CA Justice Coming to Pacific
Justice Chin to Address Concerns of Judicial Autonomy

PRESS RELEASE

A national wave of politically motivated attacks on the judicial branch threatens to weaken our system of checks and balances, jeopardizing every individual’s right to equal access to justice. A distinguished panel, including Justice Ming W. Chin of the California Supreme Court, who chairs the Judicial Council’s Commission for Impartial Courts, retired Judge Roger Warren, and McGeorge Law School professor and author Brian Landsberg, among others, will address this growing problem on December 11 in a special program between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in Grace Covell Hall. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

California Supreme Court Justice Ming W. Chin will cover the issue of checks and balances regarding branches of the government, specifically with the judiciary.

Exhibits Highlight Jacoby Center’s Filipino Festival

Ben Holley
Pacifican Staff Writer

This past month the Jacoby Center presented a rare opportunity to explore the impact Filipinos and Filipino-Americans have had on the United States with a series of exhibits and films. The Filipino American Historical Interpretations Festival examines the scope of the contributions Filipinos have made across the United States, California, and Stockton.

The main exhibit was Singgalot (The Ties That Bind): Filipinos in America, From Colonial Subjects and Nationals to Citizens. Developed by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, the exhibit explores the challenges and issues that confronted Filipinos in America. The exhibit opened in 2006 and will be traveling the country through 2010. University of the Pacific has the honor of being the first institution in Stockton to host the exhibit, which will be on display at the Reynolds Gallery through December 19.

With the annexation of the Philippines as a United States territory in 1898, Filipinos struggled for decades with their status as colonial subjects and “nationals.” Singgalot captures the inspiring struggle of Filipino American immigrants to acquire independence and the rights of full citizenship in the United States from the turn of the 20th century to the present.

It touches upon Filipino achievements in the U.S. military, public service, literature, arts, sports, and in America’s healthcare industry. A hundred photomurals and images vividly portray the social history and development of the Filipino community in the United States.

Department Chair of Fine Arts at St. Scholastica’s College in Manila, Philippines and current Pacific Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Donald Amorsolo had a more poetic observation of the connection between the United States and the Philippines.

“One side was the American experience and the other was the experience of the Filipinos. What connects them is America. America is the coin.”

As a companion piece to Singgalot, Stockton, American’s Manila, is also on display at the Holt Memorial Library through December 19. The exhibit details the contributions Filipino’s have made to the San Joaquin Valley.

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Stand-Up Comic Packs Them In

Ann Mazzaferro
Pacifican Staff Writer

The Lair was the hot spot of Pacific on Thursday evening, when stand-up comedian Tracey Ashley took the Brickyard stage for an evening of cutting-edge comedy.

Ashley is an up-and-coming comedienne whose many honors include a Reader’s Choice Award nomination as Best Female Performer by Campus Activities Magazine in 2008, a nomination for Best Diversity Act 2007-2008 by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, and a spot as a semi-finalist on last season of NBC’s reality hit “Last Comic Standing.”

During her hour long set, Ashley covered a wide range of topics, from the pitfalls of dating a high school history teacher,

“He always comes home with interesting information for me, like, ‘Babe, did you know that the hippopotamus is responsible for a lot of deaths in Africa?’ I’m thinking to myself, ‘When am I going to be in the way of a hippopotamus? Am I going to be at the ATM machine one day...’ (mimes transaction, spots a hippo) Is that a hippo? Fast cash, no receipt!”

To her decision not to have children,

“I’m not playing around. I take that morning-after pill like it’s a multi-vitamin...I’m too immature to have kids. I think it would be funny if I could have a little boy and train him to be a pit bull.”

To the concept of drafting Oprah in the fight to legalize marijuana,

“That would be an Oprah Winfrey Show that EVERYONE would want to see.”

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Tiger Nights Dec. 12
Destress Fest

8 p.m.
Featuring:
Bands: Iration @ 8:30 and Grey Space @ 10:30
Manicures, massages, yoga, dessert station
Make your own pies, chocolate covered strawberries, and hot cocoa!
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WARRANT ARREST
ROSEMARIE & PERSHING
11-30-08
Officer flagged down by a female and requested to go to jail. Records indicated the subject had an outstanding warrant and arrested. Subject was transported to the county jail.

TRAFFIC CRIMINAL
DAVE BRUBEEK
11-30-08
 Victim reported her vehicle was hit while parked in the area. Officer responded and initiated a report.

THEFT
CARTER HOUSE
12-1-08
Victim reported he leaned his bicycle against his vehicle. While he was retrieving some property from his vehicle, a subject wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt walked up and took the bike. By the time the victim realized what had occurred, the suspect had pedaled away. The victim chased the suspect on foot but lost sight of him on the levee road. Officers checked the area with negative findings and initiated a report.

