UC River Room Becomes Exclusive Eating Spot

**Business Casual Attire Required to Enter**

The River Room no longer accepts student dining dollars, cash and credit cards will be the only forms of payment allowed. A new dress code policy is enforced as well.

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

The River Room, located on the second floor of the new University Center facing the Calaveras River, has transformed the way students and staff dine. Primarily used for formal occasions, the room is open to all students and staff. Prior to Sept. 10, students were allowed to dine there using dining dollars, and were also able to appear in normal attire. But today, students are required to dress in business casual clothing and are expected to pay their meals with cash or credit card. This new policy affects only those who choose to dine in the River Room. See River Room, page 3

Pacific Enrollment Reaches All-Time High

**Record Freshmen Class Entered Pacific**

Giovanna Arieta
Pacifican Managing Editor

As of August 25, over 900 freshmen and 215 transfer students registered as full-time students at Pacific, increasing enrollment by 150 students from last year. With the Stockton campus now at nearly 4,700 students, enrollment has reached a record high.

According to University Administrators, this jump in enrollment at Pacific is a great reflection of the quality education offered at the University.

Robert J. Alexander, Associate Provost of enrollment said, "Students from 35 states and 26 foreign countries choose Pacific for a variety of reasons, such as the personal contact with professors, our small class sizes and the generous scholarships we offer."

"They are also drawn to Pacific because of our four-year graduation guarantee for undergraduate students, our many accelerated professional programs and our beautiful new facilities."

Although the enrollment numbers will not be official until October 1, the date by which people may transfer or drop out, Alexander believes it is still assuring to know that despite the massive construction seen by potential new students, Pacific is still a popular choice in the college world.

Analysis:

The Boogie That Be: The New Fraternity Dance Floor Policy

**Giovanna Arieta**
Pacifican Managing Editor

During weekends, there is nothing more fun than getting your groove on at one of Pacific's four social fraternity houses. My freshman year, dance parties were where I met many of the friends I still party with as a senior. These dances are a fun, free, and convenient way to space up your college nightlife without ever having to leave campus. However, the dance floors this year come with new restrictions. This summer, the Stockton Fire Department came to investigate all the campus facilities to search for any possible hazards. By investigating the space on the first floor of each fraternity house, the fire department determined a maximum occupancy to keep fire hazards at a minimum.

Sigma Chi's new maximum capacity is 77 people, Pi Kappa Alpha's is 81, Theta Chi's is 91, and Delta Upsilon's is 124. Additionally, while people used to love getting the parties started upstairs before moving downstairs to the dance floor, now no one will be allowed upstairs for any reason during the dance floors.

Why the change? For one, setting a maximum occupancy is in the best interest for the safety of students. Also, the elimination of the "pre-parties" upstairs is likely meant to subtract alcohol from the dance floor atmosphere.

"It sounds very restrictive. In the past, events were held where the new limits were exceeded. There were no problems or fire issues despite the large over-capacity attendance, so this seems like we've gone hand in hand behind our backs," said a member of a social campus fraternity.

I'm sure most students would agree with this statement. Just because students cannot drink upstairs in fraternity houses, it does not mean they will not drink. So will this policy help or hurt Pacific students? Only time will tell.

Updates on Construction:

More projects on the way

Vivian Lee
Pacifican Lifestyles Editor

The construction of the new University Center and new Biology Building are essentially completed, with construction crew placing its final touches and fixing minor issues.

The lawn in front of the Biology Building are essentially temporary location of the grocery is at the previous Summit Cafe location. Dining Dollars and PacificCash are accepted at this location.

Upcoming projects on campus include a multipurpose center near the Alex G. Spanos Center and a new technology center in place of where the Office of Information Technology and Human Resources is located.

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Department of Public Safety
Weekly Report
September 7 – 13, 2008

EPHONE ACTIVATION
WOOD BRIDGE
9-06-08
Subject called via Ephone to report difficulty breathing. Officer and medics responded. Subject was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

TRESPASSING ARREST
BURNS TOWER
9-07-08
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject and determined subject had been trespassing several times and arrested for being on campus. Subject was arrested, cited and released.

ALCOHOL ARREST
LOT 14
9-07-08
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject. Subject was arrested for being drunk in public and transported to the county jail.

TRAFFIC CRIMINAL
PACIFIC AVE
9-07-08
Officer conducted a vehicle stop. Driver was arrested and released for exhibition of speed.

ARSON
ATCHLEY WALKWAY
9-07-08
Officer responded to a report of a fire on the poster board. Caller advised he was able to put the fire out with a bucket of water. Officer cancelled SPD.

WARRANT ARREST
PERSHING AVE
9-08-08
Officer conducted a vehicle stop and learned the driver had an outstanding warrant. Driver was arrested at 12:30 AM and transported to the county jail.

ANNOYING CALLS
PUBLIC SAFETY
9-08-08
Victim reported receiving several threatening phone calls from an unknown caller. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
SOUTHWEST HALL
9-08-08
Officer responded to a report of a male subject going through the dumpster. Officer contacted the subject, interviewed and warned for trespassing.

WARRANT ARREST
APLIME AVE
9-09-08
Officer initiated a report on a male subject in a vehicle. Officer searched the vehicle due to expired registration, and no insurance. Driver was cited for other violations and released.

THEFT
CASA JACKSON
9-10-08
Victim reported her bicycle stolen. Officer responded and initiated a report.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT
PERSHING & ALPINE
9-10-08
Officer conducted a vehicle stop. Driver towed the vehicle due to expired registration, and no insurance. Driver was cited for other violations and released.

THEFT
M增加NAGAN HALL
9-11-08
Victim reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle. Officer initiated a report.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT
OFF CAMPUS
9-11-08
Officer reported assisting at a vehicle accident. Vehicle went into house at Country Club and Pershing. Officers reported the occupants of the vehicle fled on foot. SPD updated and circulating the area.

THEFT
MONAGAN HALL
9-11-08
Victim reported the theft of personal items from his dormitory. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT
UNIVERSITY CENTER
9-11-08
Officer responded to a report of a stolen blue hand truck. Officer initiated a report.

TOWED VEHICLE
PERSHING & ALPINE
9-10-08
Officer responded to a report of two suspicious subjects in the area. Officers contacted the subjects and were interviewed, advised of trespassing laws and revoked from campus.

THEFT
RITTER HOUSE
9-12-08
Victim reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
SCH OF PHARMACY
9-12-08
Officer responded to a report of two suspicious subjects in the area. Officers contacted the subject and advised of trespassing laws.

CASUALTY
FIELD HOUSE
9-12-08
Officer and medics responded to a report of a female subject with a leg injury. Subject was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

THEFT
MONAGAN HALL
9-12-08
Staff reported a bottle of water that was thrown at them while in the area. Officers responded and determined who threw the bottle from the 2nd story of the building. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT
SIGMA CHI
9-12-08
Officer responded to a report of a stolen blue hand truck. Officer initiated a report.

