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AND END OF YOUR
PACIFIC LEGACY

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The Pacific Hail! is one of the oldest Pacific traditions that we have. Every year at commencement, student's from our conservatory sing the Pacific Hail! to honor our great alma mater and remind us of the strength of our University.

The Pacifican would like to remind our graduating seniors of Lois Warner Winston ‘23, and her contribution of this song as they are about to embark on the next steps of their Pacific journey.

No matter how far you go from Pacific, “she” will be here when you return, “she” will support us as we continue to grow, and our hearts will always be a part of the University.

As you graduate, remember that this part of your Pacific legacy may be setting, but it’s only the beginning of your legacy to come.

“From o’er the rugged mountains standing high;
From out the broad low valleys, ‘neath the sky;
Our alma mater calls, We cannot fail,
Our voices blend in praise,
Pacific Hail! Pacific Hail!”

“Long may her flaming torch give out its light;
Long may her spirit guide us in the right;
To her we pledge our hearts, We dare not fail;
To her we raise our song,
Pacific Hail! Pacific Hail!”

-by Lois Warner Winston COP ‘23, ‘58

Contact us!
(209) 946-2391
Alex and Jeri Vereschagin
Alumni House

The Faculty Mentor Award is presented to University of the Pacific faculty members who, through their personal and professional relationships, have mentored students and encouraged alumni to mentor students by providing educational internships and career opportunities.

You are encouraged to nominate present faculty members who deserve consideration for the Faculty Mentor Award.
Welcome new alumni

Kelly Asmus
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

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ONCE A TIGER, ALWAYS A TIGER

Welcome new alumni Kelly Asmus is LIFESTYLES EDITOR
Now that it is time to walk across the stage and make the transformation from student to alumni, Pacific’s role in our lives is bound to change. What we now have are pleasant memories of classes and former professors and the Pacific Alumni Association helping us toward the future.

The Pacific Alumni Association, founded in 1873, has a long history of helping students transition smoothly after graduation. More recently, in 2011, the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House was opened and even met LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)—internationally recognized green building certification requirements.

As an alum, there are many different programs available ranging from investment assistance, educational travel programs, to an online community. The Pacific Alumni Association offers an independent 520 college savings plan to help alumni prepare for future financial security. The different educational programs offer trips to locations like Alaska, Oregon, Ireland, Canada, East Africa, and Italy and provide alumni with great learning experiences even after they have finished their studies. Additionally, all alumni have access to an entire online community of other Pacific alumni. Here you can setup your page, message and

Faith Davies’ Awards

Teryn Porter
COPY EDITOR

Tomorrow, May 3, the Faith Davies All-University’ Leadership Awards will be presented to this year’s recipients at a celebratory awards luncheon starting at 11 a.m. in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom.

The university-wide Faith Davies Awards recognize the achievements and contributions of Pacific’s most outstanding students, faculty, and staff and celebrate the leadership and involvement of the Pacific campus over the past academic year.

The categories for the Faith Davies Awards include the following: the Outstanding Student Leader Award; the Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award; the Dochterman Outstanding Junior Scholarship; the Karen DeRosa Outstanding Graduate Student Leader Award; the Outstanding Student Organization Award; the Anderson Y Community Service Award; the Pacific Fund Philanthropy Award; the Pacific Tiger Award; and the Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring, and Counseling.

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How has Pacific made you the person you are today?

“Pacific has provided me with multiple skill sets to utilize that have allowed me to secure a job as a Behavior Therapist immediately following graduation. A special thanks to my advisor/mentor/professor, Dr. Lara Killick, who pointed me in the right direction every time I sent her an email or walked into her office. I am delighted to be a graduate from University of the Pacific.”

-ALEXA LOPEZ, COP B.A.

“Pacific has really developed my chemistry skills and exposed me to the scientific world. The teachers have really been great and have really helped me to expand my horizons.”

-CHRISSA MOZAFFARI, COP B.S.

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PORTLAND BUSINESS JOURNAL

Ruben Dominguez
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Help for alumni

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post to other alumni, post classified ads, and get information concerning alumni career and mentor networks.

Discourages are the other golden lining of the Pacific Alumni Association cloud. These discounts include the following: 10 percent off at the bookstore, alumni preferred tickets at the box office, 50 percent off rental fees for events hosted at the Alex and Jeri Verseschlag Alumni House, alumni rates at the Bann Fitness Center ($250 a year, $85 a semester, and $80 a summer), 15 percent off courses at the Center for Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), and a cheaper rate for auto and home insurance with Liberty Mutual. Other benefits include access to William Knox Holt Memorial Library, which gives you the opportunity to continue your studies without the stress of classes but with similar resources. Also, Pacific Review, the university magazine, will keep alumni informed on campus events and upcoming class reunions. Don’t forget that the Career Resource Center (CRC) is here for not only current students, but alumni as well. The CRC offers alumni career counseling, resume reviews, career interest inventories, job search assistance, as well as access to career events on campus.

WHAT’S NOW

8 ways to help you find a job

Julienne Sesar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Graduation is upon us, and now we must face the reality of life after college. What should you do after graduation? The answer to this question is never easy, especially when you’ve got no idea what you want to do for a career. Here are some tips to help you land a job after this weekend:

1. Celebrate your accomplishments: Don’t start worrying too much before you really have the chance to enjoy what you’ve done at Pacific. If you waited until now to start looking, chances are you can afford a few more days of ignoring the big picture.

2. Update your resume: A surprising number of graduates don’t update their resumes right away after graduation. Make sure it states that you graduated this month, and that all of your accomplishments and recent jobs are up to date.

3. Use Tiger Jobs: By putting an updated version of your resume on Tiger Jobs and agreeing to letting the Career Resource Center (CRC) share it with employers, you might receive an interview without actually sending out your resume yourself. I was offered a position at an investment firm because the employer found my resume in such a manner. Tiger Jobs is also a great resource to find jobs that are directly in your field of interest.

4. The CRC doesn’t disappear when you graduate: The CRC is available for all alumni for life. We are lucky at Pacific because most other colleges will charge their alumni to use CRC resources like mock-interviews, resume reviews, and career counseling, but Pacific offers it for free for life.

5. Volunteer: Here’s some advice from one of my favorite alumna, Marshae Pratt ‘93: if you can’t find paid work, volunteer as much as possible. This will not only keep you active, but helps you stay connected to organizations you want to help. It will also be a key way to do the next step.

6. Build Networks: Volunteering is a great way to build your network, but if you can’t find volunteering opportunities, the next best thing you can do is start networking. Attend Career Fairs: Not every Career Fair will produce fabulous high-paying jobs, but they’re a great way to network and find a few jobs you might be able to apply for. Go as often as you can.

7. Attend Career Fairs: The Pacifican hopes this helps you in your job search. Congrats grads!

Bedazzling for commencement

Julienne Sesar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In recent years, more and more University of the Pacific students are opting to bedazzle, decorate, or enhance their cap and gowns for commencement. There are many mediums to accomplish awesome designs to make your cap and gown stand out from the crowd including rhinestones, puff paint, fabric, and trimmings.

The following tips will describe how to decorate your Pacific cap and gown with a small budget. First, I will talk about how to design the cap.

The two photos show two different designs for a cap. The one that was done to look like a French flag was accomplished using only rhinestones. All the material used can be found at Hobby Lobby or Michaels, but some items, like the rhinestones, can be found on Amazon.com for a much more affordable price.

Be sure to check out your rhinestones before they dry, you might end up with a curvy line rather than a straight one.

A design with this much detail could take anywhere between five to 15 hours depending on how determined you are to finish. However, it’s extremely tiring, so I would recommend taking breaks and watching TV as you go. If this design seems like too much, you can always try to do something with puff paints.

The second cap is a design that includes words; therefore, you can use fabric paint because it’s more difficult to have clean letters in rhinestones that are easy to read. The first step to do if your cap will not be covered in rhinestones is to pull all
Leaving my Pacificans behind

Kelly Asmus
Julienne Sesar

Pacifian for life is a concept that I would like to leave with those I leave behind at Pacific and those that are moving on with me. When I first came to Pacific in the fall of 2009, I had absolutely no intention of becoming the editor-in-chief of The Pacifian (I was the EIC at my high school, and I needed a break), but near the end of my freshman year I joined the staff and worked my way to this position for my senior year.

