McGeorge Leaps to 23rd Best Law School

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Tuesday, March 19th, U.S. News released their 2013 rankings of Best Graduate Schools. Under the Law category and rankings of best part-time programs, Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law rose from a two-way tie for 38th to a four-way tie for 23rd.

These rankings however are considered ‘specialty rankings’ that mostly rely on the opinions of deans and program directors nationwide. So, as can be assessed online on the official website for U.S. News, each program also received a peer-assessment score out of 5.0. In which McGeorge ranked 2.5 in for their Part-Time Division.

Besides their rankings in Part-Time Law, U.S. News also provides other specialty rankings. In International Law, Pacific’s McGeorge is ranked 17th and tied with Northwestern, UCLA, University of Minnesota, and University of Pennsylvania. In the Legal Writing specialty rankings McGeorge is ranked 19th with Drexel University.

When asked about the achievements the school has had so far through the rankings, former Dean of McGeorge School of Law, Elizabeth Parker, stated, “I am proud of the International and Writing rankings as they represent voting by a group selected because they are working in the subject field and are thus, presumably, experts.”

Dean Parker also noted that it must be taken into consideration that the specialty rankings are based on smaller groups of schools. In the category of for Best Law School McGeorge is currently ranked 101st from almost 200 schools.

Cal Grant Cuts Rejected After Student Rally

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In response to the recent proposals to cut the Cal Grant by 40%, Pacific students came together to create a committee which organized and mobilized students to take action against the proposal. The same committee organized transportation from the DeRosa University Center (UC) to the capitol in Sacramento on Wednesday, March 7th where the hearing of the Cal Grant cuts for schools in the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities sector was going to be taking place.

After breakfast and making posters together in the UC Ballroom, Pacific students caught two buses from the UC to join the hundreds of other students who congregated in the capitol that day. The separate buses were designed to accommodate both students who could make it for the whole day, and those who had to leave early.

“There are 26,000 of us at private universities; we’re not a minority. They need to know who we are, and we need to let them know that they’re telling 26,000 people ‘I’m sorry. You can’t have a college education.” Explains Alexis Duclos, a member of the committee that organized the trip.

Duclos was also the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Press Conference that started the morning off. Duclos acted as a facilitator, introducing all the speakers who shared their story and also interviewed with KCRA 3 later that day. “I tried to keep the energy alive and remind people why we were there,” Duclos commented after the Press Conference.

“I can just tell from the enthusiasm and genuine passion that was at that rally though that people are here and they’re respectful and they care. I think this is one of the most powerful combinations that you can come up with; it’s passionate respect.”

The California Assembly was present that day, and students had the opportunity to meet with legislators to share their stories in the afternoon before the hearing at 4PM. Some of the meetings were by appointment, however other legislators were open to student drop-ins.

“I think what we’re all trying to focus on is telling our story because they know enough about the numbers. They know the breakdowns, the statistics. They know where the cuts are coming from, but they don’t know our story.” Explains Duclos about the significance of meeting with the legislators.

“We’re tired of being looked at like a number. We’re people. We have stories, we have impact, and we have meaning. We need to make sure those faces are being attached to those numbers.”

As a result of the activities, the California Assembly

Elbeck Speaks on Budget

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Monday March 19th, at 7PM in Grace Covell Hall, President Pamela A. Elbeck will hold a Budget Recommendation Town Hall meeting. This event is open to all students, faculty and staff.

This meeting is set in place to discuss the upcoming Pacific’s budget for the 2012-2013 academic year, including tuition and room and board charges. President Elbeck will also discuss the governor’s proposed Cal Grants cuts, and how the University plans to counteract those plans with a $4 million contingency.

“Regarding the $4 million contingency plan, we are trying to propose a budget that includes cuts and cost deferrals in order to increase aid to students losing state funding,” stated President Elbeck.

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A Message from Alan Hensley, 2012-2013 President of ASuop

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This year, the race for the Presidential position during the ASuop Elections was competitive throughout the campaign. As the final results came in on the evening of Thursday, March 1st, the candidates who pulled through to the front were Alan Hensley and Elena Goldfoos with a total of 287 votes.

"It feels kind of surreal" comments Hensley, when asked how he felt about his new position in the ASuop office. Although he won't be officially sworn into the position until the ASuop Banquet on April 23rd, Hensley is already working. "First things I have been doing is familiarizing myself with the people that I will have to be working with for the following year," explains Hensley.

This includes setting up meetings with Elizabeth Griego, Vice President of Student Life, as well as working closely with Ashton Dachter, former president of ASuop. Additionally, Hensley also plans to start developing the legislation to have a Senator for Greek Life in order to increase Greek representation in ASuop.

Hensley, along with other student leaders will also have the opportunity to meet with the Regents this semester. "We will be able to express the student condition to them," comments Hensley, "it will be great because then we'll be able to actually talk to the direct decision makers who normally don't get to come down to campus. This will be a great opportunity for us to let them realize what the issues on campus are at the moment."

