“Civility in Politics” Draws Attention of Many

Alison Seals
News Editor

This past Monday, Jan. 31, there was a Town Hall Meeting featuring President Jerry McNerney, Paul Turpin, Mullen, Staff to Congressman, PhD. Communication, Brian Klunk, PhD. Political Science, Stewart Jacoby, history teacher, Ann Johnston, Mayor, Meghan Mullen, Staff to Congressman Jerry Mcnerney, Paul Turpin, PhD. Communication, Eleanor Witttrup, PhD. Philosophy, and Mary Vargas, Staff to State Senator Lois Wolk.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President McNerney shared the following: George Condon, PhD. Political Science, Susan Eggman, Stockton City Council, Dave Frederickson, PhD. Communication, Brian Klunk, PhD. Political Science, Stewart Jacoby, history teacher, Ann Johnston, Mayor, Meghan Mullen, Staff to Congressman Jerry McNerney, Paul Turpin, PhD. Communication, Eleanor Witttrup, PhD. Philosophy, and Mary Vargas, Staff to State Senator Lois Wolk.

All members of the panel either had a connection to the City of Stockton or to Pacific itself. Both of the politicians who were staff members were Pacific Alumni. During the three minute intervals that each panelist received to address the audience, various opinions on this topic of democracy and civility were shared. In reference to the recent Tucson massacre, Dr. Condon spoke out to the media corporations saying, “Let Congresswoman Giffords commentary on what society should really be focusing on by saying the road to decorum is wide enough for all of us.”

Condon continued to speak, while many nodding heads agreed as he recited that, “the 2nd Amendment, whatever reason it may have once served, should now finally be repealed once and for all.” He continued with saying, “the road to decorum is wide enough for all of us.”

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Upcoming Black History Month Events

Fri., Feb. 4, 8 PM
Janet Leigh Theatre
Tickets are free for students; staff, faculty, and alumni are $3; general admission is $5.

African-American Financial Aid Workshop
Sat., Feb. 5, 8:30 AM
DeRosa University Center.

Real Talk Discussion: “The N-Word”
Wed., Feb. 9, 6 PM
Multicultural Center.

Black Family Heritage Day - It Takes A Village
Sat., Feb. 12, 9 AM
Grace Covell Hall.

Real Talk Discussion: Brawn and Body - The Black Male
Wed., Feb. 23, 6 PM
Multicultural Center.

“Good Hair” Documentary Showing & Discussion
Thurs., Feb. 17, 8 PM
Janet Leigh Theatre
Tickets are free for students; staff, faculty, and alumni are $3; general admission is $5.

Real Talk Discussion: “Christian, Black and Gay Removing the Taboo in the Black Community”
Tues., Feb. 22, 7:30 PM
Multicultural Center.

Real Talk Discussion: “Beauty and Body - The Black Female”
Wed., Feb. 23, 6 PM
Multicultural Center.

Poetry Reading by Camille Dungy
Thurs., Feb. 24, 7 PM with a reception starting at 6:30 PM
Wendell Phillips Center, Rm. 140.

Apollo Night: Open Mic Competition
Fri., Feb. 25, 6 PM
Grace Covell Hall.

Keynote Speaker:
Hill Harper (Actor, Motivational Speaker & Author of New York Times Bestselling Novels on Black Youth)
Sat., Feb. 26, 8 PM
(Doors open at 7 PM)
Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

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“Urban Poverty and Crime” Open Forum
Thurs., Feb. 3, 6 PM
DeRosa University Center’s Ballroom.

