Barack Obama: Before the Politics

Giovanna Arieta
Managing Editor

With his success in the presidential election, America just can't seem to get enough of Barack Obama. By now, everyone knows a lot about his political career and the promises he has for America's future, but what do we really know about Barack's personal life? BarackObama.com is a great source for learning about his childhood and life before he became involved in politics.

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4th, 1961 to father Barack Sr. who worked as a goat herder in Kenya and mother Ann Dunham from a small town in Kansas. The couple met while attending the University of Hawaii.

When Barack's father chose to return to Kenya, Anna raised her son alone in both Hawaii and Indonesia. He eventually moved to New York to get his degree from Columbia University in 1983.

In 1985, Barack moved to Chicago to work as a community organizer for a church organization aimed at improving living conditions in underprivileged neighborhoods. This experience inspired Barack to improve laws and politics on a larger scale in order to improve communities. In his political pursuits, he earned his law degree from Harvard in 1991, becoming the first black president of the Harvard Law Review. He then returned to Chicago to serve on the Illinois Senate.

President-elect Barack Obama has a storied past, from his Hawaiian upbringing to his time as a community organizer.

Speech and Debate Brings Pride to Pacific

Ann Mazzaferrro
Pacifican Staff Writer

As autumn deepens in Stockton, and the hazy heat of summer gives way to crisp fall nights, students from across the country flood Pacific's campus for events in water polo, soccer, basketball, swimming and volleyball.

However, there is another competitive team at Pacific leading the way in national rankings, one that requires just as many hours of preparation, practice, and mental focus.

The difference is, however, these students trade a standard uniform and sneakers for sensible shoes and business attire, and the only time they are likely to perspire is when they are faced with an opponent who is systematically shooting down each of their carefully thought-out arguments, not because of physical exertion.

Indeed, the Fall Debate season is in full swing, and Pacific's Speech and Debate Team is preparing to tackle tournaments both on campus and around the country, with an eye to maintaining their high placement in national rankings.

Last weekend, Pacific Speech and Debate hosted the Paul Winters Tournament, a nationally recognized competition that attracted teams from some of the top universities in the nation. Going into the competition, Pacific was already ranked third in the nation this season, due to a first place victory (their fourth year in a row) at the Golden Gate Invitational at UC Berkeley. In the spring of 2009, Pacific will have the honor of hosting the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament, widely considered to be one of the most prestigious competitions in the country. This is by far the largest debate event hosted by Pacific in the past forty years, and highlights an exciting and vibrant time in Pacific's debate history.

With a total membership of 30-35 students, Pacific Speech and Debate is preparing for a grueling season, with up to 17 of the 30 academic weekends in a given year scheduled for travel to participate in competitions. These tournaments typically last from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and students are prepared to compete in anything from memorized speeches to extemporaneous speeches on topics received half an hour before their presentations.

Dr. Marlin Bates, Director of Forensics in the Communication Department, was quick to stress the perseverance and commitment required of speech and debate.

Letter to the Editor from ASuop President Edwin Lindo

November 10, 2008
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the continuous lack of research journalism throughout various issues of the Pacifican. Having read the article about President Don DeRosa in the November 7th, 2008 issue, I found it to be the last straw of bad journalism. While there are plenty of articles within the Pacifican that are very well researched and written, there are many articles that fall short of good reporting. Whether it is misstated facts, lack of information, or articles written at the last minute, all these variables equate into poorly written articles, however, these issues can all be addressed accordingly.

Do not get me wrong, there are many writers in the Pacifican that I have the utmost respect for. For example, one writer took the time to set up a meeting with my Vice President, Sophie Zumout, and myself. She was well prepared with various questions, and made the effort to assure that they were reporting on accurate facts. On the other hand, there was a writer who wrote an article on ASuop that was soaked in factual errors and misrepresentations. The reason that specific article turned out as such is because the writer did not contact one person within ASuop, and began writing the article a day before it was due to be published.

I am confident that the Pacifican staff has pride and integrity in the work and service they provide to Pacific. And while ASuop does provide funding to the newspaper, it is the students that pay the ASuop fee who directly fund the Pacifican. With that said, the Pacifican and its writers are privileged with the responsibility to produce a well written, properly researched newspaper. Likewise, I see it as my responsibility and duty to do what is best for the student community. For this reason, I am writing to hopefully encourage such standards of journalism.

Best Regards,

Edwin Lindo
ASuop President
University of the Pacific
News

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
November 2 - 8, 2008

ACCIDENT
LOT 4
11-2-08
Victim reported being hit by a vehicle while riding his skateboard. Subject refused medical. Officer responded and initiated a report.

WARRANT ARREST
LOT 2
11-2-08
Officer conducted a check out on a male subject and learned the subject had an outstanding warrant. Subject was cited and released.

CASUALTY
DEMACRUS BROWN STUDIO
11-3-08
Officer and medics responded to a report of a female who fainted. Subject was transported via ambulance for treatment.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
BURNS TOWER
11-3-08
Officer responded to a report that someone had gone through the drawers in the office. No items reported missing. Officer initiated a report.

CASUALTY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
11-3-08
Officer and medics responded to a report of a female who fainted. Subject refused medical assistance. Parents will transport for treatment. Officer initiated a report.

Short tidbits from writers in years gone by

Volume 91, Issue 11
November 16, 2000

Chambers to leave position at Student Life

Judith Chambers, vice president of Student Life, is stepping down after successful and dedicated 25 years of service to the university and community of Stockton. Expecting to serve out the remainder of the current school year, Chambers will continue in her current position until a qualified replacement can be found and she transitions to the Advanced Division at Pacific.

Volume 92, Issue 12
November 15, 2001

Volleyball wins two more matches last week

Matthew Dubendorf
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team is starting to turn up its play, as the Tigers prepare for the postseason. As they enter the last weekend of conference play tomorrow, the Tigers are flying high after their two matches last week. The Tigers won all six games of the two matches they played last week as they rolled past Idaho Thursday then went on to beat a tough Utah State squad Saturday night.

Tiger swim teams sweep UCSD at home

Iain Patterson
Staff Writer

The men's and women's swim teams competed in their first home dual meet of the season versus UC San Diego last Friday. The Tigers completed a sweep of the Tritons in easy fashion in their relays-only meet.

The men's team won nine of the 10 relays to defeat UCSD 198-148. The meet was close until the final three events, when the Tigers clinched the victory as they swept the 3x500 yard freestyle, 4x100 yard medley and the 4x100 yard freestyle relays.

Volume 93, Issue 11
November 13, 2003

Student government to censor Pacifican

Associated Student President Matt Olson appointed a special committee which may recommend shutting down The Pacifican.

On Sunday, Associated Student Vice President Jenise Honesto told Pacifican Lifestyles Editor Georgette Rodarakis that ASUOP would revoke the newspaper's charter at the next Senate meeting.

