Pacific Chapel Hosts Vigil for Arizona Victims

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News Editor

Last Wednesday, January 12, at 5:30 PM, Morris Chapel hosted a Candlelight Service Vigil for the victims of the Arizona shooting.

On Saturday, January 9, congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords, was shot and wounded by a 22 year-old male at a shopping center in Tuscon where she was throwing a public event.

The gunman, Jared Loughner, also shot and killed 6 other people, as well as wounding 12 more. The deceased included 9 year-old, Christina Green, and U.S. District Judge, John Roll.

Chaplain Donna McNeil and President Pamela Eibeck hosted the event to recognize and remember the victims, as well as to present their ideas on this subject to the Pacific community.

President Eibeck said at the Vigil that, “When an event like this shooting in Tuscon occurs, coming together is important.” Eibeck also stated, “I have a tremendous, deep respect for those individuals that were serving their country and standing up for their beliefs.”

President Eibeck and Chaplain McNeil discussed the potential dangers in working for a political office and the importance of coming together.

“Suddenly being in the political sphere seems very risky,” stated Eibeck, “There are risks in doing the right thing, but those risks are dwarfed in comparison to doing what is right for others.”

Chaplain McNeil followed up her statement by saying, “Our lives in this world are fragile. It is no weakness to admit we need each other.”

Besides President Eibeck and Chaplain McNeil, 6 students also read biblical excerpts to the approximate 40 people in attendance. Students, staff, and community members all attended.

Frankly Fridays

Danielle Procope
Staff Writer

The Women’s Resource Center will be hosting a series called ‘Frankly Fridays’ on different Friday afternoons throughout the next few months. The series will cover different topics, with the first being dating violence.

The meeting will cover a myriad of topics in relation to dating violence. It will teach those attending how to identify unhealthy behaviors and attitudes within relationships.

The meetings will be hosted by Marcie Courtier, from Counseling Services, Mary Ann Pearson, a Student Victim Advocate, and Corrie Martin, the Director of Pacific’s Women’s Resource Center. The meetings are for all students, faculty, and staff who want to learn more about healthy relationships and how to recognize violent ones.

The first meeting is tomorrow, Friday, January 21st, 2011, from noon to one, in the Women’s Resource Center - on the first floor of the McCafferty Center.

Town Hall Meeting:
Eibeck to Speak on Campus Safety

Jaspreet Uppal
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, Pacific has experienced a numerous amount of crimes around the university campus. Inevitably, these regular Public Safety notifications have left students and staff on their toes.

Eibeck will be holding a Town Hall meeting to address these safety concerns. The Town Hall meeting will be held this coming Monday from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. At the meeting, topics to be discussed will include the Safety Action Plan and personal safety tips.

The presentation will be concluded with the opportunity for the public to share their thoughts and ideas for campus safety.

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Reynolds Gallery Hosts 'Foreclosure, USA'

Matt Hill
Staff Writer

Reynold's Gallery is presenting an exhibition of Kirk Crippens' new series called ‘Foreclosure, USA’ from January 18 to February 16. There will also be an artist talk and reception on January 21. His exhibit will focus on the housing foreclosure crisis in Stockton.

Kirk Crippens is a photographer from the San Francisco Bay Area who has been featured in the SFMOMA and Rayko Photo Center. He has multiple honors for his photography including the 2010 Blue Earth Prize for Best Project Photographer.

Crippens explains that he chose to use Stockton for his exhibit because it was the center of the housing foreclosure crisis in the United States. "In the first quarter of 2009, one in every twenty-seven housing units in the area received a foreclosure notice, against a national rate of about one in one hundred and fifty-nine," said Kirk Crippens. While the exhibit is on show, the Reynolds Gallery will be open for spectators of the exhibit from 9 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Fridays. The artist talk and reception will be on January 21 from 6 PM to 9 PM.

 Engineers Win Large Scholarship

Media Relations

Four University of the Pacific engineering students received scholarships last Thursday from a nonprofit organization founded by NASA Astronaut and 1985 Pacific Graduate, Jose Hernandez. The Reaching for the Stars Foundation awarded a $500 scholarship to each student.

The scholarship recipients are Linh Nguyen '11, a senior and civil engineer major, Kieith Luong '11, a senior and engineering management major, Eduarodo Nick Ramos, a junior and civil engineering major, and Kristina McKay Harnarstrom '12, an engineering management major.

