the organization.

Tip #7: Take Care of Yourself
Finding a job can take a lot of time and energy, so be realistic about what you can do. Remember to keep up with healthy habits such as sleep, eating right and exercise. Allow yourself some time to take a break and breathe. Find others who are going through the process and work together to support each other through your transitions.

University banners span every color of the rainbow

Nicole Felkins
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

University of Pacific’s school and college banners denote each of the academic units of the University.

The banners are displayed during the ceremony preceding a unit’s faculty in the annual Commencement procession.

Each banner is a symbolic representation of a specific discipline. The symbol at the center, a white field, symbolizes the arts and letters; it forms a basis for all academic programs of the University.

The official emblem of each school or college is represented in the white field. A banner’s primary color represents a particular academic discipline.

College Of The Pacific
The sciences are represented by the gold field in this banner. Combined with the arts and letters, it forms the foundation of the liberal arts programs offered in the central division of the University.

An emblem of a torch symbolizes the lamp of knowledge; it served as a predecessor to the Mace in the Seal of the University.

Because the Methodist Church played a central role in the founding of the college in 1851, the emblem also contains a cross.

University Library

Symbolizing knowledge and wisdom, this banner’s emblem depicts a key and a book.

The banner’s lemon yellow background represents the Library Science discipline. Since its founding in 1851, the Library’s faculty and staff have served all academic areas of the University.

The Library as well as the Special Collections house a variety of print, audiovisual and electronic resources. Researchers from around the world have used the original papers and sketches of materials relating to the Gold Rush and other items in the Special Collections.

Conservatory Of Music

The Conservatory’s banner uses a pink field, which is the accepted color for all disciplines relating to music.

A contemporary graphic of a musical symbol serves as the emblem; it was developed in 1987 to symbolize new directions for the Conservatory.

Founded in 1878, Pacific’s Conservatory of Music is the oldest university-affiliated conservatory in the West.

Dugoni School Of Dentistry
The lilac field represents the School of Dentistry. The emblem is the caduceus, which represents medicine. The caduceus is surrounded by a triangle that represents the three corners of Dentistry’s program: education, research and service.

McGeorge School Of Law
McGeorge School of Law is represented by the purple color of law.

The school’s logo contains a law book and judicial column, which symbolizes the study and practice of law.

Gladys L. Benerd School Of Education
The blue field of this banner signifies the disciplines related to education. The school’s emblem is a lamp of learning.

The Gladys L. Benerd School of Education was founded in 1924 when the University moved to Stockton.

Thomas J. Long School Of Pharmacy And Health Sciences
The green colors of the pharmacy profession form the field for this school’s banner.

The green colors of pharmacy surround the school’s emblem, the Bowl of Hygeia. Hygeia is the Greek goddess of health and is the traditional emblem of pharmacy.

An adaptation of the official emblem of the American Pharmaceutical Association serves as the school’s updated version of the Bowl of Hygeia. Pharmacy and Health Sciences was created in 1955.

Research & Graduate Studies
This banner incorporates the elements of the arts and letters and sciences with the University’s colors of orange and black. It also displays a portion of the University seal.

A formal organization of Research and Graduate Studies was established in 1956, though graduate degrees were offered early in the history of the University.

School Of Engineering & Computer Science
An orange field encompasses the symbol that reflects the school’s major areas of study. A wheel represents mechanical engineering, the bridge symbolizes civil engineering and the figure in the center signifies the combined fields of electrical and computer engineering.

Though the department dates back to the 1930s, the School of Engineering and Computer Science was founded in 1958.

Eberhardt School Of Business
The beige colors of business serve as the banner’s background.

Students competed to select the school’s emblem when the school was renamed in honor of Robert M. Eberhardt, the Eberhardt Family and the Bank of Stockton in 1955.

School Of International Studies
The banner’s gold colors, paired with white, illustrates the arts and letters and sciences.

The blue globe exhibits the programs’ international nature, such as the study abroad opportunities in over 100 locations.

The school was founded in 1987.
Commencement Speaker: Judge Morrison England Jr.

Ashneil Randhawa
STAFF REPORTER

The commencement speaker for this year will be Morrison C. England Jr. ’77, ’83, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

University of the Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck chose Judge England because he exemplifies Pacific’s goal to lead students to live a life of service and meaning. “No Pacifican exemplifies these values more than Judge England, whose distinguished record of service to his community, state, nation — and alma mater — inspires us all. From his days as an offensive lineman for Pacific to his current role as a Regent, he has personified the Tiger spirit and helped lead our university forward. It will be an honor and privilege to introduce him to our 2015 graduates,” proclaimed Eibeck.

Judge England was born in St. Louis but grew up in Sacramento. He attended McClatchy High School and then Sacramento City College. He came to Pacific on a football scholarship where he played as an offensive lineman.

His successful college football career led him to try out for the New York Jets. England received an offer to coach football at CSU Fullerton by Jim Colletto, his offensive line coach while at Pacific.

Judge England chose the coaching position and enrolled himself in a counseling psychology master’s degree program at Fullerton, with the goal of being a lifelong coach.

While at Pacific, a professor had advised him to study law. Still remembering his professor’s words, he decided to enter law school and was accepted to Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law. His acceptance letter arrived the same day that he was offered to coach at Sacramento State University.

England juggled many responsibilities. He taught at Sac State while he was an assistant football coach for the Bulldogs. He attended night classes at McGeorge and even served a graveyard shift at a juvenile hall in Sacramento as a counselor.

Two former Sac State football players, Gary Quattrin and Tim Clemons, offered him a law clerk position at their law firm. He passed the bar in 1983 and became a partner at the firm.

England was first appointed to the Sacramento Municipal Court and then elevated to the Sacramento Superior Court.

In 1998, Judge England chose to lend his legal talent to the U.S. Military. He was a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corp for the Army Reserves, where he was a Major. He also served as Senior Defense Counsel for the 22nd LSO, Army Reserve Trial Defense Service. England’s military achievements won him the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Army Achievement Medal. He served in the military until 2002.


England has also served as vice president and as a board member for California Judges Association. He is currently on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules for the United States. Judge England has served on federal judicial exchanges with the governments of Georgia, Morocco, Pakistan, India, Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia, where he focused on the rule of law and intellectual property.

Judge England has been declared “Judge of the Year” three times by the American Board of Trial Advocates, with the most recent being in 2014. The Sacramento County Bar Association and Capitol City Trial Lawyers Association have awarded him similar honors in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

In addition, England has served the community through his board membership for the Leukemia Society, the Child Abuse Prevention Society of Sacramento and Christian Brothers High School, which are all located in Sacramento. Judge England has also coached the Sacramento County Sheriff’s football team in the annual Pig Bowl charity football game.

Judge England was selected as a regent for the University of the Pacific in 2006. He is currently the board secretary. The Pacific alumni once served as president, and is currently an executive board member of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court, McGeorge School of Law. He taught as an adjunct professor at McGeorge and has served on the Alumni Board of Directors.
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"I learned to question my actions, over and over. I learned to keep fighting for something you believed in, even if it was broken; because one day it will work. And lastly I learned to be myself, because that's the person I wanted people to want to be friends with."

@Palak Setia

"At Pacific I learned the most important aspects of business and marketing, but most importantly I learned most about myself and who I want to become."

@Austin Lenz

"I think the most important thing I've learned at Pacific is how determined of a person I am. If it were not for all the times I struggled in college, I wouldn't have learned how to push through the road bumps in my life."

@Michelle Trujillo

"To be myself and to not be afraid of consequences."

@Carlos Hernandez

"The most important thing I've learned at Pacific is that being involved on campus is the most rewarding. You get so many opportunities for leadership and build so many relationships with all kinds of people."

@Chris Carroll

"A cup of joe is a cup of joy."

@Jennifer Williams

"How to successfully clone parasite DNA and express its protein in a recombinant host!"

