Tigers advance to WNIT Sweet 16

Drew Jones
STAFF WRITER

Bouncing back from a tough loss at the Big West Tournament, women's basketball broke open a close game against University of Arkansas Little Rock in the first round of the WNIT tournament last Friday.

For nearly the first six minutes, the Tigers held UALR to zero baskets while making 10 points of their own. The Trojans were not ending their season without a fight; they took a lead over Pacific and kept it going into halftime, 31-28.

Leading the team in the second half, guard Gena Rodriguez '13 connected 19 times with two three-pointers. Johnson's three-pointer with 16 minutes remaining in the match-up, guard Erica McKenzie '13, Kendall Kenyon '15, and Rodriguez, Pacific put up 12 three-pointers on 20 attempts.

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After the break, Rodriguez led the Tigers with a career-high 27 points and 10 rebounds to aid in making a huge comeback and get the win. Nearly halftime and down by 16 points, Pacific rallied eight to cut the Husky lead in half before the break. With a combined effort by guard Erica McKenzie '13, Kendall Kenyon '15, and Rodriguez, Pacific put up 12 three-pointers on 20 attempts.

The Tigers trailed the entire game, but finally broke free with a jumper by Rodriguez to put them up, 50-49, over Washington. The Tigers and Huskies proceeded to play a back and forth game of tug of war, but Pacific began to increase their lead even further with a three-point jump shot by McKenzie to put them up by nine. The game remained close, but the Tigers pulled through with a 85-78 victory.

The Tigers move on to the third round of the WNIT and are set to play either Utah or San Diego.

Tigers supporting Tigers: Celebrating a legacy of giving back

Karla Cortez
NEWS EDITOR

All University of the Pacific students are touched by philanthropy no matter what they study or where they get involved. The Pacific community, including students, alumni, faculty and staff have a lot to be grateful for; the generosity of donors has helped fund the university in many ways ranging from scholarships to buildings, sports equipment and classroom renovations. The Student Philanthropy Council hopes to recognize the generosity of donors by organizing the first-ever Philanthropy Week which will include a challenge to our very own President Pamela Eibeck.

The Student Philanthropy Council has planned this week of events in order to raise funds and awareness for the Tiger Gift Campaign which recently replaced the Senior Class Gift.

"Tigers Supporting Tigers" is the theme for the week of April 1 through the 5 as students, staff and faculty come together to say "thank you for giving". The purpose of Philanthropy Week is to raise awareness about the amazing support that we receive as students from the Pacific community including alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the university," commented Juliene Sesar '13, Chair of the Student Philanthropy Council.

Philanthropy Week will have activities meant to acknowledge and appreciate donor gifts and will culminate on Thursday with the Tiger Gift Campaign.

Advancing Women's Leadership Forum

Christian Oatman
OPINION EDITOR

After months of planning and fundraising, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke at Pacific's Advancing Women's Leadership Forum last Thursday. She was the keynote speaker, and after her speech, she was presented with the Global Athena Award by the organization, Athena International, and answered questions posed by President Eibeck. The opening speaker, Christy Haubegger, is the founder of Latina magazine.

Condoleezza Rice, keynote speaker at the Advancing Women's Leadership Forum.

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Alumnus' Tiger Collection becomes official

SPORTS EDITOR

The Tiger Collection, an upstart clothing and apparel company created by Pacific graduate Lamar William Gibbs '01, has officially received its contract from the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) and is set to begin selling officially licensed products in major stores. Of the approximately 6,500 applications sent to the CLC, just over 500 (about eight percent of) applicants complete licensure, making it rare feat indeed.

Gibbs, who graduated in 2010 with a degree in graphic design, was inspired to start the Tiger Collection after seeing a lack of creativity in the Pacific apparel apparel being sold on and off campus. "I love Pacific, but I never got to express my passion through my apparel because I went to the bookstore and they didn't have anything I really loved or wanted to wear," Gibbs said. "After I graduated, I began to think that from the time I started college to when I graduated, nothing in the school store really progressed or changed. So I figured that something should try to step in and change that. I figured that that was my duty and a way I could give back to Pacific."

The Tiger Collection put out its first shirt, a black t-shirt with a caricature of Powercat raising his index finger, in January 2011. Following the success of that design, Gibbs created more apparel based on Pacific historical images and landmarks, such as Burns Tower and Tommy the Tiger, the original logo for the university. Gibbs' viral marketing proved to be a success, as Facebook campaigns featuring giveaways and promotions rapidly increased the Tiger Collection's popularity. Eventually, it was enough for the university to take notice, and they reached out to Gibbs to encourage him to officially license the company. "The school took notice of what I was doing," Gibbs said. "They basically said that they liked what I was doing, so they waited me up and got it licensed. That way, I could continue what I was doing and earn revenue."

From there, Gibbs began a long, three-phase process Phase one entailed proving to the CLC and the university that the Tiger Collection could bring in revenue and become popular. Phase two, which was completed in February, involved figuring out the logistics of how to establish the business and details of the contract. Phase three is the signing and processing of the official contract.

The West Palm Beach, Fla. native has been in discussions with local branches of national brands such as Wal-Mart and Target to create special sections on their floors for Tiger Collection gear.