The newspaper has grown enormously. When I joined, the staff was young and full of doubt, wanting nothing more than to improve the paper and make it the award-winning newspaper our advisor Dave Frederickson '64 remembers from his time. Other than myself, three of our graduating seniors really need to be recognized for their outstanding work.

Christiana Oatman, a history major here at Pacific, began writing for the newspaper the fall of 2009, working closely with the staff, and becoming Opinion (Perspectives) editor her sophomore year. She has held that position for a solid three years, creating great content for us, and making me smile every time I have to edit. Christiana is one of our more lengthy writers, her skills have improved every year, and I have no doubt I will be reading her work in a national publication some day soon.

Kelly Cortez, a French major, began writing for the newspaper immediately as well. She met Alex Ruano '11, then editor-in-chief, sitting alone at one of the many recruiting events on campus and decided to help out. She wrote constantly, became a copy editor by spring of 2010, and drove our standards to a new high. Without Kelly, we would have never grown so fast and so well. Kelly encouraged the last senior I will talk about to become part of our staff.

Karla Cortez, a political science major, started writing her sophomore year and was hired as an additional copy editor that same year. She is one of our most inspirational staff members, writing in-depth news pieces that brought change to Pacific's campus, encouraging countless writers to submit stories and become part of our staff, but most of all, she keeps me in check. As this year's News editor, Karla constantly checked in with me, informed me when something didn't seem right, and called me out on all my bullshit.

I'll be the first to admit that I couldn't be a leader without an amazing team, and I'm so happy that I had the opportunity to work with these ladies and all of the underclassmen that make up the rest of our team to make our newspaper into the award winner it is today.

What I will miss most are the connections I've formed with my background: I have been editor-in-chief since Jan. 2011. Previously, I was a staff writer during the fall semester of my freshman year. I also served as sports editor of my high school newspaper as a freshman and promoted to co-editor-in-chief as a sophomore. Additionally, I took an internship position in the Broadcasting and Media Relations Department for the Stockton Thunder. I am very excited to become editor-in-chief, and not just for personal reasons. Sure, being editor-in-chief looks good on a résumé, but that is completely secondary to my desire to push The Pacifian to a higher plane of excellence.

Words cannot properly describe my anticipation and feelings about becoming the editor-in-chief of The Pacifian for the 2013-14 school year. Stepping into this position is something in which I have worked tirelessly toward for many years. I am truly honored that the Pacific staff, many of which are graduating seniors who I wish the best of luck to in their lives, believe that I am worthy of such an important leadership position.

Here is a little bit about my background: I have been sports editor of The Pacifian since Jan. 2011. Previously, I was a staff writer during the fall semester of
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with my staff. Out of everyone I've met at Pacific—other than my best friend, Emily Potter '13—The Pacifican staff is who I will come back to see, who I will continue to support, and why Pacific will be a fond memory for me in years to come.

They've worked harder than anyone else I know to make this business ready for its 105 anniversary, and I couldn't be prouder of them. Who would I be without them? I have no idea. Thank you for making me a lifelong Pacifican. I wish all the best to the class of 2013, and hope that the Pacificans that follow us will love this school and this newspaper as much as I do.

Pacificanly,
Juliene Sesar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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teau. I look forward to aiding in the growth of school spirit at Pacific, especially as the school moves to the West Coast Conference. I look forward to bringing a powerful editorial voice to The Pacifican. I look forward to welcoming more voices from the students, who will see their names and faces in print for the first time. I look forward to laying the groundwork for The Pacifican to become a college newspaper powerhouse in both the state and nation.

We will have almost an entirely new editorial staff next year, but I am absolutely confident in their ability to follow the legacy of their successors and even improve the quality established by those who came before them.

It will be an extremely difficult challenge to follow an incredible editor-in-chief like Juliene Sesar. However, I look forward to rising to the occasion, serving the student population of the University of the Pacific, and bringing The Pacifican to a whole new level.

Go Tigers!
Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF 2013-14

2013 Seniors celebrate in style

Grad Party 2013 gave students a chance to relax and enjoy their last week being seniors at Pacific.
Creating the look that matches you

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The fabric tight and use a glue gun to secure it. All the caps have slightly loose fabric, which makes writing on them before gluing it down difficult to accomplish.

After that step, if you wish to have the illusion created in the second cap shown, buy a pack of larger rhinestones and create a border around the cap that has about a half an inch left on the outside. Personally, for the larger stones, I used a glue gun because it wasn’t necessary to use anything smaller, but you can also use Jewel-It.

For the words on the edge, think of phrases that are important to you, or make a cool design. From a distance, this area will look simply like a cool design, which makes it so your cap is both nice from afar and up close.

The color choice is based off of the outfit I will be wearing on the day of commencement under my robe, but whatever colors you wish to use will work perfectly fine.

The next step is to find a fabric that you like to make the number of rhinestones. This fabric is something that my sister had in her craft box, but I’m sure you can find whatever you want at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or Jo-Ann’s. Simply glue the fabric on after cutting out the desired numbers, and line them with puff-paint to make them stand out brighter.

The last step is to fill in the holes. I chose to do a checklist because I’ve already been hired, but you can make references to whatever you like. My favorite part of my hat is the phrase “Mischief Managed” because Harry Potter is one of my favorite series. This design took less than three hours.

In order to decorate your commencement gown, I would recommend only using rhinestones. Most other mediums might look a little funky. The first gown obviously matches the first cap. She used the leftover rhinestones from the cap and lined all the edges of the gown in a three stone pattern. The only thing to be careful about with decorating a gown is that if you don’t put something between the back and front, it might stick together. However, if you’re using Jewel-It glue, it will come apart pretty easily.

The second gown is a design that can work for almost anyone. It only uses clear rhinestones and has more of a glitter effect. The rhinestones were first placed all over the gown in an even spread out pattern, and later, more stones were added to the bottom to give a fading out effect as it reached the top of the gown. Both designs for the gowns took less than four hours.

Designing your cap and gown is an easy way to personalize your graduation outfit, and make you stand out from the crowd. Parents love the ability to find their graduate during the ceremony, and sometimes it can be difficult. Give them something easy to find.

Model wearing 2013 “Mischief Managed” cap and gown design.

Kelly Asmus

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Celebrate Pacific’s most outstanding

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pushed me to strive for better things and to become a leader on this campus,” said Shelly Zeiser, winner of the Docherman Outstanding Junior Scholarship. Some of the recipients of the Faith Davies Awards never even expected to win an award.

“I want to say that receiving this award has been a complete honor and a totally unexpected, yet pleasant surprise. When I took this position as ASuop President, I did not do it for the prestige, the title, or even recognition. I never thought I was doing anything extraordinary; I was doing what I would expect anyone in my position to do, and that is to advocate on behalf of students,” said senior Alan Hensley, winner of the Outstanding Student Leader Award.

The Faith Davies Awards were not only extended to individuals, but to groups and organizations as well.

“Winning a Faith Davies Award is a wonderful achievement for PAMA and shows the strength and resilience that our organization has endured over this tough year,” said a representative of Pacific American Marketing Association (PAMA) and winner of the Pacific Tiger Award.

“Wishing this semester with little membership and no past executive board members to help guide us through this transition. However, as a small and steady group, we pulled our members together and gained momentum in the Eberhardt School of Business by utilizing our mission. At PAMA we strive to take the lessons we have learned in classes and apply them to the real world. We are all about creating experiences that are applicable to life post-Pacific, so winning an award for us solidifies that. With creativity, dedication and hard work, anything is achievable.”

The recipients of the Faith Davies Awards are also involved in many facets of the Pacific campus and have had the opportunity to contribute and improve many aspects of campus life.

“It is a great honor to receive a Faith Davies Award! I am extremely thankful to Pacific for never setting limits on my involvements or achievements, and for providing so many opportunities. I am especially appreciative of the leadership experiences through Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity and the Housing and Greek Life Office,” said senior Bri- anna Juhrrend, the other recipient of the Outstanding Student Leader Award.

Although the Faith Davies Awards focus on the achievements and accomplishments of individuals on the Pacific campus, the awards like to recognize individuals and groups that have helped improve the Stockton community as well.

“Winning the Faith Davies means so much because it comes directly from the community that I have been so active with during my time here at Pacific. I am so grateful for the opportunities Pacific has presented me with to get involved not only with the campus but also with the Stockton community. Through my collective experiences I have served the campus as well as Stockton and it is something that has truly brought me great joy,” said Morgan Stone- felt, winner of the Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award.

