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Cal Grant Protest

Jesse Voelkert | LIFESTYLES EDITOR

On March 7th, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) will hold a student lobby day to take place at the California State Capitol. The event is in response to Governor Jerry Brown’s recent proposed cut in Cal Grant financing for 2012-2013, which specifically targets private, non-profit colleges and universities. More than 50 schools will be representing themselves, one of which will be University of the Pacific.

In addition to the assembly, both the Pacific Alumni Association and the Pacific administration have sent responses to the cuts to the California legislature, with Pacific student body legislature being drafted as well. “We want to see Pacific students show up in the bus loads,” explained Elena Goldfoos, who wrote the student legislation, and is the current Senator-at-Large for Residential Life. “We want to get everyone in on what’s going on.”

“Press conference is intended to get the media to bring attention to these drastic cuts and the potentially devastating affects these cuts would produce,” continues Velo.

There will be a period between 1:30PM and 5PM in which students will be able to personally meet with legislators for about five minutes each, and have a chance to tell their Cal Grant story, as well as a Cal Grant hearing from 4:00PM to 6:00PM where selected Cal Grant students will be attending and testifying.

The event will take place in the middle of Pacific’s spring break to encourage people to participate, Pacific will be providing free breakfast and lunch as well as free transportation through two provided buses. To those who are unable to attend, there is currently a Students First Alliance facebook page representing the cause. “I want to stress that even if you won’t be around for the event to still visit the facebook page,” said Ashton Datcher, current ASuop President. There she encourages students to leave videos and comments telling their story. There are also ideas such as gas reimbursements that the Pacific administration is considering. “If there’s a demand for it, we’re seriously considering it,” added Datcher. In past attempts to cut Cal Grants, it has been the students’ personal stories to legislators that have changed the tide, though the legislators ask to only hear from Cal grant recipients. However, everyone is encouraged to participate.

Since Forbes first came out with its list of “America’s Most Miserable Cities,” Stockton has managed to stay in the top ten and even took the number one spot for the past few years. Now, Stockton is no longer a top ten miserable city in America, taking the eleventh spot on the list, making Miami the most miserable city in the United States. Miami’s high foreclosure rates and a whopping 50% of homeowner’s struggling to keep their homes landed the city on the list as the most miserable city in America for 2012.

You may be wondering how Forbes makes a decision about which city is actually the most miserable. Forbes conducts its research in many cities throughout the United States with a population of 256,000 or greater. For their research in finding America’s most miserable city they look at the average employment rate for the past two years, FBI reports on the amount of crime the city has reported, how each city’s professional sports teams scored in their completion of three seasons, housing prices, average commute times, tax rates, weather, and much more.

What caused Stockton to be ranked so low on the list this year? When Stockton held the top spot on Forbes’ list, the city was criticized on multiple criteria. The education level of city dwellers, the amount of homeowner’s struggling on their homes resulting in foreclosures, the fact that Stockton doesn’t have a professional sports team, the employment rate for the city as a whole, and something as trivial as the weather are some of those criteria.

Stockton may still have high unemployment rates, foreclosures, and violent crimes as a whole but the housing prices seem to have stabilized, giving the city the advantage over the most miserable city, Miami.

Although Stockton has had its ups and downs in the past, and surely will have more in the future, many people still have pride in this city we all live in. Denise Jefferson, Executive Director of the Miracle Mile Improvement District, has made an effort to instill this pride in Stocktonians through the event “Stockton is Magnificent”. February of last year, Jefferson, in response to Forbes’ publication of Stockton being “America’s Most Miserable City,” created and set up the event “Stockton is Magnificent.” She states, Forbes was “being the big bully in the playground”. Everyone acknowledges...
Baun Fitness Center Hosts Inaugural Sports And Fitness Day

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SPORTS EDITOR

Health and fitness were the main focus of National Sports and Fitness Day, which took place Wednesday, February 22nd.

Pacific Recreation partnered with the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) to host the first annual Pacific National Sports and Fitness Day at the Baun Fitness Center. NIRSA, whose mission statement is to "provide for the education and development of professional and student members and to foster quality recreational programs, facilities and services for diverse populations," partners with colleges and universities across the country in order to promote health and fitness, as well as educate people on how to maintain proper health and the practices of staying fit.

