Reynolds Gallery brings English history to Pacific with “A Rub with Death” etchings exhibit

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On Friday, Nov. 13, black and white printed banners decorated the quaint room in the Reynolds Gallery. The prints display metalwork portraits of people ranging from knights to bishops and wives to children of the 15th century. “A Rub with Death: The Leppelmeier Collection” is an exhibition featuring brass rubbings and monumental brasses from Sussex, England during the 15th century.

The brass rubbings are a sheet of brass rubbed with paper by a medium such as a black wax heel ball to leave etchings on the metal. Although brass rubbings had been created or at least recorded since 1380, they became commonplace during this time period. The ornate monuments were used to honor the memory of the deceased, whether those people were important to the church or to their families.

The exhibit goes to great lengths to explain the symbolic details used in the brass rubbings and the meanings behind each one. For example, class and decree could be pointed out on a rubbing by the way a person was dressed. Knights are captured wearing full armor, whereas bishops are adorned with a pastoral stave. The most distinguished elder in a brass rubbing can be identified by pointedness of toes and roundness of their hair from the center of their head.

When a man and woman, presumably a married couple, are seen on brass rubbings, positioning is crucial. The wife is always portrayed on the left side of her husband, with both members having their hands clasped in a praying position. Their children are pictured behind them, with boys on the husband’s side and girls on the wife’s in descending order.

Although fashion evolved as the centuries passed, symbols stayed consistent. A lion sitting at a man’s feet symbolizes generosity and courage. For a woman, a dog in that position represents fidelity.

To illustrate, in 1566 Sir Edward Gage, a Knight of Firle, is captured in a brass rubbing with his wife and four children. Wife and husband face each other with their hands clasped close to their chests, while their children line up behind them in the same position. At the time, Gage had commissioned an immigrant artist to make brass rubbings for his family, it later turned out the artist incorrectly positioned the women in all the rubbings. Oops!

Brass rubbings were just for the faithful couple. One of the oldest effigies of a woman is that of Margaret de Camoys from 1310. She was married to Sir John Camoys but soon left him for another man. John not only agreed on the arrangement but assigned Margaret to Sir William Paynel (her lover) and allowed her to live with him until she died. The brass rubbing of Lady Camoys shows a full body image, adorned with nine enamel shields (that were sadly all stolen).

Brass rubbings are precious to English history because they capture the culture of that period. While rubbings never evolved with time, the world around them did.

During the 15th century, when the mad reign of Henry VII was at its peak, brass rubbings were looked at in terms of monetary value and no longer cultural preservation. Therefore, many rubbings created and placed in monasteries were taken by the Crown, and few remain to this day.

This exhibit offers a great opportunity to get personal with history and indulge in a piece of the English legacy left here today. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. til Nov. 24.

Pacific Technology brings innovation on campus

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Pacific Technology is committed to providing seamless technology services to Pacific’s three campuses as part of Pacific’s 2020 Plan. Pacific Technology’s mission statement reads: “Deliver sustainable, secure and innovative technology services that support the student and community-centered mission of our University.” Pacific Technology covers the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco campuses, along with the March Lane offices.

This multi-step plan was started by interim Chief Information Officer John Jones along with the Deputy CIO Jack Brown. Jones has recently stepped up to interim director of the Sacramento campus. The new CIO and vice president of technology is Arthur Sprecher.

Pacific’s 2020 Plan includes an Information Technology Foundational Roadmap, which spans more than 20 projects over a multi-year stage. These projects will focus on having the people, processes and technology in place across all three campuses to fulfill the mission of Pacific Technology.

One of the main focuses of the new leadership and Pacific’s 2020 roadmap is the adoption of Information Technology Service Management. Previously,
Giving students a better wireless network

PACIFIC TECH
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Inconsistent user experiences, unpredictable connectivity and varied technology existed across all three campuses. ITSM strives to provide maximum and consistent customer satisfaction. This will be achieved through assessment, concurrent training, infrastructural upgrades and enhancement of services offered.

IT staff members across campus are strongly encouraged to become certified in Information Technology Infrastructure Library. ITIL is used to develop and execute the best practices for IT service management. This will enhance and streamline IT processes, as well as improve user satisfaction.