The scholarships, which can range from $500 to $1,000, are aimed at students attending four-year colleges and universities who are working toward a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.

Public Safety Report

ESCORT Jan 12, 2011-Sunday at 00:14 11-01-16-001173 Location : OFF CAMPUS
Rp req’d an escort off campus from the Drake area...RP refused to give name and did not know address of location. RP hung up when asked if she was a Pacific student.

AIDED Aided Stockton Police Department Jan 16, 2011-Sunday at 01:34 11-01-16-001177 Location : OFF CAMPUS
SPD reported responding on multiple occasions to re... involving Pacific students for multiple disturbances including thefts from the re...

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances Jan 16, 2011-Sunday at 23:32 11-01-16-001233 Location : MCCAFFREY CTR APARTMENTS
Officers responded to call of smell of marijuana coming from location. Officers found no smell of marijuana upon their arrival.

Rp reported an intoxicated male. Ofc req’d medics. Subject arrested for public intoxication.

ALCOHOL Ambulance transportation Jan 15, 2011-Saturday at 23:52 11-01-15-001170 Location : SOUTHWEST HALL
RP advised of a 922 female who is vomiting in the toilet, requests dps asst. Ofc req’d medics. Subject transported to St. Joes.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances Jan 15, 2011-Saturday at 00:49 11-01-15-001106 Location : LOT #7
RP reported a male subject playing loud music and dancing around vehicle. SUB left the area upon officer arrival.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances Jan 15, 2011-Saturday at 07:56 11-01-13-001008 Location : KNOLES LAWN
RP reported secondhand information of five subjects bothering students on campus. Time delay of 30 minutes. Officers responded and checked the area. The subjects were gone.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances Jan 15, 2011-Thursda at 11:32 11-01-14-001053 Location : DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
RP turned in a found wallet.

FINANCE CENTER RP advised of 15-20 subjects doing jumps on their bikes and headed towards library.

AID Jumpstart Provided Jan 13, 2011-Thursda at 12:50 11-01-13-000986 Location : MORMON CHURCH PARKING LOT
RP requested a jumpstart.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT Suspicious Person Jan 13, 2011-Thursda at 17:56 11-01-13-001008 Location : KNOLES LAWN
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ALARM Alarm (Non fire) Jan 12, 2011-Wednesday at 08:53 11-01-12-000894 Location : WEBER HALL
Lab technician accidentally set off alarm.

Media Relations

Looking for a Scholarship? Thomas J. Long Foundation Core Scholarship Program is offering ten $3,000 awards for undergraduate students who have completed and excelled in at least 5 General Education courses.

This program was established in 2000 to support General Education and create incentive for Pacific students to do well in these courses. All courses, including Pacific Seminars, must be from departments outside the students major(s). Candidates must also demonstrate a leadership potential in academic or extra-curricular activities.

The application process involves submitting a completed application form, an unofficial Pacific transcript, at least one letter of recommendation, and a description of the importance of general education courses for development and preparation for the future.

Applications are due by the second week of February and winners will be announced by the end of spring. More information can be found under the personal announcements tab in your insidesacramento account.
Lessons Learned from the Tucson Tragedy

Gabrielle Giffords being one of them. There is also Sharron Angle, a Tea Party member and the Republican primary winner of Nevada and her idea to deal with the "tyrannical" American government using "Second Amendment remedies."

The Second Amendment is also, responsible for this tragedy, to rally political support. The question the safety of using America held its breath at the news of the mass shooting in Tucson, Arizona on January 8th, 2011. Six innocent people, including a nine year old girl born on 9/11, were murdered by a seemingly senseless man.

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Gun control legislation has been proposed since the Tucson shooting. Notably, New York Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy has introduced a bill that would ban high capacity ammunition magazines such as the one used by Loughner. It is unsurprising, that the NRA is against this fairly moderate proposition. Many Democrats are pessimistic about any substantial gun control litigation passing due to the Republican majority House.

While it is futile and possibly destructive to use political baiting as a means of understanding how a tragedy such as this could occur, it is important to analyze the possible social ramifications of politics. While it is unfortunate that it takes such a traumatic event such as this to bring about a serious dialogue, it is good that a dialogue exists now.