ASUOP Senate talks of hike in tuition price
Laurel Hover
Staff Writer

Pacific students can expect another raise in both tuition and room and board fees come the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year, due to a number of university needs.

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WARRANT ARREST
NORTH SERVICE RD
12-2-08
Due to recent thefts of bicycles on campus, officers conducted a bicycle safety operation. They stopped several people driving bicycles at night without proper lighting. Officer stopped one subject on a bicycle and learned the subject had an outstanding warrant. Subject was arrested and transported to the county jail. Officers also registered 12 bicycles belonging to students.

ASUOP administrative representatives conducted a walk through campus late September to make note of current lighting problems that could pose as a danger to students at night. The event is important to show administration areas students experience at night. [Administration] doesn’t walk around at 9:00 or 10:00 at night. The point is to show them where we need things, such as emergency phones, new sidewalks, and new lighting,” said ASUOP President Matt Olson.

ASUOP held their first campus safety walk on Sept. 30. They wanted other administrators to see the dangerous walking conditions around campus.

Scavenging arrest
KENNINGTON & MENDOCINO
12-2-08
Officers conducted a check-out on a male subject in the area going through the dumpster. Subject was warned for the violation. Subject was later contacted for the same violation. Subject was arrested via citation.

VANDALISM
KNOLES HALL
12-3-08
Officers responded to a report of papers all over the bulletin board and a broken glass door. Officer initiated a report.

Casualty
COWELL WELLNESS
12-3-08
Officers responded to a report of a male subject experiencing shortness of breath. Subject was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

THEFT
FULTON ST
12-4-08
Officer conducted a vehicle stop and determined the driver was DUI. Officer responded, arrested the driver and transported to the county jail.

CASUALTY
TOW REVIEW
12-4-08
Officers and medics responded to a report of a female having a seizure. Subject was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

TRAFFIC CRIMINAL
LOT 4
12-6-08
Officers responded to a report of a male subject driving without a license. Officers checked the area with negative findings.

Fire
LOT 2
12-6-08
Officers responded to a report of ashes from a BBQ that were dumped on the ground. Ashes were still hot and blowing in the area. Officer was able to place water on the ashes to extinguish.

Theft
DEROZA CENTER
12-6-08
Victim reported her purse stolen. Officer responded and initiated a report.

Cooking the Competition
Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

This year, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted the Second Annual “Pacific Iron Chef” Competition, on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. Pacific students were allowed to compete for the top prize, a $50 gift card of their choosing, and for the second prize, a $25 gift card of their choosing. Students had approximately two hours to use three secret ingredients chosen by the head Bon Appetit Chef.

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Jennifer Hite-Smith
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News

It's Hard Being Green

Abby Liao
Pacifican Staff Writer

During the past few years, the obsession for everything eco-friendly has possessed the lifestyles of many Americans. The green hype was started after the premiere of An Inconvenient Truth, a documentary featuring former Vice President Al Gore. Within the last year, online bill payments have become available by many companies to reduce the use of paper statements. Eco-friendly products are rapidly appearing in the market, such as bedding and towels made from organic cotton, labeled organic foods, vegan cosmetics, and low energy appliances.

Certain areas have made the switch from Styrofoam disposable food boxes to containers that are biodegradable. Will participating in this 'green type' really reduce an individual's carbon footprint or is it all marketing? That is for the American consumer to decide. However, the real question is: Does participating in all this madness really reduce a person's carbon footprint or will it just throw one into a heap of indecisiveness?

Paper or plastic?
It is said that plastic bags are evil because it takes 500 years for them to decompose in landfills. So, the better option would be paper, right? It can be recycled and part of it is even made from post-consumer products. Wrong. Paper is still made from trees, which is a cause of deforestation. And, during its production, it generates a huge amount of air pollutants.

Consumers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags when they go shopping. However, not everybody cares enough or feels comfortable enough to bring their own bag. In that situation, opting for plastic is wiser. It is easier to store and reuse.

Shutdown or standby?
Many college students, especially ones that live on campuses, leave their computers on for hours at a time, if not overnight and for days. Their main reason is that their housing fee already includes electricity usage.

Another advantage of leaving a computer on is that it increases its longevity. Everytime it is turned on, it's like giving it a minor heart attack. The immobile hard drives quickly spin up from a stationary position to speeds exceeding thousands of rotations a minute. The process required to make a new PC is nasty and eco-unfriendly. Modern PCs don't consume much energy in standby mode.

A special report by Forbes.com cautions, "Human life will always leave footprints. The best we can do is tread carefully.


Filipino, continued from front page

The highlight of The Filipino American Historical Interpretations Festival was the screening of the documentary Sandaan (Where Do We Go From Here).