During July and August 2015, Pacific Technology finished Phase 1 and 2 of their Wireless Network Upgrade Project. Phase 1 involved installing and/or replacing almost 200 wireless access points (WAPs) across most of the Stockton campus. Phase 2 included enhancing wireless connectivity for student housing and Faye Spanos Concert Hall. An additional 180 WAPs were installed and/or replaced during Phase 2. The new WAPs are able to boost the wireless access speed by about 300-400 percent and allow more devices to connect wirelessly simultaneously.

The Stockton Network Refresh Project, which originally began in the spring of 2014, was, for all intents and purposes, successfully completed during the fall 2015 semester. The project increased bandwidth, enhanced network speeds and boosted security, as well as replaced obsolete equipment. Currently, the network team is underway on planning a similar upgrade for the Sacramento campus.

For more tech updates, follow the University of the Pacific Technology Team on their website at www.pacific.edu/oit or on social media: Facebook.com/UOPacificTech, Twitter.com/UOPacificTech or Instagram.com/UOPacificTech.

Pictures worth 1,000 words
Here's your chance to see some of Pacific's noteworthy events that you may have missed!

Grand opening of the Veterans' Center

President Eibeck, joined by other speakers, opened the new Veterans' Center for students who have served in the armed forces. The event featured the color guard and also welcomed students on campus who are veterans.

Kicking off International Week

Pacific kicked off International Week with events such as a virtual tour of Afghanistan by a student from the country and info sessions for study abroad opportunities in China and Italy.

Other events included the 18th Annual Multicultural Dinner, an Indian cultural dance, sacred space yoga, prayers in the Christian tradition, the Hunger Banquet, Buddhist meditation and speakers on topics such as the impact of international education and the effects of modern education on the world.

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Public Safety

Weekly Report
Nov. 1 - Nov. 14

Suspicious Incident
Public Safety 11.10.15
The reporting party came into Public Safety to report a possible identity theft.

Accident
Pacific & Fulton 11.11.15
Officers responded to assist with a solo vehicle accident that involved a vehicle and a tree.

Casualty
Bio Sciences 11.12.15
The subject complained of stomach pain. They refused any kind of medical assistance but accepted a ride back to their residence.

Report
Public Safety 11.12.15
Officers took a report for documentation regarding an off-campus accident.

Noise Complaint
Pacific House 11.13.15
Officers responded to assist Housing staff with a resident who was making too much noise.

Auto Burglary
Stadium Drive 11.13.15
Officers took a burglary report for a subject who found their side window broken, with their luggage, laptop and other electronic equipment stolen.

Report
Townhouse Parking 11.14.15
Officers took a hit-and-run report where a vehicle was struck, causing moderate damage.

Auto Burglary
Off Campus 11.01.15
The victim reports someone smashed the window of his vehicle and removed several items while he was parked on Mendocino Avenue.

Arrest
1500 Telegraph 11.01.15
Officers responded to a call of a subject trying to gain entry into a home that was not his own through a bathroom window. Officers found the subject on the lawn and determined he was under the influence. The subject was cited for drug paraphernalia.
OPINION

What college students can learn from the race protests that happened at University of Missouri

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Since University of Missouri's situation has blown up across the U.S. and has the potential to change the way we as college students view our universities, I believe the most important thing to do in the midst of all the excitement and buzz is to take a step back and review the facts of the ongoing crisis at Mizzou.

The University of Missouri is located in Columbia, Mo., a medium-sized college town just west of the Mississippi River. The university was founded in 1839 while Missouri was still very much a slave state; it accepted its first black students in 1950. Now, in 2015, black students make up 7 percent of the university, with several of these students reportedly feeling unwelcome and unwanted.

An incident in 2010 saw two white males littering the courtyard of the Black Culture Center with cotton during Black History Month. In 2014, students led protests on and off campus when the Ferguson shooting occurred just two hours away.

It's fair to connect these incidents, some others and the general race dialogue that has taken place at the university to the breaking point just reached after a new series of heavily publicized incidents took place in the last two months.

Starting in mid-September, student body president Payton Head, who is black, reported having been called the n-word by white passersby in a pickup truck. Head took his story to social media, saying, “I really just want to know why my simple existence is such a threat to society,” and received huge support from the community.

Following this, other black students reported being called slurs on campus, and a swastika was drawn in a residence hall bathroom. Although some of the white students who harassed their black peers were caught and removed from the university, the student body cited a general sense of apathy and inaction by the administration, namely president Tim Wolfe, as the cause of these incidents' continuation.

