Budget town hall

Christian Oatman
OPINION EDITOR

When Pacific administration released its plans for the Pacific 2020 plan, there was a lot of room for confusion. The plan consisted of major financial and organizational changes that will affect the entire university on all three campuses. A few weeks ago, President Eibeck tried to explain and answer questions about the plan to an audience of faculty and staff. This Tuesday, she tried to address the concerns in a way that is geared towards student concerns. The event, called a student Town Hall, took place in Grace Covell Hall at 6:30 p.m.

In her introduction to the strategic plan, she emphasized many of the same points that she made at her speech to faculty and staff. Pacific's financial situation is currently strong, but unless action is taken, that situation could easily change. President Eibeck emphasized that financial aid would not be cut and would be improved because of the strategic plan changes. There will be a lot of study of various programs within each academic and administrative department in order to determine which programs are most beneficial for students both during their university years and for life after graduation.

President Eibeck also emphasized that Pacific valued both its liberal arts core and its professional programs. While there will be many cuts and changes, there will also be additions to Pacific's academic programs based on the recommendations of the deans and other administration. Student feedback is also encouraged. Many students in the audience expressed concern about communication between administration and students. They cited the example that the university-wide email about the event was sent just that morning, and that attendance at the town hall was lackluster.

President Eibeck encouraged suggestions from the audience, especially from students, about how to improve communication within the university.

Tigers win Big West Championship!

Pacific reaches NCAA Tournament

Drew Jones
STAFF WRITER

Men's basketball traveled down south to Anaheim, Calif. to compete in the Big West Tournament at the Honda Center this past weekend. The Tigers clawed down every team in their path to win the Big West championship and gain a berth to the NCAA Division 1 Tournament.

With an overall season record of 19-12, Pacific earned themselves the second seed position and a decent shot to overtake the quarter-final of the tournament. Taking on the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos, the Tigers dominated in the first half, scoring 40 points and taking a 15 point lead. With the help of guard Colin Beatty '13, Pacific was able to spread their lead to 19 points over the Gauchos in the onset of the second half. The Gauchos immediately responded and put themselves within reach, just five points shy of a tie with nearly 15 minutes left. Beatty bounced back for Pacific with a three-pointer, followed by a lay-up by forward Travis Fulton '13 to try and silence UCSB's offense; but the Gauchos were not quieting down. Two three-pointers catapulted the Gauchos over Pacific for UCSB's first lead of the game. With a seemingly back and forth tug of war, it came down to the last 17 seconds of the game when Fulton scored another lay-up to put Pacific up 69-66. Only up by one, Pacific missed a pair of free throws followed miraculously by two free throw misses by UCSB. The Tigers held on for the last second to beat the Gauchos 71-68. Beatty led the team with a career-high 20 points. With only two minutes remaining, Gill hit a pair of three-pointers to boost Pacific over Cal Poly, 51-49.

With the game tied and less than a minute remaining, Pacific held the ball to wither down the time. Guard Lorenzo McCloud '13 drove to the baseline with nearly three seconds to go and pulled back to make a shot. The ball missed and bounced out directly where Fulton jumped; he caught the ball out of mid-air and made the basket to gain the victory for the Tigers.

With a winning streak and a surge of momentum in place, Pacific went into the championship game against UC Irvine head on. The Tigers and Anteaters ran up and down the court at the start of the matchup, seemingly

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**Lost/Stolen**

Pharmacy, March 12

A student reported that she left a classroom to move her vehicle to a different parking spot, but when she returned to the classroom, her computer was missing. Other students and the professor were still in the classroom and did not see anyone take the computer. The student then reported that she might have left it on top of her vehicle when she went to move it. Officers checked the parking lot with negative results.

**Theft**

Baun Hall, March 13

A victim reported leaving his bicycle secured for 20 minutes, and when he returned, the tire was missing. The victim stated that he had observed several BMX bicyclists passing by as he was securing his bike. A report was filed.

**Auto Burglary**

Knolles Way, March 14

A victim reported that someone had broken his window and took her tablet which she left on the back seat in plain view.