“Our Family Wedding” (2010) Film Showing

“Good Hair” Documentary Showing & Discussion
Thurs., Feb. 17, 8 PM
Janet Leigh Theatre
Tickets are free for students; staff, faculty, and alumni are $3; general admission is $5.
Poverty & Crime
An Urban Discussion
Sara Menges
Staff Writer
Pacific will celebrate Black History Month this February with a variety of discussions, keynote speakers, and competitions. One of the main events to attend will be the "Urban Poverty and Crime" Open Forum held in the DeRosa University Center on Thursday, February 3rd at 6pm.
Organized by the Black Student Union, the forum will focus on the causes and effects of crime in urban areas. Examples of discussion topics include: crime prevention, the prison system, and Stockton's crime issues. This event is free and open to the public. Community members, students, and professors are all welcome to share their thoughts and participate in the discussions. Attendance and observation is also encouraged for anybody who wants to learn more on the topic.
For more information contact the Multicultural Center at 209.946.7707 or visit the Black History Month page at pacific.edu.

The "N-Word"
Matt Hill
Staff Writer
On February 9th at 6pm there will be a real talk discussion in the multicultural center called "Our Words - The N-Word". It is free and open to anyone who would like to come and participate in the conversation. The event will be a round table discussion where people will talk about the derogatory term and how it is used in the media and our society.
This is one of several real talk discussions happening throughout the month of February in celebration of Black History Month including "Beauty and Body - The Black Female" and "Brawn and Body - The Black Male".

Free Dental Care for Kids
Allyson Seals
News Editor
This Saturday, the University of the Pacific, along with the San Joaquin Dental Society, will be hosting "Give Kids a Smile." It will take place from 9 AM to 3 PM at the University of the Pacific Dental Clinic at 757 Brookside Rd. (off the north side of the Calaveras River off Pacific Ave.).
This event is sponsored by the American Dental Association. The nationwide event gives children under the age of 18 free oral health care services. The purpose of the program is to assure proper dental care to underprivileged children.
The mission statement of the San Joaquin Dental Society specifically states that its purpose is to improve the community's oral health seen on a first come- first serve basis. There will be free dental screenings, cleanings, X-rays, fluoride treatments, and emergency treatments available at "Give Kids a Smile."
As an additional incentive, there will also be games, clowns, and face painting for the younger crowd. On Saturday, anyone up to 17 years old is eligible to be seen; however, all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
In association with Saturday's event, this Friday there will be a "Children's Dental Health Policy Seminar." The seminar will be held in the Health Sciences Learning Center from 11 AM to 2 PM. This seminar; however, is invitation only. Its purpose is to discuss California's dental health problems. Invited guests include registered health experts in Northern California.

The Conservatory will be holding the SoundImageSound International Festival of New Music and Video today in the Recital Hall and tomorrow in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.
Tomorrows concert is free for Pacific students with ID, $5 for seniors and non-Pacific students and $8 for the general public. It will begin at 7:30 PM and will feature acoustic pieces, along with video and computer effects, created by numerous composers and guest performers.

Computer, Music & Video Mix

MIDDLE EAST
Egypt- Egyptian protestors have angrily taken over the streets to try to force President Hosni Mubarak out of office.

LATIN AMERICA
Colombia- Columbian navy seized a ship carrying more than a ton of cocaine. Two men jumped overboard & one was arrested.

AFRICA
Morocco- South Africa has been chosen to host the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations, while Morocco has been chosen to host in 2015.

N. AMERICA
Canada- An investigation of 100 murdered husky snow dogs has opened. Margie Moriaty, animal cruelty investigations, says "the snow dogs were thrown into a mass grave."

ASIA
Indonesia- Porn star, Nazril Irham (Ariel), is jailed for 3 1/2 yrs. after distributing sex tapes on the internet.

EUROPE
Russia- Russian film companies say Apple has infringed copyright laws by allowing them to be accessed through apps without their permission.
Libation Ceremony Kicks Off BHM

by a known acquaintance. Stockton Police responded and investigated the crime. The victim told SPD she did not want to file a complaint.

FIELD INTERVIEW
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 07:50 Location : LOT # 9
Subject advised of trespassing and scavenging and was revoked.

ALARM
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 08:58 Location : KNOLES HALL
Officer responded to intrusion alarm and determined it was employee error.