In Tagalog, “sandaan” means “one hundred,” or “where’s the road,” or “where do we go from here.” The documentary recounts Filipino immigration to the United States and assimilation into U.S. culture through the stories of Filipino-Americans.

The documentary begins with the forced evacuation of the Philippines by the United States. The U.S. was able to colonize the Philippines through the artifice of a promise of independence for the Philippines from Spain.

After becoming involved in Filipino resistance to the Spanish, the U.S. entered into the Treaty of Paris with Spain. Article 10 of this treaty granted the Philippines independence, but the United States reneged on this promise, choosing instead to make the Philippines an American colony.

After 50 years as a colony of the United States and 50 years of discrimination and struggle, Filipinos finally began to assimilate into U.S. culture.

Director Noel “Sonny” Izon was assigned the task of creating a documentary to act as a companion piece for Singgahit. The screening at Pacific is the first time the film and the exhibit have shown together since the opening of the exhibit in 2006.

“Even though there was a betrayal in how the Filipinos were introduced into the American experience, the American experience was the power of the idea of freedom of democracy,” Izon said.

Izon has produced over 100 nationally televised programs for PBS and National Geographic Television. He has also produced several films and videos for the U.S. government, including several for the White House.

Izon, who was born in Manila, is also a board member of the Jacoby Center and was excited to give Pacific an opportunity to view Sandaan in conjunction with Singgahit.

Currently Izon is working on another film about Filipino-Americans that will be more thematic in nature as opposed to chronological nature of Sandaan. While Izon is extremely proud of Sandaan he felt that the film and exhibit did not properly tie Filipino history into the context of the present day.

This new project will start within the context of the current Iraq war and move backwards in history.

Product Innovation
Demonstrates Prototypes
Rachel Freeman
Pacifican Sports Editor

On Thursday, Dec. 11 from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the UC Ballroom, the Eberhardt School of Business course, 143 - Project Innovation, will be unveiling their invention prototypes. The class has nine teams competing to see who has the best idea.

The project is about "ideas from college students to college students," said senior, Clay Ostrander. Katrina Sohriakoff, another student in the class, stated, "It's our creative solution to everyday problems in the world."

Prototypes include an instant coffee cubes, heated gloves, an automatic tennis ball retriever, defrosting solar snow goggles, an item locator, a beverage grip, a backpack with solar panels and fans on it, a microwave stirrer, and a baseball trivia game.

Each vote costs $0.25 and all the proceeds benefit the Stockton Animal Shelter. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and vote!
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Perspectives
Thursday, December 11, 2008

Safety in Public Safety

Violence on campus seems to be taking a turn for the worst. Not only was one of our students murdered while protecting her students over the Thanksgiving holiday, may she rest in peace, but two male students were assaulted last weekend. Early morning on Sunday, December 7, while walking by Wendell Phillips Center; two male students were approached by a group of over 7 men. These students were beaten violently and found by Public Safety. Unfortunately, Public Safety mistook the students’ writhing on the ground for drunkenness and arrested them. These students, however, were soon transported to a hospital and received medical attention. Now the questions are: if we are not safe on this campus, how can Pacific feel like home? If 6’5” men like Joel Strauss are getting jumped while crossing the levy, how can a 5’5” female feel safe walking from the UC to Monagan? If Public Safety thinks someone who is writhing on the ground after getting attacked is drunk, how can we know they’re competent enough to protect us?

We, at the Pacifican, would like to have faith in the Public Safety force at Pacific. Just last week, officers were on the levy at night, talking to bike riders about bike safety. The officers stopped every rider without a bike light, and were even informing about the bike registration service Public Safety offers. Did you know that since the beginning of 2008, California law requires all bike riders to use a bike light at night?

We didn’t either until last week.

So, have faith in Public Safety and use their services at night! Call STRIPE for a ride, and if STRIPE is closed, call Public Safety for a ride. They will pick you up, police car and all. In this dangerous town that Stockton keeps proving itself to be, we cannot help but look for means of protection.

FUNNY CLASS NOTES

Matt Brady
Pacifican Humor, Columnist

Last week’s Pacifican had a strongly worded caution in the Perspective’s section — in the heaven position relative to this column, in fact — which warned against visiting or paying heed to the gossip webpage JuicyCampus.com.

I talked with my editors and, while I must bow when I pass them in the hallway, I am free to disagree with their viewpoints in my column. So, disagree I must.

In case you missed it last week, Juicy Campus is an anonymous gossip mill full of the most salacious and intrusive details about Pacifican students’ lives posted and maintained entirely by you, guessed it, nosey Pacific students. A lot of people are taking issue with the site and doing some pretty radical things to halt it like emailing the site’s founder (not Joe Francis, but good guess), asking their peers to not visit or comment and even filing libel and defamation lawsuits. The nerve!