**Warrant Arrest**

Pacific Ave, March 14

Some officers made a stop on a traffic violation and learned the driver had an outstanding warrant. He was placed under arrest, and officers discovered he was in possession of a handgun. The driver was charged for both violations.

**Debt**

Alex G Spanos, March 15

Unknown responsible entered the locker room of the opposing volleyball team and took items belonging to the players.

For more information, or to access the full weekly report, please visit:


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**Pacific hosts NPDA**

**Nancy Tang**

STAFF WRITER

During the fourth weekend of March, from the Friday, March 22 to Monday the 25, University of the Pacific will be hosting the largest National Debate Tournament of the year: the seventeenth annual National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament.

This event draws over 1,000 students from many of the top schools around the nation. Hosted at Pacific by Marlin Bates, director of Forensics, communications professor, and coach of the Pacific debate team. Bates is also the executive secretary for the the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA). According to their website, NPDA is the largest national intercollegiate debate organization in the United States; they are national with a primary focus in the west. The parliamentary debate used by the NPDA is an audience-centered debate with two students on each side. One side supports the resolution and one negates it. The students are expected to not only present and support their own arguments but also to refute the arguments of the opposing team.

Approximately 200-250 schools involved, including the host school of Pacific, attend at least one tournament during the course of the year and are all drawn to a national tournament in March where they will crown a national champion. Pacific has been home to their own debate team, Pacific’s Speech and Debate, since 1854; Bates has been the coach since 2004.

The event will begin with Opening Assembly at the Delta Ballroom in the Hilton on Friday and end with an awards ceremony on Monday at Pacific. During these few days, both individual and team awards will be awarded to the winning persons, including awards for the top five novice debaters, the James “Al” Johnson top speaker trophy (named after one of NPDA’s founders) for the top speaker in the tournament, and more.

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**What are employers looking for?**

**Veronica Lynch**

STAFF WRITER

Pacific’s chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will be featuring Bob Ceccato, a Pacific graduate, as a guest speaker on Thursday March 28, 2013. In this talk, Ceccato will discuss what prospective employers are looking for and what a person can do to get the job. The meeting will be held at noon in Room 12 of the Communication Department.

Ceccato earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from University of the Pacific in December 1986. He is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School. Ceccato currently serves as the Customer Experience Leader for West Coast Region of Wells Fargo, where he is responsible for the ‘Customer Experience’ strategies within California and Oregon. He also works closely with Regional Leadership and customer experience managers to define and drive the execution of this priority area.

Ceccato currently serves on the boards of many nonprofit organizations. These boards include the PACE Parent Board, The National Kidney Foundation, Sacramento Visitors and Convention Bureau, Downtown Sacramento Partnership, and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation.

PRSSA holds meetings with guest speakers from different companies every month. For information on future events, just search Pacific P.R.S.S.A Chapter on Facebook.
Condoleezza Rice to lecture today at women’s forum

Christiana Oatman
OPINION EDITOR

Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State (from 2005-2009) under President George W. Bush, is the keynote speaker at Thursday’s Advancing Women’s Leadership: “No Ordinary Woman” forum. The event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alex G. Spanos Center. Tickets have been sold for weeks at $25, and proceeds will go to the Stockton Boys and Girls Club and the University of the Pacific’s own Women’s Resource Center.

According to promotional materials, the forum “aims to inspire participants, especially young women, to make a lasting, positive and powerful impact in the communities in which they live and work.” The forum’s goals are to “serve as a conduit of information and ideas among women and other leaders; to educate organizations on women’s economic impact; to invest in and support future leaders, both men and women, from the region; and to actively showcase the strong women leaders of San Joaquin County.” Women are historically underrepresented in many different career fields, such as politics, religion and law. Even today, according to data gathered by Rutgers University, only 18 percent of Congressional seats are held by women.

The organizers approached Rice to speak because of her personal connection with current Athletics Director and former Vice President of External Relations Ted Leland as well as her outstanding career as a national and international leader. Rice was the second woman, and also the first of color to serve as Secretary of State in American history. She previously served in the Bush administration as a National Security Advisor. Before working in Washington, D.C., she worked as the Provost of Stanford University where she continues to work at Stanford today as a Senior Fellow with the Hoover Institution. She graduated from Stanford Phi Beta Kappa. As a favor to Leland and to the goals of the forum, she waived her speaker’s fees.

