On Wednesday, Jan. 25, University of the Pacific, along with McGeorge School of Law and Univision 19, hosted the "Know Your Rights" panel. The panel focused on the issues of immigration and any potential changes to the country's immigration policy under the new Trump administration. The panel included five attorneys specializing in immigration law: Brian Lopez '12, focusing on DACA, Rebecca Caporale '15, crime and immigration law, Aaron Brieno '14, legislative aid to Senator Ben Hueso, Sameera Ali '12, immigration lawyer, and Fernanda Pereira '97, immigration attorney, all of whom are McGeorge alumni, and Professor of Law Racquel Aldana, who teaches at McGeorge. The panel mainly focused on the issues currently facing undocumented citizens, those who fall under DACA protection and the "dreamers." DACA is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, which was instituted by President Obama in June of 2012. DACA defers deportation for any undocumented immigrants who entered the United States before the age of 16. The deportation deferment lasts for two years and can be renewed. According to the Pew Research Center, up to 1.7 million Americans are eligible for DACA protection and over half of those Americans reside in Texas or California. Dreamers refer to those who have received student financial aid benefits through the California DREAM Act.

The panel noted the uncertainty of the future of these policies, as the new Trump administration could repeal or not enforce them. Donald Trump ran on a platform that many considered to be anti-immigrant and the fear is that, in addition to building the infamous wall, he would also end DACA. Indeed, the recent executive orders calling for the construction of a border wall with Mexico and a travel ban on certain "terrorist-prone" countries has many fearing that acts such as DACA will cease in the near future.

The consensus among the panelists was a "wait and see" approach, as any questions about current immigration policy, such as whether individuals should seek to renew...
In Memory: Professor Silvio Rodriguez

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On Jan. 24, the Pacific community was informed by provost, Maria Pallavicini, through e-mail that chemistry professor Silvio Rodriguez passed away. After suffering a hemorrhagic stroke, Professor Silvio Rodriguez passed away on Jan. 17.

“The Chemistry department has lost Dr. Silvio Rodriguez, an outstanding scholar, teacher, individual, and friend.” commented Professor Andreas Franz, co-chair of the chemistry department, “As a professor, Silvio touched the lives of countless students and instilled in them the joy of learning and a true sense of professionalism. He was especially beloved as an instructor of general chemistry among freshmen and was the undisputed role model for teaching standards in the department.”

Professor Silvio Rodriguez was a distinguished individual among his peers, being the only faculty member to receive both the Faye and Alex Spanos Award and the Stephen E. Corson Award. After more than 38 years of teaching at the University of the Pacific, Professor Rodriguez touched the lives of both students and his colleagues from the chemistry department.

As of the writing of this article, an official service has not been announced but the Pacific community will be informed when details be made available. For now, the family of Professor Silvio Rodriguez has requested that, instead of flowers, donations be made to the Little Angels Service Dogs, P.O. Box 219, Jamul, CA 91935. Please reference PM-RU-15 on all donations. Pacific mourns the loss of a member of our community and offer our condolences to those that were closest to Professor Silvio Rodriguez.

Nominee for Secretary of Education brings concern for Educators

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Many of President Donald Trump’s cabinet nominees have gotten heat from Americans, but a particular nominee has raised the most outcry against her eligibility as Secretary of Education. Betsy DeVos, a Republican businesswoman and philanthropist, has received much backlash from educators all over the country.

In her confirmation hearing, her responses sparked concern because of her responses to questions such as “Can you commit to us tonight that you will not work to privatize public schools or cut a single penny from public education?” asked by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

DeVos responded that “she looked forward to discussing the matter, if confirmed, and is hopeful that we can solve those issues and empower parents to make choices on behalf of their children that are right for them.”

Amanda Utterback, Master’s of Arts in Education concentrating in Special Education, is one of many in the education field concerned about the current nominee. “Personally, one of my concerns is that if elected she could push to privatize public education which could put Special Education programs in public schools at risk.”

This further entailed that she was neither for nor against privatized public schools or make budget cuts from public education. This was only one of the many questions asked at her hearing. Questions included how and whether or not federally funded schools support IDEA (The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) to what is the best way of measuring student success: proficiency or growth.

Democrats are going against her confirmation, believing that, based on the answers she has given at the confirmation hearing, is not eligible to be the new Secretary of Education.

DeVos’s focus is on the K-12 system, and what she has said in concern of higher education is that she does not support tuition-free college when asked about it by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT. Already his second week in office, only two of his cabinet nominees have been confirmed, John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security and James Mattis, Secretary of Defense.

