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SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE TOURS NYC

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble is preparing for its annual performance tour.

Carlos Flores
Editor-in-Chief

The first Conservatory of Music west of the Mississippi River is heading to the east coast for a performance tour. Pacific’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble, which tours annually, is making its first trek to the east coast for a performance tour in New York City. The ensemble began its performance tour with a performance at Faye Spanos Concert Hall on March 5th, before they perform at one more West Coast stop at Stanford on March 10th. They will then perform at Grand Street High School in Brooklyn on March 12th, and will finish the tour with a final performance at Carnegie Hall on March 13th.

“This is basically the holy grail of musical performance venues, so everyone involved is beyond excited,” says Tyler Golding, ’19. “It’s not every day that a wind band is invited to play as the premiere group.”

The band is playing this tour in honor of the late Dr. Eric Hammer ’73, Pacific’s Director of Bands who passed away on January 28th. “Of course, after Dr. Hammer’s untimely passing, one of the questions we were forced to ask ourselves was if we should and could go forward with this tour,” says graduate assistant Nico Peruzzi ’20. “I think one of the greatest testaments to his legacy is the fact that we are able to go forward with this concert.”

The Conservatory is still in the healing process, but the honoring of not only the legacy of Dr. Hammer, but the legacy that music at Pacific has had has been the most appropriate way that the community has felt to pay tribute to Hammer. “We’re still mourning, and I think this is one of the ways that our students can process their grief and make certain that they do things the way that Dr. Hammer taught us all, and I include the faculty and staff in that,” explains Conservatory Dean Peter Witte.

Pacific’s Conservatory is enjoying a year of increased enrollment, with this year’s freshman class making it the largest enrollment the Conservatory has had in its history. Dean Witte lists the New York City performances as an opportunity to show off this development. "We are at 259 students this year, we believe TO"
Local Man Drowns In Calaveras River

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Lifestyles Editor

On Monday, February 25th, a body was recovered by the San Joaquin County Coroner’s office from the Calaveras River in close proximity to the University of the Pacific. The man was identified as 41-year-old Leroy Cauceda, a native of Stockton, California. After investigation, Police ruled that Cauceda's cause of death was by accidental drowning. Witnesses told authorities that the man was partially clothed and seemed to fall into the river by Pacific Avenue while bathing. A boat rescue crew from the Stockton Fire Department was able to retrieve his body, but he could not be revived.

Water levels in the Calaveras River have increased since the influx of rain from recent storms. According to RecordNet, the water level from New Hogan Lake has been "130 percent" of the normal amount. New Hogan Lake is an artificial lake that resides in Calaveras County about 30 miles away from Stockton that sits on the Calaveras River. According to a source cited by RecordNet, Cauceda was a "father, friend, brother. To his friends, he was known as Lil’ Lee." Residents of Calaveras Hall at University of the Pacific had some thoughts on the tragic situation. When asked if the drowning concerned them about living in close proximity to the river, Cecilia Wong, 21" just feel bad for the guy [who drowned]."

Another resident had questions about how the university’s Public Safety dealt with the issue. Students and faculty were not notified through any form of communication about Cauceda's drowning. "I feel like they didn't notify is because they probably thought it did not pertain to us because it was not a student who drowned," said Jordan Shui, 21.

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"But it kind of speaks to their carelessness," she added. "[Public Safety] should have sent out a warning that the river [was] getting stronger because of the rains." Stockton police is warning people that the river is more dangerous, colder, and powerful because of water flowing from the upstream reservoir.
ASUOP Presidential Debates Kick Off Elections

Scarlett Green
Opinion Editor

Last Wednesday we watched this year's ASUOP presidential candidates talk it out in The Lair during our annual debate. Each candidate presented themselves as advocates for a different set of main goals in order to distinguish themselves from the other candidates.

Presidential Candidate Emily Sackett, Business Administration & Psychology '21, describes herself as being a good candidate for the presidency because, as the current ASUOP Vice President, she has had plenty of experience working closely with administration and is familiar with the responsibilities she would have as president. Sackett states one of her most important goals is working on more transparency and accountability. "Connecting student feedback to administrative decision-making is one of the most powerful things that ASUOP does," says Sackett. "Students need to be able to easily contact their student representation so that their opinions can be brought up within ASUOP and we would not have been able to do this without them," says Peruzzi. "To us, it means finishing what we started, and overcoming all obstacles to put on a performance."