SPD requested a check on a male subject exiting a parked vehicle. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
LOT 20
9-13-08
Officer responded to a report of two suspicious subjects exiting a parked van after detecting an odor of marijuana. The subject with the marijuana card.

2008 Collier Lecture:
Author and Blogger Jacques Berlinerblau
Author and blogger Jacques Berlinerblau, the Collier lecturer for Fall of 2008, September 7 – 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

What: 2008 Collier Lecture - Author and blogger Jacques Berlinerblau

When: 6 p.m. Sept. 25, 2008
Where: University Center Ballroom
Cost: Free
Event Description: The Religious and Classical Studies Department welcomes Jacques Berlinerblau to deliver the 2008 Collier Lecture. Berlinerblau holds PhDs in Hebrew Bible from New York University and Sociology from the New School for Social Research and is Director of the Program for Jewish Civilization at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He also blogs religion and politics for the Washington Post. His most recent book is 'Thumpin': The Use and Abuse of the Bible in Today's Presidential Politics.'

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Officer conducted a checkout on two female subjects. Subjects were arrested for being drunk in public and transported to the county jail.

WARRANT ARREST
OFF CAMPUS
9-13-08
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject at Rosemont and Georgetown. Officer, learned subject had an outstanding warrant. Subject was arrested and transported to the county jail.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
9-13-08
Officer met with a subject reporting he was being harassed via phone and text messaging. Officer identified the responsible and initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
PIKE HOUSE
9-13-08
Officer responded to a report of two male subjects in the area going through the dumpster. Officer warned to subjects of trespassing laws.

AIDED STOCKTON PD
PUBLIC SAFETY
9-13-08
Officer conducted a vehicle check on a male subject exiting a parked vehicle. Officer initiated a report.
Freshman Viviana Millan disagrees with the policy requiring cash or credit card. “I feel since students already have bought the preset meal plan, it isn’t fair that they have to pay with cash or credit card through another meal facility in the University,” she said. “Although I do agree with the business casual requirement, the dining dollars are supposed to be used on food and I can’t understand why this has to be an exception.”

The River Room is opened Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is closed on weekends. This dining facility is equipped with fine dining furniture and set in a buffet style that allows its customers to eat comfortably.

A typical table set-up in the River Room awaits lunchtime patrons. Changes to the restaurant have some students mildly irritated.

Almost 90% of floating marine debris is plastic. The other 10% includes paper, metal, styrofoam, and glass. They come from trash washed into the storm drains that lead to the ocean and trash leftover by beach-goers and fishermen. Plastic is particularly harmful to marine life. Birds can become entangled in six-pack holders and plastic bags, causing them to suffocate. Pieces of plastic are also mistaken for food by birds, fish and mammals. If eaten, the plastic, which has no nutritional value, may be difficult to digest, much less swallow. Trash on the beach will also ruin a day of fun in the sun for people.

This year marks the 24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest garbage collection marked by the Guinness Book of World Records and one of the largest volunteer events of the year. This event takes place all over the West Coast. This year, California Coastal Cleanup Day falls on Saturday, September 20 from 9 am to noon.

As in past years, Pacific will hold a local cleanup of the Calaveras River and levee bike trail. Participants should meet at the Wood pedestrian bridge at 9 am this Saturday. To find volunteer sites throughout the state, please visit www.coastal.ca.gov/public/ccd/ccd.html for more information.

The annual California Coastal Cleanup Day is this Saturday, September 20. Participants in last year’s clean-up (left) collect litter and garbage at Torrance Beach in southern California and (right) at San Francisco’s Ocean Beach.
Former President of Colombia Cesar Gaviria will lecture on "New Directions: The Future of US-Latin American Relations," as part of the Gerber Lecture Series presented by Pacific's School of International Studies.

When: 6 p.m. Oct. 6
Where: Faye Spanos Concert Hall on the Stockton campus of University of the Pacific.

Event Description: Former Colombian President Cesar Gaviria will lecture on "New Directions: The Future of US-Latin American Relations," as part of the Gerber Lecture Series presented by Pacific's School of International Studies.

During his four-year term, Gaviria strengthened democracy, promoted peace and integrated former rebels into Colombian politics. He is also an active member of "Club Madrid," an organization composed of former world leaders, including former U.S. President Bill Clinton. That organization concentrates on initiatives and movements to promote democracy.

Gaviria's appearance is part of the launch of the Inter-American Program, which will focus on Latin-American and Hispanic cultural competence and preparation for study and work in the Spanish-speaking world. The lecture also is part of a week-long series of events in honor of the opening and naming of the new Don and Karen De Rosa University Center on Pacific's Stockton campus.

"Latin America has continued to be an extremely important yet often ignored partner in our hemisphere," said Margee Ensign, dean of the School of International Studies. "It has played a significant role in our ongoing debates about immigration, trade, the environment and security in formulat-ting Latin-American issues, cross-cultural understand-ing and greater understanding among peoples and governments of the Americas. From 1962-1982 Pacific's Covell College offered a unique and innovative Inter-American liberal arts curric-u-lum in Spanish. Students came from Latin America and the United States and courses were taught by a prestigious faculty from both regions. That program captured the attention of President John F. Kennedy, who wrote Pacific to praise the program and earned a first-page story in the Wall Street Journal.

With President Gaviria's visit to campus, Pacific once again inaugurates a new Inter-American program at Pacific. Just like the original Albert Covell College, "The Inter-American Program will stress Latin-American issues, cross-cultural competencies and Spanish-language skills," Ensign said.

The new program is a joint effort between the School of International Studies and several academic units. Students in the program live in Casa Covell, a bilingual, multi-cultural residence hall on the Stockton Campus, and will be awarded a certificate recognizing development of professional competence in bilingual, cross-cultural understandings which certifies that they are pre pared to work in a Spanish-speaking environment in either the U.S. or a Spanish-speaking region. It is also hoped that students, both from the U.S. and from the Latin American region, will become leaders who will promote better relations between the United States and Latin America, Ensign said.

The Gerber Lecture Series began in 2001 with a generous endowment from Don and Lagarde Gerber. The series has presented many prominent international figures such as Rwandan President By Ruhakana Rugema, Bishop Desmond Tutu, United Nations Climate Change Envoy Gro Brundtland, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi and many others.