In response to the incidents, black graduate student Jonathan Butler went on an indefinite hunger strike, which he said would only stop once Wolfe left the university. Students and community members combined to form “Concerned Student 1950,” an activist group devoted to Butler’s cause and the empowerment of marginalized students.

The football team also voiced their support of Butler, refusing to play until the situation was resolved. Wolfe released a public statement detailing how important it was to him that all students could feel safe on campus and offered to meet and speak with Butler, who declined.

On Nov. 9, Tim Wolfe resigned and was replaced by black interim president Michael Middleton. The administration has promised to work with Concerned Student 1950, whose demands include 400 new black staff and faculty members.

What's going right?

Although these racial incidents were led by individuals, they can be said to show a greater issue with racism still prevalent in Missouri, even on its university's campus. The

It's just coffee: time to get over the red cup ruckus

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Starbucks rang in the holiday season with noticeably graphic-less ombre red cups this year, causing an uproar from consumers.

As usual, Facebook fueled the spread of the wildfire. Josh Feuerstein, a so-called social media evangelist, posted a video to his popular page. In his monologue, Feuerstein made claims that Starbucks purposefully removed "Christmas" and "Merry Christmas" from their cups, essentially removing Christ from their seasonal cups.

Feuerstein even went as far as to say that Starbucks does not allow its employees to say "Merry Christmas" to customers. As a current employee, I can testify that his allegations are false.

CNBC reported that Starbucks was mentioned over 474,000 times, and "red cup" has been mentioned more than 61,000 times on social media in the past week. This in turn sparked the hashtag #itsjustacup, which only reached over 4,400 mentions.

It's interesting to note that Pacific's on-campus Calaveras Coffee House does not serve the contentious red cups, because they are a licensed store and not corporate. Calaveras has some of the holiday beverages, but none of the cheer... or controversy.

Of course, one should take into consideration that past red cups featured snowflakes and snowmen. These do symbolize the holiday season, but not Christmas specifically — especially not what Christmas is meant to evoke for Christians.

All in all, it’s clear that one misleading Facebook video gave misinformed people something to raise a ruckus over. Ultimately, the red cup is just a disposable paper receptacle for overpriced coffee. Its color is merely meant to ring in the holiday festivities.

Finals season is upon us, Tigers, and while we will be consuming plenty of coffee, I trust we’ll be far more concerned with what is in the cup and not what is (or is not) on the outside.
Did we forget about UC Merced?

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On Nov. 4, 2015, a student attending the University of California, Merced's campus went on a stabbing spree, injuring four students before he was shot and killed by UC Merced's campus police.

He reputedly began the violent conduct in response to being excluded by a study group; the investigation, however, is still ongoing, according to an article published on Fox News on Nov. 6, as well as an article penned by Veronica Miracle on Nov. 13 on ABC News. While there was insufficient data on all acts of violence committed at schools this year, there have been at least 52 shootings in and around schools, according to an article by RT.com.

All of this is terrible. But what makes Merced’s case even worse is that it, and other such shootings, has already been virtually forgotten by students at the University of the Pacific. The Pacifican asked various students around campus about the UC Merced stabbing. Most admitted that they did not know much about it. A few acknowledged that they had not even heard about it at all.

Now, I would like to propose several theories as to why such an event could be forgotten so quickly.

The first and foremost is that it was a stabbing and not a shooting. Gun violence receives decidedly more attention on national media, primarily because gun violence, and the resulting debate about gun control, is a contentious issue. A stabbing, while disturbing, does not engage the passion of the political pundits.

Another possible reason is the niche markets. Our attention is continuously being demanded by so many distinctly different sources, from social media to video games to homework. We don’t have the time to absorb all of this information; it is reasonable to believe some things could easily slip through the cracks of our attention. In this case, it happens to be something close to home.

But I think this issue deserves attention. By all accounts, the shooter was perfectly normal in high school, according to the aforementioned articles. While this by no means indicates innocence, it is reasonable to believe some things happened to before this issue is placed above gun control in terms of importance.

amount of people involved in protests shows that acceptance of this now by the student body is lower than ever. While it’s difficult to say what exactly Wolfe and the administration should have been doing, too many race-related incidents were allowed to occur without being actively addressed, and the students did something about it. That much is admirable.

What’s going wrong?

The protests and demands of Concerned Student 1950 show a lack of grounded argument and perpetuate a poorly constructed “us vs. them” mentality.

