Occupy Pacific: Rising From Its Ashes

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Occupy Pacific began December 2011. James Pollet ’14 and Professor Howard Moseley had a discussion about students at Pacific and their desire to begin an Occupy Movement on campus. According to Melissa Davis ’14, Pollet’s main concern was to “raise awareness” about how a “lot of people [oneself] didn’t aware of the wider issues around the Occupy Movement or even the issues that we’re having as a country as a whole.”

This conversation expanded to include Alexis Duclus ’13, and with the involvement of students the organization gained momentum. The movement started slow as the word of Occupy Pacific spread through social media networks.

An article written for The Pacifican by English professor Dr. Courtney Lehmann brought attention to students, faculty, and administration concerning the new cause and the resulting organization that was in its beginning phases.

In an interview, Duclus described the escalation of interest at the end of the semester. “Last week of finals, it [Occupy Pacific Facebook group] just exploded in growth... From a lot of people the conversation just started, and so, overnight we went from fifty members to three-hundred in [...]. what, two hours. By the next morning we were at seven hundred people because people were adding, and adding, and adding. The student interest with tuition and budget was not unprecedented. Concern over debt and affording tuition had been a popular topic amongst students long since the commencement of the 2011-2012 academic year. ASuop President Ashton Datcher ’12 stated in an interview with The Pacifican that she received questions from students about the increase in tuition, “all the time.” She also noted, “I had a lot of friends who couldn’t come back.”

Davis commented, “It’s just like [...] for us, it’s frustrating that the administration seems to be that in the dark [...] If no one’s going to listen to us then it’s very difficult. It’s not like Occupy was the first time that these concerns have been brought up either... So many of us have had friends that haven’t come back... I’m just a sophomore, but I have had maybe four or five friends not come back to Pacific because of tuition increases.”

Many students on campus have also reported negative experiences when communicating with the Office of Financial Aid.

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Young Minds to Compete in MESA Day at Pacific

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Hundreds of local middle school and high school students will test their brain power at the 2012 MESA Day, hosted by the University of the Pacific’s School of Engineering and Computer Science. The event taking place Saturday, February 18th from 9AM to 4PM, will feature over 500 students from the Lodi, Manteca, and Stockton Unified school districts. These students will compete in academic challenges all across the Pacific campus.

Split into three divisions (Grades 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12), the students will compete in various engineering challenges. The challenges include making cars out of mousetraps, constructing bridges out of materials such as wood and manila envelopes, building miniature glider planes, and designing websites.

MESA (which stands for Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement) is a program that provides help to educationally disadvantaged students across California. The aim of MESA is for disadvantaged students to graduate college with math-based degrees. MESA works with the University of California and California State University systems, as well as the California Community Colleges, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the State Department of Education.

The students have already been working on the projects since the beginning of their semester. They will present their projects for inspection and test them at MESA Day.

Give Kids a Smile

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Another service that was key to the goals of the event was an educational center. A room managed by students from Pacific’s Arthur A. Duong School of Dentistry that provided hygiene instructions to both parents and children to prevent future cavities. “There are a lot of different programs here, like what to expect when you go to the dentist because not a lot of people have ever been to the dentist before,” explains Kristen Heller, a student member of SCOPE: the Student Community Outreach and Public Education program.

The SCOPE program exists both at the Stockton campus and the Dental School campus. Emily explains that around 30 to 40 students came from the San Francisco Dental School campus to help out on Saturday. Other information presented by SCOPE at the event includes diet and nutrition, what tooth decay is, and instructions for brushing and flossing with hands on examples.

“We have a total of 300 volunteers of everything — dental hygienists, students, faculty, specialists, family, spouses, kids, church groups. . . we have so many volunteers we have to turn them away” comments Dr. Toy, pertaining to the scale and popularity of the event. Give Kids a Smile reached their goal of seeing over 300 kids at the event and hopes to maintain the same efficiency next year.

Also at the event was Deborah Horlak, Director of the Hygiene School. “It’s a very exciting partnership between the university and the community” explained Horlak, when asked about the importance of the event. “And of course” she continues, “it’s a tremendous service to the kids.”

Zipcars Now on Campus!

Kelly Kerns
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For a while now, Pacific has considered the idea of having cars available to students on campus as a convenience for those who struggle with transportation on a daily basis. Many students at Pacific have jobs, internships, and social gatherings to attend outside of campus throughout the week, but transportation tends to be costly or nearly impossible to find. Aubrey Ramos, Career Counselor and Coordinator of Internship and Alumni Services states, “I’ve had students turn down internships because it’s too far away.”

This will no longer be a problem for students now that Zipcar has arrived at Pacific! Zipcar started in Europe, and nearly ten years ago the idea was implemented in the United States. Since then, it has been implemented by everyday people and universities nationwide. Like University of the Pacific, Zipcar focuses on sustainability. In fact, its mission is to have this idea of sharing cars be the wave of the future where people will drive eco-friendly cars and reduce the amount of traffic on roads.

Throughout the years, Zipcar has had a selection of cars to choose from, including different colors. On Pacific’s campus, you will notice two cars, one a blue Ford Focus and a silver Toyota Prius, located by the Wood Bridge and the DeRosa University Center, parked in a designated spot for Zipcar use.

Students are now able to use the Zipcar at a price of $7/hr. for the Ford Focus, $8/hr. for the Toyota Prius, or either car for $66/day. These prices include gas and insurance fees as well as 180 miles for free! However, to use Zipcar students will have to be 18 years or older, have a valid driver’s license (international driver’s licenses okay), and a membership fee of $25. If you are with friends that need you to the car for a little longer simply contact OnStar, within the car itself; although Zipcar has many locations to park in urban cities, it’s important for students to know that both cars need to be returned to Pacific’s campus.

With the many conveniences of Zipcar, why wouldn’t you want to join? Register today and reserve a Zipcar for your use at www.zipcar.com/pacific via online or from your mobile phone. “Like” ZipcarU on Facebook to keep up with updates about the program.