Moira Gunn to Discuss Technology and Sustainability at DeRosa Center on Oct. 7

Tech evangelist and National Public Radio personality Moira Gunn will discuss "Technology and Sustainability" in a presentation sponsored by Pacific's School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Gunn is host of the radio programs "Tech Nation" and "BioTech Nation," both produced by San Francisco's KQED and aired by National Public Radio. Tech Nation features interviews with authors of technology books and significant developers of new technology. BioTech Na-tion focuses on interviews with people involved in the bio-tech field and other science writers. "Through her radio pro-gam, Dr. Gunn has advanced the causes and understanding of technology and made ordi-nary citizens understand the importance of these issues to the well being of our society," said Ensign. "She is able to do this effectively because she's more than a journalist. Dr. Gunn has personally worked on some of the most advanced computer systems and new technologies with some of the most best known technology-oriented companies and agencies in the world."

Before becoming a radio host, Gunn worked at NASA on large-scale scientific com-putations and global communications, with special emphasis in infrared satellite image processing, computational fluid dynamics, and global climate and weather modeling. She also worked in robotics engineering at IBM, Morton Thiokol, United Technologies/Pratt & Whitney, Lockheed-Martin and Rolls-Royce and the US Navy.

In 1974, Gunn became the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. She also holds a master's in computer science from Purdue and a bachelo-r's in computer science from the University of San Francisco. Last year, she published her first book "Welcome to BioTech Nation: My Unexpected Odyssey into the Land of Small Molecules, Lean Gens and Big Ideas."

More information about Gunn's radio programs can be found online at http://www.technation.com. More information about the University Center can be found at http://go.pacific.edu/UniversityCenter.
The Liberal

Ally Mengarelli
Pacifican Staff Writer

Thank God it’s almost over. That’s right, ladies and gentlemen, the man who made a mockery of our country for eight painstaking years is finally leaving office...but are his policies? If McCain enters office, policies reflecting those of Bush will once again be set into action. This seems even more inevitable now that McCain has chosen his VP, Sarah Palin. Paired with McCain, Palin’s dishonest and unjust demeanor will closely resemble those that have been in power over the last eight years. I personally will give the woman considerable credit– It seems absolutely amazing that such an individual with such little experience could be so dishonest and malicious in her convictions, as so many politicians well-practiced are today.

First and foremost, she flat out lies. Big time. Palin now claims to have stopped the building of the infamous “Bridge To Nowhere,” which is a $400 million bridge that would connect an island off of Alaska with 50 residents and an airport. She not only originally supported the building of the bridge, she also changed her position on the project once it became nationally ridiculed. She was so involved with the plans for drilling in Alaska (which would intensely disrupt and endanger the environment) that she fought the Bush administration to take polar bears off the endangered species list in order to allow her to execute those plans. She then left her office once in debt, much like the Bush administration is leaving America!

Even more surprising is that fact that shortly before the woman was even asked to take the position of VP, she responded that she “didn’t even know what the vice president does all day,”

For further thought, she opposes the laws that would promise women equal pay as men in the workplace, sex education within schools, as well as the use and sale of condoms and contraceptives. She strongly believes in creationism, is against the teaching of evolution within schools, and wishes to outlaw abortion (even in cases of rape and incest). Not only does Palin have just two years of experience as governor of Alaska, but she was previously almost recalled from her previous position as mayor of Wasilla.

America–how are we supposed to regain any respectable reputation that George W. Bush has so absent-mindedly crushed? Certainly not by voting in the McCain ticket. As an American citizen, I am personally ashamed of what this country has been through with Bush Jr. as the president. How is change supposed to occur when people are so unaware of the true character behind those running for office? Barack Obama has been nothing but straightforward, honest, sincere, and efficient in his policies and plans for change. As Obama stated, enough is enough.

So come on, Pacifican...let’s vote for the guys who haven’t lied.

The Republican

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

The location of this year’s historic Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota revolutionized the battlefield of politics with the Vice-Presidential nomination. Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska, has entered the political arena with Presidential nominee Senator John S. McCain, becoming the second woman in American history after Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 to run on a presidential ticket.

Palin, a mother of five, expressed her deepest concerns for American politics at the convention, launching the following statement:

“Politics isn’t just a game of clashing parties and competing interests. The right reason is to challenge the status quo, to serve the common good, and to leave this nation better than we found it. No one expects us to agree on everything. But we are expected to govern with integrity, good will, clear convictions, and... a servant’s heart.”

Soon after Palin’s acceptance speech, the far-left media machine soon began to take blasts at the Governor. With the questioning of Palin’s nomination in mind, we must ask ourselves how much more experience the nominee of the Democratic Party has. Barack Obama has yet to serve a full term in the U.S. Senate and supports increasing taxation.

Obama, as seen in the Democratic primaries, has the tendency to change as the polls do. An example of this is when his former pastor Jeremiah Wright preached racism and hate slurs. Obama first condemned his foul statements, but later stated his pastor had his full support, and then as soon as more of the media began to scrutinize him and his history of preaching. Obama abandoned Wright altogether while also stepping away from the church.

The candidate who was ready for the job on day one is John McCain. McCain has fully served our country in the Vietnam War and has tackled many issues while in the Senate, including the decrease of pork barrel spending. McCain has been successful in filibusters and has worked across the aisle to promote the legislation that he feels is right for his fellow Americans. McCain is a non-conformist who is ready to become president and is does not need “on the job training,” which is what Hillary Clinton stated about Obama during the primaries.

The Republican Party has always stood firmly behind its principles since its founding in 1854. Today the Grand Old Party continues to press issues which include lowering taxation, promoting a free market, supporting a strong national defense, oil drilling to lower fuel costs, and the right to bear arms.
The Pacifican wants your story!

Aside from stressful college schedules, which include midterms, reports, and projects, some students also must endure pressure from their families. Parents and families of students sometimes hold high expectations for academic success. With this additional outside influence, students find it more difficult to stay on track and not fall behind in their work.

The Pacifican would like to hear from you! If you’ve experienced pressure from your family or parents write in to us briefly describing your situation and how you get through it. Feel free to add advice and tips for others who may be suffering through extreme stress. Even if you are not in this situation, we still would like to hear from you. Write us giving helpful, encouraging advice. Submissions should be no longer than 200 words.

Entries submitted by Sept. 25 will be featured in an article to be published on Oct. 1 discussing college pressure. Email your replies to dblou07@gmail.com or drop them by the Pacifican office, in the Southwest courtyard, Monday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. or Tuesdays after 3 p.m.

Second Life Isn’t Real Life

Seema Ghatnekar
Pacifican Perspectives Editor

Many have heard the buzz around campus of the new virtual world Pacific has adopted. “Second Life” is a virtual world in which individuals are able to interact through cartoon versions of themselves. In this world, one is able to fly, communicate, and engage in normal human activities. The odd thing about this website is that the key to its operation is currently over a million real US dollars. Many people use Second Life to attend meetings, live in a virtual world, and even to attend class.

Pacific has become a part of Second Life, owning a block of land entitled “U Pacific.” Interestingly, there is an online tour through YouTube, wherein one can actually view our campus in Second Life, modeled almost exactly to our real-life campus. Many teachers have begun to incorporate Second Life into their curriculum, and some students are required to participate online.