There has never been a better time to know who has which STD, the best place to get drunk cheaply and quickly, the most pleasurable of acrobatic copulation poses, the sorority member with the most adipose, the sorority member with the most adipose in each of the four academic years, the sorority member with the most adipose who is also promiscuous or fits, the factoid about the most adipose student’s private lives, so all students could put their slate of trivial private information to use and bet against others competing to know exactly who cheated on whom. This site would have a play-by-play of all Pacific student’s private lives, so all students (and the newly unemployed in our nation) can tune in and know exactly who cheated on whom. This site would have webcams installed in the dorms so that individual traffic could be monitored, recorded and gossiped. This speculation could be fueled with an odds-making page, where entrepreneurial bavarders could put their stake of trivial private information to use and bet against others about the next headlining couple, breakup or cheating.

Oh, the possibilities. But I have to run, and post something insulting about you online. Take care...
Perspectives

The Democrat

Ally Mengarelli
Pacifican Staff Writer

Finally. The future of American politics is finally reaching a point where greatness can occur. And not only do I say this because I am extremely pleased with the outcome of last month's election, but I am truly ecstatic because Obama is working harder than ever to break the divide between Democrats and Republicans in order to make America a more united nation.

Before even being sworn into office, Obama has once again proved that he is a man of the people by attempting to create a balanced cabinet in which all major parties can be heard. It seems as though Obama's humble-ness and intelligence never cease, as is shown by his great choices in cabinet positions. Not only are there members from both parties within the president's inner circle, but there are those who will better the environment by implementing green jobs and values within the economy, all while protecting our natural resources.

Not only is this extremely diverse cabinet something to be excited about, but it is incredible that Obama has been able to choose his members with such precision and speed. Not only has he chosen one of the most unique and diverse cabinets in American history but he has chosen them at a pace faster than any of his previous predecessors. He stated his reason for his doing so on Monday:

“If we do not act swiftly and boldly, most experts believe that we could lose millions of jobs next year.”

With our country still in the depths of an intolerable war and a sticky economic situation, it is imperative that we have a president who will be able to make fast decisions that will be in the best interest of the collective nation.

Another reason to be excited for such a unique cabinet is the fact that each member was chosen under meticulous scrutiny. Along with the already intense FBI background check all candidates had to undergo, Obama required candidates to complete a lengthy questionnaire that required the disclosure of every last private detail.

And, I say, how refreshing it is that measures are taken to limit and oppress those corrupt political practices America has become all too familiar with in the past eight years! By implementing such intensive background checks, Obama has gone beyond the mark to ensure that America will be given the best cabinet it could hope for in such a distressed moment in history.

After all the worries Republicans have had to face with such a large Democratic majority in Washington, Obama is making sure that everyone is represented, something I find completely refreshing after these past eight years. America has, after all, been known for its extensive freedom and equal representation of all its people. Obama is once again implementing these ideals back into American politics.

The Republican

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Staff Writer

President-elect Obama has recently made a few wise picks for his cabinet posts.

Many political theorists have concluded Mr. Obama has pulled toward the middle of the political spectrum to please America's bitterness in the recent election. He decided to keep Robert Gates, our current Secretary of Defense, who is leading our success in Iraq: what a surprise! He has also appointed two of his former rivals, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, to his cabinet. While we find Mrs. Clinton's appointment alarming and questionable, it is fair to say President Obama begins with credentials necessary to fulfill his position as Secretary of Commerce. Richardson's appointment, I say, has been the best thus far.

Obama has now has a diverse group of individuals under his belt, but it remains indefinite as he has yet to fill every position. Obama is a smart man: He will make appointments from both parties while understanding he has the final say. Let's also not forget his party will be controlling both houses of congress for awhile. So in the event that any conservative does try to govern from the right, the conservative will be impeded by the effort of the majority, who are the democrats.

America has elected a celebrity to run our government classmates. We chose a man who was presented to us by the media. According to a recent Washington Times article, “President-elect Obama” has received the most positive campaign news coverage on the main network news shows in the 20-year history of such studies by the Center for Media and Public Affairs (CMPA).”

The question is not whether Mr. Obama can appoint people to seats of power, any one of us can do that, but the struggle of new people to do is read a resume. The question is really how he allows each member of his cabinet to exercise their powers and how he ends up moderating those powers. As we've seen, he will be appointing all left-wing politicians-good choice for the man as the U.S. is considered a government governed by center-right principles. I still believe in the end, he will have the final say in regards to domestic affairs and foreign policy issues.

I'm glad he knows his job will not be a fly in the ballpark as his campaign was. He recently acknowledged the economy is supposed to get worse on NBC’s "Meet The Press," stating: "It's going to get worse."