On Monday, that's what happened.

"The Associated Students withdraws its approval of The Pacifican Publication Board Chapter," ASUOP wrote in a declaration.

Volume 95, Issue 10
November 10, 2005

New student ticket policy for men's basketball

Mike Millerick
Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific Athletic Department has announced a new student ticket policy for the 2005-06 men's basketball season. All students must pick up a ticket in advance of the game. Tickets will be available beginning on Monday on the week of the game. Tickets can be picked up at the Pacific Box Office at Long Theatre and on Thursdays at the McCaffrey Center during the Pacific hour.

Volume 99, Issue 10
November 15, 2007

Going Beyond "Please" and "Thank Your Students Learn How to Behave in a Professional World

Christine Le
Staff Writer

Last week the Career Resource Center hosted the 2007 Dinner for Success "Net"iquette Dinner. Employers, faculty, staff, and only one hundred students gathered in Grace Covell Dining Hall to learn and educate about etiquette in dining and social interaction at professional events, including job interviews.

The "Net"iquette Dinner has been hosted at Pacific since 2000. The number of people attending has gradually increased each year, with this semester's dinner having the largest turnout so far.
A Conversation with Fellowship Advisor Dr. Susan Weiner

Heather Breen
Pacifican Copy Editor

Throughout my years in higher education I had only heard tidbits of information about fellowships and only vaguely knew what a fellowship was. I gathered that Fellowships were for the really, REALLY smart kids on campus and that they had something to do with money. I had also known that the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship was, well, prestigious. In my mind, looking into fellowships didn't seem worth the time or the trouble.

Until I met Dr. Susan Weiner, the fellowship advisor, that is. Dr. Weiner is one of my Honors professors, and out of sheer curiosity, I decided to talk to her about fellowships and her job on campus. I reasoned that even if the information would not help me, perhaps it would benefit other Pacific students.

Dr. Weiner's office is located on the second floor of Raymond Lodge, which is an administrative building nestled between the Casa Werner and Price resident halls. When I joined her in her office, my initial goal was to learn just what a fellowship entails.

Dr. Weiner stated that "a fellowship is a grant that allows students to do research abroad. She went on to speak of the Fulbright fellowship as the fellowship "that best suits Pacific students" and is the one that she "most often recommends that students apply for."

The Fulbright scholarship was originally endorsed after World War II, when J. William Fulbright believed that the United States needed to promote "mutual understanding" with international students and leaders as well as provide opportunities for them to learn about American culture. Dr. Weiner stated that Fulbright grants are available to students who have a GPA of 3.4 or higher and also possess a passion for research or in a particular area of interest. It's a lot of work to apply for a fellowship if you have to put time into the essays and the application to be considered.

Besides offering advice and guidance on the fellowship process, Dr. Weiner is a knowledge resource to turn to for information on internships, research, and other opportunities. "The sooner you learn about fellowships and internships, the better, because there is nothing else open!" Chamberlain said.

Speaking of Dr. Weiner, Dr. Susan Chamberlain, a 22 year old junior majoring in economics, share a similar resolve.

"It is an activity that doesn't require a lot of anything but passion, there is no limitation of how well you can do. This isn't a sport that limits you on your physical ability, this isn't a sport that limits you on your mental ability, this is Speech & Debate, one of the few educational activities that allows for all to come and exercise their brain," Young said.

For all the hard work and long hours that participants put in to preparing for their tournaments, students find ways to have fun along the way.

"At a tournament in San Diego, the resolution was something like "The world would be better off without Wal-Mart. My partner and I were the opposition. The affirmative made an argument that people in small towns used Wal-Mart for entertainment late at night, and that somehow that was bad. My argument was "What the hell else are you going to do in a small town?" Tip cover. The reason that people go to Wal-Mart is because there is nothing else open!" Chamberlain said.

Rachera Swan, a 20 year old junior Business major at Pacific, noted that speech and debate was not only about politics and world issues, but it also demanded "the ability to present yourself is a key concept and a pillar of Speech & Debate."

Young presented another perspective.

"Every career and job uses some component of speech debate; if it's asking for a raise from your boss, delegating responsibilities, asking for more funding, creating a proposal, informing people, or even announcing the country's future, the ability to present yourself is a key concept and a pillar of Speech & Debate."

Students who are interested in participating in Pacific's Speech and Debate Program should contact Dr. Marlin Bates at mbates@pacific.edu, or visit team practices held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in PsyCom 12.
President Bush Calls Obama Win “Uplifting”

Ann Mazzaferro
Pacifican Staff Writer

Thursday, November 13, 2008

President Bush also took the time to call Republican nominee John McCain to express his condolences and admiration for his work, about half an hour after McCain conceded to Obama. “John, you gave it your all. I’m proud of you, and I’m sorry it didn’t work out. You didn’t leave anything on the playing field. Your statement was fabulous and very classy. Please give our love to Cindy,” he said.

President Bush had done everything possible to avoid harming the McCain campaign in the final days of the election. Cognizant of the close association many Americans believe to exist between himself and Senator McCain, President Bush opted to vote via absentee ballot, avoiding the possible media attention that would have resulted had he visited a polling station, and all public events were kept at an absolute minimum.

The following morning, President Bush spoke to reporters in the Rose Garden about the prior evening’s historic events, striking a non-partisan and gracious tone that won praise from Democrats and Republicans alike. “No matter how they cast their ballots, all Americans can be proud of the history that was made yesterday. Across the country, citizens voted in large numbers. They showed a watching world the vitality of America’s democracy, and the strides we have made toward a more perfect union. They chose a President whose journey represents a triumph of the American story – a testament to hard work, optimism, and faith in the enduring promise of our nation. Many of our citizens thought they would never live to see that day. This moment is especially uplifting for a generation of Americans who witnessed the struggle for civil rights with their own eyes – and four decades later see that dream fulfilled,” said President Bush.

In the days that are to follow, it is almost a certainty that the quotes from all sides will be taken out of context, every move of the new President-elect will be scrutinized and many members of both parties will attempt to draw the same old partisan lines in the sand, but for one night, the hope of a nation was perhaps best summed up by President Bush himself.

As they honored Mrs. Bush, celebrating her 62nd birthday on election night, President Bush is said to have raised his glass in a toast. As he finished his speech, he said to all assembled, “May God bless and keep you and your family and your grandchildren a stronger, better nation than we inherited.”

He has lost this remarkable election by only four percentage points. This election was extremely close as far as popular vote. While he has lost the election, he has won the trust of millions of Americans by committing to everything he has said. He will continue to fight for the common goal of both parties, and that is to make the best of America and to help all those who wish to pursue the American dream.

John McCain ended his campaign with one of the many humble statements below: “Senator Obama and I have had and argued our differences, and he has prevailed. No doubt many of those differences remain. These are difficult times for our country, and I pledge to him tonight to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face.”

“Urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together, to find the necessary compromises, to bridge our differences, and help restore our prosperity, defend our security in a dangerous world, and leave our children and grandchildren a stronger, better country than we inherited.”

The Legacy of John McCain

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

Senator John Sidney McCain has made history as far as turnout for the Republican Party. He has illustrated to the entire world his ability to lead, maneuver, and rally up the masses as well as the conservative base. McCain has served this nation for many decades and will continue to do so as senator of Arizona.

McCain’s legacy will continue to move forward in the Senate. He has a history of working across the aisle in order to promote bipartisan legislation, such as the McCain-Feingold Act, a piece of legislation he held up to in his campaign for the presidency. Although he has been the bid of the highest office of the land, he has not lost his will to serve the American people. He has a record of change for the better, and he has fought members of his own party in doing so.

McCain brings something to his work in the Senate that some legislators don’t, and that is honor. He has fought valiantly in the Vietnam War, a war that has revolutionized a generation and has changed the perspective of millions of lives. He has done so much for this great nation including serving our military and serving as a senator.

Arizona Senator John McCain (R) has been a member of the U.S. Senate for 22 years, during which time he tried his own political path, oftentimes clashing with the predominant views of the Republican Party. When Congress begins its new legislative session in January, McCain will resume his duties as senator.

“Overall I’m happy with the decision that are leading a change. I didn’t vote for McCain because I have respect for people who have to war and experienced first hand. So I’m happy with the result but I would have happier if McCain had won.”

-Nhai Thao
President DeRosa's Last Open Forum This Thursday

Ben Holley
Pacifican Staff Writer

Outgoing Pacific President Don DeRosa will hold what is to be his last Open Forum on Thursday, November 13 at noon in the DeRosa University Center.

The Open Forums give Pacific students, faculty and staff an opportunity to hear about the University’s accomplishments, finances, enrollment, and progress on projects such as the Social-Emotional Intelligence initiative.

The free talk will take place in the Grand Ballroom. Following DeRosa’s speech there will be a question and answer session.

Our Future, Our Teachers, Pacific Cares

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) presents Vanessa Gomez “Teacher of the Year”

Workshop on instructing English Language Learners

Wednesday, November 19
3:00-4:30
Benard School of Education, Room 208

We can all make a difference!

 Theta Inferno a Big Hit

Rachel Freeman
Pacifican Sports Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Kappa Alpha Theta held their fall philanthropy event, Theta Inferno. Theta Inferno is an annual dodgeball tournament that raises money for CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates. This year there were 22 teams in two brackets: a women’s bracket and a men’s bracket. The winner of the women’s bracket was Delta Delta Delta. The winner of the men’s bracket was Delta Upsilon. Both teams competed hard on their way to the championships.

Kappa Alpha Theta raised $1600 for CASA, which “provides mentors for abused and neglected children going through the court system,” said Colby Livingston, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. This money was raised through team entry fees, t-shirt sales, food sales and a raffle. The raffle even included a football helmet signed by New Orleans Saints star Reggie Bush, a University of Southern California alum.

Livingston said, “We were lucky that the rain waited until Saturday night. It was a successful event and no one wanted to stop playing. We even made a spur of the moment losers’ bracket for those who wanted to play more.”

“D” For Drink, “B” For Bread

Etiquette Defined

Kelly Volkar
Guest Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 6, the Career Resource Center (CRC) hosted the 2008 Etiquette Dinner: Overcoming the Fear Factor. The night commenced with an introduction by Caroline Herrod, career counselor at the CRC, followed by an informative speech on “The Art of Networking” delivered by Robert Oakes, Vice President of External Relations & Research Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities. His speech first explained the importance of networking, and then gave some helpful hints.

After the networking lecture, students were led into the dining hall where many employers from companies including Frito-Lay, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Southern Wine and Spirits and many other establishments dined with students. Students and faculty got the opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired dining skills and also to network with companies.

When everyone sat down, John P. Carvana, Assistant Vice President of Student Life, gave a welcome address while the first course was being served. Diane Farrell, Associate Director of the CRC, then proceeded through all of the rules of etiquette, both minor and major. She included ways to remember these complicated rules, such as connecting your first finger on each hand to the thumb of that same hand and noticing the subsequent “b” and “d” that they create—which one can use to remember what side their bread plate is on, and which drink is theirs, a question that often arises when seated at a circular table.

The catering company, Bon Appetit, timed the serving of each course perfectly to coincide with the pace of Farrell’s explanations. The five course meal included salad, potato leek soup, Chef’s choice sorbet, pan-roasted chicken over winter vegetables and potato ragout, and New York style cheesecake with chocolate drizzle for dessert.

Other speakers included Kenneth Albala, Acting Chair of the History Department, and Charlene Patterson, Associate/Training Director of the Counseling Services at Cowell Wellness Center. An employer from Enterprise Rent-a-Car spoke on “Professional Etiquette” which described what etiquette means to a manager in charge of hiring potential employees.

Overall, the Etiquette Dinner was a huge success and extremely beneficial. From helpful tips on how to overcome anxiety and network most successfully, to the ins and outs of expected dining etiquette, the Etiquette Dinner covered it all. The CRC did a great job of organizing and executing this beneficial event, and I highly recommend it to all. Fifteen dollars is certainly worth the investment in your future you receive in return!
Letter From the Editor:

To the Pacific Community:

In our last issue of the Pacifican, Volume 100, Issue 10, our editorial section featured a commentary on the "phantom" who is President DeRosa. After receiving feedback on this article, I would like to further refine the points made in last week's issue.

We, at the Pacifican, do not dislike President DeRosa. Seema Ghatnekar, our Perspectives Editor commented, "I've met President DeRosa multiple times; I'm part of the Powell Scholars and have lunch with him occasionally. He is a great guy and really easy to talk to! I see him around campus, but I probably wouldn't know who he is if it weren't for those lunches." Many students on campus are the same way.

However, after walking around the UC interviewing students, I came to discover that students know the name, but cannot associate it with a face.

This is not to say that we, at the Pacifican, do not appreciate all of the efforts of President DeRosa. Under his presidency, the student body increased from 700 to 6235, more than tripling in size. He's raised $38.3 million in external funding for research, scholarship, and public service, but the students don't see that money. We are aware that money is pouring into the school and that programs are being started left and right, but we have no personal connection with the president. "I understand that he is low-key, but we need to know who he is," Ghatnekar told me.

A Pacifican staff writer, who would like to remain anonymous, commented, "He should be a presence. If he goes to the games he should be the loudest one there. He should be the big daddy of Pacific."

We understand that President DeRosa is finishing his last year here and may want to do it in peace, but we, at the Pacifican, feel that he should leave while making an effort to be remembered by students as more than the guy the University Center is named for. Right now, President DeRosa should be relaxing and stepping more toward his students who are fun, and interested in hearing more from him.