The other recipients included: Tiffany Gabrielson, recipient of the Karen DeRosa Outstanding Graduate Student Leader Award; Sacha Joseph-Matthews, recipient of the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor; the Hmong Student Association, recipient of the Anderson Y Community Service Award; the Muslim Student Association, recipient of the Student Organization of the Year Award; and the Integrated Development Group, recipient of the Pacific Fund Philanthropy Award. The winner of the Po- desto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring, and Counseling will be announced at the awards luncheon.

Although the period to make RSVPs has already passed, last minute accommoda- tions may be made if space allows. Email dandersen@ pacific.edu for more information.
Dr. Griego to retire from vice presidency of student life

Christiana Oatman
OPINION EDITOR

After seven years of dedicated service, Elizabeth Griego is retiring from her position as Vice President of Student Life. She is only the third person in Pacific's history to serve in that position.

During her years working at Pacific, Griego has put in much time and effort into improving nearly every aspect of Student Life. Many of the projects that she worked on are some of the most unique parts of Pacific. She helped create the MOVE (Mountains Ocean Valley Experience) trip, a program where freshmen spend their first weekend as Pacific students. Griego also attended the MOVE tripevery year.

She also worked on the One Word Project and its gradual replacement, My Why. Both projects seek to encourage students to explore aspects of their identities. Griego continued past efforts to improve the ability for students to find their own identity by helping strengthen the Multicultural Center and helping to create the Women's Resource Center and Pride Resource Center. She focused on not only increasing diversity among the student population but for the entire university as well by making and participating in the University Diversity Task Force.

University operations are complex, and it takes a team of people to come together and help bring these projects and ideas to fruition. In the university press release about her retirement, Griego praised her colleagues in the Student Life and called them "such a hard-working, creative, and high-functioning team...that is so committed to supporting students and investing in their potential and success."

A number of university departments and resources are a part of the Student Life including Housing and Greek Life, Multicultural Affairs, freshmen orientation and programming, and programs such as STEPS, which work with "at risk" students to help them through college life and give them resources to stay in school.

She has created a student affairs legacy beyond Pacific's gates. She served as the president, among other leadership roles, of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and was recently honored with awards from that organization. Before arriving at Pacific, she worked for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which is the organization that accredits all schools in California. Her work in student affairs at Pacific, particularly with the student learning assessment and program review, has been praised by WASC during its accreditation process.

After the school year ends, Griego and her husband plan to travel. They recently bought a house in Sonoma, and would like to travel to places such as Hanoi, Bangkok and Italy. Griego is also considering directing and teaching University of Virginia's Semester at Sea in 2015.

The university is still in the process of hiring her replacement. Candidates were interviewed by administrators, faculty and students during the last few weeks of the semester and her successor will be announced soon.
New ways to rock Pacific

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific gear is growing. Over the past year, the amount of students frequently flaunting Pacific apparel has increased dramatically. This rise in school spirit, evident in the overwhelming support “Tiger Swag” gift shop, where students can purchase Gibbs’ official contract from the company created by Pacific graduate Lamar William ‘10, officially received its contract from the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) this spring and is set to begin selling officially licensed products in major stores.

Gibbs notes, “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 someone should try to step in and change that. I figured that was my duty and a way I could give back to Pacific.”

In addition, ASuop has begun work on creating the “Tiger Swag” gift shop, where students can purchase Pacific gear made by their peers at a more affordable price; T-shirts are only $5. On the MOVE trip next semester, students will receive one of the 1,000 “Tiger Swag” shirts Barnes & Noble plans to donate.

ASuop looks toward the future

Michael Orozco Jr.
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

ASuop went and will be going through changes in the 2013-2014 school year, especially with the new president and vice president, Marasel Cayton and Marquis White. Throughout the whole presidential campaign, the four tickets eagerly set up meetings with numerous different organizations on campus, trying to get their platforms heard. The four tickets were Brian Magina/Sam Medina, Marasel Cayton/Marquis White, Trust Hilton/Sydney Reyes, and Ehret Fieldhouse/Nicole McCullough. We all had our opinions of who we wanted to win; some even couldn’t decide who to vote for. On March 13, 2013, ASuop found its new president and vice president for the upcoming school year. Marasel Cayton and Marquis White had won the election! The weekend and week following, the social media world was congratulating Cayton and White.

As president and vice president of ASuop, Cayton and White will have the entire campus watching them. Some students may ask why did they choose to run for the ASuop presidential campaign? Cayton answered this question by saying, “I ran because I wanted to advance ASuop as a whole and help to increase student representation.”

White stated, “I wanted to run because I felt that with my previous experience, I would do a great job and really have a great year for ASuop. I had always wanted to run for office since I joined ASuop, and with Marasel, I knew I had a power duo going for us. I felt that we could really do a great job and put together a powerful team based off our strong understanding of ASuop and connections at Pacific.”

Cayton and White took an oath of office on April 14, 2013, and the school year is close to ending - what plans do Pacific’s president and vice president have in mind for the 2013-2014 school year? Cayton said a future goal would be to “connect clubs and organizations on campus, expanding ASuop services such as graphic design, prove TV, etc., and to keep students informed about large administrative decisions”.

A large aspect that Pacific campus lacks is school spirit, so Cayton and White wish to address this concern. Cayton stated Pacific can become more spirited by increasing participation in various events on campus as well as wearing Pacific colors.

White stated, “I want students to be able to call on our senator representatives and Marasel and I to help with connecting them to administration. I want to make sure to stay connected with students. I want students to know what we and ASuop can do to help them.”

Cayton and White, president and vice president of ASuop for the 2013-2014 school year, will be making changes and improvements to Pacific. Tigers, fasten your seatbelts, have a great summer, and be receptive to increasing school spirit and help better Pacific!

Tigers Supporting Tigers

Kelly Ashmus
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

This year the Student Philanthropy Council, made up of staff members from Pacific, found volunteer students, made some big changes to what we remember as the Senior Class Gift. Instead of targeting mainly seniors, the Senior Class Gift was transformed into the Tigers Supporting Tigers Campaign.

Tigers Supporting Tigers encourages all Pacific students, staff, faculty, and alumni, to donate back to the school that has given them such wonderful experiences and memories. There is even the added benefit of being able to donate your money back to specific groups and organizations on campus. For example, you could donate directly to any organization that has an account through the school; personally, I made my donation to The Pacifican. Donations could be made either online through the Tigers Supporting Tigers Campaign or through the Tapingo application.

There is also a senior pledge. It tries to mirror the four year pledge that Pacific offers for your degree. The idea is that since Pacific offered you a pledge to get your degree in four years, you then pledge to donate $20 a year for the first four years after graduation; it is a small gift that continues to give and support those Tigers who follow you.

The Student Philanthropy Council hosted the Tigers Supporting Tigers Campaign launch party on April 4 in The Lair. Many students, faculty and staff were present to hear President Eibeck announce her tentative participation in the first ever Presidential Potato Sack Race. If $10,000 were to be raised, President Eibeck and three other staff members (chosen via the top schools in the donations rankings) would have competed against four students that the general student body had elected: Kathryn Loper, Shawn Powers, Ezera Gonzalez, and Isaac McGaw.

The Tigers Supporting Tigers Campaign ran from April 1 to April 23. Of their goal of $10,000, about $2,000 was raised. This meant that there would be no Presidential Potato Sack Race.

However, what we need to remember is the importance of giving back to our community. The Tigers Supporting Tigers Campaign may not have met their goal, but having people affiliated with Pacific giving the most they can to our community will foster a greater feeling of togetherness and support that is just as important to current students as the funding that makes their education possible.
How much have you crossed off your PACIFIC BUCKET LIST?

☐ Paint the rocks
☐ All-nighter at the library
☐ Start a chant at a sporting event
☐ Get featured in The Pacifican
☐ Go to one game for every sports team
☐ Step inside every building on campus
☐ Earn your stripes in RecSports
☐ Go to Tiger Nights
☐ Sunbathe on the UC Lawn
☐ Sneak into the Stadium
☐ Karaoke in the Lair...Drunk!
☐ CCI's Saturday Pie
☐ Get written-up by Public Safety
☐ Levee sunrise/sunset
☐ Black light cycle at Baun
☐ Photo with Powercat
☐ Climb Burns Tower
☐ Hear your echo in the Stone Columns
☐ Attend the Spring Concert
☐ Swim in the Pool
☐ Eat at every place on campus

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Bob Thomason
retires after 25 years

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SPORTS EDITOR

One of the most successful coaches in college basketball history and one of the most celebrated university alumni in school history bade farewell to Pacific this year. Former Pacific men's basketball head coach Bob Thomason retired after the end of the 2012-13 season, ending a 25-year run as the leading man on the sidelines for the Tigers.