"If you look at all the other schools, they have the same stuff we do," said Gibbs. "It's just a different logo or a different name and different colors. If you look at schools like Cal Berkeley or Miami, they have deals with Nike and different caricatures on their apparel. Just last year we got our first Powercat fitted hat, which is nice but still not on par with all of those schools. My aim is to change that."

Although Gibbs has signed and returned the contract, it will not become official until the CLC and the university processes it. However, that is expected to be a mere formality at this juncture.

Gibbs' ultimate goal for the Tiger Collection is to establish it as a store located on or near campus.

For more information please visit thetigercollection.com.
Jazz orchestra rocks downtown Stockton

Jason Jeffrey
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 22, students and jazz lovers from all over Stockton had the privilege to hear Wynton Marsalis speak at a jazz symposium in FayeSpanos Concert Hall. The symposium began at 12:30 p.m. with a talk by Gunther Schuller and concluded with one by Wynton Marsalis. Marsalis answered questions presented to him by four Powell Scholars from the Conservatory of Music.

“The interview with Wynton Marsalis revealed what a humble and deserving man he is. Marsalis spoke of his passion for music and humanity; he serves as an inspiration and role model to aspiring musicians,” said Lyndsey Enoki '14.

According to Wynton Marsalis Enterprises, “Wynton Marsalis is an internationally acclaimed musician, composer, bandleader, educator and a leading advocate of American culture. He is the world’s first jazz artist to perform and compose across the full jazz spectrum from its New Orleans roots to bebop to modern jazz. He has won nine Grammy Awards in grand style. In 1983 he became the only artist to ever win Grammy Awards for both jazz and classical records; and he repeated the distinction by winning jazz and classical Grammy Awards again in 1984.”

In 1987, Marsalis co-founded a jazz program at Lincoln Center. It became known as the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, and in July 1996, due to its success, it was installed as a new entity of Lincoln Center, equal in stature with the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, and New York City Ballet—some of the leading art form institutions of the entire nation.

The orchestra made an appearance in Stockton for the first time in this year's annual Brubeck Festival. It bedazzled its audience of over 2,000 members at the Bob Hope Theater. The audience consisted of Pacific’s students and faculty, Delta college’s students and faculty, and music lovers from all over the San Joaquin county area.

“Attending the Wynton Marsalis performance was truly a privilege. I love how great jazz has the power to bring people from all walks of life together. I especially enjoyed the composition by Carlos Henriquez, the band’s talented bass player,” said Deyanira Monreal '13.

The first half of the program consisted of original arrangements made by some of the talented band members. The second was a tribute to jazz pianist greats such as Dave Brubeck, Chick Corea, and Duke Ellington.

“What struck me the most was how Wynton Marsalis presented himself. The way he introduced each chart and spoke about music was refreshing and humble, especially knowing his accomplishments and reputation for excellence. It was inspiring. I loved it,” said Elizabeth Cho, '13.

“It was especially inspiring to musicians in Pacific’s Conservatory who participate in Jazz bands or combos on a regular basis: Friday evening music enthusiasts in Stockton were privileged to witness jazz music at its finest,” said Lyndsey Enoki '14. "Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra demonstrated the highest level of skill, creativity, and communication that a jazz ensemble can possess.”

To donate blood, you need to be at least 17 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Specific health conditions may exempt a person for donating blood. If you have any questions, check out www.deltabloodbank.org, or call (888) 94-BLOOD.

Be sure to support the students of Pacific and Delta Blood Bank by donating blood at the blood drive on April 4 in Grace Covell Hall.

Public Safety

Weekly Report
March 17-March 23

Noise Complaint
1500 Block Catrail, March 17
Some officers responded to a complaint for a second time at 1:13 a.m. by several neighbors about loud music and a number of party attendees. The officers closed down the event and documented the incident for Judicial Affairs.

Robbery
Pacific Ave. Bridge, March 17
Several high school students who attended the MESA event were walking along Pacific Ave. when they were confronted by four males and two females. The subjects pushed them around, took their backpacks and several other items, and fled along the levee. The officers located several items along the pathway and returned the items to the owners.

Auto Burglary
1100 block Mariposa, March 21
Some officers responded to assist with an off-campus burglary of an automobile. The victim had left his purse in the back seat, which was stolen. A report was filed.

Vandalism
Library, March 21
Dispatch received a call that a subject was attempting to steal a bike but ran when he was confronted. Some officers responded and caught the subject several blocks away. The subject was booked into the county jail.

Auto Burglary
Parking Lot 1, March 21
Some unknown suspects broke a window and entered the victim’s vehicle. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Loud Party
4000 Block N Commerce, March 23
Some officers responded to assist Stockton PD regarding a loud party. Two subjects were booked for public intoxication and were released the next day.

For more information, or to access the full weekly report, please visit:
Entrepreneurs bring world hunger to light

Jamil Burns  
STAFF WRITER

Each year, the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship at the University of the Pacific hosts a Hunger Banquet to raise awareness about hunger and wealth inequalities in the world. Students and faculty alike lined up at tonight’s Hunger Banquet to pick a slip out of a bowl that would designate their income levels and place upon them, if only for a few hours, the identity of someone living under various hunger circumstances. Participants who drew the slip of a low-income individual were given the opportunity to see what it’s like to eat like those in third-world countries.

