Pacific Holds Preview Day for Prospective Students

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The first fall Preview Day of the year at Pacific was last Saturday, October 15. Preview Day began with registration outside of the Alex G. Spanos Center, where prospective freshmen had a chance to meet each other, and even take pictures with Pacific’s signature Power Cat mascot. After registration, the students were taken into the auditorium for the opening presentation.

The presentation began with Richard Toledo, University of the Pacific’s Director of Admissions, who stated that there was an expected 1,000 students in attendance at Preview Day. The crowd was mostly incoming high school seniors, though there were high school juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen as well. After Toledo, University of the Pacific’s president Pamela Eibeck took the stage. “Our deepest value is our commitment to our students,” she told the crowd, “...it is rare to get this faculty-student ratio... with this breadth of education.” She also discussed myths regarding applying for colleges, saying students should look past rankings to try and find the college with the best “fit”, and explained how there are always ways to find aid to pay for private educations. The crowd of prospective new Pacific students gave applause when Eibeck spoke about Pacific’s guaranteed four-year graduation, or the next required semesters are free given specific requirements. Robert Alexander, Associate Provost for Enrollment, described the four “P’s” at Pacific – The place, the fifth most beautiful campus in the United States; the people, with Pacific being ranked highly in student engagement; the programs, such as Pacific’s co-operative and accelerated programs offered to students; and Pacific’s unique personality. Ashton Datcher, the Student Body President, and a panel of current University of the Pacific students also took the stage, and explained Pacific’s one-word program as well as what made them choose Pacific, and individual experiences that relate to why they are happy with their decision.

After the opening presentation, the prospective students were able to attend a variety of academic sessions that involved learning about specific majors and programs offered at University of the Pacific, as well as take campus tours guided by a University of the Pacific ambassadors. Mihaela Sarmiento, a senior majoring in Business, and the majority of academic sessions were held from 11:15AM to 12:30PM.

After the academic sessions, attendees were given a free lunch on Knoll’s lawn. The reviews of the day were generally positive, from both prospective students and their parents. Leanne, a high school senior said in reference to Preview Day, “It helped me realize this was a great school.” “It was fabulous,” her mother added. Susan Eaton, the mother of another high school freshman commented, “The food was fabulous,” and LaRonda Chambers, another parent, said, “We like it here. We love it.” She did mention that she would’ve appreciated knowing more about the coinciding events happening that day however, in reference to family weekend. After the luncheon, other activities were offered such as information sessions on Education Abroad, Pacific Organizations, and Financial Aid, visitors also had a chance to witness Pacific’s Lip Sync contest on the UC lawn.

Prospective students waiting for the opening presentation.
Pacific Hosts Dueling Pianos Last Weekend

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The dueling took place Saturday night, October 15 in the Lair. What started with technical difficulties ended with dancing and singing along to the pianists, Jeff Vance and David Puszykowski. Dueling pianos is a form of entertainment, usually on stage with two grand pianos, each played by a professional player who sings and entertains; humor and audience participation are prevalent.

The performers played music that varied from Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing,” Lady Gaga’s “Bad Romance,” Sir Mix a Lot’s “Baby Got Back,” and Don McLean’s “American Pie” to music from the Lion King and songs by Britney Spears. Each song showed to be a crowd pleaser by students swaying to the music and even yelling to sing along.

There was an obvious chemistry between the two pianists who surprisingly had just met before they began, even though they both lived in the same area of Michigan and had started rehearsing for dueling pianos at the age of 19. Jeff Vance, from Los Angeles, had been playing piano and singing his entire life. He got into the business when he saw a dueling pianos show in a pub near his school in Michigan. In describing his job, Vance says, “It’s its own skill set. There’s being a musician, being a vocalist and this.”

Vance could not emphasize enough how difficult this type of performance is. “It’s an acquired skill. Nobody knows until you actually do it. It’s different than being a singer and songwriter—it’s less artistic.” Of all people, Vance would. He is the lead singer and songwriter for the band and were you to find more information on by visiting www.facebook.com/mvفص

In comparing the two artistic careers, he comments, “There’s more vulnerability in being an artist [in a band].” He described that dueling pianos “isn’t as subtle, it’s in your face.” However, dueling pianos has multiple advantages; both Vance and Puszykowski have visited almost every state in the United States and different parts of Europe.

David Puszykowski, from Chicago, began dueling pianos because of his brother’s influence, another dueling pianist who has coincidentally been playing with Jeff Vance. When asked if he enjoyed himself and if he would return to our campus, Puszykowski replied, “I’d come back tomorrow!”

Pacific Choral Ensembles Held Annual Fall Concert

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The Pacific Choral Ensembles performed at their annual early fall concert on Sunday at 2:30PM in the Morris Chapel. Dr. Cetto, the conductor and a music professor, presented works by Benjamin Britten as well as other 20th century works. Most of them were Christian and Catholic repertoire, including Jubilate Deo in C and Missa Brevis in D, Opus 63 (Britten), Praise the Lord, Almighty by Distler, and Ave Maria. The performers made up of the Pacific Singers, University Choir, Oriana Choir and various individuals including organist, Mary Jo Pugh, guest conductor Susanna Lace-Peoples and soloists like Elizabeth Kowal, alto, and Jimmy Kraft, tenor.

