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Greetings Pacific Community Members!

This is Ashley Stubblefield and Nick Griffen, your ASUOP Student Body President and Vice President, welcoming you back to campus! We would also like to extend an extra special welcome to our new University President, Dr. Pamela Eibeck! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer and are as excited as we are for what looks like the beginnings of an unforgettable year!

Why are we so excited? We’ve been working hard all summer to put ourselves in a position to achieve the objectives we had set late last year. Let’s recap on those objectives and take a look at what’s been done to help us stay on target...

Objective 1: Instilling a sense of pride in Pacific students.
Look forward to an increased focus on sustainability. A new position has been created in the Cabinet named the Sustainability Commissioner. Her job will be to help educate ASUOP on sustainability and organize efforts to promote sustainable living on campus.

Objective 2: Make the governing body of ASUOP accessible and their processes transparent.
If you’ve logged on to the ASUOP website recently you probably noticed the new welcome page. Keep your eye out for a completely new and up to date home on the web for ASUOP!

Objective 3: Ensure that each and every student of Pacific be equally represented.
Last year efforts were made to extend the benefits of ASUOP membership to Pacific graduate students. We look forward to honoring last year’s administration by carrying this hefty task through to the end.

Now that you are back, we encourage you to come visit us in the ASUOP office on the upper level of the McCaffrey Center. Stop by and let us know how you feel about the year ahead. If you have trouble catching us, send us an email at a_stubblefield@pacific.edu.

Also, be sure to check out a Senate meeting and meet your school and contingency representatives.

From the Co Editors-in-Chief,

Hello Pacific and welcome back to campus! This issue gives new students and returning students an outline of Welcome Weekend as well as a few events in the coming weeks. We also look a bit into what we know about Dr. Pamela Eibeck, our new president, and the Pacific MOVE program. Feel free to write to the Pacifican with questions and comments about this issue and ideas for issues to come. We are the official newspaper of the University of the Pacific and we are here to represent the student voice in this community.

Some events to look out for: On August 24, the shuttle launch of Jose Hernandez, speaker at Pacific Alumni Weekend 2008, will be celebrated in the Lair. For more information contact the Pacific Alumni Association via their website, pacificalumni.org.

New students will be venturing off campus as soon as they arrive! The Pacific MOVE program is featured on page 3, with information about the program’s start and how it has developed into an event required of all first-year students after 2 years in operation.

As for the Pacifican? We are back in action, printing our weekly issues, which will be packed with more journalism each week. In each issue you can see our progress toward becoming a truly journalistic entity. We would love your feedback on our progress! You can comment of specific articles on our website, thepacifican.com or send us an email at pacificaneditors@pacific.edu. Pacific. You are our source of information about what is happening on this campus and we wait to hear from you.

All advertising in the Pacifican is free to student organizations. Feel free to contact us if you know of an event or are running an event for which you would like to place an ad or if you would like us to write an article about it.

Happy August end!

Welcome Back to the Valley!

Weekend Weather

Thurs., Aug. 20
High: 92 °
Low: 60 °

Fri., Aug. 21
High: 94 °
Low: 63 °

Sat., Aug. 22
High: 93 °
Low: 60 °

Sun., Aug. 23
High: 91 °
Low: 59 °
Smooth Presidential Transition

By Alex Ruano & Devon Blount
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It's June and scorching ninety degree weather accompanies Pacific Alumni Weekend. What else can you find around this weekend? A moving van.

Dr. Pamela Eibeck and family have moved into the president's house this summer and her first year as the 24th president of the university has officially begun. Dr. Eibeck will be the first female president of Pacific since the university moved to Stockton in 1924.

Dr. Eibeck was formerly the Dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech, where she was responsible for 8 academic departments, 33 degree programs, and a $55 million budget. Tom Zuckerman, Chair of the Board of Regents, stated that Eibeck is the "best qualified" of all reviewed candidates.

We will not be missing outgoing President Don DeRosa, however. The 23rd president of the university will remain with the university for the year to ensure a smooth transition between offices. So, look for former President DeRosa. He may still be walking his dog along the levee early morning and hanging out at the University Center that was graciously named for him and his wife. And when you see Dr. Eibeck around campus, welcome her with a grand tiger roar.

Panhellenic Open Houses
Sororities offer leadership and community service opportunities

A non-affiliated student should attend the Panhellenic Open Houses to learn more about Greek Life! Pacific has many amazing extracurricular activities to offer, and Greek Life is one of them! Greek Life is not just for one type of person, but rather, it thrives off the diversity of the people involved. It offers leadership opportunities, a support network, and, most importantly, sisterhood and brotherhood!

