"Take Drugs Back" Day at Pacific

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Furthermore, its goal was to provide a way for the public to dispose of medications safely, as Americans are now being advised that their traditional ways of ridding their household of prescriptions (such as flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash) could cause potential safety and health hazards.

The idea of the “Take Drugs Back” service is now being seen in national policy as well. In September of 2010, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow prescription drug users to dispose of unused or expired medication by delivering them to locations authorized by the Attorney General to receive it. DEA is now in the process of drafting regulations to implement the act, which is expected to take 24 months to complete. At that time, the public will have specific locations where they can take their unused medications for safe disposal. However, until that time, local law enforcement agencies like the University of the Pacific Police Department and the DEA will continue to have “Take Drugs Back” days every few months so that the public will have access to safe prescription drug disposal.

13th Annual Safe Trick-or-Treat Event Takes Place at Pacific

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On Wednesday October 26th, University of the Pacific hosted its 13th annual Safe Trick-or-Treat, which took place on Pacific’s campus. The event is held for children ages 3-11 to enjoy a safe trick-or-treating experience, as well as a place for parents to come to relax without having to worry about the safety of their children. The event began in 1999, when students of Price, Werner, and Farley Residence Halls hosted trick-or-treating for students who lived in the Quads and their families, but has since grown to encompass Pacific’s entire campus. The event has continued to grow year after year, with this year not being an exception, having an estimated number of more than 4,000 visitors. It is completely free to those who come. Leading up to the event, Pacific also began accepting costume donations to give to underprivileged youth so that they may have a traditional Halloween experience as well.

The festivities of Safe Trick-or-Treat including a trick-or-treat tour around a section of campus, concluding at a Halloween carnival set up on the UC lawn. Each tour included a trick-or-treat tour around a section of campus, such as Residence Halls, the Alumni house, or the Greek houses, with four different tour routes running at a time. These tours were run constantly, led by volunteers from 4:00PM to 6:15PM. The lines were long, stretching almost to the Chemistry building starting from the Atchley Clock Tower. While parents and children were waiting, Pacific’s Power Cat greeted kids, handing out high-fives while volunteers handed out trick-or-treat bags to children who didn’t have any. Once the tour concluded, children had another chance to win candy playing a variety of carnival games such as bean-bag tossing, pumpkin bowling, or basketball shooting. Other activities included face-painting, painting miniature pumpkins and a cat-walk where children could show-off their costumes. Lee Womack, a mother of a child attending the event, stated, "It was ran very well as far as I can see." Her husband also commented “I didn’t want to come, but now that
Pacific's Safe Trick-or-Treat

I'm here. I'm enjoying it." People also commented on the importance of the event. Alejandro Reyes, the older brother of somebody trick-or-treating, said their family has come for the past four years. "It's an important event for the kids. It's more safer than going out on the street."

Each residence hall had something different to offer to the children, whether it's challenging trick-or-treaters to "feel what's inside the mystery box" in Southwest, or having the kids be greeted by students dressed as swashbuckling pirates before they walk the plank into Grace Covell. The students in each residence hall put in a lot of hard work to set up for this event, with the residents of John Ballentine working over the course of two and a half weeks to complete their Wizard of Oz themed tour. This gave some entertainment to the volunteers as well, many of them dressing up and happy to give children this experience. "It was fun," commented Tim Lee, who volunteered as a tour guide. "It was a rewarding experience, and I realized how fun it is to give back to the community."

Volunteers were critical for the success of the event, particularly due to how massive it was. "It is absurd how many people showed up," said volunteer Ahmed Nagaib, "we sent out almost 100 tours." Eric Luke, another tour volunteer, commented "This just shows how big it's getting, just how many volunteers we need." He also mentioned "It was fun to see students who just got out of class who said 'we heard you need more volunteers.'" Chris Harata, Employer Relations at the Career Resource Center who was helping to manage the volunteers check-out list, said "We probably have at least 100 volunteers", also adding "We've been doing this for 13 years, and it keeps getting bigger and bigger." Chris Harata also helped coordinate some of the food that was made available to attendees, working with Domino's Pizza, Quizno's subs, and the Bon Appetite food truck, which served macaroni and cheese during the event. Volunteers also worked tirelessly to serve the crowd free cotton candy and popcorn.

The event concluded with a raffle offered to those parents who filled out a satisfaction survey, in order to improve the event next year. Prizes for the raffle included an assortment of different Disney DVDs. Also at the end of the event was a costume contest, which featured the categories "The Cutest", "The Funniest", "The Scariest", and "The Most Unique". The competition was split into ages 2-6 and ages 7-11, and winners received more candy and a certificate. In all, the event ran from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, and had as many as 5,000 visitors.
Engineering Students Participate in Pacific’s Sustainability Projects

Steve Brown, Jay Brink, and Michael Roberts standing in front of Anderson Hall.