Although DeVos will not receive a second confirmation hearing, it is unclear as to whether or not she will be confirmed with so much push back from not only democrats, but also teacher unions throughout the country.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, a Senate panel approved DeVos nomination, 11-12. Thus, setting up for full Senate consideration. As of the writing of this articles, two GOP senators are undecided about their vote for her.
Newly elected President Donald Trump’s relationship is not one that can be described in a positive way. On many occasions, President Trump has accused media outlets to be reporting “falsely” and has suggested that the media is attacking him. In one of his first press conferences after his election, then president-elect Trump refused to take a question from a CNN reporter, saying that the reporter was “fake news” after CNN reported a story that suggested that then president-elect Trump was being blackmailed by the Russian government.

As a journalist and editor for a university newspaper, President Trumps actions of discrediting the media are very concerning. I may be no where near the level of reporter as a journalist from CNN or the New York Times, but I understand the importance of journalism and the news media. The news media has a responsibility to report on events around them to the public so that the public is informed and can make responsible decisions in their community. There are times when a media source is unreliable or biased in their reporting, that is almost unavoidable in today’s digital and politically divided world. That is why it is important that individuals check the sources of the media and read or watch reports from several varying sources. That is perhaps the best method to separate facts from speculation and rumors.

The reason why I find President Donald Trump’s actions concerning is because he is quick to delegitimize any news organization that reports on a story that questions his character or actions. Of course, it is understandable that anyone would be swift to respond to a story that threatens their public image and would make a statement that a report is false or taken out of context. President Trump goes beyond that. If CNN reports on a story that lacks hard evidence and is more speculative than factual, President Trump calls the entire organization “fake news” and that impacts the public who is unsure of who they can trust to provide them with news. Suddenly, anyone who questions the president or reports a story with legitimate evidence that makes him out to be a sketchy figure is called biased or “fake news”, and only those who the president likes are the ones who know the truth, or “alternative facts”.

What is even more concerning and perhaps scary, is that President Donald Trump has taken steps to censor facts by ordering a restriction on public communications for federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Parks Service, and NASA. It is suspicious that President Trump would silence these agencies that provide a service to the public which include providing facts that are relevant. Fortunately, many rogue social media accounts representing these censored agencies have sprung up.

Whether you like the media or not, it is important that we all stay informed and not be quick to push aside a news story as fake or immediately accepting it as truth but instead be open to understanding the report and checking its sources and authenticity. As college students, we have to pay close attention to national and international events and to the actions of our new president because being ill-informed or uninformed can have disastrous consequences.
**DAPL and the First Americans**

In his first week in office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to advance the approval of the highly protested Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) and the Keystone XL pipeline. DAPL was protested for several weeks by members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other Native American tribes and Native allies. The protesters called themselves water protectors, defending their land from the threat of the pipeline which could eventually break and spill into the Mississippi river, impacting the Standing Rock Sioux and dozens of communities around the river.

Under the Obama administration, construction of DAPl was put on hold after the water protectors protested and suffered several attacks from the pipeline's private security. Now that President Trump is moving forward with plans to complete the pipeline, Native Americans from across the nation will resume protests of the DAPl.

I am part Navajo and I have been a supporter of the water protectors in Standing Rock and I believe that President Trump's actions are disrespectful to the indigenous people of the United States. Throughout the history of the United States, Native Americans have been abused and murdered and that American tradition has not stopped. And this issue is more than protecting the rights of Native Americans but also protecting the environment.

President Trump and his supporters argue that the construction of DAPL and the Keystone XL pipeline will create jobs, but at what cost? Water protectors have already been subjected to attack dogs, pepper spray, hoses, and rubber bullets, and I doubt that the water protectors will give up until DAPL is not even an option.

I would like to give President Trump a chance to prove that he can be a good leader. His success would surely mean the US's success. However, President Trump is making it very difficult for people like me to give him the benefit of the doubt and to "give him a chance". Attempting to build the Dakota Access Pipeline ignore the requests of the first Americans is one of those times.

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**The Power of The Women's March**

On Jan. 21, an estimated 2.6 million women across the United States and throughout the globe marched the streets in the name of Women's rights. While the main march took place in Washington D.C., women from all areas of the world rallied together to march for what they believed in.

The march included people of all genders and ages, along with some celebrities such as Emma Watson, Gina Rodriguez, Rowan Blanchard, and Miley Cyrus.

Although the protest might be the largest demonstration in United States history, it didn't go without hefty criticism. Many people view the march as "pointless," and that protesting will not keep President Trump, from remaining as president. However, the purpose of the march is so much deeper than that.