Sororities have a lot to offer the Pacific community. Community service, leadership opportunities, an extended family, a home away from home, study buddies, and a social scene are just a few of the things sororities provide to their members. Sororities also encourage leadership and help inspire confidence, and many of our members carry those with them to other aspects of the Pacific community. Many sorority women also donate their time and energy to other clubs and organizations at Pacific. Also, several of our philanthropy events are open to everyone on campus, and are really a lot of fun.

A new student can join Greek Life at Pacific after they have completed 12 units of college coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 2.50. This means that our formal recruitment process occurs in the spring, but anyone who has already met the unit requirement can join during the fall semester. The Panhellenic Open Houses will be Monday, August 31 through Thursday, September 3 and begin at 7:00 p.m. each night. For any other questions, please contact Kayla Chickos at k_chickos@pacific.edu.

Monday, August 31 - Kappa Alpha Theta (located in Sorority Circle)
Tuesday, September 1 - Delta Delta Delta (located in Sorority Circle)
Wednesday, September 2 - Delta Gamma (located in Sorority Circle)
Thursday, September 3 - Alpha Phi (located in Fraternity Circle)

ASoup events August/September
Aug. 29 - Raiders Game
Sept. 5 - San Francisco Trip
Sept 10 - Student Activities Fair
Sept. 17 - Brubeck in the Lair
Sept 25 - Tiger Nights

$5 off $25 dollars or more purchase. Must present Pacific ID or Coupon.
Like most things today that have to do with Pacific you can find the Pacific M.O.V.E. program on Facebook. Registration is open only to incoming freshmen and transfer students in order to get the fresh and upcoming leaders of this campus around scenic California. No, it is not just about seeing the sites; the program is focused on getting students to feel part of the Pacific Community and acquainted with "the concept of responsible leadership through participation in a series of service projects in critical locations."

The Pacific Mountain Ocean Valley Experience (M.O.V.E.) program began in 2007, when 100 students became part of the Green Hand Society and took a community service trip to Yosemite. The 2007 trip included events like berry picking, hiking, and learning a bit about John Muir, with whom Pacific has a personal connection (check out the Holt-Atherton Special Collections on the basement floor of the Library). In 2008, 200 students ventured to Yosemite as well as the Greater Stockton Area and the Marin Highlands. Now the program has fully bloomed.

The program site guarantees that students will meet at least 2 fellow students, faculty or staff members. It is required of all first-year students to attend, but there are no financial obstacles courtesy of the Pacific Fund, which is providing financial aid.

The pricing of trip options varies. Want to see the American River in Sacramento? $100. Want to get off campus but not spend as much? Head to Mt. Diablo for $40. Or you can stay in the Stockton area for as little as $15. There are also $50 options that head to the California coast.

Now that the trip is affordable, there is no reason to object to a chance to get to know your peers! Heading to Yosemite you can come back with friends you’ve made a promise to go camping with sometime this year.

Signed up for the August 21 – 22 Pacific M.O.V.E. program? Do not forget to meet at the DeRosa University Center at 6 p.m. today! There will be a Welcome Gathering for the new Pacific M.O.V.E. program.

Welcome Week Events

Thursday, August 20:
Dance Party in the Ballroom 9 p.m.
I Love You Man showing on the Lawn 9 p.m.

Friday, August 21:
Dance Party in the Lair
Bingo and Ice Cream in the Commons (Incredible prizes!)

Saturday, August 22:
Pacific Water Fun on WPC lawn 1-4 p.m. (Slip n Slide and Water Slide, Tasty Drinks, Drawings for prizes and tropical fun!)
Tiger Nights – Welcome Back Event
(Featuring fresh made tacos, airbrush tattoos, photo booth, giant trampoline, bungee run, and x-box on the giant inflatable screen!)

Sunday, August 23:
Student Convocation (Mandatory for all new students) 2 p.m.
Tiger Roar at Faye Spanos 3 p.m.

Thursday, August 28:
Centrevol (band) on the DeRosa Center Patio 3 p.m.
Bring a friend so they can enjoy the discounts too!

Interested in what Pacific's Greek Life has to offer?
Check out the following events hosted by the Office of Housing and Greek Life.

Fraternity & Sorority Info Breakfast
Sunday, August 23
9:00 a.m.
Knoles Lawn

All Greek Info Night
Tuesday, August 25
7:00 p.m.
DeRosa University Center Ballroom

Now Accepting Pacific Cash!!!

Monday Football
Happy Hour Prices All Night

SUNDAY Football
NFL Package
Open 7 days/week
Lunch - Late Dinners

Restaurant/Pub
Beer to Go Keg/Bottles
Microbrewery Tours Available
Banquet Room - No Charge for UOP events

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