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Welcome, alumni

Jamieson Cox
PUBLISHER

As the Pacific community unites to celebrate a new class of graduating students, the time has come to reflect on all the accomplishments made throughout your life in Stockton. Congratulations, you did it! Alongside the good grades (at least good enough to graduate) were all nighters at the library and parties, losing your voice at sporting events and concerts, checking yourself in the mirror before formals, and to prepare for presentations and interviews. You made the best of friends and the worst of decisions, but you learned great deal about yourselves and what you’re capable of.

Now the next chapter is right around the corner. For some, it is grad school. For others, Corporate America. While we may be saying farewell to life in Stockton, our life in stripes is still just beginning. We left our marks on campus and now we now have the ability to make our mark around the world. We raised the bar once, and now we must raise it again from those before us, and to set the bar higher for those to come.

Just because the city on your address does not say Stockton anymore (maybe it will) does not mean we have to disconnect from the community we love, and the institution that provided us with endless possibilities. From joining the alumni network, and the free digital subscription to The Pacifican, it’s easier than ever to stay up to date and stay forever involved.

As alumni, we must help continue to make Pacific’s roar heard. So pick up some extra gear at the bookstore or Tiger Collection, and wear it proud. What ever your next step is, be heard and make a mark, as how we do from here can help Pacific continue to rise for the rest of our lives. Where ever you go, who ever was here before you, do it better than them. And together we will continue to advance Pacific forward.

No matter where you are, the orange and black stripes should, and will always be a part of your identity, because once a tiger, always a tiger. We are proud to be Pacific graduates, and now it’s time to make Pacific proud of giving us the great opportunity we had here, by advancing ourselves into the world.

So congratulations again, and enjoy this time to with your friends and loved ones, and good luck.

Pacific Hail, Roar Tyges.

Pacific Hail!

From o’er the rugged mountains standing high;
From out the broad low valleys, near 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!

It's not goodbye...

Congratulations

Class of 2014
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Congratulations Class of 2014!

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Ed Whitacre, Jr. to speak at ceremony

The commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2014 is Edward E. Whitacre Jr., a former AT&T chief executive who came out of retirement to direct the turnaround of General Motors Co., informs the university’s website. Whitacre will deliver his speech at 9 a.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center on Saturday, May 10.

According to University of the Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck, “I am proud to have known him for many years as an engineer, businessman, civic leader and loyal Texas Tech alum, and look forward to introducing him to our new graduates as they embark on their own lives of service and meaning.”

Whitacre is the son and grandson of railroad workers, both of whom did not have the chance to complete high school. Luckily, Whitacre had that chance, and in 1964 he received his engineering degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. After graduation, Whitacre moved his way up the hierarchy at a telecom company. He started off as a facility engineer at Southwestern Bell Telephone, led the company’s Kansas division by 1982 and was named COO and president of what became Southwestern Bell Communications (SBC) in 1988. Two years later, he became CEO.

In 2005, SBC absorbed AT&T, and Whitacre retired two years later. During his 17 years as chairman and CEO, Whitacre transformed the company “through a disciplined strategy of diversification, controlled growth, smart investments, strategic partnerships, mergers and acquisitions,” explains Pacific’s website.

Whitacre’s retirement would be brief, for two years later in 2009, the Obama Administration asked him to head the newly-bankrupt GM. Whitacre quickly nursed GM back to health, and within a year the company earned $1.3 billion and was ready to reimburse the government with the $50 million that it borrowed in bailout funds. With his work finished, Whitacre stepped down from chairman and CEO of GM in December 2010.

Whitacre is the author of American Turnaround: Reinventing AT&T and GM and the Way We Do Business in the USA, which pulls from his experience “as CEO of two of the world’s biggest and best-known companies,” reports Pacific’s website. With his book hot off the press, Whitacre was interviewed by Jon Stewart of The Daily Show last year.

Whitacre now serves on the board of Exxon Mobil Corporation. He has served on numerous other boards, such as the Institute for International Economics. Whitacre remains involved with his alma mater, the Boy Scouts of America and United Way. Because of Whitacre’s continually immense support for his college in Lubbock, the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering was named in honor of him.

Whitacre was inducted into the Junior Achievement U.S. Business Hall of Fame in 2009. BusinessWeek picked him as one of the Top 25 Executives of the Year. Whitacre has also been recognized for advocating for diversity within his company and suppliers. Organizations such as the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and the National Minority Business Council have honored Whitacre for his efforts, as well as Fortune and Working Woman magazines.

The commencement ceremony begins at 9 a.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center. Each school and college will have their own diploma and hooding ceremony at various spots throughout campus starting at 1 p.m. All three of Pacific’s schools will have their own commencement ceremony: the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Pacific McGeorge School of Law and Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

For more information on Commencement 2014, go to pacific.edu/Commencement.
Pacific has made me into who I am today

Jamil Burns
OPINION EDITOR

To put into words all that Pacific means and has meant to me over the past three years would be a task I’m not ready to take on. In my short time here, this university, the professors and students within it, and this city have transformed me into the person I am today.

The part of Pacific I will miss the most is the relationships I have been allowed to build with my professors. One thing that this school definitely prides itself on is the small class sizes. This may seem like a given to Pacific students, but at most universities this is not the case. To add to that, the small size of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences has allowed me to take advantage of the close access I had to the four professors that currently make up the department. Throughout my time as an environmental science major, I have had the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with my professors to get help with assignments or simply discuss issues relevant to the department. At the same time, many professors have the resources to invite outside speakers to provide real perspectives of the issues at hand. The value of speaking with experts in their field reaches farther than most students realize until long after they graduate.

Another bonus of attending a small school like Pacific is having easy access to various clubs and organizations. I wasn’t the most involved on campus for my first year, but I was eventually able to expand my roots. At the beginning of my Junior year, plans were being made to construct an on-campus garden directly outside of my department building. It wasn’t long before my curiosity and love for getting my hands dirty landed me right in the middle of the project digging trenches. This marked the beginning of my campus involvement.

After seeing the fruits of my labor, my desire to become more involved grew. At times, it’s gone wrong, have a Netflix marathon and sleepover anytime, and just be able to see my friends on a daily basis is something I will miss. Never again in life after college will all your friends be gathered together all in one place at the same time.

Pajamas, yoga pants, sweatpants. Honestly, the beauty of college life is that there is no dress code. Nothing is too casual or too “sleep-pajamas looking like you just rolled out of bed (probably because you just did). Life after college probably won’t be so lenient; it will most likely require some sort of dress code or appropriate clothing. So let your lazy side out and wear pajamas to your heart’s content while you still can.

CURRENT TIGERS: ENJOY COLLEGE LIFE WHILE IT LASTS

Nanxi Tang
NEWS EDITOR

Being in college is a unique experience. There will never again be a point in your life where you can be both responsible and irresponsible and have fun while your job is to learn; as a college student, you are at that in-between stage in your life. You aren’t an adult who has a 9-5 job yet, but you aren’t a teenager living at home anymore. However, seniors, now that you are graduating, your life is about to change. Here is a compiled list of things that you might be taking for granted while in college.

If I’m tired after I’m done with my classes for the day, I can take a nap. Even if I’m drowsy and I’m actually sitting at a desk, I might be able to get some shut eye. But college is the last time in your life you will be able to take day naps. At work, yawning and being sleepy just means more coffee and fighting to keep your eyes open.

As Pacific students, we might take the Baun Fitness Center for granted. It’s always open early in the mornings and doesn’t close until midnight on weekdays. Basically, we can go to the gym in between classes, right before lunch, or whenever we want. After graduating and getting a job, it will be harder to squeeze that gym time into your schedule.

In college, the library is always packed during mid-terms and finals week. While walking past the desks in the library, you’re always sure to see a friend or classmate who you can complain about your essay or upcoming exam to. As much as the library is used for studying, it also serves a social purpose. But after college, the library will not be a cool place to hang out or to study with your friends anymore. It just doesn’t happen.

On that note, “old” people are known for sleeping early. But as a college graduate with a strenuous tiring job, you might find yourself becoming one of those “old” people who turn in before midnight on weekdays. Without papers to write and exams to cram for, graduates will rarely pull all-nighters anymore. Your ability to stay up at ungodly hours just won’t be used anymore.

Ah, meal points. We really don’t know what we have till it’s gone. At school, you didn’t have to cook your own food, do grocery shopping, or do the dishes. We had the food made for us, and there was a conveyor belt that whisked away any dirty dishes for us. Meal points are severely underrated in college but the reality is, being an adult means having to feed yourself.

I will probably miss my friends the most when I graduate. Living in such close proximity with my friends is something that I definitely have taken for granted. The fact that I could drive to their house when something has gone wrong, have a Netflix marathon and sleepover anytime, and just be able to see my friends on a daily basis is something I will miss. Never again in life after college will all your friends be gathered together all in one place at the same time.