The opening speaker is Christy Haubegger, the founder of Latina magazine. To work towards the goal of showcasing women leaders of San Joaquin County, the event will include a panel of local women leaders, including Nikki Lowery, the Junior High Youth Pastor and Director of Women’s Ministry at First Baptist Church of Stockton; Tori Verber-Salazar, the Deputy District Attorney for San Joaquin County; and Connie Callahan, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

“We want to inspire people to realize that leaders are everywhere. From wherever you are, you can affect positive change. No one is ordinary; no matter who you are, you can be the outstanding leader that is needed,” said Corrie Martin, Women’s Resource Center Director in reference to the forum’s title.

A group of women in Stockton—Judith Chambers, Connie Callahan and Kathleen Lagorio-Janssen—who won an award from the nonprofit, Athena International, came together last year and wanted to revive a tradition of conferences in Stockton to encourage and discuss women’s leadership. They approached then-Vice President of External Relations, Ted Leland, who agreed to host the conference on Pacific’s campus. It is their goal that this week’s event will inspire the community and become an annual tradition.
Reflecting on women’s rights

Danielle Procope
STAFF WRITER

During Women’s History Month we often take the time to remember the accomplishments women have made towards gender equality in the past. Women have made many gains over the last century, such as winning the right to vote and increasing their opportunities in higher education and the work force. It is important that we hold in high esteem women who have made the progress women and men enjoy today. However, gender equality is still an ideal that has not been fully realized. Women’s History Month is the time to recognize the strides we have yet to take in order to ensure an equitable society for all.

In the wake of the Stunya case, where two teens were recently convicted of raping an intoxicated sixteen year old girl at a high school party, we are forced to reckon with the reality that violence against women continues to thrive. Even more devastatingly, violence against women is often not prioritized or taken seriously. In this particularly malicious act, in which photos and videos of the girl were disseminated with social media, the victim was treated not as a person but just an object to be used. A bystander reading about this case may believe that although this is unfortunate this event even more successful than last year. Dugoni said, “Our goal is to raise $50,000 with a minimum of 200 participants. Last year we reached $35,000, so if we spread the word throughout the campus I believe we will hit our goal.” Currently the team has 140+ participants and have already raised around $5,000. Many people relay for different reasons. Either they have lost someone they love or have fought the battle themselves. “I relay for my mom and grandma who passed away from breast cancer,” said Dugoni. This organization consists of dedication and heart, so if you are interested in joining the Relay for Life committee, the next meetings will be held March 26 and April 9 from 6-7 p.m. in Weber 102. To join a team or start your own, go to pacificrelay.org.

Let’s come together as one to end cancer!
Women's History Month

it is not reflective of society at large. They may believe that this case is an extreme act done by particularly immoral and debase young men. However, it must be recognized that what happened in Stabenville occurred because of a broader societal issue of misogyny.

If we truly question how such a depraved and violent act against a teenage girl is possible, we cannot reach an adequate conclusion without acknowledging the pervasiveness of misogynistic notions about women. These ideas are perpetuated throughout our society, and the reality of this begins with the individual.

This Women’s History Month, we must carefully critique how we view and understand women. Too often women are represented as weak, less competent, and irrational. Too often silence against women justified by incriminating the victim to how she was dressed or how much she was drinking.

This Women’s History Month, we must ask ourselves why it is, almost a hundred years after the nineteenth amendment, that women have the right to vote and yet there are so few women on the ballot to vote for. When we keep in mind the concept of intersectionality, we can also remember the disproportionate oppression and violence facing marginalized women: particularly poor women, women of color, and LGBT women.

Every individual must do their part to ensure that they are supporting an anti-sexist environment. We should not wait until a heinous crime such as Stabenville or Women’s History Month to empower and uplift women because by doing so, we create a more just society. We are all improving the world for everyone’s benefit and ensuring that we have a future that is more equitable.

The WNIT still captures the March Madness spirit

Greg Pitsch
STAFF WRITER

Pacific’s women’s basketball team was sideline by the NCAA Tournament selection committee, whom I feel made a huge mistake by not giving the University of the Pacific’s women’s basketball team a bid to the NCAA Tournament, commonly referred to as “the Big Dance.”