With the advancement in technology, our generation has seen many new developments. However, would we have predicted going to class online? Pacific is not the only campus using Second Life, let alone other ways to spend time in class and more time using new technology. A few years ago, Stanford University was one of many schools to use “Podcasts” (a feature on iTunes and iPods) as a substitute to attending lectures. The University of Southern California has also been a fan of avoiding large lecture halls by placing lecture material online along with a professor’s recorded voice.

Call me old fashioned, but why are universities at all. Personal and real interaction is essential as a collegt way of teaching students. I don’t know about most students but despite how long the walk could be to campus, I enjoy sitting in a class full of students, with a teacher right in front of us instigating important topics for discussion. Though Second Life allows for students and professors to engage in discussion, there is something much different about sitting in a room by yourself, in a virtual reality, than sitting in a real classroom with your peers. What would this do for peer-to-peer interaction? Many people have online personalities much different than their actual ones, as many active AIMers (instant messengers) would notice. This could lead to people becoming more gregarious online, while social butterflies may feel under stimulated without face to face interaction. The thing that makes college life interesting and meaningful is the interaction that we have with our peers. If this human interaction is replaced by digital interaction, social and intellectual growth would definitely be impacted.

Philosophy professor Dylan Zorea believes that Second Life could be a “wonderful place if people were motivated by the right reasons, as long as people get past the fact that we have opportunities beyond the limitations of being on campus.” He stresses the significance Second Life can have on communication, and calls the online community a “brave new world with the possibility of danger.”

Second Life is definitely a clear advancement if technology, and can be useful in many cases. Occasionally it would be nice to attend meetings without stress, in the comfort of one’s home. However, classes are another issue. If we were to attend all of our classes on Second Life, what use would there be for a campus at all? It would not make sense for us to pay so much money to attend a university at all. Personal and real interaction is essential as a college student, and there would be much to be said if it were taken away from the University of the Pacific.
FUNNY CLASS NOTES

Freshman Fifteeen

Matt Brady
Pacifican Humor Columnist

As the semester begins and scores of new students settle into their new way of life here on campus, one thought needles its way into the psyche of every self-respecting freshman: Just how much weight will I gain?

It is not a question of "will" more pounds be packed on, but how many and where. For the freshman, every mirror is a reflection of weighty opportunity and some students have been known to create maps of their bodies on photoshop as a projection of future appearance.

Certain locations are just not hospitable to new adipose. You know what I mean. As soon as you read that you thought of that special place you sincerely wish would get smaller, leaner and lighter. Keep that place in mind; it will get bigger (that is, become more puissant) in a moment.

Sophomores and upperclassmen have already been through this. They know better than to worry about some body part that will, through the hard grind of partying and general collegiate dereliction, be reduced to a mass of unenviable flab.

Some students here at Pacific approach weight management like Oprah, but they schedule the rise and fall of their yo-yo by the semester. Every fall they enter school looking toned, but even the squarest senior will act like a freshman on some days and the summer progress is erased quickly.

If you are curious about how you will look in a year and don't trust photoshop, go visit your local supermarket. There's one just up Pacific Avenue with a great deli section. Check out the frozen meats, where the larger birds like Ted Williams are waiting to be thawed and handled.

Find a fifteen pound turkey and lift it up. Get a feel for the weight, mass and volume of the animal. Try doing a couple of curls with the bird - those are good for your biceps. Do you think the bird feels fat?

Imagine yourself with this turkey spread out over your hips, stomach, or whatever special place you have in mind from earlier. It's beautiful, isn't it? This is your freshman fifteen. This is what college will give you in exchange for all that tuition. You may also get an education if you're lucky.

Welcome to Pacific! This should be another excellent year. Oh, and the Baun Fitness Center is located just north of Bannister Hall on Stagg Way and has very accommodating hours.

While Sipping a Cup of Java...

Friendships are waiting to be made

Christine Le
Pacifican Poetry Columnist

Aside from trying to get used to the reality that the semester has actually begun, during this first month of school we've gotten to know the people living on our floors, made some friends at work, and have likely become acquainted with a professor or two. However, some of us might not be finding it easy or comfortable to make new buddies. This may be the case if you're a freshman who hasn't yet adjusted to living miles away from home. Or if you're an international student still getting accustomed to American culture (for which I don't blame you).

Whatever your inhibitions, rest assured that friendships in college, especially on a small, warm campus like Pacific, are just around the corner waiting to be formed. Or in the case of Richard Brautigan's poem "Your Catfish Friend," they're waiting beneath a pond.

You probably find the title amusing, even silly, perhaps. I certainly did when I first read the poem. Why in the world would a delicious species of seafood be used to describe a prospective friend? Well, Brautigan accurately portrays catfish as "scaffolds of skin and whiskers," so we understand the narrator is supposed to be a simple, common being. In other words, Brautigan doesn't use "angelfish friend" or "gorgeous guppy friend." Thus, he suggests everyone is the same in that we all share the basic human desire to form companionships, just as we see with the narrator.

Notice how Brautigan shows also the other character's ache for friendship, with the line "I wish somebody loved me." Though this sentence suggests the poem is about romance, try reading the poem in the context of friendship. Then look at how the last four lines imply the character's realization that there are many simple catfish in the pond. If you haven't yet made the same discovery, there are many easy ways to do so. Get to know the people living across the hall from you. Join one of the many student organizations on campus. Before you know it, you'll realize that many potential friendships are swimming around Pacific.

The Pacifican encourages students, faculty and staff to submit their poetry. Please email submissions to c_le3@pacific.edu.

Your Catfish Friend

by Richard Brautigan

If I were to live my life
in catfish forms
in scaffolds of skin and whiskers
at the bottom of a pond
and you were to come by
one evening
when the moon was shining
down into my dark home
and stand there at the edge
of my affection
and think, "It's beautiful here by this pond. I wish somebody loved me."
I'd love you and be your catfish friend and drive such lonely thoughts from your mind
and suddenly you would be at peace,
and ask yourself, "I wonder if there are any catfish in this pond? It seems like a perfect place for them."
Losses and Gains:
Dining Hall treasures will be missed
Heather Breen
Pacifican Copy Editor

My busy freshman and sophomore years were sustained with food provided by the University Dining Hall. For the most part, this cafeteria style of eating was okay—it was always easy to get a to-go box on a busy day, and if I wasn’t sure what I wanted to eat, I could always load my plate with small portions of twenty different foods and pick and choose amongst them.

Now as a senior, I don’t generally eat meals provided on campus. But with the installation of the new University Center, I wanted to compare my past dining experiences with those that current freshmen and sophomores will come to remember as their typical dining experience at the UC.

