Pacific’s first ever Spring Seed Swap

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As part of Pacific’s Sustainability Month, the first ever Spring Seed Swap was hosted on Earth Day, April 22, at the Ted and Chris Robb Garden. Pacific students, faculty and local community members gathered to chat with one another and exchange seeds.

The event began with guests trickling in and mingling over freshly-made grapefruit soda, thyme lemonade made with thyme from the garden, and flatbread pizzas provided by Bon Appetit.

Guests were given the opportunity to bring seeds from their own gardens and trade them with seeds donated by Lockhart Seeds. Additional seeds and seedlings were made available by Eric Firpo, who runs the Boggs Tract Community Farm.

According to their website, the idea behind the Boggs Tract Community Farm is that “instead of giving hand-outs to under-served community members, PUENTES promotes the empowerment of people to grow and utilize their own food resources through the development of urban farms.”

The farm follows a business plan developed by MBA students from University of the Pacific; the goal of the community farm is to eventually generate enough income to be financially self-sustaining.

Firpo will also be hosting the Friday Fair Trade Forum at the Bechtel International Center on Friday, April 25.

Stesha Kahan, current president of the Garden Club on campus, served as master of ceremonies for the remainder of the event. Eibeck, like many others in attendance, saw the value of having a space like the Ted and

API Heritage Month Committee brings David Choi to Pacific

29th annual Asparagus Festival

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The 29th annual Stockton Asparagus Festival is an event that many Pacific students and those of the Stockton community look forward to every year. The festival celebrates San Joaquin County’s most prestigious and well-known agricultural product: asparagus! This year, the festival will be held between Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the downtown Stockton Waterfront, located at 221 N. Center St.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Adult tickets are $13, but tickets are $8 for college students, $7 for seniors above the age of 60, while children below the age of 12 are admitted free with a paying adult. Food and drink tickets are both $1 each. Some of the ticket prices for food include three tickets for asparagus ice cream, five tickets for beer and wine, six tickets for a margarita, six tickets for all dishes in Asparagus Alley, and one ticket for ranch dressing for deep-fried asparagus. Group rates are also available for groups of 20 or more people.

According to their Facebook page, “The Stockton Asparagus Festival is a non-profit charity.”
Public Safety

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University Regulation
Wendell Phillips Center 04.13.14
Officers observed an intoxicated subject at 12:55 a.m., and he
was unable to care for himself. The subject was turned over to
a sober roommate, and a report was filed.

Arrest
Pacific Avenue 04.13.14
Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic violations and learned
the driver had a no-bail warrant for their arrest and their license
was suspended. The subject was arrested, and the vehicle was
towed.

Vandalism
Morris Chapel Parking 04.14.14
A victim reported that someone hit his vehicle with an object
while he was attending an event at Morris Chapel. There was
moderate damage on the side of the vehicle.

Casualty
Wenissy House 04.14.14
Officers responded to a call of a subject who fell, cutting
the hand. The subject was transported to Dameron
Hospital for treatment.

Aided Stockton Police
Public Safety 04.15.14
Officers responded to a call regarding a subject who they
arrested and was in possession of a Pacific Zipcar. The subject
had checked the vehicle out with a debit card. Officers recovered
the key and assisted in getting the vehicle back to campus.

Welfare Check
North Campus 04.16.14
Officers made contact with a subject due to reports of possible
self-harm. The subject was found to be in good health, and a report
was filed for a follow up.

Suspicious Incident
Finance Center 04.16.14
A staff member reported receiving suspicious phone calls
from someone claiming to be a medical equipment salesperson.

Follow-Up Contact
Baun Fitness Center 04.17.14
Officers made contact with a subject suspected of using
someone else’s Pacific Card. A report was filed for judicial review.

Eric Firpo hosts Pacific seed swap

Professor Ron Hoverstad, those who
have volunteered at the garden, and, of
course, Walter Robb, Board of Regents
member and CEO of Whole Foods, who
made the donation to start the garden.
Professor Brunell will be commenting at the Friday Fair Trade
Forum where Firpo will be speaking and giving his insight on sustainability
and community farms.

Next, Director of Religious and
Spiritual Life Joel Lohr stepped up to
the podium to offer a “sunset salutation
to thank the earth.”
Lohr started off by citing a quote from Wendell Berry
regarding the benefits of gardening: “As odd as it will seem
to some, I can think of no better form of personal involvement
in the cure of the environment than that of gardening. A person
who is growing a garden, if he or she is growing it organically, is
improving a piece of the world.”
“Gardeners are in touch with reality,” Lohr explained, “and
with food and that which sustains us.”
Lohr then led the group in an exercise to practice mindfulness,
as mindfulness and gardening are often seen as going hand
and hand.
Patrons were also lucky to be guided on a tour through the
garden by none other than Mark Brunell himself.
Brunell talked about summer garden plans and identified
which plants will be going where. Guests were shocked by the
basketball-sized heads of cabbage that were just days from
being harvested.
Afterwards, some guests attended a strawberry-jam-making workshop led
by alumna and Master Preserver Linda Driver ’92, ’94.
Driver provided a full tutorial for how to make and preserve strawberry
jam.
The Spring Seed Swap served as a means for members of the community
to get together to achieve a common goal: growing food.
Boggs Tract Farm manager to speak at forum

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For the last two Fridays, the Bechtel International Center at the University of the Pacific has hosted a Fair Trade Forum, educating the members of the Pacific and Stockton community about the importance and viability of fair trade.

These events are all part of Pacific’s Sustainability Month; local members of the community are invited to speak about their personal experiences with fair trade.

On April 11, Bing Kirk from Jesus Mountain Coffee located at 224 East Miner Ave. in Stockton, Calif. and Aaron Lange from the Lange Twins family winery and vineyard in Lodi, Calif. talked about their companies and commitment to fair trade.

The next week, on April 18, Camilla Saviz, Ph.D., from Pacific’s engineering department and Ron Hoverstad, Ph.D., from Pacific’s business department, discussed their own interests in sustainability.

On Friday, April 25, Eric Firpo, farm manager of Boggs Tract Community Farm will present on his own experiences with sustainability, especially regarding the Boggs Tract area of Stockton. “The goal of Boggs Tract Community Farm is to give community members a chance to come together to grow food. Members are encouraged to care for their own plot, as well as help the rest of the farm thrive. Boggs Tract makes weekly deliveries to families and individuals who sign up to receive a box of freshly harvested produce every Friday,” explained Jamil Burns ’14, a student involved with Boggs Tract Farm.