Mass media professor Melissa Click resigned after a video surfaced of her and protesters of Concerned Student 1950 pushing and berating Tim Tai, a Missouri student and photographer on assignment from ESPN, who was there just to report the story. Protesters told him, “You don’t have the right to take our photos,” and cited distrust of the media as the reason.

In another strange twist, Payton Head admitted to making false, fear-mongering claims of the KKK spotted on campus and has been asked to step down as student body president.

What should we do about it?

As college students, it’s our job to stay informed on what is going on in other universities around the U.S.

Above all, it is important that we never stifle free speech at Pacific and allow for critical and open conversation between all students, faculty, and administration to best avoid creating campus divisions, racial or otherwise.
RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

A comprehensive guide to Stockton's local restaurants

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While spending time with loved ones or searching for the next best deal during the holidays, people, especially college students, can get quite hungry. Of course, sometimes the food offered in the UC, delicious as it may be, doesn't quite cut it — sometimes, you want something above a cafeteria or a fast food joint.

To satiate a few of your cravings, The Pacifican has compiled a handy guide of some awesome local eateries!

Cocoro Japanese Bistro & Sushi Bar. Location: 2105 Pacific Avenue. One of the staples on Miracle Mile, Cocoro is one of the best places for sushi and Japanese food in Stockton. Already a hit among Pacific students, Cocoro has gained a reputation for being a sleek restaurant and date spot as well. Its location on Miracle Mile makes it a great place for a night out, as you can enjoy any of the other entertainment Miracle Mile offers.

Cocoro To Go. Location: 3499 Brookside Road. If you’re in the mood for sushi but don’t want to sit down to eat, Cocoro To Go brings all the best of what Cocoro has to offer in a smaller, easier to take out manner. Cocoro To Go’s menu offers many items lifted straight from the main restaurant’s. You can order by calling in or walking in. After only a short while, you can grab your delicious Japanese food and eat it wherever you like. Personally, the beef curry udon bowl is my favorite — it’s great comfort food.

Taqueria Carolina. Location: 4555 North Pershing Avenue. Looking for cheap but authentic Mexican food? Then this is the place to go. Whether you go for the tacos, burritos or other entrees on the menu, you can really taste the love and effort that goes into making every dish. The atmosphere is cozy and the place is never too packed, making it an ideal place to grab a bite and study.

Tigers Yogurt. Location: 4343 Pacific Avenue. This place needs no introduction. Most, if not all, Pacific students know of Tigers Yogurt, which is popular both for dates and as a place to hang. The frozen yogurt here is definitely something every student should try at least once during their time at Pacific.

Royal Siam. Location: 6124 Pacific Avenue. If Japanese, Mexican and/or frozen yogurt isn’t your thing, then try this delicious Thai place. The menu includes a plethora of delicious and authentic Thai dishes, from curries to pad Thai. Each dish’s level of spiciness can be customized to your preference. Royal Siam offers mild to Thai spicy, so all taste buds are welcome here.

Why should you support your local businesses?

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With the advent of online shopping and the ease of virtual clicking instead of in-person picking, it may seem superfluous to shop at physical locations — even if they are nearby. Contrary to popular belief, however, there are a variety of worthy reasons to get out and shop local.

The first and perhaps most important reason to pledge your fealty to local companies is to strengthen the local economy. In essence, supporting local businesses equates supporting local families.

Statistically speaking, multiple studies have shown that local businesses’ revenue is more likely to go toward supporting other local businesses, thus creating a beneficial cycle within the local community. In the article “The Multiplier Effect of Local Independent Businesses,” the American Independent Business Alliance reports, “On average, 48 percent of each purchase at local independent businesses was recirculated locally, compared to less than 14 percent of purchases at chain stores.”

Of all cities, Stockton could especially use an economic boost. Whenever you consider a purchase, consider the positive financial impact you’ll impart by purchasing locally.

Another, possibly more obscure reason to support enterprises in your community is that buying local often means supporting the environment. Local businesses are more likely to source local produce and goods, which means a decrease in fuel emissions and transportation costs and a greater support of smaller suppliers.

The American Independent Business Alliance also asserts, “Millions of independent grocers, restaurants, nurseries and other businesses making individual sourcing choices helps protect biodiversity.”

From another angle, local businesses often plan their locations to be more accessible to local residents, offering more opportunities for walking, biking and other healthy, more sustainable forms of transportation.