Jason Velo, Director of Student Activities, hopes now that Zipcar has come to campus it will “alleviate some of the need for students to have a car,” and continues to say, “if it’s a popular program there’s definitely the ability to expand.”

MC Open House Tonight

Sara Menges
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Inaugurated in 2007, the Multicultural Center has become a space for students to study, hold meetings, and socialize. The center is located on the ground level of the McCaffrey Center, and near the Janet Leigh Theatre. Today, Thursday, February 10th there will be an Open House at the Center from 4PM to 7PM for students and clubs to learn more about their services.

The Multicultural Center offers an inclusive and safe place for all Pacific Students to come hang out, relax, and get connected with the center and many different organizations on campus. Volunteers Joseph Quijano, Multicultural Center Affiliate Liaison. “There are many educational and inspirational resources offered at the PRIDE Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, and ALANA center, which are all located in the MC”

The Open House event will include a presentation that explains in further detail what specific resources are available. Handouts of how to sign up or request resources will also be provided. “We will also be providing delicious food and dessert! There will be raffle prizes, giveaways, reggae themed music, a pool tournament, and many more,” Quijano explained about what students could expect.

The Multicultural Center encourages all students and clubs to attend their Open House and learn more. For more information or questions on becoming an affiliate please contact Joseph Quijano at j_quijano@pacific.edu
Award Winner and Activist Dustin Lance Black to Speak at Pacific

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SPORTS EDITOR

Dustin Lance Black, LGBT activist and Academy Award winner, will appear at the Western Regional LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Ally) conference as the keynote speaker.

Black, a native of Sacramento, CA, was raised in a Mormon household. After graduating from UCLA’s School of Theater, Film, and Television, Black came out as gay in his early 20’s.

Black began his film career by directing independent gay films such as The Journey of Jared Price, Something Close to Heaven, Pedro, and On the Bus, in which he was a subject as well. In 2006, Black was hired as a staff writer for the HBO drama series Big Love, which is about a polygamist family.

Throughout the span of the show, Black progressed from staff writer to co-producer. In 2008, Black was hired as the screenwriter for Gus Van Sant’s 2008 film, Milk, gay rights activist and former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The film was nominated for eight Academy Awards, winning two: Best Actor in a Leading Role (Sean Penn) and Best Original Screenplay (Black).

The conference, sponsored by the University of the Pacific and the University of California, Merced, will be held Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 AM in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall. While the lecture is free and open to the public, seating is limited to a first-come first-serve policy.

Occupy Pacific Movement

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Duclos, during her meeting with President Pamela A. Eibeck for open office hours disclosed to her that, “So many students have frustration when dealing with the financial aid department, and that includes myself: of back and forth, of charges that aren’t supposed to be there, not understanding the way that certain things work.”

Duclos continued passionately saying, “I feel that that’s where a lot of frustration comes from students is: ‘I’m trying to reach out to you, but I’m getting shut down.’ …I think that’s where a lot of people…they just lose hope because that’s the only avenue to turn to on this campus, and when they’re getting shut down, what’s next?”

Dr. Lehmann observed in her article that, “this past term, I’ve seen more students forced to drop out of Pacific or spend a semester ‘off’ because of economic hardship than any other year, and it breaks my heart in a way that nothing else does.”

In response to all these concerns, the administration held a town hall meeting in which President Eibeck addressed student concerns on budget, as well as financial aid. The amount of students at the meeting who spoke about tuition left an impression on Pacific’s President Eibeck.

Later that week in her open office hours Dr. Eibeck stated to Duclos, “Our financial aid office is looking at ways in which they can more effectively serve continuing students...There’s a lot that can be done online and on campus, and other ways that can help students understand their finances, cost their budget, financial aid package, and then make more informed decisions...So, we are going to have a financial aid 101 workshop.”

The response that administration had towards student concern was appreciated by the Occupy Pacific Movement, but they had some reservations about the information offered up by President Eibeck. “When we started the Occupy Pacific Movement, it was our understanding that she had no intention of doing that, and so I think in that sense, we have been doing some good,” said Davis.

“The town hall... It’s a good start, but it’s not the answer to our concerns nor do we feel like everything is being adequately addressed,” continued Davis. “I mean, yes you did kind of turn it back on us and like showed us how much trouble the university is in, especially with them [the government] cutting Cal-Grants, and there being more and more students not being able to pay, but [it] also showed just how not in touch the administration seems to be with the student population.”

The town hall meeting hosted by President Eibeck occurred the week before an Occupy Pacific event was supposed to happen on Friday, January 20th. The Occupy event was cancelled, resulting in much confusion and many questions as to what was going on with the Occupy Pacific Movement. Occupy Pacific later stated that due to lack of planning and organization the event was to be postponed.

Last Friday, February 3rd, Occupy Pacific responded to popular opinion that the movement was lacking momentum by finding ways to improve the organization as a whole. After the members attended a teach-in regarding how to conduct public assemblies by Professor Analise Richardson, Occupy Pacific is planning upcoming events.

Professor Ahmed Kanna in that same meeting revealed that same meeting revealed how to conduct public assembles and make decisions. New ideas and concerns about a topic that is still of great concern to students are emerging. Students, who are a great force of power at Pacific, have proven their ability to provoke discussion.

Diana Alvarado, a research associate for the Association of American Colleges and Universities stated, “We need to see today’s student activism in the context of our current political and educational climate and understand its multiplicity and enormous power.”

For more information or to access the full Weekly Report please visit: http://www.pacific.edu/Campus-Life/Safety-and-Conduct/Public-Safety-and-Services/ Crime-Statistics/Crime-on Campus/2012-Weekly-incident Log.html
Tips to Avoid Tricks:
How to Avoid Getting Robbed
When Asked for the Time

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If you are asked the time somewhere off campus, at an odd hour of the day, always take a second to examine the situation. First, check the person out: Does he look like a student? Have you seen him on campus? Is he that guy that always falls asleep next to you in class? If so, then fret not, feel free to help a fellow student out.