From 6AM to midnight, the Baun Fitness center admitted anyone who presented their PacificCard to use the facility for free. Students, staff, and faculty alike were welcome to try any of Baun's exercise equipment, racquetball courts, or Tiger X classes, and the rock wall tower was open for climbing for a few hours in the evening.

In addition to the resources already provided, a mini health fair was held in the lobby of Baun from 3PM to 7PM. The fair consisted of various stations which provided different ways to check up on and improve fitness. Both Pacific and older members of the community showed up to get their blood pressure checked for 
free. The stations provided information about blood pressure and how to lower it if levels fell in the prehypertension region (120-139/80-89) or higher.

Lessons on how to use resting heart rate to check exercise exertion were also given.

Health fair participants also had the opportunity to receive a seven-minute massage from certified massage therapist Barbara Nava. Representing All About Looks & Health, Nava provided relief and relaxation for those who signed up for her chair massage. Alongside Nava was Dr. Sna Lim from Better Health Chiropractic. Lim provided attendees with an evaluation of pain or injury through myofascial release, a form of soft tissue therapy. Both Nava and Lim combined to form quite a treat for those in attendance.

Two more treats were available at the fourth and final station: NutriCat. "Pacific's Nutrition Expert" provided Fitness Center users with tasty pre-workout and post-workout snacks. The pre-workout snack, cocoa almond coconut-crusted bananas, provided a scrumptious and energetic start to a workout. Chocolate protein balls, the post-workout snack, mixed dates, peanut butter, flaxseeds, nuts, and other protein-rich ingredients to rejuvenate muscles and help the body recover. Ingredients and recipes for each snack were available to take home.

As an added bonus, the first 100 visitors to the health fair received a free National Sports and Fitness Day t-shirt. Overall, Pacific's first annual National Sports and Fitness Day attracted many to the Baun Fitness Center and provided education on health and fitness. Micah Mori, Coordinator for Recreation Services, provided education on health and fitness.

"This is a great event," Mori stated. "The goal is to make sure people know more about how to stay healthy and more about fitness. We had a lot of people show up for the health fair, so that's definitely good. This is the first year we've done this. We want to continue doing this each year and making this a big event on campus."

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The fact that Stockton has its problems, but Jefferson wanted to show the positives this city has, "there are a lot of good things about this town."
The event was held in the Miracle Mile District where non-profit and for-profit organizations had booths set up and local entertainers performed for those who came by. Yellow shirts were being sold at the event, $10 for adults and $5 for children, and a petition was sent around for individuals to sign saying that they believe Stockton is not miserable.

"Forbes was notified of the event and petition but no response was ever received," Jefferson explained. "I hope we had something to do with the ratings," in regards to the city's standing this year. The event was a huge success on Stockton with over 3,000 people who showed up. When asked why the event was held in Miracle Mile versus say the University, Jefferson replied that the "Stockton is Magnificent" event be situated there. Jefferson commented saying that we "lost our sense of community, and need to regain our sense of community to get that small town feel."

The event did exactly that and more; it brought out so many and was such an accomplishment. Jefferson plans on having the event again this year in the middle of September. The plans include having more entertainers, more shirts made up for the event, and even more boost for organizations to set up.

"We're not giving up!"
Sara Menges
Sara Menges

This past Monday, February 27th, 2012 Pacific held the third annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Symposium. The event, put together by the American Cancer Society Committee and Kappa Psi Fraternity, is meant to raise awareness about leukemia and lymphoma as well as increase the size of the bone marrow registry.

"I think that the majority of people think the bone marrow registry is pretty much a list of people that may be possible matches to those afflicted with leukemia or lymphoma when it is so much more," explains Jessica Leong, American Cancer Society Committee Co-Chair and undergraduate student of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. "The bone marrow registry is a source of hope for the people suffering from these cancers."

Leong also noted that the ethnicities that suffer most from these diseases are Asian and African Americans as there is a lack of matching bone marrow registers. It is therefore important that the bone marrow registry is expanded upon, explained Leong.