Besides familiarizing himself with the administration, Hensley also wants to better get to know the student population, their interests, and concerns. "A lot of people want to know who they are being represented by," he stated. "I want people to know that they don’t have to be afraid to email me, txt me, or even add me on facebook. . . I want people to feel they can come up and talk to me." Hensley also wants to encourage students to stop by the ASuop office that is located on the 2nd floor of the McCaffrey Center anytime even if it is just to say hi. "It doesn’t always have to be a formal thing," he explains.

This year's student voter participation rate in the elections was 20%, an increase of almost five percent from last year's campus participation. "We were really excited about the higher voter turn out this year and I think it was due to the competitiveness of this years elections, as well as the new system we implemented having paper ballots in addition to the online option," commented Morgan Stonefelt, Head of this year's Election Committee. Morgan also mentioned that ASuop plans to extend the number of people on the committee for next year "so we cover more of the campus, and hopefully have even greater student involvement next year."

If you missed the voting or opportunity to run for positions, it isn’t too late to get involved! Hensley is currently working on building his cabinet for the coming year and is open to discussion with any student who is interested. Examples of cabinet positions in ASuop include the Commissioner of Campus Affairs, Communication, and Sustainability. The application process is open to all Pacific students returning next academic year and for anyone who is interested they can contact Jen Mazotta for more information.

Lastly, Hensley wanted to emphasize the message that both he and Elena portrayed in their campaign, that their familiarity with ASuop will allow for a smooth transition into the position. "We already know how ASuop works, now all we really have to learn is exactly what the Presidential and Vice Presidential life will be, but the learning curve will be minimal, and we are getting to work as soon as possible," explains Hensley. "We're not learning, we're actually working."
Vocalist Master Class
Features Susanne Mentzer

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On Monday, February 27th, the Conservatory of Music hosted a master class featuring Susanne Mentzer. As a student at Pacific, Mentzer studied Music Therapy for a few years before obtaining her Bachelors and Masters of Music in Vocal Performance at the Juilliard School of Music. Mentzer is currently a Professor of Voice at Rice University, and an Arte Blogger for The Huffington Post.

Prior to her position at Rice, Mentzer taught at DePaul University in Chicago and the Aspen Music Festival and School. During her time in Chicago, she founded and organized “Jubilate,” a benefit concert for the Bonaventure House. Over 1 million dollars was raised for homeless people living with AIDS. Mentzer’s work with ‘Jubilate’ landed her an Alexian Brothers USA Thelan Award.

During the master class, Mentzer focused mostly on technique and was eager to work with the students. “I don’t want anyone’s knickers in a bunch,” Mentzer said jokingly.

Performances from Yelena Dyachek, Andrew Dwan, Hannah Ludwig, Ted Pickell, and Viviana Millan graced the Recital Hall. Alternates Johann Reed and Sarah Phelan did not get a chance to sing for Mentzer, but Reed and fellow classmate Bethany Morgan were more than happy to help out, and portray some characters during Pickell’s session.

Mentzer adopted a hands on approach in making her points and shared her “saving grace” with everyone. While helping a few students with their support and breathing, Mentzer, with the students permission, personally made sure they were using the correct muscles. “You still don’t know the joke right? You have to be an octopus to be an opera singer. A hand here, hold that up, a hand there to keep that still, hands everywhere!” Mentzer proclaimed.

The mezzo-soprano was not afraid to teach by example, demonstrating the techniques she described and singing a few notes to show everyone how it’s done.

All Vocal Performance students were required to be at the master class. However, many came voluntarily. Maribel Alverez-Muñoz, Music Education ’13, was there to support her roommate Viviana Millan, and to satisfy her fascination with the voice. Alverez-Muñoz said that she “enjoyed the master class very much, and [Mentzer] is a world class musician.”

Mentzer will be leaving her position at Rice University at the end of this school year. Though she will no longer be teaching there, students and everyone around the world can still enjoy the recordings of her past performances. “The First Emperor,” by Tan Dun with the Metropolitan Opera, and “Les Contes d’Hoffmann,” by Offenbach with the Opera de Paris are both available on DVD.

Pacific Celebrates Women’s History

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This March at Pacific, students, faculty, and staff will be taking part in Women’s History Month. This occasion aims to bring awareness to women’s status in society, and reflect on women’s roles in the past. The Women’s Resource Center, along with various other organizations around campus, will be working together to facilitate the many events that are planned.

Many people around campus, including Corrie Martin from the Women’s Resource Center, stress the importance of celebrating Women’s History Month. “[H]It is important to celebrate because of society’s historical lack of inclusion and visibility of women’s contributions and leadership in social progress, business, and really all areas of society and political life,” explained Martin. “It’s important to have a space and a time to focus on it because there has been such a tradition of exclusion for women. There’s a lot of ground to make up.

Different departments will be collaborating to contribute to Women’s History Month. Pacific will also be working with the Stockton community to promote the awareness and advancement of women’s rights beyond our campus. Going even further off campus, Pacific will be working with the National Council of Negro Women, which is a national organization that dates back to the early 20th century and was one of the first African American women’s leadership organizations.

Christiana Oatman, president of the Pacific Feminists, also encourages student participation. Oatman, along with the Pacific Feminists, helped run the screening and discussion of Miss Representation. “Women make up a little over fifty percent of the world’s population, but their representation in the work force-especially in positions of power in the media, the government, sports, etc.-is far less than half,” explained Oatman. “Women’s History Month causes us to reflect on the accomplishments of key women who have done so much to improve women’s lives.”