The Sustainability Committee at Pacific has put together a proposal of 250 thousand dollars a year for sustainable projects around campus. The budget is considered to be an investment into sustainability as Pacific is aiming to achieve returns over a 6 year period from increased efficiency in energy consumption.

Scott Heaton, the Director of Support Services, in conjunction with Physical Plant proposed a project that would allocate the sustainability budget towards a campus-wide installment of more efficient LED light bulbs and air-conditioning chilling units. Three Electrical Engineering students from the School of Engineering and Computer Science were approached by Physical Plant to assist them in the project.

Overseen by their advisor Cherian Matthews, students Steve Brown, Jay Brink, and Michael Roberts are not only taking part in replacing LED lights around the Quad areas but also working on a metric method that will measure the energy savings and effectiveness of the project.

“Calculating how long investment is taking to pay itself off, and then, over that life time of the bulb, how much money the school will save,” explains Brink.

In the Quads, the team have replaced the existing sodium bulbs with 60 light packs of LED bulbs. “Another aspect of our calculations is to see how much power they (the bulbs) are consuming versus the old one and the savings in labor as these LED bulbs last much longer,” Dr. Matthews adds on. Currently findings indicate that the new LED bulbs use only a tenth of previous power consumption. Furthermore, the bulbs are also strategically directed downwards towards the ground to reduce light pollution to the sky.

Roberts also talked about another aspect of the project which is the new air conditioning chilling unit that is being installed into the Cowell Wellness Center. The team are analyzing the money savings from that unit. A process which requires intensive and “highly sophisticated” computer modeling in order to encompass the whole building into their calculations.

“The purpose of projects like these” Robert explained, “are to give actual numbers and evidence that this is actually doing something good for the community.” When asked why they were interested to take part in this sustainability project, Brown replies “To get experience basically because I haven’t been able to use my engineering capability outside school and this was a good opportunity to do so.”

Additionally, Brinks also shares his personal reasons for getting involved, “I thought it would be a good experience as a team to work on a real project. Not just one that is artificial for class but one where you actually interface with other departments which in this case is Physical Plant.”

With this project that has run full course this entire semester, Brown, Brink, and Roberts hope to have their calculations completed by this December 2011. Their findings will be part of a report that will be presented to President Eibeck to show how the sustainability funds are being used and the expected returns in investment from the projects.

“At first you don’t see too much going on around campus, maybe you see a few buildings being constructed, but once you get into the specifics and the calculations, it’s like wow we’re really gearing up for the future. It’s kind of a cool thing to be a part of.” Robert concludes about his involvement in the schools sustainability efforts across campus.

Western Regional Conference: Be the Movement, Lead the Change!

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COPY EDITOR

Next semester there will be one of the largest LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transsexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual/Ally) conferences that has ever occurred in the Central Valley. “Western Regional Conference 2012: Be the Movement, Lead the Change!” is the result of Pacific partnering up with University of California, Merced to bring the event to the Stockton Campus and is expected to draw an audience of more than 500 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members throughout the western United States. The conference will include speakers, educational sessions, entertainment and great networking opportunities. The goal of the event being to share information on “topics based in any issue in lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender social movements, leadership development/activism, policy, history, literature, culture/media, and beyond!” according to the event website at lgbtqia.pacific.edu where you can still submit proposals for presentations for the event. The cost for submitting a proposal is $30, and the deadline for submissions is November 30, 2011. Questions about proposals and their submissions should be directed to Corrie Martin at cmartini@pacific.edu.

The Weekly Forecast

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My heart is full of rage that can't be expressed through civil means, and this article can't begin to describe the sorrow I feel. Last week, in downtown Oakland, over 500 policemen from several different counties gathered together at the supposed orders of Mayor Quan and began to disperse the protestors using tear gas, rubber bullets, bean bags, and flash grenades. Their reasoning was that there were vandalism and sanitation issues in the area so the protestors needed to be cleared out. When the police arrived and began forcing out protestors, a small minority of protestors began to throw bottles, paint, and kitchen utensils.

The largest victim from this clash between protestors and police was Scott Olsen. The 24-year-old had previously served two tours in Iraq and was clearly in the wrong, none of this happened until the police arrived in the area. While the police say that there were sanitation and vandalism issues, there's no concrete evidence of any of this actually happening. This is what happens when you challenge the police power. They make up reasons in order to justify breaking down the camps. Another point is that any cop trained to use tear gas doesn't "accidentally" hit someone in the head with a tear gas canister. Many other protestors at the scene recall that Olsen did nothing to incite the reaction of the police either. If you have any doubts about how intentional these injuries seem, I point you to the situation with the flash grenade.