But if you notice that the person is wearing a hoodie and seems jittery and skittish at once, chances are that he probably will not rob you, but why take the chance? So as soon as the person asks for the time you should immediately say “no I’m sorry I don’t have the time.” It’s the safest and best answer you can give. However if you find yourself compelled by some unyielding urge to be nice you should:

A) Do not take your eyes off him when rummaging through your pockets to find your phone. If your phone happens to be an iPhone or some other expensive phone, you should probably not whip it out. But if you have no other choice, and you don’t own a wristwatch and you already told him you would tell him the time, make sure there is an arms length between you and the time asker.

B) Do not let him use your phone under any circumstances. Chances are if you have not turned your back on him, and he is still in your face, you should probably call campus police. If you cannot call and violence is imminent, you should cooperate, that is of course unless you’re awesome at karate and happen to also be bulletproof, then by all means, enjoy!

E) Why be a show off? Cooperation makes the robbery more efficient and timely. After all I’m sure the said robber has a tight schedule of robberies to keep, so he will undoubtedly be on his way. Once you feel he is at a safe distance from you, feel more than free to yell macho obscenities at him, as reciprocation is an essential part of the healing process.

F) On a serious note, it’s likely he has taken your fancy phone with him, so the first thing you should do is get to safe location that has a phone you can use. Please call campus police, not 911 or SPD, since that could create confusion in regards to the suspects actual whereabouts.

Just remember: being cautious can help you avoid migraines from losing your wallet.

very public place that will be more than happy to lend him their phone.

C) If the individual gets pushy, do not turn your back on them. There’s a vast array of neat “over the head” tricks, limited solely to the classic molly whop, that can leave you out cold while he goes through your pockets.

D) Furthermore, assuming you have not turned your back on him, and he is still in your face, you should probably call campus police. If you cannot call and violence is imminent, you should cooperate, that is of course unless you’re awesome at karate and happen to also be bulletproof, then by all means, enjoy!

Loving Yourself on Valentine’s Day

Teryn Porter
STAFF WRITER

It’s no secret that Valentine’s Day is a time to celebrate with that special someone. It’s a day dedicated to love, and is spent with the people we care about the most. It’s full of flowers, boxes of chocolates, and romantic dates, and is the perfect time to be thankful for the love they have for their friends and family. These relationships are equally important, and should have their chance to be appreciated as well. More importantly, people should realize that having a boyfriend or girlfriend doesn’t add to their self-worth, so being single on Valentine’s Day should not have a negative impact on their self-esteem.

People always bitterly call Valentine’s Day a ‘hallmark holiday’ or ‘singles awareness day,’” said Erin Grant, a sophomore. “But I like to think of it as a day that forces you to reflect on all the people that love you, whether that’s your girlfriend or boyfriend, grandma, best friend, sister, etc. I’m a glass half full kinda girl!”

In order to counteract this negative association with Valentine’s Day, various people have taken it upon themselves to turn Valentine’s Day into a day to celebrate love for oneself. This turns the attention away from couples and onto individuals, even if a person is single on Valentine’s Day, they can still feel good about themselves.

Love Your Body week is an example of how individuals choose to appreciate themselves during Valentine’s Day. This event, taking place on Pacific’s campus, gives students who may not have Valentine’s Day plans an opportunity to treat themselves and feel good about being single. Pull of talks, positive messages, facials, fingernail polishing, great snacks, beverages, giveaways, and advice on being healthy; Love Your Body week will give students an excuse to focus on themselves and their own physical and mental well-being. So this year, whether you have a significant other to celebrate with, or if you are single and celebrating yourself, Valentine’s Day is sure to be a great day on the Pacific campus.

In order to counteract this
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Thursday, January 26th, The Pacifican published a front page story entitled, “A Stage at McCaffrey?” The story’s author, Karla Cortez, and other Pacifican staff members spent several weeks investigating the issues detailed in the article. Numerous individuals were interviewed, and we applaud The Pacifican for their investigative efforts. However, the article did leave out some information that would serve to better educate its readers regarding the removal of the McCaffrey Center stage.

First, the article implies that Risk Management acted arbitrarily when recommending removing the McCaffrey Center stage. Risk Management’s recommendation was driven by concerns for student safety. Furthermore, the McCaffrey stage was removed AFTER the university invested $40 million dollars to build the DeRosa Center, which includes a performance stage in the Lair called The Brickyard. The Brickyard was designed so students could have access to various activities without disturbing academic activities, administrative offices, meeting rooms, and students living in the McCaffrey Center apartments.

It should be noted that during the time period between the opening of the DeRosa Center (August 2008) and the McCaffrey Center stage was removed (summer 2009), there was a dramatic decrease in events hosted at the McCaffrey Center stage. The campus community gravitated to the Brickyard and the McCaffrey Center stage hosted few events during the 2008-09 academic year.

It’s also important to know what will happen with the McCaffrey stage location. Construction at this site is tentatively scheduled to begin March 3rd and completed March 12th (If we get rain during this time period, it may delay the completion date). While this project will not include a raised stage, it’s important to know why. First, there is limited room and a permanent raised stage would require a ramp (ADA compliance) that would take up significant space and would limit the utility of the stage. Rather, a portable stage will be made available upon request of the Physical Plant department. This portable stage will be accessible for events registered with the Student Activities Center and Physical Plant has volunteered to set it up for free, in perpetuity, for authorized events.

Second, the new design eliminates the two small planters in front of the former stage and expands the area’s utilization. This design will include the installation of additional electrical power and provides opportunities to extend the seating areas adjacent to the Grove when there are not events occurring on the portable stage.

Again, I/we applaud The Pacifican’s efforts to bring awareness to the issues surrounding the McCaffrey Center stage. The additional information provided in this letter to the editor helps clarify several points and gives greater context to the Pacifican’s readership.

Sincerely,

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and Scott Heaton
DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES
Joe Paterno’s Last Year:
How One Event Damaged a Lifetime of Achievements

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Weeks after the death of Joe Paterno, who has won more games than any other college football coach in history, the full legacy of arguably the greatest coach in the history of college football is still yet to be truly defined.