The event was a general success with good rhythm, voicing and spirit. The Oriana Choir carried out a bright, reverent sound in the Missa Brevis. A Boy was Born (Britten) was played in good timing. Junior Carrie Fung, an alto in the University Choir reproached, “I don’t think any of us were expecting much of a turn out, but the chapel was almost completely full!” The only criticisms were on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty and Ave Maria which were performed in a higher key than written. Some of the soloists and the choir who stood in the balcony in the Missa Brevis weren’t heard as much.

Cells, Planets (by Erika Lloyd, arr. By Vince Peterson), the last piece performed, carried some gospel feel to it but was more distinct in sound from the other pieces in the whole set.

Dr. Morgan Discusses Dropout Rates

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On October 12, 2011 the Stockton community welcomed Dr. Elizabeth Morgan to Stagg High School, as she prepared to meet with educational supporters and advocates to address the growing dropout crisis. Dr. Morgan currently serves as the Executive Director of the Grad Nation campaign for the America’s Promise Alliance. The Grad Nation Campaign was launched in 1997 under the America’s Promise Alliance. This organization was lead by former General Colin Powell and has since reached many educational leaders and organizations across the country. This meeting functioned as one of the next phases in President Ibekke’s Beyond Our Gates: Into the Community Initiative.

After being briefed by Dr. Morgan and President Ibekke, participants were separated into three breakout sessions to discuss a variety of ways in which the community could help improve high school graduation and attendance rates at the high school level. The breakout sessions fostered many opinions and perspectives as Pacific faculty and staff brainstormed ideas for improving education along with other students, parents, and faculty. These included: professional development; teaching methods; fostering involvement in their curriculum; and improving technical training to improve education in their classroom, as well as other workshops and methods of improving education available to their community.

At the conclusion of the breakout sessions, groups presented their findings to President Ibekke, who will be transcribed by the University of the Pacific students, and presented to the Beyond Our Gates Community Initiative. The presentation will be available online for further deliberations.
Halloween Inspires Community Engagement

University of the Pacific will host its 13th Annual Safe Trick or Treat, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 from 4PM to 7PM, kicking off the holiday season with children scurrying across campus dressed in costumes such as Princesses, witches, and pumpkins. Pacific’s Safe Trick or Treat is the University’s largest annual community outreach event. The event is designed to allow 3-11 year old Stockton children a safe and comforting environment, allowing parents to enjoy a relaxing Halloween celebration.

During the event, Pacific students, faculty, staff, and alumni, will distribute bean bag toss, and other traditional games. Apart from the activities, there is face painting, balloon animals and food. Safe Trick or Treat also serves a greater purpose: the University accepts donations for costumes for underserved children within the Stockton area. These contributions serve to create a community wide Halloween experience.

Pacific’s Community Service Committee works throughout the Halloween season collecting costumes and costume accessories for those underserved youth. The costumes are intended for children within the Transitional Learning Center, Haven of Peace, The Gospel Rescue Mission, and more.

Safe Trick or Treat began around 1999, when the students of Price, Werner, and Farley residence halls hosted a small Safe Trick or Treat for students living in the residences known as the Quads. These students wanted to share a secure Halloween experience with their fellow students and their faculty’s families. Since that first year, it has grown larger annually and spread to all corners of the Stockton campus.

Today, the event is a widely celebrated success. Safe Trick or Treat 2010 attracted more than 4,000 confirmed attendees who passed through the tour check-in area at the Atchley Clock Tower. However, there were also many who passed by the tours, taking part only in the carnival. It’s estimated that actual attendance last year exceeded 5,000 participants.

“One of the features of this event is to give children an opportunity to have a traditional Halloween,” said Denia Andersen of Pacific’s Community Service Committee. The free costumes, a tour of the campus, and a carnival, are a great experience for the underserved youth of our community.

Safe Trick or Treat is a hallmark of Pacific’s commitment to the community. The event demonstrates the quality of our students, the passion of those who call Pacific home and Pacific’s obligation to its neighbors.

Pacific is currently accepting donations of new or used children’s costumes ages 3-11 for children within the Stockton community. Donations can be dropped off at the Tower Lobby, and the March Lane Office. Contributions are needed by Friday, October 21, 2011. If special pick up is required, please contact Denia Andersen at 209.946.2365.

The tours will begin at Atchley Clock Tower near Pacific’s Benerd School of Education and end at the DeRosa University Center lawn, where the carnival will take place. The tours will begin at 4 p.m., occur every 10 minutes, and continue until 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Jason Cha at jcha@pacific.edu. Tour Guides, setup, and breakdown help is needed.

Antigone Opened Last Weekend at Pacific

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This past weekend was the opening weekend for the play Antigone, playing at Pacific’s Thomas J. Long Theatre. The cast is made up of Pacific students and follows the storyline from the original play written by Sophocles, and was directed by Gary Armagnac. The setting, however, was that of a modern era complete with flashlight, modern wardrobe, and even simulated helicopters.