CONGRATS TO THE ALPHA PHI GRADUATING SENIORS!

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Rene Avalos
Shelly Zeiser
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Yasmin Martinez
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2013-14 Pacifican Award Winners

Ruben Dominguez: Thomas O. Boren Award (Outstanding Senior Staff Member)

Nicole Felkins: Staffmark Award (Outstanding Junior Staff Member)

Drew Jones: Trent Allen Award (Outstanding Underclassman)

Alice Scarlett Baker: David W. Frederickson Award (Reporter of the Year)

Jamieson Cox: Distinguished Service Award

Congrats to our new staff members for the 2014-2015 academic year!

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Editorials: Out with the old, in with the new

Wasn’t it just a few weeks ago I was typing up my incoming editorial as editor-in-chief? The time has absolutely flown by.

Just under eight years ago I nervously entered room 214A in the C-Wing at John F. Kennedy High School as a freshman with no idea of what to expect from my first ever newspaper class. I don’t remember exactly what I expected then, but it definitely wasn’t what has happened since.

I had no idea I would be named sports editor two days later. I had no idea I would cover two UFC events in the next year. I had no idea I would be named co-editor-in-chief as a sophomore and hold the position until the final day of my senior year.

I had no idea I would fall in and out of love. I had no idea I would meet someone who had been in Star Trek. I had no idea commuting could be as terrible as it is.

I had no idea I would become sports editor of a college newspaper for two and a half years. I had no idea I would travel to Texas for the NCAA Tournament, watch my school in a national championship game, work for an ice hockey team (and become addicted to the sport in the process) or venture around Southern California meeting people from across the country and picking up state awards.

I had no idea being the editor-in-chief of a college newspaper would be so challenging, and yet so rewarding.

To the last point, this year has been unlike anything I’ve ever experienced. For this year, as well as the last four at Pacific, there are many people I must thank now.

First of all, thank you to my editorial staff for an incredible year. A big thank you is deserved for our reporters as well. Thank you for your valuable contributions throughout the year.

Thank you to the whole of the communication department, where I had some of the best times in my four years. Thank you professors Linda Koebler, Pete Schroeder and Lara Killick for making a communication student welcome in the sports department.

Thank you to professor Dave Frederickson ’66 for four years of great advice and words of wisdom as advisor to The Pacifican. Thank you for your, as well as Margaret’s, tremendous help.

A big thank you to Ken and Lois Rathe, who generously opened their home to me these last two years. I hope I was a pleasant house guest!

Thank you to Marji Dunn as well for helping me out during my sophomore year as well.

Last, but greatest, thank you to my wonderful family. Thank you to my grandparents, Chuck and Karen Ely, for supporting me through all four years.

Thank you to my beautiful little sister, Gabriella. I hope I’ve been a good brother, at least half as fantastic of a sister you’ve been to me.

Finally, thank you to my loving parents, Jeff and Lisa. I will never be able to properly repay all of the help and sacrifices you’ve made for me over 22 years. You’re the best parents a son could possibly ask for.

To next year’s staff, you have all the ability in the world to make even more progress than we made this year. You have an awesome leader, a young and ready staff and people waiting to help you out. Nicole, don’t worry about following the legacies of others; create your own!

My time may be at an end, but the future is ready and waiting to make itself known.

We’ve done some pretty good things in my four years, but the best is still to come. I can’t wait to see what it is.

Thank you.

Pacificaly,

Ruben Dominguez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
**Seniors: What is your favorite memory at University of the Pacific?**

"My favorite memory was definitely pulling an all-nighter with Tri-Sigma the day before we all had our important papers due!"

@Veronica Lynch  
COMMUNICATION

"I'd have to say that my favorite memory of being an undergraduate at University of the Pacific was this year's 'Sin City.' It's a dance that my fraternity, Rho Pi Phi holds every year, which was hands down the best dance of 2013-2014. There were blackjack and poker tables set up outside with legit prizes, an awesome photo booth, crazy lights, amazing DJ, a poppin dance floor and a freaking cabana! It was a great time to mingle with friends and make new ones."

@Linda Kim,  
PHARMACY

"My favorite memory at UOP was when I first walked into my advisor's office during my second day of freshman year, and I was really nervous and did not know what to expect. But as soon as I walked in, I found the office decorated with money signs, fake money, candy money and mugs with dollar signs. Then when he began talking with me and helping me with my schedule and my situation, I realized that is when I picked a great school. I picked a school that had professors who cared for their students and wanted to hear their needs in order to help them as best as they could."

@Meryem Kim,  
BUSINESS

"My favorite and best memory at UOP is singing in my first opera ever, and just being able to share the stage with such tremendous talent that is the opera program here, under an amazing director!"

@Jan Michael De La Cruz  
MUSIC

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**How to decorate your graduation cap and gown**

Jenna Graves  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

It is that time of year again where our seniors are preparing to put on their caps and gowns and show them off on graduation morning. However, some graduation caps and gowns are meant to show something in the realms of individuality. So, the one way to express yourself and stand out at your graduation ceremony is to decorate your cap and gown.

Potential decorations can be fashionable, sentimental or symbolic of honors, extracurricular activities, or even your travels through your time at Pacific. Since everyone will be looking at you, decorating your cap is appropriate simply because spectators get a clear view of who you are as they watch the ceremony.

When it comes to planning the decoration of your cap, remember that not everyone is the craftiest. So, trace the outline of your graduation cap onto a piece of paper to plan out your design. Place elements, such as letters cut out from paper of a contrasting color, rhinestones, silk flowers, photos and chenille stems on paper as a practice run.

If a particular person, organization, sport or activity was meaningful to you during your education at Pacific, representing it on your cap is a way to honor and celebrate that. Also, remember to modify the design until you find something that you like that also fits in the space with which you have to work.

All you must do from there is glue the elements laid out on the practice paper onto the actual graduation cap. Remember to allow the glue to dry completely before moving the cap, or you will be sorry you did not.

Regarding some tips and warnings during your decorating process, keep in mind to refrain from putting anything on your graduation cap that stands more than an inch or two from the top. The people sitting behind you will appreciate your consideration.

In addition, keep your decor classy or not too raunchy. If you do not follow your school's regulations regarding the decoration of your cap and gown, it just might prohibit you from participating in the ceremony. Other than that, express yourself however the hell you want. It is your day to live it up.

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Michelle Wong  
Yash Naidu '17 (left) and Michelle Wong '17 (right) posing together at their high school graduation with their caps decorated with Pacific pride!
Your degree will serve you well. Congratulations Class of 2014!
Five items on the college bucket list

Sarah Hong
STAFF WRITER

Before you graduate, there are certain items you need to cross off of your “College Bucket List.” Here are five staples of a proper bucket list.

1. Go on a road trip.

   Taking a road trip with your friends is definitely something that everyone must experience before graduating. This is an adventure where you can have long conversations, funny moments, and unforgettable memories. So fill up your gas tank, get your closest friends, pack a duffle bag, and go visit anywhere you would like! I recommend Yosemite National Park, Big Sur, Bodega Bay, or the Point Reyes National Shore. You can also even drive to Berkeley and San Francisco for a day trip filled with eateries and shopping. This will definitely be an experience that you will remember for the rest of your lives.

2. Paint the Rock.

   There are two "graffiti rocks" located right outside of Anderson and Baum halls that you can spray paint after 12am. You can paint the rocks with messages whether it is for your clubs, events, sororities, fraternities, and greetings! You can write anything you want as long as it isn't too scandalous, include profanity, or can insult and hurt others.

3. Pull an all-nighter.

   Pulling an all-nighter is definitely something you need to do not only for your college bucket list, but also in life. The thing is, why not pull an all-nighter with your friends and have company with you to help each other stay awake. Whether you guys are pulling an all-nighter for studying, partying, or even just talking with one another all night long, it’s just nice to look back at these memories. Here’s a tip for pulling a successful all-nighter: stay hydrated and snack smart such as pizza, cheese and crackers, fruits, and sandwiches which will all help you stay awake through these carbs, protein, and natural sugars!

4. Join a club.

   I know you might've thought joining clubs in high school would be the end of those extra-curricular activities bonus points on your college applications. However, in college, joining clubs will not only look good in your resumes for jobs, internships, and graduate schools, but clubs are an awesome way to meet your peers who have similar interests in you. And most likely, joining these clubs at school will provide free services, food and events that you should definitely take advantage of!

5. Attend a themed party.

   Fraternities and sororities throw theme parties all the time whether it’s black light, paint, toga, or even playboy parties. Themed parties in college are endless so before you graduate, why not attend one where you can take a lot of pictures, and have the opportunity to dress up all crazy without being judged!