@Peter Zhao

"Take every opportunity you can, even if it isn’t in your comfort zone."

@Vickie Horvatic

"You are not alone."

@Matt Banes

"If anything, I’ve learned more about myself than academics. I learned that even if I choose to lie about myself to others, I shouldn’t lie to myself."

@Brian Chang

"The most important thing I’ve learned at Pacific was to never be afraid of going outside my comfort zone because although those challenges were the hardest, they were also the most rewarding and they have made me who I am today."

@Julia Quesada

"Success is about establishing connections. Be friendly, sincere, listen as well as you can, because people you meet and the experiences you gain can be a real asset when it counts."

@Jared Chenilla

**Alumni: What is the greatest thing you have done since graduating?**

"Being able to represent my country in Paraguay, while serving mankind for the greater good by entering the United States Peace Corps."

@Jamieson Cox '14

"I traveled to 13 countries to recruit students for my job in the Office of Admissions."

@Keith Sanpei '03

"I decided to take on my dreams by starting a business helping folks grow their own food at home."

@Jamil Burns '14

"Launching a software and digital media marketing consulting firm!"

@Ruben Moreno '12

"I guess the greatest thing I’ve done since graduating is moving to New Zealand. Not because it’s cool or exciting or I have nothing better to report, but because it has pushed me outside of my comfort zone and allowed me to start achieving things that I otherwise wouldn’t be able to if I was still sitting in California waiting for my life to start."

@Christina Gein '14

"It is immensely fulfilling to help build the Writing Center and the Center’s programs and to see it grow. And also eventually coming back here for graduate school. I wouldn’t have been able to do that without the continued support of professors and people that I work with here."

@Melanie Hash ‘09

"Start a career that is fulfilling and challenging."

@Joshua Rayburn ‘14

"Since graduating I’ve had a successful career, but the greatest thing I’ve done is getting engaged. I can’t wait to start this new chapter in my life."

@Juliene Sesar '13

"Getting my master’s degree from UC Berkeley and finding a full-time job right away."

@Allyson Seals ‘12

"I attended CalABA (a conference for applied behavior analysis) with colleagues from UOP’s psych department and learned about current research relevant to the field I’m now working in."

@Kristy Fojo ’14

"I went to New York and New Orleans."

@Madelyn Vander Poel ’14

"Got a job that I love, doing what I love, for a sports team that I love."

@Ruben Dominguez '14
**NEWS**

**Smart and sweet: CCI hosts 84th Annual Strawberry Breakfast**

Nicole Cherry '15 (left), recipient of the Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award, volunteering for the 84th Annual Strawberry Breakfast. Community members had the chance to eat a meal and donate to the Center for Community Involvement at the same time. Visitors also had a chance to buy homemade strawberry jam.

**Beta Alpha Psi**

**Alice Scarlett Baker**

STAFF REPORTER

On Friday April 24 at 6 p.m., the Iota Kappa chapter of Beta Alpha Psi hosted a banquet in the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House to welcome new initiates and celebrate the graduating seniors.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary business fraternity for those concentrating in accounting, finance and management information systems.

The President Elect, Alexander Schlabach '15, commented on the honor fraternity's goals and purpose, stating, "Beta Alpha Psi's overall goal is to better the financial information system industry."

The candidates pinned were: Shengjia Zhou '15, Alice Scarlett Baker '16, Gladys Gamino '16, Sam Lum '16, Douglas Phan '16, Sarah Chi '17, Isaac Kim '17 and Jordan Tang '17.

The following graduating class of 2015 seniors were honored: Vanesa Alvarez, Lisa Anyeung, Arianne Cablay, Layla Elsneri, Cindy Garcia, Mary Rosslyn Goto, Boldero In, Alexis James, Nick King, Kevin Lao, Vu Le, Annie Li, Jocelyne Loza, Cherri Merrera, Kristen Perrizo, Robert Phoung, Ivan Farfan Ponce, Lindsay Runnels, Alexander Schlabach, Kevin Schreiner, Amie Seng, Troy Silverman, Donald Snider, Yoon Suh, Jorge Torres, Susan Te and Shengjia Zhou.

Half of the graduating members were employed by Deloitte, Crowe Horwath, EPMG and Armanino. Other employers included E & J, Gallo Winery, San Joaquin Regional Transit, Ernst and Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Kemper CPA Group, while a few were still in negotiations regarding job prospects.

Present were members and their optional plus one, as well as Eberhardt School of Business Dean Dr. Lewis R. Gale, Management Information Systems Professor Dr. Albert Huang and Accounting Professor Dr. James Webb.

**Growing green: Stockton's Annual Earth Day Festival**

Nicole Felkins

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stockton's annual Earth Day Festival was held at Victory Park on Sunday, April 26.

By visiting various organizations' booths, visitors had a chance to learn more about ways to interact with and protect the environment.

A multitude of bands performed live on stage, including University of Pacific's Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet. There were games, arts and crafts and other activities for adults and children.

A free yoga session for participants of all skill levels was held from 10-10:45 a.m. At 11 a.m., participants in the Family Fun Bike Ride traveled 1.5 miles around the Victory Park neighborhood and local waterways. A snack and drink was provided for registrants.

Many organizations came out to spread awareness. For example, the San Joaquin chapter of the National Audubon Society sold nature-themed t-shirts and membership to the Audubon's San Joaquin chapter, with all proceeds benefiting the organization. Girl Scouts of America sold cookies for $5 a box.

Volunteers from University of Pacific's Center for Community Involvement helped out at the event.

Check out Pacific's website next April to learn the dates of next year's Earth Day Festival.

**Housing and Greek Life**

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HOUSING & GREEK LIFE
Making a difference in your community:
“Be the change you wish to see in the world”

Nicole Felkins
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“Better to honestly describe a negative world than to conceal it with beautiful lies,” remarked the 19th-century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer. Those of us who live in the cushy confines of California can insulate ourselves from many social issues, but those issues will not be resolved if we ignore them.

You need not travel to Nepal or donate your money to a charitable organization to create some ripples of change. You can make a difference right here in your community. First off, like Mahatma Gandhi reminds, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” That change begins with adjusting your behavior to match your ideals and values. For example, if you are opposed to littering, then you should pick up trash you see on the ground (at Pacific there is almost always a trash can within view, but even if you do not see one, pocket the trash to throw it away when you find one). Change is gradual, but each action you take to elicit change brings you one step closer.

College is a place where you learn and grow as a human being. Growing up means confronting the various problems humans face, such as unemployment and poverty. Though Pacific is a paradise, there are many areas of Stockton that could use our help. The Center for Community Involvement offers students the chance to make a difference in the local community.

Though volunteer experience helps students build their resumes, volunteering should really be done for the sake of helping others. By helping out your fellow human beings, you begin to understand what other people are going through. You may even be surprised by what you learn.

Schopenhauer believed there was more to life than mere satisfaction. Humans tend to focus on doing things that minimize pain and maximize pleasure, but as the 26th U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain and difficulty.”

Let’s face it, volunteering is hard work. It often requires you to wake up early, and your clothes and hands may get pretty dirty. But the difference your time and energy makes is worth it. Even tasks you may consider insignificant, like sweeping the floor of houses being built at Habitat for Humanity, really does make a difference. Someone has to sweep the floor, and if volunteers do not do it, then the few professionals who work there must do it, which distracts them from other duties that require their expertise.

Though it is comforting to conceal the world with beautiful lies to shelter ourselves from the whirlwind of problems all around us, it will not help make the world a better place.

Seniors, as you venture into your careers, consider lending a hand whenever you can. To a charitable organization to create some ripples of change: You can make a difference right here in your community. First off, like Mahatma Gandhi reminds, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” That change begins with adjusting your behavior to match your ideals and values. For example, if you are opposed to littering, then you should pick up trash you see on the ground (at Pacific there is almost always a trash can within view, but even if you do not see one, pocket the trash to throw it away when you find one). Change is gradual, but each action you take to elicit change brings you one step closer.