What is unquestionable is the profound and awesome career Paterno had while at Penn State. After graduating from Brown University in 1950, the Army veteran accepted a job as an assistant to his former coach Rip Engle at Penn State. When Engle retired in 1966, Paterno was named his successor.

In the nearly 46 years after, Paterno achieved success previously thought unattainable as a head coach. He won 409 games, the most by any NCAA Division 1 coach in history. He won 24 bowl games, also the most by a NCAA Division 1 coach. He won two national championships (1982 and 1986) and three Big Ten titles (1994, 2005, and 2008).

His 62 years as a coach at Penn State are the most years spent at any institution. In 2009, Paterno passed Pacific’s own Amos Alonzo Stagg for the most consecutive years as a head coach at one university (44). He was offered NFL head coaching positions three times by two different teams (the Pittsburgh Steelers, who went with Chuck Noll instead, and the New England Patriots). In 2007, Paterno was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

In the end, it is what Joe Paterno allegedly did not do that ended his career and tarnished his legacy.

On November 4th, 2011, Jerry Sandusky, Paterno’s defensive coordinator from 1977-1999, was indicted by a grand jury on 40 counts of sexual crimes against young boys. Sandusky, who founded The Second Mile, a charity organization dedicated to aiding foster children, allegedly sexually assaulted eight young boys, raping almost every one.

In the months that followed, complete chaos took hold of Penn State. Following Paterno’s dismissal, which was allegedly by telephone, students rallied on campus and in front of the Paterno home. Football alumni and most of the student population vehemently supported Paterno, and still do to this day.

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After defensive coordinator Tom Bradley, who replaced Sandusky in 2000, took over as head coach, Penn State lost three of their final four games. Eventually, the Board of Directors hired current New England Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O’Brien to be Penn State’s head coach, a move that has been met with backlash from everyone from Penn State alumni to students and fans. Paterno’s message during this time was to focus the attention and prayers towards the victims of the assaults.

Paterno hoped to state his version of the events that took place. However, he never got the chance. Days after his firing, Paterno was diagnosed with a treatable form of lung cancer. However, on January 15th, Paterno was admitted to the hospital due to complications from cancer treatment.

Nine days later, on January 22, 2012, Joe Paterno was pronounced dead. Paterno was 85.

Now, after the death of Paterno, fans, former players, students, victims, etc. must determine Paterno’s legacy. Does Paterno deserve a free pass considering his impeccable record otherwise, as well as his enormous contributions to Penn State’s education system and the families of his former players and the Penn State community? Is all of that overshadowed by the one mistake he made, by not reporting Sandusky to the authorities? Should Paterno even be blamed, as he did follow the correct procedure upon learning of the molestation?

Ultimately, anyone who thinks of Paterno should do so in two ways: in football and out of football. This scenario is similar to that of Tiger Woods. Woods had an unblemished personal record until his multiple affairs came into public light. While Woods, unlike Paterno, actually did something out of line, his persona is often viewed in two different ways: in golf and out of golf. Just because you don’t like the attitude of a star player on your favorite team, do you not cheer when that player makes a great play? Truly, it depends on the beholder.

Paterno’s distinguished coaching career can never be denied or marred. It can be overshadowed by his role in the Sandusky allegations. Paterno performed exactly how he was legally supposed to. The act of going to the authorities would have been beyond the call of duty. However, looking at the situation in hindsight, even Paterno admitted that “[he] should’ve done more.”

While it may have been unpopular, Paterno’s firing is ultimately justified. As a human being, one should not simply sit idly by when information about child molestation is known. Should he have been fired over the phone? No. Did he ultimately deserve to be fired? Yes. Is his legacy tarnished? Sadly, yes. This is the latest example of a basic human opinion: we remember not the many good things that a person does, but the one time that person did something bad.
STKs and Stones Brings Young, Local Talent to Pacific

Jesse Voelkert

Last Saturday, February 4th 2012, Multicultural fraternity Xi Chi Sigma hosted Pacific’s first ever STKs and Stones Jam Festival. The event was ambitious – six hours of nonstop entertainment featuring dance crews, hip-hop duos, singing groups, and acoustic performances. Local artists from around the East Bay came out to perform at Pacific, and for some, they came to compete. MCing the event was Pacific graduate Joeson Apex, and featured DJ Trane, DJ MC, DJ Joe Q, and DJ ShaunFool.

The event was big filling the UC ballroom. “The numbers surprised me,” said Mauricio Vargas, a member of Xi Chi Sigma, “and they’re really enthusiastic here.” The 12-group line-up featured a wide mix of local talent, with the audience finding itself waving cell phones at acoustic performances and then dancing in front of the stage during a hip-hop routine soon afterwards. Shane Letendre, a member of the performing hip-hop duo Masked Avengers commented, “It was a great event and it went over very smoothly.” His duo partner Michael Kanepa added, “It was a lot of fun. We’d be down to perform at UOP anytime.”

The talent ranged from calming acoustic performances to intense hip-hop displays, with the schedule keeping different varieties of performances coming. Also in the mix was a dance crew competition, with $1000 prize and a guaranteed entry into the Breakthrough Dance competition in March, which will feature even larger exposure and a $10000 prize. All three crews – The Franchise, Grind Time Academy, and Sac Modern – were local. In addition to those three performances, University of the Pacific based Rhythm Inc. displayed their own routine for the audience.

Present at the event were clothing vendors Below the Surface and Hella Bastos, whose merchandise was given away and sold during the event, and was also featured in a mini-fashion show that took place on stage. University of the Pacific itself was represented by an information table near the vendors, as well as a plug by the Career Resource Center for the “Meet Your Future” events and MC Joeson Apex for “Mortar Board Week.”

After the final dance crew performances, hip-hop group Soosh’E had the audience clear all the chairs and opened up the floor for dancing while the judges tallied their scores. With the results in, the standouts were announced, with Sac Modern in 3rd, Grind Time Academy coming 2nd, and The Franchise taking home 1st.