Mayor Quan has released a statement regarding the protestors and the incident between the police and Scott Olsen. She tried to identify herself with the protestors invoking the "99 percent". However, all of this seems like a fake and a meager attempt to save her political career. This same type of speech is seen on the national level too, with many high level Democrats and Democratic organizations trying to identify with the protestors. This is bigger than left vs right. This is about standing up to the establishment. Democrats and Republicans in office will try to take sides for their own benefit, but we the people are smarter than this. We the people want an honest government. We are tired of politicians that don't work for us, and simply serve big corporations, banks and other special interests. Democrats and Republicans are to blame. They all are responsible for this financial crisis, and it's time the people rise up and get a new government.

Our politicians are bought by interest groups that only seek their own benefit, not the people's. Now that Americans are finally standing up to them, the police along with mayors goes against the very interests that give them money. While Scott Olsen is healing, what happened to him can happen to any other protestor, and must not back down.

Oakland Police clearing out Occupy Oakland in front of City Hall.
In Response to “Affirmative Action and the UC Berkeley Bake Sale”

Danielle Procope
STAFF WRITER

"For every opportunity given to an African American student, there is one taken away from another student". This is the point of view many people hold in regards to affirmative action, including the author who tackled the UC Berkeley Affirmative Action Bake-Sale in last week’s paper. Since the author decided to speak disparagingly of black people in his article, despite the fact that white women have been the biggest beneficiaries of affirmative action and that other means of selecting students exists other than race and gender, including having legacy status or athletic ability, I will focus my critique as it pertains to black people.

Besides the obvious fact that statements such as this reinforce the idea that all black Americans who are accepted to colleges are intellectually inferior to their white counterparts, this statement also grossly simplifies the reality of race in this country.

Currently, at University of the Pacific, black Americans make up approximately 4% of the school population according to our school website. We are underrepresented in comparison to the percentage of black Californian population and more specifically, the black Stockton population. The University Honors program, that I am a part of, is even more racially exclusive. Yet, people like the author of that article, want to suggest that opportunities are being taken away from white people when other races are allowed to advance. Does there need to be a complete absence of the black race in order for college acceptances to be fair? Personally, as a black student here, I thought we were sparse enough.

The author made claims that diversity is important but racially blind admissions only prevent this from occurring. Pacific is a prime example of this. The author mentioned diversity from a white perspective, as a means for white people to learn to equally respect others of varying ethnic backgrounds instead of relying on stereotypes, but perspective of a student of color? Many of us come from schools with palpable diversity and then enter college and find ourselves in classrooms and in dormitories where we are the only one of our racial background. This can be marginalizing, disillusioning, and intimidating. Everyone deserves a college environment where they feel comfortable and cared for so that they can reach their fullest academic potential.

Denying the worth of racially based affirmative action would require a belief that we currently inhabit a post-racial society. In short, we don’t.

As it directly pertains to the educational process, black people are less likely to be tracked into honors and AP courses, racial school segregation is as bad as it was pre-Brown versus Board of Education leaving schools predominantly made up of people of color under-funded and lacking. Also, standardized tests have been proven to favor middle-class white men and have no correlation to first year college performance, which causes me to question why they are even used.

Black people are over three times more likely to experience poverty than white people. We are served stricter jail sentences for the same crimes as white people. People of color make up an overwhelming majority of those incarcerated despite the majority of drug users being white. A white person is statistically more likely to get hired for a job even if they are slightly less qualified than a black applicant. Meaning that even in the event of equal education and experience, despite the difficulty of this even occurring as I previously mentioned, a black person is less likely to be successful. Also, white people enjoy social privileges that black people do not. Some of these things were highlighted in Peggy McIntosh’s essay on white privilege in our PAC-SEM 1 textbooks.

This shows that, unlike what the authors seemed to suggest, opportunity is not just contingent on economic factors. It depends on race as well. The author also conveniently forgot to mention that white men are the most successful group in all regards in our society with or without affirmative action: economically and academically, and overwhelmingly so.

Today, unlike during the early sixties, black people enjoy formal equality with white people. Meaning that laws do not explicitly deny us from accessing opportunity anymore, but the very set-up of our country does. This is called institutionalized racism and it has been in existence from the very formulation of this country, all the way from when the Founding Fathers etched the Constitution in stone.

The University Honors program, that I am a part of, is even more racially exclusive. Therefore, these Republican students had no right to demonize and make a mockery of the existence of people of color on that campus. Those people, many of whom have been directly hindered by their race, still made it to that school based solely on non-racial factors. If anything this bake-sale was a direct affront to their right to be at that school as people of color.

Also, it is interesting that this Republican group failed to highlight athletic ability, having the ability to fully pay for college, or having legacy status as factors that also should not be included in the college process, since they have no relation to academic ability. But race, a factor that most definitely impacts all of our opportunities as Americans, is continually regarded as the only unfair means of selecting applicants. The Berkeley Republicans uncritically harped on race and somewhat gender without taking into account why race and gender matters, without acknowledging that white men have always been the best off group in America. This alone makes the Bake-Sale inherently racist and sexist as well.