We have all spent our school years learning about history that greatly revolves around the accomplishments of white men, Oatman pointed out. “Women’s History Month gives us a special time to reflect on the important roles women play in history, it gives us an opportunity to hear the voices of key women that are often silenced, said Oatman. “Here at Pacific, we often use Women’s History Month to both celebrate past achievements but also to think about the future and what issues need to be addressed and what changes need to be made to achieve an equal society.

Even though this month is especially dedicated to the reflection and advancement of women’s roles, Pacific aims to promote women’s involvement and leadership throughout the year. Organizations such as the Pacific Feminists and the Women’s Resource Center hope to achieve a campus where everybody is on an equal playing field, regardless of gender. Even though this month focuses on women’s history, men are also encouraged to take part in all of the events.

For a list of all the events happening during Women’s History Month, please visit https://calendar.pacific.edu/group/womenshistorymonth.

If you have any questions, be sure to contact Corrie Martin at cmartin@pacific.edu.

Cal Grant Student Rally

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voted 4-0 to reject the Cal Grants cuts. Although the proposal still has to go through the Senate, the rejection of the proposal by the Cal Grant Committee is a promising step forward.

“I think that it was a great opportunity for students from all the private universities in California to step up for themselves and for all the students at their institutions that receive Cal Grants,” comments Elena Goldfoos, Pacific student and another member of the committee that spear headed the mobilization of Pacific students that day. Goldfoos also commented on the potential impact that their efforts would prove for the Pacific student body as a whole. By sharing their messages last Wednesday, California students proved that they are not just numbers.

“At the end of the day, if our voice is heard, that’s what will do it” comments Dulos. “When you open their minds and ears to listen, you already gave a foot in the door and you’re on your way to a success.”

Simple Assault
Woodbridge 03.04.12
Dispatch received an emergency phone activation with a male reporting another male subject was trying to hurt his son. Officers responded and medics were requested for a laceration to the victim’s eye. The victim refused medics.

This involved several subjects who got into a confrontation over some words exchanged between them. Several suspects were detained and questioned. Officers initiated a report.

Noise Complaint
Chrinica Ave 03.04.12
Officers responded to a report of Pacific students being loud in the backyard of an off campus address. Residents were contacted and warned.

Aided Stockton PD
Pacific Ave 03.02.12
SFPD reported a victim of a robbery at gunpoint at Euddl & Dwight. Officers assisted in checking the area for outstanding suspects with negative findings.

Alcohol Incident
Main Library 03.07.12
Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated female wandering around the library at 11:00 AM. A 41 year old female came into the library looking at the internet for a residence to rent was found to be intoxicated. Subject was turned over to her husband.

Theft
Rehearsal Hall 03.09.12
Officer responded to a report of a stolen CD player from an unlocked room. Officer initiated a report.

Suspicious Incident
Townshouse 03.10.12
Officer initiated a report of a female reporting she is receiving emails from unknown subject who states that he has been watching her.

For more information or to access the full weekly report please visit: http://www.pacific.edu/Campus-Life/Public-Safety-and-Services/Police-Statistics/Crime-on-Campus/2012-
Weekly- Incident-Log.html
Understanding the KONY 2012 Movement

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As recently as March 4th, few, if any Americans, knew who Joseph Kony was. With one video, that all changed.

On March 5th, 2012, Invisible Children Inc. released a film to publicly announce and make known its "KONY 2012" campaign, designed to make Joseph Kony a household name. Kony, a Ugandan war criminal, head of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel military group which believes that they are doing the work of God and are currently occupying northern Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Southern Sudan, and parts of Central African Republic. Kony has been the main subject of an investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has Kony as its most wanted criminal in the world since 2006.

Kony formed the LRA in retaliation to the Ugandan government's treatment of the Acholi people, his people. Kony and the rebel LRA abduct young children into the army, giving the children weapons, training them as child soldiers, and forcing them to kill. In addition to these horrendous crimes, the LRA has also been accused of murder, child mutilation, and child sexual enslavement.

Indicted by the ICC in 2005, Kony has since slipped into the remote jungles of Uganda and the neighboring countries. The Ugandan government has been attempting to track down Kony, but hasn't been able to do so. They have not received help from neighboring African nations, due to their lack of military power to provide proper aid to Uganda.

The main focus of the KONY 2012 film though is Joseph Kony in Africa. However, President Obama has since stated in a letter to Congress that "although the U.S. forces are combat-equipped, they will only be providing information, advice, and assistance to partner nation forces, and they will not equipped US troops to Central Africa to provide aid to the Ugandan army. However, the US government has been criticized by Invisible Children, The Rough Cut, which provides information about the War in Darfur. In Uganda, Russell and his crew found out about Kony and the LRA. The discovery resulted in a switch of topic for the documentary; the documentary, Invisible Children: The Rough Cut, was released in 2006.

