The end of a sports legacy: Thanks Coach T!

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific men’s basketball coach Bob Thomason coached in the final home game of his career on Saturday, leading the Tigers to a 71-51 win over Long Beach State. Thomason, head coach, was honored throughout the game by former teammates, players, and colleagues who joined Coach Bob Thomason with his family at last Saturday’s basketball game.

"What a great evening," Thomason said after the game. "To be able to see guys I played with, and guys I coached. So many players had to sacrifice to be here today; they flew in today.

Thomason, who was described during the pregame ceremony as "a man who has personalized Pacific basketball for 25 years", was hired as head coach in March of 1988. His accomplishments are lengthy and speak for themselves.

Thomason has been named Big West Coach of the Year five times (1992-93, 1996-97, 2005-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06). He has led Pacific to five Big West regular season championships, three Big West Tournament championships, and four NCAA Tournament appearances, winning First Round games in 2004 and 2005. Thomason’s student-athletes have had a 96% graduation rate in his 25-year career.

Prior to serving as head coach, Thomason played on the Pacific men’s basketball team for four years, earning All-Big West honors his senior year of 1971-72. He also coached the CSU Stanislaus men’s basketball team from 1985-1988.

Thomason has 433 wins as head coach, the most in school history, with 249 wins coming at the Spanos Center. Last season, Thomason passed former University of Las Vegas head coach Jerry Tarkanian for the most wins in Big West history.

Tuesday, it was announced that Thomason was named a finalist for the 2013 Skip Prosser Man of the Year award, which honors those who achieve both success on the court and display moral integrity off of it. The

Elizabeth Griego
announces retirement

Deyanira Monreal
STAFF WRITER

The University of the Pacific will soon bid farewell to an invaluable member of the Pacific community. President Pamela Eibeck has already sent out the email invitation for the official retirement and celebration of Elizabeth Griego, vice president of Student Life. The event will honor Griego’s accomplishments and thank her for her dedication and passion to her work.

Griego has been a part of the Pacific family since April 2006 when she was appointed vice president of Student Life. Over the past years, Griego has worked diligently and effecitively by collaborating with staff, faculty, and students to enhance the Pacific experience and promote an excellent academic environment.

Griego was recently awarded for her outstanding service to National Organization for Student Affairs Professionals (NASPA) earlier this year and was the recipient of the 2013 Fred Turner Award.

The retirement and celebration of Griego will take place on Monday, April 15 in the Grand Ballroom in the DeRosa University Center. The gathering will take place between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. RSVP’s can be made through rsvp@pacific.edu or by calling (209)946-2365 before April 10, 2013.

Congrats Coach Roberts

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific women’s basketball head coach Lynne Roberts has been named the 2012-13 Big West Conference Coach of the Year. Earning the award for the first time in her career at Pacific, Roberts led the Tigers to the best season in program history this year.

Roberts is currently in her seventh year as head coach of the Tigers, amassing a 69-118 record during that time. Taking over a program that was in desperate need of revival, Roberts has rebuilt the Tigers during her tenure, with the results starting to arrive.

Two seasons ago, the No. 7 seed Tigers came back from 14 points down to upset No. 2 UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Tournament Quarterfinals. Last season, Pacific reached the semifinal round again, then was invited to participate in the Women’s NIT, upsetting Pac-12 contender Arizona State for the first postseason win in program history.

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**Brubeck Festival:** You'll want to be there!

**Gilbert Martinez**
STAFF WRITER

This year's annual Brubeck Festivals' slogan is "You'll Want to be There!," and its for good reason as the staff on Feb. 13, 9-time Grammy winner and University of the Pacific Brubeck Institute in 2000 and was a mentor of Marsalis. Wynton Marsalis will accompany the Jazz at Lincoln Center orchestra, which contains "of the finest jazz soloist and ensemble players today" according to the Brubeck Institute website.

Other artists performing at the event include Tom Harrell and the Brubeck Bros. Quartet. Tom Harrell has made over 260 recordings that span over four different decades and continue to tour every corner of the globe. The Brubeck Bros. Quartet is comprised of two of Dave Brubeck's sons, Mike De Micco and Chuck Lamb, and has performed in concert series, colleges and festivals all across North American and Europe.

In addition to the performances, other events include guest lectures, a showing of the rarely shown jazz film Music Film, and jazz education symposium. "The French Quarter," a street-fair event inspired by New Orleans, will also entertain guests with jugglers, fortune-tellers and much more. The events will be held throughout the city of Stockton including University of the Pacific, Miracle Mile, and San Joaquin Delta College.