The Sunday show on October 16 had a crowd of Pacific Seminar I students, a large number of Pacific Faculty, as well as Stockton residents in attendance. The total run-time of the show was an hour and five minutes, and it received largely popular reviews. “It was cathartic. It was very moving,” said Devon, a Stockton resident who came to witness the play. After the immediate show, the acting cast and stage crew as well as the director, costume designer, and member of the theatre faculty invited the audience to a post-show discussion. The discussion focused much on gender related issues, with Gesine Gerhard, director of the Gender Studies Program at Pacific mediating questions to the cast and comments from the audience. Discussions included Teiresias’s sex-change, and Antigone as a heroine. Gesine Gerhard commented, “I really think they did an amazing job playing with the perceptions of gender.” Another topic of discussion was the director’s decision to place the play in modern times, particularly the dress. Costume designer Cathie McClanen explained “Gary (the director) felt very strongly about having this in modern dress... He kind of wanted to show this could be America... They are our patriots of Thebes.”

This design choice had both positive and negative reviews. Grace Hamann, a Pacific freshman, said “I enjoyed it, but it would’ve been stronger if the setting was more clear.”

The formal discussion went on for about half an hour. Antigone will be playing again this weekend on October 22nd and the 23rd at 2PM, at the Thomas J. Long Theatre. General Admission is $15 for Pacific students, $12 for normal audiences, and $10 for seniors.

Drag Race Concludes Coming Out Week

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On Friday October 14, the PRIDE Alliance held a Drag Race as the final event for Coming Out Week. Coming Out Week is an annual event that coincides with national Coming Out Day. The week’s events promote a safe, diverse environment on campus. The Drag Race was no exception.

The PRIDE Alliance had free Kinder’s BBQ available and clothing displayed to encourage participants to dress like the opposite sex and race each other. Hence the name of the event – “Drag Race.” There were two female participants who raced in typical men’s clothing and five males who raced in typical women’s clothing. The participating men raced several times, changing the different heels each wore after each race to make them fairer. When there were not enough shoes to go around, female participants offered their shoes, and if they fit, they were used!

The event occurred on the pathway from the UC to the Mcaffrey center. Blankets were set up on the nearby lawn for spectators. From the blankets and lawn benches, people were able to watch the races from the BBQ station to the tree at the end of the pathway. A drag participant also attempted to unicycle in a dress and heels, adding another fun aspect to the event.

All in all, whether one was a regular at PRIDE events or a passing spectator, the drag race, the PRIDE flag, and the event itself encouraged a safer campus environment, where all members can feel respected.
“Revolutionary Ideas” Spread Last Week at Pacific

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Through the Global Center of Social Entrepreneurship, Pacific hosted TEDxSanJoaquin on Wednesday, October 12th. TEDx events are independently organized TEDTalks. TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas worth spreading." The program is designed to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences at the local level. "I believe TEDxSanJoaquin was successful in bringing together community members in various disciplines across Pacific," reflects Shannon Chapman, one of the events program managers, "I'm so proud that we pulled off such a big event." If you’ve never heard of TEDTalks before, it’s a series of speakers that address key issues locally, nationally, and internationally. For example, Wednesday’s topics varied from the importance of family values by Jose Hernandez, Pacific Alumnus and former NASA Astronaut, to the benefits of spider silk brought up by Dr. Craig Visscher a Pacific professor of Biology. TEDxSanJoaquin also hosted two musical performances, one by Pacific's own Sugar Water Purple and another by musician and composer, Van-Anh Vanessa Vo.

Before the event began (and during scheduled breaks), there was an Innovation Hall, where sponsors of the event could set up booths displaying their work. Pacific alum and CEO of Greater Purpose Wine, Ashley Coleman, ran a booth that gave out a free bottle of wine to each patron over 21. Two Degrees Food, a company that sells nutritional bars and uses the profits to address severe acute malnutrition in Malawi also had a booth showcasing their product as well in educating people on the issue.

Other speakers and topics that were featured at the event include Hunter Lovins, President of Natural Capital Solutions and Time Magazine 2000 Hero of the Planet who talked about "Entrepreneuring the Green Economy," and Pacific's Dr. Sacha Joseph-Mathews who discussed "Why Corporate Just Doesn’t Get It." Lanya Nguyen designer and CEO of Fashion 4 Freedom was also there to talk about "How A Dress Addresses Poverty" as well as presenting some sample jewelry and dresses from her line.

TEDxSanJoaquin was hosted the in UC Ballroom with other TEDxActive events scheduled on campus. Students who could not attend the actual event could watch a live broadcasting at the TEDxActive events. The speeches were also streamed live for those who had access to the online platform. The event ran almost two hours over the time scheduled, but the audience in the ballroom remained watching throughout the event.

As the emcee Saul Garlick promised, the end was just as "powerful" as the beginning. Hunter Lovins, the event emcee, who discussed the importance of the environment, said, "we are the change." Saul Garlick encored for the night.

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SEA to Host Bake Sale for Project Amazonas

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Want to know how to help out the environment and enjoy a Halloween treat at the same time? Then you should check out the Students for Environmental Action (SEA) bake sale on Tuesday, October 25th from 11AM to 6PM, Wednesday, October 26th from 11AM to 3PM, and Thursday, October 27th from 11AM to 6PM.

The bake sale will be held all three days in from the DeRosa University Center. SEA will be making baked goods decorated for Halloween, and all proceeds will go towards Project Amazonas, a nonprofit organization whose goals include helping the people who live in the Amazon and preventing further deforestation of the rain forests.