The Boggs Tract Community Farm is a project of PUENTES, who also supports a nurbaculture (natural urban farming) program, the San Joaquin County Fair Community Garden and the Stockton Harvest. “PUENTES is an organization aimed at building community bridges,” informs their website.

“Their mission is to empower communities by teaching people how to grow their own food and take better control of their nutrition,” reported Burns. PUENTES’ mission statement, accessible through their website, is “to build equity through sustainable technology that fosters social entrepreneurship, education and motivation of at-risk communities in the Americas to break cycles of food insecurity and injustice surrounding inadequate access to healthy whole foods.” In fact, the Boggs Tract Community Farm can trace its roots to the University of the Pacific; several Pacific students volunteer their time to help work at the farm.

The overall themes of these Friday forums have been focused on the topics of sustainability and fair trade. “Sustainability is important because as we as humans are beginning to see, the resources that we so heavily depend on are in fact not unlimited. Anything that is done to serve people must be done in a sustainable fashion, or else it simply won’t last. People’s passion to volunteer and serve their local community is a resource that, if properly tended to, will never run out. In this way, community farming in general acts as a sustainable form of agriculture,” concluded Burns.
The proceeds of the Stockton Asparagus Festival are shared by over 129 charities that are represented by the Spear-It Staff volunteers. Each charity receives a ‘donation’ based on a schedule of units, or hours, for the work performed by the volunteers. In 2013 the Asparagus Festival was able to distribute $63,500 among the charities involved. In the past 29 years, over $5.9 million dollars has been contributed back to local charities directly from the Stockton Asparagus Festival. This would not be possible without the continued help of the community."

The festival also features concerts and entertainment. According to the Visit Stockton website, The Heartbeats and Meghan Linsey of Steel Magnolia are set to perform at the main stage on Friday, Soul Asylum and Berlin featuring Terri Nunn on Saturday, and The Peelers and War on Sunday. On the DeCarli Square Stage, many members of the community are performing, including the Caesar Chavez High School mariachi and show choir, Stockton Ballet School, The Stockton Portmen Chorus and much more.

The Michael Barrett Trio, Mary Ellen Duo and Blue House will be performing on the MLK Plaza Stage on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Sky Dogs will be at the Civic Court all three days. The intersection of Fremont and Center Streets will feature the Street Drum Corps and the Stockton Bukyo Taiko drum line in between acts. Sea Lion Encounter is also returning this year; you can see these sea mammals at Weber Point.

This event also features many asparagus dishes in Asparagus Alley, including the world famous deep-fried asparagus, asparagus ice cream, asparagus pasta, aspara-beef burritos and aspara-beef sandwiches. Asparagus-themed beverages are also available throughout the festival.

Some other highlights include “Chef of the Fest” demonstrations and competitions, a deep-fried asparagus eating contest, recipe contest and much more.

Chef of the Fest will be coordinated by chef Berkner, featuring students from the San Joaquin Delta College Culinary Arts program; the competition will be similar to the cook-off on the television show Chopped. Professional chefs Diane Mahler, John Britto, Eric Davis from Valley Brew, and Buddy O’Dell from Mezzo Restaurant will demonstrate their culinary expertise.

The eating competition will take place at noon on April 26 at the Bud Light Main Stage. The first-place prize is $1500, with $750 for second and $500 for third. Paddleboats can be rented out for $10 for two people and $20 for a four-person boat for a 15-minute ride.

According to the Asparagus Fest website, "The Recipe Contest originated with the very first festival in 1986 as a cook-off with entries narrowed down to 12 finalists. Over the years, the cook-off has evolved into a Recipe Contest where entrants bring their prepared dishes to the judging area at the festival on Sunday. Judges then taste and select winners in a dozen categories and three age groups. All food contest recipes must use asparagus - fresh, frozen or canned."

This year, the festival will feature a one-mile, 5K and five-mile “Spear-it” run through the scenic downtown Stockton Waterfront. Prizes will be awarded for the best male and female superhero costumes among adults and children.

Even though finals are coming up and everybody needs to study, try to find the time to take one day to relax and celebrate this unique and tasty vegetable of the Central Valley.
Current Reynolds Gallery is IN.TENSION.

On April 14, the current art display on campus, titled IN.TENSION, opened at the Reynolds Art Gallery at the University of the Pacific; it is an exhibition showcasing the art and design works of the Department of Visual Arts' 2014 senior class.

"IN.TENSION features a variety of works, including graphic designs, photographs, prints, multi-media and mixed media installations," states a press release.

The artists on display include Morgan Andre '14, Maurelle Bagus '14, Maria Boyle '14, Berenice Calvario '14, Angela Chang '14, James King '14, Makana Livermore '14, Sarah Lewis '14, Erin Lussier '14, Sheng Moua '14, Liliana Nunez '14, Ashley Richards '14, Dana Shiroma '14, Madeline Zarate '14 and Alex Zaworski '14.

Along with each piece of art, the artists also wrote a short explanation and description about their work. Andre's creation is titled "Examination of the Ephemeral." According to Andre, "My work tends to show the visible process of starting from something simplistic and intensifying to something complex."

On the other hand, Bagus' work is a collection of photographs titled "The Shoulders We Stand On." "I choose to layer my photographers and prints to show a sense of history. I want my work to function as a palimpsest, covering the old with the new," wrote Bagus.

Nunez's display, "Transforming Nature," focuses on man-made materials that are overtaking nature. "The sculptures explore how nature is consumed by waste that has become the fatal enemy. The focal point of this series is on the critical issue of the harmful transformation of nature," explained Nunez.

Livermore explains her work as follows: "This body of work, titled 'Imperfections,' explores the human body and the imperfections that are often associated with it. This subject led to the theme of this photographic series: the female body image, and more specifically, how the ideals of our society affect the standards of women all ages."

Many other works of art and their accompanying written descriptions are currently on display in the Reynolds Gallery. This exhibition is open Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until May 10 and is open to the public.