I wish him luck in his endeavors and having Hillary working vigorously along with him as we head into the worst economic crisis since the great depression.

While Sipping a Cup of Java...

Christine Le
Pacifican Poetry Columnist

By now you’re most likely itching to finish up your last final and rush home for the holidays. As you eagerly pack up your things and picture seeing your family—and presents—keep in mind the people around the world who have no family to see, let alone any gifts to receive, this holiday season.

You will meet many of these people in the following poem by English poet Robert Graves, titled “The Shivering Beggar.” Even though there is only one beggar in the poem freezing on the street on Christmas Day, he represents the multitude of homeless people worldwide who will sadly experience the same thing this holiday season.

Yes, I know that during this time of year, clothing drives, TV commercials, and Santa Claus outside department stores ringing for donations are reminding you to give. But there is something even more touching about a poem reminding you of such a thing.

Near Clapham village, where fields began,  
Saint Edward met a beggar man.  
It was Christmas morning, the church bells tolled,  
The old man trembled for the fierce cold.

Saint Edward cried, "It is now.strainless  
A beggar to live in such cold!"

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Saint Edward met a beggar man.  
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The old man trembled for the fierce cold.

Notice Saint Edward's instant reaction after seeing the beggar. Without a second thought, he gives the cold man his long fur coat. His fury at the idea of a homeless person having to freeze in the streets is emphasized when he calls the scene a "monstrous sin."

Most people would call the existence of homelessness a tragedy, a misfortune, a pity—but not a sin. So we must applaud Graves for his passion! We must applaud him for using such a strong term to describe something that shouldn't have to be. This is something to keep in mind as you write your own poetry—don't be afraid to use the strongest, boldest, and even the most exaggerated descriptions—especially when you're describing something you have passion for.

Let us continue with Graves' poem:

Praying, "O God! my faith, it grows faint!  
This would try the temper of any saint."

You may think Saint Edward is crazy for stripping naked and giving all his clothes to the beggar. Yet, I was actually not that surprised. Perhaps because this is a saint we're talking about. Perhaps because he wants to know what it's like to freeze on the streets. Or perhaps I believe too positively in human generosity. Nevertheless, Graves once again uses a far-fetched, somewhat exaggerated description to express his sorrow for people suffering on Christmas. We must give kudos to him once more.

And many of us can relate to Saint Edward questioning his faith after witnessing the shivering beggar. I don't know about you, but I find that a nude saint, on a freezing Christmas day, angrily asking God why there are people who must shiver to death, to be quite the emotionally effective image.

In the U.S. alone, there are as many as 3.5 million homeless people a year, and with the recent housing crisis that number has definitely gone up. I hope this poem serves as a reminder for you of the sad reality that exists not just on Christmas, but every day. I hope it also reminds you of the importance in giving, especially during this heartwarming season. And lastly, I hope you do not remove all your clothes and hand them to a homeless person. A five-dollar bill should suffice. Have a happy holiday season!
Perspectives

Decisions About Graduate School

Alex Ruano
Assignments Editor

Deciding if grad school is right for you is a very personal and serious question to ponder. The job market today demands higher standards of education than our parents experienced coming out of college. Many fields look at a Bachelor's degree like a high school diploma and they demand professionals with a higher degree just to get their foot in the door. But, is it that important that students don’t take time off between their undergrad and graduate studies? Could there be some experience found outside of the classroom working a real job before grad school? Many professors say it depends on the major.

Chemistry Professor C. Michael McCallum says life experience is not very important for people pursuing a career in science. “Most scientists (certainly chemists) do not wait; the book learning is too intense, I think,” says McCallum.

Theater Professor Lisa Tromovitch encourages her students to work in a professional theater before pursuing graduate school. “In my grad program, I observed that those of us who had worked professionally were far more able to understand the value of what we were being taught,” she says “and we could tell what was academic in nature, or below industry practices versus what was pertinent to a professional.” In addition to helping the student understand the work, Tromovitch says time off working in a real job changes the perspective of the student; she says “less experienced students’ attitudes seemed to be more about getting the teacher’s approval than getting what they needed to succeed in the future.”

English Professor Amy Smith says being out of school for a bit is a good idea. “Giving yourself some breathing space after 16 years of non-stop school can really clear your head,” she says. She also says there is little truth to the parents’ fear that if their kid takes time off from school they will never go back and finish: “if being off a year stops you from reaching your goal,” she adds “it is not a goal you were committed to.”

Consider how life experience would benefit your studies before you register for graduate school. Many fields are not explored fully until you reach a real job in the market and that experience could drastically change how you handle what to study, or even to go into graduate school.