For more information about the festival, contact Simon Rowe, executive director of the Brubeck Institute, 209-946-3106, srowe@pacif ic.edu; Nathan Davis, executive director of development of the Brubeck Institute, 209-946-2502, ndavis@pacific.edu; Patrick Giblin, media relations manager of the Office of Communications, 209-946-2313.

**Talking budget**

**Nancy Tang**
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Student Town Hall with University of the Pacific's president, Pamela A. Eibeck. The Student Town Hall will be a discussion located at Grace Covell Hall. President Eibeck will be addressing the 2013-2014 university-wide plan to create a strategic investment pool to fund the future. This investment pool, put together by President Eibeck and other administrators and known as Pacific 2020, will cost around $15 million in order to ensure sufficient funds to reach initiative goals.

According to the Institutional Priorities Committee (IPC), Pacific 2020 requires a 7.5% increase in budget to maintain financial stability. This is because about 95% of Pacific's revenue comes from tuition, meaning that much of Pacific's short-term and long-term budgets rely on tuition rates and the necessary enrollment figures to maintain the budget. According to Pacific's website, "The University of the Pacific's budget is designed with the intent to fulfill the university's mission of providing a superior, student-centered learning experience integrating liberal arts and professional education and preparing individuals for lifetime achievement and responsible leadership in their communities."

The budget of the 2014 fiscal year focuses on four specific points: changes in tuition rate, merit raises, mandatory expenses, and the Pacific 2020 strategic plan. Some key points include a 3.9% increase in tuition and a 4.5% increase in funded aid, which the IPC indicates is the lowest tuition raise in recent years. Further information is available on Pacific's website under University Budget, including videos from previous addresses, a form to submit feedback regarding the budget proposals, frequently asked questions regarding the budget reallocation, the plans for respective fiscal years, and more.

**Thomason's last game**

**THOMASON**
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recipient will be announced at a later date. Saturday was also Senior Day. Pacific's seven senior players—Colin Beatty, Rodrigo De Souza, Markus Duran, Travis Fulton, Reed Kamler, Lorenzo McCloud, and Jordan Turner—were honored at center court before the game.

The men's basketball team has tried to make Thomason's final season a memorable run and finished as the runner up in the Big West. The Tigers won a school record, tying 13 wins at home, fueled by a 9-0 home record in conference games. Pacific will have a chance to add to Thomason's win total at the 2013 Big West Tournament. The No. 2 seed Tigers will face No. 7 UC Santa Barbara in the quarterfinal round on Thursday, Mar. 14 at noon at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.

For more information, or to access the full weekly report, please visit: http://www.pacific.edu/Campus-Life/Safety-and-Con duct/Public-Safety-and-Services/Police/Statistics/Crime-on-Cam pus/2012-Weekly-Incident-Log.html
Coach of the Year

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This season, Pacific reached heights never before dreamed of seven years ago. The Tigers totaled a 24-6 record (most wins in program history), won the first ever Big West title in program history, and earned the No. 1 seed in the 2013 Big West Tournament.

This is the fourth award of this kind Roberts has earned in her career, having been named California Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year twice and the WBCA West Region Coach of the Year once at Chico State.

In addition, all five Pacific starters were named to All-Big West teams. Kendall Rodriguez ’13 and Erica McKenzie ’13 were named to the First Team, Gena Johnson ’14 and Kendall Kenyon ’15 were placed on the Second Team, and Ashley Wakefield ’13 was named as an honorable mention.

"I’m so proud of this entire team," said Roberts. "None of us win any of these accolades without the entire group working hard and doing that work together. I believe strongly that our success this season has been because of the balance and depth of our team. Having all five of our starters be named Big West All-Conference selections speaks to that balance. I am humbled by the recognition our program is receiving in these post-season awards, and I continue to be so very proud of these players."

Textbook Tax Relief Act

Karla Cortez
NEWS EDITOR

The introduction of Assembly Bill 479, made by assemblyman Tim Donnelly in Sacramento, may be of great interest to Pacificans and students throughout all of California. If adopted, Assembly Bill 479, also known as the Textbook Tax Relief Act, would report exempt textbook purchases from the California sales tax.

A statistic quoted by Donnelly in support of his bill is that "seven out of ten students have skipped buying textbooks due to high cost." According to Donnelly’s press release, “AB 479 recognizes the importance of education in our state and removes an added burden the state currently places on students pursuing higher education... By removing the sales tax on textbooks purchased at college bookstores, this measure will help hundreds if not thousands of students throughout our state be able to more easily afford the cost of education. It will also incentivize talented students from other parts of the country to come to California for college.”