CCI's Volunteer Celebration and Strawberry Breakfast

The Center for Community Involvement (CCI) has a couple of fun events coming up that they are hosting.

This Friday, April 25, the CCI will be putting on a Volunteer Celebration to recognize the students and faculty who contributed to community service this year.

In addition, on Sunday, May 4, they will be hosting their 83rd annual Strawberry Breakfast fundraiser.

The Volunteer Celebration will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Regent's Board Room at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.

The event is free and will recognize the exceptional volunteers with awards. There will also be refreshments and appetizers available for only 100 attendees. Be sure to get there early to enjoy the complimentary refreshments!

The CCI's next event has been a cherished event of the University of the Pacific for many years.

They invite you to join them for warm scones, eggs and fresh, homemade strawberry jam! The event will start at 8:30 a.m. and will finish around 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and children. Tickets are available for purchase at the CCI building, 265 W. Knoles Way, or at the DeRosa University Center. It is suggested that tickets are purchased in advance.

All proceeds will go towards making tutoring available for learners within the Stockton community.

Take a break from studying for finals and check out the CCI's events these last couple of weeks. They are sure to be a treat!
Determining the future of Ukraine

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Back in February, the people of Ukraine started violent protests in order to form a revolution against former President Viktor Yanukovych, who turned down support from the European Union to accept Russian support. As a result of ousting Yanukovych, Russian President Vladimir Putin felt an obligation to address the Kremlin on the matter, stating that Ukraine was reduced to anarchy, which justified the invasion of the Crimean peninsula. This invasion was initially peaceful since the majority of eastern Ukraine speaks Russian and supports Russia, but bloodshed soon followed.

That brings us to today, two and a half months after the initial invasion, which has procured even more disturbing news. Jews in eastern Ukraine are so concerned over their safety after last week’s alleged anti-Semitic incidents that they are seeking advice on repatriation to Israel. This follows fears over a leaflet distributed in the city of Donetsk, which demanded that people over 16 of Jewish origin should register with the authorities, a sinister development that smacked of the Nazi-era. It has since been branded a fake by the pro-Russian separatists it claims to represent as well as one of the city’s rabbis. However, some local Jews are also concerned about a Russian invasion, with tens of thousands of troops within striking distance of the Ukrainian frontier, said Alexander Ivanchenko, who runs Sosnuta, an organization that helps people reach Israel and establish a home there. This information was found in an article posted by Will Stewart of the Daily Mail.

Donetsk also recently established itself as an independent sovereign nation with a functioning constitution, which leaves a lot of speculation as to how the whole Ukraine crisis will be resolved in a peaceful manner since Donetsk has set the precedent for establishing themselves outside of Ukraine and Russia. During this weekend, the Ukrainian government called a ceasefire for Passover, but that was breached very quickly. According to the Washington Post, just hours after Ukraine’s government declared an Easter truce, a gunfight erupted early Sunday, leaving three people dead at a checkpoint manned by a pro-Russia militia outside this restive city in eastern Ukraine."

Like I said in my last article, the scariest aspect of the situation in Ukraine is not knowing Vladimir Putin’s overall intentions since Russia is now expanding well outside of Crimea. "President Putin has a dream to restore the Soviet Union, and every day he goes further and further, and God knows where is the final destination," Ukraine’s prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, declared on NBC’s Meet the Press.

The United States informs that about 40,000 Russian troops are gathered along Russia’s and Ukraine’s border. Citizens of Ukraine fear for their life every day because they do not know if Russia will invade their city next. Rebel groups will not back down without bloodshed, which pervades any effort to establish peace within the region. This takes us to the United States and what we plan on doing to show our support for anti-Russian groups. According to Reuters, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden recently arrived in Kiev, where he is expected to announce a package of technical assistance. The visit is likely to be more important as a symbol of support than for any specific promises Biden makes in public. "He will call for urgent implementation of the agreement reached in Geneva last week while also making clear that there will be mounting costs for Russia if they choose a destabilizing rather than constructive course in the days ahead," a senior administration official told reporters.

Russia, Ukraine, the European Union and the United States signed off on the agreement in Geneva on Thursday, which is designed to lower tension in the worst confrontation between Russia and the West since the Cold War. The agreement calls for occupied buildings to be vacated under the auspices of envoys from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. These efforts to promote peace are proving futile against violent, anti-Russian and anti-Semitic incidents that they are

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It's okay to change majors

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In a world of infinite possibilities, sometimes it can be hard to know what you want to do with your life. College is a time of exploration - a time when everything is within your reach and all you have to do is pick a direction. This is a big decision, indeed, but selecting your college major, though it may seem like it, is not the last big decision you will make in your college career. In fact, according to MyMajors.com, 50 percent of college students who declare a major end up changing it.

Students often get caught up in the misconception that changing majors is a bad thing. In the end, the reason most people attend college is to find out what they are passionate about studying and what they want to do with their lives. Choosing a major you are not comfortable with is not the end of the world. In fact, changing majors can reveal to you your true calling, something that many people do not find until much later in life.

When I first applied to college, I knew I wanted to be a computer engineer - or at least I thought I knew. My dad studied computer science and is now the co-owner of his own company. Even today, after meeting some of the brightest students and professors, I see him as the smartest person I know. When I began scrolling through the list of majors that many colleges were offering, computer engineering jumped out at me because it was familiar. If I had half the brain my dad had, I would have no problem becoming a computer engineer and likely making over $50,000 a year after graduation. So, that is what I did for my first year of my undergraduate career at Howard University. The work came naturally. I understood what I was learning, I worked hard on projects, and I saw the potential benefit of being able to program and build computers. At this point, there was only one problem. I knew that I was being sufficiently challenged and that I could handle it, but for whatever reason, my heart was not in it. Was this really what I wanted to do for the rest of my life?

It was at that moment when I experienced a huge turning point in my college career. I decided that the East Coast was not working out for me, so I moved back to California. I followed a buddy of mine to a school I had barely heard of by the name of University of the Pacific in a town that I had heard of maybe once. I also changed my major from computer engineering to something a bit more human to me: English. I had been passionate about the English language from as early as I could speak it, so my thought was, why not see what it is all about?

As soon as I stepped foot into my first English class with Professor Brendan Prawdzik, I knew I was walking into an entirely different realm. I entered a world of literature and language - where everything was questioned. Everything from word choice to punctuation placement has meaning. Authors like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau captivated me with their transcendental ideas.