In a recent survey put on by the Pacifican staff, an agitated survey-taker commented, "President DeRosa has transformed this university during his tenure here—he has in all ways improved both the quality of education and the physical appearance of the school. Many of you do not know that the President has been ill during the last few years. Exactly. We don't know if we are informed of such things.

If we, at the Pacifican, knew that President DeRosa was appearing less and less on campus due to health reasons, we would understand! Students want to feel more connected with their president.

Another survey-taker commented, "I am interested just to talk to the guy. Maybe like a Roosevelt fireside chat." There is no real way to just sit down and have a conversation with him. Such things are supposed to be the perks of coming to a small university. While he did bring Pacific "back from the brink of mediocrity," as so eloquently put by another survey-taker, there is no outlet for the average student to see him unless they happen to cross paths with him. "There isn't a [best] outlet to reach the president: ASuop is a waiting line, the Pacifican is a waiting line, the Pacifican is a waiting line."

If we, at the Pacifican, knew that President DeRosa was appearing less and less on campus due to health reasons, we would understand! Students want to feel more connected with their president.

We, at the Pacifican, greatly appreciate all that President DeRosa has done for this University, however we would suggest that he use this last year in office to make a student connection.

Devon Blount
Editor-In-Chief
class review

Pacific Seminar

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacific Seminar is the class in which students can argue or discuss their opinion. Sometimes, a simple suggestion turns into a never ending brawl, and students roar into furious debate. But really classmates, what can we get from outright arguing? Aren't we all experienced debate and intense discussion in high school?

I believe Pacific Seminar was built for students to discuss issues with and to help further develop their social and emotional intelligence quota. That is why I feel this class should be optional.

To be honest I feel I have already gone through this in high school and I'm sure some of us can say the same. It's ridiculous to require such a course to help us figure out “who we are”. I understand the University would like us to evolve into critical thinkers, but I believe the critical thinking stage has been set in high school and does not need to be revisited at the college level. I concur, that many of the readings that are presented to us in “What is a Good Society” are great in that it sets examples for us to review while we question our ideology. However, what I disagree with is the tone of the book itself in that it presents all aspects of morality within the left-winged context. I believe if the tone of the articles were more center-fold, the readings would not be criticized as much for the bias that is blatantly obvious.

Don't get me wrong, Pacific Seminar is a great course in that it allows us to communicate to one another our feelings and stances on issues. I just feel the class should not be requirement and I feel those who refuse to take such a class should be allowed to do so. A simple English or Writing course would be sufficient enough if the university feels students are not prepared to write, not a discussion course.
The San Joaquin Women's Center

Lindsey Ball
Pacifican Copy Editor

The San Joaquin County Women's Center holds an indispensible position in our county today for women, children and men in need of help. The Center is focused around providing a haven and advice to those who are victims of abuse. Educational services are provided to those who are in need of advice on what to do.

Domestic abuse is a major problem in the United States and it is extremely important for victims to receive guidance on the safest and most effective ways of pulling themselves out of situations of abuse. The Center aims at helping individuals "regain control of their lives." Around 24,000 individuals receive help regarding domestic violence, sexual abuse, etc. from the women's center and it is the only provider of its important services within San Joaquin County.

There are also undisclosed shelters for battered women and abused children to live in short term in certain situations. One of the center's missions is to bring the harsh realities of domestic abuse to the surface and to induce a realization in people that domestic violence is an issue that must be attacked with full force.

The center has been open for nearly 25 years and with the same "energy" that the Tracy press announced it had on opening day March 1, 1976. For those of you who would like to give money and donations to further advance their services and bring us all one step closer to a world free of the fear of domestic violence. For more information visit www.womenscenterofsjc.com or their Stockton address, 620 North San Joaquin Street Stockton, CA 95202 (209) 941-2611.

Looking to Help? Look to UNICEF

Heather Breen
Pacifican Copy Editor

As the holiday season nears its beginning, many individuals are asking themselves "What can I do to help others during this time?" Donations, fundraisers, and volunteerism are all ways in which benevolent individuals can share their wealth of time, skills, empathy, or money with those who are less fortunate. During particularly high-need times like November and December, local, national and global organizations seek the support of the general public to provide services that they cannot provide with regular staff. One such organization is UNICEF.

UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, was established by the United Nations General Assembly. Their mission is "to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential." UNICEF is an international organization whose programs reach roughly 190 countries around the world. Their programs tackle many issues related to children including but not limited to improving child nutrition, increasing literacy in developing countries, ensuring education equality for both genders, preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, and protecting children from violence and exploitation. UNICEF also mobilizes when emergencies arise like Hurricane Katrina or the HIV epidemic in South Africa.

Interventions, such as the formation of educational programs targeting HIV positive youth, establishment of health clinics where malnourishment is common, and volunteer-led schools for young girls are just some of the ways in which UNICEF aims to foster the betterment of children.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Ariana Crisafulli
Pacifican Staff Writer

CASA, Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy, is a nationwide organization devoted to helping abused or neglected children find a safe and permanent home. How this works is that CASA trains and appoints volunteers to speak in court on behalf of the child, assuring that the child will be given the best care possible. These volunteers interview parents, contact caseworkers, make sure the child receives necessary medical treatment, and watch out for their educational needs as well. But they are much more than that. They are a shoulder to cry on and a couple of open arms to console. They are guardians for a child in a time of turmoil.

CASA is now comprised of over 9,000 child advocates who have helped to serve 243,000 neglected and abused children. Their current goal is to serve 100,000 more.

Kappa Alpha Theta raises money for CASA every semester by putting on different events. In the fall, they do Theta Inferno which is a fundraising dodgeball tournament. In the spring they host Breakfast at your CASA where the girls of Theta deliver breakfast to your place of residence, be it dorm or apartment. They also stuff and decorate stuffed animals which they donate to the CASA chapter here in Stockton. Through their philanthropy, Theta raises about $1500 each semester for the organization but they are aiming for $1750 for this fall's Theta Inferno.

Even though UNICEF is an international organization, additional help everyday volunteers is always needed and appreciated. The United States' UN website lists "Advocate" and "educate" as key ways for individuals or groups to promote UNICEF. Advocating UNICEF is as easy as reading and signing petitions for the protection of children, or writing to members of congress to support UNICEF. Telling others about the benefits of UNICEF and why it is important protect and better the lives of the world's children is also spreads UNICEF's message.

This holiday season, consider donating time or money to UNICEF. Better yet, as a student or volunteer and watch as they put these funds to good use.

WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN BUY
$3 can buy a large wool blanket to protect a child from the cold during an emergency.
$17 can immunize a child against 6 childhood vaccines.
$54 can buy 150 sachets of Plumpy'nut ready-to-eat therapeutic spread to nourish children suffering from acute malnutrition.
$1000 can buy a kit with enough materials to provide textbooks, antibiotics, and nutritional supplies for children around the globe. Doing so is to ensure that your hard-earned money is 100% effective.

