**Gramma's Hugs: A Charitable Cause Embracing Pacific**

**By Kelly Kerne**

Shirley King, a Pacific alumna, started a non-profit organization known as Gramma’s Hugs International in 2004 after traveling to Kenya where she made 440 special blankets for children at an orphanage. From her experience in Kenya, her daughter inspired her to start a non-profit organization under the name Gramma’s Hugs. Shirley states, “My daughter named my organization Gramma’s Hugs because when I give my blankets to children around the world, and they wrap the blankets around them, it’s like they’re getting a hug from grandma.”

Since 2004, Gramma’s Hugs International has helped children in many countries including New Orleans, Afghanistan, Uganda, and Afghanistan. Those who have been involved in Gramma’s Hugs International feel that children all over the world need to be provided with safety and warmth from those surrounding communities.

Although many are already involved in promoting and donating to Gramma’s Hugs International, Shirley still needs help spreading the word about her organization. At McAlistor, a senior at University of the Pacific helped communications has set it up on University’s campus where anyone can drop off a small donation, which will be forwarded to Shirley King for a community need of a “hug.”

**University Lofts - New Housing Alternatives For Pacific Students**

**By Jesse Voelkert**

Located a few blocks away from University of the Pacific’s campus, the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel is opening up lease applications for students looking for a different option for off-campus housing. The newly renovated University Lofts, located on the upper floors of the waterfront hotel, will offer Pacific students a combination of a fully furnished dorm and connoisseur living.

The University Lofts were first introduced to students during a Tiger Nights event in September that took place on the hotel’s property. Students were given a chance to tour the hotel and see what amenities the residents have access to. The University Lofts plan to have their major move-ins coincide with the start of academic terms at Pacific.

When fully occupied, the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel’s business plan is one that is becoming increasingly popular regarding student housing. Several public schools have lent out housing developments to private companies, University of Kentucky recently turned over its entire student housing to private companies.
Taking Baby Steps

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A recently formed club on campus, Taking Baby Steps, will be hosting a recruitment event on Friday, January 27th from 12PM to 4PM in front of the Don and Karen De Rosa University Center. The club hopes to increase membership to support its cause of providing campus parents with childcare. The event will include speakers, a petition signing, and informational booths and tables.

Taking Baby Steps has extended an invitation for all to come and participate as they hope to establish a stronger presence on campus. In an email that has been circulating amongst the sociology department, Destiny Robbins, president of Taking Baby Steps explains the upcoming recruitment event and other actions the club is taking.

Taking Baby Steps, Robbins states, will be conducting a survey: "Please participate yourselves and encourage all of your students to participate as it will help gauge the feelings of having on campus childcare." The club sent another official email to all students on January 13th announcing the survey which can be taken at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GGgX8XQ.

In addition Taking Baby Steps is selling t-shirts in order to raise funds for the club and its cause. T-Shirt order forms can be found at the Gender, Humanities and Ethnic Studies Center located on the first floor of the Wendell Phillips Center (WPC).

The two emails previously mentioned in this article can be found on the Pacifican website at www.thepacifican.com. More information on the club Taking Baby Steps can be found by contacting the club's email at pacificanstakingbabysteps@gmail.com.

PacificCard Minor Glitch, Major Scare

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The first week of classes was a busy time for all students on campus as they worked to finalize schedules, buy books and supplies to be prepared for the rest of this semester. Many students on campus take advantage of the invaluable service that student accounts grants them, by allowing them to charge up to a little over $500 to their accounts at the on campus bookstore. A large amount of students this semester were surprised to find that they were denied this service at the register as they were about to pay for their items.

Deyanira Monreal, a junior English major, said, "As a third year student at Pacific, I am accustomed to the similar financial struggles many of my peers face attending a private institution such as this one. It was only the first week but I was already behind in some of my classes because I had been unable to purchase textbooks. Currently unemployed and with a pitiful $3.42 in my bank account, I knew I would have to rely on Student Accounts to buy my books at the University Bookstore."

Deyanira Morel decided to buy her books at the bookstore but she was denied by the cashier who stated that, "There is a hold on your account." But when she made her way across campus to the PacificCARD office the problem was resolved almost instantaneously.

In fact, when contacted concerning the problem, Matt Caminos, Director of eCommerce at University of the Pacific stated "It was literally a glitch in the system. Due to problems with information feeds their office received a lot of calls from financial aid due to students concerned that their accounts were on hold. The problem, according to Mr. Caminos was "fixed in less than half an hour."

As a final comment Monreal said, "All in all, it took about ten minutes to clear up this whole misunderstanding. I walked back to the bookstore, picked up my books again, walked to the register and swiped my card, it went through. Both relieved and grateful, I just found myself saying 'Thank God for Student Accounts.' as I walked out the bookstore."

MLK Awards Luncheon:
Celebrating Integrity at Pacific

President Elbeck welcomes an MLK Luncheon guest.

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The University of the Pacific hosted the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Justice Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, January 17th. The event, which took place in Grace Covell Hall, recognized Pacific students, staff, and faculty members who have contributed to social justice and equality for all people.

Six members of the Pacific family were honored with awards. The students who were recognized for their contributions include: Anthony Young, President of Pacific's Black Student Union and key STEPS member, Kerry Robinson, RA and member of both the Women's Resource Center and STEPS, and Charlie Moynahan, who organized a college application help center for first-generation Latino students.

After a lunch provided by Bon Appetit, keynote speaker Corrie Martin took to the podium. Martin, Chair of the Women's History Month Committee and Director of the Women's Resource Center at Pacific, spoke about what she believes was Dr. King's greatest strength and the key to true equality: love. Love, according to Martin, is the "most powerful, most significant tool in the fight for justice." Martin stated that love needed to become a "foundation for politics", and that the preconceived notion that "love and power are seen as opposite that if you have love, you must not have power," must be done away with.

Martin also reminded the attendees of Dr. King's famous quote: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The Luncheon was opened and closed by performances from Beloved Sister, a singing quartet composed of Stockton, CA sisters Najé, Jayla, Méami, and Kira. The harmonizing quartet performed beautiful renditions of "the Black National Anthem" (Lift Every Voice and Sing) and "We Are Strong."