Why it is important to recognize Earth Day

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Often an overlooked holiday because we do not get any time off for it or have any major traditions associated with it, Earth Day came and went again this year without much recognition.

This past Tuesday, April 22 was Earth Day, and it is likely that most students on campus were completely unaware. So, since it seems to be fairly unimportant if it is something most people are able to forget, then why should we celebrate Earth Day in the first place?

Well, there are several reasons, but if nothing else, a reason to appreciate the environment should come with the realization that the Earth is our home, and we only get one. Our planet is not something we can use up and then throw away; it is keeping us alive, and we often take advantage of that. There are days dedicated to appreciating our mothers and fathers, religious figures, and even ourselves, but even with a day set aside to appreciate our home, many choose to focus their attention elsewhere, believing Earth Day to be unimportant.

The purpose of Earth Day is to inspire awareness and appreciation for the environment, so for at least one day a year, we should allot a bit of our time and respect to keeping the Earth clean. It is not difficult to do your part in saving the environment, either, especially for just a single day. Recycle your trash, and compost extra food. Do your best to save water by turning off the faucet whenever you are not immediately using it, and save energy by turning off the lights when you leave a room. These simple tasks are not only a benefit to the planet, but also to your utilities bill in the long run.

So, while Earth Day may seem unimportant, remember that we have a symbiotic relationship with this planet, and when we help it, it can do its job to help us back.
In what ways are you environmentally friendly?

I turn off the lights when I leave the room, and I try to recycle as best I can.

@Tayler Davis, C.O. 2015

“I make food choices that are more locally based.”

@Brenda Cordero, C.O. 2014

“I try to recycle as much as possible.”

@Ankit Adlakha, C.O. 2014

“As often as possible, I eat local and organic to support the local economy and eliminate the need for all the fuel-guzzling transportation.”

@Stesha Kahan, C.O. 2014

Ukraine Easter truce broken

pro-Russian groups in east and west Ukraine. There is a very deep divide between the people of Ukraine, and the more that outside forces intervene the more likely that violence will escalate. The crisis in Ukraine is simply turning into a giant proxy war between the United States and Russia, so you may be asking yourself: Could World War III be developing in the Balkans? I made this bold claim the very moment that Russia invaded, and it seems to be becoming clear that this has that type of potential to turn the whole world into a dark abyss. The tricky part of the whole situation is the world economy. The United States is touting tough economic sanctions, but they cannot do that much damage to the Russian economy because Russia provides the European Union practically all of their energy through natural gas. If Russia’s economy goes down, then Europe’s economy follows close behind, and with that the world economy, so now it is just a waiting game. The future of Ukraine is very tenuous as Russia dangles Damocles sword over the entire region. Stay tuned for updates on this issue before the school year is up because sometime in the near future we could see Western occupation of Ukraine.

A pro-Russian militant wears a Guy Fawkes mask after the Easter truce was broken.

Good For You

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Unlimited food for NCAA Division I athletes

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"Sometimes, there are hungry nights where I’m not able to eat, but I still gotta play up to my capabilities. We as student athletes get utilized for what we do so well. We are definitely best to get a scholarship to our universities, but at the end of the day, that doesn’t cover everything. We do have hungry nights that we don’t have enough money to get food, and sometimes money is needed," told Shabazz Napier, University of Connecticut’s star basketball player to Forbes. Providing athletes with unlimited meals has been in consideration for the NCAA since 2012.

According to the Collegiate and Professional Sports Dietitians Association’s data, some NCAA athletes are not receiving proper nutrition; the association continued to suggest that in order to solve this problem, athletes should be granted unlimited meals. However, it is statistically and realistically hard to put a number on how many student athletes actually go hungry.

Many student athletes are on scholarships, and playing in the NCAA undeniably restricts these students’ abilities to devote their time to other jobs, so it is probable that some of them are going hungry. For student athletes from a disadvantaged background who are already struggling to make ends meet, it might be hard to come up with the money pay for that extra meal at the end of the day.

Poor nutrition places athletes at risk of developing numerous physical, mental and emotional problems. According to Livestrong’s website, not consuming enough calories can result in heart problems, digestive problems, nutrient deficiencies, unhealthy weight loss, among many other things. No matter what sport they play, athletes are under a lot of pressure and in a strenuous environment much of the time; the energy they spend training and practicing for their sport undeniably drains their bodies.

Without the proper nutrition to replenish those burnt calories, many athletes could potentially be looking at health problems later in life. Think Progress reports, "Dietitian groups have also challenged the NCAA in the past, saying that athletes at its colleges are undernourished given the amount of calories they burn while practicing and playing games." Regardless of whether you believe that athletes should be paid thousands of dollars for playing a sport, ensuring that these students have proper nutrition is something that we can all agree on.

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- Being a student athlete is not easy. It is a demanding job that can take a lot out of you. This is especially true for those competing in Division I sports, many of whom are on scholarships. Recently, after University of Connecticut’s star player Shabazz Napier told the press he would often go to sleep hungry, the concern for student athletes escalated.

Prior to a decision made shortly after Napier’s interview, the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) placed restrictions on the meals that colleges could provide their athletes. These restrictions included a limit on the number of meals per day and allowed snacks to be provided between meals. Food was provided to athletes in the form of meal plan or food stipend. Schools would be allowed to provide student athletes with one complimentary meal per day, which would have to be eaten as a team. The current decision upheld by the NCAA will lift these restrictions and allow schools to provide unlimited meals to their athletes.

While it seems like a no-brainer to feed college athletes more, the fight should not be between college endowments. The solution to feeding college student athletes is unclear, but throwing money at the situation does not seem to be the best approach. Universities tend to generate quite a bit of revenue through college sports, but they also must realize that the reason students attend college is for the education. If in attempts to pay for ‘student athletes’ unlimited meals universities take away resources from other parts of the school that need it, an injustice has occurred.

Student athletes are currently provided with enough food to perform, and if it is not enough, perhaps we are asking too much of them. There are plenty of students in college that do not play sports and struggle financially. If universities are allowed to provide athletes with unlimited food, should they not do the same for the brightest and most academically productive students as well?