Cayton speaks for students

Drew Jones
SPORTS EDITOR

Marselus Cayton ’14 was more than accomplished throughout his time here at University of the Pacific. Cayton was a member of the Black Student Union (BSU), ASuop and RHA, all while being a student.

Cayton served the student body as the ASuop president this year, becoming one of the highest regarded leaders on campus. “When I came to Pacific I wanted to be ‘that guy,’ the person who was in charge and respected,” revealed Cayton, and that he was. Cayton will be the student speaker at commencement this year.

The graduating senior ran for president initially because it was a goal he had set for himself as a freshman. Little did he know that he would be able to accomplish as much as he did. “I feel the year was very successful, but there were many things that I wish I could have done. Time is always against us as people, so we need to make sure that we prepare the people coming after us,” Cayton revealed.

Throughout his time at Pacific, Cayton learned to plan for the future. He is very excited to graduate and step into the next chapter of his life. Like many seniors, Cayton is currently job hunting with a goal of getting into management; however, he looks to continue working on his DJing business, Plural Music.

Cayton’s main advice for incoming and continuing students is to make your mark, and see how you can contribute to the university as a whole. “When you step on campus for your final year, have the belief that you own it and that you will be remembered,” Cayton advises.

With a final sendoff, Cayton looks to challenge students to utilize every opportunity, and get everything they can out of Pacific. For his last words as president were, “I have savored every single bit of my time here. I got all that I wanted from Pacific, and my hope is to be successful enough to be able to contribute so that other students have the same opportunity.”
Honoring student workers

Virginia Tow
LIBRARY INTERIM ASST. DEAN

On Thursday, March 24, the library staff conducted its annual celebration and awards ceremony for student workers on the patio of the William Knox Holt Memorial Library. While students enjoyed pizza and cake from a well-known local bakery, staff supervisors handed out more than $1400 in awards and gifts to deserving work-study students.

Among several awards presented was the Benerd Scholarship, awarded to student worker Malina Her ’15, and made possible through a generous gift from long-time Stockton, Calif. resident and teacher, Gladys L. Benerd, who completed her graduate research work at Pacific. Tiresa Poe ’14 was the recipient of the Library Associates award, another financial award sponsored by the Library Associates, a community group of library supporters, who are now in its thirty-fourth year.

Like many schools, the university library hires a small army of students annually, and their work is critical to providing operations and service support at both the William Knox Holt Main Library and the Health Sciences Branch. Students assist in a variety of capacities, including frontline customer support at the circulation desk, technical assistance in the computer “commons,” operations support for training classes, meetings, events and special projects supervised by full-time professional staff.

Students consider the library a great place to work. They participate in running a large customer service operation and develop a better understanding of how a research library organizes and delivers information to its patrons. They also have a unique opportunity to help their peers find and use information effectively.

The library is now actively recruiting assistants for next fall. If you are a work-study student, and you would like to develop your customer service or technical support skills, come by and talk with our staff. We are always looking to develop new talent!

The current state of Stagg

Alice Scarlett Baker
STAFF WRITER

Pacific’s nineteenth-century, legendary football stadium will be transformed into new athletic facilities for Pacific’s twenty-first-century athletes. Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium was named after Pacific’s legendary football coach from 1933 to 1946, Amos Alonzo Stagg, and was built in 1950. Instantly, it became Stockton’s center for sports, entertainment and grand ceremonies by its ability to seat 40,000 guests. The stadium was the home of the San Francisco 49ers summer camp and even hosted NFL matches. Between football games, the stadium hosted track and field meets and high school graduations.

In 1995, Pacific’s Board of Regents, quoting high expenditures and declining attendance at games, voted to eliminate the football program. In 2014, the sixty-two-year-old deteriorating stadium sat empty, unused from the absence of a Pacific football team, and had a lack of modern amenities with an abundance of newer, more modern facilities. In February, the university announced the closure of Stagg Stadium.

In place of the stadium, a new soccer field, a tennis center and a new field for the sport of field hockey are planned. Our field hockey team is presently playing all of their “home” games in San Francisco. A new field means they can play at their real home in front of the Orange Army.

The women’s and men’s soccer teams will have a new soccer field to play their official games on. Knowles Field will then serve as the practice field for training and recreational purposes.

A state-of-the-art tennis center will also be constructed, featuring 12 courts, a spacious two-story clubhouse, covered player benches and an electronic scoreboard. The new tennis center is due in part to a gift of $1.5 million from Eve Zimmerman ’84, a Pacific tennis champion who became a world-ranked professional player.

Today, there is an excavator removing the last of the stadium building. Soon, dirt removal is supposed to begin. The entire stadium will be completely recycled, including the dirt. The ground will be rough graded, and the construction of the field for field hockey is planned to begin on June 2. The new soccer field will be next to Pershing Avenue. The Outstanding Volunteer, Max Paulsen, G.I.V.E. competition highest total hours, and G.I.V.E. highest total hours per member.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the year receives a check to be donated to a nonprofit of his or her choice. The Outstanding Volunteer award was given to Serena Zhen ’14, who logged over 250 hours of community service this academic year. Zhen ’16 presented a representative from the American Cancer Discovery Shop with a check for $500.

Zhen expressed, “I found my passion for volunteering through CCI, which led me to the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop thrift store. I volunteered for about two years now and have gained so much through leadership and collaboration with the students volunteers.”

The Max Paulsen award honors a student who has exemplified community service by volunteering their time and talent to improve lives in the Stockton community.

Grace Chung ’15 was presented the Max Paulsen because of the time she has spent volunteering at St. Mary’s Dining Room in Stockton, Calif.

Chung was not only motivated by her own struggles, but that of an organization as well. “One other reason I kept going back,” continued Chung, “was that there was a lack of volunteers for some organization that was reaching out to hundreds of people; I didn’t want them to disintegrate just because they couldn’t keep up with their output. It is absolutely essential that citizens commit to active engagement with their communities because, otherwise, nonprofit groups or organizations that are attempting to benefit the community cannot flourish or even sustain themselves.”
LA Clippers face racism

Jamil Burns
OPINION EDITOR

In NBA news, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling recently made comments that would cause him to be banned from the league for life. In a recorded argument between him and his mixed-race girlfriend over a picture she had posted with NBA legend Magic Johnson, TMZ reported that Sterling told her “it bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you’re associating with black people.” This comment sparked enormous controversy as to how the NBA should handle such insensitivity in a league that’s predominantly black.

The story goes back to when Sterling bought his girlfriend several expensive gifts. This angered his wife and she sued Sterling and his girlfriend. For whatever reason, this led his girlfriend to want to expose him as being racist. While the comments he made were appalling, what’s often overlooked is why she was recording him in the first place. The fact that an NBA owner can be punished for making private comments that get leaked somehow sets the precedent for future incidents. The girlfriend argues that she did nothing wrong by recording the conversation because Sterling had consented to being recorded, as she claims. In an interview, NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar briefly looked past the comments Sterling made. “Shouldn’t we be equally angered by the fact that his private, intimate conversation was taped and then leaked to the media? Didn’t we just call to task the NSA for intruding into American citizens’ privacy in such an un-American way?”

Still, if what he said was intended to be publicized, it’s important to ask if what he said was grounds for being kicked out of the NBA. Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, responded to the situation. “If it’s about racism and we’re ready to kick people out of the league, OK? Then what about homophobia? Who’s the one who doesn’t belong? Does the President of the United States belong? And how about the NFL and the NFL owners? If you’re not really into this whole criticism of this man, you’re just really looking for an excuse.”

Sterling would be raking in hundreds of millions of dollars for his comments. The Clippers were set to face the Golden State Warriors in the playoffs when this happened, and their own response was to silently protest by playing the game with their shirts turned inside out so as to not advertise the Clippers but still fight to win the game. Perhaps one of the more controversial responses to this in particular came in an article published by Gawker written by rapper Homeboy Sandman. The seemingly harsh conclusion he drew, that “black people are cowards,” raised the eyebrows of more than just a few. “What do you call people who...allow themselves to be insulted without standing up for themselves beyond wardrobe adjustments that in reality are nothing but a public show of shame?” He believes that the Clippers’ statement was insufficient to truly make a point. “It’s almost as if people have forgotten that struggle includes struggling,” referring to the players making the decision to continue playing for a racist owner.

Pacific student and member of the African-American community Jared Van responded to the notion: “I grew up playing a lot of Xbox LIVE, and on Xbox LIVE, there’s a lot of racism and homophobia. I didn’t stop playing because someone was racist.” Van said the comments as distractions to the point of the game. “They could make whatever racist comments they wanted, but still skill beat them out,” he continued. “If we stopped every time someone was discriminated against, it would be a disservice to ourselves.”