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Pacwell Advises Students on Sexual Safety

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Opinion Editor

Pacwell, also known as Pacific Wellness, is an on-campus organization dedicated to promoting student health at Pacific. Many recognize Pacwell for the emails they send out every Wednesday, covering topics such as: strategies to cope with stress, forming a sleep schedule, exercise tips, and more.

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Pacwell has most recently taken it upon themselves to promote sex education around campus. While some people find it a little comedic to be receiving "the talk" from their university, others believe that the facts and tips given by Pacwell can be very helpful to those who may not previously have had much sexual education.

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"I think it's important for some people to read [the sex education emails] because they might be unaware of how to safely do those things," says Celeste Ayala, HESP '20.

"I guess it could be funny to some people but I think those people just need to understand that some people are not as sexually educated as others."

Over the past few weeks, Pacwell has posted flyers around residence halls advertising their sexual health clinics. One of the posters titled, "Sex is good," was recently vandalized with the caption, "after marriage" written right below it. This shows the kind of comedic manner in which many students regard Pacwell's efforts to promote sexual education. Some students believe that such clinics may have a low turnout because of the sensitivity of the subject of sex.

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When asked how she thinks Pacwell could better reach students, Tierra Smithson, Political Science '22 says, "I know that webinars can be really useful, so people can go online for them and be in the privacy of their own homes while still interacting. Maybe sometimes students can even anonymously interact with other students or advisors in the chat."

Above all, students stress that, because the topic of sex is so sensitive, providing as much privacy as possible is necessary to have a productive conversation about it.

Lauren Hudson, International Relations '21, says that an online version of sexual education would make people feel more comfortable. For this reason, she believes that Pacwell's best bet is to stick with sending out their advice in email format. This way, those who are interested can feel free to read about it by themselves, and others could ignore it if they are not interested.

"Sexual education can be an extremely valuable resource"

Although students have conflicting feelings about the effectiveness of Pacwell's sexual education outreach, many agree that, taken seriously, sexual education can be an extremely valuable resource.

With spring break just around the corner, Pacwell is ramping up their efforts even more this week with their tables around the UC. Pacwell employees and students can be seen at these tables lined with free condoms, lotion, lip balm, and other Pacwell merchandise. Students may stop on their way out and play wellness trivia games in order to win some of the free items. Although sex can be a sensitive subject, Pacwell's efforts have done well to promote safety within the Pacific community.
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On Friday March 1st, six Media X students went to Chico for the weekend to host a virtual reality pavilion at The Earth Day Film Festival. The Director of Media X, Kevin Pontuti, and a few artists also held a panel discussion on Sunday.

The virtual reality projects were curated by Pontuti, including two about sustainability that Pacific student Ramesh Borad, Media X '21, worked on. One of the most memorable films was "Aftermath," a 360-degree film by Steve Cooper about Camp Fire, the most deadly and destructive fire in California's history. Audience members included people of all ages. Aside from a solemn and eye-opening drive through Paradise, students also met many people affected by the devastating fire. Noah Lenzi, Media X '20, says that he, "met a lot of friendly people as well as climate refugees from Paradise who were active members in repairing the community. It was interesting hearing their feelings after seeing our VR selection, especially after viewing 'Aftermath.'" Lenzi also adds that he, "quickly learned how strong Chico's community is."

During the times students were not working at the pavilion, they had the opportunity to watch numerous environmental films. When asked what the highlight of the festival experience was, Borad noted that it was, "definitely the panel discussion. It was an honor sitting amongst other filmmakers from the industry and just discuss what it took to put together the projects." He also added that the festival was, "one of the most positive events [he had] been to. It had this very warm and welcoming vibe, mostly because of the community."

Though it is only the second year The Earth Day Film Festival has been around, there was a fantastic turnout at both the screenings and the virtual reality pavilion. Students are already excited to return in the future, and some may potentially submit their own films to the festival.
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**Pacific’s Sporting Events Could Fit More Fans**

Scarlett Green  
*Opinion Editor*

From offering free T-Shirts to free housing giveaways at games, Pacific tries everything to increase turnout at its sporting events. Despite these efforts, the stands never seem to get filled the way that they do at other schools.