Lifting the restrictions in place would be an unfair advantage for schools that have the money to feed their athletes. Schools with smaller sports programs will remain schools with smaller sports programs because they simply cannot compete with schools that can afford the cost. Other schools that cannot afford it could find themselves taking scholarship money away from certain students in order to pay for the meals of another student. NCAA restrictions were set in order to keep the playing field level. Student athletes should be competing with each other; the fight should not be between college endowments.

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Your right major may not be your first

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Everyone not in a relationship is looking for a leg up in the dating game. While couples are being all disgustingly cute and happy with someone they are perfect for, singles are always searching for that special someone to do this with, or do it with.

The latest method for singles to break into the dating game is a relatively new app called Tinder, available for all smartphones.

For those who have not downloaded the orange flame to their mobiles, Tinder is a dating app which has (no pun intended) spread like wildfire over the past year or so. Once downloaded and approved, Tinder syncs up with your Facebook page and creates a profile for you consisting of up to six pictures of you (of your choice) and a short bio complete with your name, age and anything else you want potential dates to know about you.

Once signed up, you get to customize a search range, featuring details such as what gender you are looking for, what mile (or kilometer) radius you want to search and what age range you prefer. It then finds every Tinder user who has similar interests (taken from Facebook) as you in your customized range.

You are presented with a lengthy (at first) list of people for you to choose from. If you wish to pass on someone you either click a red “x” or swipe to the left. If you like what you see, hit the green heart and drop a line to the person. Then you talk to each other as if you were texting, flirt using cheesy pickup lines and then hook up or set up a date. It is fairly simple.

Or is it?

Yes, it is. The two main steps to being successful at Tinder are the two golden rules for dating throughout history: Be attractive and don’t be unattractive.

As in real life, Tinder approving is largely dependent on how attractive the opposite sex thinks you are. Only this time there is no chance for people to win the hearts of others with silver tongues instead of looks because in order to talk to someone they need to swipe right when they see you.

Using Tinder is the technological equivalent of trying to pick up other singles in a crowded bar. You judge quickly based on looks and signals people give out, pop in and drop a line to the person of your interest, see if you get a nibble, and then go for it. You may feel incredibly judgmental afterwards, but it largely depends on your success.

You may swipe right for weeks without finding a match at a ratio of 200:1, but it will happen. However, this does not necessarily mean you are all set. For example, in the three months or so a certain editor who shall remain questionably ambiguous has used Tinder, he has swiped hundreds of girls right and been matched seven times. Two of the matches were bots created for advertising webcam sites. Three matches did not respond at all to first contact. One match responded with “Hi” and nothing further. The final match ended up being a decent conversation, but questions regarding if the topics of discussion were Mexican food items or double entendres sort of derailed talks. However, the editor’s lack of success may have something to do with the two golden rules. So, take this with a grain of salt.

So why, despite the prevalent lack of success, do people continue to go back to it? They do this because of the same reason people continue to hit up bars even after getting repeatedly shut down: potential. This app presents all users with the potential to meet Mr. or Ms. Right (or Mr. or Ms. Right Now). Eventually, it will work. Just keep swiping right.

Tinder has gained popularity as a dating app for smartphones.
Chill out and catch “Frozen” this weekend

Caitlin Proctor
CONTENT EDITOR

Disney’s “Frozen” will be the final film screened this academic year in the Janet Leigh Theatre. It provides a charming escape from the pressure of the last weeks of school as we enter the homestretch preceding summer break. For existing fans and new viewers alike, “Frozen” aims to please with adorable animated characters and catchy tunes.

This movie has something for everyone: adventure, love, betrayal, princesses, music, friendship, and a snowman who loves warm hugs. The main characters are Princess Anna of Arendelle, voiced by Kristen Bell; Queen Elsa of Arendelle, voiced by Idina Menzel; Hans of the kingdom; she has magic powers but they escape her. After her secret is revealed, Elsa flees to the mountains for some isolation and freedom. Her spunky and optimistic sister, Anna, runs after Elsa to save the kingdom. Anna meets Kristoff along the way, who in turn introduces her to his reindeer Sven and his friends, “the love experts.” Unfortunately, Anna ends up with a frozen heart and only can be saved by an act of true love. You’ll have to watch the movie to find out what happens next.

The film won the Oscar for 2014’s Best Animated Feature Film, as well as Best Original Song for “Let It Go” performed by Menzel and written by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

After watching the movie, check out some of the parodies of “Let It Go” tailored for college students and the stresses we face.

Pike’s “Geeked Up” proves we are all geeky in our own way

Alex Rooney
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, April 18 in the University Center (UC) Ballroom, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha, or Pike, hosted their fourth annual “Geeked Up” dance floor event.

The theme of this year’s dance was “May the Fourth Be With You,” so it was vaguely Star Wars-themed, along with the normal geeky costume dress that goes along with the event.

The event featured DJs from local group Plural Music and the debut of DJ Bhaked Stew. Rockstar energy drinks were handed out for free to the first attendees.

Students flooded into the UC, wearing their dorkiest getups - sporting pants pulled up far too high by unnecessary suspenders, large glasses with no lenses, upside down and backwards visor hats, and a sea of mismatched patterns that would give anyone a headache.

However, clothing choices aside, it was enjoyable to see Pacific students letting loose and having a good time with their peers that evening. Amanda Cendejas ’16 remarked, “[It] was so fun! It is a great opportunity for everyone to get together and relax from weeks of midterms, and get their mind off coming weeks of finals and projects.

Pike did a great job of making people feel welcome and creating a fun atmosphere for students to dance and let loose in.”

This was Cendejas’ second year attending the event, and she also explained that she was excited for more of Pike’s dance floor events in the future.

Probably the best part about the event was the fact that it was not limited to members of the Greek community, but open to the school as a whole. This brought students together and allowed for everyone to have a fun night, rather than exclusively Greeks.
In honor of my last issue of Tiger Threads, I decided to take a look back at all of my favorite interviews and see what they have been wearing since they were last photographed. As guessed, all of these stylish students continue to rock a look that is worthy of a second look around. So, take a good look at their enduring fashion styles. Until next semester, fashionistas!
Tigers: Stay-cation to Calaveras County

Nicole Felkins
COPY EDITOR

California's captivating creations can be seen not only on land but below the ground as well. In Calaveras County some caverns still await discovery, but in 1885, Walter J. Mercer revealed a subterranean wonderland. Mercer Caverns offers viewers a chance to gaze at geologic formations that are millions of years old. Located one mile north from Murphys, Calif., this cave is nestled an hour and a half from University of the Pacific.