Mustafa Babak introduced the topic of hunger by dismantling the notion that hunger is about the world not having enough food. He said that this is not the case and that the reality is that “hunger is about power.” It is not that there is not enough food—the fact is that the world is bountiful enough to feed everyone.

Babak then introduced the first keynote speaker, Steve Hollingworth, the President of an organization called Freedom from Hunger. In his presentation, he noted three distinct, pressing global issues. The first question he raised was how people can begin to coexist peacefully in a way that reduces tension and stops the global arms race. The second question he raised was how will we be able to sustainably live on the resources we have? Lastly, and most relevant, he mentioned that “one of the greatest indignities today is hunger,” which brought him to his main topic. He described a thought-provoking scenario in which an impoverished individual says to his children: “If you drive through my village in your Mercedes-Benz and spray mud on me, I will be angry; if you drive through my village in your Volkswagen and slow down, we are okay; but if you drive through my village in your Mercedes-Benz and stop to get out and have a conversation, we are starting to make a difference.” Hollingworth made it clear to the audience that everyone in the room is driving a Mercedes, and each person must decide how they’ll drive it.

Hollingworth concluded his presentation and dinner commenced. Those in the high-income area were ten mother who prepared salad, chicken with mushrooms, and chocolate cake for dessert. Those in the middle-income area were served grilled chicken, vegetables, and wild rice. Finally, low-income participants were served a simple meal of rice and beans.

Following dinner was the next keynote speaker Becky Knost, the Executive Director at Stockton Emergency Food Bank. In her presentation, she outlined hunger in San Joaquin County and Stockton in particular to make it very clear that these problems of hunger are not confined to third-world countries, but are in fact present all over the United States and other first-world countries. She used the example of a Stockton mother Katrina Ordanza, who recently traveled to Kenya to try to empower families to feed themselves. Prior to her travels, she expected she’d be working in rural communities. Instead, she was greeted by the slums of Nairobi, where she found that a little bit of personal contact with families in need can go a long way. Many were moved by her story and that it really does not take that much effort for one person to make a change.

Najeeb Cajee concluded the evening with a short sharing period where a few participants spoke on their experience. One professor who drew a low-income slip thought she deserved better and “wouldn’t tolerate that kind of treatment.” Others thought it was depressing to see people living in poverty so close to people eating 5-star dinners. Still, one brought it upon herself to take the food that other people were going to throw away—a simple yet bold statement of how people treat their food. One person asked, “Where’s the revolt? Where’s the rebellion?” The low-income group clearly outnumbered the others, so a revolt could have been entirely possible. However, she continued by saying that a revolt would not actually tackle the issue at hand.

The crowd began to discuss the next steps in what each individual can do to help. The main idea was simple: it seems difficult to try to end hunger by oneself, but starting by eating only what is needed and wasting as little as possible can bring the world a bit closer to ending hunger.
McGeorge professors involved:  
Same-sex marriage case in the supreme court

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Legalizing same-sex marriage

other, but they do have the ability to use social media and other communication methods to clearly state their opinions about an issue that personally affects millions of Americans and tends to be extremely divisive.

I believe that gay and lesbian couples should have the right to marry. When I took Dr. Dylan Zorea’s PACS II class, And Justice for All, I participated in a class debate on same-sex marriage. My professor knew my personal opinions about most issues and assigned me to argue against same-sex marriage as a challenge. To say that it was a challenge was an understatement. My own biases weren’t even what made the assignment difficult. What was most difficult about it was finding sound legal arguments—ones that didn’t involve theology—against the ability for two people to marry, no matter what their sexual orientation or gender identity. We put up a good fight, but my side lost the debate, and I was never so happy to lose an argument in my life.

The Constitution has changed over time. It has changed to protect the rights of the oppressed. Amendments have protected voting rights and protected people’s autonomy and humanity. The Supreme Court, and other courts in the United States, rule by precedent and tend to be very cautious when making major decisions that will have social and political ramifications. Because of this caution, the Court tends to make conservative rulings, but these rulings have angered both Republicans (for example, upholding the health care reform law as Constitutional last summer) and Democrats (with Citizens United, which ended restrictions on funding political campaigns). It is not readily obvious how the Court will rule, and there are many different options that they could take. The Court will issue its ruling in June, but until then, it is important to pay attention to the current arguments and to take a stand for the rights of all Americans.

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Family loss ignites spirit to fight back

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Paul Dugoni '13 has been relaying for five years. Both his mother and grandmother lost their battles to breast cancer, a disease that, according to the American Cancer Society, is expected to claim the lives of approximately 39,500 women each year. He got involved with Relay for Life in an effort to fight back against cancer.

In 2012, Dugoni decided to participate and join Pacific's Relay for Life committee to ensure that money is raised to help patients and their families and to also raise funds for research. However, for Dugoni, Relay for Life is not just about raising money; his favorite part about Relay for Life is "the comradery, everyone getting together to fight back against one of the most deadly things in the world." In addition to fighting for a good cause and building relationships, Dugoni says it has also helped him acquire skills that he can transfer into real world settings that will enhance his business marketing education.

Whether you're like Paul and know someone with cancer or you're a survivor, chances are someone you know has a personal connection to the disease. So get involved with Pacific's Relay for Life, and join the Pacific community in a roar against cancer.

