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Dear Pacific Community:

Campus leaders welcome us to another academic year.

As we begin this new school year we have asked for some insight from a few of those among us who are looking forward to another great year at University of the Pacific. Inside you will find words of inspiration and excitement from University President Donald DeRosa. You will hear about the academic perseverance from Provost Philip Gilbertson. Tiger Spirit and dedication has been delivered by Director of Athletics, Lynn King and Mindy Krezman, Associated Student Body President, comes forward with a student oriented year in the making.

President DeRosa's Address:

Dear Students,

Welcome home! This will be an exciting year at Pacific. We have much to celebrate as we start the year. Your University continues to earn national recognition for our talented students and exceptional academic programs. We recently learned that we plan to move up in the U.S. News and World Report rankings and hold our place as a Best Value among America's great universities.

This year, I will recommend to the Board of Regents the construction of two significant projects: A new State-of-the Art biology building and a magnificent University Center. The biology building will provide the highest level of laboratory and classroom space critical to meet the student demand for the biological sciences and our pre-professional health programs. The University Center will be a 'living room' for our Pacific community and will include much needed dining space, a large event venue, expanded bookstore, and at the request of students, a Pub.

I encourage you to take full advantage of everything Pacific has to offer. Your faculty will both challenge and support you. Get involved and be an active learner. Also, broaden your university experience through being a part of a student organization, participating in one of the most active campus recreation programs in the country, and look for opportunities to serve. Pacific's mission embraces citizen leadership and we live in a community that truly values the involvement of our students, faculty, and staff.

As I begin the eleventh year of my Presidency, I reflect on our progress and am energized by our work ahead. Our Board, faculty, and staff are deeply committed to the Pacific experience. This is your experience and I challenge you to be active in shaping your learning as well as the future of the University itself.

Sincerely,

Donald V. DeRosa
President

Welcome Weekend a success
Pacific places 104th in “Best Colleges” report and 39th in “Great Schools at Great Prices” in U.S. News and World Report.

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Editor-In-Chief

After receiving increased rankings, Pacific was in full swing. University of the Pacific's annual Welcome Weekend was packed full of activities, information, and Tiger pride.

Students participated in early morning volunteering with alumni, a casino night, an "Up-All-Night" carnival, the Social Justice Fair, Convocation, and the Welcome Back Barbeque.

One of the other events had Freshman Charles Bolton “act like a model and bark like a dog” - a hypnotist that visited campus last Friday night.

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Smiling, freshmen exit Convocation from Faye Spanos Auditorium to be welcomed by applauding faculty, staff, and members of the Pacific community last Sunday afternoon.
Media Collaboration:
Check out Pacific television and radio

Holla Pacific! My name is Lauren Gutierrez and this year I have the privilege of managing our school-wide television channel, newly reinvented as PAC 2 TV. Sure, the TV has not been a big forum for inventive information and creative programming thus far, but my goals this year include just that. With some actual interest and collaboration by you, the student body—comedic, angry, sympathetic, liberal, conservative, and extremist positions all needed, I think we could actually spark quite the little visual revolution here at the Stockton campus. The theme for this years programs, short of penetration and illicit drug use, are indiscriminatory, uncensored, wild, and brutally honest—straight

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KPAC is back

KPAC is back - My name is Aidan Gray; I am the Program Director and General Manager of Pacific's center for aural battery - KPAC Radio 89.7.

Exciting things are afoot to really jumpstart the radio station that we have here at Pacific.

KPAC is heading towards a dedicated format with a focus on a specific genre of music. If you tune in, either online, or through your radio dial, KPAC will be providing campus with the best in world class, quality rock music.

In no way are we sidestepping other types of music! Rap, country, techno, blues,

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Sincerely yours,
Mindy Kreitzman
ASuop President

My fellow Pacificans,

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Mindy Kreitzman and it is my great pleasure to serve as the president of the Associated Students of the University of the Pacific (ASuop). First and foremost, I would like to welcome you all to what promises to be another wonderful year.

I have been thinking about what exactly to say about life here at Pacific. There is something special about Pacific life. I find it hard to imagine life at Pacific without ASuop. While it often goes unnoticed, we are involved in just about everything that makes this university special.

I would like to share with you just a little bit of what we at ASuop do. ASuop brings some of the biggest names to Pacific. For example, this year we are looking forward to hosting Flogging Molly on September 23 and Cake on October 15.