Factors of luck make it so that not every person from any disadvantaged group will need extra help. I, for example, am a black student who is a University Honors student, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, and a Regent’s Scholar all while also being low income, showing that lower income people through luck can be successful too, but I also recognize that there is a racial hierarchy in place in America that makes it so that many black people need and deserve extra consideration.

My only critique of the concept of racial affirmative action is that it does not take place before college admissions season when oftentimes racial disadvantages have already made a substantial and sometimes intractable impact.
**Money is Policy**

**IanMarcel Parks**

PRIDE CENTER COMMUNITY INCLUSION COORDINATOR

As the P.R.I.D.E. Resource Center's Community Inclusion Coordinator this semester, and having been involved in numerous clubs and organizations in the past, I have realized that some people are just more fortunate than others. Whether that means that you have more friends than your roommate, or that one player on the Volleyball team starts over another, there are always winners and losers, in every aspect of life. When it comes to the policies surrounding Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian marriage rights, the winners and losers are not always clearly defined. In California, that has been displayed over the last few years, with the passing of the controversial Proposition 8, an Anti-Gay-Marriage law, and numerous law suits and Supreme Court rulings, (the most recent of which upheld a previous lower court's ruling that ordered a stay of the law, and an injunction against enforcing Proposition 8). However, what may come as a surprise to many readers is exactly how much was spent in both the campaigns for and against Prop. 8. According to Patrick J. Egan of New York University, and Kenneth Sherrill of Hunter College-CUNY, the two campaigns spent an estimated $53 Million combined. This study, published by two college professors, shows that the money spent on the Prop. 8 campaigns make them more costly than any other campaign in the 2008 elections, with the exception of the Presidential Campaigns. This proves one thing to me: Money is policy.

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*How LGBTQIA Friendly is Disney?*

Ginny Durakovich
SAFE ZONE LIAISON

Divine was an actor and a drag queen who was popular from the 1960s until his death in 1968. However, if you were to see a picture of him in drag, your first thought would likely go to the character of Ursula from The Little Mermaid. That’s because Ursula’s entire look is based off of Divine. And first glance, this might seem like a victory for LGBTQIA activists. Disney finally recognized our community. Until you realize that Ursula is the villain, and the good guys and girls in the movie are (as far as we know) straight. This proves one thing to me: Money is policy.

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Kim Kardashian Faces Reality

Brianne Nemiroff
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Surprise, surprise! Kim Kardashian filed for divorce from Kris Humphries early Monday morning. The marriage lasted 72 days and was broken off a day away from its 68th birthday. It is considered Shostakovich’s most tragic work and is rarely seen on concert programs. It consists of five movements: Adagio, Allegretto, Allegro non troppo, Largo, and Allegretto. Shostakovich wrote his Eighth Symphony in 1943 in Moscow. The German armies were threatening the capital. Even though they had been pushed back slightly, the survival of the city — and indeed of his homeland — was very much in doubt. Two years earlier, while in Leningrad, Shostakovich had written a patriotic Seventh Symphony, full of triumphant themes and Russian melodies. It was a rather hollow piece, however, compared to the tragic Eighth Symphony. The length of the piece was so transparent that their divorce happened to fall on its birthday. It is considered one of the most famous models in mind. Each movement shows a progression through strife and into a C-major apotheosis — the catch being that the apotheosis is not made of glory and triumph but C major, as Beethoven had it, but of three gentle and completely inoffensive bassoons. There is no victory in this symphony, but perhaps a glimmer of hope.

The gigantic first movement lasts about twenty-five minutes. The strings are the main actors. Perhaps they represent the Russian people: they seem to suffer throughout, whereas the winds and brass seem to be their oppressor. There are short moments of hope, but eventually, formidable explosions occur, with the help of the percussion and blazing trumpets. Everything collapses, and a lone English horn is left to survey the damage. The themes from the opening return, but without any sense of hope or relief.

The second and third movements suggest a happy and almost silly march toward the battlefront. There are noises of war everywhere, but those noises don’t seem scary. Bravery, as in the Seventh Symphony, is celebrated, but the outcome will be undoubtedly tragic. In the third movement, relentless quarter notes bring us closer yet to the battlefront: we are surrounded by blazing artillery, gunshots and heroic fanfares. At the end of the movement, however, the explosions of the first movement return and everything suddenly collapses.

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Kim could be seen wearing Lorraine Schwartz diamonds, which allotted to 2.5 million dollars. Kim appeared alone on the cover of People magazine alone in the issue that covered their marriage. But the assistant editor, Jen Garcia, defended the decision by saying “It’s all about the bride. It’s her day. We wanted her on the cover.” There were also other speculations that it was hard to get a decent picture of the two of them due to the height difference. I guess they chose to get the dress in the picture rather than the husband.