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Theodor Seuss Geisel, best known for his children’s books under the pseudonym Dr. Seuss, reminds us of the importance of helping others.
One year of sabbatical

Sasha Kasoff
STAFF REPORTER

Are you feeling the pressure yet? That is, the pressure to make money and to find a good job that pays well right out of college and to know what you want to do with your life? Despite that looming mountain of stress, it is beneficial to take a step back. There is no rush to get stuck in one career for the rest of our lives yet. While we are young, still forming our identities and are relatively free of the adult responsibilities that make travel difficult, it is healthy to get out and experience the world.

"But traveling costs money!" I hear you complain. This may be true, but there are ways around that. Through organizations like Americorp, the Peace Corp and religiously affiliated options, you can travel and help people. Through opportunities like World Nomads, you can try to get paid to travel. Various other internships, jobs, travel and work visas are out there waiting for you to try something new.

There is a book (and a website, but buy the book!) by Colleen Kinder called, "Delaying the Real World: A Twentysomthing’s Guide to Seeking Adventure." If you are serious about wanting some world experience, this is an excellent resource with which to grace your bookshelf. It is packed with relevant advice on "Endless ways to live, work, and volunteer overseas" and "Every Awesome Volunteer Opportunity Under the Sun," as some of the subsections boast.

I am here to give you the age-old advice: to not be afraid to follow your dreams. If you are persistent, you can make them happen. If you are lucky, your one year off from work post-graduation can turn into something lucrative you can keep doing for longer than a year. And even if it doesn’t, self-enrichment from the great experiences you may have will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Twitter migrates into uncharted territory

Sarah Kellner
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

In case you didn’t know, Twitter is a cross between a social network and news source that allows users to post up to 140-character messages, which can be shared throughout the network and reposted to other social media sites. It was created in 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone and Noah Glass. According to Twitter Inc., as of today there are approximately 302 million users, with 500 million tweets going out per day. Even though those numbers are incredibly high, the company seems to have hit a rough patch.

The quarterly earnings this month were worse than ever, with the lowest amount of user activity. It has been projected, but alas; Twitter is beginning to be phased out in the social realm. David Auerbach from Slate Magazine reports, "Twitter’s strength is being the pulse of the Internet, the place where news gets broken in 140-character messages, where important topics start trending the second they enter the collective hivemind and where politicians and celebrities and thinkers of all stripes can make announcements without the bother of a press release or the filter of the media."

Yet Twitter’s purpose has become muddled somewhere between a news provider and a social site. This fracture in the system has ultimately caused Twitter to see fewer users active as well as a limited range in targeting audience, particularly with ad revenue. Twitter’s format of direct Tweets of 140 characters has ultimately limited the company in being able to gain information about their users via data sourcing, which has resulted in lack of targeted advertisements. This undoubtedly has left advertisement agencies with a bad taste in their mouths on doing business with Twitter.

The company is in competition not only with Facebook, who unlike Twitter has a large character limit on posts. This gives Facebook greater power to collect data on their users and produce properly targeted advertising. Also, Twitter has a weakness in their privacy department for users. As a company originally set forth for direct news coverage, the settings for posts are completely public. Individual users may not put as much personal information on it as they would Facebook, which has multiple privacy options. Although Twitter has acquired TellPart, a leading marketing technology company providing retailers and e-commerce advertisers with unique cross-device retargeting capabilities, said Auerbach, Twitter is gathering its efforts into making a change from user participation, to "monetize nonusers," meaning people who do not use Twitter, but will read a Tweet or information attached to an advertisement.

Twitter and Facebook currently run off of user-created content: the signatures users post are the blood coursing through their companies’ hypothetical veins. However, since Twitter has taken a dramatic loss in that department, they are switching gears to become less of a social media platform and more of a tracking source to gather information about nonusers and partner that content with advertising abilities. It is a hard gamble that may bring about the demise of Twitter as we know it.

That was a lot of technical jargon, but the fact is, companies thrive off of user content. If you didn’t know that before, welcome to the party. Those posts about your drunken Friday escapades, passed out in the bathtub, which you posted on Facebook or live Tweeted throughout the night: all information owned by those companies. Each post on Facebook is not your intellectual property; it’s theirs. You agreed to it the day you signed up for an account (read that sneaky fine print). All those ads you see on the side of your Newsfeed that seem to be reading your mind or hitting your midnight craving? That isn’t a coincidence; it’s user data collecting. Should you feel robbed and violated, or just accept it as part of this generation’s tech-driven people/companies and ultimate lifestyle?
SPRING SPORTS RECAP

Through triumph and tribulations...

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

As the 2014-2015 school year comes to a close, so do many of the seasons for Pacific’s spring sports. Each sport had their ups and downs to the season, but the successes outweighed any tribulation.

Women’s water polo had a pretty incredible year, ranking No. 15 nationally by the end of the season. The Tigers had the opportunity to play two different countries, China and Brazil, in the earlier part of the season. Also, they held a nine game consecutive win streak going into the Gold Coast Conference Tournament. Unfortunately, their streak was broken; nevertheless they came out the victor in the third place matchup, finishing the season at an overall 16-10 record.

For their third season on campus, sand volleyball made great strides and flexed their muscles against many of their California neighbors. Pacific capped off their season with a 12-7 record. The Tigers were able to win their final sand match of the season over Santa Clara. All but one pair were able to top the Broncos.

Track and field runners were able to set personal records as well as program records this season. Pacific is in their third season in program history as well. Baseball and softball suffered tough starts to the season, both remaining below .500. Baseball (11-33) will play in approximately seven more games before they cap the spring season. Softball (17-35) plays in their final games this weekend, saying goodbye to their beloved four seniors.

Men’s and women’s tennis seemingly had up and down seasons. The women’s team had a great start to the season, even beating a ranked BYU in their first conference match. However, the remainder of conference play was tough for the Tigers as they completed the season 2-7 in conference play. The men’s team had an opposite outing as they fared well in conference and not so much in the beginning part of the season.

Men’s golf also made great strides this season, especially with Byron Meth ‘15 as a leader. Meth represented Pacific at the Masters’ tournament this year. Also, alongside senior Drew Bender, they were able to lead the Tigers to great success at the WCC Championships this year. Pacific was runner-up in the tournament, and Meth received an at-large individual bid to the NCAA tournament.

With the spring season coming to an end, Pacific bids a fond farewell to a plethora of senior athletes.

Baseball:
Dallas Correa, Tyler Sullivan, Jimmy Gosano, Michael Benson, Robby Mansfield, Cory Popham, Spencer Franceschetti, Michael Hager, and Bryce Lombardi.

Golf:
Drew Bender and Byron Meth.

Men’s Tennis:
Marlon Brand and Alex Hamilton.

Sand Volleyball:
Megan Birch and Gillian Howard.

Softball:
Dani Bonnet, Alexi Johnson, Kamalei Pitoy, and Alex Steinmehl.

Women’s Tennis:
Gergana Boncheva, Iveta Masarova, Hana Ritterova, Regina Suarez.

Track and Field:
Sarah Bailey, Karla Segura, and Micaela Todd.

Women’s Water Polo:
Michele Relton, Taylor Adair, Brydie Pye, Anna Kertes, Kelsey Carter, Noelle Mann, Crystal Villanueva.

Centerfielder Tyler Sullivan ‘15 had a great offensive outing this past weekend, going .357 against BYU. Sullivan tallied three doubles, three RBIs and a stolen base over the course of the weekend, leading the Tigers to two wins over the Cougars. (Photo c/o Keith Sanpei)
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ANOTHER HISTORIC YEAR...

2014-15 Year in Review

From summer to spring and everything in between, take a look back at all of Pacific's top headlines, biggest stories and most unforgettable moments over the academic year.