Van’s brother Cameron also responded with his own remarks. “Are we just supposed to stop playing basketball because one man made a racist comment? He’s not the reason they got to where they are, he’s just the guy that signs the paychecks...if anything [the players] are cowards if they stop playing.” Homeboy Sandman was disappointed that the players didn’t do more to show their disdain, but it is true that they’ve worked too hard to get to the playoffs to just give it up because they’re playing for a racist owner.

The whole incident speaks to the way society perceives racism today. When one person makes a harmful comment, we are quick to point the finger and say that that person is the problem. Donald Sterling is not the problem. If we get rid of him, another Donald Sterling will pop up right in its place. As a society, we need to address the institutional racism that allows this type of behavior to begin with.
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- Art Exhibit: "IN.TENSION." 9 a.m. at the Reynolds Gallery
- Open Forum with VPDL candidate #5 11 a.m. at the Regents Dining Room

**Tuesday, 5/6**
- Student Film Festival 7 p.m. at the Janet Leigh Theatre
- State of the Arts Lecture 4 p.m. at the President’s Room

**Thursday, 5/8**
- Multicultural Graduation 6 p.m. at the Multicultural Center

**Friday, 5/9**
- Faith Davies Awards 11 a.m. at the UC
- Interfaith Baccalaureate Ceremony 4 p.m. at Morris Chapel

**Saturday, 5/10**
- All-School Commencement 9 a.m. at the Spanos Center
- College of the Pacific Ceremony 1 p.m. at the Spanos Center
- School of International Studies Ceremony 1 p.m. at Faye Spanos Concert Hall
- Eberhardt School of Business Ceremony 1 p.m. at Knoles Lawn
- School of Engineering and Computer Science Ceremony 1 p.m. at Janssen-Lagoito Gym
- Conservatory of Music Ceremony 4 p.m. at Faye Spanos Concert Hall
- Gladys L. Benerd School of Education Ceremony 5 p.m. at the Spanos Center

**Saturday, 5/17**
- Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Commencement 9 a.m. at the Spanos Center
- McGeorge School of Law Commencement 2 p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium

**Sunday, 6/15**
- Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Commencement 2 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre

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**Tips and tricks for surviving finals**

**Drew Jones**
Sports Editor

With finals just around the corner and the semester coming to a close, it is very easy to fall into getting stressed about all the tests, projects, and presentations that are due. Here are a couple tips to staying on track and a few ways to help de-stress in the process.

One of the biggest things that can become a major stress for students is having a lot of work to do in such a small amount of time. One teacher assigns a ten-page paper, while another assigns a 20-minute presentation with a group, and on top of all that there’s the final that is worth 20% of your grade. How in the world are you supposed to get it all done in a week?

Write it down. Simply writing down all the tasks that you have to complete helps you to visualize everything that needs to get done and it also serves as a good checklist so you don’t forget to do anything.

Next, plan out times in which you want to do your assignments and study for tests. Giving yourself an allotment of time as well as deadlines can help prevent procrastination and thrown-together work.

Lastly, find a comfortable space in which you can do work without getting distracted. Some people find the library a great place to study outside under the sunlight is better. Whatever your preference, find it and be sure to use it in these last couple of weeks.

Now when you start getting into that stressed out mode, because you have so much on your to-do list, the first thing to do is just breathe. Becoming stressed out can actually cause both physical and emotional illness, according to the University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center.

People experiencing stress may feel headaches, backaches, difficulty sleeping, indigestion, and even high blood pressure. Emotionally, one might feel depressed, anxious, angry, overwhelmed, or may experience mood swings.

One can combat stress by making sure to not freak out and remember to take breaks. Going on a 20-minute walk or run, or maybe even hitting Baun Fitness Center and working up a sweat can easily be a good release to help bring back the ‘feel-good’ mood.

Sometimes taking a break to clean and de-clutter your space can in fact help to de-clutter your mind, which will make it easier to study and retain information. This will allow you to have a comfortable space that will help you to focus. Listening to music is also a great way to help you relax a little bit and calm before diving back into work.

No matter how much work you have to do, know that you have the strength to complete it all! The semester is winding down, finish strong Tigers and don’t stress out!
Tigers fall in close battle with Stanford

Nicole Felkins
COPY EDITOR

Pacific finished up its eight-game homestand on Tuesday, April 1 with a lone contest against Stanford. Although the Tigers entered the game on fire, winning 10 of their last 12 matchups and with six of those seven wins at home, Stanford edged the Tigers by just one to take the game.

Last time on Klein Family Field, Tigers’ baseball went 2-for-3 in their series against the San Diego Toreros. A rain-out Friday led to a doubleheader on Saturday, April 26. The Tigers took both games, 4-3 and 5-1. On Sunday, Pacific was just a few runs short, 6-4, to clinch the game and sweep the Toreros.

On Tuesday, April 29, Stanford and Pacific battled it out in a tough loss for Pacific, 3-2. Pacific fell to 23-22 on the year, while the Cardinal rose to 19-19.

Pacific struggled to play catch-up throughout the game as Stanford got to an early start. On the mound for the Tigers was starter John Haberman ’14. In the top of the first inning, Stanford got a free ride to first on a one-out walk. The runner sprinted past home plate after an RBI double was smacked into the corner of left field by Alex Blandino. The Cardinal was up by one, 1-0.

Pacific loaded the bases in the fifth inning, but the Cardinal’s defense and pitcher managed to keep the Tigers from showing their claws, despite giving up several walks. The Stanford starter only gave up one hit in the four innings he pitched. Center fielder J.P. Yakel ’16 walked to first then progressed to second off a single to right field by Parker Klein ’17. Outfielder McKay Koissian ’17 was the pinch hitter for Danny Mayer ’17 and walked, advancing Yakel to third. However, third baseman J.J. Wagner ’16 grounded out into a double play that ended the inning.

In the sixth inning, the Cardinal placed the pressure on Pacific by loading the bases with no outs. The Tigers were able to hold the runners from scoring until Stanford knocked in a pair after a two-out single. Pitcher Bryce Lombardi ’15 managed to get two batters out, but Stanford lined a single down the right field line as it got by Jimmy Gosano ’15, who tried to dive for the hit. Despite the loaded bases in the beginning of the inning, Lombardi gave up just one hit.

During the final three innings of the game, the Cardinal only got in one hit as the following from Pacific’s pen pitched outstandingly: Michael Benson ’15, Kyle Crawford ’14 and Vince Arorio ’17.

With a three-run deficit, the Tigers tried to make a comeback, and the seventh inning was their chance. Yakel walked yet again to put a runner on first. First baseman Erik Lockwood ’14 singled to the pitcher, advancing Yakel to second. Chris Castellanos came in to relieve Viall, but that did not stop Klein from driving a single to right field, propelling Lockwood and Yakel to second and third, respectively. With the bases loaded, Koissian grounded out to second base to finally put the Tigers on board, 3-1.

The Tigers made a valiant effort to come back in the ninth inning. Lockwood doubled to left-center field and crossed home plate after Klein roped a double down the left field line. Klein finished the game 3-for-4, one-upping his cousin, Jack Klein, Stanford’s designated hitter, who went 2-for-4.

The Tigers brought in Tyler Sullivan ’15 to pinch hit for Koissian, and he hit a line drive to the left side only to see it land in the third baseman’s glove. Sullivan acquired a sore ankle from the previous game against San Diego, so he was out for most of the game.

The Tigers are off for two weeks until they head to Portland, Ore. to face the Pilots in a crucial West Coast Conference (WCC) match-up on Friday, May 9. The Tigers are 12-9 in the WCC and 7-for-7 at away games.

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Pacific softball’s Taylor Petty ’14 made a transition from right field to third base this past weekend to fill in for an injury. Petty had a stellar three games at third; no one was able to get anything past her. At bat, she was 2-for-7, with one walk, two steals and a two-RBI homer over the left-field fence. Petty has a batting average of .371 overall and .400 in conference play. (Photo by Wilma B.)
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2013-14 Year in Review

From summer to spring, and everything in between, take a look back at all of Pacific's top headlines, biggest stories and most unforgettable moments over the academic year.

Reconstructing the Rainbow: Building for a Brighter Future

Nanxi Tang
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, Feb. 23, University of the Pacific hosted their fourth LGBTQIA Conference, which welcomes individuals who support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, intersex and allied (LGBTQIA) community.

The theme of this year's conference is titled "Reconstructing the Rainbow: Building for a Brighter Future." The conference began on Thursday, Feb. 20 with registration in the DeRosa University Center. The next day, there was an optional LGBTQIA leadership academy and community service project.

An alumni recognition dinner, as well as an alumni and advisor reception, were hosted later that day at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House. The night concluded with a few performances at the Long Theater. Saturday, Feb. 22 featured a welcome session and keynote speaker Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming who was murdered for his sexual orientation in 1998. Shepard's death became one of the most highly prolific cases in America regarding hate crimes against people who belong to the LGBTQIA community.

