Movements Towards Free Speech and Non-Violent Protest at Pacific

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With the goal of allowing students, faculty, and staff to discuss important changes and concerns with the university’s policies and financial situation, the Occupy Pacific group on campus started last semester. The group is proposing different projects such as a letter or photographic campaign to get their message across, as well as conducting educational faculty teach-ins.

Although the rising tuition costs is currently their main focus, other discussions have also been made on issues such as rising social and economic inequality, or financial policy. For example, the teach-ins will allow faculty to address the broader issues stemming from rising tuition debt and the increasing cost of higher education so that our Pacific community can be better informed about the situation.

“I look forward to an open dialogue with you this spring about budget, tuition and financial aid issues (along with other issues you want to discuss),” commented Pacific’s President Pamela Eibeck on Occupy Pacific’s Facebook page earlier this week. Her wall post reflects her university-wide message from last semester indicating that Pacific “values the right to free speech, assembly, and non-violent protest” on campus (Left).

So, exercising their right to non-violent protest and free speech, Occupy Pacific members attended President Eibeck’s Budget Town Hall meeting yesterday January 11th and jumpstarted discussions with the President on their opinions and concerns of University budgets and policies.

A separate event in preparation for the meeting that draws from similar concerns as the Occupy Movement also took place Tuesday and Wednesday at the UC. Asking “How much are you in debt?” student activist Alexis Duclos had Pacific students write their year, major, and amount of debt on a note card. Compiling all the cards, this information was presented at the town hall meeting. “I want Dr. Eibeck to be aware that students are struggling and actually in debt,” explains Duclos.

Occupy Pacific will be holding a General Assembly Meeting this week for anyone who is interested in getting involved. Times and dates of the meetings will be announced and scheduled via the Occupy Pacific Facebook group. “We want to encourage as much people to come by as possible as we want to hear from the entire campus,” explains Melissa Davis, international relations major and member of Occupy Pacific. “The really great thing about Occupy Pacific is that you can focus on whatever issue concerns you the most. You don’t have to participate in events regarding the bigger issues if your concern is tuition.”

So whatever your concern is for our campus community, Occupy Pacific welcomes all students, faculty, and staff to join them in making everyone’s voices heard. For more information on the movement please join the Occupy Pacific Facebook page. For an update on the events at the Town Hall meeting please visit the Pacifican website and read our follow up story in next week’s issues.

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Think Again Before You Drink And Drive

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This winter break a tragic accident occurred on Brookside Drive at the bend near Pacific Avenue. An SUV with five people in the car, one being a Pacific student, flipped leaving two injured, one fatality, and an arrest of the driver for felony drunk driving.

Dominic Deiro, a student from San Joaquin Delta College and close friend to many Pacific students, passed away days after the December 22nd accident. Currently, as reported in The Record by Scott Smith and Mia Douglas, Dominic’s sister has started a campaign in Stockton to prevent similar situations occurring. She wants to promote designated drivers by asking local bars and restaurants to provide them with “free perks.”

This campaign will prove to be beneficial for the Stockton community and Pacific students, especially since a study by R. Hingson found that up to 1825 college students, aged 18 to 24, die from alcohol related injuries involving motor vehicles.

“In my 34 years of law enforcement, I have learned that a 5 second decision can change the direction of a lifetime,” commented Mike Belcher, Director of Public Safety, regarding the tragedies that come with drinking and driving. “If one of the other passengers had only reached out and taken the keys away, these young individuals would never have experienced those 5 seconds.” This is a statement that rings true in most accidents related to alcohol and motor vehicles.

The Department of Public Safety at Pacific has been increasingly active in promoting a safe environment around campus and educating students. The latest Campus Beat not only provides an extract of the study mentioned earlier but also information on how Public Safety can assist Pacific students in safety situations and accident prevention around campus.

With the assistance of Public Safety and new campaigns in Stockton for designated drivers, students can hopefully have fun, but still stay safe this upcoming spring semester. The Pacifican would like to offer their condolences to the Detro family, and all their friends during this time.