My first and only meal in the UC was mooched off of my boyfriend’s meal plan. He was completely willing to share his dining bucks with me since he lives in the apartments and to shop for his own food than to stock up on fried rice, egg rolls, and teriyaki chicken and spent roughly $6. My boyfriend did the same-for another $6.

All in all, the food wasn’t great. It was pretty much as I remember-fried, greasy, and not generally in line with my typical health-conscious patterns of food consumption. It would have been nice to wash down the food with something to drink, but I couldn’t justify a spending a $1.50 for a drink I could get from my fridge at home for much cheaper.

In general, I’m not really a fan of the new dining system. I’m a snacker at heart, so I’m really upset that I am no longer entitled to take 20 different scoops of food for one flat price of $8.50 (which approximates the entry cost of a dinner or lunch meal on the old meal plan system). I’m upset that I can’t smuggle out a bagel as easily as I could have in the past. And I’m also concerned as to why one of the potentially healthiest and nutrient dense venues-the salad bar-is no longer an easily accessible and highly visible centerpiece within the marketplace itself.

Without straying too far from my assigned topic of food quality and variety in the dining hall, I understand why the University decided to integrate the declining meal plan system into Pacific.

Quite simply, the new system makes students aware of the real price it takes to purchase and make a substantial meal in this day and age. Advertising the prices of individual food items can potentially decrease the amount of wasted food since most college students (who are generally working with low budgets) are less likely to stockpile their plates when they’re essentially paying for an entrée rather than an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Perhaps students will limit the quantities and variety of their food intake because of the attached price to each food item. Social scientific research shows that as food offerings decrease (in our case, moderated by price, not by eating options) people consume fewer calories, which is overall a good thing in our over-fed and largely-sedentary culture.

But I’m a creature of habit and don’t take kindly to huge changes in life. I may not like the UC dining system, but I can safely say that the food is just about the same now as it was when I lived off of it two years ago. And for the increased price of a meal plan, I was disappointed that the quality of the food has not gone up as well.

Ultimately, it is not that the food has changed (minus the glaring omission of the almighty Panini press station) but rather that the system has forced me to change my eating behaviors, and that makes me less-than-happy.

For students who want to purchase a single item, the system is fine. But for those of us who are picky eaters, full-time snackers, grazers, or amateur chefs who like to make our own food combinations, eating through the UC dining system will be more of a challenge than eating at last year’s dining hall.

Dear XY or XX,

First of all, I wouldn’t freak out about the fact that you have interest in another girl. As human beings, sometimes we have feelings or thoughts that cannot be explained. You really like this girl and there is nothing wrong with exploring what this attraction really means.

However, the problem is that you’re in a relationship. While it is okay to window shop while you’re involved with someone, it is never okay to actually go into the store and try it on, if you get my drift. In other words, it’s okay to acknowledge that this girl might be cute and charming, but if you’re seriously considering pursuing a relationship with her, then it’s time that you really consider your relationship with your boyfriend. If you’re interested in being with other people, whether it be boys or girls, it could be that you’re just not that into your boyfriend anymore. Even if you love him, it doesn’t mean that you’re meant to date him. A successful romantic relationship goes far beyond loving each other. It is also important to have time for each other, mutual commitment and a strong desire to be together.

Since you and your boyfriend have been dating since high school, it could just be that you’re curious about other people. That’s perfectly normal, but it is up to you to decide whether or not this curiosity is worth risking your relationship with a man you love.

The only solid advice I can give you is that you have an ethical obligation to sort out your relationship with your boyfriend before getting involved with anyone else. If he finds out that you have strong feelings for another person, he will likely end the relationship anyway.

Sincerely,

Jane Jones

If you’d like advice from Jane, send letters, questions and comments to JustAskJaneJones@gmail.com.
carpe diem
Lights, camera, glamour!

Although born and raised in San Francisco, I am neither a raving shop-a-holic nor an expert fashion connoisseur. Sure, many designers and fashion icons that have been bred in the city. And sure, many of the nation’s leading universities and businesses declare the city their home. But for me, I was oblivious to the ways of the fashion gods, trying to be a good Asian student.

Just the other week, I went home to visit some old friends. Having our little rendezvous in downtown San Francisco, I discovered a little piece of the fashion industry that could be all my own. The legendary initials of the famous fashion designer, Louis Vuitton, or LV, could easily be altered to form my initials, VL. I was ecstatic. Images of me as a clever and creative fashion designer with bags and shoes adorned with my initials, VL, I was ecstatic. The legendary fashion industry that could be all my own. The legendary fashion industry that could be all my own. The legendary fashion industry that could be all my own.

However, I quickly realized the possibility of me becoming a fashion designer was close to none. I thought of all the sketches I would have to do, all the measuring, all the pinning. No, thank you. Too much boring busy work with accuracy and precision that I probably wouldn’t be very good at or satisfied with.

Anyways, like me, the rest of the student population at Pacific is not apparently not as clueless about fashion. In fact, rumor tells me that this month starts off a little something called Fashion Week. A whole week dedicated to fashion? Exciting!

Fashion week is an industry event that lasts approximately one week. Designers flock to certain fashion capitals and essential cities: New York, Paris, Milan, and Copenhagen, just to name a few, to show off their newest creations. Although some fashion weeks may be just shameless plugs for designers to get richer, there are some new and upcoming designers that highlight their original and abstract ideas.

Fashion weeks, held months earlier to increase marketing and publicity, have recently become more distinctive because of their endorsements and celebrity models and buyers.

movie
The Women
A wealthy New Yorker leaves her cheating husband and bonds with other society women at a resort.

book
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo
Follows the lives and interactions of several French characters over a twenty year period that starts in the year of Napoleon’s final defeat. Examines the nature of good, evil, and the law, in a sweeping story that expounds upon the history of France, architecture of Paris, politics, moral philosophy, law, justice, religion, and the types and nature of romantic and familial love.

music
Christina Aguilera, "Keeps Getting Better"
Kid Rock, "All Summer Long"

tv show
Mad Men
Takes place in the early 1960s at the fictional Sterling Cooper advertising agency on New York City’s Madison Avenue and centers on Don Draper (Jon Hamm), a high-level advertising executive, and the people in his life in and out of the office.

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Healthy Food and College Students Can Go Hand-in-Hand

Aileen Shon
Pacifican Staff Writer

When living on a college campus, it can be difficult to put the right nutrients into your body. When a microwave is the closest thing you have for a kitchen, instant foods such as Easy Mac and Hot Pockets can be easy to grab when you are on the go. But that does not mean that healthy foods should be ignored. As busy college students, it is important to think about our daily nutrition. We need to remember that our bodies work like machines, and the fewer nutrients we put into it, the less productively it works.

Eating healthy in college may not be the most convenient thing, but it is not impossible. In fact, it is easier than you may think. It is all about choosing the right foods from the right places.