For more information about how to get involved, you can e-mail PacificRelayTeamD@gmail.com, or you can also visit pacificrelay.org.
Movie Review: The Perks of Being a Wallflower

The interesting aspect of this film is Sam and Patrick are seniors’ getting ready to graduate, while Charlie is just a freshman in high school. Just like other love films, Charlie ends up falling for Sam, and she becomes his first kiss and first love. Charlie is a gifted student, and he uses his knowledge to help Sam study for SAT’s to get into her dream school, Penn State.

In the end of the movie, a conflict arises between the group of wallflowers and Charlie is outcasted. One day, Charlie has a breakdown that puts him in a psychiatric center. This expels him from the world, and he resorts to writing. He ends up finding himself and making a safe and happy recovery.

This film is by far an interesting and revealing film. It displays the intimacy, the humor, the confusion, and the drama we crave in films. For anyone, regardless of if you were, are, or could be a wallflower, watch the film! Sit back and let The Perks of Being a Wallflower take you to their side of the world. The Perks of Being a Wallflower will be showing at the Janet Leigh Theatre this Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.

Lunch Box Makeover

Alexandra Caspero
Campus Dietitian

There’s nothing worse than trying to focus in class while trying to push through hunger pangs. Resorting to convenient fast food will only lead you to regret. So when pressed for time, or while in unfamiliar territory, both your wallet and your waistline will thank you if you pack a lunch. Enjoy these suggestions to ensure a delicious and nutritious midday meal:

Sandwiches. Sandwiches are great because they are portable and customizable. Whole grain bread, a protein source, and fruits and veggies combine for a powerhouse main dish. Nut butters with sliced banana, hummus with spinach and red peppers, or black bean burger with salsa are all easy options that don’t need refrigeration. Try switching between different breads, pitas, wraps (burritos!), English muffins, and bagels to keep things interesting!

Salad. Salads are one of my favorites because the possibilities are endless! Start with any green leafy base and go wild with the toppings - the more colorful the better! Low-fat salad dressing options include fruit or veggie salsas, balsamic vinegar, or lemon juice.

Soup. With a thermos, even temperature dependent foods become accessible on the go. Soups and chilies are great ways to increase your intake of vegetables.

Kebabs. What’s even more fun than lunch in cute boxes? Lunch on a stick. Make some rainbow fruit skewers that brighten up any lunch bag. Pair those beauties with kebabs of protein, peppers, tomatoes, olives, onions, and mushrooms.

For more easy meal ideas, be sure to friend NutriCat on Facebook!
Pi Kappa Alpha promotes homeless awareness

Jenna Graves
STAFF WRITER

If you thought your resident hall’s beds were uncomfortable, try sleeping on cement for four nights in a row. Starting at noon on Monday, March 18 at noon and lasting through Friday March 22, Pi Kappa Alpha hosted their 15th Annual Hit of Reality philanthropy event to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank and raise awareness for the Stockton homeless community. The event consisted of a majority of the brothers living outside the DeRosa Center for 96 straight hours while their only shelter was a cardboard box. They also relied on the generosity of others for food and $5 to be able to shower. In the process, Pi Kappa Alpha fundraised a total amount of $6,000 by selling t-shirts, raffle tickets, and also receiving donations, which included student’s extra meal plan money which was donated at The Lair kiosk.

I myself participated in the event for three out of the four nights to help support Pi Kappa Alpha’s and the message they were sending about the seriousness of people who are left without homes, food, and even hygiene. Let me tell you, living inside a cardboard box is not the most glamorous life style, and this experience surely forces you to appreciate what you have a lot more. People who experience homelessness everyday must undergo mother nature’s power as weather conditions can at times be brutal. On Tuesday night, it rained enough to cause destruction to several boxes, leaving most of them wet. Thursday night, there was strong wind gusts, along with a bone chilling cold that made it difficult to withstand.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha put true dedication into this event. The Stockton community took notice; Fox 40 news reported the event to show the perseverance of these young men, and Stockton City Council member, Moses Zapien, even stayed for one of the nights to show that Stockton supports the homeless and is aware of how much it is a part of our community. Pi Kappa Alpha senior Kevin Chaney, who participated in his third Hit of Reality this year, admitted this is the toughest one he has had to undergo yet. “We were truly exposed to the elements,” said Chaney. “With a combination of the sun, rain, and wind, it made the experience that much more real.”

Pi Kappa Alpha has raised over $20,000 in philanthropy this year and plan to increase that number. Chaney remarked that of all the philanthropy he has done in his four years here at Pacific, this was always his favorite. “It’s good to know that so many people have supported us and are willing to make a difference in our community.”

Kelly Asmus

Last week, the front of the DeRosa University Center was covered in cardboard boxes and tarps during Pi Kappa Alpha’s Hit of Reality.
Softball sweeps Highlanders

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STAFF WRITER

Pacific hosted UC Riverside this past weekend in a three-game series to open up conference play for this year. The Tigers went into the matchup against the Highlanders with a 15-16 overall record on the season.

In game one of the series, Pacific fired up their bats and dominated on offense. Second baseman Nicole Zapotoczny '16 led the Tiger offense with two doubles and three RBIs. Along with Zapotoczny, right fielder Megan Fogle-song '14 and designated player Gabby Goyette '14 added to the score.