Crew member of The Franchise Roryn Bautista commented, “Words can’t describe how I feel right now. I’m overjoyed. I want to thank Xi Chi for hosting the event, I want to thank The Franchise, and I want to thank Sac Modern and GFA (Grind Time Academy).” After the event, anybody who had attended was free to stay for an after party of dancing and music.

While it was a night of entertainment, the message and purpose was much larger than that. Dandre Ignacio, the President of Xi Chi Sigma and one of artists who performed that night as DJ Trane explained, “We were trying to empower local acts in and around Stockton.” He described the perception that University of the Pacific has a “soft wall around it” that separates it from the rest of the area. “We offered them an opportunity to come in to UOP.” The show was also meant to bridge the gaps between people. “We’re trying to show there are a lot of similarities between a scholar and a dancer,” which Dandre himself exemplifies as both a DJ and a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society. Part of the proceeds from the event will also be donated to the Plea for Peace Center in Stockton, which is an organization that gives young performers a venue to perform and hone their talents.
The Eberhardt School of Business regularly recognizes students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the previous semester by including their names on the Dean's List. On behalf of the Eberhardt School of Business, I congratulate and commend the following students for their commitment to academic excellence at the University of the Pacific.

Lewis R. Gale,
Dean
Spotlight: Sugar Water Purple

Sugar Water Purple is Pad-
dic’s first neo-soul band. Their sounds are a fusion of brass instruments and per-
cussion with soulful vocals. Sugar Water Purple started over two years ago in early 2010, and since then they have grown in the limelight from an on-campus group, to a dynamic, multifaceted musical talent in the community and beyond.

The band is lead by Joshua Washington, song writer and arranger. Dave Creel is the group's manager and trumpet player. Other members include Michael Lee on bass guitar, Jeremy Pete on drums, Jakada Drumgoole on Percussion, Jon Maurer on guitar, Jeff Morris on the trumpet, Leander Tippey with alto sax, Karl Udang with tenor sax and Isaac Lopez with baritone sax. Lead vocalist, Jasmine Jordan, has been with Sugar Water Purple since the beginning and through the release of their two albums, the first of which is an extended play enti-
tled Réverie.

The group then went on to release their first official self titled album, Sugar Water Purple. Jasmine says that singing with the band has, “been a gift and the environment, from professors, to students, to local individu-
als, has been so supportive, it’s been a true blessing.” Jasmine says that one of the best parts of working with the talented group has been the balance between focusing on perfecting your individual craft, and working together as a team to create some-
thing beautiful.

The majority of the band members are Conservatory students, five of whom will be graduating seniors this year. They have performed at the Pierced Ear Poetry Slam in Stockton, Yoshi’s restaurant in San Francisco, and various other venues throughout northern California. Sugar Water Purple will be opening for multi-grammy award winning singer/song writer, India Arie on Febru-
ary 3rd at 3PM at the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton. Come hear them play four original pieces and enjoy a fun night of music! To learn more about Sugar Water Purple visit their website at www.sugarwaterpurpleband.com, or find them on iTunes and Amazon.com.

DEAR WORLD

Sugar Water Purple's "Dear World" photo after their performance at TEDxSanJoaquin.

NUTRICAT'S CORNER

Fat Isn’t the Problem; Dieting Is the Problem

What does “healthy” mean to you? Health at every size is based on the idea that the best way to improve health is to honor your body. This doesn’t mean a free-for-all at the sweets and dessert table, but instead honoring pleasure in food as it relates to your body and needs. Me-
dia, Hollywood, and the diet-
ing industry do not support healthy habits for the sake of health and well-being. In-
stead, there is an enormous focus on weight control and striving to be a perfect size.

In honor of Love Your Body week, NutriCat wants to inspire you to be your healthiest regardless of size. This starts with accepting and re-
specting your body as well as others. It also means eating in a way that honors hunger cues, satiety, and appetite. Finding joy in exercise is also part of this mission as it al-
 lows us to focus on the good that our bodies can do, in-
stead of beating them up.

Will you join me? On Feb. 12th at 7PM, Stacy Nadeau of the Dove Beauty Campaign will be in the DUC Ballroom to focus on these topics and more. Her “Empowering Real Beauty” campaign is one that all, regardless of shape or size, can benefit from. To see the full list of events for the week please visit http://www.pacific.edu/Campus-Life/Student-
Services/Health-Services/Love-Your-Body-Week.html

Valentine’s Day: Tricks to Save and Impress

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In movies, Valentine’s Day translates to: two-
dozens long stemmed roses, a walk on the beach at sunset followed by a candlelit seven-course dinner at a French restaurant. In college, the Hollywood V-Day may not be economically feasible. Instead of giving up in despair and settling on a bucket of chicken, consider these budget friendly ideas.

THE MEAL

A romantic gift does not have to cost hundreds of dollars. Sure, surprising your Valentine with some great Giants tickets may be nice, but low-key surprises are nice too.

Cards at the store are grotesquely overpriced. Make one by hand. This gesture will come off as genuinely romantic. Write a draft or two of the card’s contents before finalizing the product to make the card even more meaningful.

Men aren’t looking for Cartier cufflinks, but a nice pair of boxers is always appreciated. The Target on Pacific Avenue has a variety of Valentine’s Day themed boxes that are perfect for the occasion. Top off the troussers with a six-pack of his favorite beer or a DVD copy of his favorite movie.

Despite what television commercials say, every kiss does not begin with Kay (Jewelers). A woman is not going to expect a diamond necklace if she knows that her Valentine is on a budget. Forget Tiffany’s and try something from the heart. Has she always wanted to go to Paris? Buy her a travel guide or photography book of her dream destination from Barnes and Noble on Pacific Avenue.

If the perfect, personalized gift doesn’t come to mind, a no-brainer is a gift certificate for a massage. Don’t go for a $200 Swedish hot stone massage at an upscale salon. Head over to 6033 Pacific Avenue and pick up a $20-$50 gift certificate at Acupressure Massage Center. That money can fix a customer with a variety of relaxing options from foot massages (complete with foot soak) to full-body massages.

Want to give the gift of flora? Don’t go big flowers. Roses are overpriced, especially around Valentine’s Day. Getting another type of flower will yield more product for less money.