Looking to Help? Look to UNICEF
A Cause Worth Working (and Dancing) For: Invisible Children

Abby Liao
Pacifian Staff Writer

In 2003, three filmmakers went to Africa in search of a story, an idea, a movie—something they had found far more interesting than what they bargained for. What started as a filmmaking adventure became the beginnings of an incredible non-profit organization: Invisible Children, Inc. Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey, and Laren Poole observed and filmed the tragedy of northern Uganda's night commuters and child soldiers, a footage that was compiled into the documentary Invisible Children: Rough Cut. Originally, the project was only shown to family and friends. But as its spread, millions of people have now viewed the incredible and intense film about the tragic situations of the war in northern Uganda.

The war in northern Uganda raged for over 23 years between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda (GoU). Nearly one million innocent civilians were caught between two groups. The GoU's attempts to protect its citizens from the rebels largely failed. The LRA began as the Holy Spirit Movement (HSM) when Joseph Kony was influential and there was no clear leader. Joseph Kony's orders were abided by the people. Joseph Kony was chosen by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to be the leader of the Holy Spirit Movement (HSM). Joseph Kony ordered his followers to find work in the area's mining and farming industries, providing jobs and income for the community. Joseph Kony was left without a clear leader. Joseph Kony managed the Holy Spirit Movement (HSM), where he had the majority of the people. Joseph Kony and his fellow rebels began to recruit children in the night and indoctrinate them into the LRA ranks. About 90% of the LRA troops were abducted as children.

Since "Invisible Children: Rough Cut" was filmed, night commuting of children has ended and northern Uganda is closer to peace than ever before. However, there is still a generation that has never lived in peaceful conditions. Invisible Children is committed to seeking sustainable solutions to foster an environment that encourages peace. Through education and economic opportunities, Invisible Children strives to work with communities to improve the quality of life for people living in conflict and post-conflict areas.

The Invisible Children Movement provides a variety of ways for became involved in the cause. They believe that changing perceptions and lives in the West is just as important as changing lives in war torn regions; in order to bring about change people must not only empathize but be compelled to do something. The Invisible Children team has gone on tours, screening the movie at various schools and locations across the country. They encourage people to hold their own screenings in their communities as well.

Invisible Children website (www.invisiblechildren.com) has a store from which all of the proceeds are donated to the cause. They can also be found on their website: www.invisiblechildren.com.

Habitat for Humanity

Abby Liao
Pacifian Staff Writer

Habitat for Humanity International's mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world. HFHI was founded in Plains, Ga. in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife. In their thirty-two years of service, HFHI has built 300,000 houses internationally and provided 1.5 million people with safe, decent, affordable homes.

All 300,000 houses could not be built without the aid of donations of money and material, and the time and sweat put in by volunteers and homeowners. Habitat partner with local affiliates to aid in fundraising, building site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction, and mortgage financing.

To learn how to get involved, visit www.habitat.org or visit your local Habitat for Humanity.
Perspectives

While Sipping a Cup of Java...

you crave some red sugar

Christine Le
Pacifican Poetry Columnist

Yes, your mind will crave to know the meaning of red sugar as you read this intriguing poem by American poet Jan Beatty.

Last Tuesday, Beatty came to Pacific to read from her three poetry books, the most recent titled “Red Sugar.”

As you read her poem of the same name, notice the repetition of the title that suggests what it could mean. I think of a fetus when I see the phrase “my red sugar body,” which is the first time the title is mentioned. Think about it—the narrator encounters “a wrong kind of man” just before, and now it’s talking about “the body inside me / that’s running, my red sugar body.” Couldn’t this be an allusion to rape?

We see the term “red sugar” again later, right before the narrator suddenly meets her mother for the first and only time. This time the red sugar tells the narrator to “go” drawing her toward her mother. On could still think of this red sugar, then, as the narrator’s unborn baby. In other words, since she now knows the feeling of carrying a child, she is compelled to meet the woman who had carried her.

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FUNNY CLASS NOTES

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carpe diem
That time of the month...again?

It's official. A girl is sobbing, a guy is yelling, and none of them can understand why. No, it's not domestic violence—it's that time of the month.

For both men and women, it's hell week. You're sore, you're miserable, and if you have tests or just caught that cold from the guy next door, you're just not having the best week ever. True, the pain of Pre Menstrual Syndrome, or PMS, may not be as unpleasant as described for all. Some women and men never have to experience the terror of cramps and bloating. However, for some, it is a train wreck that just keeps coming back. For men, the torture of Irritable Man Syndrome, or IMS, is just the same. IMS doesn't necessarily consist of the same symptoms that PMS exhibits, but does just the same amount of damage.

PMS is more physical, and girls will usually feel sorry for other girls because they know the pain. Men, on the other hand, usually try to understand why girls are so confused during this time but give up, out of luck and patience. IMS, on the other hand, is more psychological, a term given to a man who doesn't seem to hold his emotions very well. Nevertheless, both genders have to deal with a random onslaught of emotions that they cannot control.

Recently, I had to deal with a case of PMS that I had never experienced before. I cried for no reason, became angry out of the blue, and craved large amounts of carbohydrates. I was confused—I really thought I was sad, depressed, and hungry. Lucky for me, I was blessed with such good friends with who were there to comfort me, and I quickly realized that I was silly and foolish in being so gullible to the act of hormones. In spite of this, the pain of my menstrual cramps is comparable to a kick in the balls for men. In fact, the pain of these cramps hurts more than my recent physics test score and the aftermath of Atomic chicken wings from Wingstop combined.

The menstrual cycle is as natural as clockwork. Some women will cry and experience mood swings, and some women won't. On the other hand, situations where men can become irritable are not as easily distinguished. Likewise, some men will cry, and some men won't.

At times, both women and men will sinfully use PMS to an advantage, a catch-all to the any mood swings and beatings, even when it isn't PMS. Such women believe that men should pamper and worship them in their time of pain and need, and such men believe that women should just “suck it up”. Similarly, women will incorrectly diagnose IMS to men who just might be having a bad day.

The topics of PMS and IMS are usually discussed in low key situations, but they are always incorrectly valued. For instance, each gender will only discuss their respective conditions to the same sex, and will somehow come to the conclusion to agree the other is being ludicrous. Women will discuss PMS only to other women, and men will use IMS with their pals as a universal excuse for why the opposite sex got angry at him. Consequently, women will use IMS to describe situations where men perform bizarre behavior, but men will never admit they are having problems to other men, and thus do not admit the truth of IMS.