According to a report made by the United States Government Accountability Office about college textbooks in July 2005, “Increasing at an average 6 percent per year, textbook prices nearly tripled from Dec. 1986 to Dec. 2004, while tuition and fees increased by 240 percent and overall inflation was 72 percent.”

The study found differences between the cost of textbooks as a percentage of total tuition and fees for first time, full-time students changed according to types of institutions: 26 percent of 4-year public schools and 8 percent of 4-year private schools. The study concluded that the reason that textbook prices have been growing at twice the rate of inflation can be best explained by increasing costs associated with developing products designed to accompany textbooks.

If students are interested in supporting the Textbook Tax Relief Act, they can sign the petition in support of AB 479 by visiting: http://www.electtimdonnelly.com/HelpOurStudents. If you are interested in learning more about or showing your support for Assemblymember Tim Donnelly please visit: http://facebook.com/tim.donnelly.12.

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Honoring Elizabeth Griego

Christiana Oatman
OPINION EDITOR

Elizabeth Griego, Pacific’s vice president of Student Life, is retiring after this school year. She is the second vice president of Student Life in Pacific’s history. Griego was appointed to this position in April 2006.

In her position, Griego has worked to serve the needs of a diverse student body. She oversees a staff of 140 staff members in 16 departments and is charged of a budget of an excess of $25 million, according to her biography on the Pacific website. Departments that report to or interact with Student Life include Public Safety, Multicultural Affairs, Housing and Greek Life and the Cowell Wellness Center.

Even with a large staff, Griego works individually with student leaders throughout campus, such as the ASuop President and student media leaders. During her tenure at Pacific, Student Life has created or developed a number of great programs that make the university unique. These include the MOVE (Mountains Ocean Valley Experience) program, Tiger Nights and other ASuop programming, and programs like One Word and My Why that celebrate student identities and personalities. Griego’s One Word is “Spirit.”

Griego also works to create a more diverse and multicultural campus. Earlier this semester, she was nominated for an award at the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Justice dinner and awards ceremony. Her nomination was, in part, because of her work developing the Multicultural Center (MC). She participated in creating the MC as a whole, and helped develop the Pride Resource Center and Women’s Resource Center to become stronger parts of the campus community.

Griego is also a member of the National Organization for Student Affairs Professionals (NASPA). She has served as president of NASPA and recently received the 2013 Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service from the organization. This is the latest of many awards and honors that she won just to improve understanding, leadership and dedication to the field of student affairs.

Griego also taught at the graduate and undergraduate level at Pacific, teaching courses such as the Pacific Seminar courses and in the higher education graduate program. She received her Bachelor’s from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and her Master’s and Ph.D from Ohio State University and UC Berkeley, respectively.

Attempting to summarize Griego’s accomplishments and goals at Pacific only touches on the surface of what she has done here. Griego has proven herself to be extremely dedicated to making University of the Pacific the best university it can be. She worked not just to improve the school as a whole, but to make sure that each individual student had the best possible experiences during their time acquiring an undergraduate or graduate degree. She has stood up for the rights and inclusion of students from all backgrounds and all identities.

There will be a retirement party to celebrate Griego’s legacy here at Pacific. It will be on April 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom.

At the Pacific, I dedicated a year to service as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Mobile, Ala. I learned about nonprofits, grant writing, and volunteer management with an environmental organization. After completing my year commitment as a VISTA, I decided I’d like to obtain more experience working directly with underserved communities.

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Help AmeriCorps celebrate by giving back for a week

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Health Corps member, I have committed to ten months of directly serving the public health needs of in Duval County, Fla. I make an impact by teaching adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities about nutrition and exercise as a Wellness Coordinator with the Arc Jacksonville. I play an important role in helping to reduce the health disparities experienced by my clients. People with disabilities are more likely to have emergency room visits and are more likely to be diagnosed with preventable diseases such as obesity and diabetes. AmeriCorps has given me the opportunity to see how my clients, members of a vulnerable community, can have their health needs met and become empowered self advocates. It has also shown me how compassionate care can play a vital role in giving them the confidence and education to make better decisions for their health. I've also seen firsthand how the other 22 members of the North Florida Health Corps have served our community through various nonprofit agencies and other public health entities. I encourage any student looking for the next step after graduation to consider committing to national service and serving as an AmeriCorps member. I am happy to represent the University of the Pacific, Alpha Phi, and my home state of California as I serve in the North Florida Health Corps, and I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for National AmeriCorps Week celebration events in your communities. Help AmeriCorps celebrate 19 years of impactful national and community service! Please visit americorps.gov for more information about AmeriCorps.
Consumers defining what was a traditional Christian holiday

Here are a few facts to shed some light on what is actually an Irish tradition:

1. Don’t participate in the “wearing of the green”. This is not something that is entirely done in other countries. It won’t mean your Irish for the day, just that you’re covered in green and commercialism has succeeded in tricking you to buy all of their products.