The whole concept is reminiscent of the now brazenly pointless arms race. But the reality is that one bullet, when aimed correctly, kills. There is no reason why anybody trying to defend themselves or others would need a gun as powerful as Loughner's unless in the context of the police or military.

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Danielle Procope
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Background Wins Over Merit: Med Schools

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From a young age, everyone has their passions and dreams of what they want to be when they grow up. Some people aspire to claim fame by becoming fashion designers while others are instilled by the laws of science. Just ten years ago, it was easy for people to fulfill their dreams of becoming whatever they wanted to be.

Unfortunately however, today the future doctors of America are next to miserable as they deal with their application and admission process. In today's world where we live surrounded by vicious academic competition, a failing economy, and quite frankly a form of racial discrimination towards the majority, getting into medical school is almost next to impossible, regardless of how much one has on their resume. Ultimately we start questioning, what is it that med schools really want? How much more can someone do than be an A average student and do too many extracurriculars to list?

The first point I would like to touch up on is academic competition. For some reason, the number of people who want to become doctors has suddenly increased, and everyone has outstanding grades, a competitive MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) score, and plenty of extracurricular clinical experience.

Despite the fact that all of these people qualify, a very small percentage of them are actually admitted. What’s worse is that they must all stress and toil over months of filling out applications, a process that includes primary and secondary applications, and then interviews. Money is milked out of these applicants during primaries and secondaries, but when it comes to interviews and admissions, med schools seem to just turn the other shoulder and walk away.

If this isn’t frustrating enough for applicants, there is an even more frustrating part of the admission process. Both parties of the majority may have been a good thing fifty years ago, but in today’s world it is nothing but a setback. Regardless of a high MCAT score and outstanding GPA, a minority or a person who has faced hardships in the past will always get accepted instead, even if they have a low MCAT score and a not so competitive GPA.

In today’s world nothing runs off of merit, but rather off of sympathy. Now I don’t mean to hate on the minorities, and I really do sympathize with your past as I consider myself to be part of a minority as well, but it is really agonizing when someone busts their butt off during their undergraduate years only to realize that they were rejected for someone who may simply not have worked as hard.

What medical schools need to realize today is that they are doing nothing but contributing to racial discrimination, something that should have disappeared years ago, and that in today’s world, each person, regardless of race, who has reached the point of applying to med school has had equal opportunities to get to there, otherwise they wouldn’t be applying to begin with. In fact, most of those “minority” applicants are actually quite well off, and not every person from a majority race can be assumed to be “rich” and “happy.” It’s not okay to accept someone into med school just because they are a certain race, and I really believe that such a question shouldn’t even be on an application to begin with.

I knew of two people who just applied to med school in this past year. One had a 32 MCAT score, an A average GPA, while the other (a minority) had a 27 MCAT and a B average GPA. To be competitive, one must have over a 30 on their MCAT, but even then the 27 got in and the 32 got rejected without even an interview. Ask yourself, is that really fair?

If people work hard, they deserve to get places, and those that don’t do so well shouldn’t just be able to rely on their background. What admission offices need to realize is that a person with competitive grades, and a good score on their MCAT will most likely run out to be the better doctor than someone who just smooth sailed in because of their race.

What I’m trying to say here is that yes, some minorities have been discriminated against in the past, but I ask those same people to think about how it must have felt to be discriminated against back then.

Well in today’s world the same thing is happening, just against the opposite side. We want good doctors to take care of us in the future, but in order for that to happen, we need merit to be the deciding factor rather than race and background.

College Funding: Cutting Education Costs Cuts Into Our Futures

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Perspectives Editor

In his campaign, Jerry Brown made a number of promises and emphasized his commitment to both decreasing the deficit and improving the quality of our state’s education system. He has been in office for only a few weeks and has already garnered controversy with his newly released proposed budget cuts.

While any and all major budget cuts are usually not well received—even Speaker of the House John Boehner (R), who is known for his insistence on smaller government and curtailing spending, when asked what programs he would cut, said “I don’t think I have one off the top of my head”—Brown’s current plan has been heavily criticized from both the political left and the political right. Republicans are furious at Brown’s proposal to “prolong $9 billion in expiring annual income, sales and vehicle tax increases” according to The Los Angeles Times. “The budget increase is not really our problem... The Democrats own this,” state senator Republican Tom Berryhill told reporters.