If you live in a residence hall on campus, your options for eating are limited. However, there are still ways to incorporate all the healthy food groups. When you are at the dining hall, plan your meals to include some color. Having a variety of green, red, or yellow on your plate allows you to accumulate better nutrients for your body.

Adding fresh or steamed vegetables can give you a boost of vitamins A, C, and various other beneficial minerals. Lean meats and fish provide you with protein, while red potatoes provide you with carbohydrates to provide more energy throughout the day, and whole grains, such as brown rice, provide fiber.

If you have a craving for sugar, try eating fresh fruits - watermelon, a crisp apple, or yogurt with granola. You can get the sweet flavor without all the artificial flavorings and preservatives and extra sugar, while gaining more nutrients and energy!

It is also important to have a variety of healthy snacks in your room that you can enjoy in moderation. Instead of getting Doritos at the grocery store, opt instead for all natural turkey or beef jerky. It will satisfy your junk food craving without all the saturated fats and preservatives.

Almonds are also a great snack when you want something crunchy and filling. They are loaded with vitamin E, calcium, magnesium, antioxidants and nutrients. Dried fruits, such as cranberries and blueberries, can also provide you with antioxidant capabilities and a healthy dose of vitamin C. You can even mix the two ingredients together to create a sweet and salty trail mix!

Healthy eating is possible in college and should become a part of your everyday lifestyle. Good food can provide your body with more sustainable energy and can lower your chances of certain diseases, so it is important to stay updated and explore all the different kinds of healthy foods there are to enjoy. Make healthy eating part of your lifestyle now!

Bangkok Dangerous

Courtney Wood
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Bangkok Dangerous is a run-of-the-mill assassin film that offers some, but little, novelty. The movie begins with a more than familiar monologue that the audience has heard somewhere before: "My name is Joe, and this is what I do..."

Nicholas Cage plays Joe London, a hit man who accepts an assignment of four assassinations in Bangkok and plans to retire from the killing business after this "final job."

Over the course of the movie, he acquires a sidekick/assassin-in-training as well as a deaf-mute love interest. London makes his kills while somehow developing a heart and becoming a mentor. Believable? Maybe. Likely? Probably not, but, hey, it is Hollywood, right?

Expectedly, London is an experienced and weary, cold-hearted assassin. So, why then, does he decide to undertake a sidekick after many years of working alone? The age-old answer, naturally, is that he sees a younger version of himself in the "kid’s eyes." Why does he choose to start caring about people at the end of his career, when he could make a clean break with no strings attached? Simply because it creates more opportunities for sticky hostage situations, gunfire sequences, and chase scenes, of course!

One interesting aspect in the movie was the romantic relationship between Joe and the deaf-mute pharmacist. Their interactions are fresh and chaste compared to the over-sexualized relationships that inundate so many action movies.

On the other hand, the predictable mentor/student relationship between Joe and his messenger, Kong, is cliché from the training montage to the stalk lessons that include lines such as "Mirrors, windows, and polished pieces of steel are like eyes in the back of your head." However, the role of Kong provided necessary comic relief from the solemnity of London’s character.

As a remake of the 1999 Pang Brothers film, the original directors undoubtedly wanted to bring novel components, but the effort gets muddled in the generally hackneyed plot and the monotonous, stodgy portrayal of the main character, even after it is supposed to have experienced a change of heart.

Although Bangkok Dangerous has the elements of an awesome hit-man movie, it falls slightly short. The ending of the movie gets credit for breaking the mold and leaving a few unanswered questions, but it is still not enough to make this movie more than moderately good.
Second String Quintet Plays At Pacific

Renee Icasiano, Pacifican Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the ASuop Arts and Entertainment Club sponsored the Second String Quintet, recently voted as Best Local Live Band in San Joaquin County. Everyone dining and relaxing in the Brickyard at the Lair of the University Center were not only able to enjoy Second String Quintet’s mix of folk, rock, blues, soul, and funk, but they were also able to witness Pacific senior Nicco Tyson and his harmonica.

Second String Quintet’s Snap Jackson happened to be in the neighborhood when he heard Tyson playing as he was walking through campus. “I was walking down the street the other day playing my harmonica and they invited me come in with them,” said Tyson. And that is exactly what Tyson did.

Jackson announced an invitation for Tyson to come on stage, and anyone who came in after the announcement would have thought Tyson was a long-time band member. Tyson’s long, deep, bluesy wails, with quick funky pop sounds, ran through the crowd along with originality and enthusiasm.

Tyson aspire to become a professional harmonica player. According to Jackson, “He can play anything you want...any song. Just ask him.”

Second String Quintet played a variety of their own songs as well as covers from Bob Marley and Johnny Cash. Upcoming shows in the area include September 20 at the Matinee at 7:30pm, September 26 at the DeCari Square in Downtown Stockton at 5:00pm, September 27 at the Acacia Street Cafe at 8:00pm, and the Bob Hope Fax Theater on October 17 at 6:00pm. You can find out more about them at www.myspace.com/thesecondstringquintet.

Lifestyles

Food Borne Infections: Controlling what we eat

Seema Ghatnekar, Pacifican Perspectives Editor

Ever had an upset stomach? Vomited for days?

More than likely, you had a food borne infection. Food borne infections range from the common upset stomach to more severe infections. They are caused by ingesting food or beverages that are contaminated by pathogens such as viruses, parasites, or bacteria.

There are some significant contaminants you should be aware of:

Salmonella, a type of bacteria found in the intestines of mammals, reptiles, and birds, is commonly spread through undercooked poultry or eggs. Symptoms of this type of infection include diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps, and anyone who consumed raw meats and produce.

The most common type of infection include: E. coli O157:H7, found in cows, is spread to food and water by trace amounts of cow fecal matter. The symptoms are slightly more severe than that of a Salmonella infection, as they include abdominal cramps and bloody diarrhea. Anemia may also be a side effect of this infection, through a complication known as Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS).

Though many of these terms may seem foreign, it is important to understand that food borne infections are not foreign at all and can happen to anyone, especially to college students who are new at maintaining their diet.

The most common way to prevent getting an infection is by making sure the food you consume is clean (washed properly for vegetables and fruits) and cooked thoroughly (for meats and raw produce).

If you do experience the signs of a food borne infection, make sure to note the symptoms you experience. Typically, the infections may take a few days to kick in with the symptoms, so try to think back to your food intake a few days before the symptoms began. The best thing to do if you think you have an infection is to drink plenty of fluids and avoid foods that can cause your stomach to be upset. If the symptoms become more severe, contact your doctor so that proper treatment (if necessary) can be diagnosed.

For more information, visit the Center for Disease Control website at http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/.