Instead, wear a few shamrocks pinned to your coat or shirt to symbolize the teaching of the holy trinity by St. Patrick. This isn’t as flashy, but I think it looks way better.

2. Stay with your family or close friends. According to tradition we should go to church and take a day of rest, but I’m not suggesting anyone become religious just to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

3. Don’t get me wrong, I’m happy that people all over the world celebrate the Irish one day a year at least, but the commercialism of it all is getting a little too much to take in. The Party City commercial that looks like an explosion of green, rainbows, leprechauns, shamrocks, and every other cliche possible is taking it to a new level of absolutely ridiculous.

So I ask everyone to be safe this St. Patrick’s Day and try to do some things that are more traditional on Sunday.

Avoiding the passion trap

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When people claim to be passionate about something, as a potential employer reading their cover letter or sitting across from them in an interview, I either think they’re lying or that they’re emotionally unstable. Either way, I find it hard to trust anything they say after the words “passion” and “passionately.”

Passion has its place—bedrooms, fruit stands, sermons, vampire movies—but it’s a grating red flag in cover letters and interviews.

Have you ever claimed to be passionate about something and then, upon reflection, admitted to yourself that you have, at best, a mere interest in it? There is nothing wrong with proclaiming interest or enthusiasm. They are quite acceptable feelings: honest and positive. So what compels us in cover letters and interviews to ratchet up our feelings? Is the concern that potential employers or admissions committees won’t accept anything less than utter passion?

In the seven years I have been helping students write cover letters, I would venture to say I have only looked at two or three that haven’t used the word passion or passionately at least once. “I am passionate about helping kids learn to read,” or, “I am passionate about chemistry,” or, “I feel passionately that an internship with your firm will help me fulfill my dream of...” or, “I am passionate about higher education.”

There are a variety of more fitting words and phrases to adequately express your interests and desires without causing potential employers and admissions committees to roll their eyes. “I enjoy working with children,” or, “chemistry intrigues me,” or, “I am excited to learn more about your firm through this internship,” or, “I am concerned about the problems with higher education in California and want to be part of the solution.”

It all comes down to the tenets of good writing you have learned in your time at Pacific: be specific, be descriptive, be brief, and be honest. Chances are, you really don’t feel passionately about these things, and there is a better way to express yourself.

And if passion really is what you’re feeling, there’s nothing wrong with that. But maybe keep it to yourself long enough to land that job or internship or scholarship so that you can be in a position to do something about it.
LIFESTYLES

Upcoming student events

Monday - Sunday, Mar. 11 - Mar. 17
Brain Awareness Week

Tuesday - Thursday, Mar. 12 - April 16

“Where We Are Not Known” Photographs by Kirstyn Russell
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Reynolds Gallery

Thursday, Mar. 14
Relay For Life Information Session
noon - 1 p.m.
DeRosa University Center
Lecture: “Anxiety and Pharmacology” with Dr. Micheal Rice ’95
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy
“Where We Are Not Known” Opening reception and artist talk
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Reynolds Gallery

Friday, Mar. 15
Opera - The Merry Wives of Windsor
8 p.m.
Faye Spanos Concert Hall
Geeked Up 3D
8 p.m.
Grace Covell Hall

Saturday, Mar. 16
Student Recital Series
Ryan Huddleston, clarinet
noon - 1 p.m.
Recital Hall
Jason Jeffrey, piano
3 p.m.
Recital Hall
Iggy Lindsey, euphonium
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

Lucky Knight
8 p.m.
The University Plaza Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday, Mar. 19
Student Town Hall with President Pamela Eibeck
6:30 p.m.
Grace Covell Hall
2013 Brubeck Festival offers free showing of “Music Inn”
7:30 p.m.
Janet Leigh Theatre

Upcoming Movies

Thursday, Mar. 14
The Invisible War
8 p.m.
Janet Leigh Theatre

Friday - Saturday, Mar. 15 - 16
Lincoln
8 p.m.
Janet Leigh Theatre

But what about recycling the butts?