Shepard and her husband, Dennis, founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation in honor of their son and became fervent advocates for LGBTQIA rights. Conference sessions were also held that Saturday, and there were networking opportunities and time for the conference members to socialize. Sunday, Feb. 23, featured the last conference session of the event, as well as a closing speaker and two caucus meetings.

"This year's conference was a complete success. With over 200 attendees from around the West Coast, our conference not only brought people together to discuss important LGBTQIA issues, [but] it also trained the next generation of student leaders in the ongoing fight for equality within our society. Special thanks goes out to all the conference committee members from across the university who came together to put on such a wonderful event," expressed Steve Jacobson, Pacific's associate vice president for Student Life.

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Class of 2014!
We salute the Eberhardt School of Business students who will cross the stage today to receive their Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, Dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Master of Accounting Degree, and the Master of Business Administration Degree.

Congratulations, Eberhardt School grads. We know you'll make us proud!
Powells’ transformative gift

Jamil Burns
OPINION EDITOR

On Oct. 17, 2013, the president of the university, Pamela A. Eibeck, announced a significant gift to Pacific from the late Robert and Jeanette Powell. A generous $125 million donation was made in endowments to the university, which is one of the largest gifts ever received by any university.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell’s gift will aim to help more talented students attend Pacific. “[It] will help us continue to advance in excellence and accessibility as we fulfill our mission of educating the whole student,” President Eibeck explained.

The donation will be divided amongst several categories that aim to improve students’ access to excellence.

Robert and Jeanette Powell never graduated from Pacific, but their involvement with the university over the past 20 years has earned them the love and respect of all of Pacific. The two have both served on the Board of Regents.

In 2008, the Powells founded the Powell Scholar Program, which today helps more than 40 students reach their fullest potential through the development of leadership abilities.

Current chair of the Board of Regents, Kathleen Lagorio Janssen, insisted, “University of the Pacific’s economic and cultural impact on Stockton and the San Joaquin Valley is profound.” A gift of this magnitude will only serve to improve both.

President Eibeck described the gift as vital to transforming University of the Pacific’s future. It’s allowing us to step up in a level of excellence and impact so that we’re able to allow more talented students to access an education here, and then when they’re here, we’re able to give them that much better education.”

Congratulations, grads!

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wishes you all the best with your future endeavors.
Honoring the Women of Distinction recipients

Nanxi Tang
NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, March 28, the Alex and Jeri Verseschigin Alumni House hosted the thirteenth annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon. The luncheon was started off and introduced by Elizabeth Griego, Pacific's vice president for Student Affairs.

Traci Robert-Camps, Ph.D., was the recipient of the Faculty Award.

Marshea Pratt '03, who graduated as an English major at Pacific, received the Peggy Rosson Staff Award.

Sydnie Reyes '14 was awarded the Undergraduate Student Award.

Becca Knopf '14, a residence director at University of the Pacific, received the graduate student award.

Tama Brisbane, executive director of With Our Words, Inc., a Stockton organization devoted to the young people, creativity and the arts, received the community leader aware. Lauren Silveira '14 was honored as the Greek woman of Distinction.

"The emcee for the event was Amanda King. She started off the program with the 'Greatness Mantra,' which was a brief poem that the audience was asked to repeat. This really set the tone to honor the recipients. King also wrapped up the program with some closing remarks about what it means to be a woman of distinction. King used the analogy of a $100 bill; she talked about how even when the bill is folded, torn, crumpled or written on, it still has value and worth. King related that analogy to us as individuals: How even on our worst days, we still have worth and value and are deserving," spoke Stephanie Lai. Many felt impacted and inspired by King's speech.

CCI awarded $25,000 grand prize

Nanxi Tang
NEWS EDITOR

Since Oct. 2011, Zipcar and the Ford Motor Company have partnered together to launch "Students with Drive."

Zipcar helps students make a difference in the world besides just with the sustainability of car sharing. We are always looking to give back to student organizations that are making a difference on their campuses," added Katelyn Lopresti, general manager of Zipcar Universities.

The CCI first started using Zipcar at the beginning of this academic year, with a grant from the Pacific Sustainability Fund, to increase the amount of tutors and volunteers they could transport to various sites in Stockton.

"We were really looking at providing a more institutionalized, organized structure for carpool. Although the public transportation in Stockton is improving, it’s hard to get to some places in Stockton without a car," commented Erin Rausch, director of the CCI.

It was through the CCI’s involvement with Zipcar that the CCI first heard of the Students with Drive program. "I’m one of the drivers that helped drive Pacific students to volunteer opportunities," noted Shelly Zeiser ‘14, a music therapy major who serves as the executive board officer on the Center for Community Involvement’s executive team.

When Zeiser received an email about the grand competition, it seemed fitting with her position at the CCI to work on the grant and apply on the behalf of the CCI.

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Ruben Dominguez
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MLK Peace and Justice Awards

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A band comprised of Pacific students conducted the opening performance: Ansel Flores ‘16, who was on vocals, Darien Fields ‘15, Alex Reyes ‘14, Aaron Rousseau ‘14 and Malachi Whitson ‘15. The hosts for the evening were Shani Boyd ‘17 and Rodolfo Buenrostro ‘16.

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Ogans, who received the staff award, serves as the staff co-chair of the Pacific Black History Month Committee, a position he has held for six years. Hallet, an assistant professor at the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education, was awarded the faculty award.

Johnson received the alumni award, who was actively involved at Pacific during his studies here. Johnson was Pacific’s first African American Outreach Ambassador, pioneered and developed Students Emerging as Pacificans (STEPS), and was the president of the California and Hawaii NAACP Youth & College Division.

Coleman, the band director at Cesar Chavez High School in the Stockton Unified School District, received an award for his work in the San Joaquin community. Coleman promotes musical education in the community, and he organizes musical performances for many community events, such as the Stockton Asparagus Festival.

After the recipients received their plaque, a representative from Congressman McNerney’s office presented them with certificates of special congressional recognition.

Patrick Day, vice president for Student Life, delivered the final remarks. “It is such a great opportunity in the context of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to also be able to honor our own — the members of our own family,” declared Day.

The event was organized by the MLK Planning Committee.

The Pacifican honored for excellence in student media

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Ogans, who received the staff award, serves as the staff co-chair of the Pacific Black History Month Committee, a position he has held for six years. Hallet, an assistant professor at the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education, was awarded the faculty award.

Johnson received the alumni award, who was actively involved at Pacific during his studies here. Johnson was Pacific’s first African American Outreach Ambassador, pioneered and developed Students Emerging as Pacificans (STEPS), and was the president of the California and Hawaii NAACP Youth & College Division.

Coleman, the band director at Cesar Chavez High School in the Stockton Unified School District, received an award for his work in the San Joaquin community. Coleman promotes musical education in the community, and he organizes musical performances for many community events, such as the Stockton Asparagus Festival.

After the recipients received their plaque, a representative from Congressman McNerney’s office presented them with certificates of special congressional recognition.

Patrick Day, vice president for Student Life, delivered the final remarks. “It is such a great opportunity in the context of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to also be able to honor our own — the members of our own family,” declared Day.

The event was organized by the MLK Planning Committee.
Uproar rising in Ukraine

Reed Ramsey
STAFF WRITER

Ukraine has been in a state of turmoil for quite some time. Ever since the protests started at the end of last year, the Ukrainian government has been cracking down on protesters with serious violence. After the ousting of President Viktor Yanukovich, the interim government needed to hold on to power until August, when they could be elected by the people in order to gain international recognition, so that the European Union could finalize the economic agreements with Ukraine.

There are many questions up in the air about the situation in Ukraine and the potential for escalation. Just a few questions that come to mind are the following: What are Russia’s motives, and what will the United States do in response? All of this is indicative of whether or not this could be the powder keg that ignites World War III.

According to the Washington Post on Saturday, March 1, the Federation Council and the Senate of Russia’s parliament granted Vladimir Putin “war measures to deploy Russian military forces abroad.” This means that Russia can mobilize forces for the sake of invading Ukraine, and they already did so by taking over the city of Crimea peacefully. As many as 10,000 Russian soldiers are said to have landed in Crimea, which is now controlled exclusively by Moscow.

The United States has warned Russia that they will break a United Nations charter if Russia intervenes in Ukraine without authorization. Secretary of State John Kerry declared, “Well, it’s an incredible act of aggression. It is really a stunning, willful choice by President Putin to invade another country. Russia is in violation of the sovereignty of Ukraine. Since the eastern side of the Ukraine are Russian speakers, they will hand themselves over to Russia as they move. The question of whether or not the western part of Ukraine will do the same is where the potential of violence will be.”

How Tigers can serve the community

Nicole Felkins
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Many Tigers have made a difference in Stockton during their undergraduate studies. Students can search local volunteer opportunities through Reach Out online and work or volunteer for the Center for Community Involvement (CCI), a house on the corner of Pacific and Knoles Avenue that was transformed into the CCI’s operating center.