The goal of the Women's March was not to impeach Trump, but to demonstrate solidarity for the security of our rights and safety — and to show our leaders that diversity and acceptance is a powerful thing.

The march was also not exclusive to just women. The rhetoric of the election deeply threatened the LGBTQ community, women, and people of color alike. The sake of this march was for these communities to rally together and demonstrate unity, despite their differences. Along with women's rights, the march brought attention to LGBT rights, Islamophobia, immigration, the Flint water crisis, and climate change.

Protesting is ingrained deep within America's history, and is the reason why many people have the rights that they do today. Marching for what you believe in is how the oppressed have their voices heard. It is ridiculous to say that people should just "sit down and accept" their humanity being threatened, because when everyone protests as a united front, change is possible.

The Anti-Trump overtones are not invalid, also. Trump is guilty of treating women as objects and bragging about sexual assault. To have a man who does not respect or value women hold the position as President is a huge step back from the progress we have made as a country. The Women's March exhibited that women will not step down or allow the new administration to devalue them. Our voices are loud and they will be heard, along with other citizens of all different genders, sexualities, and religions.

If anything, the Women's March was also pivotal in educating the public of what it means to be a feminist and how the power of the people will always be greater than the people in power. By protesting, we are bringing attention to issues that are often ignored. The more people that are aware, the more progress can be made.

Many people are unsure about what the next four years will hold, and the uncertainty is quite scary. What is reassuring, however, is knowing that their are millions of others willing to stand up for each other's rights. The Women's March was a powerful demonstration that will make the history books, and it most definitely won't be the last.
"A Wish Come True:" Formal Recruitment 2017

From Thursday to Sunday, Pacific girls visited the four Panhellenic sororities in search of a home away from home. Each sorority is dedicated to a respective philanthropy and support the fullest development of character through and beyond college. Every spring semester, girls go through formal recruitment and each sorority gains a new class of members.

The process includes an information night, Panhellenic/Open House day, philanthropy day, and preference morning until the big bid day activities commence on the last day. Panhellenic employed recruitment counselors, girls who are active in one of the four sororities, to help guide through the recruitment process.

This year, the sororities sported cute themes for bid day. Alpha Phi did "That's 70's Show." Kappa Alpha Theta kept it classy with a black, gold, and stars theme. Delta Gamma went sporty and did a Big Leagues theme. Delta Delta Delta went for an outdoor adventure theme. The sororities of the University of the Pacific are so happy to welcome home their new members! Welcome to Greek Life!

DREAM Ice Cream in Stockton

Ice cream lovers and those looking to try new things, rejoice! On Jan. 21, DREAM (Desserts Rule Everything Around Me) Ice Cream Parlor opened on 5052 West Lane Suite H in Stockton.

But DREAM isn't like your average Baskin Robbins. While the ice cream parlor has the average flavors such as cookie dough, strawberry cheesecake, and chocolate — DREAM also boasts more unique flavors such as Ube, Green Tea, and Thai Tea.

The shop also offers many options in having your ice cream served. Customers can have it with a puffle, which is a bubble waffle, along with two toppings. It can also be served as a "dream bun," where they put the ice cream inside a donut bun. Or the ice cream can be served with an iceberg, which is a homemade honey butter brick toast, along with toppings. Lastly, customers can have the ice cream served by the scoop or as a milkshake. The prices are also quite reasonable, as the serving sizes are very generous.

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I will admit that M. Night Shyamalan's "Split" was not on my radar. I'm not one for thriller or horror films, but I wanted to give this one a shot after a few people nudged me about how great it is. "Split" enthralled me with its many beautiful and clean shots and the great performance put on by James McAvoy as Kevin, a man with Dissociative Identity Disorder, who kidnaps three teenage girls, including Casey Cook (Anya Taylor-Joy). However, this film did fall short in delivery from supporting roles and despite the interesting premise, left me unsettled on several moments and it was not because of the thriller and horror aspects of this movie.

James McAvoy's ability to ease into Kevin's different personalities was spectacular. The different personalities have minds and interests of their own, strong enough to change Kevin's body chemistry. For example, one personality has diabetes and needs insulin shots, whereas the other do not need them.

Out of the twenty three personalities, we are introduced and get familiar with three: Dennis, an intense and somewhat creepy personality who seems to have obsessive compulsive disorder, Patricia, a strict perfectionist English woman, and Hedwig, a naive 9-year-old who looks up to Patricia and Dennis. Another personality is Barry, a kind and flamboyant personality who loves to draw and design clothes. One of my favorite scenes from McAvoy is when he goes through four different personalities in the span of nearly half a minute. The little quirks in facial features to the voices; the scene is both intimate and intense.