Dasia Stewart
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Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co. (SFNCT) has teamed up with TerraCycle, a world leader in developing solutions for hard-to-recycle materials, to do something about cigarette butt litter. SFNCT manufactures Natural American Spirit additive-free, natural tobacco cigarettes and roll-your-own tobaccos, which include styles that are made with 100 percent organic tobacco as well as 100 percent U.S. Grown tobacco.

According to Keep America Beautiful (KAB), 65 percent of all cigarette butts are disposed of improperly. But thanks to another environmental breakthrough by TerraCycle, cigarette litter can now be recycled.

With funding from Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co., TerraCycle is launching a national program to collect and recycle cigarette waste. The Cigarette Waste Brigade® will divert used cigarette butts from landfills. By sponsoring this program, SFNCT is not only taking responsibility for the end-life of its products, but also for the products of its competitors.

“The Cigarette Waste Brigade® has the potential to transform public spaces across the country, drastically reducing the amount of litter that is discarded,” says TerraCycle CEO and founder Tom Szaky. “Furthermore, the Cigarette Waste Brigade® will provide a solution for the filters that are properly disposed of in an ashtray or can but today still end up in the streets and littering the environment.”

You don’t have to walk or drive very far to see that smokers often discard cigarette waste in ways that litter the environment," says Crescida Lozano, the head of sales and marketing for SFNCT. “Our company has been committed to environmental sustainability since we were founded 30 years ago, and we’re proud to be the exclusive sponsor of an innovative program to reduce and recycle cigarette butt litter, regardless of which manufacturer made the cigarettes.”

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Invisible War is a documentary that came out in summer of 2012 which was written and directed by Tanner King Barklow and Amy Ziering about the prevalent sexual assault cases in the United States’ military. The film has won 8 awards, was listed as the number one film of the year on Rotten Tomatoes, and was nominated for an Academy Award in the category of Best Documentary Feature in 2013.

The women featured in the film are all former armed forces employees who have been discharged or retired. In some cases, they were dishonorably discharged for reporting being sexually assaulted.

The film’s main themes is to bring to light the biased justice system within the armed forces, the lack of resources given to victims of sexual assault, the protection awarded to the assailant, and other key issues surrounding the issue.

“One out of twenty percent of female veterans have been sexually assaulted while serving” is the first fact that flashes across the screen during the movie after the audience is introduced to the main women that will be sharing their sexual assault stories.

The movie goes on to show the interviews as the women describe how excited they were to join the armed forces, serve their country, and be a part of the bigger picture only to continue into the worst situations that a woman could find herself in.

One woman describes going to a conference and getting off the elevator to be faced with a hallway full of men waiting in line to take their turn with her. She reported it to her superior who basically told her it was her own fault and there was nothing that could be done.

This movie is not for the faint of heart, and since it’s release, a new plan has been instated by the Marine Corps, and President Barrack Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 earlier this year.

The Invisible War will be playing at 8 p.m. tonight at the Janet Leigh Theater.

A sad truth behind U.S. Armed Forces

Kori Cioca, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, sitting at the window of her home watching daughter and husband play in the yard. She cannot join them do to the injuries she received while being sexually assaulted.
2013 Call for Nominations

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The Faith Davies All-University Leadership Awards aim to recognize the success of Pacific students, faculty, staff, and student organizations. Please acknowledge and celebrate their success through taking time to nominate individuals and student organizations for one or more of the awards listed below.

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- PACIFIC TIGER AWARD
- PODESTO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LIFE, MENTORING, AND COUNSELING

For a description of each award and the nomination form, please visit http://www2.pacific.edu/commencement.
Submit completed nominations to the Office of Student Life or via email to danderson@pacific.edu by Friday, March 15, 2013.
Gut bugs and weight loss: Do probiotics help?

Alex Caspero
CAMPU S DlETITION

Crazy but true, the human body contains more bacteria than individual cells; 100 trillion microorganisms live in our gastrointestinal tract while only 10 trillion human cells are in our body. Probiotics, a.k.a. “good” gut bacteria, are needed for a healthy digestive system and to help reduce the growth of “bad” bacteria.