The team made sure to give Thomason a proper sendoff. Picked to finish in the middle of the Big West Conference, Thomason's Tigers closed out the regular season with four straight wins to clinch second place. Pacific toppled UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly before pulling away from UC Irvine to win the Big West Tournament for the fourth time under Thomason. Though the Tigers' season ended in a NCAA Tournament second round loss in Austin to the Miami Hurricanes, Pacific finished with a 22-13 overall record and allowed Thomason to exit on the game's biggest stage.

Thomason 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, 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06). He has led Pacific to five Big West regular season championships, four Big West Tournament championships, and five NCAA Tournament appearances, winning First Round games in 2004 and 2005.

In his 25-year career, 96 percent of Thomason's student-athletes have graduated.

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 to 1988.

Thomason has 436 wins as head coach, the most in school history, with 249 wins coming out of the Spanos Center. Last season, Thomason passed former University of Las Vegas head coach Jerry Tarkanian for the most wins in Big West history. The Tigers gave Thomason a victory in his final game at Spanos Center on Mar. 9 by thumping Long Beach State 71-51 in a game filled with ceremonies and praises in Coach T's honor.

Thomason will be succeeded by longtime assistant coach Ron Verlin. Named Thomason's successor just days after the Tigers returned from Austin, Verlin, who served as Coach T's right-hand man for 19 seasons, will lead Pacific into the West Coast Conference next season.
Eric Sugimoto leads golf to Big West title

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

After three days and three combined playoff holes, Pacific men’s golf added two more titles to its history.

The Tigers took home the 2013 Big West Championship crown on Tuesday and won the team title for the first time since 1997 by defeating CSU Fullerton in a playoff hole. In addition, Eric Sugimoto ’15 won the individual championship; he needed two playoff holes to become Pacific’s second consecutive individual winner.

After two rounds of action, Pacific entered the final day of competition at the Country Club at Soboba Springs in Soboba, Calif., with a four-shot advantage over Fullerton. The Tigers immediately fell behind recording four bogeys and two double bogeys for a combined -8 through the first three holes. Pacific rallied to keep pace with the Titans entering the final two holes down by just two strokes.

Alex Edfort ’13 (the 2012 Big West individual champion) put the team on his back, as the senior knocked in birdies in the last two holes to pull Pacific even at -23. Sugimoto followed up with two holes to force a playoff hole.

With the Tigers and Titans named co-champs, the two faced off for the Big West’s automatic spot in the NCAA Tournament. On the 18th hole for the second time, Byron Meth ’15 hit a 40-foot birdie putt, helping to push Pacific victory, and defeated Fullerton by two strokes in the playoff and securing a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Sugimoto and Meth each finished at +2 for the day, while Edfort carded a +3. SeungJae Maeng ’16 and Drew Bender ’15 tallied a +5 and +13, respectively.

While the rest of his team could sit back and celebrate, Sugimoto returned to the course to chase the individual title. Sugimoto’s +1 overall score left him tied atop the leaderboard with Fullerton’s Corey Gard and UC Santa Barbara’s Brett Silvernail; the three headed to a playoff.

Fresh from facing each other in the team playoff, Sugimoto and Gard posted matches on the final playoff hole to knock out Silvernail. Just like in the team championship, the Tiger was able to finish off the Titan, as Sugimoto took home the 2013 Big West individual championship.

Sugimoto’s win marked just the fourth time a Tiger has taken the crown. The other two titles also came back to back, with Jason Preso ’00 following up Florian Bruhns ’00’s 1997 title with one of his own in 1998.

Pacific now awaits its next destination. The NCAA regional assignments will be revealed on May 6. The five teams with the lowest score, as well as the lowest scoring individual not on those five teams, from each of the six regionals will advance to the championship rounds at Capital City Club in Atlanta, Ga.

Eric Sugimoto

Public Safety

Best Reports Of the Year

Assault
Parking lot 22, Aug. 26
An officer reported two females who claimed they were hit in the face by two other females who were not Pacific students. Both females refused medical attention, and the officer initiated a report.

Theft
DeRosa University Center, Sept. 20
A victim reports leaving her purse unattended for a period of time and later found it missing $300. A report was filed.

Vandalism
Department of Public Safety, Oct. 6
An officer responded to a report of an electrical outlet containing super glue. The victim reported that she plugged in her laptop to the outlet. The officer located the responsible party (who admitted to the crime) and initiated a report.

Suspicious Incident
Pawnee Avenue, Jan. 24
A victim reported seeing an item on Craigslist for sale and arranged to have a meeting with the caller at a home on Pawnee Avenue. When the victim knocked on the door, a subject appeared with a handgun and robbed the victim of his or her items.

Theft
Library, April 7
A victim reported that she fell asleep in the library with her laptop unsecured, and when she awoke, the laptop was gone.

What did you enjoy most about Pacific?

"I enjoyed the atmosphere at Pacific, the staff, my professors, and I have enjoyed the friendships I have made. I strongly believe the friendships I have made at Pacific will be lasting and lifelong.”

-MELISSA THOMAS, COP B.S.

"I have enjoyed the sense of community I have felt while being a student at Pacific. Not only within the campus, but also within Stockton. I believe there are a lot of hidden gems here and being a student has allowed me to explore them.”

-MORGAN STONEFELT, SIS, B.A.

"Getting that one class that made all the difference in your semester. Having material just speak to you—it’s an irreplaceable feeling.”

-ALEXIS DUCLOS, COP B.A.

When it comes to Rocky Mountain Cold Coors Light, play it smart. Wait until you're 21.
BEHIND THE STRIPES

A legend passes

Nanxi Tang  
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 5, 2012, Dave Brubeck, a world-renowned jazz icon, passed away at the age of 91 in Norwalk, Conn. Brubeck was an alumnus of Pacific and graduated in the class of 1942. “Dave Brubeck dedicated his life to an art form he believed reflected American ideas of freedom and individual expression,” said Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck. “It is with profound sadness that we mark the loss of not only a great musician, but a great man and a great diplomat for jazz.”

He achieved great success throughout his musical career and is widely known for Brubeck Quartet as official cultural ambassadors for the United States. As a result of his efforts in advancing important social issues and his lifelong commitment to music and education, Pacific established The Brubeck Institute in 2000; The Brubeck Institute aims to affect change in society through the arts. It sponsors the Brubeck Fellows, a group of talented performing jazz students, and holds the annual Brubeck Festival, an international event that celebrates the legacy of Dave Brubeck and the world of jazz through concerts, lectures and academic symposia.

and successful career that spanned more than 65 years, Brubeck also fought for civil rights, using music as a common ground to promote unity and awareness about racial injustices. The U.S. State Department selected the Dave Brubeck Quartet as official cultural ambassadors for the United States. As a result of his efforts in advancing important social issues and his lifelong commitment to music and education, Pacific established The Brubeck Institute in 2000; The Brubeck Institute aims to affect change in society through the arts. It sponsors the Brubeck Fellows, a group of talented performing jazz students, and holds the annual Brubeck Festival, an international event that celebrates the legacy of Dave Brubeck and the world of jazz through concerts, lectures and academic symposia.

Stockton beautification plans

Karla Cortez  
NEWS EDITOR

Ground was officially broken on Tuesday, Sept. 25 that marked the beginning of the Pacific Avenue Median Improvements project and the University Miracle Mile Median Improvements project. These projects are the result of joint efforts between the Pacific and Stockton communities and will be paid for by a combination of university, local and federal funds. The improvements will provide manicured and branded entrances of important Stockton sites along Pacific Avenue including the entrances to University of the Pacific.