Through the film and several grassroots campaigns, Russell and his crew, who eventually formed Invisible Children, Inc., raised awareness of Kony's crimes and the Ugandan citizens' struggle. The movement led to American rock band, Fall Out Boy, filming the music video for their hit "I'm Like a Lawyer with the Way I'm Always Trying to Get You Off (Me & You)" in Uganda.

In 2008, President George W. Bush signed off on the directive to provide assistance for Operation Lightning Thunder, an offensive to capture Kony. However, only US military advisors, no troops, were sent, and the Ugandan army failed to capture Kony.

After initially failing to gain much support from the visit to Washington, DC, Invisible Children returned in 2010 to lobby for the US to provide military aid in order to help the Ugandan government to capture Kony.

The lobbying paid off. In May 2010, President Barack Obama signed the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act. The Act sent 100 combat-
2012 LGBTQIA Conference: Giving Students a Sense of Shared Hope

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Two weeks have passed, but the memories of the LGBTQIA Conference will live on in the minds of the over seven hundred attendees. Pacific has hosted two biannual LGBTQIA conferences previously, combined with UC Merced and invited the rest of the UC system to our campus to enjoy a joint conference, that included speakers, a dance, meals and workshops. While Pacific, and colleges in general, hold conferences all the time about a variety of topics, the LGBTQIA Conference was particularly special because of its impact on the lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, asexual/ally (in case you were wondering what all the letters stand for; some people also add POD for pansexual, omnisexual and dimisexual) community, which is historically marginalized and can sometimes feel invisible on college campuses, in which their identities are not considered the norm. In his opening speech, Dustin Lance Black emphasized his belief in equality, particularly marriage equality, and legalization of same sex marriage, as well as other important issues to the community. Black fought on the federal level rather than the state level. Black is the Oscar-winning screenwriter of the film, Milk, and recently wrote the screenplay for J. Edgar and the script for the play, 8, which focuses on the very recent Proposition 8 vote in California and the subsequent court decisions. The play was open for viewing online last week, and is performed by famous actors including, Brad Pitt and Jamie Lee Curtis. Workshops varied widely by topic, but most, such as Gay and Greek and a workshop about drag performances—had over a hundred attendees and filled the respective room. As a president of Pride Alliance, I spoke to many conference attendees, both Pacific students and students who traveled from all over California; and some out of state. I was impressed with how the conference seemed to give everyone a spirit of hope. There was a sense of shared identity and community. In some cases, there was sheer joy at the ability to hear amazing speakers, learn something new and meet interesting people. I asked if anyone was interested in learning more about the conference, I highly encourage you to email Corrie Martin at cmartin@pacific.edu. If you would like to learn more about the LGBTQIA community, such as what the identities mean, feel free to stop by the Pride Center in the Multicultural Center to speak with a volunteer or find out about the next Safe Zone training session.

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Children for “[manipulating] facts for strategic purposes, exaggerating the scale of LRA abductions and murders and emphasizing the LRA’s use of innocent children as soldiers,” and portraying Kony — a brutal man, to be sure — as uniquely awful, a Kurtz-like embodiment of evil.” The Council goes on to state that, “[Invisible Children] rarely refer to the Ugandan atrocities or those of Sudan’s People’s Liberation Army, such as attacks against civilians or looting of civilian homes and businesses, or the complicated regional politics fueling the conflict.”

The money behind KONY 2012 has also been placed under the collective microscope. Reports have come out revealing that much of the money raised by Invisible Children goes to salaries and other expenses, while only 32% goes to direct charitable services. Also, Charity Navigator, the extremely credible reviewer of charities, rates Invisible Children two out of four stars in accountability and transparency. Jenkins has simply responded that the rating is due to the fact that Invisible Children only has four members of its board of directors instead of five, and that the group is currently interviewing for the fifth position.

Other criticisms include the real motives behind the United States’ efforts in Uganda, claiming that the American government is only helping because Uganda provided aid to the US in Somalia. Oppositions have speculated that this aid was a way to bring about a “World Police” role for the US in Somalia. Oppositions have also discovered the problem with an organization such as Invisible Children, highlighting the LRA’s use of tactics such as abductions and murders and exaggerating the scale of LRA activities. The Council goes on to state that, “[Invisible Children] rarely refer to the Ugandan atrocities or those of Sudan’s People’s Liberation Army, such as attacks against civilians or looting of civilian homes and businesses, or the complicated regional politics fueling the conflict.”

The point is that Invisible Children discovered a horrible man who needs to be stopped. Do not allow help to be withheld simply because there is a problem with an organization which discovered the problem almost ten years ago. Whether or not activism comes through Invisible Children or not, KONY 2012 needs to and should be effective.

There is an old question that lingers at the very heart of this issue. What is more tragic to you, discovering that someone you know has been killed or discovering that a thousand people in a foreign country have been killed? Simply because people do not know the children who have been abducted and killed by Kony and the LRA does not mean that their tragedies are any less horrific. Perspective is the key for deciding how far one helps with KONY 2012. If someone like Kony had been discovered in America, that person would have been found, captured, tried, and killed by now.

Regardless of one’s opinion of Invisible Children, the US and Ugandan governments, or the average American’s ability to find a small African country on a globe, everyone and anyone with a soul can agree on one thing: Joseph Kony is a very bad man who needs to be stopped.