Completely and totally broke? Take some printer paper and cut out coupon-shaped rectangles. The nearest toddler and steal his or her colored pencils, or just get some colored pencils a less psychotic way. Come up with some romantic and sweet ideas.

THE MEAL

A dinner at Papapavlos would be delicious, but when money is tight, forget going out to eat. Preparing dinner is both romantic and affordable when done right.

Stay simple to be safe. Pick up a $3 box of pasta, a $5 jar of sauce, $4 worth of salad, and maybe splurge on a $5 bottle of wine. Find or buy a candle or two to set on the table to set the mood.

Have a favorite restaurant in mind, but don’t want to spend a ton of money? Have Valentine’s Day dinner instead of more expensive, or more explicit acts that are too steamy for this article. Put the coupons in an envelope and voila! There’s a gift under $5.

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The newly revealed character for the the brown M&M.

Super Bowl Commercials of 2012: Either a Big Hit or a Big Miss

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Another year, another Super Bowl. While the game itself featured an endless list of talking points and storylines, the buzz around the featured advertisements was great as well. As the Giants left the field with their second Super Bowl win in five years, audiences were left to deal with a round of commercials. These, like the game, featured a few pretty good moments, but nothing close to making the "great moments" list.

Despite all of the hype, the much-anticipated 2012 Honda CRV ad featuring Matthew Broderick reprising his famous role as Ferris Bueller ultimately fell flat. The ad, which saw Broderick playing hooky from work and having a day similar to that of the main character in the 1986 cult classic Ferris Bueller's Day Off, reused a number of jokes from the film, such as a hotel valet calling out "Broderick...Broderick," in a dull, monotone voice.

Very quick scenes, which featured a great amount of jokes from the film, led to the ad's downfall. As unbelievable as this appears in print, there were too many Ferris Bueller jokes. There was not enough time for the audience to appreciate every joke. Cutting some of the jokes would have made for a better quality experience.

Every other car company, however, did fairly well. Volkswagen continued its Star Wars-themed ads with a story of a dog's weight loss turning out to be a commercial in Tatooine's Cantina Bar. Kia brought out an entertaining ad featuring a mishap with the Sandman. Toyota advertised the Camry by "reinventing" everything. Hyundai featured an attempted race with a cheetah, and Fiat told a tale of one man's fantasy with an unexpected ending.

Acura even brought in Jerry Seinfeld and some old Seinfeld nostalgia, such as the Soup Nazi. Repetition did not do many favors for companies. Coca Cola made several 3D polar bear ads, none of which really struck a humorous or cute chord with viewers. Bud Light, the advertising gold mine, laid a big, fat egg by concentrating its efforts on its new "Platinum" edition beer. Trying to give of the feel of a trendy vodka commercial, the Bud Light Platinum ads were neither cool nor funny. However, credit has to be given to Bud Light for its great "We-go" ad, which featured a beer-fetching dog.

The big hits of the in-between-game belonged to M&Ms and Sketchers. The candy company debuted something that had been due for a long time: a character for the brown M&M. The shoe company, meanwhile, showed a small French bulldog outracing greyhounds with the aid of Sketchers shoes. If you don't enjoy seeing a small, pudgy dog running really fast, you have no sense of humor.

Surprises came from two lesser-known companies. Dannon advertised their new Greek yogurt with a tale of a woman dishing out some well-deserved punishment to her teasing boyfriend. TaxACT showed a cute child desperately in need of a place to go to the bathroom, with unexpected results.

Even movie trailers lacked gusto overall. While Marvel's new Avengers spot made fans ooze with excitement, GI Joe's trailer was unspectacular.

In the end, while Super Bowl XLVI's advertising round featured some pretty good gems, there was nothing that can be mentioned with the greats, such as Coca Cola's "Mean Joe Greene" or Reebok's "Terry Tate: Office Linebacker."
The Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadowcast Returns to Pacific

Jesse Voelkert
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Coming to the UC Ballroom this Friday the 16th will be the third screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show at Pacific. The event will be done as a “shadowcast,” where the movie plays in the background as a cast performs on stage. Audience participation is encouraged, whether it is through the use of props or shouting out.

Cast leader Mary Paduano describes it as “a show you can be crazy for for one night.” Made up of Pacific students, the cast features the major characters of the movie, as well as a set of enlisted helpers. Ginny Durakovich, who will be playing Dr. Frank-N-Furter, commented, “It’ll be fun stuff. I’m excited.” The cast will be made up of both new and returning members. “I’m really excited and nervous because it is my first time on stage,” said Alanna Gallaty, who will be playing Janet. “But I’ve been wanting to do Rocky since freshman year.”

While audience members are encouraged to dress up in wacky and revealing outfits, there is a no nudity policy. Also, while participation is allowed, items such as rice, lighters, or popcorn are prohibited, as are any food or liquids. There is also no filming or photography allowed at the event.

Tickets are free for all students with a Pacific ID, and $5 for non-students. Seating is first-come first-serve, so it is important to arrive when the doors open at 11:30PM even though the show doesn’t start until midnight. There will also be a limited supply of free prop bags.

Interested in writing for The Pacifican?

Attend our weekly meetings on Thursday at noon on the second floor of the Morris Chapel or e-mail PacificanEditors@pacific.edu

Writer of the Month

Congratulations to The Pacifican’s Writer of the Month, Mitchell Woerner!
Tigers Finish Invite Undefeated

Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific women's water polo team got hat-tricks from three of its newcomers en route to a dominant 13-5 victory over Fresno Pacific Sunday, Feb. 5th, as part of the Pacific Invitational at the Chris Kjeldsen Aquatics Complex. Sophomore Rebecca Wright, freshmen Taylor Adair and Brydie Pye notched hat-tricks for the Tigers, winners of 5 straight matches. Pacific sprinted out to a 3-0 lead thanks to a pair of Wright scores and one from Pye. Fresno Pacific broke through with a goal at the 3:05 mark, but the Tigers got back on top by three on Adair's first goal of the match. As the game clock wound down, Pye let a shot go from halfcourt that beat the Sunbirds' keeper, giving Pacific a 5-1 lead after the first quarter.