Funding for the future

Nanxi Tang  
STAFF WRITER

The budget of the 2014 fiscal year focuses on four specific points: changes in tuition rates, merit raises, mandatory expenses, and the Pacific 2020 strategic plan. Pacific 2020, announced by President Eibeck on Feb. 13, is a university-wide plan to create a strategic investment pool to fund the future. This investment pool put together by President Eibeck and other administrators will cost around $15 million in order to ensure sufficient funds reach initiative goals. According to the Institutional Priorities Committee (IPC), Pacific 2020 requires a 7.5 percent increase in budget to maintain financial stability. This is because about 95 percent of Pacific’s revenue comes from tuition, so much of Pacific’s short and long-term budgets rely on tuition and the necessary enrollment figures to maintain their budget. Some key points of the plan include a 3.9 percent increase in tuition and a 4.5 percent increase in funded aid, which the IPC indicates is the lowest tuition hike in recent years. The actual details behind Pacific 2020 are complex. Some key goals include widening Pacific’s array of available online classes and adding other technologically advanced programs. It also hopes to educate undergraduates and freshman about their career choices and opportunities available after graduation. According to President Eibeck, majority of Pacific students are “traditional students,” or students who started their college education immediately or soon after high school graduation. Pacific 2020 also aims to reach out to “non-traditional students” with particular focus on degrees for part-time workers who want to advance their careers. Overall, Pacific 2020 incorporates many career-centered and future-oriented components.

“Just the Right Amount of Wrong”

Nanxi Tang  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, University of the Pacific hosted the second annual TEDxSanJoaquin in Faye Spansos Concert Hall. The theme of this year’s talks was “Just the Right Amount of Wrong,” which is the idea that we must challenge the status quo in order to effect real change in our communities.

In attendance were 14 speakers from around the globe who came to Pacific to spread their ideas. The speakers present were Norman Perez, Michael Tubbs, Dan Cort, Dari Sylvester, Ramesh Srinivasan, Matt Friedman, Madam Ninh, Annie Griffiths, Mustafa Babak, Deborah Alvarez Rodriguez, Cheryl Kilodavis, Joel Herche, AmyJo Mattheis, and Simon Rowe.

The speakers were from various places and fields, from those nearby to some from places as far away as Vietnam and Thailand. The topics discussed included recent developments in neuroscience, countering human trafficking, utilizing the power of women, and much more. Everybody in attendance had direct access to all the speakers through a designated social space between Faye Spansos and the Burns Tower, where lunch, hors d’oeuvres, and many other benefits were offered. The event ran into the evening, followed by an after party at the Ave and Empresso.
Top left: Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet. Top right: 2013 Brubeck Festival. Bottom: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

**Brubeck festival 2013**

**Nanxi Tang**

STAFF WRITER

The 12th annual Brubeck Festival, titled Dave Brubeck Across Time with the slogan “You’ll Want to Be There!,” was held from March 18 to March 23. The events featured jazz performances, guest lectures and discussions; these events were held throughout the city of Stockton, including on the Miracle Mile, the University of the Pacific campus, and San Joaquin Delta College.

The Brubeck Festival is an annual celebration in honor of jazz pianist/composer Dave Brubeck and his Stockton roots. Brubeck was a 1942 graduate of Pacific and mentor of Wynton Marsalis. Wynton Marsalis, a world-renowned jazz trumpeter/composer and nine-time Grammy winner, headlined the festival, leading the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, composed of 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today. Other key performances were the Tom Harrell Quintet and The Brubeck Brother’s Quartet, composed by two of Dave Brubeck’s sons, Dan Brubeck on the drums and Chris Brubeck on the bass and trombone and guitarist Mike de Micco and pianist Chuck Lamb.

The festival also featured nightly performances at the Take 5 Jazz Club, talks by Marsalis and jazz composer and historian Gunther Schuller, and his son George Schulle, and a screening of the rarely seen film Music Inn.

**Homecoming to return to Stockton campus**

**Nanxi Tang**

STAFF WRITER

Homecoming will return to University of the Pacific in Oct. of 2013: Pacific will welcome back alumni and current students’ parents and family all on the same week-end by blending together events from Parent & Family Weekend (PFW) and Pacific Alumni Weekend (PAW).

Some events featured throughout the weekend are Midnight Mania Basketball, lip sync, wine tasting, a children’s fair, and more.

“The prospect of having our alumni coming back to campus during our most vibrant time of the year in the fall and having this be our Homecoming Weekend, it has tremendous power,” said Eibeck.

Bill Coen, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations, and Lynn King, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, have been in charge of developing the plans for Homecoming 2013.

“Alumni are asking to be engaged with the students. They want to see what they’re doing, hear from them, and we want them to be apart of the weekend,” said Coen.

“Homecoming will present the opportunity to tie our alumni back with the heart of the campus; to be able to interact with our students; to be able to go by and say hello to faculty that they’ve gotten out of touch with or connect with new faculty in their departments; to be able to go back to the resident halls that they once frequented.”

The Planning Committee began its preparations in January, organizing alumni reunions and developing ideas to make it a fun event for alumni and students alike. Homecoming is planned to happen between Oct. 18 and 20, but may, in fact, turn into a week-long event.

**Stockton crime on the rise**

**Karla Cortez**

NEWS EDITOR

On June 28, 2012, Stockton filed for bankruptcy. The city has been suffering since the 2008 housing market crash. Fingers have been pointed at Stockton’s City Hall, which has been accused of mismanaging city funds and an overall inability to incite the change that the community of Stockton needs. With increasing theft and violence and the Stockton Police Department short more than 100 police officers, the search has begun for more creative ways to save the city of Stockton. ABC News 10 and University of the Pacific took the lead in facilitating change with a town hall meeting entitled “Stockton in Crisis, Searching for Solutions,” which included a panel of six people, including the mayor, deputy police chief, and other important people. More than 400 members of the Stockton community came to Pacific’s campus on Sept. 27 in search of answers concerning the problems plaguing Stockton. The event took place at Pacific’s Long Theatre.

The ongoing theme of the event was not only a call for solutions, but a realization that a severe lack of communication and cooperation has reduced the ability of Stockton to benefit from the resources available within the community. Stockton does not lack programs; it has an ever increasing list of assets and resources, but what it does lack is cohesion.

**New perks at Pacific**

**Nanxi Tang**

STAFF WRITER

There are many changes to housing on the Pacific campus that will be implemented in the coming year that will greatly affect a great deal of the student population. Beginning fall 2013, Cowell Hall, McConchie Hall and Manor Hall will be permanently closed as residential facilities. Another change involves the Carter House opening up to provide space for Honors students or above sophomore standing, for it was previously a freshman-only living area.

The last significant change, made by Housing and Greek Life, brings free laundry to all Residential, Apartment and Greek facilities to help offset the cost of education. The machines will be accessed using PacificCard to verify that individuals are indeed a resident of a building. However, there will not be unlimited free laundry, a system will be set up to provide a sufficient amount of swaps per resident each semester.
SIS merges with COP

Karla Cortez
NEWS EDITOR

On Aug. 22, news was released regarding changes to Pacific's School of International Studies (SIS) in a letter from Provost Maria Pallavicini; specifically, a merge between SIS and College of the Pacific (COP).

The news of SIS were notified beforehand on Aug 2. Current SIS students were notified by an email sent the next day assuring them that "they 'will have the same faculty and courses' and that '[students] will experience the same SIS traditions and commencement exercises." Parents of SIS students were sent a similar, but briefer email on Aug. 24th.

Although the decision made by Pacific's new administration to merge SIS with COP may turn out to be for the benefit of most, there was negative backlash from those who dislike what they believe to be an abrupt decision. President Eibeck expressed that the merging of SIS to COP is an effort to make the type of international education offered by SIS more easily available to a larger group of students.

Eibeck said, “It won’t be a department; it will still be a school, but having the faculty of SIS be at the same meetings as the College [of the Pacific] will really encourage those shared dialogues. Making it easier for minors, making it easier for shared courses, collaborations, special projects, etc.”

Condoleezza Rice visits Pacific

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STAFF WRITER

Condoleezza Rice is mostly widely known for serving on the National Security Council and as Secretary of State under President George W. Bush.

After the end of the Bush Administration, Rice returned to work at Stanford University in March 2009; she is currently a faculty member of the Stanford Graduate School of Business and director of its Global Center for Business and the Economy.

On March 21, Rice headlined the Advancing Women’s Leadership Forum, titled “No Ordinary Women,” which is a half-day forum aimed at celebrating and advancing women leaders. The forum also features a panel of local women leaders who share their personal experiences in achieving career and education milestones. After her keynote address, Rice answered questions from President Eibeck.

Rice was also presented with the Global Athena Award by Athena International, a non-profit organization dedicated to “supporting, developing and honoring women leaders,” who described Rice’s accomplishments as “breaking barriers without making waves.” Throughout her speech, Rice discussed her life and career thus far and focused on her work as former Secretary of State.