Not only did the event aim to raise awareness but it also educated the Pacific community about what it is like to be afflicted by these diseases. Two key note speakers at the Symposium who shared their life stories and struggles were cancer survivors, Dr. Jacques Lohmeier and Vicki Wolfe. Leong explains that textbooks and lectures can only provide students with limited amounts of information on the diseases so the speakers provide an alternative perspective.

"As future pharmacists, we know about the disease state and some of the treatments but I think we are lacking in our ability to reach out to patients," Leong comments on the importance of understanding the struggles patients go through to fight the diseases.

Leong also noted that it was very helpful during the event to have volunteers explain the process of the donation people sometimes have false preconceptions. "It's really on rare occasion that you would need a scary big needle for the process, I believe that a lot of misconceptions of bone marrow was dispelled."

Alongside the Symposium and bone marrow registry sign ups, this year the event also put together a blood drive for people to donate blood. "As health care professionals we are entrusted to helping and bone donations and bone marrow donations are things that we should be involved in" Leong explains.

This year up to 40 people came to donate, however due to the fact that the donation van had to leave earlier than scheduled, subjects were limited to the 2:30PM to 5:30PM time frame. Leong was still appreciative however for everyone who could make it out to the Thomas J. Long Pharmacy Building this Monday.

"Each person donates about a pint of blood... this is a small price to pay for saving another person's life."

Jessica Leong

According to Dr. Stephen Seely, the job of ASuop president is to take that opinion, and take what senate has given us, and report that to the board of regents, to advocate, and to stand up for students to make sure that our voices are heard at the highest levels of government," answered Stephen Seely. The other candidates chose to not ask any questions.

Questions from the audience included possible cuts due to budget issues, the recent news regarding the Stagg Stadium, and how the candidates planned on helping to bolster the student voice on campus. The debate and open forum concluded with a closing statement from each candidate.

ASuop 2012 Presidential Debate

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As per tradition at University of the Pacific, the annual ASuop presidential debate was held last Monday, February 27th at the Lair. Students had a chance to see their potential student body leaders answer questions provided by a neutral proctor, as well as answer questions fielded by students and faculty who attended the event.

Questions asked of all three candidates ranged from why a candidate wants to be ASuop president, to the current big issue topic of tuition: "I really want to give back to the University by being able to represent the students as best as possible. To see what the major needs are, not just one specific group but the majority of students," answered presidential candidate Mekleet Aynetsu, in response to why she wants to be ASuop president. When asked about tuition, Alan Hensley mentioned, "What I would love for is to hold the school accountable to these tuition increases, the school makes a lot of decisions that affects us as the whole student body and they may not come to realize the effects that it has on us completely as a student body.

Candidacy also had the opportunity to ask question of each other. Hensley asked Stephen Seely to define the role of ASuop president. "The job of ASuop president is to take that opinion, and take what senate has given us, and report that to the board of regents, to advocate, and to stand up for students to make sure that our voices are heard at the highest levels of government," answered Stephen Seely. The other candidates chose to not ask any questions.

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What do you think about the potential Cal Grant cuts? Will you be affected?

"I'm from Colorado so it doesn't affect me, but I know a lot of people who are because it is a huge budget cut for the university."

@Jennifer Immel, C.O. 2012

"It doesn't effect me but I think it's sad because a lot of my friends have already left due to financial problems."

@Reisa Rara, C.O. 2013

"I will definitely be affected. Judging from an analyst view of budget cuts it will actually be detrimental."

@Justine Tang, C.O. 2014

"I personally will not be affected, but I feel like Cal Grants are a big reason people can go to school. I think there still needs to be incentives for students to go to college."

@Chintan Shah, C.O. 2013

"I read about it on an email and I'm really worried because people need those Cal Grants."

@Megan Chang, C.O. 2015

"I'm not personally affected by them. It greatly affects whether or not students will go here. It's ridiculous that our state won't invest in education."

@Caitlin Trepp, C.O. 2014

"I don't really know too much about the Cal Grants, but I'm really for anything that increases financial aid."