EMERGENCY PHONE
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 10:49 Location : WPC HUMANITIES WEST BLUE PHONE E404
E-phone activation. Officer checked area and advised clear.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 11:42 Location : LOT # 6
Officers checked on a vehicle unattended with motor running. Owner was located and advised.

NARCOTICS
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 18:47 Location : TOWNHOUSES 1 A SECTION
The smell of marijuana was reported coming from the room; officer responded.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 30, 2011-Sunday at 22:58 Location : MCCAFFREY CENTER
2 Hispanic men on bikes riding through campus wearing black jackets. RP advised they just "didn't feel safe."

NOISE
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 00:18 Location : OFF CAMPUS
RP responded to 2 noise complaints in the area. Officers made contact and SUB called in to report he cleared the party.

UNIV REGULATION
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 07:50 Location : PACIFIC HOUSE/PIPE
RP reported loud chanting noises. Officer responded and RP said he would cancel.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 08:16 Location : GRACE COVELL HALL
RP reported that someone was using her student ID card for her meal plan. Officer was advised and responded. RD advised and responded. RDs were advised and cancelled card. RP did not want a report taken.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 15:07 Location : MONAGAN HALL
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SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 16:50 Location : TOWNHOUSES A SECTION
Suspicious subj. on Pershing Ave. looking through the fence into the Townhouses. Officers checked the area and unable to locate the subject.

THEFT-PETTY
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 19:22 Location : WEMYSS HOUSE
RP reported her bicycle stolen.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 22:34 Location : STAGG MEMORIAL STADIUM
Officer checked out a suspicious person and confirmed he was a student.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 23:10 Location : GRACE COVELL HALL
Officer reports numerous students on roof. Students fled the scene while officers were on a priority call in the area.

DISTURBANCE
Jan 29, 2011-Saturday at 12:49 Location : WOOD MEMORIAL BRIDGE
RP reported a couple arguing. Officers were advised and responded. Officers spoke with couple and confirmed that everything was okay. They were discussing their relationship.

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Reflecting on the State of the Union

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Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, January 26th, 2011 President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address. Currently there is much concern over the future of America. Healthcare, government spending, and job creation are all hot topics in politics, and rightfully so.

As we deal with the fact that our debt is climbing, that we are still at war, and the reality that many citizens remain uninsured, it is important that these issues are pragmatically addressed. But to many it seems that the government, while clearly visible, is not doing anything to actually change our circumstances and positively affect our lives.

Many blame this phenomenon on political polarity - the fact that politicians vote along party lines rather than, on the validity of a law. Issues are often presented to the public as a Republican versus Democratic problem. Bipartisanship is viewed as more of an ideal that anything actually implementable.

Due to this, President Obama’s State of the Union was highly anticipated. Republicans wondered if he would “change the tone and the rhetoric from the first two years” as the Senate’s Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky asserted.

While Democrats wondered if he would address healthcare reform, the economy, and other social initiatives in a more direct, and convincing way than perhaps he had previously.

On a positive note, even before President Obama’s speech began, bipartisanship was emblematically addressed. This State of the Union address was unprecedented in that politicians from opposing spectrums sat together as indicated by the mixture of blue and red.

While not all politicians agreed to a new seating arrangement, many participated. Though this is merely a symbolic gesture, it was taken in the hope that it will translate to reality and that finally both parties will be able to better compromise and work together towards policies that will help America.

President Obama of his speech discussing international competition. He emphasized that it is imperative that we support science and technology as this is the only means to ensure that we remain significant in the global market. President Obama said, “Two years ago, I said that we needed to reach a level of research and development we haven’t seen since the height of the Space Race. And in a few weeks, I will be sending a budget to Congress that will help us meet that goal. We’ll invest in biomedical research, information technology, and especially clean air technology.”

President Obama also tackled the issue of education: “Over the next ten years, nearly half of all new jobs will require education that goes beyond a high school diploma. And yet, as many as a quarter of our students aren’t even finishing high school.” He went on to praise Race to the Top as a program that will make the classroom “a place

More directly addressed bipartisanship when he said, “We are part of the American family. We believe that in a country where every race and faith and point of view can be found, we are still bound together as one people; that we share common hopes and a common creed.” He continued stating, “We will move forward together or not at all.”