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**Speaking Without Thinking**

**Political Banter Destroying Chances of a GOP Win**

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As the last Republican Presidential Debate has taken place, and Super Tuesday has passed I think it’s time to talk about the current state of the Grand Old Party (GOP), also known as the Republican Party. While the primary race isn’t quite over, it is very close to wrapping up. Romney has taken the lead in several polls and his main rival is Rick Santorum. Rick Santorum has taken heat from comments he has made recently as well as all the way back in 2008. The more a candidate is in the lead, the more skeletons come out of their closet. It is hard to believe that when a nominee is chosen that the other candidates will unite behind him. Other members of the Republican establishment, such as John McCain and Jeb Bush, have commented on how vicious this election has been, and that the rhetoric is too extreme. However, this is a product of the primary system and the apathy of American citizens.

Those most dedicated to their party are the ones that vote in the primaries, and the most dedicated tend to have strong opinions. In order for candidates to win, they have to appeal to the primary voters, but this has caused a lack of diversity in the candidates. The Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum of today are much further to the right than they were eight or even four years ago. They are now falling into a dangerous pit where the GOP is going to be portrayed as a party of extreme conservatism while Obama comes off as a moderate due to his ability to cite how many compromises he’s made during his four years in office.

Romney, Santorum, Paul, and Gingrich are hitting each other over the head with two-by-fours and it’s only going to hurt the eventual nominee in the general election. Santorum has brought the conversation to social issues, a very poor decision considering that America is much more liberal on social issues than it is on fiscal issues. Romney is unequivocally out of touch and repeatedly makes gaffes that make it clear he knows little about the struggles of the American people. Ron Paul and Gingrich have fallen off due to their own comments in the present and past. There doesn’t appear to be an ideal candidate for the GOP.

I can’t help but blame Rick Santorum for inadvertently aiding in throwing this election away. With Santorum’s comments about the separation of church and state making him want to “throw up” as well as calling Obama a snob because he wants to give everyone the opportunity to go to college, and then adding in how opposed he is to contraception he is, Santorum is so far away from mainstream Americans that he would lose in any general election. Santorum also forces Romney to go further to the right on issues prove he is not conservative he is, Romney is already a victim of flip-flopping, so if he tries to run to the center during the general election he won’t be seen as someone interested in helping the American people.

The GOP has been in a state of disarray as the advent of the Tea Party has caused a massive shift towards the right, and instead of offering any real solutions or legislation to help the American people, they have simply used majorities in the House to obstruct Obama’s own legislative agenda. Meanwhile the presidential candidates have exemplified the tear in the party, making it harder to bring in moderates or independents to vote for the nominee in the general election. Rick Santorum and his focus on social issues, as well as his evangelical beliefs will no doubt alienate many Americans who are socially liberal or even moderate. With the economy in a slow but steady recovery, Obama is set up for another four years in the White House.

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Upcoming Student Events

Thursday, 3/15
Pacific Battle of the Bands
7:30PM-10:00PM AT THE LAIR

Friday, 3/16
Pacific Opera Theatre: The Magic Flute (6th-24th)
8:00PM AT THE SPANOS CONCERT HALL
2:00PM MATINEE THE (BBS)

Saturday, 3/17
Delta Nu Tau’s Annual Oral Cancer Walk
10:00AM-12:00PM AT THE UC LAWN

Sunday, 3/18
Palestine Benefit Dinner
6:00PM-9:00PM AT THE UC BALLROOM

Tuesday, 3/20
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kickoff
8:00PM-11:00PM AT THE UC LAIR

Wednesday, 3/21
Meet the Black Greeks at University of the Pacific
8:00PM-11:00PM AT GREAT RAYMOND

Movies This Week

Thursday, 3/15
Jane Eyre

Go Nuts! A Super-food For Your Diet

Alexandra Caspero
CAMPUS DIETITIAN

Nuts are one of NutriCat’s favorite super foods. Yes, they are high in fat but that doesn’t mean they will make you fat. I’ve had a lot of people tell me they avoid nuts because of their high calorie counts. However, research shows that nut-eaters are actually thinner and have less abdominal fat than those who don’t eat them on a normal basis.

Nuts are filling, which means they curb your desire to overeat or over snack. They are a great source of unsaturated fat, fiber, vitamin E, and magnesium.

Easy ways to get more nuts into your diet:

- Add some slivered almonds to your salad instead of croutons
- Make your own trail mix: walnuts, pistachios, dried cranberries, cocoa nibs or dark chocolate morsels
- Add ground flax seed to oatmeal, smoothies, and cereal
- 1 tsp. peanut butter with apple or pear for snack

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Emily Hsu
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every week you sit down to watch the newest episode of one of the hottest shows on air such as America’s Best Dance Crew, America’s Got Talent, or So You Think You Can Dance? You watch these dancers perform amazing routines that are interlaced with humor, but always done to perfection. Then, you glue your fingers to the phone to vote and hope to see your favorite come back next week. Have you ever asked yourself, “Where did these dancers start from?”