They didn’t get the automatic bid because they lost the Conference Tournament Title game. However, this year’s team showed why they deserved to go during the season and were ranked in the Associated Press top 25 at one point.

This is Pacific’s second year in a row with a post-season, but they were cheated from the tournament again.

The first point I want to bring up is the teams Pacific has beat that happened to be left out of the field of 64 teams over Pacific for what reason? Well, it is what it is, and there is still a basketball tournament to be won, just not the NCAA Tournament.

The two key losses mentioned were to a 31-2 (No. 4) Stanford squad who has one of the countries top scorers in their starting lineup, Chiney Ogwumike. The other major loss of the regular season was to the University of Florida while on the road; they were able to keep it close, but fell short in the end at 78-72.

The other part to my argument is the weak records that were good enough for an at-large bid selection, some have worse records than Pacific.

The teams include UCLA (25-7), Creighton (24-7), DePaul (21-11), Florida State (22-9), Iowa State (23-8), Kansas (18-13), LSU (20-11), Louisville (24-8), Maryland (24-7), Miami FL (20-11), Michigan (20-11), Michigan State (24-8), Nebraska (23-8), Oklahoma (22-10), Oklahoma State (21-10), Penn State (25-5), Saint John’s (18-12), South Carolina (24-7), South Florida (21-10), Tennessee (24-7), Texas Tech (21-10), Villanova (21-10), and West Virginia (17-13).

These points are surprising to say the least. All these teams had a worse overall record, yet they were more warranted to be in the field of 64 teams over Pacific for what reason? Well, it is what it is, and there is still a basketball tournament to be won, just not the NCAA Tournament.

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Upcoming student events

Thursday, Mar. 21

Student Conversation - Korean Consul General
2 p.m.
Bechtel International Center
Weddings 101
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Morris Chapel

Friday, Mar. 22

Doctor of Physical Therapy Candidacy Luncheon
10 a.m.
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy

2013 Brubeck Festival Symposium: “Jazz Leadership Across Time”
2008 - 3:30 p.m.
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Saturday, Mar. 23

Brubeck Festival Presents Jazz on the Green Family Day
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Knots Lawn

The Brubeck Tribute Concert
7:30 p.m.
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Sunday, Mar. 24

Student Recital Series: Camille Snel, guitar
8 p.m.
Recital Hall

Student Recital Series: Karl Kundmann, saxophone
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

Monday, Mar. 25

Restless Youth, Tools, Toys, and Crazy-Ass Ideas
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Biology Building

Room 101

Student Recital Series: Jacey Mayronne, clarinet
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

Tuesday, Mar. 26

Student Recital Series: Henry Eiland, trumpet
7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

Wednesday, Mar. 27

Garden Table Talks: How and When to Grow
Tomatoes
noon - 1 p.m.
DeRosa University Center Marketplace

Upcoming Movies

Thursday, Mar. 21

Chasing Ice (documentary)
8 p.m.
Janet Leigh Theatre

Friday - Saturday, Mar. 22 - 23

Skyfall
8 p.m.
Janet Leigh Theatre

One Lucky Knight to remember

Juliene Sesar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

No one can really say what the best James Bond film of all time is. After all, the James Bond franchise celebrated 50 years of history on Oct. 26, 2012 with the release of Skyfall. This one is rather amazing.

The film was the second-highest-grossing film of 2012 following Marvel Studios and Disney’s The Avengers. Skyfall won five awards in the last few months: Outstanding British Film and Best Film Music from the British Academy Film Awards, Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture from the Screen Actors Guild Award, Per-Hallberg and Karen Baker won the award for Best Sound Editing from the Academy Awards, and Adele won Best Original Song for “Skyfall” also from the Academy Awards.

Daniel Craig is one of my personal favorite Bonds because he is the Bond that I always loved. He is rough around the edge, close to a mental breakdown, but still kicking ass and looking attractive doing it.