Whether this will happen or not is yet to be seen. The fact is that there are serious ideological differences between the parties: Democrats pushing for universal healthcare. Many Republicans write it off as “socialism” and believe that insurance should remain privatized.

Republicans believe in deregulation. Democrats often take the opposite stance. There are many issues the parties inherently disagree on. But perhaps, the government will be able to focus on the aspects of issues that they can compromise so that we will be able to see progress.

Arguably, the economy was President Obama’s main focus in his State of the Union Address. Near the beginning, he talked about the recent upturn of the recession: “Corporate profits are up. The economy is growing again,” and later added, “America still has the largest, most prosperous economy in the world.” But he was also careful to temper his celebration by talking about job creation and how that will be one of his main objectives. He mentioned China and India saying, “[They] realized that with some changes of their own, they could compete in this new world. And so they started educating their children earlier and longer, with greater emphasis on math and science. They’re investing in research and new technologies.”

Many people, including lawmakers themselves, are unsure of how to buffer our economy and alleviate the pain of unemployment that many Americans currently feel, but it is certainly imperative that the economy is addressed and placed as a high priority.

President Obama also mentioned taxes: “We measure progress by the success of our people... That’s the project the American people want us to work on. Together... We did that in December. Thanks to the tax cuts we passed, Americans’ paychecks are a little bigger today.”

It was very strategic for President Obama to emphasize this since in a recent poll conducted by CBS News it was discovered that around 24% of Americans believe taxes have risen for the middle class since he took office, while 44% of Tea Partiers believe the same. At a pivotal time such as this, it is important that people stay aware of the facts as much as possible.

President Obama also spent a significant portion of high expectations and high performance.”

Whether Race to the Top is an adequate program or not, as it has been criticized by some as similar to No Child Left Behind only under a different title, it is apparent that education reform is very important.

With documentaries such as “Waiting for Superman” circulating and making people aware of the inequalities in America’s public educational system, a person can hardly be in doubt that reform is necessary.

Regardless of a person’s political leanings, we can all agree that change of some sort needs to be realized in our government. President Obama covered many of the needed changes in his speech.

Now the real question is: How is the government going to make those changes? Or will the government continue to throw out rhetoric and anecdotes without any real solutions?

PERSPECTIVES
Finding Real Solutions to Improving Campus Safety

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Lifestyles Editor

On January 24, President Eibeck held a campus safety Town Hall Meeting with aim to address the recent breaches of student safety on and surrounding campus. From the moment the event started, it was clear that the Town Hall would be used as an opportunity to quell the rumbles of concerned students and community. It was also clear that Pacific would not recognize itself as an unsafe campus grappling with a broken surrounding community.

Given the recent campus safety violations, the university administration faced pressure from the campus and was responsible for responding accordingly to our concerns. The guidance of relevant leaders President Pamela Eibeck, Vice President for Student Life, Elizabeth Griego, and Director of Public Safety, Chief Mike Belcher, were in effect to show the authority Pacific holds on campus and in the Stockton community.

President Eibeck and Chief Belcher’s collaborative efforts to help the community were effective. Both were successful at effective collaboration and providing clear and quick solutions. However, it was unclear what role Vice President for Student Life Elizabeth Griego would play in the initiatives.

A day after the event, it was announced that Pacific would, “double the number of STRIPE cadet patrol officers and increase the number of 4-person electric carts... that will be able to access all areas of campus and cross Pacific Avenue.” This solution was made possible after a venerable suggestion from a Brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity who noted that the University was failing to provide a necessary service by not offering STRIPE to the campus buildings east of Pacific Avenue.

It was also announced that the STRIPE escort service would extend its hours and be, “available seven days a week from 6 p.m. – 2 a.m.” After complaints from students about the service not running late enough. After questioning, it was also clarified that faculty and staff could also utilize STRIPE.