In the crime of allowing the “reputation” of both PMS and IMS to be tarnished and ruined, both men and women are to blame. There is no excuse in wrongfully employing the pain of actual conditions in order to elicit attention and satisfactory responses. For example, the situation where someone incorrectly expressed they had a terminal illness just to secure sympathy for a regular sickness is wrong, and comparable to a situation where someone used PMS and IMS as reasons to an overreaction of normal emotions. Both genders need to realize when the pain is real and when the pain is false. It is wrong to assume something of the opposite sex, and as college students we are mature enough to distinguish our own moral values and the people we can trust. In order to create more healthy relationships, it is crucial to be patient, warm, and loving, as well as truthful, forgiving and understanding. Ultimately, don’t assume women are “always on their period” or that a man is “PMSing.” No one likes to hear their emotional outbursts or anger issues being stereotyped, just like no likes to be typecast into certain labels or stereotypes. Especially when they’re actually going through these syndromes.

### Guilty Pleasures

**Movie**
*One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*

Upon arrival at a mental institution, a brash rebel rallies the patients together to take on the oppressive Nurse Ratched, a woman more a dictator than a nurse.

Stars Jack Nicholson.

133 mins.

**Book**
*It*, by Stephen King

A horror story of seven friends from the town of Derry, Maine in 1958 and 1985, where a malevolent, shape-shifting, child-killing monster (referred to simply as “It”) lurks in the sewers and storm-drains. A non-linear narrative alternates between two different time periods.

**Music**
*Broken,*

Kevin Rudolf & Lil' Wayne

**TV Show**
*Amazing Race*

Eleven teams of two compete for a million dollars by traveling over 30,000 miles, spanning five continents, in 23 days, all starting from the world famous Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympics.

CBS, Sundays @ 8:00 p.m.

### Scholastic Book Fair!

The School of Education Student Association hope to put a book into the hands of every Kindergartner, first grader, and second grader (over 200 students!) at Van Buren Elementary.

The fair will be held from Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Benerd School of Education Lobby at the University of the Pacific!

For more information, visit our website: 
bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/universityofthepacific

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Things to do at Pacific for Cynics

Luis Ceballos
Guest Writer

Most Pacific students, especially non-Stocktonians, will tell you how miserable they are living in Stockton. Not too long ago, I was one of them, until I realized that it's not as bad as cynics like to think it is.

Being born and raised in Los Angeles and having been abroad in Spain, I probably do not seem to be the best candidate to live in Stockton, but at the very least, I open my mind to it. Sure, Pacific is not located in the most thrilling or safest city on the planet but there are a lot of opportunities on and off campus that can take away from the melancholy of being in a strange and unfamiliar place.

There are people who refuse to give this place a chance, and I think it's a deep into fatal pessimism. They take advantage of every opportunity to negatively criticize everything they can get their hands on and don't even take interest in improving their situation. Giving up is a shortsighted thinking.

Our beloved cynics spend time and effort explaining how they would rather be back home or in a foreign country. I would not mind enjoying a bullfight in Madrid, while smoking a cigar and drinking a Rioja wine, but I'm here instead, so I deal with it like healthy people should.

Once you take the time and minimal effort to look around and realize the potential of Pacific and its surroundings, you will realize that it's not as bad as people like to say. At Pacific, you can do as many things as bad as people like to say. At Pacific, you can do as many

most varied palate out there. Think of an ethnic cuisine you enjoy, and Stockton probably has a decent restaurant for it. Once you get tired of eating, you can head over to one of the many shopping centers to walk it off or downtown to catch a film. It is not a big deal if you cannot find what you need on campus or in the city, because you are located within a few miles from so many other attractions.

Stockton is not as remotely set apart from more adventurous or interesting locations as some people might be led to believe. San Francisco, one of the most beautiful American cities in the world, is only about an hour and a half away. San Francisco provides tourists with museums, landmarks, culture, delicious food, unique individuals, and ethnic districts. At one point I was convinced it was the only place visiting north of the Grapevine.

In spite of the awe of San Francisco, you don’t have to go too far, since Lodi itself is only next door, where you can visit the Zoo with a couple of friends or go wine tasting. If you happen to be of age, Lodi has its “Gyro di Vino” event, where wine tasting was combined with the world of biking. Bikers were given the opportunity to race around several wineries in Lodi and get the best of both worlds. Stockton is not so far away from happiness, or is it?

If you are not having fun, somewhere or another then you are not trying hard enough. Steer clear of pessimism, open up your mind, expand your horizons, make some friends and you should be fine. If all else fails, Stockton also has an airport you can fly back home from and cry about it on the way.

Stocktonians come from all walks of life, and you could probably find just about every single culture here.

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Maybe you simply need to time and stop and consider some new ideas. Head over to the new DeRosa University Center and have a drink at the Lair with some friends. You could always take a walk around campus and enjoy the scenery, take a bike ride by the levee, or inflate a raft and row on and off campus that can take away from the melancholy of being in a strange and unfamiliar place.

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Events Calendar
Thursday, Nov. 13-
- Film: Paprika (Japanese Animation)
- Pacific Theatre

Jazz at the Brickyard
Featuring The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet
For additional information please contact Trippin' at Pacific at 946-7607.

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October’s Panhellenic of the Month
Rosalie Burrell
Panhellenic Vice President of Public Relations

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness month, and so in the spirit of the month, Panhellenic women everywhere transformed into ghosts, ghouls, and community service maniacs. Walk-a-thons, benefit concerts, and bowling events brought in thousands of philanthropic dollars this October.

This month's Panhellenic woman, Jessica Yates, was selected because of her commitment to community service and involvement. Yates says she enjoys community service because it can be a fun way to help others, bond with sisters, and give back to the community at large.

Her love for service benefited her sorority, Delta Gamma, as well as the entire Greek system, in that it inspires the people around them to donate their time and resources to charitable causes. This year, they registered her entire chapter into the Reach Out Pacific, the Greek for Community Involvement volunteer program, so more of the women of Delta Gamma can more easily find service opportunities.

She encourages other chapter members to join her on her weekly Stockton Bi-Center visits, and sometimes finds extra time to spend at a pharmacy and hospice.

Yates' enthusiasm for giving and wise human service inspires all, especially which Greek women strive to be.

Bowling for Spare the Ta-Ta’s a success
Rosie Burrell
Panhellenic Vice President of Public Relations

An array of pink bowling balls, pink cupcakes, and pink ribbons set the mood for Panhellenic's first ever Spare the Ta-Ta’s bowling event, where over a hundred social and professional Greeks, athletes, Stockton residents, and Pacific families came together in support of the search for the cure. The Greek- sponsored day of bowling raised funds in donations to benefit Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation and increase breast cancer awareness in the Stockton community. Breast cancer survivors bought ribbons for their families and friends, and joined in the fun and effort to spread awareness to women young and old.
restaurant review

**Boudin SF**

Lindsay Ball  
Pacifican Copy Editor

Boudin SF, located in the new Stone Creek Village shopping center across from the successful BJ’s Brewhouse, is a pleasant, café-style restaurant where the food will always be great. The original concept for Boudin is about baking the best sourdough in San Francisco, which has been flourishing since 1849. From my several visits to Boudin SF, I was able to gather that though the food was excellent, but that those who were hired were undoubtedly questionable.