Before starting on international television programs we all know and love, these dancers struggled for recognition right in their own neighborhoods. From talent shows to auditions, dancers are looking for a chance to show their moves any chance they get. University of the Pacific’s hip hop dance team, Rhythm Inc., is here to offer those dancers exactly this opportunity. On March 24th at the Warren Atherton Theatre in San Joaquin Delta College, Rhythm Inc. will be hosting their fifth annual Breakthrough Dance Competition.

Now, this is not just your average dance competition or talent show. Dance teams from right here in Stockton and even teams as far as Orange County will be competing for the grand prize of $1000 and the title of Breakthrough winner for a whole year! Breakthrough has seen some of the best of the best before they were the best! Winners of America’s Best Dance Crew season 5, Poreotics, won their very first competition right here in Stockton, CA. With the still increasing number of submissions, the roster is just as promising this year!

Rhythm Inc. is also proud to announce that HipHop International, aSociety, Pacific Rim, and many other notable companies will be sponsoring and attending our event.

Is sitting there watching other people dance not really your thing? Rhythm Inc. is also offering a “Judges Workshop” on March 25th. As if a whole day of dancing was not enough, this is a whole day of dance classes, with all classes taught by the judges of the competition: Nicole Lewis (Super Galactic Beat Manipulators), Brian BK Kim (Common Ground), and Mike Perez (High Profile). Classes will be $5 each but $12 if you take all three.

We are bringing the music, the dancing, and the show. So, the only missing thing is you! If you want to see live dancing, meet amazing dancers, and mingle with the most notable choreographers in the business, then you need to come to the show or come take class! Tickets and all information can now be found online at http://rhythminc.tk or through any Rhythm Inc. member. Before March 24th, tickets are on sale for $15 presale, but the day of the competition prices will increase to $20. Please email RhythmInc.DanceTeam@gmail.com or check out www.facebook.com/RhythmInc for more details.

Tips for Success: 5 Steps to Landing the Interview

Jennifer Chan
SUCCESS TIPS COLUMNIST

You’ve tasted all the cafeteria has to offer, walked across the levy, and even ventured off-campus. With graduation and summer right around the corner, what’s next? For some college students in a tough job market, scoring the interview can be a challenge. Here are 5 Steps to getting an interview with the company of your dreams.

1. LinkedIn

Utilize LinkedIn as an extension of your resume. All the stuff you couldn’t fit onto one page, display it in your profile. Connect with your former classmates, colleagues, and friends! The bigger your network, the more likely you will have a connection to a company that you’re interested in applying to. Form and maintain lasting relationships with your contacts! Once you identify the companies you want to work for look to see who you know has a connection there. Connections are a great way to get a formal or even informal interview.

2. Twitter

Twitter isn’t just about tweeting your ideas in 140 characters or less. The secret to this addictive social medium is using it as a tool to interact with recruiters via messaging and following. What better way to learn about what’s important to recruiters? Read their tweets and don’t be afraid to send a message. The goal is to build relationships.

3. Get involved on campus

HR knows that you aren’t a seasoned professional with a stacked resume. What matters to them is that you’re active in school organizations, events and have a drive to be involved. Put down that beer, explore the different organizations and opportunities on campus, and take on leadership roles. Show HR recruiters and your peers what you’re made of!

4. Be unique

Your goal is to get an interview, and one of the best ways to catch a recruiter’s attention is to be both creative and professional with your resume. If you have a website, create a QR code, show recruiters that you understand new technologies. Remember the goal: stand out.

5. Follow up

The key to keeping a recruiter’s attention is to make sure they know you’re serious about pursuing the job. If you meet or interact with them regarding a job or internship, follow up with something relevant! i.e. interesting points that were discussed in your interview. Remind them of your dedication and interest. Remember there could be 20 or 200 people applying for that role.

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How Santa Barbara Ended Pacific’s Basketball Season, Twice

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In a tournament filled with upsets, the Pacific Women’s Basketball team was eliminated in the 2012 Big West Tournament semifinals on Friday. The 5-seed Tigers, who swept UC Santa Barbara in the regular season, were on the losing end of their second-round matchup with the Gauchos.

“We had beaten Santa Barbara twice in the regular season and played really well in those games,” Pacific head coach Lynne Roberts stated afterwards, “I don’t think we played that poorly today. But they were really good.”

The first half was a tale of runs. Pacific got started with a 7-0 run to begin its scoring. After the Gauchos tied the game at 7-7, sophomore Sam Roberts and matchup with the Gauchos.

Junior Kendall Rodriguez’s three-pointer brought the score to 37-33 just over two minutes into the second half. Pacific would not get closer to the lead for the rest of the game. After trading baskets for the next several minutes, Santa Barbara’s three-pointer with 9:43 left in the game umped the lead back to double digits at 55-43. The Tigers would fight to get it to 68-55 with 4:05 to go. However, Pacific’s mistakes began to pile up. Three straight possessions with turnovers led to the deficit increasing to 82-64. A couple baskets were all that was left of the 84-66 loss.

“Our senior leadership was something I had been fearing,” Roberts revealed, “We didn’t have that this year. We’ll have it next year.”

Junior Erika McKenzie led the team with 17 points, while Fulton added 15 in addition.