Recently, a few studies have looked at the relationship between gut bacteria and weight loss. While the exact mechanism is unknown, researchers believe that the guts of normal-weight people contain a different mix and amounts of healthy bacteria than the intestines of overweight folks. Whether they help in weight loss or not, probiotics are still beneficial for digestive health! Try adding fermented foods to your diet like kimchee, sauerkraut and yogurt!
How to fix this "litter overload"

end up in a landfill." Cigarette filters (and other related tobacco waste) are the number one item recovered during the annual Ocean Conservation's International Coastal Cleanup Day™, with over 52 million cigarette filters collected from beaches in the past 25 years. They're a source of litter in a variety of public outdoor spaces, including sidewalks, roadways, parks, shopping malls and office buildings.

In 2009, a Keep America Beautiful study found that cigarette waste accounted for 38 percent of all U.S. roadway litter. Contrary to popular belief, cigarette butts are not biodegradable and do not break down quickly. The cigarette waste collection program will make this pervasive waste recyclable for the first time.

"This is one of the most exciting developments in TerraCycle's history," Szaky says. "As a company committed to recycling waste streams that others deem worthless or unsavoury, cigarette waste will help to promote our belief that everything can and should be recycled!"

Students at the University of the Pacific could help reduce overall waste and pollution caused by cigarette butts by participating in this campaign. For every pound of cigarette butts your campus collects, a dollar is donated to Keep America Beautiful. So far, hundreds of thousands of cigarette butts have been collected, and with the participation of the University of the Pacific, the number will only rise.

So why should we care? Well, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 16.8 percent of current smokers in California are between the ages 18-24. Also, cigarette butts are the most littered item, constituting 32 percent of all outdoor litter, and an estimated 4.5 trillion cigarette butts are discarded annually.

It's easy and free to participate in the Cigarette Waste Brigade®. Interested individuals can visit www.terracycle.com to sign up for the Brigade®. Filters can be collected normally in receptacles such as ashtrays. Collectors can then bag the waste in any plastic bag - which gets recycled as well - before placing it a shipping box. Once enough waste is collected, collectors log into their account and print a free prepaid UPS shipping label to return their box at no cost.

TerraCycle, Inc. is an international upcycling company that takes difficult-to-recycle packaging and turns it into affordable, innovative products. Founded in 2001, TerraCycle is the world leader in the collection and reuse of non-recyclable post-consumer waste. It repurposes the waste into new materials and products that are available for purchase online. The waste is collected through TerraCycle's Brigade® programs, which pay individuals and groups for every piece of waste they collect and return.

TerraCycle has already kept more than two billion pieces of food and beverage packaging and other waste from going to the landfill, and with its partners, dispersed more than $3.5 million to charity through its various Brigade® programs. This newest Brigade® program joins over 50 others currently available. TerraCycle is currently creating solutions for other difficult-to-recycle, but widely discarded waste streams such as disposable diapers and used chewing gum.

Relay for Life: Walking to cure cancer

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Relay for Life is a 24-hour charity walk to support the research and treatment of cancer patients, survivors, friends and family that is done by the American Cancer Society. The event started at the University of Puget Sound in 1985 with Gordy Klatt, who told his friends he would be walking the track for 24-hours and they could join in and donate to fund further research of cancer treatment.

This year, University of the Pacific will be holding this monumental event on April 13 beginning at 10 a.m., and the event will end the following day at 10 a.m.

To join, sign up on PacificRelay.org and either form a team, join a team, or simply donate to an existing group. Starting donations begin at $10, and each team is encouraged to raise up to $100. The sky is truly the limit here. Last year's relay raised over $30,000 and had a participation of more than 40 teams.

So far, there are 16 teams, 80 participants, and over $3,000 dollars raised. This event will change lives by promoting a community that will Roar Against Cancer, which is this year's theme. Participate to prevent. Let's find a cure for cancer together and let our communities thrive.

Look for more information in the next issue about some of our most involved relayers and what they have done to contribute since Pacific's inception of this event four years ago.
2013 Brubeck Festival Highlights

March 18-23
Nightly Jazz Performances
10 pm • Take 5 Jazz at the Brew, Valley Brewing Company

March 20
Birth of the Cool
Birth of the Cool Ensemble directed by Joe Gilman
Pre-concert comments by Gunther Schuller
6:30 pm • Faye Spanos Concert Hall, University of the Pacific

Thursday, March 21
Tom Harrell Quintet
7:30 pm • Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College

Friday, March 22
Symposium: “Jazz Leadership Across Time”
Supported by the Powell Scholars
12 pm • Faye Spanos Concert Hall
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The Blue Moon French Quarter Street Fair
4-8 pm • Main Street, Bob Hope Theatre
Feast on Cajun cuisine while listening to jazz bands. Enjoy jugglers, fortune tellers and musicians. Tickets required for this event at DowntownStockton.org.