During one of my visits, I went with another person, where I ordered a Waldorf salad and a bottle of soup, while my companion ordered a combo of two items ($8) that consisted of a pizza and a sandwich. The prices are very reasonable for good quality tasting food, cheaper when compared to Boudin’s competitors (i.e., BJ’s). Though the restaurant is not a sit-down restaurant, where diners must walk up to the register and order after waiting in a long line, the atmosphere is both fun and reminiscent of the Boudin SF at the Ferry Building in San Francisco.

The visit was during the first couple weeks of the restaurant being open, so it was only natural for the new employees to be shaky in some respects. As we ordered, the cashier asked if I wanted it to-go, and I declined. After ordering, we carried on to help ourselves at the fountain to some sodas.

While waiting for our orders, we decided to sit on the patio, which is very pleasant in the summer months due to the perfect shade of water, and the fact that the entire restaurant was packed. My friend got her order in a timely manner, but was disappointed with the small portions of pizza and sandwich. I, on the other hand, waited for my order for about fifteen minutes, until I decided to check what was going on. I went inside, and sure enough, a bag was sitting on the counter. I told the staff member at the counter that I did not request to-go, and she asked if I wanted to plate my meal. Having already waited twenty minutes, and my friend being done with her food, I declined, and took the bag.

As I pulled my food out of the bag, I did not see any provided utensils. I got up, yet again, to ask for them. However, I stood at the counter watching servers walk past me again and again, and determined that I was invisible. Irritated, I went behind the counter and got the utensils myself, which probably did not please the manager.

While eating, I also noticed the tiny amount of dressing for my salad that did not have blue cheese (a Waldorf salad is not “Waldorf” if it doesn’t have blue cheese), but I decided to just forget about it—less calories, anyway.

Though this particular experience does not seem too great, on subsequent occasions, I have always liked the food, but the service not so much. With food and prices that great, you learn to get past the not-so-bright people working there.

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**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**

Abby Liao  
Pacifican Staff Writer

After a long 19-year wait, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, the fourth installment of the series, was finally revealed on the big screen. Once again, Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, dons his bullwhip, fedora, and leather jacket, ready to go on another adventure to discover the mystery of a paranormal relic—this time, a crystal skull.

Jones receives a coded message from his colleague, Henry Oxley (John Hurt), which guides Jones to a legendary skull made of a single piece of quartz in Peru. The legend states that the skull must be returned to its rightful place by Jones himself. From there, the adventure begins, and provides luxurious story that includes performances by A-list stars such as Shia LaBeouf, Cate Blanchett, and Karen Allen, who reprises her role as Indy’s old love, Marion Ravenwood.

I personally have not seen the three preceding films, so I cannot comment on the preservation of the famous Indiana Jones legacy.

However, I found the movie amusing and entertaining. There was never a dull moment. It was action-packed, with Jones flailing off creepy underground dwellers to Mutt Williams, played by LeBeouf, and Col. Dr. Irina Spalko, played by Blanchett, in a fencing duel through the Amazon forest. The script was hilarious and somewhat corny, due to the cliché overload.

Nevertheless, I recommend this movie to everyone, whether you are an Indiana Jones fan or not. It would be fun to just pick out all the clichés.

*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* will play at Pacific Theatre on Nov. 14 & 15 at 8 p.m. Admission is free for students, $3 for staff and faculty, and $5 for general audiences.

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**Top Ten Reasons to Sign Up for Sorority Formal Recruitment**

Rosie Burrell  
Panhellenic Vice President of Public Relations

1. Letters for a lifetime - Greek life on campus can easily relate their experiences to one another. Many political figures, popular icons, and working class heroes had their start in Greek chapters.

2. Leadership - Sororities cannot succeed without good leaders, chapters expect growth from their members, and provide high powered leadership positions.

3. Network - Sisters are often located across the world, and can easily connect to your campus — working class heroes had their start in Greek chapters.

4. Networking — Greeks provide a support network for women, even with the included home-cooked, in-house meal plan.

5. Social outlet - Greek life is cheaper than on campus housing, even with the included home-cooked, in-house meal plan.

6. It's a home away from home for many students. The family-like atmosphere can be a very comforting alternative to lonely dorm rooms and absent roommates.

7. History - Many sororities were founded as a support network for women, and provided leadership positions.

8. Philanthropy—Volunteer events allow opportunities to give back to the community, and make a positive difference in Stockton.

9. Peace Corps - Many sororities were founded as a support network for women, and provided leadership positions.

10. It's a way to connect to your campus – Pacific's average student will graduate in four years, so it is important to get involved in the university early on, so as to fully enjoy your limited time.

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**Found a restaurant in the Central Valley that you love?! Write about it and submit your article to the Pacifican!**

Send all submissions to pacificaneditors@pacific.edu.
DeSean’s Sports Update

Lance Martin
Pacifican Staff Writer

The Raiders dropped cornerback DeAngelo Hall quicker than Hall being burnt by any receiver in the league. Hall picked up a paycheck of $8 million dollars for playing a total of 8 games. That’s more ridiculous than paying full price for your textbooks.

The only thing more annoying than watching the 49’ers on Monday Night Football this past Monday is the Toyota commercials that yell, “SAVED BY ZERO.”

It’s okay, Toyota, I got it. Zero APR financing, I heard you loud and clear. If I see the commercial again, I am going to the nearest Toyota dealership, buying a Toyota automobile, and then driving it right into the dealership yelling, “SAVED BY ZERO.”

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Tigers Close Out Season with 3-1 Loss to Longwood in Third Place Game at NorPac Championship

Glen Sisk
Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific field hockey team concluded its 2008 season with fourth place at the NorPac Championship on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The loss ended Pacific’s season with a 6-12 overall record.

Playing in front of their home crowd for the last time, the Lancers entered Saturday’s contest with an immense amount of energy. Longwood turned that energy into a 1-0 lead midway through the first half, when Kelsey Turner collected her blocked pass, then turned an fired in an unassisted shot and scoring on the second chance. Just under ten minutes later, with 21:20 remaining in the game, Julia Hernandez took a pass from Andrea Bastianne near the top of the circle and hammered it past Pi
casey goalkeeper, senior Kelly Miller to make it 3-0.

Tennessee’s coach Phil Fulmer is officially out after this season. Here is a nice graph of the Volunteer’s winning percentage under Fulmer over the last 17 years.

This is like one of those charts of a drug’s effect on the brain over time. First it is high, then low, then not quite high, then a little lower, then not quite as high, etc. Point is: Tennessee has been steadily going down.

If not for the extreme generosity of LSU’s quarterback Jarrett Lee, a one-man Christmas for the opposing Alabama secondary with four interceptions – one setting up a touchdown, one turned directly for a touchdown, one taking likely points off the board in Alabama territory, one in overtime; all on third down – LSU could have gotten their revenge against Nick Saban.