Cave tours take cave explorers through a quarter mile of walkways and stairs in a 45-minute adventure that feels like five. Visitors descend a total of 160 feet below the entrance. The temperature of the cave is 55 degrees all year long, so a trip to Mercer Caverns is ideal on a hot, summer day. Flash photography is permitted, but video cameras are not allowed.

During the tour, the guide explains how old the cave system is, what kind of geologic formations it contains and other interesting facts. At one point along the tour, to fully demonstrate the concept of pitch black, the guide turned off all the lights. The cave was indeed absolutely pitch black because not a single light source was in sight until the guide lit a candle to illustrate just how dim (and scary) the cave was for the initial cave explorers in the nineteenth century.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, Mercer Caverns opens daily at 9 a.m. The first tour departs at 9:30 a.m. and the last one leaves at 5 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call (209) 728-2101 or (209) 728-2378. Their website is www.mercercaverns.com. It costs $15 to join the tour, but group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

Right next to the cave is a visitor's center and a store that offers cave-related souvenirs. In addition, the Mercer Caverns Mining Company allows visitors to experience what it is like to mine for minerals in a mining sluice.

To give you an idea of just how old these caves are, according to Bruce Rogers on Mercer Caverns' website, the caverns "formed in a large lens of recrystallized limestone and dolomitic limestone of the Calaveras Group...in the vicinity of the caverns, these scraps of ancient ocean floors, tropical attols and long-vanished contents appear to date from the 280-million-year-old Permian Period."

For some relief and excitement on a hot day, explore the ancient geologic structures inside the cool temperatures of the Mercer Caverns.
Will we deport Justin Bieber?

Nanxi Tang
NEWS EDITOR

On Jan. 23, Justin Bieber was arrested in Miami, Fla., for driving under the influence, among other charges. This is not the first time the Canadian-born entertainer has experienced a tricky run-in with the law. Apparently, after this incident, the American public was fed up.

The White House runs a website that allows Americans to exercise their first amendment right to petition the government. On the same day that Bieber got arrested, a man from Detroit, Mich., created a petition to “deport Justin Bieber and revoke his green card.” The petition is simple and straightforward: Bieber got arrested, a man from Detroit, Mich., created a petition to “deport Justin Bieber and revoke his green card.” The petition has already met the threshold requirements and currently totals about 274,000 signatures.

On Friday, April 18, the White House officially responded to the petition online, stating that they decline to comment on the petition due to a certain caveat. However, the White House used the petition’s focus on Bieber’s immigration status to address the topic of immigration reform.

The response discussed the United States’ current problems with immigration and undocumented workers, advocating for common-sense immigration reform. “Independent economists say immigration reform will grow our economy and shrink our deficits by almost $1 trillion in the next 20 years. For those of you counting at home, that’s 12.5 billion concert tickets — or 100 billion copies of Mr. Bieber’s debut album,” read the White House response.

On Wednesday, April 16, the Iota Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi on campus put on their annual philanthropy event titled “King of Hearts.” The event took place in Raymond Great Hall on both nights and began with a casino night, followed by a male pageant the next day.

The winner of this male pageant was determined in several different ways. First of all, Alpha Phi members could be see around campus on Monday and Tuesday wearing strings of red beads, and those wishing to support one of the contestants could relay a heart health fact in exchange for a necklace, which was worth extra points toward the young man they wished to back. Points could also be earned through poker chips that were scored on casino night, encouraging students to play the various games set up around the room and then place their winnings into the buckets of their brothers and friends. The third and final way to earn points was through the coin drive, wherein coins of different kinds were counted as different point values, and all of the money gained from the coin drive, t-shirt sales and donations went directly to the Alpha Phi Foundation for Women’s Heart Health.

The pageant followed the same general form of any other beauty pageant, with a question and answer round, a talent round, as well as a swimsuit and evening wear portion of the competition. The contestants danced and answered questions asked by Alpha Phi’s graduating seniors. While all of the contestants did a great job, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member, Darien Fields, was crowned as the 2014 King of Hearts.
How to: Master the ways of entrepreneurship

Alice Scarlett Baker
STAFF WRITER

Vanessa Gabriel ’14 is truly an inspirational young entrepreneur and student. This week, on April 22, Gabriel turned twenty-two years old. Happy Birthday Vanessa! Good luck in Las Vegas, Nev., representing University of the Pacific against other top schools. Go get ’em Tiger!

You do not have to wait until you graduate to start your own company. Gabriel, an entrepreneurship major in the Eberhardt School of Business did not. She started her first fashion tech start-up at the age of nineteen while attending Pacific: aSociete.com, a flash sale site for millennials.

At twenty-one years old, Gabriel founded a new fashion tech start-up, WNDRLUST. WNDRLUST is an online fashion shopping aggregator omni-channel for millennials. It is an interactive shopping experience that combines shoppable media, such as lookbooks and videos, with inventory from hundreds of brands and retailers. Gabriel is constantly searching for accelerator applications, pitch competitions, fashion conventions and anything else to grow her business. Gabriel has learned to be relentless in her pursuit of what she wants because there is always someone out there working harder.

The Pacifican asked Gabriel how being a student at Pacific has helped her achieve her goals. She remarked that she has learned great time management skills by balancing her studies and work priorities. Attending Pacific has also given her the opportunity to pitch to some of the biggest entrepreneurs and investors that Gabriel looks up to.

The RECESS pitch competition has literally made her dream come true. There are always skills that cannot be learned in a classroom. Gabriel has learned great time management skills by balancing her studies and work priorities. Attending Pacific has also given her the opportunity to pitch to some of the biggest entrepreneurs and investors that Gabriel looks up to.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Tigers pull out their brooms!

Nicole Felkins
COPY EDITOR

The Tigers faced the St. Mary's Gaels last week, beginning on Thursday, April 17 until Saturday, April 19, and delivered an incredible performance. The Tigers took the series, putting Pacific up to 21-20 in West Coast Conference (WCC) play while the Gaels dropped to 13-25 overall and 5-10 in the WCC. The Tigers are certainly on fire, for prior to the series, they have won five out of their last six matches.