Many of the people living in the Amazon are undergoing pressures from the modern world to turn to destructive and non-sustainable use of the rain forests resources. Project Amazonas is working to educate these people on how to live more sustainably within their environment. Project Amazonas aims to provide people "with the knowledge and tools to wisely use and manage their natural resources, and to value their natural environment before it is largely destroyed.

The project has been raising each year with 100% of the proceeds going to Project Amazonas. SEA will also be sure to include vegan baked goods as well.

SEA President, Sanam Fazeli, stressed the importance of the this event when she said, “The SEA Halloween bake sale we put on for Project Amazonas allows students to individually help out when they buy a baked good. We get students to help out globally and become more aware while enjoying a delicious cupcake.”

For more information about Project Amazonas and how you can help, visit http://www/projectamazonas.org.
NYPD Threatens Muslim Privacy

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Brooklyn College in New York City may look like a typical, peaceful college, but in fact, for the past couple of months it has been the scene of a serious infringement of personal privacy. For years, the New York Police Department has feared the creation of a Muslim terrorist cell. In order to prevent this from happening, investigators have been monitoring various Muslim groups on campus by placing undercover agents in their ranks and by following their internet activity. They follow their every move, monitoring restaurants and businesses that the Muslim communities frequently visit.

This infiltration is part of the New York PD's effort to gather information about Muslim groups in the area and target potential threats.

Documents obtained by the Associated Press prove that the kind of infiltration has already occurred, and may have violated an agreement with the college and infringed on US privacy laws. As a result, this kind of infringement might risk the amount of federal aid that the college receives from the government, affecting all students.

The NYPD says that they are only focusing on Muslim groups that have given them cause to be suspicious, and that they are not merely targeting a particular religious group. But how are they able to deem which groups are "suspicious"? They would have to be tracking the activity of all Muslim groups to determine that. Therefore, they are infringing on the privacy rights of the men and women who merely want a safe place to practice their religion. "It's really about personal freedom," said Moustafa Bayomi, an English professor at Brooklyn College. "The government, through the police department, is working privately to destroy the private lives of Muslim citizens."

The Muslim community on the Brooklyn College campus should be able to meet without worrying about a cop being within their midst. A majority of these groups have nothing to hide and come together to do such activities as pray, hang out, and play games - seemingly harmless activities.

But the New York PD argues that their objective is to find Muslim groups who have guest speakers spreading the ideas of Salafism, a strain of fundamentalist Islam. Mohammad Shamsi Ali, an associate cleric at the Islamic Center of New York, said, "Some groups in some colleges are being influenced by Salafi tendencies because many of these students, they don't know who the speakers are. They invite them to speak in the college, and they influence them." Some of these speakers are associated with radical Islamic groups that have been banned in places like Saudi Arabia and Britain for their violent attitude towards militant attack. This being said, it is understandable that the New York PD is concerned about these activities of Muslim groups; however, it doesn't make what they are doing right.

Everybody in America should have the same rights to privacy, regardless of their religious background. Religion is a personal practice, and it shouldn't be one that is interrupted with a police investigation. The Muslim community is looking for a safe place to meet and pray, and the police are making the atmosphere anything but by making men and women feel like criminals. On top of that, the police department is jeopardizing the college's funding by trying to get their hands on the records of Muslim students. If school officials hand these over (because they are trying to follow police orders) then they will violate federal law. In doing so, the college could lose all federal funding, including student loans, Pell Grants, and research grants. This will negatively affect all students - not just the Muslim community.

In short, the New York PD needs to start targeting the real culprits, radical Islamic leaders, and leave innocent students alone so they can continue to practice their religious beliefs in peace.

Non-Inclusive Language Presentation

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Recently there has been a lot of discussion regarding the use of inclusive language in higher education institutions. Many universities have made efforts to be more inclusive with their language by changing their constitutions to reflect gender neutral language instead of using specific gender pronouns. Even though using gender neutral language is a step toward becoming more inclusive, it may not be enough.

Using non-inclusive language is harmful in a variety of ways to members of the LGBTQ community. One of the consequences is discussed on "Change Happens: The SAFER Blog" in regards to sexual assault and violence. The author asks the question: if we do not recognize groups of people with our language choices how can we adequately represent and support them when they become victims of crime? The author asserts that using gender neutral language is not enough and that to be more inclusive we must specifically address the LGBTQ community.

This idea that we must specifically name those who we aim to help is further reiterated by Livia Rojas in "Inclusive Language is Key to Collaboration" when she says that "the absence of naming leads to a perception of invisibility or homogeneity," and that being mindful of the language that we avoid as well as the language we use at meetings, in press releases, websites, and our daily face to face interactions, ultimately reflect our points of privilege and oppression. Systems of oppression are interconnected.

We must specify those who we aim to help in our efforts to be more inclusive. Instead of using gender neutral language, we must say members of the LGBTQ community. In an effort to do this a committee was put together on the University of the Pacific's campus to improve the campus climate for LGBTQIA students, faculty, and staff. The committee created a list of LGBTQIA Campus Climate Recommendations. Among these recommendations are using "gender identity or gender expression" instead of "gender" in the University's Non-Discrimination Statement, creating a committee to on LGBTQIA issues, and including LGBTQIA information with admissions information. These as well as the other recommendations were made by the committee in an effort to be more inclusive and make LGBTQIA students, faculty, and staff feel more comfortable on Pacific's campus.