OUT WITH A BANG!
Pacific Hosts 2nd Annual Faraday Lecture

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December 10th, 2011 marked Pacific’s 2nd annual Faraday Lecture commenced, and carried out with its promised elation. Professor’s Balint Sztaray and Liang Xue, both chemistry instructors in the department of chemistry and biochemistry, presented experiments that not only made the sold-out show enthralling, but educational.

It was apparent that both professors truly loved the wonders of chemistry, and their passion was passed onto the young scientists of tomorrow.

The lecture also provided bouquets of comic relief with an unexpected visit from Pacific’s PowerCat. As the professors’ chief assistant, PowerCat would keep chemicals away from them, or lovingly pass out roses that were later to be inundated by liquid nitrogen. It was great to see that PowerCat was having fun as well. The audience was also excited to see PowerCat running about the arena.

The lecture itself was two hours, but time goes by when you are having fun. It was not like typical lectures. Many experiments presented could be done at home, providing the younger audience opportunity to learn about it themselves. For example, the professors diced up cabbage to test the acidity and basicity of household products, such as lime juice or bleach, which taught the children about what pH is, and the properties of everyday products. There were other experiments, however, that should not be done at home, like the “Hydrogen-in-a-bottle,” where the professors opened up face-down bottles filled with a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen, and blasted them upward, simulating a rocket. One of the blasts was so high that it nearly touched the Spanos auditorium’s roof! Another notable experiment was the elephant’s toothpaste, in which a solution composed of hydrogen peroxide, sodium iodide, and liquid soap foamed up into what looked like a giant stream of toothpaste.

The basis of this lecture was formulated from Michael Faraday’s Christmas lectures, commissioned by the Royal Institution of Great Britain. The lecture has been around every year for the children of London since 1825. Michael Faraday invented the lecture as a means to allow children to become exposed to the mysterious, exciting nature of the sciences. December 10th, Pacific accomplished just that. I looked upon the audience, the children seemed enamored by the explosions, colours, and as you may have guessed, more explosions. In addition, some of the slides were astutely reading the slides projected, explaining the dry science behind the often wet experiments. This was clearly the goal for the lecture – to make the generation of tomorrow captivated by the interesting nature of the sciences.
2012 is the year of the Water Dragon.

Celebrate The Lunar New Year at Pacific with CHU

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On January 25th, the Chinese Heritage Union (CHU) along with other cultural clubs are putting together an event to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. The event will take place in the Pine Room starting at 6PM and will include food, drinks, and entertainment. Banners saying “Happy New Year” in Mandarin and Cantonese calligraphy will decorate the space while attendees can also look forward to traditional Chinese activities. These activities include dragon or lion dance performances, red envelope lanterns and Mahjong games for both beginners and advanced players.

Musical entertainment will also be central in the night as the zither, a traditional Chinese instrument will be played. CHU is also organizing for the performance of a Chinese high school orchestra that specializes in Asian instruments. “Everyone who would like to learn a bit about Chinese culture or the Lunar New Year (or anyone who enjoys parties and free food!) is invited to attend,” explains Caitlin Trepp a member of the CHU.

On Monday, November 21st, Students for Environmental Action (SEA) participated in a school-wide waste audit in order to find out what exactly goes into waste disposal bins here at Pacific. Recyclables were an area of interest for the club, and the majority of SEA members focused on going through the recycle bins of the residential halls on campus. A few select people took it upon themselves to also go through the non-recyclables of the residential halls.

For all of the residential halls, more than 50% of the items in the recycle bins were waste—otherwise non-recyclable items. Likewise, more than 50% of the waste in the bins for regular trash consisted of recyclable items. These numbers indicate that people are disposing of their trash in the “wrong” bins. Cans and bottles are finding their way into garbage cans, and waste is finding its way into recycle bins.

“I feel that there are many underlying issues that are contributing to this problem in terms of correct placement in the bins,” said Sanam Fazelli, the president of SEA. “Some issues at hand can be that students are not able to correctly identify bins, or do not have the knowledge of whether an item is labeled as a waste or a recyclable. Another issue may simply be that the bins aren’t accessible to the students.”

SEA will be conducting a second waste audit sometime in the spring semester. They hope that by educating Pacific students, faculty, and staff on the correct disposal of certain items, they will see an improvement in the amount of misplaced waste and recyclables.