Betsy Buckley, who plays Dr. Fletcher, Kevin's psychiatrist, did a fine job, but the rest of the cast was lackluster. They either lacked emotion or a reason for me to really care about them. I did grow to care about Casey, and I suspected she would play a more important role in this movie because of the numerous flashbacks and the obvious separation between her and the other two teenagers, Claire (Haley Lu Richardson) and Marcia (Jessica Sula), but something felt missing. By the end, she is the sole survivor from the actions of Kevin's personalities, but she felt so two-dimensional and another cliché character trope of the social outcast being a special snowflake.

"Split" has many well-directed and seemingly flawless moments. For example, in the scene in which Hedwig is upset because Casey betrayed him, he steps out of the shot and falls into the darker part of the room. What comes out of the dark? Dennis. Moments such as those are provocative, but didn't feel forceful. It fits the atmosphere of the bare, windowless rooms and unnatural lighting of Kevin's home. However, some moments felt awkward if not, dragged on for a little longer than I'd like. A moment where Casey in the back of the police car did not respond to an officer was meant to show her resisting and also bringing a sense of uncertainty for what is to come. But the moment felt forced and unnecessarily long and kind of left me wondering "When the hell is she going to say something?"

Shyamalan's twist is one that fans will be happy about because it reveals that this is definitely not the end of this story, but instead a beginning for a new character and a continuation of one Shyamalan's great and earlier works.

Overall, "Split" has many well-shot moments and McAvoy carries the movie with every personality and interaction. The movie's flaws do not outshine his performance or interesting cinematography, but the bland supporting cast and some forceful or awkward moments definitely made a movie with an intriguing premise lose its potential.

"Split" is an intriguing thriller, but leaves audiences split
**WestWorld’s first season shows great potential**

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If 2016 was good for anything, you can say it was a great year for television. In particular, it was great year for HBO. With the return of hits and the introduction of promising shows like Vice Principals and Divorce, the no-commercial cable network continues to produce fantastic content. And while those aforementioned series were highly entertaining, there was only one new show that appears to have the potential for Game of Thrones-caliber greatness, and that is a show called Westworld.

Created and written by the husband-and-wife duo of Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy, the series is based on a 1973 film of the same name. The story is based around a sort of theme park called “Westworld” that is filled with super-realistic cyborgs, all of which are programmed with the memories and storylines of people living in the wild west. For a hefty price, visitors in the park can do essentially whatever they would like without fear of bodily injury, as all “hosts,” as they are referred to, are programmed to be unable to harm humans. The series picks up as those in charge of running Westworld begin to notice a series of strange occurrences throughout the park.

I will stop here, as I do not want to spoil anything. Even after reading that introduction to the series, you may be able to make some guesses as to where the show will go. But trust me, if you have not watched the first season, which aired in the fall, you are going to want to start binge watching as soon as possible. The twists and turns will knock you out of your seat, the special effects are top notch, and the acting is truly superb; Evan Rachel Wood, Jeffry Wright, Anthony Hopkins, Thandie Newton, Ed Harris and many more are at the top of their game throughout the season.

Westworld has already amassed quite a large following, and with its popularity has come a series of well-deserved nominations from various awards shows. The show’s first season garnered three Golden Globe nominations, three SAG nominations, and will surely be a major player at the 2017 Emmys when its nominations are announced. Evan Rachel Wood won a “Best Actress” nod at both the Satellite Awards and the Critic’s Choice Awards; the Critics also named Thandie Newton “Best Supporting Actress,” and anointed the show “Most Exciting New Series.”

If you have not already, do yourself a favor and give this show a shot. I will warn that it does have plenty of violence and profanity, which you may have already guessed, seeing as it is an HBO show. Even if you are bothered by such things, I urge you to put your fears aside and watch this show’s first season before the second airs later this year. If it is anything like the first season, I can guarantee that people like me will continue bugging you until you watch it.

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**Year of the Rooster**


This year is the Year of the Rooster in the Chinese Zodiac. More specifically, it is the year of the female fire rooster. This year is associated with financial wealth for all zodiac signs, except unfortunately, for those born under the year of the Rooster. This year, the focus will be on domestic affairs for the rooster. This year will bring the rooster quick success. But this quick success can bring great loss, should the rooster overstep their bounds and fly too close to the sun in whatever they pursue.