Although these examples focus on institutional changes and efforts, there is something that we can do as individuals in our everyday lives to be inclusive with our language choices. To find out more about what you can do on an individual level, come to "Inclusive Language: Breaking Down LGBTQIA Stereotypes with Language" on Thursday, October 27th in the Multicultural Center.

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**Money Matters**

**Bank of America Blues**

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When, accquiring money through hard work is great! I think we can all agree with that. However, one of my least favorite things is losing money without purpose. We are all college students, not professionals in the careers we aspire to make quite yet; we cannot afford $60 per year, in security fees. Yes, extra. The average American, according to a Gallop survey, seems to spend about $126 per year on fees - for things they hardly use. So why the sudden mention on fees?

Bank of America is the largest bank in the nation, and one of the largest in the world. It sets the standard for everything, including the fees. Recently, if you have been reading, or catching a spot of news on the television, you may have noticed yet another fee that Bank of America is issuing. This one, affecting almost every bank account holder in the nation: Debit card usage fee. Yes, this is exactly as it sound. Banks, including Citi, Wells Fargo, Chase, and soon almost every bank in the nation will now issue a $3-5 monthly fee for debit card usage. Apparently, it does not matter whether one uses this debit card, it is automatically withdrawn from the corresponding checking account.

$3-5 is not a big deal, right? Sadly, there are a couple of things we must look out for. One, we as taxpayers bailed Bank of America out, and to return the favor, they will impose a fee. Ignoring that, there are other things to note. Bank of America, as stated previously, is a standard. So if they impose a fee, other banks will follow suit. And they have. Again, as college students, we need to watch our funds, and spend within means. Let’s assume you are working 8 hours per week, making $6.00 an hour. Assuming you work for 52 weeks, nonstop (which is unrealistic, but works for these purposes), you would make $3744 total. However, Uncle Sam needs his share, and so do your other uncles. Only including taxes, and government fees (social security...) you may be left with only about 75%, and that is about the maximum. So $2808. Well, the typical college student ends up spending that $2808 on books, clothes, amenities, etc. Assuming you are an average American, you may already paying about $120 in fees. So adding $60 extra in fees per year will result in a $180 chunk taken out from your account. In other word assuming you were very budgeted and did not spend one cent of the $2808 (which is unrealistic...), 6.4% of your funds being used for fees. 6-4 for literally holding a bank account.

Take note that the percentage is ideal. Try to find out the equation for your personal account. If you are only able to put $500 at the end of the year, a $60 charge will be more than 10%, let alone the average $180.

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   - But think of the reality: every bank will implement this rule. So what should you do?
   - Credit cards, requiring initial credit, good standing, are essential the best way. Also, credit cards provide so much more than debit cards. A previous describes the benefits and cautions behind holding credit card. Credit cards are a tool to build credit (and destroy it), where as debit cards only potentially harm but never supplement in it. So look in the long run.
   - Replace the debit card with a credit card, and you will have the same results.
   - Bad credit? Try to apply for a credit card, but if it is imminent, there are banks that have pledged not have debit cards. Banking!
Hunger Strikes for Prisoner Rights

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Over 6,600 prisoners across the state of California have participated in the prison hunger strikes that began at Pelican Bay State Prison.

These hunger strikes were born out of a resistance against the inhumane conditions Security Housing Unit prisoners face. These conditions include group punishment. Oftentimes, if one prisoner violates a rule, a group of prisoners will be punished to deter further infractions. Also, there is administrative infraction. Privileges can be revoked for an indefinite time for arbitrary reasons.

Even worse, there are widely used practices that can put the safety of prisoners at risk. This includes the Debriefing Policy. This is essentially blackmail, in that a prisoner will have to give incriminating information about other prisoners in exchange for better food or release from the Security Housing Unit. Prisoners who participate in this deal can be at risk for harm and abuse by fellow inmates.

In an effort to support prisoner mental health, the hunger strike also wants solitary confinement reform. Currently, long-term solitary confinement is permissible. The US Commission on Safety and Abuse recommended in 2006 that prisoners should have regular meaningful contact and freedom from extreme physical deprivations that are known to cause lasting harm.

Due to the horrible conditions prisoners face their mental and physical health is placed at risk. America, a country that pride itself as supporting human rights, has the responsibility to rectify this. Oftentimes, prisoners are viewed as derided members of society who do not deserve public support, but this is an inhuman perspective, wholly devoid of true human compassion. Also, from a pragmatic perspective, the maltreatment of prisoners is unproductive to society at large since it increases the existence of repeat offenders.

On October 13th, the hunger strike suspended. This was after almost three weeks. Many of the participating prisoners faced dramatic weight loss and were collapsing from starvation. The reason for this suspension was prison officials’ promise to review the cases of all Security Housing Unit inmates, specifically those who have been identified as gang members. Oftentimes, people are mistakenly identified as gang members and therefore needlessly placed in solitary confinement. However, since this recently occurred nothing has materialized from this promise yet, but the hunger strikes will resume if it is not kept.

America’s prisons are currently facing a crisis. We have more prisoners than prisons which can justly and safely hold them and a higher percentage of our population is incarcerated than in any other country.