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game review

Mercenaries 2: World in Flames

Ally Mengarelli
Pacifican Staff Writer

It has been a while since the first Mercenaries was released, but no fear—the fast-paced Pandemic Studios classic is back.

Taking place in Venezuela, the game is much more intense than its predecessor, Mercenaries: Playground of Destruction. With canyons, dismantled shanties, dangerous jungles, and vast expanses of water, the graphics realistic and engaging.

Although the plot is somewhat dull, there is plenty of mischief on the journey, and the gameplay is exhilarating and intense. Most of the new mechanical additions, such as grappling helicopters from the ground and the ability to swim, are playful, whereas others are just plain irritating—like the fact that all driving controls are mapped to the face buttons and cannot be changed.

Of course, the most fun one can have while playing this game is, bluntly, by blowing stuff up. In the game, every object within the virtual space can be destroyed with the right amount of firepower.

The game has you running missions for different parties, whether it is in the Allied Nations, the Chinese Army, or the People’s Liberation Army of Venezuela.

Another perk is the fact that you can now play online! However, it is only within a restrictive radius and in the game, you cannot drive within a considerable distance from your partner.

All in all, the game was better than average with a few setbacks. I’d give it a solid B.
DeSean's 21st Birthday
Wed, Sept. 24
The Pub

From Pacific Tiger to Premier Coach

Will Tagg
Pacifican Staff Writer

The University of the Pacific has had the biggest impact on college football for the past ten years. Although not having a football team makes my previous statement seem like a joke (it is true Pacific has amassed an amazing total of 0 wins this past decade). Maybe it would be better stated to say that Pacific has indirectly affected the landscape of college football more than any other school.

Pacific has a rich football tradition dating back to the early years of our school's existence. There is one Pacific alum who has reached the pinnacle of the college football coaching world. This individual played at Pacific and started his coaching career in the very stadium that we drive by everyday. Pete Carroll is the Tiger turned Trojan that has become one of Pacific's most notable alum and most successful coaches in college football.

Carroll is a native Californian who was born on Sept 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He excelled in sports in his youth and brought his football talents to Pacific. While at Pacific, Carroll excelled on the field as he garnered all conference honors while playing free safety. While having a successful Pacific football career, he was also able to attain a degree in Business Administration. However, Carroll decided to pass on a career in business. Instead, he followed his passion of football and became an assistant coach here at Pacific. Like many other coaches, Carroll decided to learn and perfect the craft of coaching under many different coaches. He decided to try the Pro ranks before taking his leadership to the University of Southern California. Carroll was brought to USC with the expectation of restoring the program to its previous glory. After having a rough first year in Los Angeles, Carroll and the Trojans became a national powerhouse. Some of his career accomplishments include winning 2 National Championships (2003, 2004), producing 3 Heisman Trophy Winners, and possessing a career record of 76-14; his winning percentage of 84.4% ranks him first among active coaches. Carroll was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

Carroll has also given back to the community of Los Angeles as he was a key contributor to the group, A Better L.A., which strives to reduce gang violence. Pete Carroll's wife, Glena, is also a Pacific alum who was a member of our Volleyball team during her stay on campus. You can catch our boy Pete in action on the sidelines this next Thursday night Sept 25 against Oregon State at 6 pm.

Alex Ruano
Pacifican Assignments Editor

Derrick Magee, Pacific's Assistant Director of Athletics for Finance and Internal Affairs, was selected to take part in the 2008-09 NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males and Females. Twenty-three professionals were selected for the year long institute to address the critical shortage of senior-level professionals of color in athletics administrative staff at NCAA member institutions and within conference offices. "It is indeed an honor to be part of the Leadership Institute because of the track record of excellence it has established within the industry of college athletics," says Magee.

He is currently involved in the third of five sessions that focus on key functions of leadership including human resource management, finance and fundraising and booster, public and media relations. Magee's involvement in the institute still allows him to fulfill his job here at Pacific. The sessions are contained in three day segments spread across the year to minimize interruption.

To date, the NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males and Females has produced one hundred forty two graduates, and the class of 2009 will grow the number to one hundred sixty four. All professionals selected were put through a rigorous selection process headed by a committee consisting of members from the Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee and the Committee on Women's Athletics.

Magee plans on using the skills he picks up at the Institute for more than just his current job. He says, "Ultimately, I want to work as a Division I-A Athletic Director, and the Leadership Institute will help to provide me with a broad scope of knowledge that will assist me in the future." Magee started his professional career in athletics at Florida A&M University where he became a Men's Basketball assistant coach and athletic business manager after his playing eligibility ended. He has just completed his second year in Pacific's Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

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Picked for NCAA...You can catch our boy Pete in action on the sidelines this next Thursday night Sept 25 against Oregon State at 6 pm.
Men’s Basketball Dominates Canada

The Pacific’s Men’s Basketball team traveled north for their 2008 Canadian Tour at the end of August. The team faced Vancouver Island University and University of Victoria while they were there. Pacific successfully showed the Canadians that they were there to win—and they came home with a 3-0 record and they won the tournament.

Pacific started off the tour at Vancouver Island University on Saturday, August 30. The team hardly gave VIU a chance and ended the game with a 94-45 victory. Senior Anthony Brown led the team in scoring with 14 points and seven rebounds. Senior James Doran was right behind him with two three-pointers and 13 points in all. Senior Bryan LeDuc contributed 12 points, junior Royal Edwards had 10 points, and sophomore Sam Willard had a team-best 10 rebounds and nine points. Head Coach Bob Thomason said, “Our rebounding and defense were very good. We shared the ball very well, and our depth helped get a big lead in the second quarter.”

On Sunday, August 31, Pacific faced the University of Victoria. Once again, the Tigers took home the win of 75-70. LeDuc lead the team with his team-best 16 points and freshman Brandon Hawkins was the only other player to score in double-digits with 10 points. The Tigers had 35 rebounds and 10 steals, to Victoria’s 5 steals. Junior Lavar Neufville had a team-high of three swipes.

The Tigers rounded out their Canadian Tour with another win against the University of Victoria. Brown led the team with 11 points and LeDuc had 10 points. Willard had nine rebounds. The team collectively boasted 44 rebounds to Victoria’s 30. This final game was closer than the previous two, however. Chad Troyer was set up with 12 seconds left. Pacific won 67-65.

If the Canadian Tour is any hint to how the team will be in conference this year, Tiger fans are going to have a lot to celebrate. Before official practices start, the team will host their annual event, Tigers in Tennis, on September 30.

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The event is for kids to join the team and play basketball. Additionally, Midnight Mania will pose as the tipoff event for the official practice season on October 17. The first Pacific home game is against Cal State Stanislaus on November 2.
FLAG FOOTBALL

Men's A:
1. Not Approved by Housing- The favorite to win A after an overtime loss in the championship last spring.
2. Pike- Great pass rush, but they need a hidden gem to emerge at QB after Foster's departure.
3. Hard Knocks- Evan Garcia has been known to crumble under the playoff pressure.
4. Red Raiders- Ton's of talent but they can never seem to put all the pieces together.
5. Grid Iron Gang- They got some talent, but they need to learn the differences in flag football.
6. Brookeside Guys- An unheard of team that has the ability to surprise and compete for 3rd place.