Santa Barbara shot an impressive 54.2% from the field, its highest total of the season. Pacific advanced to play the Gauchos by taking down defending Big West tournament champion UC Santa Barbara at the end of the half was the beginning of the end for the Tigers, who were handed a first round exit by the Gauchos in a 72-52 contest on Thursday.

“We really didn’t play with a lot of spunk in the first eight or nine minutes,” Pacific head coach Bob Thomason told the media afterwards, “They’re making a big difference with three-pointers. Santa Barbara did a great job. They’re so big and they make it really tough for you. We had to play, not a perfect game, but a near perfect game to win.”

The Tigers jumped out to a 7-2 lead on junior Markus Duran’s three-pointer. Santa Barbara would tie the game at 9-9, but another Duran three-pointer shot gave Pacific a 12-9 lead with 15:39 left in the half. After the Gauchos tied the score again, the game would enter a three-minute, scoreless streak. Santa Barbara would pull back to within 22-14 lead at 10:39 in the half. Junior Lorenzo McCloud would hit a three-pointer to shrink the lead to 30-26 with 5:26 to go in the half. But, Tiger turnovers and hot shooting by the Gauchos would see Santa Barbara take a 43-29 lead into halftime.

Santa Barbara’s lead increased to 22 thanks to a four-minute scoreless stretch by Pacific to begin the second half. Despite junior Travis Fulton’s jumper to end the drought, it would not get better for the Tigers. The Gauchos increased their lead to 67-38 with 7:26 left in the game. Pacific managed to shorten the lead to 20 with junior Jordan Turner’s three-point shot with 56 seconds left, but would not get closer.

McCloud led the Tigers with 14 points, while Fulton had a team-high five assists. Fulton and junior Colin Beatty each grabbed six rebounds. The Pacific Men’s Basketball team finished the season with an 11-19 record overall, 6-11 in Big West play.

[“Santa Barbara] deserved to win it,” Thomason stated, “They did a great job. They’ve been playing at a really high level these last two weeks. This was a rematch of last year’s Big West Tournament first round matchup between the 4-seed Tigers and 5-seed Gauchos. Santa Barbara would win 79-67 on its way to back-to-back titles.

That back-to-back run would end Saturday, as Santa Barbara fell to regular season champ Long Beach State in the Big West Tournament championship game.
WOMEN’S WATER POLO

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
LMU Invitational
Los Angeles, CA

SUNDAY
Aztec Invitational
San Diego, CA

News and Notes

BASEBALL: Pacific travelled to top Big 12 team Kansas State for a three-game series March 2-4th. The Tigers upset the Wildcats in the first matchup, winning by a score of 7-2. Senior Brett Christopher had a home run and a double in the win, while freshman Michael Benson allowed one earned run over seven innings of work. Kansas State would win the next two games to take the series. Pacific battled Creighton in the first home series of the year, with the Blue Jays taking the first game 11-9. The Tigers would take the middle game, scoring nine unanswered runs to win 9-3. Creighton would win the third game.

WOMEN’S TENNIS: The Tigers suffered consecutive one-point losses over the break. March 4th, Pacific fell to San Francisco 4-3. Sophomore Susan Te, one of the Tigers’ top performers, was forced to miss the match due to a leg injury. After almost a week off, the Tigers returned to action Saturday against San Jose State. Pacific was defeated in another tight 4-3 match up. The following day, the team was swept by St. Mary’s.

GOLF: The Tigers travelled south for the Fresno Lexus Classic, which took place March 5-6th. The team finished fourth overall out of sixteen teams with a +19 total. Junior Alex Edfort came within four strokes of the individual title. Edfort would end up finishing second with a -3. Sophomore Byron Meth finished tied for fourth at -1.

WOMEN’S WATER POLO: Pacific travelled to Davis, CA on March 3rd to take part in the Aggie Shootout. Against No. 20 UC San Diego, the Tigers lost a heartbreaking 9-8 battle in overtime. Freshman Taylor Adair led Pacific in scoring with three goals, while sophomore Elise Martin and Malena Prlain each had two goals. Sophomore Michele Retton recorded ten blocks in goal.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL: The Tigers squeaked out a 4-3 win over Nevada March 3rd. While Pacific secured the doubles point, the match would come down to the final singles match. Freshman Erik Cederwall came through in the clutch, scoring a 6-2, 7-6(8) victory to clinch the win for Pacific. The following weekend was not as fortunate for the Tigers, as they fell to New Mexico and BYU.

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Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Don’t put away your orange and black gear away, Pacific fans. There’s more basketball to still be played.

For the first time since 1995, the Pacific Women’s Basketball team has been invited to participate in a non-Big West Conference postseason tournament. The Tigers have been selected to play in the 2012 Women’s National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

The program made it’s first, and only previous postseason tournament appearance, in the 1995 WNIT (called the NWIT back then). The WNIT invites the best women’s college basketball teams which did not make the NCAA Tournament to participate in a top-rate postseason tournament. The 31 teams, which had the highest seeds in their conference tournaments but did not make the NCAA tournament, were automatically invited.

That left a pool of 33 at-large teams that were invited to participate. Pacific was one of four Big West teams invited to the 2012 WNIT. CSU Northridge, UC Davis, and automatic bid-receipient, Cal Poly are the other teams.