Our prison system is taking much needed money from other programs and initiatives. Our prisoners are unfairly treated. Their rights as American citizens and human beings are often suspended because of their criminal status. More people are incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses than any other type of crime. Half of these nonviolent drug offenses are marijuana.

Our mistreatment of offenders reflects upon the aloof nature of our society at large; especially taking into account that our prison population is largely a result of various classist and racial legal biases. There is without a doubt, a serious need for prison system reform. These recent hunger strikes reflect an effort of prisoners themselves, to advocate on their own behalf, even at the risk of their physical health. This should not be ignored. Rather, this should encourage federal and state officials to review the nature of their prison systems to the betterment of us all.

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Pacifian Spotlight: Andy Grammer

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“As a musician, you just want to be able to do what you love,” Andy says to me in one of his many gracious replies. I’m just a little reporter from Los Angeles, currently stranded in the middle of Stockton completing my Bachelors in way too many concentrations. After his roadtrip from Spokane, Washington, a soundcheck, and some radio interviews, he still managed to find fifteen minutes to spare for me.

I had arrived early to The Regency Ballroom to only find the mass of Colbie Collait fans anxiously awaiting the doors to open. I was surprisingly able to simply walk through the entrance, call his tour manager, and wait quietly for my scheduled interview. In Los Angeles, I would be thrown out in two seconds without a press badge. But twenty minutes later, I got a call from Andy himself and he came to get me personally. (I also got to meet his bass player, who was also very nice.) We walked past the stage and headed into a small empty room, which as I found out later while editing pictures, was the women’s dressing room. (Considering the size, I’m hoping they were joking with “women” being plural.) I turned on my little camera to record and I was ready to go.

Andy Grammer’s self-titled debut album was released last June by S-Curve records and has since peaked at number 105 on Billboard’s Top 200 and at the number one spot on the Billboard’s Heatseekers Album charts. He has also won an MTV O Award for Most Innovative Video for his “choose your own adventure” styled video, “Keep Your Head Up”, co-starring Rainn Wilson from The Office. “He was so sweet. He really gave himself for that video, which is pretty awesome and it’s helped me a lot to get a lot of notoriety,” Andy proclaims.

Andy has always been interested in music, especially having Red Grammer, a Grammy-nominated artist for a father. Andy strongly feels that his “father is totally connected to it.” His mother was also interested in music, especially rock, to hip-hop; it can easily please any music lover’s ears because of his general theme: “I think the theme is always to go into something new to get to attack something from a real place and be connected to it.” His music has been recognized to the point where he has opened for the “Plain White Ts, Natasha Bedingfield, Colbie Collait, The Script, and The Fray. It’s been a great year. I’m just excited to be allowed into the circle this year.” And there’s more to come.

“As a musician, you just want to be able to do what you love.”

Today forget to be grateful to meet me because they’ve had some sort of relationship with something I’ve created, it’s the coolest thing ever. It never gets old. It’s awesome.” He even makes times for his friends all over the country. After his set in San Francisco, he was ready to go off to have dinner with a friend. “I’ve been touring for a while before any sort of real success came so I have friends in every city so it’s kinda cool.”

Regardless of being able to study music business in college, Andy believes that the best thing he did was go to the street, “That taught me the most.” Now, a few years out of his college days and new to the charts, he still thinks practically. “I don’t really think in terms of goals. I’m just so excited to be doing it every day. I’m sure it will come. Things will happen. And even if you do point it out, that’s like trying to steer a too much. You just gotta be open.”

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“There’s always stuff that right there. As of right now there’s a lot of open things that look like they’re going to close and if they do, it’s going to be really cool.”

When the interview was finished, he leaned in for a picture and my photography took it from the smallest room corner in the whole. He thanked me for MY time and obviously likewise, gave me a hug, and left hugging in his path. In reality, Andy Grammer was just a normal guy with the only exception that thousands of girls professed their love for him every day on Facebook. Oh the hardships of being a successful musician.
Delta Gamma Dominates at LipSync

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From Theta Chi's childish beginning to Sigma Chi's wet ending, Lip Sync was full of laughs and surprises. The show began with a comical performance from student affairs. Next was a rendition of Sesame Street by Theta Chi. One of the Theta Chi performers, Isaac McGraw, described the performance and everything building up to it as "the best experience I've ever had. I've never had so much fun creating costumes and dancing with my brothers." When asked how the fraternity came up with the amusing theme he explained, "we basically wanted a theme that was more kid-friendly than anything."

Rhythm Inc, a campus dance group, was second to perform. Third was Alpha Phi, coined by the university to be "the best sorority in fraternity circle", had a clever Back to the Future theme. Ashley Frabassio, one of the sorority's dancers, said the house "decided Back to the Future would be fun to show songs through the decades."

After performing, she described the experience as "a great way to bring about Greek unity and school spirit." The ambassadors then put on a "super" show involving "super" people from the Power Rangers to Beyonce. Eric Rangel, who acted as Jay-Z and walked pregnant Beyonce on stage, described that picking the theme "was ironic because all the songs we came up with were super—the idea of standing out and being a leader." The ambassadors, also known as ambos, were satisfied in how the theme represented them. Rangel said it was "a great way to describe the ambassadors. We're the ones that always stand out because we wear the orange polos."