At the same time, the solutions presented said nothing about Pacific’s long term answers to the problem of campus safety and ther future goals. Rather, the initiatives gave short term ‘bandage solutions’ without providing real answers for the Pacific community and its interaction with the outside community.

In a time when Pacific is preaching sustainability, it was ironic that a day later it was announced that, “two additional security officers will patrol place.

Larger questions were to be raised about the future of managing crime in Stockton. The Town Hall also represented a failure of Pacific to understand the severity of the situation. In the campus e-mail sent out the next day, it stated that Pacific, “is a safe campus,” rather than recognizing that we do not have a safe campus and are committed to making Pacific a better campus. Instead of providing solutions to work with the City of Stockton, the university did their best to isolate and differentiate themselves form Stockton by saying that “on-campus crime statistics over time and compared to the City of Stockton... are low, and are falling in several categories.”

The campus safety Town Hall was well attended by nearly 300 people and the majority were students, who “contributed some of the most insightful points of the discussion.”

December marked two significant breaches of safety. On December 3rd, the Stockton campus was notified that earlier that afternoon, a Pacific student reported that he was, “robbed while walking along the north side of the Calaveras River, along the bike path.”

The e-mail also noted that the student, “was approached by two men, one who had a kitchen-style knife and asked for the victim's belongings.”

The latest and perhaps, the most paramount of the notable breaches of student safety occurred on December 3rd “near Cocoro Japanese Bistro and Sushi Restaurant on the Miracle Mile,” when a Pacific student was approached by two subjects “armed with a rifle and a handgun.”

The President’s Safety Town Hall was very effective as far as short term solutions. The fact that many key issues were skirted leaves much to be expected from Pacific’s administration.

Don’t Americanize “Skins”!

MTV has recently come out with an American remake of a British show called “Skins”. This show is incredibly popular in the UK and is just starting its fifth season. There were many complaints about Americanizing “Skins” from fans of the original series, including myself.

“Skins” is a show about the lives of different teenagers between the ages of 16-18 and the struggles they go through during that time period. It may sound like just another lame teen show like ‘Degrassi’ and “90210,” but “Skins” is unique for several reasons. First of all, it is the most realistic portrayal of all the struggles that teens must deal with as they begin their journey to adulthood that I have ever seen. The story lines are actually believable, easy to relate to, and don’t get corny as the series progresses.

Also, the fact that it is British adds a lot to the show. The UK culture is a large part of the show and what makes it so great. Making an American version of “Skins” would not work. Too much of the whole idea behind “Skins” is involved with the culture and lifestyle of teens in the UK; it just does not translate to American culture.

Television in the UK is also a lot more accepting of explicit subject matter like sex, drugs, and naughty language, which is a major theme of the show. American television is highly censored, especially on channels like MTV. If you take out some of the rougher subject matter, it just doesn’t carry the same message.

Many people complain about portrayals of troubled teens in television and the movies because they feel that if their children watch these teens they will begin to mimic their behaviors. However, from my own personal experience as a teenager, I have noticed that the kids that like to watch troubled teens on TV are generally already troubled themselves to some way. The shows help them realize that there are many other people who are going through, and survived similar issues or even harder issues than their own.

There have been many other shows that America has been able to adapt from the UK like “The Office” and “Queer as Folk”, but “US Skins” will not be so lucky.
And the Amos A. Stagg Award Goes to...

Josh Chipponeri
Contribution Writer

The Amos Alonzo Stagg award is a tradition of Pacific Athletics, and on Saturday, Jan. 29 distinguished alumni Karen Jacobsen ('83), Will Keim ('75) and Fred Miller ('53) were honored as recipients of this award. The entranceway of the Pacific Athletics building displays the Stagg Award as “Presented to those alumni who have earned a varsity athletic award and have lived a life of integrity, dedication, idealism, and team spirit as personified by Mr. Stagg.”