The event was sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, the Social Justice Community, the Chaplain's Office, the United Cultural Council, Pacific Celebrates Diversity, the Provost's Office, the Interfaith Council, and the MLK Awards Committee.
Town Hall on Budget Leaves More Questions Then Answers

Students wait in line to ask President Eibeck questions.

Juliene Sesar
LAYOUT EDITOR

Last Wednesday, January 11th, University of the Pacific's President Pamela A. Eibeck invited students, faculty, and staff to participate in a town hall meeting to discuss Pacific’s budget amongst other concerns.

President Eibeck’s main focus was “how the budget at University of the Pacific is spent to provide you (the student) with an education.”

The session began with an overview of Pacific’s 2011 budget, and President Eibeck followed the overview up by taking questions from anyone who wished to ask.

According to the PowerPoint used during the town hall meeting, which can be found at http://www.pacific.edu/About-Pacific/Administration/Offices/Office-of-the-President/University-Budget.html, costs at Pacific go up each year because of salaries, benefits, insurance, utilities, license fees/building repairs, improvements in academics, etc.

For 2011, the tuition rate increased by 6.4%, mainly due to greater expenses in financial aid, compensation, and academics.

Pacific’s budget is put together by the collaboration of three expert authorities, much like how the American government runs.

First, the Institutional Priorities Committee (IPC) reviews University-wide budget requests; debates priorities for budget increases; receives input from the campus; and makes recommendations to the President for increases to the budget according to pacific.edu. The IPC consists of the chair, six cabinet members, four faculty, two students, and three members of administration and staff.

The IPC focuses on only those items in the budget which were brought up in requests for budget changes in the given fiscal year; their first open forum will be held on January 23rd at 4PM in the DUC Ballroom.

Secondly, President Eibeck receives the budget increases the IPC decides on in March. “We as a nation need to be able to educate our youth,” said President Eibeck. “This is a hard time to afford college.” As such, her budget goals are listed as follows: plan our future, improve student success, prepare for a comprehensive fundraising campaign, create a more vibrant Stockton campus, enhance institutional effectiveness and improvement. These goals will increase and change the budget the IPC will present to the President in March.

Finally, the President will then present the changes to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents holds the “final responsibility for the quality and integrity of the education provided by the University,” according to pacific.edu.

The Board of Regents will announce the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in April.
Remembering the Legacy of Martin Luther King

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an opportunity for Americans to reflect on the progress America has made while simultaneously serving as a time to re-dedicate oneself to alleviating the injustices that still continue today.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought tirelessly for the Civil Rights of black Americans throughout his life. This struggle for Civil Rights resulted in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, under Lyndon B. Johnson’s administration, but devastatingly ended with Dr. King’s assassination in April of 1968.

During his lifetime, he was called a fascist and a communist. He received numerous death threats and was surveyed by the FBI extensively. His strategy of sit-ins and boycotts were mocked as either ineffectual or causing more harm than good. Yet, none of this deterred him from his fight for racial justice.

Dr. King’s dedication to nonviolence, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and the Christian tradition, is a tactic that is still a marvel today. Civil Rights protestors faced dogs, hoses, and beatings at the hands of police; still they maintained enough strength and integrity to not return the violence they faced. Even in jail, protestors were known to sing church spirituals.

In today’s time this nonviolence tactic can mistakenly be equated with weakness, but there is strength to be found in Dr. King’s strategy. His understanding that justice would only be given to a people who pressurized the South both economically and socially, while doing so with integrity is un-debatable. That makes Dr. King a true revolutionary.

Along with racial injustice, Dr. King advocated against poverty and military violence during his lifetime. These are all issues that America has yet to fully address in 2012.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a shining example of true activism, which came from a place of compassion and love for humanity. As we at Pacific and in our lives, we be sure to keep Dr. King’s dedication to justice in mind.

"Are you planning to rush a sorority/fraternity? Why or why not? If you are a member of a sorority/fraternity, why did you join?"

“I’m planning on rushing because I think it would be a good experience. I don’t know which sorority I want to join yet, but I’m going to go all their events.”
#Taylor Gladhill,
C.O. 2015

“Probably not because I don’t have that much time and would rather focus on work and school.”
#Aaron Zavala,
C.O. 2015

“I’ve met a lot of great people in fraternities. Yet, I will not be rushing this semester. I cannot afford the dues and I don’t have enough time.”
#Tri Nguyen,
C.O. 2015

“‘Yes, because fraternities hold themselves to higher principles that I can relate to and want to embody.”
#Mahmoud El-Sheikh,
C.O. 2015

“No, I’m not because I’m focusing on my classes this year.”
#Mahedia Zadran,
C.O. 2014

“No, I am not rushing; while I’ve had friends rush, and join Greek Life—it’s not for everyone.”
#Deyanira Monreal,
C.O. 2013

“No, I don’t feel I have the time or the money to commit.”
#Alexis Duclos,
C.O. 2013

“Probably not. I don’t have the time.”
#Mahedia Zadran,
C.O. 2014

“I’m in debate about rushing – I’m not sure if I have the time or the commitment, but I would love more than anything to go Greek.”
#Anthony Villegas,
C.O. 2014

“I’m just getting adjusted to my freshman year, so I’m not sure I am going to rush in the spring or fall; but eventually I definitely want to rush.”
#Camille Klinker,
C.O. 2015
The Benefits of Formal Recruitment

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COLLEGE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Even with a vivid imagination, I think it’s pretty difficult to picture yourself as a senior when you’re more focused and excited about spending your first year at Pacific. For me, senior year really came as a surprise. I don’t mean that I couldn’t figure out when senior year was. I’m talking about how it feels to be a senior. It took some time for me to realize how it’s possible that Pacific will become a chapter in my life that has a beginning, middle and end.

Want to know what it came down to? Joining a sorority. Now, I know you’re all probably sitting there scratching your heads and perhaps threatening to quit reading. If that’s the way you want to leave things, that’s okay. For everyone else: here’s my explanation.