When examining the 2017 attendance rates for NCAA Men’s Basketball, compared to other small private universities like Azusa Pacific and Pepperdine, Pacific’s average turnout of 2,143 people is fairly normal. However, public universities like San Diego State, with huge turnouts of over 12,000 people on average, boasts near capacity crowds throughout the season. More than 4,100 fans attended a recent televised game between Pacific and Gonzaga’s men’s basketball teams, nearly meeting the Alex G. Spanos Center’s capacity of 6,150, but average attendance is normally about half of that.

When asked why they choose not to go to sporting events, some students blame a heavy course load, while others state that they are simply not interested in sports. “I’m always super busy,” says Brenna Sterling, International Relations ’22. “I usually spend a lot of time studying and doing homework. With any down time I have, I like to call my family or just rest.” However, she also notes that going to at least one sporting event is one of the goals she has set for herself before graduation.

Similarly, some students theorize that Pacific’s campus culture is such that the average student typically values academics more than spending time at sporting events.

As the diverse population of student-led organizations would suggest, many Pacific students in search of social connections choose to dedicate their time to clubs or fraternities that cater to their interests, rather than attending tailgates or games. “I live off campus, so once I go home, I don’t want to come back to school,” says Julissa Salcedo, Spanish Language and Literature ‘19. “That’s the main reason why I don’t go to sporting events.” This concern could possibly be one of the main reasons why turnout for sporting events is typically lower than that of other schools. Because of the fact that over 50% of Pacific students are commuters, it is inconvenient for many to attend games.

When asked how she thinks turnout could be improved, Reimah Gaber, International Relations ’20, says, “Free food given away to maybe the first hundred people who show up could possibly help. Everybody likes free food!”

Pacific has dabbled with this idea with their free snacks at tailgates and the frequent bundt cake giveaways, which seemed to have helped.

Gabriella Cipolletti, Pacific Athletics Marketing and Promotions Manager, explained that, “Giveaways including socks, beanies, blankets, and tumblers were all popular for sale. The one part working, the whole is better. So, if one teammate is struggling, everyone else on the team has to pick that person up because without one part working, the whole is not successful.

If you find yourself with some down time one week, check your Pacific email to see if any games are coming up and try to support your fellow hard working Pacific Tigers!

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**Pacific Athlete Spotlight: Caitlyn Reynolds**

Malavika Raj  
*Lifestyles Editor*

Senior Caitlin Reynolds is an accomplished and hard-working softball player who has been playing for Pacific since her freshman year.

**Name:** Caitlin Reynolds  
**Age:** 22  
**Graduation Year:** 2019  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Sport:** Softball

**What made you get into softball?** My Dad and Grandpa played baseball in college and both my siblings play, so I grew up around playing and watching the game.

**What inspires you to play your best?** Since softball players are consistent (hitting well 3 out of 10 AT bats is considered good), I continually feel the drive to improve and better myself.

**How long have you been playing softball?** I’ve been playing since I could pick up a bat. So, for about 17 or 18 years. Since my Dad played, he would teach my siblings and me from the get go. I can still remember how it feels to hit a wiffle ball right on the sweet spot of my plastic bat out in the backyard.

**What position do you play?** I am a catcher.

**What made you choose Pacific to continue your softball career?** Pacific is a small D1 school, which means I can compete at a high collegiate level while having a quality education.

**What is your favorite part of playing a team sport?** I love how supportive everyone is on a team. Not one person can beat the opponent. Everyone has their role to promote success. So, if one teammate is struggling, everyone else does what they can to help.

**Do you see yourself playing after college?** No, after college I will not be playing softball on a competitive level. As much as I love playing softball, I look at it as an opportunity rather than my life. Playing college softball has allowed me to gain an education and further myself in academics.

**What do you want to do after graduating from Pacific?** I plan on becoming a psychology researcher. Ultimately, I want to study what it means to have quality end of life care.

From Chehalis, Washington, Reynolds played for her high school, W. F. West.

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