“Now that we have the data, we can work to improve education to the students and improve the signage on what goes in the recycling bins and waste bins to help reduce the percent of erroneously placed items,” said Sanam Fazelli. “We hope to see an improvement in the Spring 2012 waste and recycling audit results after our planned efforts.”
Occupy Pacific: A "Balanced Approach"

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I believe that the Occupy Pacific movement has created a positive opportunity for both the school and the student community to achieve collective action. A positive outcome can be attained when we emphasize the benefits of mutual cooperation between the institution and the students. I developed a two-track plan to help resolve the contentions over institution policies.

Like any other endeavor for progress, the institution should use a balanced approach to increasing its status amongst its peer universities, rather than just raising the tuition. The first part of my proposal discusses how the recent political activity on campus can contribute to a stronger, more efficient student government. This includes adding a second larger chamber that would be able to handle wider responsibilities such as gathering accurate student opinions and discussing potential proposals at length.

In the long term, I envision the student government becoming another cornerstone of the school’s identity and attributes. I also propose a development project that both the school and student community can employ. This involves the off-campus destinations that the students have requested. I propose building a recreational entertainment facility. This would include a main floor with an arcade and lounges, a second floor with an upscale park, and a basement that can be used to host live entertainment. I have posted all of my proposals on the Occupy Pacific Facebook page and discussed them with school administrators.

Administrators said that they would like to sit down with me and discuss these proposals at length. If students really like my ideas and want to pursue them as a collective voice, it would help ensure success. Thus, if you are interested in these ideas, email administrators and explain to them why you think these ideas would benefit Pacific’s student body.

Reviewing the Iowa Caucus

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Romney has won Iowa, and has won New Hampshire as well. But let’s look at the results in Iowa. Romney won by 8 votes with Santorum coming in at second, and Ron Paul taking third. Santorum began to surge just days before the Iowa caucuses began. However, this wasn’t some steady growth in popularity like one may normally expect. A week before Iowa, Santorum was at 7.7 percent in Iowa, and on a national level he was at 3.6 percent.

Back when I wrote my first article reviewing the GOP candidates the race was largely between Mitt Romney and Rick Perry. However, since then we have seen the rise and fall just within a few weeks of their new popularity. Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, and Newt Gingrich have all gotten what I call the “Conservative That’s Not Romney” bump. Mitt Romney and Ron Paul are the only ones that have kept their numbers consistent. As each candidate rises in popularity, the skeletons of the past 10 years come out of their closet, and when the Iowa caucuses occurred, Santorum got the bump, but had not experienced the information dump like other candidates have.

Iowa didn’t mean much for this primary race other than Michele Bachmann dropping out of the race. People still don’t want to vote for Mitt Romney. He’s separated from the people, and comes off as fake. Romney has absolutely no charisma, and if you compare his positions in his race for Senate against Ted Kennedy, you wouldn’t know they were the same candidates. Romney can’t get past the 25 percent ceiling. Despite all this though, I am almost positive he will get the nomination. He’s set up to win New Hampshire, and although Gingrich is leading in polls in South Carolina and Florida, I expect both of those leads to evaporate quickly and for Romney to come in first or second in both of those primaries.

Now, for those of you who don’t know about Rick Santorum, he is a former GOP congressman and Senator from Pennsylvania, serving from 1991 all the way until 2007. Santorum is most known for his social conservative stance, and avid opposition to libertarians like Ron Paul. Santorum wants to ban gay marriage, abortion, all forms of contraception, porn, and reinstate the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy. Santorum also compared homosexuality to bestiality and pedophilia. In terms of foreign policy, he thinks we should bomb Iran’s nuclear energy sites, as well as continue the war in Afghanistan. Santorum was also recently asked about the “Stop Online Piracy Act”, a law that many experts say is a draconian measure that will destroy the internet. Although I don’t think Santorum knows much about the actual law, he did say he was in support of it.