Like many of you, I was an 18-year old who had just finished high school and was happy to move forward, I piled my things into the family car and moved to Stockton. In high school I did choir, debate, girl scouts and musical theater to look to for friends and fun. Here, I was suddenly left to my own devices and was really missing the involvement I got from high school activities. Meanwhile, the sorority women at Pacific were persistent. By meeting some of the brightest, most accomplished students here, it felt good to be welcomed into their circle.

I signed up for formal recruitment because the Vice President of Membership on Panhellenic at the time was one of these persistent women. She nominated me to meet women I had not already met, get to know more about philanthropy and leadership opportunities, and provided counselors to help me through the decision-making process. If it had not been for formal recruitment, I probably would not have thought to sign-up for Greek Life and investigate for myself. I’m so glad that I did because I was able to check out all of the possibilities on my terms, rather than being recruited by one chapter and not being able to make a well-rounded decision.

After I joined a sorority, the officers at the time nominated me to be in charge of planning fundraising events for our philanthropy. I did so, and when the time came to select new chapter officers, I was chosen to lead all philanthropy endeavors for the chapter and plan our new events for the next year. It was a great success, and I will treasure that opportunity always. I spent time on this my sophomore and junior year when I was also a recruitment counselor. My first couple of chapter positions gave me confidence to apply to be on Panhellenic.

Formal recruitment had, for lack of a better explanation, a makeover. It’s going to be an absolute blast! We have 16 recruitment counselors and 4 Panhellenic Executive Board members to run recruitment and guide women through every step of the process. Our hub will be the DeRosa University Center and we will meet in the Ballroom daily to get everyone checked in and ready for events that day. Need a hair tie or a breath mint? No problem — our counselors are armed with a health and beauty arsenal because we have a just-in-case attitude.

**Sign up for Panhellenic sorority recruitment!**

**Go greek!**

You can register online at https://pacificmycampusdirector.com/register/.

**Orientation:** Thursday, January 19th at 7PM
**Panhellenic Day:** Friday, January 20th at 4pm
**Philanthropy Day:** Saturday, January 21st at 1PM
**Preference Parties & Bid Day:** Sunday, January 22nd at 8AM

Planning formal recruitment has given me so much joy even though the event itself has yet to take place! I can’t wait to see it unfold this weekend. It’s been an incredible journey.

The Pacifican
Emotion Overwhelms all at Budget Town Hall

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“People feel invisible, and the Financial Aid office does nothing but give them loans,” said an emotional junior, Alexis Duclos, in the question and answer session at the town hall meeting last Wednesday, January 11th.

Students are frustrated, concerned, and overwhelmed by the upcoming final budget decision in April for the 2012-2013 fiscal academic year. However, this is a natural reaction; the budget will always go up every year, and in turn, so will tuition.

I watched on as President Pamela A. Eibeck listened to one student after another asking questions, some that could not be answered the way the students hoped for, and some that represented the anguish of a student on the brink of losing their hopes of graduation.

President Eibeck commented after the meeting was over that she was pleased at the amount of students that came out asking educated question, and how very emotional the proceedings were.

While asking the President questions, Duclos pointed at the wall behind the president where she had hung the poster that she had worked on all week showcasing student debt university wide.

Reminding every student, and every person at the meeting that our students are all in debt and are not just the numbers listed, but their own individual story.

The meeting was very emotional. How could it not be? It’s understandable that some people will see this and think students want a free ride. I, however, see that students are not asking for a free ride, just a ride that is realistic for them to afford so they don’t have to drop out.

College is stressful, without the overwhelming feeling that after all the work and sacrifices that you have already made, after having been a student for the time that you have, it might all go to waste simply because you can’t afford the next semester. It is good to know that professors, like Dr. Courtney Lehmann in the English department in the College of the Pacific, support the students.

“We are here because we have the opportunity to work with these incredible young people,” said Dr. Lehmann while making a comment about a misperception about faculty salaries affecting student tuition severely.

College should not be a cesspool; it should be a situation where students can truly thrive. We are here; we wish to stay here; we wish to thrive. However, how will we achieve this without figuring out a way for our upperclassmen to continue without falling into a debt that follow us all until our own children reach college?

To Occupy or Not to Occupy

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While the past two articles regarding the recent movement on the Pacific campus have been called “Occupy Pacific”, the debate continues to go on about what direction the movement will take.

There is a group of students who say that our only concern should be the tuition, and anything related to the national Occupy movement should be completely separate. On the other side you have people, like me, that argue that this movement should not only be called Occupy Pacific, if it must be about more than tuition.

One of the core components of why people don’t want to be called Occupy is because of the negative connotations the title brings. These negative connotations have arisen because of several reasons. One of the main reasons is because of the riot that took place after the general strike in Oakland. Even though the protesters helped clean up the morning after the riot took place, it is a blemish upon Occupy Wall Street as a whole. Media coverage of the Occupy Wall Street movement has been quite negative, especially from conservative networks Fox News and business network CNBC, while CNN has only had select commentators voice their opposition.

Due to this representation of Occupy, people have developed a negative outlook on the movement. Due to this, some students argue that it will turn people off from joining the movement, because they don’t like Occupy or disagree with its ideas and goals. Others feel that tuition has little to do with Occupy, and adding in national issues muddles everything and diminishes the movement. A result of all of this is people being turned off from joining, even if they don’t like the tuition increases.

However, I think that despite all of these arguments against it, this movement should be called Occupy. While tuition is important, a movement centered on only that contributes to this bubble we live in. While University of Pacific is a very nice campus, the more we stay inside this bubble, the more apathetic we become to other issues in Stockton and the rest of the country. It is also quite easy to connect tuition to the struggles of the 99 percent as well. Today, a college degree is essential for a high paying job. So unless you can afford the tuition, you won’t be able to get a degree or a good job. Those without degrees are stuck with lower income jobs. Thus, the poor get poorer and the rich get richer, just as the gap between the 99 percent and the 1 percent. I want to stress that this isn’t a sinister move by the administration to raise tuition in order to increase income inequality. It is an unintended consequence of raising tuition.