Through the various programs the staff at the CCI organizes, such as voluntary action groups that commence on the weekends and tutoring by many Pacific students that goes on during the week, students touch the lives of many people in need every day. However, more individuals at Pacific can and should do more to help the Stockton community.

In what are likely the CCI’s efforts to increase volunteerism on this campus, the Reach Out program was established, which allows you to choose from a variety of local volunteer opportunities. The Reach Out program alone displays how crucial it is for every student to spare some time to volunteer on a regular basis. Stockton is filled with many communities that could use our help, and each of us can make a real, lasting difference.

For example, consider voluntary action groups. Several times a month, a group of Pacific students along with one or two voluntary action group leaders will volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, the Animal Protection League, the American Cancer Society: Discovery Shop and the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless.

You can go bowling by joining the Very Special People bowling voluntary action group. The next events are on the following Sundays: April 6, 13 and 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact the Center for Community Involvement at (209) 946-2444 or cci@pacific.edu for more information.

For those with green thumbs or for those who want to learn farming, you can volunteer at the Boggs Tract Community Farm, which produces nutritious fruits and vegetables for the local community.

As Pacific’s website informs, in the fall of 2012, 3,867 undergraduate students enrolled at Pacific and a total of 5,920 students enrolled at the Stockton campus as undergraduate, graduate and pharmacy students. The Reach Out section of Pacific’s website challenges students on the Stockton campus to log their volunteer hours so they can meet the CCI’s goal of 12,000 hours for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Groups Involved in Voluntary Efforts (G.I.V.E.) is a competition that many on-campus organizations are involved in. The group that logs the most hours receives recognition inside ads that are periodically posted in The Pacifican’s newspaper and at the end of the year at the Reach Out Volunteer Celebration.

According to the CCI’s ad in The Pacifican’s previous issue, the total amount of hours that G.I.V.E. logged for the 2013-2014 year as of Feb. 24 is the following: 514 for Sigma Chi, 504 for the Hmong Student Association, 352 for Alpha Phi Omega, 276 for Gamma Alpha Omega and 263 for Phi Epsilon Kappa. However, that adds up to 1,889 hours, which pales in comparison to the target 12,000 the CCI hopes to be achieved by the end of this spring semester in seven weeks.

If every Pacific student volunteered just two hours before the academic year ends, the CCI would reach its goal, and it could proudly say it was because of the work of every Pacific student – not limited to the work of the same select groups of individuals.

Besides helping out the Stockton community, the health and social benefits should encourage you to take a couple hours of your time at least once a semester.
President Obama addresses the drought

This January, Congress passed the Agricultural Act of 2014, more commonly known as the Farm Bill, which includes an outline of how the federal government will deal with suffering farmers and ranchers. In mid-February, President Obama made a visit to Fresno to announce a federal financial aid package that would act as a safety net for California’s farmers.

Among those present to hear the president were people from different realms, including a busload of people from Restore the Delta, an organization aimed at protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

President Obama, in acknowledging the severity of the situation we face, accomplished more than what meets the eye. “There has to be a sense of urgency,” the president professed. “Let’s make sure that we’re getting some short-term relief for folks, but also long-term certainty.” It’s the “long-term certainty” that really stands out.

In essence, President Obama spoke in a way that made climate change seem like a given. Looking back to the years when Al Gore was trying to convince the public of global warming, it is nothing less than remarkable that the current president of the United States has acknowledged that our climate is, in fact, changing.

President Obama clearly recognizes the drought, the causes of the drought and its impacts, but it’s not clear that he can see the proper solution. Giving aid to a state with the most productive agricultural land in the country seems more like an imperative for the federal government, but whether it is sustainable to do so is questionable.

White privilege in America

In 2012, the University of the Pacific was 34 percent Caucasian. With these numbers outpacing all other groups at Pacific, we have to address the elephant on campus: white privilege. When I say privilege, I mean a special advantage or tool that is used unconsciously.

Frank B. Wilderson III, an American writer, dramatist, filmmaker and critic, discusses the racial implications of film in his book Red, White & Black: Cinema and the Structure of U.S. Antagonisms. He asserts that social structures are mostly created in film; for example, a fear of African Americans, who are depicted as savage, develops. These hints would go on to establish an unconscious structure of our social reality, which is racial privilege.

Peggy McIntosh is the associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. In her essay, White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack, McIntosh claims that white privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools and blank checks. These tools are used every single day, which are more or less just general assumptions asserted by the mass public. This displays how the state has made racism invisible and justifiable by set social norms that it dictates. That is why we need to identify these social norms in order to eliminate them.

In conclusion, with the words of Pastor Joseph Barndt from his book Dismantling Racism, “We have also seen that the walls of racism can be dismantled brick by brick, stone by stone. The prison of individual, institutional and cultural racism can be destroyed.” Take this essay as a call to combat racism at every front. It is the very first step to dismantle the prison of racism, but it does not end here. Go read the texts cited in this article, and get informed because knowledge will be the best weapon against oppression.

Coca-Cola ad controversy

During this year’s Super Bowl, one ad in particular sparked more controversy than anyone could have expected. When Coca-Cola’s 60-second “America is Beautiful” ad aired, Twitter’s feed was blown up with users who were expressing outrage at the fact that “America the Beautiful” was sung in different languages.

Coca-Cola stated that “the only thing more beautiful than this country are the people who live here.” Yet, such negativity was displayed toward Coca-Cola that many called this statement into question. What is beautiful about the fear and outrage shown in response to such a harmless ad?

The truly beautiful thing about this country is that it contains so many different cultures. American culture is not, and never has been, just one culture – it’s a melting pot of people coming from different backgrounds. This is America today at the forefront of equality, and, if a conversation is needed, it is one that needs addressing.

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However, this fact reflects the wider role women play in the mass media when they are seen. Women are constantly oversexualized, and even in television shows that center around a powerful woman, she is often made weak by her sexuality – as with the character Olivia Pope in ABC’s Scandal.

It is appalling how even the society we live in today is not as advanced as we portray it to be. Women and men are certainly not equal to date, especially not in the often-overlooked corners of the workforce, such as visual and print media.
Review on Super Bowl commercials

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Like most of the country, when
the Super Bowl comes around, the
team you actually care about fell
short yet again.

However, I have grown to love
the Super Bowl for something else:
the commercials.

It seems as though the hype
for the commercials is beginning
to compete with the actual game,
especially if your hometown team
didn’t make the cut.

With a price of $4 million for a
30-second spot, financially, it is a
big commitment for any company,
so the hype and efforts to make
a mark are high. Here is a brief
review on this year’s commercials
as follows:

The Winners:
- "The Aw" Award: Budweiser's
  "Puppy Love"*
First off, who doesn’t love
dogs? Secondly, pairing it with
a horse and making them best
friends is enough to make anyone
want to be holding a puppy at that
moment.

- Tear-Jerker Award: Chevy’s
  "Life"
From the woman in the
passenger seat to the surroundings
of the car and the voice of Ane
Brun serenading, the commercial
was beautiful. Cancer has affected
everyone in one way or another.

- Ha-Ha Award: Radio Shack’s
  "The Phone Call"
While I cannot remember the
last time I shopped at Radio Shack,
the commercial at least reminded
us all that they are still in business,
but I’m not sure it will save the
company or get people rushing
inside to buy electronics.

- Good Product Award:
  Hyundai’s "Dad’s Sixth Sense"
While many commercials
get your attention, make you
say "aww," or provide a warm

feeling, this was one of the only
commercials that made one think,
"I need that." The great lead up to
the car automatically saving the
father and child from wrecking was
a fantastic way to relate anyone to
the situation.

The Losers:
- Over-Hype Award: Bud Light’s
  "Epic Night"
With too many commercials
leading up to the actual
commercial, this gave viewers too
much time to expect something
amazing. The final commercial
may have been good, but it was just
not as eye-catching as everyone
was expecting considering all of
the hype.

- Short-of-Sexy Award: Soda
  Stream’s "Sorry Coke and Pepsi"
While the product does make
sense, for one reason or another,
it does not seem to be catching
on, or actually hurting the soda
giants. Especially having someone
like Scarlett Johansson, it seemed
as though her "sexiness" was
underutilized.

- Step Down Award:
  Volkswagen’s "Wings"
With too many commercials
during the actual Super Bowl,
the "Darth Vader" ad that
Volkswagen will forever try to top.

Some other honorable mentions
include Coca-Cola’s "America the
Beautiful" commercial, which had
people from all over the world
singing "America the Beautiful"
in multiple languages. Axe’s "Make
Love Not War" also had a great
message.

Microsoft also stepped up
with the inspiring "Empowering"
commercial that showcased all
the great things technology and
computers have accomplished.