With RBIs of their own. On defense, pitcher Tori Shepard '14 was in the circle for the Tigers and held Riverside to only one run. With a strong defense behind her, Shepard held Riverside to only four hits with one walk and two strike-outs. The Tigers ran away with the first game 6-1.

With a “W” under their belts, Pacific looked to take the daily sweep against UCR. The offense went to work again and scored six runs on 10 hits. Leading the way, third baseman Megan Allen '13 went 3-for-3 at bat with a homerun and two RBIs. Pitcher Dani Bonnet '15 took over in the circle for the Tigers, pitching a complete game with three strike-outs and only allowing hits in three of the seven innings played. Pacific took game two, 6-2.

The first inning of the third game gave Pacific all the runs they needed to offset the Highlanders for the third and final time. UCR came away with three runs in the top of the first with two back-to-back homeruns and a triple to right center that eventually scored. The Tigers responded quickly in the bottom of the first with five runs of their own, sending ten total batters to the plate. With the three runs scored, the Tigers continued to win three out of the six games played. Pacific swept the series against the Highlanders.

The Tigers have a bye this weekend in the west tournament title match against future West Coast Conference contender Utah. The Tigers will continue against Pac-12 Conference contender Utah in the 2013 WNIT Sweet 16 on Thursday, Mar. 28 at the Spanos Center at 6 p.m.

Men's tennis wins two at home

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STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the men's tennis team partook in three non-conference dual matches, which included two home contests. The weekend started with Pacific hosting a Big West Showdown against the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The match started off with the Tigers coming out swinging big and taking the doubles point. Heading into singles, Pacific only needed to win three out of the six matches to take the win, and that's what they did. The men's team, who has been recently winning more consecutively at the bottom half of the line-up, took the top three matches quickly in straight sets, while falling short at number four, five, and six.

The second match consisted of the Tigers taking on New Mexico at home. The Lobos are currently ranked slightly above Pacific in the polls. They started off taking the doubles point 2-1, winning at number one and two. The Lobos did not look back after doubles and took wins at number one, five, and six singles to take the win and handed Pacific their first home loss on the year.

The third match on the weekend consisted of the Tigers taking on a future West Coast Conference rival, Gonzaga. After losing their first home match the day before, it seemed as though the Tigers came out with a vengeance and never gave Zags a moment of hope, sweeping the doubles matches and winning five out of the six singles matches.

With the win over Gonzaga, the Tigers move to 11-5 on the season and still remain undefeated in the Big West Conference and are now 5-6 against future West Coast Conference matches.

The Tigers have a bye this week and will return home on April 6 to take on Nevada, so be sure to come out and support.

WNIT Sweet Sixteen preview: Pacific vs. Utah

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SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in program history, the Pacific women's basketball team advanced to the third round of a postseason tournament.

The Tigers' historic season will continue against Pac-12 Conference contender Utah in the 2013 WNIT Sweet 16 on Thursday, Mar. 28 at the Spanos Center at 6 p.m.

Pacific currently sports a 27-7 overall record, which has set records for the most single season wins in program history and the highest single season winning percentage of any year. The team cannot finish worse than 27-8, or a winning percentage of 0.771.

The Tigers' reward for a Big West Conference regular season championship and an appearance in the Big West Tournament title game was a return trip to the WNIT. After losing out to the University of Arkansas, Little Rock in the first round at home on Friday, Pacific travelled to Washington on Sunday.

Down by eight at halftime, the Tigers fought back with a huge second half for a come-from-behind 85-78 win. Kendall Rodriguez '13 keyed the comeback with 27 points, a career-high, and 10 rebounds. Erica McKenzie '13 was hot from beyond the arc again, hitting six three-pointers for 18 points.

In addition to continuing to set team history, one Tiger is also chasing individual history. With every game potentially being the last of her collegiate career, McKenzie currently sits at second on the Big West all-time made three-point field goals list with 265 in her four years with the Tigers. McKenzie is only three behind the record holder, former Tiger Selena Ho '12 (277).

Utah set history of its own and took out San Diego in the West Coast Conference (WCC) 61-50 on Monday. The win improved the Utes' overall record to 20-13, the first time in three years that the team has reached the 20-win plateau. Utah finished seventh in the Pac-12 (one spot behind Washington) with a 9-1 conference record.

Pacific has already faced three Pac-12 teams in the past 13 months, with the team's only loss coming at then-No. 1 Stanford in December. The Tigers' two wins over Pac-12 teams have come in the WNIT, with Sunday's win over Washington proceeded by a first-round win over Arizona State in last season's tournament.

The Utes are no stranger to Big West teams, having travelled to and eliminated Long Beach State 56-49 in the first round on Sunday.

The shooting prowess of the senior tandem of McKenzie and Rodriguez is the stick that stirs the Tigers' offense. When they can hit from the outside, like they did against Washington, the duo open up the middle for Gena Johnson '14 and Ashley Wakefield '13 to attack the middle, and for Kendall Kenyon '15 to crash the boards. When they struggle, like they did in the Big West Tournament final against Cal Poly, teams can key up on and minimize Kenyon while holding Johnson and Wakefield to low-percentage shots.

That kind of scenario would play right into Utah's
The Tigers huddle around head coach Lynee Roberts.