Also in that display are past recipients including Harold "Jake" Jacoby '27, Eddie Labaron '50, and Duane Isetti '63 among other notable honorees spanning the history of Pacific Athletics in Stockton.

As a student, Karen Jacobsen '83 attended Pacific on a volleyball and basketball scholarship, and played both sports through her four years as a student athlete was demonstrated in her service as captain for the nationally ranked volleyball team. Her active engagement has continued through her law degree from McGeorge School of Law in '86. She was also the 2010 President of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, an organization with over 900 attorneys working in a range of specialized areas.

Will Keim '75 played baseball for Pacific, and has since become a recognized public speaker throughout all 50 states and most of Canada to 2.5 million people. He founded 'The Character Institute, an organization designed to empower individuals and groups with a focus toward productivity and efficiency while encouraging character based decisions in life.

Fred Miller '53 wore the Pacific Tiger stripes in collegiate athletics, serving in a variety of leadership positions beginning with Athletic Director at Arizona State in 1971, to being a principle negotiator for ESPN contracts with NCAA football. Other than being founding member of the Fiesta Bowl, Miller has served as the chief administrative officer to NCAA championships at both regional and national levels.

More than 70 people attended the luncheon this past Saturday.

NutriCat's Corner:
The Green Goodness of Avocado

Yes, fat is good for you. Monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats have a beneficial place in the diet. NutriCat's favorite fat is the Avocado. Great sources of monounsaturated fat, avocados also contain vitamin E, vitamin C, folate and potassium. Add thin slices to sandwiches, wraps or salads. A ¼ serving has 5 grams of fat and 56 calories.

NutriCat's Easy Guacamole:
2 medium avocados (ripe)
Juice of 1 small lemon
¼ cup chunky salsa
1/8 tsp. salt

Peel and chop avocados. Place in a medium bowl, add lemon, salt and mash together. Stir in salsa. Refrigerate until ready to use as a dip, spread, or dollop on salads.
Country Music’s Billboard Take Over: What Happened to the Top 40?

Briane Nemiroff
Staff Writer

For a majority of the student body, childhood exposure was in the middle of the rise and dominance of bubblegum pop music. The most popular bubblegum pop artists 10 years ago were Britney Spears, Backstreet Boys, *NSYNC, Christina Aguilera, Jennifer Lopez and countless others, who we now regard as nobodies.

Their music was harmless and acceptable for all ages. Despite the fact that their wardrobe was ridiculous (and their lyrics were something a 9 year-old should be following.) Those artists had producers that gave them hits that will withstand the test of time. No one will forget “Baby One More Time” or “I Want it That Way.”

Ten years later. Here we are in the middle of the rise of Hip-Hop/Dance also known as the decline of quality. Going in and out of the top 10 hits on iTunes are songs such as “F**king Perfect” by Pink, “Hey Baby” by Pitbull, “The Time” by Black Eyed Peas, “Black and Yellow” by Wiz Khalifa, and “Firework” by Katy Perry. All of these songs have an easy beat so that any person can find some way to “dance” to it. But more and more of these songs are lacking quality lyrics. Here is the message that sums up every dance song in the last two years: “I see you dancing over there. You’re hot. Let’s have sex.” Whatever happened to “I wanna hold your hand”? No one is being coy anymore. Just look at Katy Perry’s song “Peacock.” For most of the chorus she only states the second syllable of the word. So instead of “I want to hold your hand”, it’s “I want to see your peacock.” Perry is the epitome of class.

Another popular artist is Nicki Minaj. Minaj is known for her shock factor. Minaj, also known as the Harajuku Barbie, insists on dressing like a character whose wardrobe is a mix of a Japanese schoolgirl and a call girl. She strives to look like a Barbie and all I wish is that she goes back into the box.

I have always loved pop music because my childhood is Backstreet Boys, *NSYNC, and Britney Spears. But since all of the Top 40 is turning into 40 versions of the same song with added curse words for a zing, I’m turning to country for my new music.