@Jordan Fajardo, C.O. 2015

"The government needs to stop taking money away from us. We pay too much for school already."

@Annalisa Grosse, C.O. 2013

Danielle Procope
STAFF WRITER

Rihanna and Chris Brown recently collaborated to create two songs together. Normally, a song collaboration does not turn the heads of people who are outside of the music world. Somehow though, Rihanna and Brown's most recent song collaborations have caused uproar from both fans and people who do not even listen to their music.

Around three years ago, Chris Brown viciously attacked Rihanna in what became the most talked about example of celebrity intimate partner violence. Brown pleaded guilty to the charges and received probation and community service. Brown also has since received extreme public censure as is expected for having sent his then girlfriend to the hospital.

Since that night, again her wishes, Rihanna's battered face and detailed police report have been widely circulated. Rihanna has often mentioned that she finds these things embarrassing, but people have continued to circulate them often in the name of attacking Chris Brown, even though, perhaps ironically, they are simultaneously attacking Rihanna and re-victimizing her. Chris Brown has been continually elated and heralded by his mostly female fans while also continually reprimanded by others simultaneously. For the first time since 2009, Brown was invited to perform at the Grammy's.

An interesting phenomenon about the response to Brown and Rihanna's song collaborations is that most of the derision has been directed towards Rihanna. Many have said that Rihanna is a poor role model and irresponsible, she has actually received more flack for these collaborations than Chris Brown has. This reflects society's willingness to blame victims. Rihanna's personal choices are negated because she is expected to be the poster child for intimate partner violence. Rihanna may have agreed to the collaborations because of her unwillingness to be perceived forever as a victim to abuse, and these collaborations may have been her way of healing from the traumatic event that occurred three years ago. However, her ability to live her own life has been curtailed almost as if she owes the public certain life choices for being abused three years ago.

Certainly, celebrities do serve as role models for many people. Rihanna specifically serves as a role model to many young women, but celebrities should not be held to the task of representing correct behavior, especially in something as traumatizing and personal as this. Any victim of intimate partner violence should not be expected to consider the public before they consider themselves. Young girls should find role models in adults in their community who love and care for them. A young child should not be left to turn celebrities (who they do not know) into role models. This pressure is especially ridiculous when considering that Rihanna was merely twenty-one years old when this act of violence occurred.

That being said, it is entirely possible to hold Chris Brown accountable for his actions as an abuser without equally chastising Rihanna for choosing how to deal with his abuse. Many fans are choosing to avoid the collaborations, because they support Rihanna but not Chris Brown. They do not claim that Rihanna deserved to be abused or that she is a poor role model, as many others have. There also needs to be increased awareness about other celebrities who have engaged in intimate partner violence. Roman Polanski, Mark Wahlberg, Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, and Michael Fassbender are examples of a few celebrities who have also attacked women, but unlike Chris Brown, have not received anywhere near the same backlash.

In addition, there needs to be increased dialog about how our society complicits with violence done against women. Around 25% of women have experienced some form of domestic violence in their lifetime. Rihanna and Chris Brown have been made into a public example due to the celebrity status. Cases such as this, and many that occur in the ultimately horrific case of intimate partner femicide occur in America every day.
Junkies, Java, & Gangsters

It was Sunday. Homework still had to be done. Quiet is the problem. That's why I can't be home for homework. I usually end up watching Netflix or surfing for the next big laugh on YouTube instead of reading for world lit. Point being—I can't be home for homework, an irony—but not too quiet; the right amount of quiet, if that makes any sense.

I like to frequent the Espresso Coffee shop on the Miracle Mile to do my homework. It's usually quiet, but not too quiet; the right amount of quiet, if that makes any sense.

I ordered my coffee, and went to sit outside. I broke out my laptop and voila! I was knee deep in mind-numbing poetry of the eighteenth century in no time. All was well.

As I drifted in and out of daydreams, I happened to look up. What did I see? Junkies, junkies spun out of their minds, and not in a good way. One of them walked with his eyes semi-closed and he snarled incessantly. The other tried to guide him into the café, as he carried a conversation with an invisible third-party.