I’m not going to deny that Occupy has had a lot of unwanted negative attention added to it. However, some of it is warranted. The accusations that Occupy doesn’t have a focus are flat wrong, as I’ve mentioned in past articles. The mainstream media, whether its MSNBC, CNN, or Fox News, have simply accused Occupy of not having a focus without looking into the issue at all.

Upon further investigation, whether you talk to people at protests, or look at signs on different websites, you will notice that Occupy is focused on three things. The first is ending corporate personhood. This was a result of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, stating that corporations are people and can donate unlimited funds to political action committees. They are advocating for campaign finance reform so that elections will not be decided by which side has the most money, but the quality of a candidate.

The next issue is income inequality between the 99% and the 1% as a result of the past two decades of public policy that has led to more and more wealth going to the richest people in the country. The last issue is financial reform regarding the risky activities of the banks on Wall Street. They are calling for stricter regulation so that future financial collapse can be avoided.

Although I’m sure you can find someone that wants money to be taken down to them, this movement is about giving it to the poor. It’s about taking from capitalism to socialism. The problem with that unregulated capitalism does not yield free market and it yields markets dominated by monopolies, about a radical society. It’s implementing reforms so that we are not apathetic to socialism. It’s honest politicians and honest markets.

If we are so worried about what people will think if we call ourselves Occupy Pacific then why don’t we simply prove them wrong? We can clearly articulate what we want, and protest peacefully like the majority of our protesters have. Others argue that we can’t make a difference on these pressing issues. At the start, I probably wouldn’t, but if you simply disagree with me, I strongly argue that you should be part of a movement that can accomplish wide changes in a few weeks or even months. Changefor the easy, but if you work hard at it, if you believe that you can make a change then you will.

I am concerned with tuition, and I’m even more concerned that students don’t have a single voice on the budget, but here in the world beyond University of Pacific. Other universities, like Davis and Berkeley, also protesting their tuition increases while issues are being ignored. It’s time we stepped in as well. I cannot and will not be part of a movement that only has to do with tuition and then go back to living life like the rest of the students. I don’t want to be apathetic and sit back. Stand up! Start some conviction! Occupy!
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Greek Recruitment for Spring Semester

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Today marks the beginning of formal recruitment season for College Panhellenic Council (CPC), professional fraternities, and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). College Panhellenic Council is made up of the social sororities Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Delta Gamma, which are the sororities you see in sorority circles.

Formal recruitment for social sororities consists of four events: Orientation (19th), Open House (the 20th), Philanthropy Night (21st), and Preference Day (22nd), with the end of the process marked by Bid Day, also on the 22nd.

Each group of women is led by a recruitment counselor, who is a disqualified member of one of the four sororities. On why women should sign up, recruitment counselor Angela Yuen stated, “I think [women] should go through formal recruitment because it gives them a chance to learn about all four sororities. It is the only week that they can go into all four houses in one day and compare them back to back. Formal recruitment allows each [woman] to choose the house that they fit into best, based on their own opinions and not anyone else’s pressure.”

For Yuen, “Formal recruitment allowed me to see all of the houses and form my own opinions and experiences with each house, instead of forming my decision based on rumors I heard from others. I was able to meet new people in each house and see which house I saw myself potentially living in. Formal recruitment also helped me to make new friends that were either already in a sorority, or going through recruitment at the same time.

In order to sign up, a female student must have a 2.5 GPA and at least 12 units completed. If you’re still interested, you may sign up via MyCampusDirector (https://pacific.mycampusdirector.com/register/) or by stopping by the booth by the DUC on the 19th or 20th from 11AM-2PM. Jan. 9th-20th. Here is a rundown of other Greek organizations who will be holding events in the near future.

Multicultural Greek Council and professional fraternity recruitment begins today the 19th for Rho Delta Chi, Alpha Chi Sigma, and Lambda Kappa Sigma.

Asian-American sorority Rho Delta Chi’s recruitment begins tonight in the President’s room for game night from 6-8PM in the Regents Room.

Pre-dentistry fraternity Delta Nu Tau’s recruitment begins January 20th with Mocktails from 8-10PM in the Regents Room.

Engineering fraternity Theta Tau’s first night of recruitment is January 24th for Info Night. The next night is the January 25th for Professional Night. The 26th is Social Night, and the 27th & 28th are interviews by appointment only.

Service fraternity Delta Phi Epsilon begins on Wednesday, January 25, from 7-9PM in the UC Ballroom A. Fun and Games Night is the next night, January 26, from 7-9PM in Raymond Great Hall. January 30th is Professional Speed Dating event from 7-9PM in Grace Covell Banquet Hall.

According to Vice President of Recruitment James Follett, “resumes will ONLY be accepted at the third professional event. If the member cannot make the last recruitment event, they will need to schedule a time before 8PM on February 1st with Delta Phi Epsilon. If there are any questions, please email the VP of Recruitment at j_follett@u.pacific.edu, or approach any member of our organization.”

If you are interested in joining either a professional, social, or multicultural sorority now is your chance. Please inquire on more information from a member of one of the Greek societies.

How to: Start Your Semester Off On the Right Foot

Jesse Voelkert
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

It’s time to start anew - a clean slate for a new GPA this academic term. It is all about the averages, so a good semester can help balance out a rough semester you might’ve had in the past. Get yourself going strong by starting off with the right habits.

1) Organization. Sticky notes and a calendar go a long way. Keep up to date with assignments, and where those assignments are. The worst feeling in the world is not only remembering that essay last minute, but also scrambling to find the assignment sheet amongst that mountain of papers on your desk. Even just separating your individual class piles can make life a whole lot easier.

2) Diligence. I know it feels like you just got a new email, or a new Facebook notification, but trust me. If you put it off, it can probably wait. You know when those things will be due, so there’s no reason for assignments to sneak up on you. Plus, if you get them done early, you’ll really be able to enjoy your free time. That party will be a lot more fun knowing there isn’t an essay waiting for you the next morning.

Even the hour or so you have between classes could be used to get started on a math assignment, an outline for an essay, or to gather some research for a project.