Everything else just seems planned like clockwork. Before the split, magazines started printing pictures of them partying separately. Other media outlets got delayed responses so El could get the first and best story from them. The timing of the divorce happened to fall on the day before the release of Kris Jenner’s memoir and Kris made sure to get the news to weekly magazines before deadlines. And finally, Kim just happens to be flying off to Australia, sans wedding ring, to promote her new purse line “Kardashian Collection” in Sydney.

Hopefully this fabrication of love can finally change the minds of American viewers and make them want to turn off their TV. Just like to my Microsoft Word spell-check, I hope the Kardashian name will be unrecognizable very soon. The Kardashians are only famous for Kim’s sex tape with Brandy’s brother Ray J they “leaked” a few years back. They are famous for being famous and this planned marriage only made their name even more of a joke. Congratulations to the newlyweds on their divorce!
Stronger? Or Just Louder?
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If someone were to come up to you and ask you who were the top female stars in the last ten years, who would you say? The R&B enthusiast would probably say Beyoncé or Alicia Keys. The rock enthusiast would probably mention Britney Spears, Rihanna, and most recently Adele. However, all of them would probably also mention Kelly Clarkson.

Back in 2002, when Clarkson won the first season of American Idol, reality shows were first starting to gain popularity and were not the primary choice of genre for television networks. But with its sudden popularity and Clarkson's astounding record sales, it was obvious the show, and its genre, were just getting started. Now to years later, Kelly Clarkson has just released her fifth studio album and has sold over 1.5 billion albums. But, just like competition reality shows, Clarkson's music is all starting to sound monotonous.

Clarkson is known for her empowerment anthems such as “Miss Independent”, “Since U Been Gone”, “Never Again”, and “Mr. Know it All”. Her influence on her overall family life from when her parents divorced at age 6 and was left to be raised by a single mother. With the combination of family issues and her angst from past relationships, she now has five albums.

Her first album, Thankful, was straight out of American Idol. Her sound was more R&B and fell right into the mold of Pop/R&B albums at the turn of the century. However, it wasn’t until her next album, Breakaway, that she gained her massive popularity. With the album consisting of songs such as “Breakaway”, written by Avril Lavigne, “Since U Been Gone”, “Because of You”, and “Behind these Hazel Eyes”, the majority of her overall sales came from this one album. But after Breakaway, Clarkson wanted her next album to explore with her creativity, deciding not to care about business. This became My December, released in 2007, and led to only selling one million records. That may sound ridiculous to say “only one million”, but comparatively, it’s only 8% of Breakaway’s album sales.

Two years later, she released All I Ever Wanted and went back to her beloved Pop/Rock sound with her first single “My Life Would Suck Without You”, produced by two top powerhouses, Dr. Luke and Max Martin. After the lack of success with her last record, she realized the right direction was to go with established producers. But despite the first single, the rest of the album felt short with quality.

Now we arrive to her fifth album, Stronger, which was recently released on October 24, 2011. A few days after its release, the mp3 version of the album became the daily deal on Amazon and went for only $5. This was probably influenced by Lady Gaga’s decision to release her entire album for only 99 cents one day back in May, which generated 1.6 million sales in a week. Nevertheless, it was a smart decision because after sampling all of the tracks, I would have only purchased a few. But because the album price was only a dollar more than I was planning on spending, I decided to buy the album, hoping the other tracks would grow on me.

Unlike most of the artists these days, Clarkson made it a point to use little as auto-tune as possible so she would sound as she would live. For she has my respect. But I’m still saddened by the lack of quality of the compositions. The fifth track titled “You Love Me” is traditional Clarkson. It’s a pop song with a lot of rage in the key of C an octave above middle C. It’s bordering the style of Beyonce, by definition of screaming high notes solely because she can. The lyrics of the sixth track, “Einstein”, are juvenile with the chorus only strong if dumb equals you four times. The eighth track, “I Forgive You” uses the same general chord progression as her hit “My Life Would Suck Without You”. This technique is used quite often. If the public likes one song, the producers will create a much similar one in hopes that they won’t realize it. And they never do. (An example of this would be “Baby One More Time” and “Crazy” by Britney Spears.)

However, there are a few tracks that are quite pleasant, but they are, sadly, primarily on the deluxe edition. Those tracks are “Alone” and “The Sun Will Rise”. The harmonies and the orchestration much more sophisticated than other tracks such as “Einstein”. The deluxe edition also features “Don’t Wanna Stay”: a track by Jackson Aldean that featured Clarkson and has become the number one downloaded country music collaboration of all time. Luckily, there is also one other on the normal edition which is also quite beautiful but not as predictable as the other harmonies. It’s one of the more pop songs bordering R&B titled “Standing in Front of You”.