Naturally, I did what anyone else would have done: I pretended to mind my own business as I stared at the pair of “far-out” individuals through the corner of my eye. I couldn’t help it. Heck, I’d even admit that as they walked by me I clenched my laptop a little tighter.

The two guys took a seat a couple tables away from me. I couldn’t help, but eavesdrop on their conversation that consisted of a snarls, groans, and loud undistinguishable profanity.

I pretended to keep reading, “trying” not to look to my left. I couldn’t help it. I stole a glance every chance I got. The taller of the two was especially gone; his eyes drooped, like his body out of the chair. And still more mad talk that I could not understand.

Naturally I would have not paid the two guys any more mind, but they happened to be sitting right next to a table full of coffee drinking gangsters. Yes, apparently gangsters in Stockton like to get together to drink coffee on Sunday mornings.

The table of said gangsters was heatedly discussing the importance of what is a “cool beat” or a “cool hook” in rap. I didn’t think much of their conversation until the two junkies decided to start talking about how much they hated rap music. They were not just saying they hated rap in a private conversation, (if a conversation at a café could ever be private) but they were yelling it, as if they were sitting continents away from each other.

Naturally, the said table of gangsters got real quiet, and all one could hear outside was why rap music “sucked b+##@#.” I looked at both tables, and decided it was time for me to go.

Safety Tip:

If you happen to find yourself at a café with gangsters, junkies, and coffee, three things that do not normally go together, chances are something is wrong or could go wrong or may not go wrong, but why wait.

Remember to always observe those around you, if someone seems out of place, they probably are and you should get out of there before it turns into a classic South Stockton shootout.
"Dev" and The Cataracs: Headed Back to the 209

Music superstars, best known for their hit song with Far East Movement, "Like A G6", Dev and the Cataracs, will be performing for Pacific students at the Stockton Arena on April 13th.

Both acts perform primarily electronic and dance-pop music. Dev, short for Devin Tailes, has released popular singles, usually produced by the Cataracs, such as "Bass Down Low", "Top of the World", and "In the Dark". Other songs that she has recorded or been featured on include "Backseat" with New Boyz, "I Just Wanna F" with David Guetta, and "Who's That Boy" with Demi Lovato. Tailes' album, The Night the Sun Came Up, will be released in the United States in March.

The Cataracs are a duo who met at Berkeley High School, attended San Francisco State University, and have recorded and produced hit music with and without Dev. Songs they have created include "Club Love", "Baby Baby", "Backseat", and "Like a G6". The Cataracs have produced songs such as "Better With the Lights Off" by the New Boyz, "Wet" by Snoop Dogg, and "I'm On It" by 50 Cent.

Dev has roots in the San Joaquin region; she was born in Tracy, grew up in Manteca, and attended San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton before she dropped out to focus on her music career. Dev competed in swim meets at Sierra High School in Manteca, and continued swimming at Delta. Dev's rise to fame is an extremely modern one; her friend posted some beats and songs that she had made on MySpace and it caught the attention of The Cataracs. Months later, the group released their first single together, "2Nite".

ASuop Arts and Entertainment has stated that they want to turn the Arena into a huge dance club, including special areas just for Pacific students. Student tickets are $15, and shuttles will be available to transport students on campus to the event. Tickets can be purchased online through Ticketmaster or at the UC front desk.

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Black History Month: 
"Black Women and Beauty"

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Last Thursday for Black History Month, a discussion entitled "Black Women and Beauty" was facilitated by Kaya Dantzler, a freshman Pacific student.

At first, participants discussed their ideas on beauty. Many people described beauty as a state of confidence and happiness with oneself. Others described it as having a loving and beautiful personality. People described their best physical asset, and many people expressed pride in how they looked.

Afterwards though, the conversation veered to society's conception of female beauty which is decidedly Eurocentric, and can make it difficult for black women to find affirmation in mainstream media. In light of Pacific’s recent "Love Your Body" initiative, focusing on accepting your body no matter what its size, "Black Women and Beauty" discussed having self-love despite skin color, hair type, or facial features.