In Brown’s own political party, people are upset for a number of reasons including the effects the budget would have on state employees as well as major education cuts and tuition increases in the UC and CSU systems.

The latter has especially caught flack from students and administrators at UC and CSU campuses throughout the state. In an editorial from UC Berkeley’s paper, The Daily Californian, the school’s president was quoted as writing in a letter to the governor, “Earlly and enduring support for the University of California has been critical to the state’s success...This won’t be easy, and all possible remedies must be considered... With the governor’s budget, as proposed, we will be digging deep into bone.”

The proposed cuts would, for the first time, introduce a plan in which the student and/or the student’s family would be paying more for tuition than the state. This plan may not seem directly relevant to Pacific students, but the more money students have to pay for tuition often translates to more students not being able to afford to attend college. Fewer people with a college education will harm the quality of life and work for California’s population at large and our generation in particular.

At the same time, Brown’s budget comes at a time when no budget would be able to make anyone happy. The previous governor’s latest term was heavily damaged in public opinion largely because of this very issue and the governor’s inability to compromise with legislators in a timely fashion.

The recession has been affecting the world, the nation, and the state for years and our state’s deficit is only getting bigger by the day. Something must be done. Hopefully, Brown will be able to compromise with not just the legislation, but with leaders in programs and systems dependent on state funding, such as the public university system. No matter what happens, the state budget won’t please everyone, but the main goal is to close the deficit and get us out of the recession. For the first time in years, it looks like there might be some chance of that.
and Alan Menken created an amazing score yet again. (I'm crossing my fingers that "Mother Knows Best" or "I See The Light" gets the Oscar for Best Song.) The voice cast was chosen perfectly. Mandy Moore shines as Rapunzel. Her voice is very soft and airy but when those high notes came, she nailed all of them. Donna Murphy, playing Mother Gothel, blew me away as soon as she started singing "Mother Knows Best". Her character is also original because she is playing a villain but to Rapunzel she is only the overbearing mother. Only as the audience, do we know that she stole the child for her own benefit. The last main character Flynn Rider, played by Zachary Levi, is definitely unexpected. His sarcastic sense of humor is refreshing and he is the butt of all the jokes. To close off the cast, Rapunzel's best friend, a chameleon, named Pascal, is adorable. He is not needed in the cast, but since he is used sparingly, the character is a nice touch. Lastly, Rapunzel bumps into a horse, from the kingdom, named Maximus, along her journey. Out of all of the horses in Disney's history, Maximus has the most attitude and is absolutely hilarious. So with a classic story, an amazing voice cast, and beautiful animation, you can't go wrong.

Disney's second winter release was Tron: Legacy, a sequel to Tron, released in 1982. This was probably the best ride of the entire season. In comparison to the original, you know the effects are 100 times more advanced; but the story is still lacking. It was a thrill to see it in 3D but I'm sure it lacks luster once it's shown on a 2D in-home television. We get it. They are stuck in a computer and they have to get out. That's the whole story. And sure, for all of the computer nerds who went to see it, having Olivia Wilde, who pays Cora, to look at in her skin-tight uniform, weren't just excited by the light cycles. But, one prop that I definitely must give Disney is that only the video game world is in 3D. They kept the "real" world in 2D. A lot of movies are done in 3D for no reason, and Disney could have easily put the whole thing in 3D. But they chose the smarter move and used both 3D and 2D in the film.

With the DreamWorks release of the season being Yogi Bear, I'm not exactly surprised Disney won in the box office race. Disney normally does well at the Box Office.

Now that the Shrek series is over, I wonder what Disney is going to put against Pixar's "Cars 2" this summer. Let the race begin for Disney and DreamWorks to Number 1.

The Gentlemen's Guide to Timeless, Classic Style

Friends Courtney Fusco, Erika Smith, Kellie Chiu, and Rehana Lerandreau

Best Friends, Different Letters

Courtney Fusco
CPC Vice President of Administration

Formal Recruitment is taking place at Pacific and it is time to learn about the four social sororities on campus that are a part of College Pan Hellenic Council (CPC), an extension of National Panhellenic Conference, a governing body for Panhellenic sororities.

The sororities that belong to CPC are Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta. You may know someone who is rushing, you might be rushing, or maybe you are just curious.