The two squads would trade goals in the second frame as both teams struggled to find the back of the net. Fresno Pacific pulled to within three on a goal with 1:33 left in the half before the Tigers responded with a score from sophomore Elise Martin on the ensuing possession. Fresno Pacific refused to go quietly, scoring early in the third quarter before notching a second goal midway through the period, drawing to within two. Wright would find the back of the cage for a third time before the Sunbirds scored their third goal of the quarter, reducing the Tigers' lead to 7-5 with two minutes left in the frame. Pacific regained some momentum with goals from senior Kim Kay and sophomore Malena Prlain to end the quarter ahead 9-5.

The visitors tallied their sixth goal of the match on a penalty shot at the 7:06 mark of the fourth quarter, but Pacific would net the final four goals of the match to seal the win. Adair scored twice down the stretch along with Pye and Martin.

Sophomore goalkeeper Michele Relton completed her phenomenal weekend in the cage with an 11-save outing. Her counterpart, Kelsey Harvey, blocked 14 shots for Fresno Pacific.

The Tigers return to action with a road match at Fresno Pacific on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 3PM.

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Women's Tennis Loses to Santa Clara

Athletic Media Relations

As the Tigers prepared for their match against the Santa Clara University Broncos, they coped with knowing that they would have to forfeit two of their matches due to the fact that several of their players suffered from injuries. Having started off with a disadvantage, the Tigers remained optimistic and prepared to face the Broncos.

In the doubles events, the Tigers forfeited the No. 3 spot and came up short in the first and second spot. They also yielded the doubles match point to the Broncos.

In the singles events, the Tigers forfeited the No. 5 spot and came up short in the first and second spot. They also yielded the doubles match point to the Broncos.

Once the singles matches got underway, the Tigers began to assimilate their opponent's strategy and do their best to remain unpredictable. However, the Tigers fell short of the win in four of the five events, having forfeited the sixth. Sophomore Susan Te proved victorious in her match against Bronco Alex Zaniewski which resulted in a final match score of 6-4, 6-2.

At the conclusion of the match, Coach Chiene stated, "Today we were defeated by a very good Santa Clara team. Having our No. 1 player Iveta Masarova out because of an eye infection proved too much to overcome. Having to default two matches, playing with only five players, with everyone moving up a spot was a huge challenge. We competed real well and had some bright spots. Susan Te moving up to No. 2 and winning was a gutsy performance. Julia at No. 1 played the No. 37 player in the country real tough. These matches help make us better heading into Conference play next weekend."

The Tigers will now prepare for their match against Long Beach State. Pacific will face Long Beach State in Long Beach, California. This will be their first Conference match of the season.
Giants Hold Off Patriots to Win Super Bowl

Manning Wins MVP Honors as New York Claims Second Title in Five Years

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

In a Super Bowl that fea­
tured many parallels with the
game of four years ago, simi­larity reigned supreme as the
New York Giants defeated the
New England Patriots 21-17 to win Super Bowl XLVI.

Like Super Bowl XLII, which saw the Giants end the
Patriots' quest for perfection, the game was largely domi­
nated by New York. While the
defensive pressure was less
effective in this game than four years ago, the Giants'
offense made a large impact
right away.

After the Giants' opening
drive stalled, the Patriots be­
gan on their own 6-yard line. Giants defensive end Jus­
tin Tuck pressured Patriots
quarterback Tom Brady into
throwing an incomplete pass
up the middle. Since no Pa­
triot was near the ball and
Brady was in the end zone, of­
nicials ruled the play a safety,
giving the Giants a 2-0 lead.

New York added to that
lead with a two-yard touch­
down pass from Eli Manning
to Victor Cruz with 2:24 left in
the first quarter. At that point,
the Giants had run 19 plays
for 113 yards in 11:36. The Pa­
triot had 1 play for 6 yards in
six seconds.

Like the first big game be­
tween the two teams, New
England fought back to take the lead. A Stephen Gost­
tkowski field goal made the
score 9-3. After the Giants
punted to the New England 4-yard line, Brady took the
Patriots 96 yards for a touch­
down pass to Danny Wood­
head gaining a 10-9 halftime
lead.

The Patriots picked up
right where they left off in the
second half. A 79-yard drive
resulted in a touchdown pass
to Aaron Hernandez for a 17-9
lead. The Giants would kick
two field goals, which cut the
lead to 17-15 with 9:24 left in
the game.

Like four years ago, the
Patriots missed a catch that
could have clinched the game.
That year, cornerback Asante
Samuel dropped a routine interception in the fourth
quarter. The very next play,
Manning connected with Da­
vid Tyree in one of the most
famous plays in professional
sports history.

This time, the Patriots were
trying to run out the clock. On
2nd and 11 on the Giants' 44-
yard line with 4:06 left, Brady
threw a pass to a wide open
Wes Welker near the red zone.
Welker, the lead leader in re­
ceptions this season, reached
up but could not make the
catch. The Patriots punted
back to the Giants with 3:46
left to go.

Like four years ago, Man­
nling led the Giants to paydirt
thanks to an amazing class.
On the first play of the drive,
Manning hit Mario Manning­
ham for a 36-yard sideline
reception that, if either Man­
ningham or the ball were left
by inches, would not have
been complete. The drive
ended with a six-yard Ahmad
Bradshaw touchdown run
with 58 seconds left. The Gi­
ants failed the two point con­
version.

Like before, New England
had one last chance. Despite
more drops from his receiv­
ers, Brady guided the Patriots
to midfield with five seconds
left. Brady's hail mary pass fell
incomplete in the endzone,
and the celebration began.

Manning, who went
30 for 49 for 296 yards and a
touchdown, was named the
game's MVP, like last time. At
65-years-old, head coach Tom
Coughlin became the oldest
coach to win a Super Bowl.
The Giants became the fifth
NFL franchise to win four or
more Super Bowls. The Giants
have denied the Patriots from
reaching that mark for the se­
cond time.