3) Consistency. Old habits die hard. I’m sure we all come in at the beginning gung-ho about all of the changes we’re going to make – particularly during New Years resolution season. The important thing is to keep at it. If you stay with it long enough to at least feel the returns, it’ll be much easier to stay on the road to a successful semester. The satisfaction in the long run will benefit us all more than the satisfaction we gain from avoiding our assignments.

Best of luck for this next semester, Pacific!
Wary is, if you went to your school in Stockton, chances are high you heard the Stockton Symphony play at one point or another. However, it was not until about two weeks ago that I, a 22-year-old college senior, knew Stockton had an Opera Guild. Upon hearing this, I quickly became interested in what show would be performed this year, and practically begged my closest friends to go with me. Many of them are not as into “high-culture” as one would be to sit through an entire Italian-language show, but nonetheless, I convinced my closest friend to accompany me.

The moment the lights dimmed at the start of Pagliacci, my heart skipped a beat. The English translation of the lines above the stage assisted in understanding the story, but hearing the words in Italian allowed you to feel the emotions. Without the translation, the program provided adequate synopsis to follow along with the story: husband and wife are part of a travelling fair in which they perform a play of an adulterous wife, yet the reality mirrors the play-within-a-play perfectly. The story is one any avid reader or movie-goer has seen time and time again. Though the lines were delivered nearly impeccably (so far as my non-Italian speaking ears could hear), in many instances, it felt as if the love, passion, and general emotion was lacking on the part of the female lead, Michele Detwiler (Nedda). It was hard to justify the declarations of love so close to my ears with the lack of passion being portrayed on stage.

Pagliacci ends like many a tragedy as the husband, Canio (portrayed by Scott Six), in a fit of jealous rage, kills the adulterous wife and walks off stage. The viewer is left with remorse at the loss of life, but as the stage lights come up, there is not much time to hope for another act. Joining with the Opera Guild was the Stockton Chorale and Youth Chorale, providing voices to the villagers of the play.

Shortly after intermission, the lights dimmed once more for the single-act comedy, Gianni Schicchi. The comedy focuses on the death of an uncle and the desire to change his will before every penny is sent to the friars. Through the star-crossed lovers Lauretta (Courtney Ross) and Rinuccio (Marco Stefani), the family is forced to rely on Gianni Schicchi, a mastermind, to change the will in time, however, they do not expect him taking part of the estate for himself and his daughter’s dowry to the young Rinuccio. Unlike Pagliacci, the humor is unmistakable as the family tries to reconcile what they believe belongs to them with the fate that has been left. Once all is said and done in fair Florence, Schicchi steps out and speaks to the crowd of his eternal damnation to hell, asking them to pardon him in a way Dante would not.

The beautiful sets and well-trained orchestra added to the experience, allowing the viewer to truly step inside the story. I definitely have to say that the show ended on a high note. Peter Jaffe, the talented musical director of both the Stockton Symphony and the Stockton Opera, brought the piece to life in a way that only a live ensemble can.

If you are looking for an inexpensive night of culture, or even something to do outside of the “Stockton-norm”, be sure to check out the Stockton Opera next time they perform. I can guarantee it is an experience you will not regret!
Tiger Pride Returns to Pacific

Jesse Voelkert
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Starting this Friday, January 20th, an old University of the Pacific tradition will be making its reappearance on campus. Every Friday, the university’s mascot PowerCat will be making rounds across campus, looking for students who are showing off their university spirit by sporting Pacific apparel. Students who wear either their Pacific gear or orange and black clothing will have a chance to win prizes.

Don’t own any Pacific gear? The bookstore will be offering a 20% off discount for one item of apparel every Friday (no other discounts apply). This will give students a chance to slowly build up their weekly Friday wardrobe, so that they may continue to show their spirit and try and win prizes. So make sure every Friday you remember to put on your orange and black, and keep an eye out for PowerCat!

A Game of Shadows -- Bigger, Badder, & Better than the Original

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Sequels, for the most part, tend to fail in their quests to surpass the quality of, or even live up to, the original film. Different flaws and misguided ideas are often their downfall. The sequel can follow the nearly exact same plot line as the original, giving the audience the same, now predictable formula (The Hangover Part II). It can try to go too over-the-top, cutting down the dialogue and increasing the explosions, violence, and sex appeal (Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen). The sequel can fail so spectacularly that the vast majority of people wish it was never created (The Sandlot 2).

I have no fear, fans of Guy Ritchie’s 2009 Sherlock Holmes film! There are no such flaws in its sequel, Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows. What made the 2009 film great was its intriguing plot, its subtle, yet effective humor, the performances of the main cast, and the rich chemistry between Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) and Dr. John Watson (Jude Law). Each positive aspect of the 2009 film is included its 2011 sequel, but not in the exact same way or amount.

Early on in the film, Ritchie makes a point: Game of Shadows picks up right where Sherlock Holmes left off. After preventing bombing at an auction center, Holmes meets with Watson on the eve of the latter’s wedding to his fiancée Mary (Kelly Reilly). Holmes reveals that he has been keeping track of various worldwide activities, such as assassinations and business transactions, believing that professor James Moriarty (Jared Harris) is somehow behind them all. After preventing the assassination of the Watsons on their honeymoon; Holmes teams up with Watson one more time to figure out what Moriarty is up to and stop his plan.

Ritchie introduced a fun way to do fight scenes in the 2009 film. Holmes’ unique mind lets him play out possible fights in his head in slow motion before they play out in real time. Ritchie takes that idea and expands it in Game of Shadows, making it even more fun, though not all of the fights play out to Holmes’ liking. While Ritchie may have included a little too much slow motion for some fans’ liking, the effects were well-used overall. A classic Sherlock Holmes trait is his interesting disguises, which were not a big part of the 2009 film. In the sequel, Holmes takes on an array of identities, which include a sleepy professor, an Asian karate master, a woman, and a couch.