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Staff Writer

If you are looking for a fun and enjoyable way to get your exercise for the day, why not head on over to Baun Fitness Center and try out the 36-foot rock wall. Rock wall climbing is a physically demanding activity that improves your balance, strength, agility and endurance. Not only does it exercise your forearms, upper body, and lower body, but it also strengthens your core.

When you approach the wall, it may seem quite intimidating at first sight, looking straight up at what may look 100 feet tall for someone who is a little afraid of heights. Your heart rate increases, palms start to feel sweaty, and your knees may feel a little weak and shaky. A little confidence and motivation is all it takes to conquer your fears. While climbing, you rely on grip strength. This means that you need to have strong hands and forearms, and rock climbing tones all those muscles. Each rock that you pull your self over sets all of the muscles in your back and shoulders into motion. Also, it requires the use of all the muscles in the legs to really push yourself up. However, your core is working the hardest.

Rock wall climbing indoors eliminates many of the variables that can make an outdoor climbing trip dangerous or miserable. These include rockfall, breaking holds and inclement weather. The controlled environment opens indoor climbing up to our students, faculty, and membership holders as an exciting full-body workout. Whenever you are interested in giving the rock wall a try, if you have not already done so, the available hours to use the rock wall are Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to climb, but following basic safety tips can ensure the safest, most enjoyable experience possible as you are achieving a successful workout and making your way to the top.

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**The Tigers shot 62 percent from the floor in the second half against Washington, enabling them to come back. Though the team is certainly capable of lighting up the scoreboard, Pacific cannot afford to get down early against Utah. Asking any team to shoot 62 percent is unreasonable. Needing it again and again will spell trouble.**

The winner of Thursday's matchup will face either BYU or St. Mary's, both from the WCC. Will it be Utah taking out the Tigers, or will Pacific's historic season continue with a matchup against a future conference opponent? Tune in to find out.
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The Pacific Tigers’ NCAA Tournament experience

The sights, sounds, emotions, and aftermath of Pacific’s trip to the 2013 NCAA Tournament

Last Sunday, March 17, with pieces of the net in their hats and the Big West trophy in the secure possession of guard Sama Taku '14, who had held onto it like it was his child, the Pacific men’s basketball team sat with dozens of family, friends, fans, students, and athletics personnel in the black-and-orange clad conference room of the Alex & Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, watching and waiting to learn their fate.

The night before, the Pacific men’s basketball team had defeated UC Irvine 64-55 to win the 2013 Big West Tournament and an automatic spot in the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament. They cheered, screamed, laughed, cried, and cut down the nets.

At approximately 3:22 p.m., the familiar Powercat logo flashed on the screen of the Selection Show on CBS. The room exploded with cheers, with the crowd in the fight song.

2-seed Miami Hurricanes on Friday, March 22. “We’ve played some really good games, but we haven’t all played our best yet.” Pacific head coach Bob Thomason told the crowd at the Alumni House.

Directing his attention towards his players, Thomason continued. “So this would be a good time to do so, guys.”

Winning the Big West Conference and making it into the NCAA Tournament was especially important this year for the Pacific men’s basketball team because it is the last year the team will compete in the West Coast Conference (WCC) and the last year for Head Coach Thomason. He announced last summer that he would retire at the end of the season, the 25 year of his legendary career at Pacific.

This was also the last year for seniors Colin Beatty, Reed Kalmer, Lorenzo McCloud, Rodrigo De Souza, Markus Duran, Travis Fulton, and Jordan Turner. What better reward for their years of blood, sweat, and tears than a trip to the “Big Dance”?

Picked in the preseason to finish in the middle of the pack in the Big West, the Tigers got off to a strong start, earning tough wins over top mid major programs Xavier and Saint Mary’s (a future WCC opponent) and getting off to a good start in conference play. Soon, however, the team entered a lull, losing four out of six games and falling to the middle of the pack.

Undeterred, Pacific won its last four regular season games, claiming a runner-up finish on the conference in the last home game of the year on March 9. “Bob Thomason Night” featured a tribute to the all-time winningest coach in Big West history, a crowd featuring several former players and coaches, and a 71-51 win over first place Long Beach State.

Mary’s (a future WCC opponent) and giving me a measure of revenge, holding off a furious rally to win 71-68.

The following night, Fulton’s put-back layup with 1.5 seconds remaining gave Pacific a dramatic 55-53 victory over Cal Poly. In the championship game, the very last Big West game in Pacific history, the Tigers controlled Irvine from the get-go, pulling away late to start a court storms with players, coaches, and fans alike jumping up and down in celebration of a goal attained, with Thomason’s career not yet over, and one last trip to the NCAA Tournament left to go.

The team left from the Stockton Metropolitan Airport on Wednesday, March 20 after a long flight delay that the athletes used to amuse themselves with a claw machine. However, the delay meant a chance for Coach Thomason to say a few words before departing for Texas.

“It can overwhelm me,” Thomason told reporters at the airport. “It’s a situation where you always dream to go to the NCAAs, then to go to the NCAAs in your last year coaching with a team you didn’t know we were able to go to the NCAAs with. They played really great. Hopefully, we’ll play the game of our lives on Friday.”

The plane took off just after 4:30 p.m. with everyone on board and ready to go. The plane ride was full of excitement and anticipation. The whole team seemed to be embracing the moment and cherishing this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Tigers touched down in Austin, checked out of their surroundings, and settled in to gear up for the busy day ahead.