Men's B:
1. Juice- With Will Tagg reigning the defensive backfield, this team will lead the league in interceptions.
2. N'Dept- Pataria leads the team as the best defensive player in B.
3. You're Not Down- Whitt is a fearsome pass rusher who can disrupt any offense.
4. My Vick in a Box- This team could challenge for 3rd place if Hagars becomes the primary target on offense.
5. Skullzy Cuz- Pretty good pass rush, however they have little offense to speak of.
6. Bulldogs- Bayly is a good receiver, but who is going to throw him the ball?

Rec:
1. Border Patrol- If Candelaria doesn't tie his flags and Townzen keeps track of their timeouts, they could push deep into the playoffs.
2. Piranhas- Good aggressive pass rush, but their QB, Robert Carter has injury problems.
3. 808 Bros- Chris Chin always gives them a chance to win with his elusiveness at QB.
4. Twilight Years- Team will definitely make the playoffs in a fairly weak C division.
5. Moo Ja “hey” Dean- QBs may have problems escaping from Ortega's pass rush.
6. We're Weymss- Typical play: "Miles takes the snap. He looks. He takes off running!"
7. Eiseleandus- Lindquist does a good job spreading the ball, and Young looks like veteran at WR.
8. Bama- If Chris Chin plays for them in the regular season they could be ranked in the top 3.
9. Xi Chi Sigma- In the weakest C league in recent years, Xi Chi Sigma could make the playoffs.
10. Theta Chi- They don't even have enough people on their roster to field a whole team.
11. 09ers- This women's team could beat Theta Chi's men's team this year.
12. Rusty Anchors- Davies and Johnson can hold their own against the majority of the C-Men

Co-Rec:
1. 21st Amendments- They can still win Co-Rec without Josh Foster's “flowing locks”.
2. FITFO- They need to protect White's blindside better than last year if they want a t-shirt.
3. Hawaiian Style- The better of the Hawaii Club teams looks to be a lock for at least 3rd place.
4. Duck Fat- Team has to play Pike twice. However, they could make the playoffs in a six team format.
5. Alpha Phi Omega- Their entry form was 5 days late. Hopefully they make their games on time.
6. Collateral Damage- PT looked decent in their pre-season game and could be dangerous with Yee at QB.
7. Phi Delta Chi- They are going to need more than three girls if they want to make the playoffs.
8. Ding- A name change and a year experience give the former Southwest team a new beginning.
9. You Wish You Were Us- Actually, no we don't.

SOFTBALL

Men's A:
1. 808 Sluggers- These guys haven't lost a game in 4 years.
2. Honey Nut Ichiros- Sigma Chi has a nice combo of speed and slugging.
3. Pike- Lineup poses many similarities to that of a Little League team

Men's B:
1. SIFIORIA- Laskey & Co. have the bats and the veteran leadership to get it done.
2. Soft Ball - You can expect a scrappy and well-prepared team each night.
3. Twilightlight Years - The MBAs have the skills and don't lack the confidence.
4. Bulldogs- Last year's runner-ups are in rebuilding mode
5. Juice- Lance Martin's mom won't have a softball championship pic to hang on the fridge.

Rec:
1. Masterbatters- Expect an outpouring of offense.
2. Soft Balls- Kappa Psi's JV team could make a run at the title.
3. Rho Class & Then Some- Expect a consistent display of poor fundamentals.
4. Homerun Hannahs- Should give Pike all it can handle.

GRASS VOLLEYBALL

Men's:
1. Hang Time- Watson & Gee are the class of the division.
2. Ken's Team- Gilmore's squad has plenty of athleticism but enough firepower.
3. Spam Blockers- I hope Tom enjoys the taste of volleyball
4. Set it & Forget it- The loss of Hammer has set this team back for years

Rec:
1. Oh Shaa- The team goes as Kubas and Chung go
2. Grass Stains- A deep roster could springboard this squad to the top
3. Bulldogs- DU is stacked with athletes
4. Kings of Mediocrity- Haruki needs some better recruits
5. Delta Gamma- DG is known for its v-ball prowess
6. DSF- This cast of characters is bound for a 1-3 season
7. Theta- It will be a tough year

Co-Rec:
1. Hawaiian Islanders- Hawaii headlines a very competitive division.
2. FITFO- It's now or never for Pacific Athletics.
3. 09ers- A favorable schedule has the 09ers starting down a 4-0 record.
4. Collateral Damage- Arguably one of Arnold's top 5 movies?
5. On via Error- Good but not great.
6. Phi Delta Chi- Keiko has her work cut out for her.
7. Kings of Mediocrity- Should be able to sneak away with a 1-win season.
8. Justin Bobby- Team JB will again be the doormat of Co-Rec softball

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Athlete Profile: Mallori Gibson

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacifican Staff Writer

This year, there's a new addition to the Women's Volleyball team. A junior transfer from the University of Colorado, standing at 5'11" and totaling 351 kills as a red shirt freshman in 2006, Mallori Gibson is Pacific's new threat to be reckoned with. In her own words, Gibson is excited for her first year at Pacific due to its "outstanding academics and great volleyball tradition."

As a new student, Gibson is ready for the academic opportunities presented by Pacific. She is originally from Bakersfield and is glad to be studying close to home. Her major is Sports Management and after college Gibson hopes to pursue a volleyball career in Europe or play beach volleyball. If all else fails, her ambitious back-up plan is to open up a physical therapy and fitness center.

One of Mallori's main priorities is her new position as a Pacific Athlete. She is honored to play as an outside hitter for a Division 1 school because that was one of her dreams in high school.

Although being a Division 1 athlete is an honor, it is also demanding. This year she is focusing on keeping up with her schoolwork while traveling and playing volleyball. Her busy schedule is worth it because she has trained since sixth grade to accomplish her volleyball goals. This summer was a highlight for Gibson because she got to tour with the team throughout Europe. They played matches in Prague, Bruno, Venice, Maribor, Pula, and Rome. This amazing opportunity was "one of the best experiences of [her] life."

Coach Wade is also optimistic about the new addition to Pacific Volleyball. "Mallori is one of the reasons we think our team will be better this year than it was last year. She gives us another scoring threat from the outside. She has played two years in the Big 12 was one of the most dominant players in the gym during the spring."

With the support of her teammates, coaches and parents, Gibson is pleased to be at Pacific. She is being presented with new opportunities while staying close to home. Throw in some intense volleyball games and this could be the best year of her life.

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