When it comes down to the producers that Clarkson has become, apparently, until she utilized her inspirations from past relationships to create female anthems, it can easily fall flat. As long as Kelly stays with top producers and they respect her talent for R&B as well as her rock, Pop, Clarkson has the potential to produce great works. Unfortunately, until she finds a partner, I’m only going to be listening to Breakaway.

Upcoming Student Events
Thursday, 11/3
Semi-Annual Budget Hearing
3-5PM AT THE MCCAFFREY CENTER: ASUOP CONFERENCE ROOM
Movie: Harry Potter 7-Part 2
8-10PM AT THE JANET LEIGH THEATRE

Friday, 11/4
Semi-Annual Budget Hearing
2-6PM AT THE MCCAFFREY CENTER: ASUOP CONFERENCE ROOM
Trip: Cirque Du Soleil Totem
4:30-5:30 PM MEETING AT BURNS TOWER

Saturday, 11/5
UoP Symphony Orchestra
Concert
7:30-9PM AT FAYE SPANOS CONCERT HALL

Sunday, 11/6
Catholic Mass
8-10 AM AT THE MORRIS CHAPEL

Tuesday, 11/8
Open Mic Night
8-10 PM AT THE LAIR

Wednesday, 11/9
Karaoke
8-10 PM AT THE LAIR

NUTRICAT’S CORNER

Cooking 101 with NutriCat: Roasting Vegetables

**“THE 101”**

1. Preheat the oven to 400.

2. Chop the vegetables into large pieces and place into a large bowl. Coat with a smidgen of oil, about 1 tbsp. per pound of vegetables.

3. Season with salt and pepper. Toss the vegetables again.

4. Place the vegetables on a baking sheet, without overpacking them. The vegetables should lightly touch, but not pile up on top of each other. If you’re roasting a lot of vegetables, put different vegetables on different baking sheets.

5. Place vegetables in oven and cook. 15-20 minutes in, stir with a metal or wooden spatula.

6. Total roasting time is between 30 minutes and 1 hour, depending on what you’re cooking. Taste to see if it’s done.

That’s it! Super simple and a great way to eat your vegetables! Make a large batch, this will keep in the fridge for a few days. You can add roasted vegetables to soups, eggs, or sandwich wraps. My favorite vegetables to roast: potatoes, com, summer squash, winter squash, garlic, peppers (hot and sweet), eggplant, onion, carrots, beets, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, and broccoli.

What would you like to see in our Cooking 101 section? Email nutricat@pacific.edu with your ideas. Don’t forget to find NutriCat on Facebook!
Downtown Stockton Pub Crawl

The Stockton Downtown Alliance conducted a Costume Pub Crawl, to provide Stockton citizens with a safe and enjoyable Halloween experience. The Costume Pub Crawl cost only a mere sixteen dollars for students, with valid ID, and provided free transportation to various Stockton bars. For those also interested, an eight dollar ticket to the Stockton Thunder game was a possible addition.

Bars who participated included Valley Brew, Ewiva Restaurant & Lounge, Abbey Trappist Pub, University Plaza Waterfront Hotel, Nena’s Mexican Restaurant, Misaki Sushi & Bar, Chitiva’s Salsa and Sports, and Bradley’s American Bistro.

Along with the free transportation, the sixteen dollar student tickets also included three free drink coupons, three free tip coupons, and three free food coupons. The bars all participated by having different drinks available in return for the voucher coupons. For example, Misaki Sushi & Bar provided customers with free drink vouchers with complimentary sake bombs. A sake bomb consists of a cup of Sapporo Beer and a shot of sake.

Across the street, Bradley’s American Bistro was packed around 10 PM. Bradley’s, during their Costume Contest, provided customers who had vouchers with free “Candy Corn” shots. Bradley’s was completely packed with people in various costumes and of various ages from college students aged 21 through retired members of the community. During the Costume Contest, Bradley’s American Bistro also provided a dance floor and DJ for the willing.

While drink coupons could be used at the participating bars, the free food vouchers could also be used. Valley Brew took the free vouchers in exchange for mounds of tortilla chips, spicy guacamole, and sangria. In return, students overflowed the tables.

Even though the night’s free transportation ended at 12 AM, “Stockton has a two hour wait period at the moment”, when their usual wait time is approximately 20-30 minutes.

Those who did choose to return back to Pacific; however, by 12 AM, were granted with a free ride from the Stockton Downtown Alliance, who had set up a complimentary shuttle station in front of Burn’s Tower.