The viewers are launched into an epic fight scene in Istanbul between Bond and Patrice, played by Ola Rapace. Patrice has a computer hard drive that contains information on undercover agents placed in terrorist organizations by North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) states. Bond and fellow MI6 agent, Eve Moneypenny, played by Naomie Harris, must stop Patrice before he escapes. The head of MI6 known as M, played by Judi Dench, orders Eve to take a shot that hits Bond in the shoulder and he falls from a bridge. He is presumed to be dead.

Skyfall brings the viewer back to Bond basics after this scene ends with the traditional black and white intro accompanied by Adele’s theme song, “Skyfall”. The thrill of not knowing what will happen next is the best, as well as watching M and Eve deal with the fact that they thought Bond was dead until he shows back up at MI6 headquarters mentally unstable and wanting to come back to the field.

The film does an amazing job of incorporating James Bond history into a new and interesting plot line that leads to a complicated but clear understanding for the viewer on why Raoul Silva (or Tiago Rodriguez), played by Javier Bardem, is the main antagonist.

Personally, I cannot take Bardem seriously after seeing how lovable he is in Eat, Pray, Love, but his acting soon compensates for my association with his past movie. He is just so evil in this film it breaks my heart. I will not give any of it away because the film is so much better when you’re surprised.

Go check out Skyfall this weekend. It will be playing on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Janet Leigh Theatre.

Kelly Asmus
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Last Saturday, Omega Delta Phi partnered with ASuop to have Lucky Knight at the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel. Students were offered a free bus for transportation to and from the event.

The bus picked students up in front of Burns Tower about every half an hour. The atmosphere on the bus was teeming with chatter from students excited to check out the dance floor.

Not only was it a great idea to have the dance off campus, but to have a way where students with or without cars could still attend. Even members of the Stockton community were invited; there was only an ID check for drinks at the door.

David Morin, Omega Delta Phi’s president, mentioned that this event was a part of, “Road Warrior Weekend, our traditional brotherhood weekend we do every spring with our region.” So, not only were people from Stockton and Pacific present, but students from universities all over the Pacific region.

As for the music, there was a combination of classic club hits and salsa keeping people dancing until midnight when the dance floor was closed. However, those who wanted to stay were able to continue to get drinks at the bar or play pool outside until about 1 a.m.

Overall, the evening was a great success: “All of our brothers had a great time and a weekend to remember,” stated Morin when asked about the overall feeling of the night.

Skyfall: Falling back into old habits

The main characters of Skyfall.

Skyfall Movie Poster

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**Veronica Lynch**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Pacific Seminar courses have two objectives: to continue working on an answer to the question, "What is a good society?" through a topically focused exploration of some particular aspect or facet of society; and to help students become more socially aware and better equipped to be responsible, engaged citizens. This is precisely what was achieved in spring 2011 when the Pacific Seminar 2 course, titled "No Kill Nation?" was first offered at Pacific. The course, instructed by Eileen McFall, introduced students to the no kill philosophy in which shelters operate without killing any adoptable animals and instead focuses on finding them homes.

After taking the course and being asked how their approach to animal sheltering reflects their values and priorities as individuals, communities, and a society, a small group of students turned their class projects, E.L.S.A. (Exposing the Life of Shelter Animals) and PetEra, into an organization.

The organisation aims to educate the public about what happens behind shelter doors and matches war veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder with compatible shelter animals. Since then, the organization has transformed into P.L.A. (Pawcific Loves Animals), an organization dedicated to bettering the lives of animals in the Stockton community and beyond by finding animals their forever-home. The organisation also educates and advocates for the no-kill philosophy to be implemented in shelters here and across the U.S.

P.L.A. is currently pushing for reforms at the Stockton animal shelter, where investigations have proven the illegal killings of thousands of animals since August 2011, by teaming up with Stockton citizens and rescue groups.

The first public outreach event this year, "CSI: Stockton Animal Services," was held on Feb. 20 and unfolded the details of an investigation by Eileen and Christopher McFall and the grassroots organization, Central California Pets Alive, that sparked media coverage and an internal investigation by the Stockton Police Department. P.L.A. is continuing their push by hosting "CSI: Stockton Animal Services - Taking the Next Step" meetings on Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the community room of the library.