Cheer up, Nittany Lion Fans. If only field goals counted, you would have won 3-1. It takes a strong man to admit he was wrong, but I was obviously wrong in saying Penn State would play for a crystal football. My current prediction: An SEC and Big 12 showdown, most likely between Florida and Texas Tech.

The West Virginia offense needs to switch it up big time. I was half-drunk during the game, and I could recognize every play that was coming whether it would be out of the 4 wide outs formation, single receiver and double tight end formation or the standard 1-formation.

Tigers Close Out Season with 3-1 Loss to Longwood in Third Place Game at NorPac Championship

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The Pacific field hockey team concluded its 2008 season with fourth place at the NorPac Championship on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The loss ended Pacific’s season with a 6-12 overall record.

Playing in front of their home crowd for the last time, the Lancers entered Saturday’s contest with an immense amount of energy. Longwood turned that energy into a 1-0 lead midway through the first half, when Kelsey Turner collected her blocked pass, then turned an fired in an unassisted goal with 18:58 showing on the clock.

Turner’s goal was the only scoring in the first half, but Longwood held the edge in shots (11-5) and penalty corners (5-2) over Pacific.

Early in the second period, Longwood stretched their lead to 3-0 with two goals in the opening 15 minutes. Carla Binnewies made it 2-0 behind the Lancers second unassisted goal, rebounded a deflected shot and scoring on the second chance. Just under ten minutes later, with 21:20 remaining in the game, Julia Hernandez took a pass from Andrea Bastianne near the top of the circle and hammered it past Pi
casey goalkeeper, senior Kelly Miller to make it 3-0.

As the game wound down, Pacific started down the comeback trail, but unfortunately the Tigers were unable to score again, ending the Pacific career of seniors Sasha Larsen, Melissa McGhee, Miller, Emily Nettle, Danielle Neault and Niccum.

Sophomore Kelly Perkins scored Pacific’s lone goal in the loss.
Big West Conference Launches Rewards of Reading Program With The Old Spaghetti Factory

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The Big West Conference, along with The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurants, launched the Rewards of Reading program to elementary schools local to Big West Conference universities today. The Rewards of Reading program encourages reading to elementary school students, from Kindergarten through fourth grade, and offers rewards for doing so. Every student who reads five books will receive free admission to any Big West Conference basketball game of choice (from a participating institution) and a free Kid's Meal from The Old Spaghetti Factory.

Students must redeem the Big West ticket voucher by Saturday, March 14. Vouchers can be redeemed at the past eight years. The tournament will run Wednesday, March 11 through Saturday, March 14. Vouchers can be redeemed at any basketball game at any of the following universities: Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Riverside and University of the Pacific. Simply present the voucher to your server and receive a free kids meal. Big West and The Old Spaghetti Factory vouchers do not need to be redeemed on the same day.

The Big West Conference is in its 40th season and has held its annual basketball tournament at The Arena at the Anaheim Convention Center for the past eight years. The tournament will run Wednesday, March 11 through Saturday, March 14. Vouchers can be redeemed at any session of the tournament.

Below is a list of the participating Big West universities and The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurants. For more information, visit the Big West Conference website at www.bigwest.org.

To redeem the voucher for a free kids ticket, call: University of the Pacific Athletics Box Office (209) 846-2867 or 2009 Big West Basketball Tournament Anaheim Convention Center Box Office (714) 765-8980

To redeem the voucher for a free kids meal, visit the following The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurants: Stockton - 2702 W. March Ln.
Double Header, Double Win

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On Saturday, November 8 both the Women’s and Men’s Basketball teams played exhibition games in the Spanos Center against the Melbourne Roos and Chico State, respectively. Both games ended in victory for the Tigers.

At 7:30 p.m. the Men’s team took on the State Wildcats and also brought in a win with 1:27 left on the clock, the Tigers had an 18-7 lead after a pointer from junior Lavar Neufville. With just four minutes left in the half, Chico State cut it to 22-13. However, senior Chad Troyer added a pointer and senior Bryan LeDuc got a dunk to end the half with a 29-14 lead.

In the second half, senior Anthony Brown had four points to gain their biggest lead of the game with 41-20 and 14:10 left in the game. Chico State surged in offense and eventually cut the lead to 43-38 with only 5:53 remaining. However, the next few minutes of the game were close and saw Chico State coming within just three points of Pacific. However, a quick basket and foul from Chico State sent Neufville to the line to take the lead to six points and win the game.

The game was lead by Brown who had high 14 points and eight rebounds. Troyer had 12 points and sophomore Terrell Smith had nine points and eight rebounds.

The win closed out the exhibition play for the Tigers with a perfect 2-0 record. They will now enter the regular season, beginning with a game at Cal Poly Saturday, November 15.

The Women’s team played the Melbourne Roos at 5 p.m. Their debut ended in a 78-49 win over the visiting Melbourne Roos. Both teams had a quick and effective offense throughout the first half. With 7:50 left in the first half, Chico State led by 11 after a three pointer from senior Jarace Young.

The Roos stepped up their game in the second half, but the closest they got to the Tiger’s lead was still 30 points behind. The Tigers were led by junior Emma Head with a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

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Hunter Tanous and Ties to the World

Pacific Fund grants enable international service

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The Pacific Fund has allocated $275,000 to each of the undergraduate schools, Student Life, and the Student Research Initiative in order to provide students and faculty with funding for research projects and experiential learning, helping them to build a strong foundation for their futures. Students can apply for Pacific Fund grants through their dean’s office.

One student who received a grant last summer is Hunter Tanous, a sophomore who is studying International Relations. Originally from Carmel, CA., Hunter’s motivation for attending Pacific was to attend the School of International Studies. He was impressed by the mandatory study abroad program because “studying abroad is truly necessary to complete an international studies major.”

Hunter is the treasurer for the Council of University Social Entrepreneurs and established the University of the Pacific Chapter of Ties to the World during his freshman year. The goal of Ties to the World is to assist orphanages and communities in building a sustainable future by developing entrepreneurial businesses and focusing on education. In June 2008, Hunter used a $750 Pacific Fund grant to travel to Guatemala for one month to help an orphanage install a new insulation system so that the children can keep warm and stay healthy in the cold winter months.

“I [Ties to the World] projects are mostly aimed at impacting individual societies to affect change from within - not just bringing outsiders in to make a difference; that doesn’t work,” he explained.

Hunter appreciated the opportunity to be immersed in a very hands-on environment where the goal was “to learn to learn” and clarify the career goals. He hopes that more students will tap into the Pacific Fund grants to pursue experiences that “ignite their desire to learn something more closely” and fulfill their personal and professional goals.

Visit www.pacific.edu/pacificfund or call 946-2500 to learn more about grant opportunities or to make a donation that helps students like Hunter fulfill their personal and professional goals.