So thank you Carrie Underwood, Rascal Flatts, and Keith Urban for providing me a small glimmer of hope for popular music.
Pacific Takes Down #13 Cal State Northridge:

Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific Tigers earned their first conference win of the year improving to 5-0 at 4-4 overall with a win over #13 Cal State Northridge. The Tigers offense fired away on all cylinders taking down the Matadors in straight sets: 25-16, 31-29, and 25-20.

Pacific with the ball served set one and earned the first point of the match on a kill from Junior Florian Gornik (Schwechat, Austria). The Tigers then captured three more points on three Matador errors. All knotted up at 4-4 redshirt sophomore Taylor Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.) blasted a powerful serve setting up the next point. Hughes followed immediately with a redshirt freshman Adam Troy (Loomis, Calif.) service ace and subsequent Troy kill put the Tigers in the Drivers seat up in the set 10-5. Pacific then relinquished three straight points before Gornik got into another one. Florian began to heat up collecting his fifth kill at the 20-13 mark advantage Pacific. A junior following a Taylor Hughes kill. Gornik and Hughes continued the offensive assault on the Matadors taking turn amassing kills for Pacific the rest of the way before the Tigers finished off the set on a Matador service ace and subsequent Troy kill.

At 2-1, Redshirt junior Sean Daley (Moorpark, Calif.) got in the scoring action collecting two kills and the Tigers followed that up with another Gornik kill to tie things up 5-5. The set would remain very close with both squads trading points back and forth all the way to the 24-22 mark advantage Pacific. A junior Dylan Walker (La Canada, Calif.) service error would keep the Matadors in it now 24-23. A Gornik attack that went off the CSUN block would even things up at 24-24 and lead to a Pacific called timeout. Out of the break The Tigers hungry, Florian got up and into another one giving the Tigers a 25-24 advantage. Gornik and Daley each collected another kill and error each in the next six points scored in the set. All tied up again now 29-29 it was Hughes who got hot and rallied the set at 5-5. Another back and forth set trading points the contest remained tied at 16-16 following a Taylor Hughes kill. Gornik and Hughes continued the offensive assault on the Matadors taking turn amassing kills for Pacific the rest of the way before the Tigers finished off the set on a Matador service error claiming the set 25-20 and the match three sets to none.

With the win the Tigers improved to a 5-0 mark on the year now 4-4 overall 1-3 in the MPSF.

Pacific is next in action at #2 Stanford currently (5-2 overall, 4-2 MPSF).

Tiger X Schedule
Baun Fitness Center

THURS. 2/3:
- Cycle 7-8 AM
- F&F 8-9 AM
- Yoga 12-1 PM
- Dance 5:30-6:30 PM
- Kettlebell 6:30-7 PM
- Capoeira 7-8 PM

FRI. 2/4:
- Boot Camp 9-10 AM
- Yoga 12-1, 5:15-6:15 PM
- Turbokick 3-4 PM

MON. 2/7:
- Pilates 7-8 AM
- Cycle 8-9 AM
- Hip Hop 12:30-1:30 PM
- B. Sculpt 4:30-5:30 PM
- Yoga 5:30-6:55 PM
- Tiger Lift 7-8 PM

TUES. 2/8:
- Cycle 7-8 AM
- F&F 8-9 AM
- Yoga 12-1, 5:30-6:45 PM
- Kickboxing 7-8 PM
- Cycle 7-8 PM

WED. 2/9:
- Abs & Core 4:30-5 PM
- Yoga 5:30-6:55 PM

SUN. 2/13:
- Cycle 7-8 AM
- F&F 8-9 AM
- Yoga 5:30-6:45 PM
- Kickboxing 7-8 PM
- Cycle 7-8 PM

SWIMMING: Both Men’s and Women’s Swim Teams fell short over the weekend against Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara. Freshman Hayley Shillingford ended Sunday on a high note, winning the Women’s 500 Free. Both teams will next compete in the MPSF Championships, which begin on Wednesday 2/23.