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The dragon has been hard at work the last few years laying the groundwork for future success and growth. This year that hard work will pay off. Some may have laughed at the dragon’s hard work while polishing no muscles, but this year in the year of the rooster, the dragon must stay humble however, saying “I told you so” does not do much as a means of self-navigation. The dragon must stay humble however, saying “I told you so” does not do much as a means of self-navigation.

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Sports

Athlete of the Week: Semaj Walker ’20

Our Athlete of the Week for this issue represents the Tiger swim team. Semaj Walker ’20 is in the midst of her freshman year here at Pacific, originally hailing from Santa Teresa High School in San Jose. Walker was a standout in every respect at Santa Teresa; she broke multiple school records on her way to becoming the first swimmer in the school’s history to reach the state championships, and she was also the valedictorian of her graduating class.

Walker has picked up right where she left off with excellent performances in the pool this season. Most recently, she helped Pacific win the 200 Medley Relay in the team’s meet with UC Santa Cruz this past weekend.

Walker told The Pacifican that a major reason she decided to bring her talents to Pacific was due to her relationship with Coach Peter Richardson. “I love Coach Pete; he’s the best coach out of any that I talked to. He’s great person, and his energy is through the roof all the time,” she said.

Walker, a Biology major, also mentioned the great reputation of Pacific’s science programs as being a factor in her decision to become a Tiger.

When asked for her thoughts on the season so far, Walker said she was happy with the team’s progress, highlighting wins over MPSF rivals Santa Barbara and Cal Poly. An individual highlight came during a Dec. UNLV meet, when she set season-best for the Tigers in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:04.85.

Walker has found that being a student-athlete can be quite challenging. When asked what the most difficult part of the experience is, she pointed to the balancing act that so many student-athletes must perform. “Probably scheduling your classes around practices, and finding enough time to get rest, do your work and go for training, all that kind of stuff,” she explained.

Walker said that drawing and painting are included amongst her favorite hobbies when she’s not in the pool; she also joked that eating and sleeping are on that list. One of the places you might find her eating is the Midnight Creperie on the Miracle Mile, which she cited as one of her favorite spots in Stockton.

Walker and rest of the Pacific swim team will next take to the water on Feb. 4, when they compete against UC Davis.

Pacific Tiger Swimmers Dominate UC Santa Cruz

The Pacific swim team notched two victories in a meet with UC Santa Cruz over the weekend, as the women took down the Slugs 138-74, and the men emerged with a 143-86 victory.

The Tigers got the better of Santa Cruz in all 28 events on Saturday. Highlights included a win in the women’s 200 Medley Relay, thanks to strong swimming from Cai Hong Singh ’19, Semaj Walker ’20, Jillian Hatch ’20, and Taylor Hosmer ’20; the women finished with a time of 1:48.43. The men also notched a victory in the 200 Medley, as Dylan Toy ’19, Brandon Reno ’20, Raju Kolluru ’20, and Lane Goedhart ’17 combined for a time of 1:35.08.

The Tiger men and the women also won the 200 Free Relay. Mitchell Ongstad ’17, Georan Meendering ’17, Jared Vu ’17, and Goedhart combined for a first-place finish time of 1:24.52. The women, meanwhile, posted a time of 1:44.24 in their victory, as Vaiva Gimbuteyte ’17, Emily Saccullo ’17, Roslyn Kackman ’17, and Whitney Jorgensen ’17 gave it their all.

As for individual performances, Brigid McNally ’20 had a big day; the freshman won both the 200 Free and the 200 Individual Medley.

Neil Franka ’18 gave a great performance as well, as he also won both the 200 Free and 200 Individual Medley.

In addition to Hosmer’s win in the 200 Medley Relay, she also took home first place finishes in the 200 Fly and the 200 Back. In the 100 Free, Goedhart added a victory for the men while Meredith Lillie ’19 won it for the women. Sonya Ahmadayar ’20 and Meendering won their respective contests in the 50 Free, while Lauren Atkins ’18 and Miles Mackenzie ’18 each won the 500 Free. There were plenty more Tigers who got in on the fun, as Devon Thumwood ’18 won the 200 Breast, Stewart Harrison ’18 won the 100 Fly, Kolluru won the 200 Fly, and Curtis Klein ’20 won the 200 Back.

The last couple of individual victories came from Jorgensen in the 500 Free, and Saccullo in the 200 Breast.

With this meet in the books, the men will now wait for the start of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships on Feb. 15, while the women will have one more meet at UC Davis this Saturday before they, too, wait for the start of the Championships.