If you are a conservative that hates big government, you will not like Santorum. He wants to get in your bedroom, the internet, between you and your doctor, and tell you who you can and can’t love. Santorum supports “traditional marriage”, but what he conveniently leaves out is that in the times of the Old Testament, men were allowed to have many wives, and marriage between different ethnicities was forbidden. Santorum doesn’t want traditional marriage; he just hates gay people. Ron Paul cited the “Citizens for Ethics and Responsibility in Washington” yearly “Most Corrupt” report from 2006, which ranked Rick Santorum as the sixth most corrupt member of Congress, based on the money he took from lobbyists. To further explain to you how awful Santorum is, in the 2006 election, he lost receiving 41.3 percent of the vote while his opponent received 58.7 percent of the vote. That is the largest margin of defeat for an incumbent senator since 1980 and the largest losing margin for an incumbent Republican senator ever.

The fact that all of these candidates have had some sort of bump and dramatic fall shows one thing: people in the Republican Party absolutely hate this array of candidates. They don’t see anyone worthy of their support. In the future, I think Romney will receive a lot of reluctant support from people that simply can’t find a candidate who looks electable. I think people may just not vote out of frustration.

Looking at a general election between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, I see Obama winning fairly easily. Despite my own frustrations and grievances with our current President, Obama simply has too much firepower against Romney, who will no doubt be painted as a corporate man from New York and Florida, I expect both of those leads to evaporate quickly and for Romney to come in first or second in
Keeping Those New Year’s Resolutions

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It’s hard to believe, but another year has come and gone. And it’s already 2012. One of the faithful American New Year’s traditions is to make a list of “resolutions” that people immediately forget and/or break. They provide great business for weight loss programs, gyms, etc., but the method is obviously ineffective. However, everyone has ways to improve themselves, so why not make the time to do everything to make life better? Perhaps the most cliché New Year’s resolution is to lose weight and/or workout more. If you want to do that, Pacific has a fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment. It’s usually not too busy so you can usually find at least one machine to use. Mark an hour in your calendar to go to the gym—and stick to it. Imagine it’s like class, but instead of having to answer to a professor as to why you weren’t in class, you have to answer to yourself. The first few days of working out are difficult for most people, but after a while, you might find it fun and relaxing. It’s an excuse to make some time for yourself and fulfill one of your goals.

Of course, there are many components to losing weight, and exercise is just one of them. If you want to lose weight, you have to eat healthier foods. Pacific has great resources for that as well. Check NutriCat in the Lifestyles section of the paper every week for tips from the school’s resident dietician. Go to the UC and grab a salad, or eat smaller portions of your favorite foods. The Grove now sells fresh produce; take advantage of the tasty fruits and vegetables that you can now easily purchase on your meal plan! If you are meeting up with friends at the Lair, read the menu closely. There are many more options than just burgers and fries! Try a veggie burger, a Greek salad or some tofu; you may like it more than you think. Remember the food pyramid you were forced to study in elementary school and be sure to eat a wide variety of foods; just eating salad every day is neither that healthy, nor very satisfying.

Every student at Pacific should at least hope to get good grades; strive to make spring semester 2012 your best semester yet. Like your trips to the gym, mark a time in your schedule for studying and stick to it. It’s important to stay involved in extracurriculars too, but if you become overwhelmed in clubs and a social life, remember that your academic record is going to be the main thing that future graduate schools and employers are going to be looking at. If you need help with time management, there are great resources on campus including a tutoring center and counseling at Cowell Wellness Center. If you get distracted easily while studying, go to the library and either join or start a study group or go by yourself. And of course, if you need a break, there’s always the gym!
What is Beta Theta Pi?

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During this spring semester, University of the Pacific’s newest member of the Greek Life community Beta Theta Pi will be making their first major appearance on campus. Recently selected from a pool of applicants, Beta Theta Pi will be establishing itself as the fourth social fraternity at Pacific, among Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, and Theta Chi. Leanna Neves-Bogett, Assistant Director of Greek Life commented, “We were very fortunate to have had four very strong fraternities present on campus during the months of October and November. The committee essentially chose Beta Theta Pi because of the values set and how well it aligns with those of the Pacific Greek community.” The mission of Beta Theta Pi is stated “to develop men of principle for a principled life,” with their core values being mutual assistance, intellectual growth, trust, responsible conduct, and respect.

Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1839, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. There are currently 123 chapters in the United States and Canada, with an average chapter size of 62 students. During the mid-1900s, Beta Theta Pi kicked off their “men of principle” initiative, which involved adding more staff, more accountability, and more resources to put into their organization, as well as closing 70 chapters. Allen Hardin, Director of Expansion and Recruitment for Beta Theta Pi, described a downturn in overall Greek Life reputation, where fraternities began to drift away from their original values. “The way we wanted to deal with it was much more serious,” he explained. “We have high standards in where we go,” saying, “Schools like Pacific have the students we are looking for.”

Because there is no student class founded, Beta Theta Pi will be represented on campus by four staff representatives through February 15th. Beta Theta Pi plans on doing their main recruitment push after the other Greek organizations have gone through their recruitment phases, with the bulk of their recruitment being in February.

To form their founding father class, they plan to recruit members from all grades. As for the size of the class, Hardin commented “We don’t like to put a number on it,” also mentioning, “The chance to become a founding father is a unique experience. Here the founding fathers get a chance to develop the fraternity into their ideal fraternity.” Beta Theta Pi will then become a member of the International Fraternity Council along with Pi Delta Phi, Sigma Chi, and Phi Delta Theta.

Reminder!

ASUOP Ski Trip waivers for Bear Valley are due January 25th. Tickets are currently being sold online: $35 for Pacific students, $50 for staff, and $60 for the public. Includes snacks for breakfast, a $12 meal voucher, transportation, and lift tickets. Equipment rentals for an additional $10 for Pacific Students, $15 for faculty, or $45 for the public.

Movie Review:

The Muppets

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A little cheesy, but still humorous, The Muppets was a splendid surprise. The Muppets premiered on November 23, 2011, in the United States, after The Muppets had been MIA for many years.

However, as I waited until Christmas Eve to finally view the film, I was surprised as to how packed the theatre still was. Children and adults alike were scattered throughout the seats, even though the film was only rated G. The Muppets had many light-hearted and funny moments throughout it, including one instance in which Miss Piggy was exposed as being the plus-size fashion editor of Vogue in Paris. Even though the film included obvious jokes, it actually seemed to include more subtle or sarcastic jokes than anything, making it actually in many ways unfit for children.

As a 22 year old adult, I thought the film was very enjoyable, as I laughed throughout it. Looking around the theatre though, it did not seem as though many of the children watching the film enjoyed or understood what was going on. The Muppets played off many older references making the film enjoyable for adults, but because of that, it seemed to miss out on entertaining its core audience members—the children.

The Muppets is worth seeing if you are very familiar with the older “Muppets.” If not, it may be a waste of ten dollars to buy a ticket. Also, if you plan to use this movie to help entertain the children you plan on babysitting in the near future, think again. You would be better off playing reruns of Dora the Explorer at home.
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# Forever Young

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For a film that was advertised more as a comedy by highlighting the few comedic scenes in its 30-second trailer, *Young Adult* is most certainly not a funny story. But it comes with no surprise since Charlize Theron is not exactly known for choosing comedic roles with films in her repertoire such as *Mighty Joe Young*, *Sweet November*, and *Monster*, for which she won an Oscar. *Young Adult* was no exception.

The character of Mavis Gary was one that was idolized back in her glory years of high school and had yet to grow out of her teenage bubble. The film starts with her in Minneapolis having trouble finishing the last installment of her young adult book series. She gets an email from her old flame, Buddy, in Mercury announcing the arrival of his newborn and decides to visit him assuming he is still in love with her and is stuck in a domestic prison. Through her plot to get him back, they meet up for drinks at a local bar, start up a “friendship” and even kiss when Buddy is drunk. This gets him back, they meet up for drinks at a local bar, start up a “friendship” and even kiss when Buddy is drunk. This doesn’t belong in the small town anymore because she has done big things with her “soulmate”. Matt is a great parallel to her inner, phony struggle, but also fuels her alcoholism by brewing his own bourbon in his garage.

In traditional stories where protagonists head from "the big city" to "the small town," the citizens of the small town are there to enlighten the protagonist or bring them back down to earth. In *Young Adult*, she is also thrown a curveball. Mavis doesn’t belong in the small town anymore because she has done big things with her career. In the small town of Mercury, their aspirations are kept to a minimum, as they never leave their hometown.