There were multiple
commercials that helped push
social issues, as well as many
packed with celebrities, as always.

Getting a Hit of Reality

Alex Rooney
STAFF WRITER

On the week of April 7,
for the sixteenth year in a
row, the men of Pi Kappa
Alph fraternity, or Pike,
turned the DeRosa
University Center (UC)
into a shantytown. Boxes
lined the right side of
the building, sheltering
the young men from the
heat during the day and
serving as their sleeping
spaces at night during the
72-hour period where they
imitated the living conditions of the
homeless population.

This event took place
as one of Pi Kappa Alpha’s
annual philanthropy
events, but this time
it was focused toward
fundraising for the local
Second Harvest Food
Bank of San Joaquin and
Stanislaus counties.

The three-day event
raised money by collecting
donations and selling shirts, from which
the proceeds went to the
Second Harvest Food
Bank as well. In addition,
the boys were not allowed
to shower unless paid to
do so, and students were
able to pay to decorate
their friend’s boxes
however they wished,
allowing the fraternity
to collect money in those
ways as well.

An interesting aspect
of their time in front of
the UC was that they
were not allowed to eat
unless food was bought
and given to them, much
like those actually living
on the streets. This forced
the boys to empathize
with those in need, but
also drew a greater
amount of attention
to the event due to the
nature of begging for food
as their peers walked by.

However, as much as
this was a difficult and
eye-opening experience
for the men of Pi Kappa
Alpha, it was also highly rewarding. New
member to the fraternity
Jordan Siditsky ’17 lived
through Hit of Reality
for the first time this
year and stated of his
time there, “[It] was a
great experience bonding
with my brothers while
also helping a wonderful
cause.”

Even those who were
not directly involved
with the philanthropy
event felt the impact
of the fundraiser, with
many students stopping
to observe and take
in the gravity of the
situation the men were
demonstrating.

Celeste Kim ’17
regarded the sight as
a sobering event and
remarked, "It was hard
to see my friends in an
uncomfortable situation
and made me think of the
bigger picture in terms
of what people in that
position for long periods
of time must be going
through.”

* "The Aw" Award” was later given to Budweiser for their "Puppy Love" commercial. The original "The Aw" Award was given to Budweiser for their "Puppy Love" commercial. This information is not included in the natural text representation.
Sage the Gemini performs at Pacific's sold out spring concert

This year's spring concert headlined Diplo and Sage the Gemini, who performed to a large crowd of students.

Annual “King of Hearts” event

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On April 15 and 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 seen 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. Most of the contestants chose a song as their talent and belted out popular ballads, with a few changed words here and there to make the song relevant to Alpha Phi.

Others opted for a dance routine, but regardless of their talent, all of the young men appeared to be having a great time both on stage and off.

Both nights went very well, especially pageant night, where Raymond Great Hall was teeming with students cheering on their peers as they sang, 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.

RECESS inspires and impacts the Pacific community

Alice Scarlett Baker
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RECESS, a music and ideas festival, came to Pacific on Friday, March 21. This festival is a four-part series that aims to inspire innovative college students to become future world-changers. This event encouraged students to work hard at what they love and to be rewarded with the happiness of success.

RECESS was divided into the following segments: the Playground, Study Hall, a pitch competition and a concert. The pitch competition allowed Pacific students to pitch their ideas to a panel. The Playground was a networking event that connected Pacific students to local startup companies; it started at noon. The event was designed for students to have fun while they met the employers, an alternative to the more traditional and formal career fair.

The advantage to having a networking event with startup companies is that some of the CEOs and/or co-founders of the companies were running the booth and meeting students.

The second part of RECESS, Study Hall, was a series of lectures in Grace Covell Hall. The speaker series was led by Josh Constine, a journalist for TechCrunch.

Constine encouraged each panelist to tell his or her personal success story. Stacey Ferreira, one of the panelists, recounted her story of how she became the youngest female tech entrepreneur in the world. Business Insider named Stacey Ferreira as one of the “most successful new college dropouts.”

Other young entrepreneurs that served as panelists were Cory Levy, COO of One, Garret Dodge, co-founder and CEO of Rockbot; and Donnie Moczydlowski, Twitter’s head of music. They discussed Mad Decent’s success with the single “Harlem Shake.” The discussion also brought up broken systems in the music industry and the origin of Diplo’s famous block parties.

The third part of the series was an idea pitch competition. Three Pacific ideas were chosen to compete, with the winner advancing to an all-expenses-paid trip to a national competition in Las Vegas, Nev. The pitches involved an open-format, all-genre dance music DJ event, an online fashion shopping aggregator, and a digital printer t-shirt company.

Vanessa Gabriel ’14 pitched WNDRLUST, an online fashion shopping aggregator platform for millennials, and advanced to the finals in Las Vegas. WNDRLUST is an interactive shopping experience that combines shoppable media, such as lookbooks and videos, with inventory from thousands of brands and retailers.

The concert concluded the four-part series, held at the Stockton Arena.

The GetDowns started the party off. Sage the Gemini, a local rapper from Fairfield, Calif, followed; he is known for his single “Gas Pedal,” which hit the twenty-ninth spot on the Billboard’s Top 100.

The headliner of the concert was Diplo. Diplo is famous for his in-studio collaborations with Beyonce, Snoop Dogg, Justin Bieber, Kanye West and other famous artists. Diplo’s DJ performances are genre-packed combinations of street beats, such as dub, dancehall, crunk, acid house, baile funk and Afro.
Starting off the school year right with a bang

Jenna Graves
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Where were you the first Saturday night of the school year? Well if you weren’t at Block Party, then I don’t know what could of been better than being at Greek circle dancing your heart out with DJ Noel B. headlining.

Block Party is the perfect event to kick off the school year. As a whole, it introduces to freshmen what college really is about: having fun and meeting new people. It also reminds the returning students how much they missed school and gives them a chance to reconnect with the people they haven’t seen all summer.

It seems that Block Party was the talk of the week after fulfilling its word of being the biggest turn out of Pacific students yet. Students showed off their good vibes and killer dance moves when arriving in high spirits for the event—not to mention all the free Red Bull that kept most of us awake the entire night.

While preparing for the event, ASuop Arts & Entertainment kept students informed on Block Party’s facebook page. They wrote, “We start off the school year with a bang by hosting an annual Block Party. More than 2,000 students come to dance, listen to music, meet new people, and enjoy the party. Let’s make the fourth year the biggest one yet!”

As a result, the outcome couldn’t of been better in my eyes. ASoup also wrote, “Block Party 2013 was insane! We broke records and had the highest turnout ever! A big thank you to Red Bull, the DJ’s and everyone that came out! Look forward to more awesome events headed your way!”

I could not have agreed more: Block Party was a night to remember along with starting the year off with a bang.

Pacific Media Relations

This year’s Block Party broke records with the highest turnout ever.

Ways to get involved outside of the classroom

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For many students, being part of something outside of the classroom and residence hall improves their happiness and satisfaction on campus. With 223 current club and organization options at the University of the Pacific, it is likely you will find something that piques your interest!

Greek Life is huge on Pacific’s campus. We have six fraternities and seven sororities, governed by the Multicultural Greek Council, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic Association. Social Greek organizations can aid students in feeling at home on campus, building social and professional networks, and finding opportunities to perform community service.

Our recreational clubs are numerous and varied. We have an anime club, archery club, flag football, Magic: The Gathering, and the Longboard Club, to name a few. This is our widest selection of offerings, so chances are there is something you’ll think is fun!

Our second largest categorization of on-campus fun is the special interest section. We have the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Robotics Club, Dumbledore’s Army, Cosmo Club: Cosplay Infinite, Juggling Club, and the Robb Garden Club.

For burgeoning writers, there is The Writer’s Club (We Write), which acts as a writer’s workshop, and The Pacifican campus newspaper that provides all students with the opportunity to have their words published.

Finally, information for athletic clubs on campus can be found on Pacific’s website under “Sport Clubs.” We had teams this 2013-2014 year for badminton, climbing, equestrian polo, men’s lacrosse, Quidditch, rowing, rugby, snow (including all snow sports and recreation), men’s soccer, women’s soccer, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, men’s volleyball, women’s volleyball, and wrestling.

Students gathered at Club Rush to explore all the groups Pacific has to offer.

Nanxi Tang

Sudoku Challenge!

This Week’s Challenge: Final Exam

For the last issue of the year, we present the final exam, arguably the toughest sudoku challenge yet! This one’s just for fun! Thank you all for playing! We hope you play again next year!

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Men's water polo has best season in program history

Drew Jones
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Men's water polo had an incredibly remarkable season this year, with one of their best in program history. The Tigers took the nation by surprise by winning their first regular season conference title in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF). They came out firing in the water—bringing home victories in their first six games of the season.