Anyone interested in joining P.L.A. can attend their general meetings on Monday from 5-6 p.m. in WPC 213 or contact Veronica Lynch at v_lynch@u.pacific.edu.
Pi Kappa Alpha gets “Geeked Up” in 3D

Jenna Graves
STAFF WRITER

We all have some sort of inner geek in us so if you didn’t attend “Geeked Up 3D” on Friday, March 15, brought to you by the one and only Pi Kappa Alpha, then you missed out on a night to get your nerd on. 3D glasses were handed out to each student who entered the stage set up in the middle of the UC Ballroom while others learned that suspenders are a great dancing tool. At the end of it all, the 600+ students that attended left their 3D glass lenses for Physical Plant to clean up. One person had so much fun that they “grinded” off the ink off the promotional poster for the event.

Pi Kappa Alpha’s Social Chair, Brian Hake was excited about the turnout after all the work he put in. “There was a lot of background planning with this one than the two before because we waited an extra semester,” said Hake. “It was a blast. I’m just glad that everyone had a good time and danced all the way until the end.” His spirit and motivation definitely made an impact on the outcome of this event. Although Hake was content with how the event unfolded, he and the rest of the organization are even more ambitious about next year. Hake said, “I’d like to see next year be The Geeks Strike Back. We’re hoping to have more stages and no room to move or breathe.”

Momorie Hirabayashi and Monique Mendez dancing at last week’s Geeked Up 3D.

Courtney Hudgens
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hunger Banquet: A Benefit to Combat Hunger and Poverty

The Council of University Social Entrepreneurs is pleased to host the second annual Hunger Banquet, Tuesday, March 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Vereschagin Alumni House. The Hunger Banquet is an event to raise awareness within the campus and across the Stockton community about global poverty and wealth inequality.

The attendees are randomly seated and served meals representative of low, middle, and high income areas in the world. To further enhance the experience, most attendees will be seated on the floor with a plate of rice and beans while others are seated at a table with a modest meal, and a few will be served a high class, three course dinner. There will be live, culturally diverse music as well as special speakers such as Steve Hollingworth, the founder of Freedom from Hunger.

Tickets will be available at Raymond Lodge, in the Global Center, for $5 in advance or $7 at the door. The funds raised from this event will go to the Stockton Food Bank to help fight poverty and hunger in our own community.

Fort Hays State University Hunger Banquet 2013 in partnership with the Hays Messiah Lutheran Church.

Brian Hake and Kevin Chinn geeking it up at Geeked Up 3D.
Pacific falls to Cal Poly in Big West title game

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific women’s basketball program’s most successful season was not enough to take the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Instead, it was second-seeded Cal Poly who took the Big West Conference automatic qualifying spot, taking out the top-seeded Tigers 63-49 in the Big West Tournament final at the Honda Center on Saturday.

Pacific could not stop Ariana Elegado, who led the Mustangs with 22 points.

The Tigers were led by Gena Johnson ’14 with 14 points, while Erica McKenzie ’13 (whose three-pointer with seven seconds left put the Big West Conference automatic bid to the tournament) gave Cal Poly a 31-18 lead with 2:26 left in the half. Ashley Wakefield ’13 scored the final four points of the half to reduce the deficit to 33-21 at the intermission.

NCAA Tournament Preview: Pacific (15) vs. Miami (2)

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific Tigers are back in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006 and will head to Austin, Tex. for second round action. However, they did not receive a warm welcome back, as the 15-seed Tigers (22-12) will have to contend with the 2-seed Miami Hurricanes (27-6). The Tigers play on Friday, Mar. 22 at 11:10 a.m. on TNT.

The Tigers got to this point thanks to a seven-game winning streak to close the season. After breaking two different streaks against UC Santa Barbara in the first round (the 2-seed had lost in the first round of the conference tournament and Pacific had fallen to Santa Barbara in the past two years), senior Travis Fulton’s tip in with 1.5 seconds left gave the Tigers a 55-53 win over Cal Poly in the Big West Tournament semifinals.

In the Unibroader title game, Pacific broke away from UC Irvine late to win 64-55 and secure the Big West’s automatic bid to the tournament.