Volleyball Falls to
No. 14 Hawaii
Tigers Lose Twice in Two Days

Athletic Media Relations

Pacific men's volleyball returned to the court against Hawaii
for its second match in as many nights at the Alex G. Spanos
Center on February 4th. The Tigers fell to the Warriors 3-0
(25-21, 25-22, 25-19). The loss dropped Pacific to 3-7
(1-4 MPSF). Leading the Warriors on the evening was
Senior libero Javier Caceres added four of his seven digs for the Tigers in the second
frame and collected eight kills. Sophomore outside hitter Taylor Hughes with four
assists, while Troy, Walker and freshman Tommy Carmody
tossed a season-high
doubling 14 kills, while hitting .200. Hawaii had four players with four or
more blocks in the match, led by Jarrod Lofy's five.

The third set began with Hawaii on a 9-2 run that the Tigers
could not erase. Pacific would not quit though, hanging tough
the entire game. At one point, the Tigers closed the gap to 19-­
after a block by Daley and sophomore Cory Leckie, but the
Warriors would eventually regain momentum and grab the set
25-19.

Leading the Warriors on the evening was Steven Hunt with
14 kills, while hitting .200. Hawaii had four players with four or
more blocks in the match, led by Jarrod Lofy's five.

Tunnell and Leckie finished the match with 22 and 8 assists,
respectively. Junior Mathew Houlihan fired a season-high
six kills from off the bench. Senior Dylan Walker would add
another three strikes for the Tigers. Daley led Pacific with four
blocks, while Troy, Walker and freshman Tommy Carmody
added three blocks each.

The Tigers return to the hardwood next weekend on February
10th and 11th with back-to-back matches on the road against
Cal State Northridge and Long Beach State. Both matches are
scheduled to begin at 7PM.
Ruben Dominguez  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific Women's and Men's Basketball teams will host the 2012 Pacific Plays Pink night on Saturday, February 11th. Pacific Plays Pink will look to raise awareness and support for the fight against breast cancer. Pacific will wear pink uniforms in recognition of the cause.

The evening will feature a doubleheader of basketball. The Women's team will start first, hosting UC Irvine at 5PM. Irvine sits directly above Pacific in the standings, and the winner of Saturday's game will have an edge in the race to host the first round of the Big West Tournament.

The Men's team will follow immediately after. The Tigers will square off against CSU Northridge at 7:30PM. After a slow start, the Tigers have made their way to the middle of the Big West. A win against Northridge would help Pacific keep pace with the upper teams.

Both games will be held at the Alex G. Spanos Center. PINK ticket and t-shirt specials are $12 and can be reserved on Facebook or by calling Sarah Vinall at (209) 946-2718. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted for free.

**Softball Season Preview**

**Tigers Look to Capitalize Off Last Year's Success**

Jesse Voelkert  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

University of the Pacific Women's Softball will be starting their 2012 season February 10th. The team is coming off of a strong 2011 season, where the team secured an impressive 37-19 record, which included a staggering 17-4 home stand. The team managed to take the Big West title and finished their season strong, securing the number 13 spot in the nation's highest ranking college softball teams.

From that season, several members of the team came out receiving major accolades. Four players – Megan Allen, Shaina Brock, Megan Horn, and Gabby McDaniel – were given Big West Spring Sports Academic Honors. They were the first Pacific athletes to earn the award since 2007. Also, Nikki Armagost and Kelsey Rodriguez received the Big West “Player of the Year” and “Freshman Player of the Year” awards respectively, and Pacific Softball head coach Brian Kolze took home Big West’s “Coach of the Year.”

The 2012 season will feature the return of many of the key components to last year’s success. In addition to Armagost and Rodriguez, big hitters Amy Moore and Nicole Matson will be returning for this season. Matson was the sixth player in Big West history to garner a 50 RBI season, while also totaling 11 home runs. Moore finished out a career-best of seven, including a rare two-home run inning. The team will also be including two new freshmen players Dani Bonnet and Ciera Rojas.

Hopes are high for the Pacific Tigers, who will be coming into the 2012 season with proven players and a shiny new #13 national ranking. If they keep the ball rolling, it is looking to be a fantastic season for Pacific Softball.

Armagost (above), a junior, will play a key role in the Tiger's quest to repeat as Big West Champs.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Pacific finished off its road trip on a high note, taking out two Big West foes in three days. Thursday, the Tigers blasted UC Riverside in a 60-52 win. Sophomore Ross Rivera led the team with 19 points, while tying the second-highest successful free throw total in a game in Pacific history (15). Junior Travis Fulton added 10 rebounds. Another eight point win came on Saturday in a 72-64 win over UC Irvine. Key contributors for the game were Fulton, junior Lorenzo McCloud, and Rivera, who tallied 16, 15, and 14 points, respectively.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: The Tigers received nine commitments, eight from high school and one transfer, for the 2012 season. Head coach Keith Coleman announced the commitments of forwards Rosario Gonzalez (Fullerton, CA) and Cheyenne Somers (Carmel, IN), midfielders Shayda Ansari (Thousand Oaks, CA), Zareete Aguilar (San Jose, CA), Alexis D'Zmura (Huntington Beach, CA), and Jaime Flores (Stockton, CA), defender Regina Mannen (San Diego, CA), and goalkeeper Katherina Larsen (Albertslund, Denmark), as well the transfer of Rebecca Germano (Campinas, Brasil).

MEN'S TENNIS: Pacific came back from losing the first two doubles matches to take the match 5-2 over UC San Diego. Seniors Ivan Castro and Tomasz Krzyszkowski, junior Alex Golding, and freshmen Erik Cederwall and Ben Mirkin each took home two-set victories over their opponents.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: With the game tied 54-54, the Tigers scored 10 of the final 15 points to earn a 69-64 win over CSU Fullerton on Saturday. Sophomore Gene Johnson totaled 15 points, while junior Kendall Rodriguez added 12 points. Freshman Kristina Johnson scored a career-high 11 points. It was Pacific's first win at Fullerton since 2004.
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