Little Rock Nine's Melba Beals reminds us that "Warriors Don't Cry"

Dr. Melba Beals shared her experiences as one of the Little Rock Nine at Central High School, as well as her thoughts on the recent national injustices regarding race.

Jodi Tai
NEWS EDITOR

It's been 58 years since nine courageous students braved the halls of Central High School as pioneers of school desegregation. In honor of Black History Month, Pacific was deeply honored in welcoming one of the Little Rock Nine to the Faye Spanos Concert Hall. This semester on Tuesday, Feb. 3, Melba Pattillo, now Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals, came to share her experiences as one of the first black students to ever attend Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.

There at Central High, Beals faced animosity beyond imagination. Students assigned someone each day to step on her heels as she walked. They threw acid in her eyes and showered her bathroom stall with lighted paper. Many of her hostile classmates were trained by the Ku Klux Klan to target the Little Rock Nine.

"The word 'integration' is a bigger word than I thought," she admitted, unsuspecting of the abuse that would befall her at school. Little did she know, at the ripe age of 15, Beals would serve as one of the greatest inspirations for the Civil Rights Movement.

Beals now holds a B.A. from San Francisco State and a Master's Degree in Journalism from Columbia University, as well as a Doctoral Degree in Education from the University of San Francisco.

National Walkout Day

Emily Olson
STAFF REPORTER

On Thursday, February 26 — deemed "National Walkout Day" by American higher education professionals — Pacific faculty, staff and students gathered to discuss the declining working conditions for adjunct professors. While the day featured actual walkouts at other universities across the nation, Pacific faculty instead chose to hold a "teach-in."

Speakers included tenured professors like Dr. Caroline Schroeder, who claimed that Pacific's use of 50 percent part-time faculty was consistent with national trends and contended that the steadily rising tuition rates are "not at all linked to the cost of professor salaries."

Non-tenured professors like Dylan Zorea, J.D., also articulated their personal concerns. Zorea shared that he has been working at Pacific since 1996, but he has yet to receive a full-time contract or even a pay increase — in fact, his salary has decreased. He takes outside work to supplement his income.

Representing the administration was Provost Maria Pallavicini, who elucidated that the reason for the multiple types of teaching contracts is in response to the University's needs.

Students also attended the event, eager to voice their opinions or simply learn more. Jessie George '17, who was among the five speakers behind the lectern, asked what the real difference was between a tenured and non-tenured faculty member. "A good teacher is a good teacher; a bad one is a bad one."

Ultimately, National Walkout Day was a chance for those present to be part of the conversation. But it also stands as a chance to hold the Pacific community responsible for its promises.

As Zorea put it, "We're not walking out on this."

Attack of the Living Dead

Edna Rush

They want your flesh!

At 4 p.m. on March 22 in front of the DeRosa University Center, students and zombies came together to participate in the second annual 5K Zombie Run put on by Rho Delta Chi. Zombies were stationed at Atchley Clock Tower and Baum Fitness Center, and runners had to get through them without losing any of their three "lives." All proceeds went to St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services.
We salute the Eberhardt School of Business students who will cross the stage today to receive their Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Master of Accounting Degree, and the Master of Business Administration Degree.

Congratulations, Eberhardt School grads. We know you’ll make us proud!
Remember the Tigers

Caroline Cox 1954-2014
Former interim dean of the College of the Pacific and professor of history. Beloved wife, sister, aunt and friend.

Eddie LeBaron Jr. 1930-2015
Member of the College Football Hall of Fame, war hero, NFL football star and attorney. Adored husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Ava Marogi 1977-2015
Promising English and political science major. Dearly loved wife and mother.

Gerald (Jerry) Post 1955-2014
Professor of management information systems, author and pioneer. Cherished colleague, mentor and friend.

Robert Morrow 1931-2014
Emeritus professor of education and dedicated literacy advocate. Treasured husband, father and grandfather.
Recycling old looks: the Green Fashion Show

On April 24, students strutted down the catwalk in their ensembles, which paid homage to eco-friendly and recyclable fashion.

TAP enthralls audiences in “A Very Potter Musical”

Sarah Yung
COPY EDITOR

At midnight on Friday Nov. 7, 2014, Theta Alpha Phi National Theatre Honors Fraternity debuted their performance of “A Very Potter Musical.” Team Starkid fans and Potterheads alike went wild for the musical comedy on opening night, as well as on Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.

The show was entirely free of charge thanks to TAP.

In lieu of payment, the theatre fraternity suggested that audience members consider giving to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, TAP’s philanthropy of choice. The profits from concessions sold also went to Broadway Cares.

Show director and TAP fundraising chair Tiana Freiri ‘15 stated, “I hosted this show not only to finally get a musical for TAP, but to raise money for Broadway Cares.” Audience members seemed appropriately enthused after the show.

Exclaimed Marisa Manzo ‘16, “I had a great time! I went with a ton of my friends. They threw this together so quickly; it was really impressive. It was insane they were able to do the whole thing, Sam and Chris were so funny.” Added Katie Griffith ‘15, “I thought it was hilarious. It was very well executed, and the cast was very appropriate to the actors’ personalities outside of their roles.”

Faculty Mentor Awards

Nicole Felkins
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Three Pacific faculty members were honored with the 2014 Faculty Mentor Award on Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.

Keith Hatscheck from the Conservatory of Music, Gary Martin ’86 from the School of Engineering and Computer Science and Alan Ray from the Department of Communication within College of the Pacific were honored with this prestigious award.

Hatscheck is the Conservatory’s current program director of the Music Management Program. Hatscheck joined Pacific’s faculty in 2001 after a successful career in the music industry. He started his own commercial recording studio, Bayshore Studios, and joined Music Annex, Inc., a prominent recording studio in the United States. At Pacific, Hatscheck also serves as the University’s representative for the National Association of Music Merchants Association.

Martin serves as the assistant dean within the School of Engineering and Computer Science; he is also the coordinator and director of the School of Engineering and Computer Science’s Co-op program. Martin has been representing the orange and black since 1983.

Ray, an assistant professor of communication at Pacific, is the final recipient of the Faculty Mentor Award. Ray joined the faculty in 1987. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Memphis State University, as well as a doctorate from the University of Missouri.

Qingwen Dong, chair of the Department of Communication within College of the Pacific, stated: “During the course of creating opportunities and possibilities in media fields, Ray has developed deep, lasting relationships with his students. They become more than just alumni; they become lifelong colleagues and friends.”

Poetry, Prose and Sports

Writing pros visit Pacific’s campus

Sasha Kasoff
STAFF WRITER

Taking a look back at just a handful of some of the great authors we have had speak on campus this semester, let’s specifically focus on Rowan Ricardo Phillips, Kristine Setting Clark and our very own visiting professor, Michael David Lukas.

Poet and professor Rowan Ricardo Phillips spoke as part of UOP’s Black History Month. Phillips came all the way from New Jersey to read poetry from his published book “The Ground: Poems” and his newest collection, “Heaven: Poems,” which is expected to come out June of this year. If you missed his reading, have no fear — his poem “Measure for Measure” is still on The New Yorker website with a recording of him reading it. There are also two radio segments from National Public Radio’s All Things Considered. These and much more can be found on his personal website for your enjoyment.

Sports writer Kristine Setting Clark spoke to Dr. Amy Smith’s non-fiction class and then held a reception and book signing upstairs in the University Library.

Clark had a great sense of humor and exuded confidence while giving aspiring writers some great advice, such as, “Never be intimidated by anyone famous — they put their pants on one leg at a time just like you; they are human beings and they are allowed to make mistakes just like we are.”

In an interview before an event, professor Michael David Lukas said he enjoys teaching undergrads: “There’s something different about it. I’ve taught kids and I’ve taught adults, but college students get to spend their whole day just thinking about classes and trying to figure out their path in life.” In early April in the library, Lukas had a reading from his novel, “The Oracle of Stamboul,” followed by a discussion of the process “from idea to book” and finally a writing workshop.