On Thursday, the Tigers’ dominance came to a late start, but they managed to edge the Gaels by just one to take the game, 5-4. Trailing by two in the bottom of the seventh inning, back-to-back hits by Gio Brusa ‘16 and J.P. Yakel ’16 put runners in scoring position for Pacific the first time that evening.

The Tigers caught a lucky break when the Gaels fumbled a ground ball that Erik Lockwood ‘14 knocked to second, allowing Brusa to cross home plate and Yakel to move to third from first.

Nicole Felkins
COPY EDITOR

BASEBALL

Men's baseball watches their teammate up to bat in a fierce battle against Saint Mary's College.

Keith Sanpei

With a runner at third, the Tigers seized the opportunity to tie the game with a suicide squeeze by Yakel, who was 90 feet from home plate, while Louis Mejia ’16 was up at the plate. Yakel successfully slid by home plate to cinch the game-tying run, 2-2.

At the top of the eighth inning, the Gaels retook their lead against starter Michael Hager ’16 to put Pacific behind by one, 3-2. The Tigers were determined to win this tug of war, displayed by a pair of triples by Taylor Murphy ’15 and Lockwood. During the inning, Yakel and Brusa both walked, putting runners in scoring position.

With two outs, Lockwood smacked a triple to clear the bases to allow Yakel, Brusa and Murphy to cross home plate, bumping Pacific’s lead to 5-3.

In the final inning, closer John Jaeger ’17 allowed one runner to score on a single. Yakel made the play of the game with a diving catch to snag the third strike, ending the game with a bang.

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SOFTBALL

Tigers remained tied for first in WCC

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

It came down to the final game and the final inning as Pacific went for the double-header sweep to steal the series from Saint Mary’s College. Before going into last weekend’s competition, Pacific and Saint Mary’s, along with Brigham Young University (BYU), were all tied for first place in the West Coast Conference (WCC) with a conference record of 4-2. BYU took the weekend off, but the Tigers were back in action for a three-game series this past Friday, April 18 at Saint Mary’s. Although they put up a good fight, Pacific ultimately fell to the Gaels in a close, toughly-fought battle.

Left fielder Gabby Goyette ’14 led off the first inning, beating out a one-out single to the third baseman. Second baseman Nicole Zapotoczny ’16 followed with a two-out single, but the Tigers could not bring them around to score.

Saint Mary’s took advantage in the bottom of the first and scored first off a lead-off double, followed by a hard hit to shortstop for the RFI. In the top of the second, Pacific appeared closer to reaching home but came up just shy of scoring. Catcher Bailey O’Mara ’17 came to the plate and reached first base on a hit by pitch with two outs.

Third baseman Cassidy Gustafson ’17 added to the rally with a single, and O’Mara advanced to third on an error. However, the Gaels quickly finished up the inning, leaving two on base and one in scoring position for the Tigers.

It was a three up, three down inning for the Gaels, including a strikeout for pitcher Tori Shepard ‘14. Into the top of the third, Pacific finally strung a few hits together to take the lead. Goyette reached on a chopper and right fielder Taylor Petty ’14 quickly followed, reaching on an error. With two outs, shortstop Melanie Habib ’16 stepped to the plate and delivered a double to left field to plate the pair on the bases. Pacific had taken the lead, 2-1.

Saint Mary’s fired back in the bottom of the third. The Gaels would hold Pacific in the top of the fourth and take the lead once more in the bottom of the inning, scoring on a home run deep over the left-field fence. The Tigers put the ball in play in the top of the fifth but could not reach base, and the Gaels took advantage again in the bottom frame.

A wild pitch would score another Gaels, but the Tigers quickly recovered and threw out the batter attempting to steal second. The sixth inning was scoreless for both teams, and the top of the seventh would be Pacific’s last opportunity to tie or take the lead. First baseman Alex Steinmehl ’15 sent a shot over the center field to start the inning with a single. Melina Huay ’17 stepped in to run for Steinmehl, taking second on a passed ball.

The Gaels made a pitching change, and the next three batters would strike out to end the game. Saint Mary’s took game one, 4-2.

Notably, in the bottom of the sixth, Habib made a diving catch behind third base and fired to second base to record a double play.

On Saturday, Pacific looked to bounce back and even the score with the Gaels. In order to remain a definite contender for the conference title, the Tigers had to be victorious in both games.

Pitcher Dani Bonnet ’15 took the mound and shared a scoreless inning with Saint Mary’s. However, in the top of the second inning, the Tigers took the reins and scored first.

Habib led off the inning
Men's & Women's Tennis

Tennis teams suffer tough final weekend

Jamieson Cox
Publisher

This past weekend, both tennis teams concluded their regular season campaign against the Santa Clara Broncos, with the women's team also taking on University of San Francisco (USF).

On the women's side, the Tigers went back into battle with their No. 1 player, Iveta Masarova '15, still out, who is suffering from a strained ACL. With all of the players having to bump up a spot, it was going to be a tough road ahead.

On Friday, April 18, the Dons came out and took the doubles point, 2-1, with the Tigers having some opportunities. From there, USF went to take on five out of the six singles matches, winning 6-1 overall.

The lone victory for the Tigers came from Christiana Ferrari '16, beating Genevieve McCloskey at No. 5 singles in three sets. The Tigers then hosted Santa Clara for the final regular season match.

Much like the USF match, the Broncos jumped on the Tigers early, winning doubles, 2-0, and nabbing wins at No. 1, No. 3 and No. 5 singles. It is still undecided if Masarova will be able to get back on court this coming weekend for the conference tournament.

On the men's side, the Tigers headed to Santa Clara for their final match of the regular season. The Broncos, who are currently nationally ranked, took the doubles point after the Tigers had made a few points to clinch it at No. 2.

From there, Santa Clara went to take singles points at No. 1, No. 3 and No. 6, leaving the remaining matches unfinished due to the West Coast Conference (WCC) clinch rule. The rest of the matches were in close contest, with Daniel Alameh '16 close to closing it out at No. 4, Alex Hamilton '15 in a third set at No. 5, and Denis Stolyarov '15 in an early second set at No. 2.