On Saturday night, students, parents, and the general Stockton public asked themselves, “How Far Can You Crawl?”, the slogan provided for the event, and by the end of the night, everyone got their answers.
Club Sports Profile: Women’s Club Soccer

Christian Oatman
PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

One of the more active club sport teams on campus is the Women’s Club Soccer Team, led by sophomore Sydnie Reyes. This year, the club has doubled the number of games played in a season, with four home games and a couple of away games. The club has started a potential rivalry with UC Merced, after some very tense games, including one in which the last goal was scored with only a few minutes left in the game.

Reyes is very proud of her teammates. “Each and every girl contributes a lot and the flexibility of where they play is really awesome,” Reyes confirmed. According to Reyes, half of the team this year is freshmen, “which is awesome because they bring in a desire for fitness and energy.” Reyes also noted that one player, Susie Yoon, has never played soccer before and has improved tremendously with each practice. Other players include Jaime Jamenez, who used to play for the intercollegiate team; Faith James, the vice president; Brittany Patrick, the treasurer, and Tricia La Vang, who is responsible for scheduling games.

For Reyes, the game and the team are extremely important. “Playing club was a way to find a comfort and a family here at Pacific. My family is filled with soccer fanatics, everyone in my family plays. I can remember always sitting by the sidelines somewhere. Soccer is more than just a sport or past time; it’s a lifestyle and being a part of the club team is just being me.”

Women’s club soccer is extremely welcoming of new players, even those who have never played soccer before. “Dues are twenty dollars. Reyes encourages people to join the team in the future. “Even if you have never played before, or can’t come to every practice/game, you are more than welcome to come out and try it. At the end of the day we just enjoy playing and kicking the ball around. If you are looking for something to do on campus that is fun and welcoming Pacific Club Soccer might be the team for you!”

Pacific Beats Average NCAA Graduation Rates

Athletic Media Relations

University of the Pacific’s Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes entering in the 2004-05 school year is 87 percent, which is five percent higher than the national average. Pacific has the highest Graduation Success Rate in the Big West.

The single-year NCAA Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes who began college in 2004 is 82 percent, a new high for the NCAA, three points higher than last year and eight points higher than when GSR collection began a decade ago. More than eight out of every 10 Division I student-athletes are earning their college degrees within six years, the highest marks ever for graduation, according to the most recent NCAA figures.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said the GSR for the last four graduating classes (2001-2004) has hit 80 percent as well, a new high for Division I athletics and one point higher than the last four-year average.

Even when measuring student-athlete success using the less-accurate federal graduation rate, Division I student-athletes who began college in 2004 graduated at a 65 percent rate, also the highest ever and two points higher than the general student body.

The national rate for student-athletes has climbed five points in the past 10 years and 13 points since 1984, when it was first calculated. Although not as precise as the NCAA’s rate, it is the only measure to compare student-athlete graduation with the general student body.

The NCAA’s Graduation Success Rate includes transfers and student-athletes who leave in good academic standing, unlike the federal rate, which does not count transfers. The GSR and federal rate calculations measure graduation over six years from initial college enrollment.

“Success for student-athletes is ultimately measured by how well they do in the classroom,” said Emmert. “There is room for greater progress, and we continue to work hard to that end, but today we celebrate this important milestone.”
News and Notes

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Pacific concluded the 2011 season over the weekend. The Tigers' chances at a Big West Tournament seed were eliminated on Friday as they fell 1-0 to Cal State Fullerton in overtime. The final game didn't get much better, as the team fell to Long Beach State 4-2 on Sunday. Senior Laura Hogan and freshman Liz Higashino tallied goals for the Tigers. Pacific finished with a 8-9-1 record overall, 2-5-1 in Big West play. Hogan, along with fellow seniors Angelica Figueroa, Nydia Ramos, Alex Topp, and Kristina Wavomba finished their Pacific careers.

CROSS COUNTRY: The Tigers wrapped up the 2011 season at the Big West Championships on Saturday, setting a team record with a time of 2:01:22 with seven runners. Freshman Katie Castro also broke the Pacific freshman record with a time of 23:08. Castro placed 56th, while Pacific finished ninth with 281 points.

MEN'S WATER POLO: #9 Pacific lost in heartbreaking fashion on Saturday, falling 10-9 to #8 UC Irvine. Senior Daniel Lungu led the way with four goals. Pacific took its frustrations out on #15 Santa Clara the following day, taking an easy 11-5 win. Lungu, along with sophomore Balazs Erdelyi, notched a hat trick. The Tigers will have a busy weekend, as they travel to #3 UCLA on Thursday, November 3 and #5 UC Santa Barbara on Saturday, November 5.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: After a 157-100 loss to Nevada on Friday, the Tigers rebounded by grabbing their first win of the season with a dominant 160-119 win over Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday. Winners for Pacific included the team of juniors Mallory McGowan, Allie Vetterlein, Becca Wyant, and sophomore MaryEllia Randall (200 Medley Relay), senior Elena Walterman (200 Fly), sophomore Haley Shillington (200 Free), Randall (50 Free), Vetterlein (200 IM), sophomore Dekel Shahaf (100 Fly), and McGowan (200 Breast). Pacific will face Fresno State, Seattle, and Bakersfield in a quad meet November 4-5.