Rice discussed her initial decision to change her major from music to international politics while a student at the University of Denver, especially since she knew the international political arena was dominated by men. She emphasized the importance of education in ensuring individual empowerment, as well as her own empowerment and educational experiences. She tied in the idea of democracy with the event’s theme of empowering women.

Rice noted that mobilize human potential will be great, and they have to empower their women. Places that treat women badly are dangerous. To empower women, educate women or give them a microloan. To change the attitude of men, empower their mothers.”

As part of Pacific’s 2013 Black History Month, “At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality,” legendary basketball player and best-selling author Kareem Abdul-Jabbar spoke at the University of the Pacific’s Faye Spanos Concert Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

During his speech, Abdul-Jabbar touched on a few main points, including the importance of teamwork, his experience growing up in Harlem, and his new book, What Color is My World? The Lost History of African-American Inventors; his book details the contributions of African-American in the creation of inventions, such as the light bulb.

“Not black history,” Abdul-Jabbar said. “It’s American history. We need to take that mentality and share it with our neighbors and our fellow citizens in a positive way, with a smile on our faces and pride in our hearts, so we can get to that point.” After his speech,
Students at a loss without aid

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This article was published on Aug. 27, 2012 in the second issue of The Pacifican after "Students at a loss without aid": Pacific has always been a part of me -- a part of my past, a part of my present, and certainly a part of my future. However, the present is most likely destroying any possibility of the future. I was a first-year student thinking that the amount I do. Now, it has become one of the reasons why I might be the first person in my family not to finish college.

Point of personal privilege: Facing debt mountain

This article was published on Sept. 6, 2012 in the second issue of The Pacifican after "Students at a loss without aid": Pacific has always been a part of me -- a part of my past, a part of my present, and certainly a part of my future. However, the present is most likely destroying any possibility of the future.

Financial aid changes have greatly impacted the student population at Pacific. Tuition has been increased by $2,050 per academic year for all undergraduate and graduate students other than those in the pharmacy program. For those in the pharmacy program, tuition has been raised by $3,045 per academic year. To further exacerbate this, the state has cut the Cal Grant by 5 percent. In a letter to parents, President Eibeck said, "Pacific's tuition will remain among the lowest at any private comprehensive university in California. The increase will help support the University's strategic priorities. In the 2012-2013 year, we will focus on increasing financial aid for returning students, adding faculty in key disciplines, supporting experiential learning, completing NCAA gender-equity adjustments in athletics, enhancing our psychiatry services and enriching our veterans' services.

Many of these focuses sound very positive, but in the meanwhile, many students are in the unfortunate predicament of not knowing how they will be able to afford their education here. Many of these students have already spent two or three years at this institution and have good academic standing. Money is the sole factor possibly hampering them from successfully obtaining their college degree at Pacific and in life. There is no formal record of student enrollment declining due to financial issues; however, without doubt, these financial aid changes have affected enrollment.

Robert Alexander, the Assistant Provost for Enrollment at Pacific said, "We know that the pressures facing students are increasing, and that in recent years, reducing (especially borrowing, federal aid programs, and the state Cal Grant program (partially offset by the university's additions to Pacific's institutional aid awards) are also contributing heavily to the pressure. I know that if you are a student who is facing the possibility of withdrawing due to financial issues, these efforts may not feel like enough, but Pacific is doing everything we can with our limited resources to help our students finish their education at Pacific."

Traditionally, Pacific has given the biggest financial aid packages to freshmen. Financial aid packages tend to remain the same or decrease from that point throughout a student's college career. This trend also makes the financial aid changes more arduous. Many students expect to pay a similar amount every year, but instead find that they are expected to take out more loans and pay more money out of pocket every year. This becomes especially burdensome by junior and senior year -- a time when a students' focus should be on maintaining academic excellence and preparing for life after college.

The inescapable question, in light of this, is why would the institution raise tuition at the same time when financial aid packages are decreased due to less state and federal funding and other factors?

Richard Rojo, the Associate Vice President for Communications said, "The 2011-12 tuition increase is necessary for Pacific to keep up with the cost of high quality education we provide, as well as to invest in strategic priorities. For example, this..."

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Looking back over the WASC accreditation

Jamil Burns
STAFF WRITER

In April of 2012, Pacific was awarded reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for maintaining high educational standards. The WASC is a commission aimed at ensuring the highest quality educations for both primary and secondary schools. The purpose of these accreditations is six-fold: to assure that each institution is committed to educational effectiveness, to promote deep engagement to improve both the learning and the teaching process, to continue re-developing and re-applying educational standards, to assess performance, to develop new ways of evaluating institutions, and to promote the interchange of ideas between institutions.

Each review for accreditation is different. Pacific was reviewed based on student success, assessment of student learning, and program review. The commission applauded President Eibeck for assuring Pacific's engagement during the review process. Additionally, the Office of Student Life was commended for excellence in assessment of student learning, something Pacificans take great pride in.

The commission noted the effective use of the Assessment Working Group and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee in achieving a good level of progress. Yet, there were also problems noted: there was an imbalance in the assessment process, and as a result, some programs were given more attention than others.

During the assessment seven years prior, it was recommended that we take another look at how to bring in new diversity. The commission was impressed that in such a short time, Pacific's Strategic Task Force on Diversity both developed and implemented diversity plans. We were also recognized for our commitment to acknowledging underrepresented student populations with groups like the Community Involvement Program, the SUCCESS TRIO support program, and the STEPS program. The commission stated that Pacific wasn't quite doing enough to bring in underrepresented groups. For example, there's plenty of young Hispanic and African-American students in Stockton who don't get the chance to attend Pacific. It is believed that there were certain aspects that the WASC overlooked. It could be that many students leave Stockton after high school. It could also be that local schools aren't preparing students well enough. Either way, President Eibeck's 2020 vision is committed to "changing the educational environment."

Our school has received this accreditation since 1949 and will continue being reaccredited so long as our faculty, students, and administration remain committed to the bettering of Pacific, of Stockton, and of ourselves. Though the commission hasn't fully acknowledged our commitment to diversity, Pacific remains ahead of the game.

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this rapidly expanding rate. Therefore, I suggest that Pacific begins a new policy for students; the amount of tuition when you begin attending Pacific is the set price throughout your four-year guarantee. This will solve a lot of problems because students will know what to expect and know that their financial aid will cover the same amount every year while attending Pacific. For example, if a student is in their first-year this year, their tuition cost will remain at $18,900.00 during their entire career at Pacific.

Students fear losing their education because, while their aid stays the same, the cost increases. Without these annual tuition increases, more students would be able to stay at Pacific, and it would reduce the financial stress for those who have decided that life now requires a degree, debt or not. Pacific will gain from the fact that more students will make it to their graduating year.

Pacifically,
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students face financial troubles

Pacific students rallying at the Capitol.

Ruben Dominguez

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year we will invest about $2.7 million in additional financial aid for returning students. However, many students wouldn't know this unless they were told because many are not feeling the additional investment Pacific has made towards financial aid. Alan Henley and Elena Goldfoot, the President and Vice-President of ASuop respectively, conducted a survey on financial aid at Pacific. Approximately 285 students participated. A noticeable finding from this survey is that 53.2 percent of the respondents said that their financial aid package had decreased this year.

Although the institution has certainly tried to assist students in spite of financial aid changes, there is a loss of this purpose somewhere between the institution and individual students. Many students report that the Financial Aid Office has been unhelpful. Many have been told to transfer if they cannot afford it. That is a very insensitive statement to say and makes students feel uncared for and easily disregarded. They have not only put money into their education, but time and persistence, and they expect to finish it here at Pacific. It is incredibly demoralizing when they are told to transfer or take time off as if they are expendable and just a number, instead of an individually valuable student.

All of this being said, Pacific's tuition is lower than its peer institutions. Also, Pacific has more financially needy students than most of its peer institutions. Over 80 percent of Pacific undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. These new decreases in financial aid, working in confluence with tuition and housing hikes, will lower the number of financially needy students. Although this makes sense economically, it does not make sense ethically. There should be a way in which Pacific can provide a high quality education to students without putting a heavy and, often unexpected, economic burden on students who have already decided to invest in this institution.

Pacific has always prided itself in providing a quality, private education to lower to middle income students. Pacific makes this promise implicitly with the packages they provide to incoming freshmen who expect comparable aid for the remainder of their time here. Pacific also makes this promise by speaking on its dedication to diversity, even though they make it so that financially needy students find difficulty in affording tuition. Thus, diversity of all sorts becomes impeded. Also, Pacific claims to be "student centered" in its mission statement, but their current financial policy changes seem to suggest the opposite.