Both teams will be heading to San Diego, Calif. this Tuesday for the WCC championships. The women's team will be taking on Saint Mary's College from Moraga, Calif. while the men's team will be taking on Brigham Young University.
Tigers take sweep over Gaels

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The Tigers defeated the Gaels, 5-4.
On Friday, the Tigers were Playing Purple for Pacific's Relay for Life team, informs Pacific Athletic's website, and for the second time in the WCC, Jake Jenkins '16 managed to flawlessly shutout the Gaels, 1-0. Using 110 pitches and a little over two hours, Jenkins gave up only seven hits and one walk throughout all nine innings, mostly by pitching sliders and fastballs. Also notably, Jenkins struck out eight batters.

With Jenkins’ spectacular performance on the mound, the Tigers only needed one run to defeat the Gaels. That came in the bottom of the third inning: Murphy hammered a shot over the right-center field for a solo home run. This home run marks Murphy's third of the season, and it is his second to win a game for the Tigers.

Pacific was able to get runners on base nine times during the second matchup against the Gaels but could not get them across home plate. Brett Sullivan ’16 managed to get on base three out of his four appearances at the plate, including a double. According to Pacific Athletics’ website, a record number of spectators arrived to the game on Friday, April 18 at Klein Family Field: 776.

On Saturday, the Tigers took out the broomsticks to sweep the Gaels, 4-3. Pacific also hosted its first Bark in The Ballpark. To celebrate the event, there was a pre-game dog parade, a photo contest, and dogs were available for adoption before the game. Will Lydon '17 pitched for the Tigers and continued to shutout the Gaels, as Jenkins did the day before, to extend the number of hitless innings to 16.

In the bottom of the second inning, a dropped third strike landed Yakel on first base. Yakel advanced to second, then J.J. Wagner '16 brought him home with a single up the middle field to put Pacific in the lead, 1-0.

The Tigers' added to their lead in the bottom of the seventh by generating five hits and scoring three runs, beginning with a double by John Haberman '14 to start off the inning for the Tigers.

Then a series of hits followed, starting off with Jimmy Gosano's '15 RBI single to initiate Haberman’s drive home. Tyler Sullivan ’15 and Murphy also batted singles, bringing home the third run of the game and leading the Gaels to switch pitchers. Sullivan smacked a double to left-center field to plate the game-winning run.

After seven scoreless innings, Pacific gave up three runs to Saint Mary's in their last two at bats, but Jaeger was able to shut them down.

Pacific snagged the conference series against Saint Mary's, 4-3. Notably, Lydon is the third starter to win in this series, which has not happened since 2009.

The Tigers seek to exert their dominance on the field again as they play San Diego on Friday, April 25 at 6 p.m. The Toreros will come to Klein Family Field for a three-game series.

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Softball takes the series

with a single to left field. Center fielder Megan Foglesong '14 returned from an injury and laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Habib to second. With two outs, third baseman Cassidy Gustafson stepped to the plate and delivered a double to bring Habib around to score.

The Tigers kept their one-run lead as the Gaels went three up and three down in the bottom of the second. Bonnet struck out one swinging for the second out. Pacific continued their rally into the third, scoring three more to add to their insurance.

Designated player Sara Anderson 16 led off the inning with a single up the middle. She then stole second to put a runner in scoring position for Pacific. Goyette followed with a grounder that scooted past the infield to move everyone up 60 feet.

Pettty knocked a sacrifice fly to center field to plate Anderson for the second run of the game. The Tigers seemed in a thriving mood on Saturday, sending Goyette to second for the second steal of the inning. Zapotoczny singled to third base, and Habib followed with a walk to load the bases for Foglesong. Foglesong ripped through the left side to plate Goyette, and an error moved everyone up 60 feet — scoring two.

The Tigers would end their rally there, taking a comfortable four-run lead into the bottom of the third.

In the top of the fourth, Pacific struck again, scoring two runs and taking a whopping six-run lead. With two outs, Goyette came up to bat and delivered a "tweener" that turned into a double. Pettty stepped to the plate, and this time when she sent the ball into the air it went over the left-field fence.

The Gaels fired back in the bottom of the fourth, scoring one off a string of singles. However, the Tigers were able to quickly shut down any hopes of a big rally.

Pacific cruised through the remainder of the game and took game two, 6-1. Bonnet struck out three and gave up only one-earned run in a complete seven-inning game.

The third and final game would prove to be the biggest nail-biter of the series. The Tigers got off to a good start and scored first in the top of the first inning. Goyette hit a chopper to third and legged it out for a one-out single to start the game. Zapotoczny came to the plate with two outs and hit a grounder to third for what seemed like a routine play.

The third baseman made a bad throw to first, getting past the first baseman and rolling down the right field line. Goyette sprinted around the bases and was waved home to give Pacific the lead. Shepard took the mound for Pacific and managed to shut down the Gaels offense.

Each frame remained scoreless up until the top of the sixth inning when the Tigers struck again. Pettty started the rally with a double, hitting the ball to short center field and taking second without hesitation. Zapotoczny took the first earned RBI of the day and delivered a single through the left side to plate Petty. Foglesong singled to center field to advance Zapotoczny to third, but they would be left stranded as the two teams headed into the bottom of the sixth.

A lead-off single followed by three fly balls would be all the Gaels put up in the bottom frame. Three up, three down in the top of the seventh, and then the Tigers took the field for the final time on defense.

The Gaels did not hesitate to make the game interesting, sending a rocket off the first pitch over the left-field fence to pull them within one run to tie and two to win. The designated player for Saint Mary's then sent a one-out shot to right field to put the tying run on second for the Gaels.

With two outs, the following hitter hit a grounder to Habib at shortstop, but she bobbled the ball — making the runner safe at first. However, the runner coming from second to third rounded too hard at third, and Habib fired to Kamalei Pitoy '15, who stepped in for Gustafason. Pitoy swept the tag over the left-field fence and the umpire called her out, giving the Tigers the series win.

Pacific currently resides in first place in the WCC, tied with University of San Diego as they both hold 6-3 conference records. The Tigers are back in action this weekend as they host the Toreros at Bill Simoni Field. First pitch will be this Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m.

Plus, cheer on men's tennis, women's water polo and women's tennis as the Tigers compete in their conference tournaments.

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