Finally, shopping local creates a distinctive sense of community. By electing to frequent your local mom-and-pop shops instead of corporate monoliths, you’re helping to create and improve relationships amongst your neighbors, as well as strengthening a sense of community cohesiveness.

You’re also using your dollar to influence and shape the businesses around you. By supporting independent businesses, you can actually submit feedback that might be seriously considered, compared to complaining about a national or global chain. Those independent businesses, in turn, have some decision-making power as well as the nuanced insight necessary to constructively develop their community.

Overall, it’s clear that shopping local is a simple yet effective way to support your community and the individuals who make it unique. This Saturday, Nov. 28 marks this year’s Small Business Saturday — so make sure to show some much-appreciated support to the local businesses in your life!
Looking for a fun way to start off your Thanksgiving morning?

The 11th annual Run & Walk Against Hunger benefiting the Emergency Food Bank and Family Services will take place on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26 at Banner Island Ballpark located at 404 West Fremont Street.

The Emergency Food Bank is an organization that provides food assistance and programs to residents in San Joaquin County,” located at 7 W. Scotts Avenue.

Race day will start with registration followed by the Kids ¼ Mile Run at 8 a.m. with an opening ceremony at 8:20 a.m. and the 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run at 8:30 a.m.

The course will be a flat and scenic run that begins and ends at the Stockton Ports Downtown.

According to the event website, “the course proceeds along both sides of the Stockton Deepwater Channel past the Weber Point Event Center, returning and finishing back at the Ballpark. Walkers have their own scenic waterfront course along the promenade.”

Results will be posted online at www.onyourmarkevents.com shortly after the race, and winners can pick up their awards at Fleet Feet in Lincoln Center.

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For those of you who hail from the San Joaquin Valley, chances are you already know Dell’Osso Family Farm quite well. For those of you who have not visited the family-friendly Lathrop estate, your chance to partake in the fun is just around the corner!

The farm is open from from Dec. 12 to Jan. 2 and offers a multitude of great events that you can attend for very reasonable prices.

Glide around Dell’Osso’s ice rink for only $12 ($10 if you bring your own skates) or spend 90 minutes tubing down the giant snow hill for $20; you can even drive through a spectacular light show in your car ($10), on a hayride ($6) or on the Dell’Osso Express train ($3.50). There is also a great food court at the farm, as well as the Country Store, which offers fresh pie and fudge.

You won’t want to miss out on the holiday festivities happening this season on the farm! Dell’Osso Family Farm is located at 26 Stewart Road in Lathrop, Calif., just...
Taco trucks: the verdict for Tacos El Mayita

Cathy Thai

Ever wondered about all the different taco trucks here in Stockton? Normally, my go-to taco truck in Stockton is El Grulito by Lowe’s Home Improvement, located on Hammer Lane. But after eating at a certain place repeatedly for the past three years, my taste buds were yearning for something new.

For some time now, my friends have urged me to stop by Tacos El Mayita truck. As we drove into the parking lot, the first thing that caught my eye was the sign that read “El Mayita, open 7 days a week. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.”

The hours of operation are quite generous, perfect for anyone who is ever craving some fast Mexican food.

The menu was placed in the middle of the truck, which displayed six items and what each item contained. What bothered me most, however, were the blue pieces of tape that covered the pricing of each item, which made me quite skeptical of the items’ cost.

Now onto the food...

Upon the recommendations of my friends and with the help of Yelp, I ordered an al pastor (pork) burrito. The wait time was not very long, and within 10 minutes we had received our food.

The servings were huge! At only $5.50, I received a weighty, overfilled burrito, with a heaping amount of meat placed into the tortilla. The pork was seasoned with a kick of spice and had a lot of flavor, although I felt it was a little dry...

However, while I liked that I got my money’s worth regarding the amount of meat, I also would’ve liked to be able to taste the other flavors in the burrito, like the beans, cheese and salsa.

It felt like I was only eating pork and tortilla in every bite. I also had a bite of my friend’s asada (steak) taco; because the steak was not as dry, I would recommend ordering the steak.

All in all, if you’re ever craving a burrito, I would recommend El Mayita. The prices are reasonable for a large amount of food, and the food itself won’t disappoint. However, to label it “the best burrito I’ll ever eat” is still up for debate.