When Mavis gets confronted by her Mercury associates, she is brought to realize that her ideal storybook life in Mercury with Buddy is all completely irrational. Brilliantly, this is one point of the film where Mavis is forced to grasp reality but she is helped back into her imagination when Matt’s younger sister, a girl who idolized her in high school, affirms Mavis's right to be different as she gets to hang out with the popular girl in her own home.

The theme of *Young Adult* is exceptionally layered with images of her teacup dog as an accessory; Kendra and the Chipmunks always on the television in her room; Mavis wearing Buddy’s old sweatshirt; all while “The Concept” by Teenage Fanclub rewoound repeatedly to accent that she lives in the past. Also, her bedroom back in Minneapolis is messy but still stale compared to her colorful childhood bedroom back at her parents’ place covered with pictures.

For a story about a character that lives in her past, the screenplay is definitely a strong screenplay of the modern day having a protagonist who is not necessarily likeable. Throughout the film, you want to hate Mavis but as a viewer you are still destined to root for her. The film is a great commentary on today’s youth refusing to grow up by idolizing celebrities such as the Kardashians and the cast of Jersey Shore. *Young Adult* is easily one of the best films in 2011 and is a must-see of the award season. Skip the newest installment of the Alvin and the Chipmunks and head to see a real film, which was written by a true talent, Diablo Cody, and not just written for dollar signs.

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# Setting Smart Goals

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When setting a new goal such as a New Year’s Resolution, it’s important to focus on measurable and realistic goals. Saying “I want to lose 10 lbs.” is great but if you don’t have a game plan you will never reach your goal. Instead of focusing on something 100% of the time (which research shows is a mostly doomed effort) try for 80% of the time. For example, if your New Year’s resolution was to eliminate sugar out of your diet going cold turkey on the sweet stuff is going to be difficult to maintain. Lighten up and focus on reducing your intake by 80%. If you usually have dessert nightly, try enjoying it once a week. You'll still get benefits from your goals and will increase the probability that you will stick with them.

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# A Weekend for Comedy in Stockton

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It's not everyday we get a weekend with such comedic talent. This Friday ASUOP Arts and Entertainment will be presenting Adam Coyton-Holland, a rising comedian from Denver, Colorado who has made his mark in both stand-up and comedic editorials. Adam will be performing stand-up at The Lair from 8PM to 9:30PM. Gabriel Iglesias has appeared on the reality T.V. series “Last Comic Standing” and has his own stand-up specials with Comedy Central. His show Sunday will start at 7:00pm, with tickets starting at $42.
Men's Volleyball Begins 2012 Season with Wins

Pacific Takes Two from Grand Canyon University

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The Pacific Men's Volleyball team got the 2012 season off with a bang, earning two wins in as many tries against Grand Canyon University. The Tigers won both of their matches with sweeps. The first match took place on Saturday. The Tigers fell behind 5-4 before winning five consecutive points. Pacific would go on to win the set with an easy 25-19 performance. Senior Sean Daley made Pacific history in the set, totalling a block solo which put him in sole possession of second place in Pacific history with 48.

Grand Canyon would not go away easily. The second and third sets were particularly tough for the Tigers. Pacific would trail 19-18 in the second before winning 25-23. The third set featured an even greater deficit, with the Tigers down 21-18. Again, Pacific found a way to win, when senior Florian Gornik's kill finished off the 26-24 triumph for the Tigers. Gornik and preseason All-American junior Taylor Hughes finished with 14 kills apiece. Daley added eight blocks and hit an impressive .714 for the match.

"We are going to play every point as it comes," stated Pacific head coach Joe Wortmann "and when a team can do that it will be in every single match." Wortmann was not all praises and smiles, however, adding that he "will expect a lot more energy, tenacity, and to perform our skills at a higher level."

The following day's match went along in a similar pattern to the previous one. The first set was complete domination by the Tigers. Hughes totalled six of his team-high 16 kills in the set, while Gornik added three of his own, and put together two straight serving aces at one point in the set.