All students should be made to feel valuable by this institution. However, when there is no genuine effort to assist financially needy students, this sense of being valued is lost. Undoubtedly, Pacific's academics and student life is unparalleled. These are the things that brought many students to this university. However, adequate financial aid is what allows many students to remain.

It is possible and likely that everyone believes that they are doing what is best for Pacific as an institution, including the president and the Financial Aid Office. However, if students are not feeling a real effort is taking place to ensure that they can finish their degree here, then changes most certainly need to be made.
USA elections having a big impact on our minds

Jamil Burns
STAFF WRITER

Last year's presidential election had 47 percent of the country’s voters cringing. Mitt Romney stated that they are the “47 percent of people who will vote for [Obama] no matter what.” He continued offending this group by describing them as people who “believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it. That that’s an entitlement…47 percent of Americans pay no income tax. So our message of low taxes doesn’t connect. And [President Obama will] be out there talking about tax cuts for the rich. I mean, that’s what they sell every four years.

And so my job is not to worry about those people—I’ll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives.”

Some of Romney’s claims were in fact correct. However, the 47 percent is divided into different groups. These groups include the elderly, those who make less than a certain amount of money per year, and even some millionaires who pay no taxes at all. We don’t hear Romney talking about the millionaires getting tax breaks. Likewise, even though some workers don’t pay federal taxes, many are required to pay payroll taxes of up to 15 percent. According to PolitiFact, Romney’s comment that 47 percent of people will always vote for Obama is false. The poor have one of the worst voter turnout rates in the country. In 2008, according to the Census Bureau, 44.9 percent of adults making less than $30,000 per year voted. 25 percent of those making under $15,000 a year voted for John McCain. Thirty-seven percent of those making between $15,000 and $30,000 annually voted for McCain. PolitiFact stated that there are millions who pay federal taxes that would vote for Obama, and there are millions who pay no federal taxes that would vote for Romney.

Romney also made comments about personal responsibility and dependence. It is as if not paying federal income taxes is an indicator of how hard a person works. This is found to be false. Most of the 47 percent are still hard-working Americans. Ezra Klein, writer for The Washington Post, said in regards to Romney’s comments, “The thing about not having much money is you have to take much more responsibility for your life. You can’t pay people to watch your kids or clean your house or fix your meals. You can’t necessarily afford a car or a washing machine or a home in a good school district. That’s what money buys you: goods and services that make your life easier that give you time and space to focus on what you want to focus on.”

Obama was quoted in 1998 saying, “I think the trick is figuring out how do we structure government systems that pool resources and hence facilitate some redistribution because I actually believe in redistribution, at least at a certain level to make sure that everybody’s got a shot. How do we pool resources at the same time we decentralize the delivery systems in ways that both foster competition, work in the marketplace, foster innovation at the local level, and be tailored to particular communities?” Romney challenged this by accusing Obama of aiming to take from the rich and give to the poor to solve our problems.

The president had a point. The point of taxes is to redistribute. Taxes improve society and allow firefighters, teachers, and social workers to continue doing their jobs. Obama was not trying to say everything should go to the poor. The tax system distributes the wealth evenly, or at least tries to. Redistribution is something everyone strives for—whether it be in favor of the general public or in favor of big oil companies and billionaires—is what separates Obama and Romney respectively on this issue.

Plenty of wealthy presidents throughout history have kept in mind the struggles of the poor, and Romney seemed to blatantly deny this. President Obama has his problems, but his vision for redistribution isn’t one of them.

Stockton pride rising with the help of Pacific

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ley, it’s extremely difficult not to see the profound impact of agriculture on the city. Stockton exists and thrives because of the fact that the Valley produces over 45 percent of the nation’s fresh produce. It seems that this should be a recipe for a city with happy, economically comfortable people. However, I quickly realized that this wasn’t the case. I wanted to know where all of this money was going. Come to find out, I don’t know where it’s going, but I know where it’s not going. The money is not going into the worker’s pockets, building the city’s infrastructure, nor is it going towards programs that help impoverished families. Stockton is a starving city in the heart of one of the most agriculturally productive lands in the world. I wanted to know why.

I knew the answer wouldn’t come quickly or easily and that it would require immersing myself in the community. So, I came into contact with Michael Tibbs last summer who was running for a position in the Stockton City Council. He revealed to me something about Stockton I never knew: this city may not be a wealthy city, but it’s got incredible people power. The people I’ve talked to—Stockton residents, teachers, policemen—are so passionate about their city, so motivated to change, so unlike what I see in other communities.”

What’s the problem? The problem is that seeing Stockton in a negative light causes you to eventually see Pacific in the same way. If you’re afraid to leave campus because of what you heard, you probably won’t have the best time in college. This bleeds into a problem that everyone at Pacific seems to have: a lack of pride in our school. Admittedly, it’s a bummer that we no longer have a football team and our attire could use an upgrade. However, Pacific is a great school. We have smaller class sizes than any college my friends attend; the weather’s perfect almost all year, and our professors truly care about us. Though in order to preserve this, we need to start paying more attention to the needs of our city. The new president and vice president of ASuop, Marquis White and Marcelus Cayton, have recognized the lack of school pride and aim to increase the scope of the spirit committee in coming years.

So, the next time you think our school is boring and we have nothing to do, find something to get involved in at Pacific to help improve Stockton. It’s your city too, and doing your part will only make you more comfortable living here and take you one step closer to the same type of love affair that entrapped me.
Petra Anderson miracle

Jenna Graves
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of dollars from well-wishers have poured in for a Pacific alumni who made a miracle recovery after being shot multiple times in the Aurora, Colorado movie theater on July 20, 2012. Petra Anderson, 22, was at the midnight premiere of The Dark Knight Rises in Aurora, Colo., when she was shot four times by a gunman who had opened fire in the crowded theater.

Three shotgun pellets had hit Anderson’s arm; another one went through her nose, traveled up the back of her cranium and hit the back of her skull. “Her injuries were severe, and her condition was critical...The doctors prior to surgery were concerned because so much of the brain had been traversed by the bullet,” Anderson’s pastor, Brad Strait, wrote in his blog. Strait, who was in the hospital during the young woman’s surgery, added that doctors were worried that Anderson’s injuries could impair her speech, motor and cognitive abilities. Incredibly, during the five-hour surgery, doctors soon found that Anderson’s brain sustained very little damage and the pellet was removed cleanly. According to Strait, Anderson was saved by a miracle birth defect that no one could have anticipated.

Pacific dances the “nights” away

Kelly Asmus
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

This year at Pacific, we have seen quite a few dances than in years past. ASuop has been keeping students moving with their Tiger Nights events, such as one with an old school video game theme and the DeStress Fest held near finals week. We have also seen some organizations on campus that really encourage students to come out and get moving.

Pi Kappa Alpha hosted their Geeked Up 3D event encouraging people to come “geeked-out” with gear like glasses and suspenders to dance the night away. Also, Omega Delta Phi held their Lucky Knight dance that they hosted off campus at the University Plaza Hotel. Offering a bar and bus transportation to and from the event were just some of the perks of this off campus excursion.
Holiday ROAR

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On Nov. 27, President Eibeck hosted Pacific’s first Holiday ROAR. The event is a part of President Pamela Eibeck’s Beyond Our Gates early literacy campaign. The Reach Out And Read program helps provide books to underprivileged youth. The goal was to collect 1,000 gently used children’s books not only in English, but in Spanish and Asian languages as well.

The event was open to all Pacific students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the Stockton community. There were games for both children and adults and an ugly Christmas sweater contest. There was a performance by the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet and delicious comfort food, which was served buffet-style in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. Also, there was the following tree lighting ceremony: lighting up the big Christmas tree in front of the building.

Relay for Life: Emotions run high this year

Jenna Graves
STAFF WRITER

It was an emotional, yet inspirational weekend at Pacific’s 4th annual Relay for Life. The Pacific community came together to celebrate, remember, and fight back for those who experienced cancer’s brutality.

The event started on Saturday, April 13th, and continued for a full 24 hours until Sunday April 14th. Those walking were either a victim of a lost loved one, a supporter, or a survivor; students, faculty, family, and friends came to walk the track that circled around the DeRosa University Center lawn.

Some traveled long distances just to participate in the event while others just kindly donated a gracious amount of their money for the cause.