Although some events at Pacific may not be specifically relevant to your interests, the opportunity to network, ask advice and listen to experts is priceless — so keep an eye out next year on The Pacifican and the events calendar for more functions on campus.
Annual Hunger Banquet

Jodi Tai
NEWS EDITOR

This past Nov. 20, the Council of Social Entrepreneurs hosted the Third Annual Hunger Banquet. This event was organized in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.

Each guest purchased a $5 ticket to attend the event; once there, they each drew an identity card at random. The card explained the guest’s fictional background and class status. The assigned class dictated which kind of dinner the guest received, illustrating the economic discrepancies between First, Second and Third World countries. Some dined on steaks at tables, while most ate beans on the floor. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of global inequality.

Grass, buildings, dorms? Where our tuition is going

Nicole Felkins
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Institutional Priorities Committee, the primary planning and budgeting group of the University, presented an overview of their preliminary budget recommendations for the next academic year on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

IPC Chair Dr. Farley Staniec discussed approved Strategic Investment Fund proposals, such as new programs Pacific plans to invest in. The new programs, such as food studies, are expected to become self-sustaining after three years. If not, they will be eliminated.

By broadening the University’s initiatives, explained Staniec, they enhance educational opportunities for students in this region while also increasing campus visibility.

Pacific President Pamela Elbeck touched on a new housing initiative, which was further discussed by CFO and IPC Vice Chair Ken Mullen. Compared to the University’s peers, the residential facilities are behind by 20 years, so they will be updated. Because the project will require significant investments, Pacific plans to borrow money.

IPC examines incremental cost increases based on the previous year’s allocations and tries to find incremental sources of revenue to cover them. Farley acknowledged that it was not the most efficient budgeting method and that they are thinking about adopting a new model.

IPC recommended the University expect 945 freshmen to enroll next academic year. The University revealed this year’s 3.8 percent increase in tuition rates were proportional to other comparable colleges.

Provost Maria Pallavicini elaborated on the details of the McGeorge Action Plan, which will pull some of its funding from SIP. Due to an expected drop in enrollment, the University hopes to attract more students by focusing on three areas, such as employing strategic marketing to rebrand the law school in Sacramento, Calif. The city of 2.3 million residents is “poised for substantive growth,” stated Pallavicini. The Plan calls for a practice-ready curriculum, with an emphasis on programs in environment, water and capital lawyering. Lastly, the University will expand the career placement and networking opportunities of McGeorge School of Law students.

IPC is composed of Pacific President Elbeck, the provost and vice presidents, five faculty members, two deans, a staff member, two students, two administrative representatives and a representative of the School of Law and the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, if those schools are not represented in other positions.

After receiving campus input following the meeting, IPC submits their recommendations to Pacific President Pamela A. Elbeck, and she forwards her recommendations to the Board of Regents, who vote on it in April.

If you would like to share your comments concerning IPC’s recommendations, please forward them to IPC@pacific.edu.

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from Dean Ongaro and the Conservatory Faculty & Staff

“Go into the world and do well.

But more importantly, go into the world and do good.”

~ Minor Myers Jr.
Want to get published? Submit your work now!
Pacific’s literary and arts magazine, Calliope

Emily Olson
STAFF REPORTER

Thursday, Feb. 26 marked the release party for Calliope, Pacific’s undergraduate literary and arts magazine. This issue of Calliope is titled “Opia: Revealing the I,” inspired both by the submitted works and John Koenig’s “Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows,” which defines opia as “the ambiguous intensity of looking someone in the eye, which can feel simultaneously invasive and vulnerable.”

The cover artwork (designed by the head of the visual arts team, Andrew Bishofberger ’15) and the 30-plus works filling the interior reflect this theme. Christine Viney ’16 and Serena Zhen ’14 read their pieces “If My Mother Were a Poem” and “Do You Remember?”, respectively, which both centered on familial love. Zhen received an award for best overall submission.

The night also featured words from the faculty heads of Calliope: Professors Courtney Lehmann, who holds a doctorate in English, and Brett DeBoer, who has a Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. The two new literary co-editors-in-chief for the 2015-16 school year, Emily Olson ’17 and Sarah Yung ’17, also spoke, thanking outgoing editor Adnan Hastam ’15 for all his hard work.

Those who attended the release event received a free copy of the new Calliope publication and an open invitation to submit their own work to Calliope by emailing uopcalliope@gmail.com for the next edition, slated for spring 2016.

Kilusan Pilipino: Annual Benefit Concert

Sarah Yung
COPY EDITOR

On Friday, Jan. 16 from 6:30-9 p.m., Pacific’s Filipino cultural club, Kilusan Pilipino, hosted their 3rd Annual Benefit Concert, Isang P.U.S.O., in the DeRosa University Center.

Kilusan Pilipino translates to “Filipino Movement,” while isang puso means “one heart” in Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines. P.U.S.O. also stands for Pilipinos United to Serve Others. This year, donations helped provide mentors, food and school supplies for children at the Mission Harvest Christian Church of Narra in Gloria, Mindoro Oriental, Philippines, and also fund the inception and assistance. Introduced by dynamic emcees Regine Padilla ’17 and Jonel Ednalino ’18, the concert began with duo Stephanie Quan ’18 and Vivian Tran ’18, followed by新鲜man Jenna Gomez’s soulful acoustic renditions. Vallejo rapper Rida la Rue performed two original songs, and Bay Area-based pair Gerard San Juan and Angela Solis followed with a harmonic cover. Returning favorite duo Diana Wang and Jenn Montermayor engaged the audience with three songs. Tryshna Malonzo ’16 finished the first act with a heartfelt ballad in Tagalog.

Audience members were urged to purchase raffle tickets toward local prizes to support the charities during intermission. The program resumed with quartet Sugah Sheryl and the Sugah Cubes — Sheryl Velasquez ’17, Byron Castaneda ’17, Jenna Gomez ’18 and Jonel Ednalino ’18 — serving up some sweet tunes. California State University East Bay singer Megan Pineda followed with two powerful interactive performances.

America’s Got Talent Season 7 powerhouses, high school duo Josh Raymundo and Miah Gregorio, wowed the crowd with two formidable covers.

Crooning two popular contemporary songs, Jessica Matias ’17 and Jay Sanidad joined forces as Jaysica. Concluding the vocalist performances, Local Neighbors rapped an original single.

Community organization Little Manila Dance Collective, dedicated to preserving traditional Filipino dance, performed several numbers in traditional dress. Xi Chi Sigma, Pacific’s Asian Interest fraternity, concluded the night with a roll call and step routine. Kilusan Pilipino once again urged to purchase raffle tickets toward local prizes to support the charities during intermission.

“The Search for Bin Laden”

Jodi Tai
NEWS EDITOR

Meet one of the women behind bin Laden’s capture.

On Monday, Sept. 15, The World Affairs Council, the McGeorge International Law Society and the McGeorge Women’s Caucus hosted previous CIA agent Cynthia Storer at Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, Calif. The session was moderated by former dean of McGeorge, Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker.

Storer was part of an all-female analysis team that analyzed satellite images to decipher complex algorithms and patterns, that played a key role in locating bin Laden’s compound in Pakistan. Her groundbreaking work contributed to the discovery of bin Laden’s hideout.

Storer describes the analysis process like trying to piece together a jigsaw puzzle - except with missing pieces, multiple puzzles, no edges and no images. Former CIA senior analyst Storer provided some insight into the enigma of covert affairs.

Contrary to Hollywood movies like “Zero Dark Thirty” that depict individual heroes finding the “silver bullet,” Storer emphasizes that data analysis is a team endeavor.

Storer left the CIA in 2007 before agents were able to raid bin Laden’s compound. Storer explained that due to the dubious ethics of information-collecting, she eventually felt urged to leave.

She elaborated on the methods of “documentary interrogation,” which included torture and water boarding. Storer acknowledged the potential need in certain circumstances of immediate threat, but questioned the long-term issues that could arise from such practices.