The second and third sets were, as they were the previous day, extremely close. After a 21-21 tie, Pacific jumped out to a 24-22 advantage before Grand Canyon rallied to tie. After gaining another point advantage, the Tigers took the set 26-24 on a serving ace by Daley. The Tigers trailed 21-18, again, in the third and ultimately final set. A kill and block by Gornik helped bring Pacific back to a tie. From there, the Tigers were able to close out the match with a 25-23 set win.

Pacific also hosted top MPSF foe Stanford on Wednesday. The Tigers' next match will be at home against Loyola (ILL.) on Friday, January 13 at 7:00 PM. The following day will feature the program's annual Alumni game, beginning at 1:00 PM.

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News and Notes

MEN'S SWIMMING: The Pacific Men's Swimming Team returned to action after almost two months, making a trip to top PAC 12 team and No. 3-ranked Stanford for a dual meet on Saturday. The Tigers put up a fight but ultimately fell to the Cardinal 139-92. In defeat, Pacific had three first-place finishes. Junior Oliver Simkovic finished first in the 200 IM with a time of 1:56.60, Sophomore Balazs Eredelyi claimed the top spot in the 100 Fly with a time of 52.56. Freshman Brandon Presswood also nabbed a first-place finish with a time of 46.92 in the 500 Free. In addition, Pacific's 200 Free Relay team, consisting of Eredelyi, senior Ian Pope, sophomore Adam Sharp, and freshman Jason Carnes finished first with a time of 1:27.28. Also, the Tigers made a stop in Maui for a meet with Alberta on January 4. Participants performed at halftime of last year's Men's Basketball game against UC Riverside.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: The Pacific Women's Swimming Team also came back from its two-month break on Saturday, travelling to PAC-12 competitor Stanford as part of a dual meet. The team was defeated by No. 6 Stanford by a score of 162-92. Like their male counterparts, the Tigers had three first-place finishes on the day. Juniors were the class to beat on Saturday, as classmates Jenna Chaplin, Mallory McGowan, and Allie Ritterlein finished in the top spots of their respective events. Chaplin took home the 100 Fly title with a time of 58.47. McGowan finished the 100 Breast first with a time of 1:05.42. Ritterlein finished first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.33. Pacific's 200 Free Relay team, consisting of senior Jayme Swalin, junior Becca Wyant, sophomore Mary Ella Randall, and freshman Dekel Shahaf, finished in first with a time of 1:39.84. Also, the Tigers made a stop in Maui for a meet with Alberta on January 4. The Tigers will next head home for a meet with UC Davis on Saturday, January 14 before travelling to UC Santa Cruz for a tri meet featuring Fresno Pacific as well.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Pacific was unable to break its losing streak over the break, dropping its seventh straight game on Saturday in a 64-57 defeat to UC Riverside. Juniors Travis Fulton and Trevin Harris led the Tigers with 13 points each in defeat, with Fulton also adding six rebounds. All but one of the losses in the current streak have been by ten points or less. Pacific will have two chances to right the ship over the weekend, with games at Big West foes Cal State Northridge and Long Beach State on Thursday, January 12th and Saturday, January 14th, respectively.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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(as of January 12, 2012)

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Tiger Dancers to Host Jr. Tiger Dance Clinic
Seventh Annual Dance Clinic to Take Place January 28th Before Basketball Game

Athletic Media Relations

For the past six seasons, the Tiger Dancers have mentored a number of young girls and future dancers during the Jr. Dance Clinic. The dance clinic has averaged over 80 kids from around the region who have participated in this all day clinic. They work directly with the Tiger Dancers and then perform during halftime of a Pacific Men’s Basketball game.

You have watched them dance all season long, now is your chance to perform with the Tiger Dancers at the sixth annual Jr. Tiger Dance Clinic. The clinic is open for children of all skill levels between 5-14 years of age. The clinic will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 1PM to 4PM at the Main Gym on the Pacific Campus. Plus, all participants will perform that evening during halftime of the Pacific Men’s Basketball game vs. UC Santa Barbara at 5PM.

Download your 2012 Jr. Tiger Dance Clinic brochure now! Just print it, fill it out, and send it in with your payment to register for this year's clinic!