MEN'S TENNIS: Pacific concluded its 2011 schedule over the weekend, participating in the San Joaquin Country Red Ribbon Nights. Pacific made quick work of Cal Poly on Friday, winning in a 6-4, 6-3 sweep in the final. The Double's Team of Krzyszkowski and freshman Valentim Goncalves Jr. also took the Consolation Bracket title. The team will resume play with a home meet against Idaho on January 21.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The Tigers split their weekend games, which were designated as Pepperdine California "Big Game" weekends. Pacific made quick work of Cal Poly on Friday, winning in a 3-0 sweep. Senior Samantha Misa tallied fifteen kills, while junior Gabby Cowden had twelve. Pacific wrapped up the weekend with a 6-4, 6-3 sweep in the final. The Double's Team of Krzyszkowski and freshman Valentim Goncalves Jr. also took the Consolation Bracket title. The team will resume play with a home meet against UC Santa Barbara on November 4 and Cal State Northridge on Saturday, November 5.

MEN'S WATER POLO: Pacific barely missed out on victory on Saturday, falling to Bakersfield 153-135 in a match that scored diving. Senior Roger Ward (100 Breast, 200 Breast, 100 IM), sophomore Dekel Shahaf (100 Fly), and McGowan (200 Breast). Pacific will face Fresno State, Seattle, and Bakersfield in a quad meet November 4-5.

SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SATURDAY
Pacific vs. Academy of Art
5:00 PM
Alex G. Spanos Center

MEN'S BASKETBALL
SATURDAY
Pacific vs. Cal State East Bay
7:30 PM
Alex G. Spanos Center

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
FRIDAY/SATURDAY
3:00 PM/12:00 PM
Pacific vs. Fresno State,
Seattle, Cal State Bakersfield
Chris Kjeldsen Pool

MEN'S SWIMMING
FRIDAY/SATURDAY
3:00 PM/12:00 PM
Pacific vs. Air Force,
Seattle, Cal State Bakersfield
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Standings
as of October 30, 2011

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On Saturday, November 5, Pacific Basketball will begin
the 2011-12 season with a pair of exhibition games.
First, at 5:00 PM, the
Women's Basketball Team
will take to the hardwood
against Academy of Art.
Immediately after, at 7:30
PM, the Men's Team will face
Cal State East Bay.
In a season full of history
for both teams, Pacific's
Basketball Program reached
important milestones and
achieved significant firsts. The
Men's Team celebrated its
100th anniversary last season,
as head coach Bob Thomason
also recorded his 400th career
win at Pacific.
The Alex G. Spanos Center,
home court for Pacific, was
sold out for the first time
in its history last year for
the Women's Basketball
game against the two-time
defending national champion,
#1-ranked UConn. Though
the Tigers lost, becoming
the final team UConn would
defeat in its 90-game win
streak, the program gained
great visibility and recognition
as a result of the game.
However, both teams will
be looking to move on after
losing a fair amount of players
from last season.
The Women's Team lost
leadership and production
this season. Last year,
Rodriguez finished sixth in th
Big West in rebounding and
tallied 12 double-doubles,
including three in a row to
end the season.
Big West Freshmen Team)
and Sam Pettinger, will look
to step into starter roles.
Also returning is junior
point guard Erika McKenzie,
who proved herself a clutch
for the Tigers last season. In
addition, senior Christina
Thomsen, as well as
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Young graduated. The Tigers
also return none of the five
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Pacific will, however, be
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total, not per game) from the
2010-11 season.
Junior Jordan Turner
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due to transfers. However,
the team still returns several
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lean on team captain, junior
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Junior Jordan Turner
(who scored some of those
39 points), will be a focal
point for the team's offense
this season. Turner, who saw
limited but effective game
time last year, will also look to
rebounding was the biggest of
his many facets.
Pacific was forced to step up
in terms of recruiting during
the offseason. The Tigers will
feature three point guards,
as juniors Rodrigo de Souza,
Markus Duran, and Lorenzo
McCloud will split time at
the position. The team also
got bigger, adding 6'8" Khalil
Kelley, 6'10" Tim Thomas,
and 7'1" Rundell Maugé.
Both teams will be faced
with their own unique
challenges. The Men's Team
will travel to top Pac 12 team
Stanford on November 28th
and be featured on ESPN's
Bracketbusters February
18th. The Women's Team will
travel to UConn for a rematch
on November 15 and will
host top SEC team Florida on
December 9.
In a season of uncertainty
for both Pacific and the Big
West, the Tigers believe they
can come out on top.