Since bin Laden’s death, new potential dangers have been brewing. A group led by Zarqawi stands to rival Al-Qaeda now that bin Laden is dead. The danger for us, Storer suggested, is that rivals tend to “one up” each other.

For more information on the analysts behind the action, check out HBO’s “Manhunt: The Search for Bin Laden.”
The final word on water

Alex Rooney
OPINION EDITOR

If there is one thing Californians have been beaten over the head with in the past few months, it is the fact that we are facing a very severe drought. Californians have been asked to cut back their water usage immensely, and that includes using less water to maintain gardens and lawns.

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According to the University’s Associate Vice President of Communications Rich Rojo, the University has been making strides to conserve water for a while now, as we already decreased water usage by 14 percent from 2013-2014, but there is still work to do: a goal he is confident the University will be able to meet and exceed.

In order to meet the mandates set by the state, Cal Water and the University, the University has set up a committee of cabinet members and environmental sciences professors, and has already replaced the 2300 aerators and showerheads on campus with newer ones that will not use as much water.

All of this planning, though, is just to conserve the University’s usage of potable water, which only makes up about 20 percent of the irrigation water used, while the other roughly 80 percent comes from the Calaveras River. While the University made plans, it was also important to hear from the students to make sure they understood the severity of the situation and how they could help the school save water.

After interviewing several students, it became clear that very few of them were actually aware of the University’s plan, or even of the drought at all, though this could be due to them not being California residents originally.

Other students suggested reward systems for students living in on-campus residence facilities in order to incentivize them to use less water, or urged the University to replace toilets and sinks with automatic ones that wouldn’t stay running when not in direct use (though that would add another significant cost).

One student was especially concerned with the lack of open conversation on the topic. Shawndip Bhangal ’17 said, “If we don’t know how bad it is, we won’t know we need to do something,” adding, “I’m okay with seeing the grass brown because we should limit water usage to what’s absolutely necessary.”

As we approach the next school year, it will become more apparent what steps the University will take to educate the student population on conservation efforts.

Staying healthy mentally

Ashneil Randhawa
STAFF REPORTER

Health is researching the effects good mental health has on the body. Besides psychological benefits such as less stress, a greater sense of well-being and less anxiety, good mental health has also been linked to decreased risks for diseases like diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Many students see physiological health as the main aspect of good overall health. But this view often overlooks other crucial aspects of health. A student who wants to be healthy should begin to see psychological health as another factor in overall health. A healthy mind, a healthy body.
The truth about double majoring

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

There are pros and cons to just about anything in life, and we must weigh them together in order to make good, educated decisions.

In college, it’s especially important to take pros and cons into consideration when trying to judge what’s best for one’s education. Therefore, when the idea for double majoring presents itself, one must gather to see if this is the appropriate opportunity.

A double major is an undergraduate college student who declares two separate majors and completes both sets of degree requirements.

Jeff Selingo details in his blog on the Chronicle of High Education that approximately 30 to 40 percent of graduates are double majors. Through his research at various East Coast universities, he found that students find it quite easy to double major.

Of course, spending extra time at a university is not very cost efficient; however, if you had the opportunity to get everything done in four years, why wouldn’t you do it? Most students end up picking majors where the classes overlap, but they are still able to master two different skill sets.

Alison Del Rossi and Joni Hensch report in their scholarly article “Double your major, double your return?” that double majors, overall, have 2.3 percent higher earnings than their single major counterparts.

If education is an investment, why not get more bang for your buck while you’re in college?

Nevertheless, there is another side to the argument. When one decides to double major, they may end up spending more time in college than planned. This requires more short-term spending, or even an increase in financial aid debt.

Also, it may make extracurricular activities more few and far between. College is supposed to be the time where students make long-lasting friends, start getting job experience and expand their knowledge in an area of study. Double majoring could potentially hinder opportunities outside of academia.

Whether you choose to add an extra major to your course schedule or not will depend on your ability to have the best college experience possible.

Take all pros and cons into consideration, but make the final decision based on what will give you the greatest opportunities and most happiness.

Do campus safety changes improve student safety?

Ashneil Randhawa
STAFF REPORTER

When it comes to safety, Stockton doesn’t have the best of reputations. At this point, students treat it more as a joke than anything else. Locals are used to it, while out-of-towners say at least it’s not as bad as places like Compton or Detroit.

In fact, the only person I’ve heard say that Stockton is safer than their hometown happened to be from Detroit. All joking aside, Stockton does have a crime problem.

Forbes ranked Stockton eighth in a list of the 10 most dangerous cities in the US, just behind Baltimore and ahead of Cleveland. The Atlantic ranked it 10th.

The Huffington Post, as well as numerous travel websites, list Stockton amongst the top five most dangerous cities in California, next to Oakland and Emeryville. Most of the crime stems from the lack of policing and unemployment that followed the city’s bankruptcy filing in July of 2012, when Stockton became the largest city in American history to do so until Detroit’s bankruptcy a year later.

Living in a high crime area, when paired with the openness of the campus, does inevitably lead to crimes being committed on campus grounds. The administration has attempted to protect against this by providing around the clock police security, emergency boxes across campus and the Stripes program. Despite these precautions, this past year saw a spike in campus crime.

Multiple students were mugged and had their laptops and/or cellphones stolen. Particularly violent robberies occurred on the Calaveras River Bridge, where a student was assaulted and robbed. Students also complain that the campus is too dimly lit at night, the emergency boxes are too few and far between and the campus police officers do not patrol the campus well enough.

In the wake of these robberies, the administration placed cameras as well as a new emergency box on the bridge. The administration has also warned students to not travel alone after dark. With these new additions to campus security, the question that must be asked is: Is that enough to protect students?

Many students have told The Pacifican that they feel there are still not enough emergency boxes, and the response time for the officers is too slow, at about two minutes and 30 seconds.

Students feel the need to carry self-defense weapons like pepper spray. Robberies and other crimes have still occurred on campus despite the increase in security.

Pacific rode the Yak

Ashneil Randhawa
STAFF REPORTER

October saw a new social media app come to the Pacific campus: Yik Yak. Yik Yak is best thought of as an anonymous Twitter. Users don’t have accounts or any other identifying markers. Instead, anyone can post anything as long as it is less than 200 characters.

Any mention of a specific name, whether it be a fellow student or even a historical figure in some cases, will cause the post, known as a “yak,” to be deleted. Other users can “upvote” a yak to show approval or “downvote” if they don’t like whatever was posted, the sum of which creates the final yak score. If a yak receives a cumulative yak score of -5, then that yak is deleted.

In addition to voting, users can also comment on yaks, with the comments having their own yak scores.

Yik Yak quickly took off on campus, as it offered an anonymous respite from the personal information overload students were blasted with from Facebook and Instagram.

After its initial launch, Yik Yak has added new features to the app. When commenting on a yak, different users are assigned symbols to make conversations easier to follow. The “basecamp” feature allows a user to set a basecamp they can view from anywhere, as Yik Yak originally only allowed users to see yaks from others in their geographic vicinity. Currently, the app is experimenting with a picture function that has yet to come to the Pacific campus.
Crowdfunding to raise a child

Sarah Kellner
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

On Feb. 4, 2014, Copy Editor Sarah Yung reported on the topic of crowdfunding, a concept that has been around since the dawn of time: People finding themselves in a bind or short on cash reach out to the people around them. However, in the age of the Internet, with its ability to allow a person to connect with millions at their fingertips, crowdfunding has morphed into a whole new concept. Sites like Kickstarter, Indiegogo and GoFundMe are all crowdfunding websites where users can create a page on the internet to voice their issue, dilemma or idea to the public, often using emotional appeals, wit and at times bizarre tactics. Yet they all have an end goal: to get funding from the public.