While the American Cancer Society is making progress toward a future without cancer, the dedication and fundraising effort of everyone truly fights for more birthdays.

With everyone’s help, they weren’t just fighting one type of cancer – they were fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer for every human being.

Each person who shared the Relay for Life experience can take pride in knowing that they worked hard to create a world where this disease would no longer threaten our loved ones or rob anyone of another birthday.

Lipsync/Parent Family Weekend

Kelly Asmus
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Last semester, Oct. 12 to the 14, Pacific hosted its annual Parent Family Weekend. This weekend offers a ton of great events to help bring students’ families to campus. This event gives families and students some time to walk around campus to really get to know where their students are living. Over the whole weekend, there are many different events to help give people not only something to do, but to help them see another aspect of our school in such a short weekend.

Events included a live orchestra on the DeRosa University Center lawn, a “Quidditch” match inspired from Harry Potter, a rugby scrimmage, a silent auction, beer and wine tasting for those of age, and the annual Lipsync Competition.

The Lipsync Competition is a sing and dance-off between different groups on campus. Crowd favorites were groups like Pacific Ambassadors, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Phi.

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Matt de la Peña

Kelly Asmus
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This year, Pacific’s celebrations for Latino Heritage Month, a period commencing on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15, continued to promote awareness by welcoming back one of our own, Matt de la Peña ’96, as a keynote speaker for a lecture on Oct. 3, 2012.

His visit also included a special visit to Professor Eric Sonstroem’s English 111 class. Peña is a Pacific alum whose first book was published in 2005 and now has a total of four books published. He visited the creative writing class to talk about story ideas and inspiration as well as explain to students how to market your work to readers.

Before Peña arrived to Pacific’s campus, the Latino Heritage planning committee, including an active presence of the Department of Modern Language and Literature by professor Susan Giraldez, Ines Ruiz-Huston and dedicated students, were able to donate over 1000 copies of Peña’s young adult novel, Mexican-White Boy, to every student in freshmen English classes at Franklin and Edison High Schools in Stockton.

Students enjoying the Parent Family Weekend Lipsync Competition.
Capturing the Midnight Mania

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific Women's Basketball team and the Riger Community at the 2012 Midnight Mania.

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Basketball shines brightly

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2012-13 basketball season was arguably the most successful in Pacific history. Both the men's and women's teams set records, won championships, and had great success in tournaments.

The men’s team kicked things off with the 2012 DirecTV Classic in Anaheim, Calif. Projected by all experts to lose in the first round, Pacific pulled off two upsets in a row, taking out mid-major powerhouse Xavier in the first round and future conference foe St. Mary's in the semifinals. During the regular season, the Tigers tied the school record with 13 wins at the Spanos Center.

Pacific survived an upset-minded UC Santa Barbara in the quarterfinals of the Big West Tournament before taking out Cal Poly in the semifinals thanks to a last-second put-back by Travis Fulton '13. Pacific completed the run with a dominant win over UC Irvine to win the 2013 Big West Tournament and claim a spot in the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

Not to be outdone, the women's team compiled the most successful season in pro-gram history. Pacific opened up with eight straight wins, and wasn't defeated by a mid-major school until Jan. 12 in a triple overtime loss at Cal Poly. A win at UC Davis on the final day of the regular season clinched a first place finish and the first Big West Conference championship in program history. Though the Tigers lost in the championship game, they secured a spot in the Women's National Invitation Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16 with wins over University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Washington.

Head coach Lynne Roberts was named Big West Coach of the Year and all five starters were named to all-conference teams. Erika McKenzie '13, who tied the Big West and Pacific record for most three-pointers made (271), and Kendall Rodriguez '13 were named to the Big West first team. The Tigers set all-time program marks for wins (27) and winning percentage (.771), and won multiple postseason games for the first time ever.

Pacific will look to follow up this remarkable season with its return to the West Coast Conference in the 2013-14 year.

Last year in the Big West

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific athletics ended its 42-year run in the Big West Conference this season. Having joined the Big West in 1971, the Tigers will return to the West Coast Conference (WCC) for the 2013-14 academic year.

In total, ten sports—baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's cross country, men's golf, women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball—will make the change to the WCC.

The return to the WCC also signals the official end to any hope fans had of resurrecting the football program (Brigham Young University is the lone WCC school with a football team). With Stagg Stadium set to be demolished as well, it appears that the memories of Pacific Tigers in pads will remain just that.

The last official Big West action for the Tigers will be at Klein Family Field on May 25 as Pacific baseball hosts Cal Poly.

Pacific was a founding member of the WCC back in 1952, when it was called the West Coast Athletic Conference (WCAC). The Tigers left the WCAC for the Big West in 1971.

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Women’s sand volleyball and track

Ruben Dominguez
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Two new sports made their Pacific debuts this season and help to usher in a new era of Pacific athletics.

On Feb. 23, Pacific's women's track team put on its spikes for the first time. Comprised of Pacific’s cross country team and a couple Tigers from the women’s volleyball team, sand volleyball stormed the beaches hard proving to be more than a pushover in its inaugural year.

The inclusion of sand volleyball also ushered in the opening of the new sand volleyball courts located behind Klein Family Field. Two wins capped off a perfect beginning for the new courts.

Overall, it was a very successful debut for both the sand volleyball and track teams. In fact, sand volleyball is still going on. The Hannah Clancy ’13 and Kat Schuls ’16 duo was selected to play in the National Championships. The teammates will begin to play on May 3.

Softball walks off on Pacific plays pink

Drew Jones
STAFF WRITER

After splitting up day one of their matchup against Long Beach, Pacific was determined to take game three on Sunday, which happened to be the “Pacific Plays Pink” game, to comfortably settle in second place behind Hawai'i. Tied at two into the top of the fourth inning, the 49ers served two home-runs to plate three players and take the lead 5-2.

The Tigers slowly crept back by scoring one run in the bottom of the fifth on a single by designated player Alex Steinmehl ’15 to score first baseman Nikki Armagost ’13. They added two more in the sixth with runs on catcher Amy Moore’s 13 line drive that got past the left fielder.

The Tigers had reached extra innings in the two previous games against Long Beach, but Steinmehl cut that dream short when she launched a walk-off home-run over the left field fence and over the 30-foot high scoreboard to win the series for Pacific, 6-5.

Cross country record

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2012 Pacific cross country schedule ended at the 2012 Big West Championships in Riverside, Calif.

Competing for the last time in the Big West Conference, the Tigers made history by setting the fastest 6K time ever recorded by a Pacific team with an overall mark of 1:57:10.20.

Individuals, Lindsay Wourms ’16 completed her incredible first collegiate season by leading the Tigers with a time of 22:24, which is good enough for a 50th place finish overall. The next tiger to cross the line was Becky Grabow ’16, who reached the end at 23:04, a new personal record.

The three remaining freshmen each finished with close times. Mia Knipper ’16 and Lauren Nakaso ’16 finished back-to-back with times of 23:41 and 23:49, respectively. Meanwhile, Grace McManus ’16 was not too far behind with a time of 24:11.

The lone veteran of the tiger runners, Rebecca Tuttle ’15, set her own personal record at the event at 24:18.

“Once a Tiger, always a Tiger; I will wear the Power-Cat logo with pride!”

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How will you continue to show your Tiger Pride?

-SARA BREEDLOVE, BSE B.A.

Basketball teams visit France

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the Pacific women’s and men’s basketball teams began this year with a nearly two-week trip to France complete with tours, sightseeing, and four exhibition games against top French teams.

“An overseas trip is an immensely valuable experience for our program,” Pacific women’s head coach Lynne Roberts stated before departure, “Not only as a first-hand educational experience, but also athletically.”

The Tigers arrived in Paris in early August with each team playing four games. The teams toured Paris, enjoying the Eiffel Tower, the Sacré-Coeur, Musée d’Orsay, Notre-Dame, the Louvre, and the Palace of Versailles. Erica McKenzie, a senior, was the focal point early on as she celebrated her twenty-first birthday on the France trip.

Overall, the teams combined for a 5-4 record, got some early practice and game experience as a team, experience against quality, professional competition, and a trip full of sights, sounds, pictures, fun, and memories to last a lifetime.

“I will continue to show my Tiger pride through my actions and achievements as a head coach. I will pride myself in the pedagogical skills and passion for educating sports that I have acquired through the wonderful connections to faculty and mentors at Pacific.”

-REBECCA WEISSMAN, COP B.A.
Congratulations Grads