Staying in Stockton for the upcoming break?
An all-inclusive guide to getting the best shopping deals

Emily Olson

Whoever says trips to San Francisco are the best shopping strategy needs a serious reality check. The truth is, you don’t need to seek out city crowds and skyscraper-high prices to check off your holiday to-buy list.

It might not seem like it at first, but Stockton is a veritable shopper’s paradise. With an eclectic mix of unique boutiques and all your favorite big brands, our city offers breadth and deals that can’t be beat.

Ready to start buying? Here’s an inside look at some of the Pacifican’s favorite Stockton shopping spots.

Weberstown Mall: Are you a Black Friday fanatic?

Weberstown Mall has you covered with doorbusters, extended hours, gift card prizes and even a live-feed web guide for what deals to catch (weberstown.com/sales). Normally open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., the center will be open on Thurs. Nov. 26 from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. and Friday Nov. 27 from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. so you can reap the early-bird benefits.

Weberstown is located just north of campus, on Pacific Avenue.

Our Picks: Bath and Body Works is a pretty safe bet for your female friends, family members and coworkers alike — fragrances are simultaneously luxurious and affordable. For your fellow Tigers, pick up a gift card from Chipotle. Now that you can order burritos for delivery from campus, you’ll be a hunger-busting hero.

Holiday Happenings: The best Black Friday fanatics (BFFs) can enter to win two $50 American Express gift cards. Just snap a picture with your actual BFF and upload it onto Weberstown’s website using the entry form. It’s that simple.

Sherwood Mall: Webergrowth’s next-door neighbor, Sherwood Mall, boasts additional big-name deals and retail hotspots to help you rack up the fall savings (tip: Follow the center on Facebook for the most up-to-date sales and offerings). With plenty of parking and dining options, Sherwood works well for both a quick afternoon outing and a longer day trip. The center is open from Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Our Picks: Sherwood is your best bet for big names. Best Buy offers all the gadget gifts and accessories everyone from your little brother to your grandmother would benefit from. Dick’s Sporting Goods serves up the sports and fitness gear for all those athletes and gym-goers on your list.

Lincoln Center: Located on Benjamin Holt Drive and Pacific Avenue (just look for the big ‘L’), Lincoln Center boasts more than 100 retail and dining facilities, offering everything from jewelry and home decor to music and health food. Lincoln Center is a great daytime stop for strategists and browsers alike: Most retailers are open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.

Our Picks: Rasputin Music offers a range of CDs and DVDs that make great classic gifts for those picky folks on your list. Nothing Bundt Cakes is the perfect place to grab the most delicious part of your party — don’t miss the pumpkin spice Bundlets!

Holiday Happenings: Rumor has it that the big man in red will be making frequent appearances throughout December; no matter your age, Santa is definitely still Instagram worthy. Visit lincolncentershops.com/
Check out the student-operated Pac Ave Records

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Pac Ave Records, founded in spring 2012, is a student-operated music label here at University of the Pacific. It was initially developed from a music management course and continues to be part of Pacific's music management program.

The hands-on environment provides students with an opportunity to garner experience and build their resumes. Alumni of Pac Ave have gone on to work as key staff at large music companies like iTunes, iHeartRadio, 44 Music and Mack Avenue Records. The label searches for local talent in the University and Stockton community.

This semester, the team consists of Brennan Doyle '16, Christopher Wentworth '16, Yamil Vazquez '19 and Alex Noxsel '18. This diverse group includes majors from music management to arts & entertainment to marketing.

They are currently working on their fifth album release, "Soul Finesse," which is a compilation album featuring six local artists. The artists on the album include current students Steezamatic (Rudy Buenrostro-Corral '17), Tom-S (Thomas Ravago '17) and NV (Nick Vaughn '17), as well as alum Sheng Moua '14. Also featured on the album is Manteca's Ian Carl Floirendo and Stockton sibling duo Pine + Palm.

The songs on the album fall into the following genres: an eclectic mix of hip-hop, indie rock, ethereal singer/songwriter, classically infused electro R&B or soul-inspired pop tracks.

In addition to supporting local artists (hopefully helping to jumpstart their careers), Pac Ave Records also has a philanthropic aspect to it. A portion of all sales for every album sold by the label goes to Harmony Stockton. Harmony Stockton is a free after-school program that introduces children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Stockton to classical music, teaches them to play musical instruments and taps into their creativity.

Money received by Harmony Stockton goes toward the much-needed funding of its instrument purchases and the costs of running the program.