Saturday, March 23
Jazz on the Green
1-5 pm • Knoles Lawn, University of the Pacific
Free admission featuring jazz bands, an instrument petting zoo, craft stations, and food.

The Brubeck Tribute Concert
Featuring Russell Gloyd with the San Francisco Choral Artists and the Brubeck Brothers Quartet
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Women's basketball wins Big West title

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific women's basketball team's already historic season saw the Tigers accomplish another feat never before done in program history: win a Big West title.

Paced by 16 points and six rebounds from Genia Johnson '14, as well as 16 points from Kendall Rodriguez '13, the Tigers used a late second half run to score a 59-54 win at UC Davis at the Pavilion on Saturday, clinching the 2012-13 Big West regular season championship outright.

"It's an absolutely amazing feeling," said Erika McKenzie '13, who finished with 10 points. "We've worked so hard and come so far. I'm so thankful for such a amazing team."

Just three years ago, the current Pacific seniors saw their team finish with a 6-22 record. Saturday's win pushed Pacific's overall season record to 24-6, 14-4 in Big West play. The Tigers finished one game above second place Cal Poly and third place Hawai'i, who both finished at 13-5 in the conference. Davis dropped to 12-17 overall and 7-11 in the Big West.

"I'm so happy for these players," Pacific head coach Lynne Roberts said. "We worked so hard and hung in there. It's a great feeling. It's the first time ever in school history, so it's a big deal."

Tied for first place with Cal Poly going into the final day of the regular season, Pacific needed a win over the Aggies and a loss by the Mustangs to win the title outright.

The Tigers didn't get off on the right foot, with the Aggies using a 7-0 run to claim an 11-4 lead exactly five minutes into the game. The lead grew to as much as 16-8 before a three-pointer from Rodriguez kicked started a 9-0 Pacific run, capped off by a layup from Hallie Eackles '15 at the 10:16 mark.

The teams would trade shots for the rest of the half, the lead never growing to more than three points. A three-pointer from Rodriguez with eight seconds left sent the two teams into the locker rooms tied at 32-32.

Layups from McKenzie and Kendall Kenyon '15 gave the Tigers a 36-33 lead to open the second half. However, Davis made a 9-0 run, holding Pacific without a field goal for five minutes of game time. Rodriguez ended the drought with another three-point shot, tying the game at 41-41 at the 12:57 mark.

With the Tigers up 47-45 with 7:05 left to play, word reached the Pacific bench during a timeout that Long Beach State had in fact pulled off a 71-58 upset over Cal Poly. Knowing that a win would clinch the outright title, the Pacific players gathered their thoughts and prepared to put Davis on ice.

"We just talked about it and said that this is our chance to take first place by ourselves," McKenzie said. "That really gave us extra momentum to put them away."

Two baskets from Johnson helped the Tigers grow a 55-49 lead with 3:48 left to play. From there, Pacific's defense held solid, holding the Aggies without a field goal until eight seconds before the end of the game. Johnson and Rodriguez made clutch free throws in the waning seconds, and a layup by Davis with just two seconds remaining only contributed to the final total.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Pacific players erupted from the bench and mobbed each other above the foul line. Jumping up and down as a group, the Tigers celebrated reaching their preseason goal: winning the conference.

That goal, as Roberts stated, will have to be revised for the postseason.

With the win, Pacific earned the No. 1 seed, and the two-round bye that comes with it, for the Big West Tournament. The 2013 Big West Tournament begins Mar. 12 at the Bren Events Center at UC Irvine. No. 5 Long Beach will tangle with No. 8 CSU Fullerton and No. 6 CSU Northridge will do battle with No. 7 Davis. The winners will advance to the quarterfinals the following day, when No. 3 Hawai'i will play the lowest remaining seed and No. 4 UC Santa Barbara will take on the other team.

From there, two teams will advance to the semifinals at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif., where Pacific and No. 2 Cal Poly await. The Tigers will face off against the lowest remaining seed on Friday, Mar. 15 at noon.

First conference title in program history

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SPORTS EDITOR

For the final time in his 25-year career as the head coach of Pacific's men's basketball team, Bob Thomason walked off the floor of the Spanos Center. Thomason, who will retire at the end of the season, exited his home of a quarter century the way he wanted: to thunderous applause, surrounded by friends, family, and former players, after a dominant Pacific win.