To the Pacific Community:

The Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) is conducting an accreditation review of University of the Pacific. This review began in May 2008 and will conclude in January 2012. WASC accreditation is the fundamental external affirmation of the quality of the University’s structures, processes, and especially, our academic programs. A WASC team will conduct two site visits to Pacific to determine how well the University pursues WASC’s core commitments: Institutional Capacity and Educational Effectiveness. For each of the core commitments, Pacific must demonstrate that we meet the four standards WASC uses for review:

1. Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives
2. Achieving Educational Objectives through Core Functions
3. Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Sustainability
4. Creating an Organization Committed to Learning and Improvement

In the current stage of the review process, Pacific is preparing for a WASC visiting team to conduct a Capacity and Preparatory Review visit in February 2010. (A visit focusing on education effectiveness will occur in October 2011.) Three inquiry teams of faculty, administrators, and staff are working to provide evidence and analysis for the University’s Capacity self-review. The work of the inquiry teams will be the basis for a Capacity and Preparatory Self-Review Study that University will submit to WASC prior to the February 2010 visit. Details on the inquiry teams and the self-review study can be found in Pacific’s institutional proposal at http://web.pacific.edu/its1033.xml.

It is important that the University community have adequate opportunities to contribute to the self-review. In order to assess the University climate on the key issues in our self-review, the inquiry teams in coordination with Pacific’s WASC Core Steering Committee created the following survey to solicit community input relevant to the current review. We ask that you complete the following survey to the best of your ability.

To take the survey, go here: http://iris.pacific.edu/survey/wasc.htm. The survey is relatively brief and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The survey will close on 12/12/08.

If you have questions about the survey or about the WASC review process, please contact me at bklunk@pacific.edu.

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Lifestyles

wrapped up in the holidays

As a poor college student, I start to sweat when birthdays and holidays roll around, because it is difficult to decide whether I should get a gift or not. Usually my group of friends goes out to dinner, and we'll each chip in for the birthday person's meal. Sometimes if the occasion is special, I'll shell out several more dollars for a nice present from GameStop or Bath and Body Works.

It's not that I'm too cheap to provide a costly present, but that I'm afraid the gift I purchase may end up going back where it came from.

Gift giving is a subject matter that struggles in the mind of many college students. True, there are the endowed college students who have no trouble purchasing nice gifts at all, but for the rest of us, we do not have the option of spending precious time to spend our non-existent money.

Ideally, one wants to spend the less money and receive more gifts. Who your holiday giving, that is no reason why you would be committed to give a gift out of duty. Granted, some people use this idea to their advantage, abusing it by only receiving gifts and never returning the favor. In this case, that person does not deserve the gifts of your goodwill.

If you are stuck as to how to plan your holiday giving, start with a simple list of people you intend to give a gift to, as well as another list, of acquaintances and "optional" people who you might not be so sure about.

Next, allot appropriate gifts for each person, taking into consideration their interests as well as your budget. Here are a few original gift ideas to get your mind going:

Magazine subscriptions -- these are overlooked, but provide a full year of pleasant reading and advertising, usually for a lower price around the holidays.

"Coupons"/rainchecks of later dates -- A written promise of that visit to BJ's if you both have been craving.

Buying clothing for a significant other or a loved one could be considered a no-no in some cases, but if they have vocally expressed a desire for an article of clothing, a good surprise could work in your favor. Otherwise, do not let your guilt force you into spoiling anyone with their wish list of indulgences. If they cannot afford the $500 Gucci watch, then that's their problem, not yours.

If worse comes to worse, there's always ways after the winter break, which gives you at least three weeks to think of an appropriate gift, or just give them a few of your goodies that you purchased on your spree at the Grove. Worry about those finals at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, and you'll have more time later to think of thoughtful holiday gifts for your loved ones. Have a merry winter, and happy holidays!

Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column, and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

Answers

5 9 3 2 6
8 7 4 1 9
6 1 9 5 2
4 7 2 6 3
3 8 5 1 9
9 4 6 2 8

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Pacific Ambassador: For the Love

Randall Gee

Cristy Yadon
Pacifican Staff Writer

No matter the time of year, the weather, or the size of the tour group, the Pacific Ambassadors show off our beautiful campus to prospective students and parents day after day. Ambassador Randall Gee explains, “Ambassadors give tours almost every day of the year to all sorts of students: transfers, middle schoolers, and mostly, seniors in high school.”

Additionally, the Ambassadors organize and run Freshman and Transfer Orientations, three orientations throughout the summer during which the Ambassadors introduce incoming freshmen to Pacific’s lifestyle and show them how to have a smooth transition into college. Ambassadors also help out at certain university events such as Preview Day, and lead VIP tours.