Many people expressed feelings of marginalization due to their skin complexion. Many black women spoke of the pressure to don straight hair or at least not natural hair. All of these pressures are reflective of our restrictive society which has deemed female beauty to be monolithic: skinny, light-skinned, with straight hair, and Eurocentric facial features.

The discussion ended by talking about ways in which black women can learn to reject these notions of beauty that do not include them. Some suggestions were to keep positive company, be careful about what media a person allows to influence their self-image, and to continue to hold true conceptions of beauty that extend beyond the physical.

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Sushi Students can Afford

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Most Pacific students know and/or love Cocoro restaurant on Pacific Avenue, but many hate how much it can cost to eat there. Fear not. There are ways to enjoy the eatery without paying top price. Consider alternative meal choices, location, and pairings to bypass a budget-busting bill.

Different dishes cost different prices, that's a given, but selecting the wrong entrée will make a world of difference on the final tab.

If money is tight, don't go for an elaborate entrée. Instead of ordering sashimi or other fish dishes, start light with a vegetable option. Edamame, boiled soy beans, are only $3.50, compared to an order of assorted sashimi for $10.50. Cut the bill even more by skipping an appetizer altogether.

Cocoro is known for its fabulous and creative rolls. Less expensive rolls are just as tasty as their high-priced counterparts. The restaurant offers a number of rolls under $8. A classic California roll is merely $4. The spicy tuna roll, tuna tartar with spicy sauce, is just $5.75.

If sushi isn't appetizing, try a hearty Teriyaki dinner which is served with rice and mixed green salad. Choose a vegetarian or chicken option over beef or fish to save some cash.

Another filling option is the udon dinner, a dish loaded with thick noodles, wakame, tempura bits, onion and fish cake. Go for the house udon for $8.50 over the $12.50 tempura variety.

On to the beverages. Need something to wash down that sushi with? Order a tall, cold glass of water. This drink is free, calorie free and goes with any meal. Want more flavor? Ask for a slice of lemon or two to zest things up.

Cocoro also offers Hojicha, a roasted green tea, on the house. Avoid alcohol, period. Alcohol is overpriced at most restaurants. If alcohol is a must, order a small beer for about $3.50 or a glass of wine for $5.

The time and place chosen for eating at Cocoro can also cut down costs. Hitting up happy hour from 5:30 to 6:30PM will open up great, lower priced plates. Ordering take-out can also be cheaper due to the lack of leaving a socially mandated tip.

Visit Cocoro, and go often. This Miracle Mile gem can, and should be enjoyed by all, even those who are short on cash.

NUTRICAT’S CORNER

Your Body: On Detox

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Thinking of starting a juice fast, cleanse, or other detox program? Here’s the low-down on what really happens.

When you deny your body sugar, like in a fasted state, your body turns to energy stored in fat cells and protein. While using stored fat may be a bonus, your also breaking down muscle tissue which will decrease your resting metabolic rate over time.

If you continue to fast or go on a long-term low carbohydrate or calorie diet your body will start to use ketone bodies as fuel. Ketone bodies are products of incomplete fat breakdown, a low-grade gasoline for your body. This makes you feel irritable, distracted, and have bad breath. Your body is still breaking down muscle, meaning your kidneys have to work overtime to clear toxic breakdown products like ammonia and uric acid.

A fruit cleanse (vegetable cleanses aren’t so great either) is a blood-sugar nightmarer roller coaster for your body. Low on energy one minute and then high on simple sugars the next, this diet leaves you feeling tired, cranky, and weak.

Unless you have a toxic mineral buildup or limited kidney/liver function there is no reason to detox. Your body does it for you all day long! The kidneys, lungs, and liver are powerful detoxing organs that get the job done without fancy cleanses.

Looking to detox for weight loss reasons? Come see NutriCat instead. Make a free appointment by calling 946-2315 ext. 1 or online at MyHealth@Pacific.edu.
Women’s Basketball Falls to Davis 65-61

Athletic Media Relations

In a game that saw eight ties and seven lead changes, it was visiting UC Davis that emerged victorious, using a 15-2 run over the final five minutes to defeat the Pacific women’s basketball team 65-61 Saturday, Feb. 25, in a Big West counter.