"What a great evening!" Thomason said. "It was great share this evening with not only players I coached, but also teammates."

The Tigers made that evening as great as possible, using a strong second half to give Thomason his 249th win at home, clinching the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Big West Tournament by knocking off Long Beach State 71-51 at the Spanos Center on Saturday.

Sama Taku '14 led the way with 14 points, while Colin Beatty '13 added 10 points in his final home game.

The win was the Tigers' thirteenth at home this season, tying the all-time home wins record. Pacific won all nine Big West games at the Spanos Center this season.

Before the game, Pacific's seven seniors—Beatty, Rodrigo De Souza, Markus Duran, Travis Fulton, Reed Kamler, Lorenzo McClain, and Jordan Turner—were honored at center court for their collegiate careers.

After a layup from Fulton tied the score early on, Long Beach used a 7-0 run to take a 9-2 lead. The Tigers answered Long Beach's run with an 8-0 running their own, with Beatty's three-pointer giving Pacific a 10-9 lead. Another run from the Tigers, this time a 7-0 scoring stretch, gave
Pacific wins in Thomason’s finale

MEN’S BASKETBALL
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13... and will resume play on the Mar. 20 for a home contest against Iowa in a Big Ten, Big West showdown at 2 p.m.

As the No. 2 seed, Pacific will face off against No. 7 UC Santa Barbara in the 2013 Big West Tournament Quarterfinals. As if the Tigers needed any more motivation for Thomason’s final season, the Gauchos have eliminated Pacific in the quarterfinals the last two seasons. The game will tip off Thursday, Mar. 14 at noon at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.

Students show their support for Thomason at the Spanos Center on Saturday.

Tennis takes three

Jamieson Cox
STAFF WRITER

While most of the campus was away enjoying a relaxing spring break, the men’s tennis team took off three days in a row.

The week started off with a non-conference dual against Northern Arizona in which the Tigers came out on top. But Northern Arizona was not going to back down. Alex Golding '13 and Sem Verbeek '16 were the first to claim a victory at number one doubles, while Alex Hamilton '15 and Denis Stolyarov '15 fell just short at number two doubles. However, at number three doubles, the new pairing of Daniel Alameh '16 and Erik Cederwall, with a final match and a Big Ten Invitational match with the Broncos, taking wins at number one, three, and four singles. The Tigers took wins at number two by Verbeek, number five by Alameh, who clinched the match, and at number six singles by Cederwall, with a final match for the Tigers of 4-3 over the Broncos.

The third match of the week for the men’s tennis team was against the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks. The Mavericks have posted some impressive wins the past few weeks, seemed thrown off by the Tigers’ energy right out of the gate. The dual started with a clean sweep of the doubles matches with the same line up from the previous match. Using the confidence and momentum of a three match win streak and the doubles point victories, the Tigers never looked up and blanked the Mavericks 4-0.

The Tigers will be taking a break from dual match play next week, and will resume play on the Mar. 20 for a home contest against Iowa in a Big Ten, Big West showdown at 2 p.m.
Tigers upset No. 2 Arkansas

Jenna Graves
STAFF WRITER

During this spring break, the Tigers had a rough go on bringing home some wins after challenging TCU and Nevada. However, all everyone is talking about is Erik Lockwood '14’s walk-off single which capped a three-run bottom of the ninth that propelled Pacific to a remarkable 4-3 victory over No. 2 Arkansas on Sunday, March 3. The Tigers certainly displayed their hard effort this game, after they trailed 3-1 heading into their last at-the-plate and a 3-4 game for Jason Anderson '16 increased her hit streak to six games, and pitcher Carly Mortenson '16 sat down four batters in two innings of relief. Pacific stayed in the Bay Area for Stanford's Louisville Slugger Classic. The Tigers pitched the annual Libby Matson tournament over the first weekend of break. Although they endured a couple losses to Nevada and San Jose State, they bounced back and beat both teams 3-2, taking home the Libby Matson championship.

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Be sure to come and support your Tiger's at their next home game when they challenge Fresno State on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. Arrive in your orange and black attire to cheer on your Tigers as they throw the Bulldogs back in the dog house.

Softball falls at Stanford

Drew Jones
STAFF WRITER

While Pacific faculty and students took a brief break from college activity, the women's softball team stayed at work and played 11 games during spring break. The Tigers hosted the annual Libby Matson tournament over the first weekend of break. Although they endured a couple losses to Nevada and San Jose State, they bounced back and beat both teams 3-2, taking home the Libby Matson championship.

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