Pacific moved into the No. 2 spot in the NCAA ranking pool. Pacific displayed that they deserved it with tremendous wins over then No. 4 Cal, No. 14 Santa Clara and No. 6 UCSB.

Every game Pacific played this season was against another ranked team besides one. The Tigers opened up their season ranked No. 5 in the nation and worked their way up to a No. 1 ranking after defeating USC in a conference matchup at home in the onset of November. They got their official revenge after losing to USC on Oct. 13 in the SoCal men's water polo tournament. Pacific knew what they had to do in order to take down the new No. 1 in the nation.

The conference game and battle for No. 1 was a tug of war, but the Tigers broke free and put the Trojans away for good, 10-6. Pacific held their No. 1 place throughout the rest of the season and headed into the MPSF conference tournament. This was the first time in program history that Pacific stood at No. 1 in the nation. The Tigers ran through the No. 8 UC Irvine Anteaters with ease—moving into the semifinal game against rival USC. That game, that loss, refocused us. It made us hungry again. If we had won, we wouldn't have been hungry and wouldn't have won today," revealed goalkeeper Alex Malkis '14 after their win over the Cardinal on Saturday.

Pacific went into the third place game against then No. 2 UCLA head on and kept the lead the entire game. Goalkeeper Alex Malkis '14 made 13 saves, including two blocks against five-meter penalty shots.

Attacker Balazs Erdelyi '14 is one of only three players to receive MPSF tournament MVP honors without winning the national title. Erdelyi tallied seven goals in the championship game, a new NCAA record.

Head Coach James Graham was named the MPSF Coach of the Year, which is the first time that a Pacific coach has received this honor. Four of his players received all-conference honors: Malkis, Erdelyi, Goran Tomasevic '14 and Alex Obert '15. Malkis, Erdelyi and Tomasevic earned All-MPSF first team honors, while Obert received second team honors.

Erdelyi sits in the fifth spot for most goals scored in a season in the MPSF. Of all Pacific players, Erdelyi comes in third for the most career goals at a whopping 276 goals, averaging 3.27 goals per game this season, which is the second best in the MPSF.

Tomasevic comes off a red-shirt season with 67 goals—averaging 2.48 in a single game. At Pacific, Tomasevic ranks eighth in scoring with 198 career goals.

Malkis proved his leadership by blocking the net with an average of 12.85 saves per game. Malkis currently holds the second place position in saves at Pacific with 1,028 career stops—just 33 short of the program's record.

Obert comes off a second team All-American season—scoring 40 goals in 26 games. Obert served as a utility player by shifting roles in various games.

The Tigers had an inspiring and remarkable season by setting records for most wins, fewest losses and deepest NCAA run. Pacific’s greatest finish was in 1993 when they came in fifth place in the NCAA tournament. The 2013 Tigers will go down in history as one of the best athletic teams at Pacific.

Men's basketball advances to CIT semifinal game

Men’s basketball had a great start to the season, only losing two games within their first 13 non-conference match-ups. However, as Pacific began taking a bite out of what the West Coast Conference (WCC) has to offer, they began to struggle to find their groove.

Pacific had many big victories in the start of the season, taking down former conference foe UC Irvine, Western Illinois, and Fresno State.

The Tigers finished the season 15-16 overall, and were 6-12 in conference; nevertheless they completed an upset and defeated BYU on Feb. 13.

The match-up remained close the entire time, but Pacific came out victorious, 89-82. After the regular season, the Tigers fell in seventh place and were set to play the Broncos from Santa Clara at the WCC tournament in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ultimately, the Tigers came out on the bottom of the match-up, but they reset and went on to play in the Collegetnislers.com Tournament (CIT). Pacific traveled to Arizona to take on Grand Canyon in the first round of the tournament, and they won by the skin of their teeth, 69-67. In the next round, the Tigers had home court advantage against Texas A&M — Corpus Christi. Pacific cruised to an 80-67 win and headed to the quarterfinals against conference foe San Diego.

The previous time the pair matched up was during conference and San Diego came out the victor, yet the Tigers did not feel compelled to repeat history—winning the match-up and moving on to the semi-final game.

In their final game of the season, Pacific struggled to keep up with Murray State. The Racers sent the Tigers packing; however, it was a great accomplishment to have made it that far in the tournament. Notably, forward Tony Gill '14 earned All-WCC honorable mention as he led Pacific with 11.4 average points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game. Gill posted a career-high 22 points at Nevada on Nov. 8.

The Tigers graduate seniors Gill, forward Trevin Harris '14, guard Sama Talu '14, guard Andrew Bock '14, center Khalil Kelley '14, and center Tim Thomas '14.
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
KiKi Moore ’14

Guard KiKi Moore ’14 had a stellar first (and last) season at Pacific. Coming from Fresno State, Moore led the Tigers in points per game, averaging 16.4. Moore is credited with 191 total rebounds, both offense and defense this season. Her efforts on the court led Pacific to multiple conference wins, guiding them to the WCC semi-finals. Moore stood out as one of the star players on the team and within all of Pacific’s athletics, as a whole.

Meth takes home 2014 WCC title

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For the third straight year, a member of the Pacific golf team has won an individual conference title. Junior Byron Meth ’14 ran away with the 2014 West Coast Conference (WCC) title, scoring eight-under par and achieving a new career-best.

The Tigers, as a whole, fell in a tie for fifth place overall. This is Pacific’s first WCC title in program history, as they rejoined the conference this season.

This is Meth’s first individual conference and tournament title. “All the hard work and 17-hour days is worth it when experiencing moments like this,” said Meth. “In golf, you lose way more than you win. However, everyone plays to win,” Meth expresses. “This is a really special feeling and backing up my teammates with a third-consecutive individual win is exciting.”

Meth was the leader of the pack throughout the tournament and sat comfortably at the top. He took a two shot lead in the final round of play, and that was all he needed to run home with the individual victory. He tallied 13 pars and three birdies after the second round of play.

With the title, Meth earned a berth to the individual NCAA tournament for his second consecutive season. The Tigers earned a berth to regionals last season as a team.

Notably, Meth earned All-WCC honors and was the only Tiger to do so. He had eight top-20 finishes this season, including four top-10 awards and two top-3. Out of 35 rounds, Meth had 14 under par this season. He led the squad with a 72.42 stroke average, which is also the sixth best scoring average for a golfer in Pacific’s program history.

Doing work both on and off the course, Meth was named to the All-WCC Academic Team with a 3.21 cumulative grade point average in business administration. Again, he was the only Tiger to receive this award as well.
Men's volleyball has final season in program history

Fans storm the court after the final kill gives Pacific a sweeping win over Cal Baptist.

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Fans screaming, a 3-0 win, and friends storming the court. This is what the Pacific men's volleyball team got to experience at their final home game ever.

It was an exhilarating game that inspired Tiger pride in many Pacific students. Behind Thomas Hodges '14 kills, Joshua Stewart's '17 31 assists and four digs, and Tommy Carmody's '15 overall solid day, the Tigers were ready for a win.

The Tigers jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first set and never held back, beating the Lancers in the first set by 25-14. As much as Cal Baptist tried to fight in the second set, they could not keep up and lost, 25-18. Finally, in the last set, the Lancers found their game and really gave the Tigers a rightful challenge for their final game. After taking the lead in the third set at 4-1, the Lancers tied it back up three times at 7-7. The Tigers managed to tie it up three more times at 12-12, 17-17 and 20-20. Finally, Pacific rallied late and earned the last four-point lead, and the Tigers won with a clean sweep of 3-0.

The room was ecstatic and very emotional as the 728 fans in attendance stormed the court.

A bystander would not have been able to tell that this was the last ever men's volleyball game at Pacific. This is because the Tigers played with a fire that could not be matched. Every game that these men played is filled with so much enthusiasm, from the court to the sideline, that it can only be described as infectious. From fists flying in the air in triumph to teammates jumping around giving chest bumps in almost mosh-pit type fashion, this exciting team brought every fan to their feet and gave everyone such a sense of Pacific pride.

Notably, on the opposing team stood a former member of the Pacific program. Giovanni Llinas Rosa is an outside hitter from Puerto Rico and came to Pacific in the fall of 2012. He has since transferred to Cal Baptist due to the elimination of the program at Pacific.

Unfortunately, we have to face reality: Pacific men's volleyball will be gone after this year. Regardless, they sure had a great finish.

Head coach Joe Wortmann is in his 22nd season and final season as the men's volleyball coach. Wortmann is the only coach in Pacific's program history.

Wherever these men decide to go for the rest of their collegiate careers, their coaches will be lucky to have them - if not for their skill, but for their fighting spirit.

It is no secret: It has been tough for the Tigers going through their last season and not knowing what is coming next. However, in spite of pain and heartbreak, these men kept on fighting.

For those who had the pleasure to witness it, it was a game that no one will forget.
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