Event Info:
Date: Saturday, January 28th
Time: 1:00-4:00PM
Location: Main Gym
Attire: Black pants (dance pants, leggings, sweat bottoms, etc.) and white tennis shoes
Registration begins at noon

Participants should eat lunch before arriving and bring a snack in addition to water or juice.

Athletic Media Relations

Participants performed at halftime of last year's Men's Basketball game against UC Riverside.
Pacific Dominates UC Riverside in Win
Tigers Down Highlanders 80-59 as Kenyon Tallies First Career Double-Double

Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific women’s basketball team dominated the second half for a 80-59 road victory over UC Riverside on Saturday, using a 20-2 run to turn a one-point halftime lead into the Tigers’ second Big West win of the year. Kendall Kenyon tallied a double-double in her first career start, and Ashley Wakefield led three Tigers in double-figures with 17 points.

Sophomore guard Gena Johnson added 14 points on five-of-six shooting and picked up five steals. Wakefield added eight rebounds to her 17 points, while Kenyon grabbed 10 boards and added 15 points.

Sophomore guard Sam Pettinger handed out a career-high six assists against just one turnover. Junior forward Kendall Rodriguez chipped in eight points and seven boards with three assists and three steals. Junior guard Erica McKenzie finished with eight points and three assists, and three steals.

Pacific opened the second half with an 8-0 run, as Wakefield and Gena Johnson drove for three-point plays and Kenyon added a basket inside. After a Highlander basket, the Tigers reeled off another 12 straight points. Wakefield buried a three pointer and after a jumper from Rodriguez, Johnson tallied five-straight points including another and-one opportunity as the Tigers led 55-36 with 12:43 to go.

The Tigers forced seven turnovers on the Highlanders’ first 13 possessions of the second half.

After the Highlanders whittled the lead down to 14, Smith gave Pacific a 17-point lead and the Tigers coasted home, as Kenyon’s free throw following Pacific’s sixth and-one opportunity gave the Tigers a 20-point advantage at 76-56. Kristina Johnson hit a floater in the lane for Pacific’s largest lead, and the final margin, 80-59.

The Tigers shot 48.7 percent in the second half, forcing 13 second-half turnovers and holding UCR to 27 percent shooting after halftime.

Junior Kendall Rodriguez (above) had a productive night, finishing with eight points, seven rebounds, three assists, and three steals.

Wakefield drove to the hoop for a basket and Johnson finished and got fouled. But Riverside answered back with a 12-3 run, as Jessica Ogumnorin posted a pair of baskets.

Pacific responded with a 12-0 run of their own, a pair of free throws by Rodriguez and a three-pointer from McKenzie to tie the game 15-15. An Ashley Smith free throw gave the lead back and Wakefield capped the run with an and-one opportunity to give Pacific a 20-15 lead with 9:15 remaining in the half.

A pair of free throws by Brittany Palmer pulled UC Riverside to within two and then hit a jumper to tie the game at 25-25. Ogumnorin added a lay-up for a 27-25 Riverside lead. However, Wakefield answered with a drive to the bucket, with the foul for a 28-27 advantage. Riverside led 34-31 with 49 seconds before the half, but Smith hit a pair of throws and Wakefield put back a missed shot before the buzzer to give Pacific the lead for good.

Pacific out-rebounded UC Riverside 49-38 to improve to 8-6 on the season and 2-1 in the Big West. UC Riverside falls to 2-13 on the season, 0-4 in the Big West.

The Highlanders were led by Jessica Ogumnorin, who posted 14 points and added 12 rebounds, while Brittany Palmer added 12 points.

The Tigers will return home to the Alex G. Spanos Center to face Long Beach State on Thursday at 7PM and Cal State Northridge on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 4PM.

SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

VS. THURSDAY 7:00 PM PACIFIC Alex G. Spanos Center VS. SATURDAY 4:00 PM PACIFIC Alex G. Spanos Center

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

VS. FRIDAY 7:00 PM PACIFIC Alex G. Spanos Center VS. SATURDAY 1:00 PM PACIFIC Chris Kjeldsen Pool

SWIMMING

VS. SATURDAY 1:00 PM UC DAVIS

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