The big story for Pacific is the last hurrah for head coach Bob Thomason, who is retiring at the end of this season, his 25th with the Tigers. Thomason now has four Big West championships and five NCAA Tournament appearances to go along with his title of winningest coach in Big West history.

The Tigers are led by senior Lorenzo McCloed, who has posted team highs in points per game (11.4) and assists per game (4). Senior Colin Beatty’s 26 points against Santa Barbara proved his effectiveness, while junior Tony Gill has chosen the perfect moment to play his best basketball of the season. Gill has gone scorching hot from the three-point line and led Pacific with 20 points against Cal Poly and 19 against Irvine.

There is no sugar coating this scenario for the Tigers. The Hurricanes—who were considered by many to be the toughest opponent Pacific has faced since the 1967 Tournament when the Tigers were knocked out of the Elite Eight by the John Wooden and Lew Alcindor-led UCLA Bruins. Miami won thirteen consecutive conference games en route to capturing the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular season championship. Consistently ranked in the top 10 nationally in the second half of the season, the Hurricanes defeated Boston College, NC State, and North Carolina on their way to the first ACC Tournament title in school history.

The Hurricanes are led by sophomore point guard Shane Larkin, voted the ACC Player of the Year in a coaches poll. Larkin led Miami in scoring (14.6 points per game) and assists (4.4), lighting up teams from the outside.

All signs point to the Hurricanes sending Thomason into retirement swiftly and decisively. However, this is the NCAA Tournament, where anything can happen. Just last year, two 15-seeds won their opening games, with Lehigh dominating 2-seed Duke after Norfolk State shocked 2-seed Missouri.
Women’s tennis bitten by Wolf Pack

Jamieson Cox  
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, Pacific took a tough loss to Nevada. At the beginning of the week, the Tigers #3 player, Susan Te ’14 suffered an ankle injury and was pulled out of the lineup for preventative measures. In efforts to assure her health in preparation for the Big West Championships, she was pulled from the singles and doubles line up, which caused nearly the entire lineup to shift up a spot.

With this major lineup shift, the Tigers knew they were going to have a tough road ahead of them, and that they did. The match started off with a sweep of the doubles points by Nevada, taking all three matches 8-6.

Heading into the singles lineup, the Tigers knew they still had a chance, and they fought. The Wolf Pack came out strong and took straight set wins at #1 and #5. On the other side, the Tigers kept pushing with Hana Ritterova ’15 taking Emma Verberne from Nevada to a tiebreaker in the first set, and Gergana Boncheva taking Sophie Stevens from Nevada to a third set. Both fell in very close contests.

On a positive note, Christiana Ferrari ’16 who played up a spot at #4, took a great straight set win over Sheila Smiley. Sheena Chaudhuri ’13, who got an opportunity at #6, took her first NCAA Dual Match win, beating Rymma Maslova with a commanding score of 6-2, 7-6(5).

Though the Tigers took a loss, they can feel confident while getting ready for the conference tournament. The Tigers will be heading to three away matches this weekend, starting with Fresno State, then UC Irvine, and ending the weekend at Cal State Fullerton. They will not return home until April 3 when they will take on Hawaii.

Volleyball splits weekend games with Grand Canyon

Jenna Graves  
STAFF WRITER

With tremendous effort this weekend, Pacific fell in a non conference match against Grand Canyon on Friday, Mar. 15 in our own Alex G. Spanos Center. As a team, the Tigers hit .341 compared to the Antelopes’. .275. Pacific was led by Taylor Hughes ’13 with an impressive 22 kills, while hitting .462. Also picking up double-digit kills was Adam Troy ’13 and Tommy Carmony ’15 with 13 and 10, respectively, along with libero Javier Caceres ’14 and setter Patrick Tunnell ’13 added 16 and 12 digs. Tunnell also added 53 assists on the night.

The Tigers dropped the match in five sets, despite winning the opening game. At Saturday’s match, the Tigers avenged Friday’s five-set loss to Grand Canyon with a 3-1 decision. Pacific fell in the opening game 25-19 with a 3-1 decision. Pacific won the opening game 25-19, 25-17, 25-14.

Men’s volleyball returns to the court on Mar. 22-23 with a pair of matches at Hawai’i.

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