Little, if any, fans could have suspected the early stunner in the film: the shocking death of a key character from the 2009 film. However, two new major characters are introduced in Game of Shadows. Holmes discovers that a French gypsy named Simza (Noomi Rapace) is connect-ed to Moriarty as well. She greatly aids the duo of Holmes and Watson in their quest, which takes them all over Europe, from England and France to Germany and Switzerland. Also, the audience gets to meet Sherlock Holmes’ contrasting yet cheeky brother Mycroft (Stephen Fry), who frequently refers to his brother as “Shirley”.

One of the aspects of the 2009 film was the sort of fun, playful vibe that came from it. The story itself was like an adventure. Holmes was almost never serious, jokes were aplenty, and the bad guys never seemed to put Holmes and Watson into too deep of waters. There is no sense of playfulness in Game of Shadows. The audience gets that this is meant to be a more serious film. The major death provides a somber reality for the duo. A massive, heavily loaded fight scene fit for a war movie develops. Moriarty’s cunning and relentless ruthlessness constantly puts the duo in mortal danger, and really forces the question: “Can Holmes not merely win this one, but survive?”

Cunning is but one word to describe both Holmes and Moriarty. Both are incredibly even, each one just as witty and clever as the other. The only real difference is that Moriarty puts no moral restraint on himself and his actions. The similarities between the two make for an incredibly intriguing game of cat-and-mouse. When Holmes is just about to win, Moriarty throws an unexpected curveball. When Moriarty is just about to win, Holmes finds a way to keep himself alive. Finally, after several disguises, numerous brushes with death, and an adrenaline shot that would make Mia Wallace proud; Holmes and Moriarty have at it in a secret fortress in the Swiss Alps. The ending, as is much of the film, is unexpected.

Knowing how hard it is to make a sequel that can live up to the original, Ritchie made his better. The chemistry between Holmes and Watson is as powerful as ever. The plot is several steps above that of the original. The aspects of the original that made it great are included in the sequel, but in a way that keeps them fresh and fun. Don’t let the surprisingly low box office numbers sway you. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows is not only one of the best films of the holiday season, but one of the best films of 2011.
Taste of the East Takeout

from S-Mart on Pacifica Avenue. This modest eatery has all of the dishes one could ask for with unbelievable prices. Score a styrofoam container packed with chow mein or orange chicken for about 7 bucks. The food here is ready in no time. Though delivery takes about 45 minutes, take-out orders are ready in five to ten minutes. New Wok Inn is the best choice for those who want cheap, near-instant gratification. Be warned: Discover Card is not taken at this restaurant. Call 209.466.4108 to order and head to 3202 Pacific Avenue to pick up.

Siamese Street Restaurant is also a stone's throw from the Pacific campus and just a few feet from New Wok Inn. This restaurant has a great decadent Thai takeout. Stockton's New Wok Inn, Tandoori Nites and Siamese Street Restaurant all offer affordable and delicious takeout delight.

The most economically enticing of these options is New Wok Inn, located across the street to facilitating change is our pursuit: how to effectively target the youth because that is how we identify with music, talent, and dance. So, the design for "The STKs & Stones JAM" was conceived.

The idea for this show was relatively simple: invite the upcoming talents from in and around San Joaquin county for a day in celebration of brotherhood, love and connectivity. We noticed that a fair amount of University of the Pacific students were hesitant to venture out into Stockton for whatever reasons that they might have. This is a shame because this city has a wealth of cultural experiences to offer. Thusly, the show aims to bring the talent of Stockton into Pacific.

Joining in Xi Chi Sigma's efforts to engender a sense of camaraderie between Pacific and the Stockton community is the Office of Admissions, the Career Resource Center, and the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. These organizations are really the heart and soul of our show because a considerable percentage of the invited audience will be high school students, junior college students, or students that do not necessarily attend school at this time. We hope to foster positive emotional feelings toward education and academic achievement in the youth by pairing these with talent and dance.

Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society will be of great significance as they speak on the importance of scholastic success because they, themselves, are students just like the members of our audience. The Koolens Chapter of Mortar Board aims to connect talent with academia; much like a dancer is a leader of his or her craft, a scholar is a leader of his or her education. The two professions are not as different as one may have initially thought.

Xi Chi Sigma, being one of the last surviving local fraternities on the University of the Pacific campus, feels that it is its duty and privilege to increase local relationships. In our experiences, it has become our understanding that Stockton locals refer to this city as "The Sticks" and we are trying to bring talent from Stockton; from "The Sticks" to come and "rock" the stage, "rock" the show. What can be considered a synonym for "rock?" Stone. Thusly, "The STKs & Stones JAM" was coined.

The show aspires to increase public awareness of the similarities between all students, no matter their educational backgrounds, and hopes to initiate relationships between the Pacific and Stockton communities. Xi Chi Sigma is seeking to endow a feeling of pride in the competing-dance groups and talent acts in their abilities for performance. Through the Pacific Offices and Mortar Board: Koolens Chapter, we hope that this feeling of pride can transfer over to their scholastic endeavors; such that other lives can be enhanced by the thirst for knowledge. Our goal in life is to improve the conditions from which we transcend or, as Woodrow Wilson phrased it, "to enrich the world."
Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Mythbusters Blind Sacramento With Science

Men in suits of armor being shot at by an anti-aircraft paintball gun? Elaborate physics demonstrations consisting of phone books and energy-generating bikes? Explosions (or, as Jamie prefers them "big booms")? Yep, the Mythbusters were here.

Young and old were given a show on January 9th, as the dynamic duo of Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, hosts of Discovery Channel's critically acclaimed show Mythbusters, took time out of their busy schedules to stop by Sacramento, as part of their "Behind the Myths" tour. Mythbusters portrays Savage and Hyneman, as well as assistants Kari Byron, Tory Belleci, and Grant Imahara (known as the "Build Team"). The team conducts tests on pop-culture "myths", such as "you can break a wineglass using only your voice" or "a football will fly further if it is filled with helium", are true or false. This weekend they entertained the sold out Community Center Theater crowd by performing several physics-related experiments; interacting with volunteers and fans; as well as answering questions, and giving insight on the wildly popular show.