Thursday, the Tigers’ first day in Austin, was Media Day.

“It’s a great thing to get coach to the tournament in his last year,” Fulton told the media. “That was definitely one of our main motivations this year. It’s also a great opportunity for all of us, and even our assistant coaches and

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The Tigers huddle at the end of their open practice on Thursday.

Ruben Dominguez

The Powercat logo flashes on the Frank Erwin Center big screen, which took on a Pacific flair during the Tigers' Thursday practice session.

Ruben Dominguez

The tables of the restaurant on the 18th floor of the Hilton Garden Inn were adorned with black and orange for the pep rally on Thursday night.

Ruben Dominguez

stuff. It means a lot for us to get coach in the tournament here at the end. All of the Tigers wanted to make Coach Thomason's last year one of his best.

"For me, that was one of my personal goals in the beginning of the year, is to make sure that coach will be able to leave on a great note," McClung added. "For him, just giving me the opportunity that he gave me. He offered me a scholarship. So, I thought that was the best thing we could do. And here we are now. It's a great opportunity for all of us, and I'm thankful that he can retire in a great way."

Sensing that they may have given their best shot at being content, forward Tony Gill '14 brought the moment back down to Earth.

"We're definitely taking a little bit of time so soak everything in," Gill said. "As fun as this process is, we can't get too caught up in the emotions, because we're still here for a purpose and to play a ball game. Once the time comes to start preparing and getting onto the court, we should be focused."

As for Thomason, when asked if he could have scripted a better way to go out, he simply responded "Ask me at about four o'clock on Friday."

As the players and coaches headed to bed, the other members of the party stepped out into the night again, exploring the sights, sounds, and orange and black decorations, pom-poms, and rally towels, it was as intimate and perfect of a rally as Pacific could put on. All that was needed was the Spanos Center.

As the players joined the waiting fans and alumni entered the Frank Erwin Center, stepping into the massive 16,734-seating-capacity arena surrounded by row after row of burnt orange. The NCAA logo at center court and the big screen displaying "Pacific Tigers" nearly completed the scene.

The Tigers ran through their usual practice routine, moving from warm-ups and stretching to layups to rebounding to defensive drills to shooting to free throws. As the team ended practice for possibly the final time, they broke the huddle by shouting the word "Family."

Later on that night, the entire Pacific family held a pep rally on the 18th floor of the hotel, which featured a restaurant, bar, and an absolutely pristine view of downtown Austin. With the Pep Band playing at its loudest and proudest, the Tiger Dancers looking and dancing their best, and the tables adorned with black and orange decorations, pom-poms, and rally towels, it was as intimate and perfect of a rally as Pacific could put on. All that was needed was the Spanos Center.

As the players and coaches headed to bed, the other members of the party stepped out into the night again, exploring the sights, sounds, and mechanical bulls that Austin had to offer. The hotel lobby was colored with black and orange on Friday morning. Everyone who had made the trip was as or taller than Pacific's tallest player, center Tim Thomas '13. Quite simply, the Hurricanes would be possibly the best team Pacific has ever faced.

"If we play to the best of our ability, we can beat anybody. " Turner stated.

As the players joined the waiting fans and excited for the buses, an airport taxi pulled up to the front of the hotel. Out stepped Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck, who had flown in (having stayed on campus to attend the Condoleezza Rice speech the previous day) earlier that morning. Joined by her husband, Bill Jeffrey, Eibeck wished the players good luck.

As the buses were loading up to go to the game, a construction truck hit one of the buses. Thankfully, the side mirror was the only thing to suffer damage. However, as word of the incident spread, many wondered if this was an ominous sign foreshadowing a disastrous game for the Tigers.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Thomason began to walk across the court to shake Miami head coach Jim Larrañaga's hand. As the two coaches clasped hands, the final buzzer on the game, the Tigers' season, and Thomason's career sounded.

Just like that, the long and storied basketball career of Bob Thomason was over. Thomason began his career as a player for the Tigers from 1967-71. He then coached for three different high schools from 1971-81, featured stints at Columbia College from 1981-85 and CSU Stanislaus from 1985-88, and took over as Pacific head coach in March 1988.

Thomason's final stats are simply astounding. In 25 years as head coach of Pacific, Thomason totaled a record of 437-321, 248 Big West wins (most all-time), five Big West championships, four Big West Tournament titles, five NCAA Tournament appearances (two wins), and the love and support of the Stockton community and beyond.

"People ask me how I'm going to feel after I'm done," Thomason revealed after the game. "I tell them. 'I've been coaching for 42 years, how do I know how I'll feel when I'm done?' I don't know those answers, but I'm looking forward to it."

The game was not a total loss, as simply making the NCAA Tournament is an incredible accomplishment. Forward Khalil Kelley '14 became the favorite of television color commentator Tim Brando, while Fulton's six three-pointers set a new Pacific NCAA Tournament record.

Coincidentally, a 15-seed did upset a 2-seed that same day. Florida Gulf Coast of the Atlantic Sun Conference took out Big East Conference co-champion Georgetown, providing one of the greatest upsets in tournament history. Reaching the Sweet 16 by defeating 7-seed San Diego State on Sunday, the Eagles became the...
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Tigers go cold against Miami in NCAA Tournament

Ruben Domínguez
SPORTS EDITOR

AUSTIN, Texas — Pacific’s Cinderella postseason run came to a swift end on Friday, as the 2-seed Miami Hurricanes used a big first half to pull away from the 15-seed Tigers by a score of 78-49 in the second round of the 2013 NCAA Tournament at the Frank Erwin Center last Friday.