“I love introducing Pacific to high school students to show them what Pacific has to offer. Although they may or may not choose this particular university, it is extremely rewarding to see their appreciation in helping them in this major decision process—especially when they do choose Pacific,” says Gee. “In addition to that, I feel my work is accomplished when I see those students walking around campus the next semester, donning their orange and black colors, and yelling ‘Hey Randall!’ whenever I see them.”

Gee has been an Ambassador for four years and explains that to become an Ambassador, a candidate has to fill out an application, submit a resume, answer a few short essay questions, and participate in a group and individual interview. After a candidate is accepted, he or she must attend tour training and training classes for the following semester to start his or her job as an official Ambassador. Currently, there are approximately 50 Ambassadors, but the number fluctuates by semester. Gee says, “We need lots of people to cover all the tours almost every day of the year.”

Of all the student jobs on campus, the Ambassadors seem to have one of the best. Gee elaborates, “Being a part of the Ambassadors has definitely been a rewarding part of my college career. I feel like I’ve expanded and developed my professional and friendship lifestyles. I love the connections with the various Pacific staff and the participation in events that others may not be able to participate in. I am so thankful that I have another family here at Pacific! I can also walk backwards pretty well. And I get a shiny nametag!”

For the Love of Britney

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Ever since she made her debut performance with the smash hit “Baby One More Time” in the late 90’s, it seemed as though America couldn’t get enough of the girl next door look with the quirky, yet incredibly adorable attitude. We all grew up with the bubbly, energetic all-American pop princess, and watched her develop from a Mouseketeer into a gorgeous young woman.

With her killer dance moves and catchy pop tunes, it seemed that Britney Spears could do no wrong—until she started spending her money on extensive vices, accidentally getting married in Vegas to a high school friend, making friends with the likes of talent-less stars like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, and actually marrying Kevin Federline or, more infamously known as, K-Fed.

Not only was Brit no longer a virgin, but it seemed as though the troubled pop star couldn’t even keep her legs closed long enough without getting a picture snapped of her hoo-hoo while exiting one of her ever-changing sports cars. She took “crazy” to a new extreme with her infamous head-shaving incident, following the lack of herself in a bathroom with her child, and was forced to a psychiatric hospital on two separate accounts. And then, of course, the VMAs happened— but need we rehash the night yet again?

Britney was headed down the path of Hollywood “crazies” like Anna Nicole Smith and Michael Jackson...until these last few months, when we began to see the old Britney we fell in love with in 1999.

After several stints in rehab and two psychiatric hospital visits, Brit had emerged a new woman—or even better, had reverted back to her old self. She began to lose weight, gained visits with her children, and began working on yet another album. Then MTV exploited her again by making a Britney Spears documentary entitled “Britney: Spears For The Record.”

As excited as I was to watch the documentary, I found myself with the same disappointment as I had when watching the VMAs years ago: Sure, Britney looked great, with this head of hair and a seemingly healthy figure. Whenever she talked, I felt extremely sorry for the poor girl.

After all, she had more freedom when she was a Mouseketeer (at age of 11) then she had at her current age of 27, as she is currently under complete control of her father until her death. This was ordered by the courts when following her devastating mental breakdown.

Throughout the episode, Britney broke into tears several times, saying how lonely and depressed she would sometimes get. Even where she went, there were flashing lights and paparazzi grazing every street corner her touch. The only people in her company were an entourage of assistants and her father who kept a close eye on her throughout the entire filming.

The episode ended on an equally disappointing note, as Britney confessed that the only friend she found in life was in her singing and dancing. Sad, isn’t it? This very talented and beautiful young woman has already gained and lost so much at such a young age. With no close friends and strained relationships between distant family members, it seems that Britney couldn’t escape depression if she tried.

I guess money and fame really can’t be everything.

movie review

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Bolt

Bolt is fun and adventurous, bringing a little something new to the genre of four-legged friend movies.

The movie follows the story of Bolt (voiced by John Travolta), a white German shepherd who believes that he is a real life action hero. Bolt unknowingly costs with his owner, Penny (voiced by Miley Cyrus), in an action TV series in which his character is a super-dog who has been technologically altered to act as a bodyguard for his owner.

The show’s production company does everything to keep Bolt thinking that he actually is a super-dog. They do this to keep the show more convincing if Bolt truly thinks that he alone can rescue his beloved Penny from perilous situations.

Due to a few unfortunate chance happenings, Bolt accidentally finds his way out of the studio in search of Penny and mistakenly gets shipped cross-country, where he encounters an alley cat named Mittens (Susie Essman) and a TV-watching hamster named Rhino (Mark Walton). The trio travels back to Los Angeles, where Bolt believes Penny is being held captive by the sinister “Green-Eyed Man.” During the journey, Bolt uncovers the truth, discovers the super-dog within himself, and learns that there is nothing like the bond between pet and owner.