Savage and Hyneman confirmed one myth right away as they took the stage. The duo can certainly make an entrance. Appearing before fans amidst laser lights, smoke, and the opening theme song: A Space Odyssey, the cohosts looked like rock stars. To fans of both the show and science; they were.

Before the show began, the duo asked the lower-seated audience members to look under their seats. To their great surprise, the fans found waivers. It was then clear that Savage and Hyneman would be bringing audience members on stage with them, apparently to assist them in a way that requires waving their rights to sue the duo.

Understanding the risks of getting to meet their favorite physicists/celebrities, audience members clamored to be called up. The first lucky soul was a small child, who used a large hammer to ring the bell of the famous strongman carnival game. The child also let fly a watermelon onto a bed of nails; a bed on which Savage promptly lay on, demonstrating the concepts of pressure and weight distribution. It became clear that the crowd was going to get not only a show, but a physics lesson as well.

Savage and Hyneman continued to bring out contraptions of all shapes and sizes. The duo continued to perform various feats of physics, including the famous "phone book pull", an obstacle course which featured contestants wearing goggles which made vision like seeing through the peephole of a door, and shooting fans' faces with their famous high-speed cameras. The most complex and massive one was a 20-foot-tall metallic structure featuring two bicycles, several tubes, and two water balloons. Two volunteers pedaled the bikes, which sent water up the tubes, filling up the opposite water balloons. The race to avoid getting wet ended in a tie, but not before unforeseen circumstances. Savage spotted that one of the tubes was not properly connected. So, without any harnesses or support, he climbed the structure and fixed the problem, hardly breaking a sweat.

The duo also sat down for a Q&A with the crowd. Hyneman discussed the origins of Mythbusters, which began after the great success of Hyneman's fighting robot named "Blendo". Hyneman's building skill, seen in Blendo's success (the robot's 150-lb, rotating blades of steel were a piece of steel the size of a fist traveling at the speed of light", according to its maker), attracted the attention of Discovery Channel. Savage also talked about being "destined" to do something like the show. His two career dreams were to work for Lego (he eventually worked for the toy company Zoob) and Star Wars (where he got to "live his lifelong dream of telling George Lucas how he'd take down the Empire")

Eventually, they addressed the elephant in the room: the recently botched experiment which accidentally sent a cannonball hurtling into a Dublin, CA neighborhood, smashing into two houses (going through one) and a parked minivan. Hyneman stated "It was a serious mistake and we're grateful no one got hurt."

Rounding out the evening was a display which was perfectly saved for last. A man in a medieval suit of armor was brought out on stage and placed in front of a plastic wall in front of the audience. After Savage took a few test shots to the knight with a paintball gun, Hyneman brought out the heavily artillery: an anti-aircraft M45 quadmount converted into a paintball gun. The Walrus then fired away on the hapless knight, covering both the armor and the plastic shield with an array of pretty colors. The knight was okay (because of the armor, of course). After a (semi-disappointingly) fake explosion, Savage and Hyneman took a bow and bade their faithful fans a farewell.

Sacramento will never forget the physics lessons, displays, and jaw-dropping moments put on by the Mythbusters.

Alexandra Caspero
CAMPUS DIETITIAN

Your Body... On Alcohol

What exactly happens to your body when you have a cocktail, or two? NutriCat breaks it down.

Alcohol is considered to be a toxin to your body. As soon as it enters the bloodstream, your liver goes to work breaking down the alcohol. This also puts other functions temporarily on hold, like digestion.

The liver first breaks down alcohol into acetaldehyde, a carcinogen, and then into the less harmful acetate. Alcohol also heads to your brain, affecting your hippocampus, cerebellum, and prefrontal cortex. This means that movement, mood, and memory are likely to be affected.

Did your drink of choice contain sugar? If so, expect an insulin spike and a craving for fatty foods. It's no coincidence you tend to want pizza, nachos, and wings after a downing of a few beers. After about an hour, the alcohol from one drink has been turned into carbon dioxide and water. However, you still retain the calories from the drink- most likely stored as abdominal fat.

Was your New Year's resolution to cut down on drinking? Try this fun mocktail instead!

Combine: 1 1/2 cups Sparkling apple cider, chilled, 1 1/2 cups sparkling cherry-flavored mineral water (or club soda mixed with cherry flavoring syrup), 1 cup cranberry juice. Stir together and serve in pretty champagne flutes. Makes two servings.
Pacific Falls to No. 14 Loyola in Three Sets

Tigers Fall 32-30, 25-16, 25-22 to Ramblers

Juliene Sesar
LAYOUT EDITOR

Friday, January 13th, proved to be a day of bad luck for the Pacific men’s volleyball team in their game against the Loyola Ramblers. Pacific lost the match in three sets (32-30, 25-16, 25-22).

The Tigers battled fiercely in the first set, keeping the score almost even until the end. Unfortunately, the Tigers had twenty serving errors throughout the match. Florian Gornik made nine kills during the match, and dug four attacks in the first. Sophomore Javier Caceres led the team with seven digs, while senior Sean Daley and junior Christian Ahlin totalled five blocks apiece.

The second set did not match the intensity of play displayed in the first. Sophomore Adam Troy led the Tiger offense with three kills, and senior Sean Daley protected Tiger defense with two blocks.

The Tigers played a close third set, but Ramblers sophomore Joseph Smalzer, thirteen kills in all, proved to be a formidable foe. The second set did not match the intensity of play displayed in the first. Sophomore Adam Troy led the Tiger offense with three kills, and senior Sean Daley protected Tiger defense with two blocks.