Junior forward Kendall Rodriguez led all scorers with 20 points, 13 of which came in the first half. Sophomore guard Gena Johnson added 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting while junior guard Erica McKenzie chipped in 10 and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

Pacific (14-11, 7-6 Big West) led by as many as eight points in the second half, gaining a 38-30 advantage at the 12:16 mark. UC Davis (16-10, 8-5 BWC), would not go away, as the Aggies used a 12-4 run to turn a 54-50 deficit into a 62-58 lead with 28 seconds left.

McKenzie brought the Tigers back to within one, 62-61, on a contested three-pointer with 21 seconds remaining. After a Pacific timeout, the Tigers were whistled for an intentional foul, giving UC Davis its first free throw and the ball with 11 seconds left on the clock. The Aggies made three of their four free throws to seal the win.

The Tigers scored 10 points in the game’s next 11 points to take a 10-4 lead at the 1:45 mark. Freshman Kristina Johnson ended the Aggies’ run with a three from the baseline before five straight points from Rodriguez put Pacific back on top 12-10 with 11:56 left in the half.

The two teams would trade baskets before Rodriguez drained two free throws following an Aggie technical foul, giving the Tigers a 17-15 advantage with ten minutes remaining. A lay-up from junior Ashley Smith gave Pacific its largest lead of the game, 19-15, but it would be short-live as the visitors used a 10-0 run to go up 25-19 at the 2:33 mark.

The Tigers snapped UC Davis’ streak with a jumper from senior Christina Thompson. Sophomore guard Gena Johnson scored the last four points of the half, knotting the game at 29-29 heading into intermission.

UC Davis had four players in double figures, led by senior Samantha Meggison’s 19 points. Junior Hannah Stephens tallied all 12 of her points in the second half.

The Aggies outscored the Tigers 14-5 in second-chance points despite both squads having the same number of offensive rebounds at 13.

Softball Spectacular at Cathedral City Classic

Tigers Take Down Two Top-25 Teams

Ruben Dominguez

Sports Editor

Pacific put on a stellar performance at the Cathedral City Classic over the weekend. The Tigers went 4-1 in weekend play, taking out two teams ranked in the NCAA Top-25 in the process.

The first of those teams was No. 21 Oklahoma State. Facing off against the Cowboys on Friday, the Tigers rode junior Nikki Armagost to a 5-0 victory. Armagost went the full seven innings, giving up four hits while striking out eight batters, even helping her own cause, scoring as a run and hitting a sacrifice RBI. Junior Amy Moore added to the offense, smacking a two-RBI single in the third inning.

A tough 3-2 loss to BYU resulted in a split first day result. Undaunted, Pacific came out guns blazing the following day, scoring 13 runs in the team’s two games. The Tigers flexed their muscle against Iowa State, dominating the Cyclones 8-0 in five innings. The majority of the team’s runs came in the second inning. Sophomore Kelsey Rodriguez notched an RBI single with the bases loaded. With the bases still loaded, Armagost drove in two more runs in the next at-bat. Armagost would hit in two more runs in the fifth inning. Freshman Dani Bonnet gave up two hits over five innings.

The offense continued against Syracuse, as the Tigers scored early to secure a 5-2 win. Moore, sophomore Taylor Petty, and sophomore Megan Foglesong had back-to-back-to-back RBI at-bats, powering Pacific to a three-run inning. Rodriguez would add another RBI in the second. Armagost earned her second win of the Classic, going 4 1/3 while giving up two runs, allowing four hits, and fanning five batters.

The team’s biggest win would come on the third and final day. Sunday, Pacific put on arguably its best performance of the year, toughing out a 2-0 victory over No. 14 Texas A&M. Bonnet and sophomore Tori Sheppard shut down the Aggies’ offense, giving up a combined five hits. After senior Alexa Rivera scored on an error in the third, Rodriguez drove in junior Megan Horn in the fifth with an RBI single to center field. Pacific will look to ride this hot streak into the Louisville Slugger Invitational, which will take place at Bill Simoni Field March 2-4.