Next in line was the social sorority, Delta Delta Delta with the theme of Clue. Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi humorously brought the show to an end. Sigma Chi's Wizard of Oz brought many laughs from the audience—many of the laughs even unplanned due to a water spill dancers were slipping on.

Arlene Brown, ASUOP events coordinator, was one of the lip sync judges. She described how multiple organizations of the university came together to make this event possible. From the furniture donated from the University Plaza, the airbrush tattoo artists, the silent auctioneers, to the bartenders, there were multiple people to thank.

ASUOP ran the lip sync and put together a panel of judges that represented different school associations. Peggy Rosson, Assistant Dean of Students and lip sync judge, said "we looked for creativity and whether they stayed consistent with the theme and the choreography and the overall performance. Freddie Gladney, from Bon Appetit, said, "It was an amazing opportunity for me to judge for lip sync." The rest of the judges included Ashton Datcher, ASUOP president, Nutri Cat and Dan Ship, associate Vice President for Student Life.

The results were announced after the Dueling Pianos show. Theta Chi's kid-friendly choice proved favorable, winning them viewer's choice. "Theta Chi" was chanted after the announcement, before the revealing of the judge's choice and overall winner of the event. After a suspenseful drum roll, the Delta Gamma sorority was named champion.

Upcoming Student Events

Thursday, 10/20
Movie: A Better Life (Latino Heritage Month)
8-10 PM AT THE JANET LEIGH THEATRE

Friday, 10/21
Movie: Crazy Stupid Love
8-10 PM AT THE JANET LEIGH THEATRE

Club DC
10 PM-2 AM AT THE DE ROSA UNIVERSITY CENTER

Sunday, 10/23
Catholic Mass
8-10 PM AT THE MORRIS CHAPEL

Tuesday, 10/25
Open Mic Night
10 PM-2 AM AT THE LAIR

Wednesday, 10/26
Karaoke
8-10 PM AT THE LAIR

Pacific Fall Fashions:
Look of the Week

Summer Irvin
STAFF WRITER

Are you sick of people wearing their pajamas to class? Be spotted on campus wearing your most fashionable outfit this fall and you could be the next "look of the week!"

NAME: Chidiogo Callista Austin Obi
MAJOR: Economics
FAB: Sophomore
FASHION ICON: Kourtney Kardashian
FAVORITE DESIGNER: Chanel
FAVORITE STORE: Urban Outfitters
FAVORITE ITEM IN CLOSET: Louis Vuitton Bag
ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: Unique

Affordable Fashion Under $40

Good bye ballet flats, hello school boy lace-ups! That's right! This season's must-have item is the hipster version of the schoolboy shoe, also known as oxfords or wingtips. They come in a variety of colors, so you can dress it down with brown, jazz it up with gold, or be chic with black. The tomboy look is so in, and girly is so out! We are seeing more military styles this season and less floral and prints. So invest in some flannel shirts, boyfriend jeans, oxford shoes and nerd glasses, and you will be the most fashionable person on campus!
Tigers Finish Pacific Invite on Good Note
McGowan wins 200 Breaststroke

Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific Women's and Men's Swimming teams concluded the 2011 Pacific Invitational Saturday, Oct. 15, finishing second and third on their respective sides. BYU took the women's meet title with 1,129 points. Stanford claimed the men's meet title with 1,055.5 points. Finishing third on the women's side was San Diego (766 points) while BYU took second on the men's side (829.5).

The Pacific Women's and Men's Basketball teams hosted the 2011-12 Midnight Mania on Friday as part of the kickoff for college basketball around the country. Festivities that night included prize giveaways, a relay race between the teams, an intersquad scrimmage, dance-offs, and a dunk contest, which was won by junior Colin Beatty. Both teams will host exhibition games on Saturday, November 5. The Women's team will host Academy of Art. Immediately after, the Men's team will play host to Cal State East Bay.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The Tigers dropped a 3-1 contest to Long Beach State. Pacific will take care of Cal State Fullerton 3-0. Senior Samantha Misa took care of Cal State Fullerton on Friday, Pacific took two weekend matchups. On Friday, Pacific immediately after, the Men's team will play host to Cal State Bakersfield. Athletic Media:
Pacific will next aim to take out Nevada and Cal State Bakersfield.

TENNIS: Both the Pacific Women's and Men's Tennis teams participated in tournaments over the weekend. The Men's team participated in the Saint Mary's Invitational. Freshmen Gergana Boncheva and Regina Suarez saw a lot of action in the consolation bracket of the white flight in both singles and doubles. The Men's team went to San Francisco for the Battle of the Bay Classic. Senior Ivan Castro and the doubles team of junior Alex Golding and freshman Eric Cedarwall were eliminated in the main draw of their respective brackets. Both teams will head to Pepperdine for the ITA Regionals, scheduled for October 20-24.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Pacific began preseason play on Saturday, participating in exhibition matches against UCLA, California Baptist, USC, Cal State Northridge, and Lewis. No statistics were recorded. The Tigers will conclude the preseason against Pepperdine and Stanford November 5.

CROSS COUNTRY: The Tigers finished 11th at the 5K Bronco Invitational in Santa Clara on Saturday. Freshman Katie Castro made history at the event, finishing with a time of 19:04.8. This was the fastest time in the history of the event for a freshman and the fourth best 5K time in Pacific history. Pacific will have a week of rest to get ready for the Big West Championships, which will take place October 29 at Riverside.