In the first round of the 2012 WNIT, which plays out Wednesday-Friday, Pacific will play host to Arizona State, Friday at 7:00 PM in the Alex G. Spanos Center. The Tigers finished tied for third in the Big West. After defeating defending Big West champion UC Davis in the first round, Pacific was defeated by eventual champion UC Santa Barbara (who will play No. 1 Baylor in the first round of the 2012 NCAA Tournament) in the semifinals. The Tigers finished with a 10-8 conference record and a 17-13 mark overall.

The Sun Devils (10-8 conference, 20-11 overall) finished in fourth place in the PAC-12 Conference. Arizona State took our rival Arizona in the PAC-12 Tournament quarterfinal before falling to eventual tournament champion No. 2 Stanford, which earned a 1-seed in the 2012 NCAA Tournament, in the semifinal round.

The Pacific-Arizona State matchup is one of three first round Big West vs. PAC-12 games. Washington hosted Cal Poly Wednesday while UC Davis will travel to Oregon State for a Thursday contest.

Pacific and Arizona State have met only once before. The Sun Devils defeated the Tigers 90-65 in 1982. All of the Tigers’ regulation losses this season have been to teams who have made a postseason tournament.

The winner of the Pacific-Arizona State game will play the winner of the San Diego-CSU Northridge first round matchup.
Errors Cost Softball Against Washington

Tigers Lose Twice in Two Days to No. 3 Huskies by a Combined Three Runs

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific came within two innings of upstaging the No. 3 team in the country and taking the 2012 Louisville Slugger Invitational title on Sunday. However, Washington scored three runs in the sixth to win 6-4, and the Tigers would fall to the third-ranked Huskies for the second time in as many days.

After two scoreless innings, Washington broke through with two runs in the third. After giving up another run in the fourth, Pacific was starting at a 3-0 deficit at the top of the fifth inning.

Undeterred, the Tigers came out firing. After the inning began with two singles, junior Megan Allen’s sacrifice bunt moved sophomore Megan Foglesong and senior Alexa Rivera into scoring position. That was all junior Megan Hom needed, as she drove in the runners with a 2-RBI double to cut the lead to 3-2. The Tigers would erase the lead completely two batters later. Junior Nikki Armaogost brought Hom in with an RBI single up the middle.

The Tigers would gain the lead in the sixth. Foglesong and Rivera reached again to lead off the inning. It was Allen this time providing the RBI, as she was thrown out at first, allowing Foglesong to score and Pacific to take a 4-3 lead. The Tigers would leave the bases loaded.

It looked like it would come down to the seventh inning as the Tigers quickly got two quick outs from Washington. However, the wheels would come off the cart after that. The Huskies would load the bases. Then, to the horror of the home crowd, Pacific committed throwing errors on three straight plays, allowing Washington to score three unearned runs.

Pacific could not respond in the seventh, only managing a walk. Foglesong’s ground out to second gave No. 3 Washington the tournament title.

The championship game was a rematch of a first-round battle between the tournament’s top two teams. After Pacific and Washington took out both Sacramento State and Delaware by a combined 21-0, Pacific would follow suit, beating the Hornets 9-6 before blowing by the Roadrunners 6-1.

The Tigers have gone 11-3 in their past 14 games, with losses to only No. 3 Washington and No. 5 Arizona State. With that performance, including wins over No. 21 Oklahoma State and No. 14 Texas A&M, Pacific is making a good case to the NCAA for a spot in the Top 25 rankings.

Prior to Saturday’s game against Washington, Pacific honored two former Tiger greats who are currently on Washington’s coaching staff. Cindy Ball, a two-time NFCA All-American and two-time Big West pitcher of the year and former head coach of Modesto Junior College and Cosumnes River College in Sacramento, CA, and Gina Carbonatto, two-time All-American and three-time Big West hits leader, as well as Stockton Hall of Fame’s 2007 Female Athlete of the Year, had their #9 and #2 jerseys, respectively, retired by the program for which they both had once flourished.

Pacific will be back in action Friday, March 22nd, as they host the 2012 Libby Matson Tournament. From March 22-25th, the Tigers will play Princeton, San Diego State, and St. Mary’s at Bill Simoni Field.

In a back-and-forth battle, Foglesong brought in senior Nicole Matson with an RBI single in the second to take a 1-0 lead. A defensive error would lead to Washington scoring two runs in the third to take the lead. The Huskies would increase their lead to 3-1 with a RBI double in the top of the fourth.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Tigers would make a game of it, tying the game on a 2-RBI single from Rivera. Washington and Pacific would take another run in the fifth and sixth innings respectively, to set up a crucial seventh inning with the score tied 4-4.

Pacific’s defensive miscues would rear their ugly heads again in the seventh. With two outs, Washington seemingly popped out to end the inning. However, the ball bounced off Pacific’s glove, allowing the winning run to score. The Tigers could not muster a comeback in the bottom of the inning, resulting in a 5-4 Husky win.

The two teams would set up the rematch with victories in the semifinals. Washington took out Delaware 5-0 while Pacific blew by Sacramento State 10-4. Sacramento State would take home third place with a 6-0 win in the consolation matchup.

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