The Tigers will take on Delaware, Washington, and Sacramento State in the first round. Based on the results of the first round, the team will be matched up for the semifinals, with the winners going on to the championship game.
Stagg Stadium to be Shut Down
Pacific's Famous Stadium to Close While Undergoing Feasability Testing

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pacific Women's Soccer team may be looking for a new place to play. On Sunday, February 26th, University of the Pacific Athletic Director Ted Leland announced that Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium, the home of Pacific's Women's Soccer team and former Football team, will be temporarily closed so that a feasibility test can be performed in the near future.

In a statement issued to Pacific students and staff, Leland said that, "the facility does not meet modern standards. It is rarely used, yet requires a good deal of resources to maintain in its current condition."

The feasibility test is expected to take place in the next few months.

"We will look at how much it would cost to bring the stadium up to standards," Leland revealed, "and carefully consider whether that would be the best use of the University's funds."

Stagg Stadium, renamed after Amos Alonzo Stagg, Pacific head football coach from 1933 to 1946, and member of both the College Football Hall of Fame and Basketball Hall of Fame, opened in 1950 on land donated by Mr. Stagg. Originally named Pacific Memorial Stadium, Stagg Stadium cost $165,000 to build and has a seating capacity of approximately 30,000 people.

Several local high schools have had events—graduations and football games—held at Stagg Stadium for the team's preseason training. Notable bands, such as Ten Years After, Tower of Power, Chicago, Huey Lewis, and the News, performed in Stagg Stadium over the years. Since 1979, the Moonlight Classic Drum & Bugle Corps event has been held at the stadium.

Over the years, the stadium's condition has deteriorated due to the poor conditions. These developments have led to the feasibility test.

"We recognize the importance of Stagg Stadium to the Pacific and Stockton communities," Leland added, "and we appreciate your understanding as we evaluate the best course of action to take."
News and Notes

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: No. 11 Pacific started its four-game home stand over the weekend, hosting two top-ranked MPSF foes. On Friday, the Tigers hosted No. 6 USC, falling to the Trojans 3-1. Senior Taylor Hughes had 22 kills while hitting .366 for the night. Saturday, the team was defeated by No. 10 Pepperdine in four sets. Senior Sean Daley led the Tigers with 12 blocks in the two games. Sophomore libero Javier Caceres totaled 28 blocks over the weekend's action.

BASEBALL: The Tigers' slow start to the season continued at the USD Tournament. Thursday, Pacific was edged by #21 Oregon State 10-7. The Tigers almost came back after spotting the Beavers a 5-0 lead. After a 6-5 loss to host San Diego, the Tigers had San Diego State down 4-1 in the eighth inning Saturday. The Aztecs scored four runs in the inning, coming back to beat Pacific 5-4. Junior pitcher John Haberman struck out six while driving in a sacrifice run in the seventh. The Tigers lost another lead Sunday, letting a 3-2 margin disappear with runs in the sixth and seventh innings in a 5-4 loss to San Diego.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Pacific ended its regular season home schedule in a heartbreaking fashion, dropping a close 69-68 contest to CSU Fullerton Thursday. Falling behind with 13 seconds left, the Tigers had sophomore Andrew Block's layup hit the rim as time expired. Sophomore Ross Rivera led the team with 17 points, while junior Travis Fulton pulled down ten rebounds. Block led the Tigers with four assists.

TENNIS: Both the Men's and Women's Tennis teams had rough outings over the weekend. Saturday, the Women's team fell 6-1 at UC Santa Barbara. Junior Julia Hansen nabbed the lone win for the Tigers in a three-set match. The following day, Pacific fell short against Cal Poly in a 5-2 affair. Hansen and freshman Iveta Masarova were victorious in their contests. The Men's team suffered sweeps against Arkansas and Santa Clara in its weekend action.

MEN'S GOLF: Pacific participated in the North Ranch Intercollegiate, which took place Monday and Tuesday at the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, CA. Up next, the Tigers will travel to take part in the Fresno Lexus Classic at Fort Washington Country Club.

Standings
(as of February 25, 2012)

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