Check out Pac Ave Records on Facebook at "Pac Ave Records" or on Instagram @pac_ave to get some more information on what we do!
"Ellen" celebrates 2000th episode

Not sure what to do over winter break?

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Circle K: a family devoted to service, leadership and fellowship

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Circle K is an organization filled with energy, excitement and passion for serving the community. Lawrence Tran '16 explained that “finding an organization that not only connects with the Stockton community but also connects with other people around the California, Nevada and Hawaii area who share the same passion of building a better community is pretty rare for me.”

In Circle K, no one earns points for going to events, and punishments aren’t doled out for not attending or not being involved.

Jason Ramos Millner ’19, November's Member of the Month, loves Circle K because it is an opportunity "to give back, to connect and to socialize... with willful members who help communities and individuals flourish."

The family atmosphere of Circle K is what attracted Tracy Liu ’18 to the club. “When I first arrived at Pacific, I was lost... once I joined Circle K, I joined a family. Circle K is an organization that everyone has a place to fit in,” explained Liu.

You deserve it — just don't get too lazy.

Go explore. Plan a trip to somewhere new, and invite your best friends. Maybe there's a park or lake you've always wanted to visit. If not, consider visiting a shopping center you haven't had time to explore. Just get out and have some fun doing something new.

Start an exercise routine. It’s the holiday season, and you're probably going to be eating a ton of family dinners, so why not get some exercise in to keep yourself healthy? You don't have to get a gym membership and work out every day of the week. You can just go for a jog a couple times a week and maybe even invite some friends. Just choose something healthy you’ll enjoy.

Work? It’s a break, and you probably don’t want to work during the holiday season. However, there are many places looking to fill temporary positions for the holidays, and you might be able to use some extra cash. Talk to friends or family who might know of places that are hiring, and stop by the Career Resource Center for resume evaluations and other helpful tips.

This break, don't just waste time doing nothing. Make the most of your time and spend it with family and friends. Have fun and experience the world around you, and when you come back next semester you'll have all kinds of stories to tell.
MEN'S SOCCER

Tigers drop final match in overtime

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Last Saturday at Knoles Field, the Pacific men's soccer team finished their schedule with a heartwrenching loss on Senior Night. The Tigers fell 3-2 in overtime at the hands of the Gonzaga Bulldogs.

The Tigers started out strong, striking first with a goal by midfielder/forward Gaku Lange '18 after 21 minutes of play in the first half. Lange, who led the Tigers this season with three goals, took a perfect pass from forward Collin Bettencourt '18 and slipped the ball past the charging Bulldog goalie and into the back left corner of the net.

Gonzaga evened the score with a goal by Jalen Crisler in the 32nd minute. The play was set up by Jakob Granlund, who steered a free kick into a header by Crisler to put the Bulldogs on the board. The 1-1 score was not broken heading into halftime.

The Tigers got to work quickly in the second half, as midfielder Keenan Whyte '16 scored his first goal this season on a penalty kick in the 48th minute.

Pacific held the 2-1 lead until the very end of regulation when Gonzaga scored on a set piece in the 89th minute. Granlund directed a corner kick into the box for Ben White, who nailed a header past the dive of Tiger goalkeeper Curtis Goldsmith '18 to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The Bulldogs rode their momentum into the extra period, scoring just two minutes into overtime. Crisler scored his second goal of the game off of another assist from Granlund, who put the ball in play from the corner. The 3-2 Bulldog victory ended the season for both teams.

The young Pacific men's soccer program finished its second season with a record of 1-15-1. Although the team's seniors did not get the victorious send-off they were hoping for as they ran down Knoles Field for the final time, they can be proud to be part of the new program's first senior class.

The following players were honored on Saturday for their contributions to Pacific men's soccer: defender Jamie Bent, midfielder Kalei Gallarde, defender Daniel Giovannazzo and midfielder Keenan Whyte.

The Tigers head into the offseason with an eye toward the future. While this past season may not have been the most successful in the win-loss column, there were many positive aspects that will be built upon. Most importantly, the team gained valuable experience that will help transform this young program into a force to be reckoned with in the WCC.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

KALE AI '17

Attacker Kale Ai '17 of the Pacific water polo team scored a career-high four goals in the No. 2 Tigers' 12-8 victory over No. 8 Long Beach State last Saturday. The Honolulu native added a steal in the contest, helping the Tigers improve to 22-3 on the season.

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