Four friends, who all lived together in the freshman Eisen dorm, decided to rush together. Who knew that they would never split up into each house? Kellie Chiu, Rehana Lerandreau, Erika Smith and myself, Courtney Fusco, all rushed in the spring of 2010 and ended up in Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Tri-Delta, and Delta Gamma, respectively.

When we rushed as second semester freshmen, we worried that it would change our friendship but it has instead made us stronger. We have dinner together every other month as a reminder of all the dinners we had after the different nights of Formal Recruitment. The friends you make through formal recruitment are ones that can stay with you for life no matter what letters you may wear.

Interested in going Greek? Even though formal recruitment is a great time to get to know the houses, don't forget there are many events to get to know about sorority life at Pacific. Be on the lookout for more events!
Blood Type Diet: Prepare to be blinded by science!
While some individuals claim to feel better on this diet, there is very little science to back up the claims. Dr. D'Adamo created the diet based on the theory that blood types are reactive to certain foods that compete with the different blood-type antigens. He also believes that you should eat based on what your ancestors ate when that blood type evolved. NutriCat agrees with other RD’s and medical experts that this diet is nonsense.

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NutriCat’s Corner
Welcome to 2011! If weight loss is your goal in the New Year, try eating more filling foods like vegetables, fruits, beans, and whole grains. Swapping these foods for more processed foods will increase your intake of vitamins, minerals, and fiber and likely lead to weight loss. January is a popular time for starting a new diet. Before you commit yourself to the latest food fashions, NutriCat examines these diets. If you want more personalized help, sign up for a free session with your campus dietician by calling 946-2315 or messaging NutriCat on Facebook.

Popular Diet Reviews:
Detox/Master Cleanse Diets:
If you have a working set of lungs, a liver, and kidneys, congrats! Your body is cleansing/detoxing just fine and doesn’t need a specialized diet to do so. These diets also claim extreme weight loss in a short period of time, but are based on starvation diets. Unless you’re choosing these diets for religious reasons, there is no need to abstain from food for a period of time or sustain on a lemon juice and cayenne concoction.

Paleo Diet:
The Paleo diet is based on the premise that we should eat what our ancestors ate: unprocessed foods, no sugar and lots of meat, fish, nuts, vegetables, fruits, and roots. While this diet can be high in nutrients, it’s also very high in cholesterol and saturated fat. Cut back on sugar, processed foods, and refined grains to get the benefits of the Paleo diet.

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The Pacifican Has Moved
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Pacific Falls to #1 UConn

Ruben Dominguez
Sports Editor

Saturday, decades from now, the members of the 2010-11 Pacific Women's Basketball Team will gather their grandchildren around them and tell the story of when they spur off against the greatest women's college basketball team longer than expected. In the end though, UConn did what UConn does: take the opposition's best punch, and then knock them out with their own. That's exactly what happened in the Spanos Center on December 28, as the Huskies defeated the Tigers 85-42, increasing their unbeaten streak to a record 90 straight games.

"They're [UConn] the class of the nation," said coach Gino Auriemma to call a timeout, sending the crowd into a frenzy with eight minutes left in the half.

Then, UConn finally got going, and the game changed for the worse for the Tigers. The Huskies were creating turnovers by the handful and making shots seemingly at will. UConn's lead grew to five, then ten, then twenty. With a 34-7 run in the remaining eight minutes of the first half, the Huskies turned a 15-12 squeaker into a 49-19 lead. The second half was no much better. Even though the Tigers opened the half with three straight three pointers, even though Pacific courageously did not give up, the Huskies were just too much, the defeat was crushing, and the Tiger X Schedule

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As the teams continued to do battle, the lead increased to three at 59-56 with five minutes left. However, McKenzie put the nail in the coffin with another clutch three-pointer with less than three minutes remaining in the game, effectively knocking out Long Beach.

The Tigers next take on UC Davis Saturday, January 22 at the Spanos Center.
Campus Safety: A Town Hall Meeting

Monday January 24
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Don and Karen DeRosa University Center Ballroom

All students, faculty and staff are invited
Join President Eibeck, Vice President Elizabeth Griego, and Public Safety Chief Mike Belcher about how to make the Stockton campus a safer place for everyone. University officials will share ideas on how to increase safety and ask for ideas and feedback from the campus community. Standing together, we can help University of the Pacific be a safe and welcoming place for all.

www.pacific.edu/Student-Life/SafetyPacific.html