The Tigers also held their annual Alumni game the following day. Pacific will next travel to MPSF foes UC Santa Barbara (Friday) and UCLA (Saturday).
**News and Notes**

**GENERAL:** Three Pacific teams will be making their 2012 debuts this weekend. The Pacific women's tennis team will head to Las Vegas, NV to compete in the UNLV Quad Tournament. The team's first match since the Fresno State Invitational in November will be against host UNLV. The Pacific men's tennis team will also resume play, traveling to Seattle, WA to take on two non-conference foes: Idaho and Washington. The Tigers have not played since the Saint Mary's Classic in October. Also, Pacific's Women's water polo team will begin the 2012 season. The Tigers, who finished ranked 20th in the nation last season, will go to San Jose, CA for the Spartan Invitational. Pacific will face off against Cal, Canada, Santa Clara, and host San Jose State.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Pacific hosted a pair of Big West foes over the weekend, going 1-1. On Thursday, the Tigers easily dispatched Long Beach State 93-56. Junior Ashley Wakefield led the team with 21 points while freshman Kendall Kenyon continued her stellar season with a career-high 18 points. Every Tiger who played in the game scored. Saturday’s game against Cal State Northridge was not as pleasant for Pacific, as the Matadors broke the Tigers’ six-game home winning streak 72-66. Kenyon achieved a double-double in the loss, while junior Kendall Rodriguez and sophomore Gena Johnson added 12 points each. Pacific’s two conference losses thus far have been by a combined six points.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Tigers finally broke their seven-game losing streak on Thursday, dispatching conference opponent Cal State Northridge 79-59. Junior Travis Fulton and sophomore Ross Rivera each had career highs in points (23 and 21, respectively), while junior Lorenzo McCloud added 17 points. Every Tiger who played in the game scored. Saturday’s game against UC Davis in a dual meet on Saturday, falling to the Aggies 162-97. The 200 Medley team of juniors Becca Wyant and Mallory McGowan, sophomore Hayley Shillington also took top place in her event, winning the 500 Free with a time of 5:03.71. Shahaf had a good meet overall, winning the 100 Fly with a time of 57.36 and taking second place in the 100 Back (58.79) and 200 IM (2:09.5). Randall also took second place in the 50 Free with a time of 24.45, while Bolin finished second in the 200 Back with a time of 2:09.05. Additionally, Bolin took third in tow 100 Back (100.29), freshman Annie Sumioka took fourth place in the mentioned event with a time of 1:45.75. Sophomore Hayley Shillington also took top place in her event, winning the 500 Free with a time of 5:03.71. Shahaf had a good meet overall, winning the 100 Fly with a time of 57.36 and taking second place in the 100 Back (58.79) and 200 IM (2:09.5). Randall also took second place in the 50 Free with a time of 24.45, while Bolin finished second in the 200 Back with a time of 2:09.05. Additionally, Bolin took third in tow 100 Back (100.29), freshman Annie Sumioka took fourth place in the same event (100.88), junior Jenna Chaplin took second in the 200 Fly (207.41), junior Allie Vetterlein took third in the 200 IM (2:11.11) and 200 Fly (2:08.25), and the 200 Free Relay team of McGowan, Randall, Wyant, and senior Jamie Swalin took second (1:38.52).

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING:** Pacific faced off against defending MPSF Champion UC Davis in a dual meet on Saturday, falling to the Aggies 162-97. The 200 Medley team of juniors Becca Wyant and Mallory McGowan, sophomore MaryEllia Randall, and freshman Dekel Shahaf took first place in the mentioned event with a time of 1:45.75. Sophomore Hayley Shillington also took top place in her event, winning the 500 Free with a time of 5:03.71. Shahaf had a good meet overall, winning the 100 Fly with a time of 57.36 and taking second place in the 100 Back (58.79) and 200 IM (2:09.5). Randall also took second place in the 50 Free with a time of 24.45, while Bolin finished second in the 200 Back with a time of 2:09.05. Additionally, Bolin took third in tow 100 Back (100.29), freshman Annie Sumioka took fourth place in the same event (100.88), junior Jenna Chaplin took second in the 200 Fly (207.41), junior Allie Vetterlein took third in the 200 IM (2:11.11) and 200 Fly (2:08.25), and the 200 Free Relay team of McGowan, Randall, Wyant, and senior Jamie Swalin took second (1:38.52).

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Pacific to Play on ESPN3

Athletic Media Relations

With the start of the 2012 softball season just one month away, the Pacific softball team has been selected to play on ESPN3 when the Tigers travel to Long Beach State to battle the 49ers on Friday, May 11. The conference's top two teams from a season ago will play a doubleheader on the nationally broadcast stream beginning at 7PM from 49er Softball Complex as the reigning champion Tigers and second-place 49ers kickoff the final weekend of Big West Conference play.

Last season, the Tigers took the season series from the 49ers, 2-1, at home at Bill Simoni Field to begin Big West play in 2011. The opening series win for Pacific set the stage for the Tigers' first-ever Big West title as Pacific finished 2011 16-5 in conference play and 37-19 overall on the year. The Tigers return nine of 10 starters and overall on the year. The Tigers finished 2011 16-5 in conference play and 37-19.

The Tigers' win at Nevada, as the Tigers trailed by 10 with 2:02 remaining. McKenzie buried a 10-0 run to force overtime.

Pacific to Play on ESPN3

McKenzie Named Dec. Competitor of the Month

Junior's Play Rewarded with Prestigious Award

Athletic Media Relations

Pacific women's basketball junior guard Erica McKenzie was named the Tigers' Competitor of the Month for December in a vote of the Pacific head coaches. McKenzie was the Tigers' leading scorer in the month of December with 13.2 points per game. She hit 15 of her 32 attempts from three-point range. The Sparks, Nev. native demonstrated extraordinary competitive fire in Pacific's win at Nevada, as the Tigers trailed by 10 with 2:02 remaining. McKenzie buried back-to-back three pointers 15 seconds apart, helping Pacific finish regulation with a 10-0 run to force overtime.

In the Tigers' next outing, McKenzie hit seven of her eight three-point attempts to key Pacific's win over SEC opponent Florida. The Gators entered the game at 7-2 and finished December at 10-3, with their other losses coming to No. 12 Rutgers and No. 20 Michigan.

For the month, McKenzie hit double-figures in scoring in four of six games, and work ethic pay off with her tremendous play this season. She is certainly one of the big reasons as to why we are doing well as a team," head coach Lynne Roberts said. McKenzie leads the Big West in three-pointers made per game with 2.5 and ranks fifth in Pacific history in made threes, with 136. She ranks sixth in the BWC in points and seventh in minutes.

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