These sites are not just for people who are asking for money to live off of; they are also tools to be used in the case of money needed in producing inventions, getting YouTube series off the ground and funding missionary trips, to mention a few. However, an interesting topic that multiple users have presented to the public is crowdfunding to raise a child.

Although it seems like a weird thing to fundraise for, it’s common sense that children are expensive to have. CNNMoney reports, “To raise a child born in 2013 to the age of 18, it will cost a middle-income couple just over $245,000, according to newly released estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.” And in 2015, that amount is even higher, especially if the couple takes into account birthing issues, such as fertility treatments and special needs. Yung reported that “Hundreds of pages exist on sites such as GoFundMe, Indiegogo and AdoptTogether to help alleviate the costs of fertility treatments or adoption fees.” These sites are becoming viral in a society with a growing wage gap and more and more people who don’t know where else to turn.

Of course, crowdfunding still has its skeptics. What if a person doesn’t really use the money for their child? Inevitably, there are people in the world who will take advantage of the system, even if sites try different ways to prevent it. But there are many people who simply need help to achieve a dream, like having a baby. Yung sums it up nicely in that “as the old adage goes, it takes a village to raise a child.”

Vaccine requirements?

Sarah Kellner
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

In January 2015, Thomas Levy reported on the conditions of vaccinations and why the University of the Pacific enforced students to get vaccinated. Levy explained that throughout our daily lives, we come in contact with many different germs and diseases, yet with vaccinations we do not have to deal with the side effects of those issues.

Although there are many people, as well as band wagon participants who are against the procedure of getting vaccinated, there is a considerably large amount of research proving why we should be vaccinated.

To start with, according to U.S. News and World Report 2015, the University is ranked as the 14th most ethnically diverse campus in California. We have a thriving international relations program that sends our own students off to and brings in many different students from all around the world.

With so many different people congregating in a small space, our immune systems wouldn’t be able to handle the incoming germs and possibly new viruses without vaccinations. Those who are vaccinated are protected from killer viruses like shingles and whooping cough.

Yet there are still people who choose not to be vaccinated, and that is okay. Levy reports that “according to CBS San Francisco, studies across five states found that in our current flu season, those with the vaccine are only 25 percent less at risk to the flu than those without it, compared to 50-60 percent most other years.” While that may seem like a small percent, that percent is still protecting us that much more from potentially fatal pathogens.

No Greek RAs...yet

Alex Rooney
OPINION EDITOR

This year, Pacific’s Greek life was shaken up over the news that the Housing and Greek Life Offices were splitting, and the result might be the end of graduate student residence assistants in the chapter facilities, with a new system of undergraduate students in their place.

The Housing and Greek Life Offices faced waves of backlash from Greek students, as they felt their privacy and ritual would be compromised if an outsider student, or worse, a student from another Greek chapter, were to be present in their spaces at all times.

While students were assured that proper training and precautions would be taken to ensure the comfort of chapter facility residents, many students remained unconvinced that the change would be effective and appropriate.

In the wake of a pro and con article published by this newspaper in an effort to allow students to address their concerns and look at both sides of the proposal, Executive Director of Housing and Greek Life Torry Brouillard-Bruce met with our editors and explained the change.

Brouillard-Bruce reported the new plan was the result of Housing and Greek Life becoming separate departments, with Greek Life now falling under the umbrella of Student Activities.

Because of the shuffle, the budget Greek Life had originally received as a part of housing was going to become smaller, so the school could no longer afford to pay the stipends and living expenses graduate residence assistants were previously receiving. Therefore, the idea of placing undergraduate RAs, like the ones currently overseeing other on-campus residences, within the Greek chapter facilities was born.

However, because the University met with so many adverse reactions to their proposal, the plan was postponed until further notice in order to work out some of the concerns associated with it.

While the Greek residences owned by the University will continue to be overseen by graduate student RAs for at least the next year, it is uncertain exactly what the University plans to do about the subject in the future, or what it will look like for Greek life.
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More than “O’Words”

Sasha Kasoff
STAFF REPORTER

There have been some amazing artistic achievements made by Pacific students this spring. Looking back at one of this semester’s publications, “O’ Words Anthology,” Pacific can confidently say that we have some great creative writers on our campus! The “O’ Words” project I embarked on this semester has been a wild ride. This was quite a challenging project and a great learning experience for me, and I am pleased with the results. Previously, I had self-published two poetry books, but working with almost 50 other people was more complicated than I had anticipated. If you are interested, one of my previous books, “A Wayward Soul,” should be in the school library. It is a book of poetry and photographs from my study-abroad semester in Ireland.

English professor Dr. Jeffrey Holm was my advisor for this project, and he has been thrilled. Holm loves helping students with projects, and he’s been happy to let me take the lead while offering useful advice and timely feedback.

The hardcover books are about 140 pages long, with poetry and prose accompanied by black and white illustrations. Their grey cloth binding and embossed gold letters make me so proud of all the work that went into them. The finished product features almost 500 pages, eight of the contributors are Pacific students (and four of us are on The Pacifican staff). The other contributors are from a mix of other Californian college campuses, as well as both national and international campuses.

If you would be interested in reading the “O’ Words Anthology,” there will be a copy made available in the library to be checked out by all students. Let me know what you think!

Sarah Kellner
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Traveling over summer is the ultimate dream for most college students, yet only a few of them actually achieve it. Why? Because of the assumption that traveling costs exorbitant amounts of money, which students just can’t afford.

However, quick research on summer 2015 shows this summer is the most affordable time to travel! In April 2015, Distribution Manager Lauren Peterson shared with The Pacifican many cost efficient ways to embark on such a journey. To start with, planning a long distance trip most likely means boarding a plane. As everyone knows, airfare is often the most expensive part of any trip; however, with certain airlines, the costs are far more forgivable. The first plan of action is to disable the cookies on your computer browser. When cookies are enabled, “If you search the same dates to the same destination over and over again, websites will show you slightly more expensive fares each time, increasing your anxiety as well as your likelihood to buy.” Nobody wants that, so turn them off! Next, joining airline loyalty programs and earning points each time you travel will ultimately reduce the flight price. If all else fails, use flightsacker.com, which searches for the cheapest possible flights available.

When it comes to lodging in your destination of choice, there are many apps and programs that can easily give you a hand. Airbnb is an app that connects travelers to places to stay — not through a hotel or resort, but through individuals who rent out their home or rooms at a very affordable price. If you are into staying at hostels, HostelWorld provides listings at your fingertips that allow for “flexible and spontaneous” travel plans.

The war that you are waging for, Tigers? Get lost this summer.

Sip of Pop: The top tastes of the year

Sarah Kellner
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Throughout the year, Sip of Pop has seen a variety of trendy, popular and culturally hitting topics. Lifestyles Editor Sarah Kellner covered many different issues, a few of which will be reviewed below.

In October of 2014, Mark Zuckerberg and wife Dr. Priscilla Chan donated $25 million to the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention in an effort to help fight the Ebola virus and find a cure. Zuckerberg stated, “We believe our grant is the quickest way to empower the CDC and the experts in this field to prevent this outcome. Grants like this directly help the frontline responders in their heroic work.”

In November 2014, Taylor Swift leveraged swift action against Spotify, a company that “allows users free access to millions of musical works through the permission of record labels. The app is easily downloaded to a computer, smartphone or tablet, giving users the ability to tap into the musical collection anywhere.” Sounds great for the listener, but not so hot for the artist. Website Mashable reports, “Spotify gives artists between $0.006 and $0.0084 per streamed song. The conversion can be seen as such: if 1 million users stream a song, the artist only receives $5240 (and that’s at the higher rate of $.0084/stream).” Swift pulled her newly released album “1989” from the Spotify catalog, claiming that artists want to sell albums, as that is how they get paid. If their music is not being sold and is given away instead, there isn’t a livelihood left for an artist to survive off of.