ASuop sponsors trips from the Winchester Mystery House to Giants games, to go see Cirque du Soleil. Plus, ASuop puts on an event in the Summit just about every day of the week. Also, the student discount program allows you discounts in the Stockton community.

I would really like to encourage you come and visit me at the ASuop office (right across from the Summit) during my office hours. I would be more than happy to assist you with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. As your student body president, it is my great honor to serve as an advocate for students.

I am going to let you all in on a little secret that I learned during my sophomore year: It doesn't matter how long you are at Pacific, what matters is what you do while you are here. Fortunately it is really easy to get involved at Pacific with over 120 student organizations to choose from.

There is everything from the Association of Computer Machinery (ACM) to the Slam Poetry Club to Greek Life, to the Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) Club.

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If for some reason there isn’t a club out there for you then fear not; it is exceptionally easy to start a club. All you have to do is stop by the ASuop office and I will help you get things started.

I can’t even begin to tell you how important it is for you to find a club and just get involved. If you get involved then Pacific will no longer be just a university, but rather it will become your new home. It has been my home for the past two years.

On behalf of the Associated Students, I would like to welcome you all home, and remind you again that “It doesn’t matter how long you are at Pacific, what matters is what you do while you are here.” I wish you the best of luck for another fantastic year at the University of the Pacific.

To all new students, welcome to Pacific. To all returning students, welcome back. This is the most exciting time of the year, as we all renew old friendships and create new ones. I hope you all have the attitude of discovery, because that is one of the reasons you are here. This is a great place to be at a time in your life when you can appreciate all that is good.

I want to invite you to be an integral part of this campus experience. One of the ways to do that is to be a fan of your Pacific athletics program.

Maybe you already know that the Pacific Tigers are a highly respected NCAA Division I program with teams that perform at the national level on a regular basis. As examples, your men’s basketball team has been one of the best in the nation the past two years, your women’s volleyball team is consistently a top 20 program being one of only four teams that have earned a berth in every NCAA championship tournament [24 straight years] and your women’s field hockey team was one of only 16 in the country to make the NCAA tournament last year. Those are just examples. Each of our programs is a source of pride for Pacific.

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Our goal is to help make your experience here at Pacific the very best it can be. We know that when students get involved as fans and supporters of intercollegiate athletics, it is fun for everyone, most of all, for you!

Intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of your University experience. It is fun, exciting, builds campus pride and is great entertainment. I invite you to join all us of here as Pacific Tiger fans. Remember, you never know who you might meet sitting next to you!!

We are excited about the upcoming season, GO TIGERS!!

Lynn King
Athletic Director

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from the minds of you, the students. Positions are wide and varied, from sales to anchor, to director and writer. Whatever your into, I'm into — not to sound like a Geisha or anything, but the station is open and ready for your input. This year we will all have the power, and actual abilities, to change not only the views of our campus, but also influence the attitudes of ourselves.

So please, I invite you all to challenge the system and break from tradition, or even to keep it in check. We together are PAC 2 TV and "we show everything."

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jazz, and more will also be heard on our airwaves.

KPAC Radio is also taking steps to get national and international artists heard on 89.7. We will be broadcasting live interviews, hosting contests and giveaways. Also, a full concert may happen sometime in the '05/'06 academic year.

If you are interested in taking part in KPAC, we are always actively looking for DJ's, backroom support, engineers, etc. and would welcome you.

No matter what your musical interests are, get yourself heard campus wide. pacificradio@tv.yahoo.com

We can hook you up with much more than the invaluable experience you'll get for working for strange people like me.

Dear Scholars,

"Scholar" means both "student" and "learned person." At a university, we all are the former and aim for the latter. As knowledge doubles routinely these years and the Internet floods our lives with information, I have one suggestion for the year: carve out time to read a major classic.

I'm not talking old Mad magazines or Future Shock. I have in mind a real classic such as Sophocles plays, Sunjata, Darwin's Origin, the Bhagavad Gita, Mill's On Liberty, Mead's 'Coming of Age in Samoa,' a real book that is not on the syllabus, that is a known classic, that challenges your comprehension. When I was a college sophomore, I stumbled on to Dostoevsky's 'Crime and Punishment.' It took over my life for three days—I couldn't put the book down, and I've never been the same since.

"Classics" become classics because people like you and me have had their heads turned around by them, many of them for centuries. So which classic you should choose shouldn't keep you up at night. Classics found us, but also shine a laser light on things we don't know, split our minds open. See how it works for you as a change of pace from web surfing.

Best wishes for intellectual adventure this year,

Phil Gilbertson
Provost