“They played tremendous,” said Pacific head coach Bob Thomason, who now heads into retirement after 25 seasons with the Tigers. “I’ll be rooting for them the rest of the time, so maybe they can win a national championship. If I had to go out in coaching, you want to go out to a great team, but also to a great coach and a class coach, and Jim [Larranaga] is that.”

Travis Fulton ’13 led the Tigers with 18 points, setting a program record with six three-pointers in an NCAA Tournament game. Khalil Kelley ’14 barely missed a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds.

For the Hurricanes, Durand Scott posted the high score at 21 points, and five three-point shooting. Shane Larkin also contributed 10 points, both combined to go 9-for-9 from the free throw line.

The Tigers came out strong, stopping Miami on its first possession before Kelley put Pacific on top with a layup. A rebound dunk by Julian McCloud ’13 gave the Tigers a 4-2 lead just under four minutes into the game.

Miami came back with three pointers from Kenny Kadji and Scott to take the lead. Sama Taku ’14 missed a three-pointer on the next possession, but Kelley grabbed the rebound and stuffed it home, hitting the free throw to cut the lead to 8-7 at the 14:35 mark.

Pacific then became ice cold, going on a scoring drought that would last nearly eight minutes of game time. Larkin began to assert himself, having a hand in eight consecutive points for Miami. As the misses and personal fouls began to pile up for the Tigers, the Hurricanes capped off its 14-0 run with a free throw by Kadji.

Finally, Kelley broke free, driving to the basket for a dunk to end the drought and cut the lead to 22-9 with 2:19 left in the half. A 7-0 run gave the Hurricanes a 36-13 lead after Larkin hit a three-pointer. Fulton hit a three-point shot, Pacific’s first of the game, to make the count 36-16 with 1:21 left in the half. Markus Duran ’14 beat the buzzer with a three-pointer, reducing the Tigers’ halftime deficit to 40-19.

Though Pacific came out firing in the second half, with two three-pointers from Fulton in just over a minute, Scott scored Miami’s first seven points of the half to keep a 20-point lead for the Hurricanes. Miami capitalized on another scoring drought by the Tigers with a 9-0 run to push the lead to 56-27. McCloud countered with a layup, but a three-pointer from Scott gave the Hurricanes a 30-point cushion.

The Tigers converted on four straight three-point shots (the last three buckets from Fulton), but would not score in the final 3:22 of the game. At that point, it made little difference, as both benches had been emptied and the teams’ reserves were on the court by then.

A 5-0 Pacific run brought the Tigers back into it, but Miami continued to convert from the foul line, setting its biggest lead of the game at 68-37 with 6:51 left to play. Erik Swoope’s jumper with 28 seconds left set the final score.

“Obviously, there’s going to be nerves in a big game like this,” said Kelley, “I feel like we had some open looks, but shots weren’t falling. Obviously with their size, it’s tough in there. We haven’t played a team that big.”

The Tigers’ season ends with a 22-13 overall record, a Big West Tournament title, and a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Thomason’s career record finishes at 437-321.

Miami (29-6) defeated 7-seed Illinois in the Round of 32 to secure a spot in the Sweet 16, where the Hurricanes will face 3-seed Marquette Thursday, March 28.
Ron Verlin named men’s basketball coach

Longtime Pacific assistant coach to replace Thomason next season

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

After 19 years serving as associate head coach under Bob Thomason, Ron Verlin was promoted and officially named the next head coach of the Pacific men’s basketball team on Tuesday.

“Today is an extremely exciting day for my family and me,” said Verlin. “I feel very honored and privileged to be the 20th head basketball coach at the University of the Pacific. I am proud to be a Tiger and excited to continue my career at Pacific.”

Verlin takes over for Thomason, who retired at the end of this season after 25 years as head coach. Verlin served under Thomason for all five of his NCAA Tournament appearances, totaling 354 wins and seven Big West Conference titles. Verlin has been serving as Recruiting Coordinator, beginning the transition by signing recruits who will play under his leadership.

“[Verlin] is the best coach to take Pacific into the WCC,” said Thomason, who, along with the entire men’s basketball team, was present at Tuesday’s announcement. “With his work ethic and experience at Pacific and support from the administration to improve men’s basketball, Ron will find ways to make Pacific basketball better. I’m looking forward to watching Pacific basketball be more exciting and successful.”

Verlin will lead the Tigers as they return to the West Coast Conference (WCC) next season. Almost a full calendar year ago, Ted Leland, the University of the Pacific’s vice president for External Affairs and Athletics, was in front of a packed press conference audience at the Janssen-Lagorio Gym announcing Pacific’s move to the WCC. Almost a year later, Leland revealed the man to take the reigns of the Big West Tournament-winning team as it heads back to its old home.

“[Verlin’s] dedication to this university and ability to lead this program became evident in the past 19 years,” Leland said. “It is an exciting time for the basketball program, heading into the West Coast Conference, and Ron is just the man to lead us there.”

“[Stockton]” is a blue collar town,” Verlin said. “We’re going to be a blue collar team.”