In February of this year, President Barack Obama took a political step targeting the youth portion of America and teamed up with Buzzfeed to create a call to action. A short video of Obama acting like any normal person was captured: Our president making faces in the mirror, choking on a tough word and even using a selfie stick. Although there was criticism from officials that Obama allowed a media group to film inside the White House, it was a step into a new technologically centered society. In retrospect, “Since young people are less moved by traditional media outlets, this public relations strategy will at least get information in front of the youth.” He ended the video with the point, “The deadline for signing up for ObamaCare is Feb. 15. In many cases, you can get health insurance for less than $100 a month. Just go to HealthCare.gov to figure out how to sign up.” YOLO, Obama.

The article that really sums up spring 2015 is “The Dress that Broke the Internet.” It is black and blue or gold and white? At the end of February, a Scottish couple posted a photo of a body-con dress on the internet that was reposted on Tumblr and Buzzfeed and quickly went viral. The media war began, and friendships were ended over the color of the dress. “According to CNBC, the post on Buzzfeed about the dress receive viral traffic of almost 676,000 people viewing the post at the same time and 16 million hits in six hours.” After a week, scientific reasoning was given as to why people saw the dress as black and blue versus gold and white. All science aside, the real reason: The photo was overexposed!

In recent news, Hillary Clinton has announced her candidacy for the presidential election of 2016. She is not the first woman to run for presidency, but if she is elected, she will be the first woman president. However, her gender doesn’t change her highly qualified status. Here is where the problem lies: With public relations teams in both camps fighting for votes, they will do anything to sway potential voters, including spin that the only reason women will vote for Clinton, is because she is female.

On April 7, 2015, “Elizabeth Plank of the media newsstand company Mic came barreling in with insight to set this skewed perception straight.” She created a video that first showed real life news reporters saying things such as Clinton “will get the single women vote” and “They will need government to act like a husband...,” ultimately trying to coin single women as “Beyonce Voters.” Plank proves there are single women in the nation who will vote for Clinton, who are independent, self-providing and confident. Embracing the “Beyonce Vote” title, these women reappropriated the meaning to create an empowering movement of their own.

Savvy travelling

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New field hockey turf creates magic

On Friday Sept. 12, 2014, Pacific Field Hockey unveiled their new home with a 0-2 loss against Albany. While the game may not have ended the way the Tigers wanted, the over 300 people in attendance braving dirt, dust and debris (typical of a recent construction site) proved that the opening of the brand new turf was more important than individual results.

University of the Pacific is one of four schools on the West Coast that has Division I Women’s Field Hockey (the other three are Cal, Stanford and UC Davis). In the past, only Cal and Stanford were privileged enough to have the water-based turf preferred by the NCAA for field hockey, with Davis competing on their football turf and Pacific playing on highly maintained grass.

Now, three of the four schools on the West Coast, Davis, Stanford and our very own Pacific have new fields (unfortunately, Cal’s field was demolished to make room for a parking structure and football practice field last year, with no replacement built yet). The new water-based turf allows Pacific to compete at a higher level and enabled our school to host the last ever NorPac Championships in November (the league has since dissolved, and schools were absorbed into other conferences).

While the field does not yet boast a name, significant donors are listed on a sign outside the field, thanking those who helped make this possible.

As a member of the field hockey team, it was a dream come true being able to play on such an incredible surface for my last year at Pacific. This seemed but a dream when I was a freshman, and sometimes I still can’t believe it actually happened.

Meth tees off at Masters

This spring, Pacific senior Byron Meth ’15 competed in one of the most prestigious professional golf tournaments: the Masters. Studying business finance with a minor in economics, Meth successfully completed two of the four rounds in the annual tournament.

Mental preparation and composition, he says, were his biggest challenges, but he wanted to make sure he had fun at the same time. It was an absolute dream come true for him, and Meth related that the people he met and the nerves he worked through helped him become a better person and a better golfer.

This opportunity to play in the big leagues allowed Meth to learn what being on tour is all about and what it takes to succeed on tour. The other competitors he met helped him understand what he needs to improve on in regards to his swing and performance on the green. To balance school, life and his career, Meth refers to his former coach, Brandon Goethals, who told him, “You have three things in college: school, life and golf. You can be great at two of them or mediocre at all three.”

Meth took this as a personal challenge and asserts that he has succeeded in all three! While this has been difficult for him, he also says that it is very rewarding. Creating attainable goals was the key to his success; instead of giving everything 100 percent all the time, he created manageable sections to accomplish in his life. Meth will continue at the amateur level summer 2015 and attempt to play his way onto the PGA Tour, where he will become a professional.
Rugby brings home first place!

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific Rugby Club surpassed all expectations this season when they won the National Small College Rugby Organization Challenge Cup, otherwise known in the rugby community as the national championship. This year, the Tigers proved they are not “just a club sport.” They proved they are champions.

Pacific traveled to Pittsburgh to compete for the national title, their first opportunity to compete on a national stage. After two arduous battles on the field, the Tigers surfaced as national champions and brought home the first place trophy.

Coach Nelson described his feelings right after the win: “A strange amalgamation of joy, relief, pride and every other positive emotion known to man... I think the best thing was seeing the pure joy on the players’ faces as they celebrated their amazing accomplishment.”

Pacific loses several seniors and the majority of their starting lineup to graduation. Nevertheless, returning players are looking forward to seeing the increased interest in rugby materialize on campus.

The program has also been working toward developing alumni relations, especially considering the program has been in existence since 1908. With the recent coverage, the club hopes to locate past members of the squad.

After two years of playing for Pacific rugby, Stephen Whiteman ’15 will leave the team due to graduation. He declared, “I’ve played sports for over 12 years, and I’ve made it to playoffs a time or two but always fell short. To end what could be my final season with a team as a national champion is unfathomable. I’m so thankful to have been on a team with such a great group of people.”

The memories are endless: defeating USF to move on to playoffs, becoming regional champions and finishing off the season with one of the toughest, most heart-wrenching games.

Nevertheless, through all the struggles and triumph, the Pacific Rugby Club can call themselves national champions.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Tigers get gypped by NCAA selection committee

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

Women’s volleyball had one of the most remarkable seasons since their national championship winning seasons in 1985 and 1986. The Tigers capped off the year with a 24-7 record, even boasting a 10-game win streak in the first part of the season.

Pacific flexed their muscles in conference, finishing with a 13-5 record. They won their last five games of the season to move into a second place finish in West Coast Conference behind No. 12 BYU.

Despite a stellar season, the Tigers were omitted from the NCAA playoffs. Four of their West Coast Conference counterparts were included in the bidding to the tournament, including three teams ranked below in conference play.

Needless to say, the absence of an invitation for Pacific came as a surprise to most.

The NCAA’s press release for the postseason tournament revealed, “In the 33-year history of the championship, 10 schools have been crowned champion, nine of which are in this year’s bracket.” Pacific is the 10th school that has earned a national championship and was not able to participate in this past year’s tournament due to the discretion of the selection committee.

Pacific unexpectedly completed the 2014 season with tremendous accolades. They dominated during the fall season as a superior force on defense, holding opponents to a .145 hitting percentage, which ranked No. 10 in the country.

They also tallied an average of 2.61 blocks per set, ranking No. 34. Also notably, Gillian Howard ’15, Lexi Elman ’17 and Kat Schulz ’16 each received WCC Player of the Week honors at one point during this season.

Throughout the fall season, they were one of the best teams in the country. The Tigers were unfortunately cheated an opportunity to showcase their abilities on a national stage.

Pacific will lose three seniors to graduation: Howard, Katy Taggart ’15 and Francesca Zaragoza ’15.

Howard has been dynamic on both offense and defense during her career at Pacific and was notably named an AVCA All-American.

The Tigers will be back in action this fall, looking to pick up right where they left off.
Did you know?

West Coast Conference recently inducted Elaina Oden ‘89, former Pacific volleyball player, into their hall of fame. Oden is one of Pacific’s most decorated athletes, having led the Tigers to back-to-back national championships.

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