MEN'S WATER POLO: The Tigers were defeated 11-10 by #8 Pepperdine in a close overtime game on Sunday. Senior Tom Koning led Pacific with four goals in the first MPSF of the season. The team will have a few days to rest and prepare for their matchup, which will be at home against #1 Stanford on Friday, October 21.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Pacific had a midweek battle with UC Davis on Thursday, falling to the Aggies 3-2 in overtime. Seniors Alex Topp and Kristina Wavomba each found the back of the net. The Tigers will next host a pair of home games this weekend. They will play UC Santa Barbara on Friday, October 21 and Cal Poly on Sunday, October 23.

MEN'S GOLF: The Tigers participated in Alister MacKenzie, which took place in Fairfax, CA, October 17-18. Pacific will have the week off in order to prepare for hosting the 2011 Pacific Invitational, which will be held October 31-November 2 at Brookside Country Club.

FIELD HOCKEY: Pacific travelled to #4 Stanford on Friday, falling to the Cardinal 7-0. The Tigers' next games will come against #17 Northwestern on Friday, October 21 and Iowa on Sunday, October 23.
Quidditch Teams Compete at Preview Day

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Pacific’s first quidditch match took place October 15 on the WPC lawn. Elizabeth Griego, Vice President for Student Life, saw an article in USA Today regarding quidditch in schools. Griego contacted Linda Dempsey, who subsequently contacted Dumbledore’s Army to play a game during family weekend and preview day. The club, Dumbledore’s Army, was able to organize a game in a week. They only had four days to recruit 15 players. The club used the International Quidditch Association website to consult for all the rules and regulations. When asked how they pulled it all together, Jamie Smith, secretary of DA, explained “everything just really started to fall into place.”

Corrie Martin, director of the campus Women’s Resource Center, acted as the snitch, which is supposed to be a tiny golden ball with wings. When asked how she came to be the snitch, she said she was probably the only person who knew nothing about Harry Potter and quidditch since she didn’t read any of the books or see any of the movies. When she was asked to play a role as a golden ball, she replied, “why not, I’ll wear my teletubby costume.”

One player from each team, called the seeker, is supposed to find the snitch throughout the game. Martin rode a bike around campus and the seekers, Jordan “Danger” Dangerfield and Daniel “Sky” Walker were sent to find her. Martin did not make it easy for these seekers. During the second game, she decided to leave her bike and hide under tables on Knoles lawn. She comically described how the catering business, Bon Appetit, started placing food on the tables and she stayed quiet knowing they would be terrified to suddenly see a yellow teletubby come out from under the table.

In describing the seekers she said “several times they ran by and had no idea I was there.” Once Dangerfield noticed Martin’s bike he knew she was close by. Martin then crawled out from under the table and started running until Dangerfield caught her. When asked how she feels about the unofficial sport, she replied there are “complex elements which I now fully appreciate.” The Very Vicious Voracious Viperteeth beat Quaffle Questing Snitch Snatchers both games.

SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

MEN’S WATER POLO

FRIDAY
Pacific vs. #1 Stanford
3:00 PM
Chris Kjeldsen Pool

WOMEN’S SOCCER

FRIDAY
Pacific vs. UC Santa Barbara
7:00 PM
Stagg Memorial Stadium

SUNDAY
Pacific vs. Cal Poly
12:00 PM
Stagg Memorial Stadium

SPORTS SCHEDULE

THUR, OCTOBER 20 -- WED, OCTOBER 26
@ Baun Fitness Center

10/20:
12:05-12:50 PM -- Yoga (WR)
4:00-5:00 PM -- Piloxing (WR)
5:15-6:15 PM -- WalkFit (FD)
5:30-6:30 PM -- Indoor Cycle (RR)
6:30-7:30 PM -- Zumba (WR)
6:40-7:00 PM -- Awesome Abs (RR)

10/21:
6:30-7:15 AM -- Express Cycle (RR)
4:00-5:00 PM -- Zumba (WR)
5:15-6:30 PM -- Yoga (WR)
8:00-8:45 PM -- Black Light Cycle (RR)

10/24:
6:45-7:15 AM -- Jump Start (WR)
7:30-8:30 AM -- Fit & Funtional (WR)
12:05-12:50 PM -- Pi-Yo (WR)
4:00-5:00 PM -- Core Cycle (RR)
5:05-6:20 PM -- Yoga (WR)
6:30-7:30 PM -- TurboKick (WR)

10/25:
12:05-12:50 PM -- Yoga (WR)
4:00-5:00 PM -- Piloxing (WR)
5:15-6:15 PM -- WalkFit (FD)
5:30-6:30 PM -- Indoor Cycle (RR)
6:30-7:30 PM -- Swing Dance (WR)
6:40-7:00 PM -- Awesome Abs (RR)

10/26:
6:30-7:15 AM -- Express Cycle (RR)
7:30-8:30 AM -- Fit & Funtional (WR)
12:05-12:50 PM -- Power Sculpt (WR)
4:00-5:00 PM -- Zumba (WR)
5:15-6:15 PM -- Yoga (WR)
6:30-7:30 PM -- Barre (WR)

FD -- Front Desk
RR -- Rubber Room
WR -- Wood Room
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