Bolt’s upbeat, snazzy story keeps everything moving at a pleasant pace. The film never drags since the characters always find their way into new situations.

Bolt’s charmingly naïve approach to the “real world” is the source of many laughs, as are the antics of the hamster Rhino. The film embodies an interesting concept that allows for original scenes and dialogue for the lovable characters. It borrows a few ideas from The Truman Show, but adds its own charm and wit.

The animation is exceptional and allows the animal characters to practically portray human expressions. However, it is a little unclear why the film was chosen to be in Disney 3D. There are a few moments in which the 3D format enhances the scenes, but for the most part it seems unnecessary and without purpose.

There are, of course, some elements, such as the “homerun bound” type of journey, but this is certainly forgivable, due to the freshness of the comedy and the delightfulness of the characters. For those audience members who are pet-lovers, the ending will be especially touching. In all, Bolt is a sweet animated picture that effortlessly entertains.
The Significance of Studying Abroad

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Traveling is one of the most rewarding activities in a person’s lifetime. A perceptive person who has traveled is more open-minded, cultured, wise, and filled with diverse experiences than those who are sedentary. The novel is an activity that should matter. Unlike Americans, people in other countries care about their surroundings and how to have a good time without glancing at their watch every five minutes.

In Madrid, people can walk through Retiro Park like they are on vacation for the rest of their lives. You see them enjoying the scenery, listening to live music, or taking the time to sit down and read a book. You could walk into a bar and talk to a random person about the most absurd, inconsequential thing, and they would be your friend for many years.

Not only will you be able to learn about other locations and people, but most importantly about yourself. Cooking for yourself all the time (if not living with a host family), managing your budget, and using the valuable art of introspection are all things you will be able to work on.

Traveling abroad has a lot to do with seeing the world through other people’s perspectives. Studying abroad was probably the highlight of my undergraduate studies. At one point, I simply asked myself whether I would sit in my room and read what Hemingway had to say about Spain, or get up and explore the country on my own. The latter was a decision I will never regret.

Spending almost five months in Spain, where I had never visited before, was one of the greatest life changing experiences. As I walked the streets of Madrid, I felt a sense of intimacy with the culture. Going to my first bullfight in Spain was surreal, sitting in a Gypsy cave during a flamenco spectacle was surreal, strolling through the Prado was intense, and consuming Iberian ham, Rioja wine, and paella is beyond comparison.

The courses offered abroad are always as varied as the countries to choose from. You can take a class to learn the language of the country, study their art history, learn their national cuisine, or even just walk a course within your field of study. The knowledge acquired while abroad will not solely be based on academics, but on your interactions with the novel environments as well.

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Dusting the Tomes: Revisiting an Old Classic

Newland Archer, a handsome and riche New York socialite, thinks his life is all set. He is engaged to a beautiful woman who has money and class, just like him. However, one glimpse of his fiancee’s cousin, May Welland, he becomes fascinated by her character’s psyche and pulls out her thoughts and feelings.

The reader is absorbed into Newland’s thoughts and intimately feels what he is going through. We feel his placid contentment and cynical amusement with society, but Newland begins to truly flesh out as a realm person when he starts despairing about the idea of his future.

Engaged to the lovely and innocent May Welland, he begins to realize that his future as a married man would be no different than any other man’s; he would just be following what is expected of him and losing part of his freedom in the meantime. He reminisces so in the following quote: “His whole future seemed suddenly to be unrolled before him; and passing down its endless emptiness he saw the dwindling figure of a man to whom nothing was ever to happen.”

One of the most wonderful things about the novel is how romantic and passionate the feelings between Newland and Countess Olenska become. They are so constrained by convention and society, yet this tension fuels their passion for each other. Newland, who seems so collected and calm in the beginning of the novel, begins to lose his composure because of Countess Olenska. During one of their clandestine meetings, he tells her “I couldn’t have spoken like this yesterday, because we’ve been apart, and I’m looking forward to seeing you, everything is burnt up in a great flame. But then you come; and you’re so much more than I remembered, and what I want of you is so much more than an hour or two every now and then, with wastes of thistly waiting between...”

The novel presents an interesting look at a time in American history where society and class mattered so greatly. Newland’s unraveling composure is fascinating and heartbreakingly, and the other characters are also interesting, with layers that are peeled away throughout the novel, presenting Newland with a clear glimpse of the people around him and himself.

“It is one of the most powerful and emotionally moving books that I’ve read. It never fails to move me; it holds up the ability to move you, no matter how many times you read it,” said Professor Dylan Zorea.

Putting Yourself On Ice

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Looking for a place to go ice-skating? Well, there are not as many local options as in the past. This year, the city of Stockton has chosen not to continue the Ice on the Delta program, which featured an outdoor skating rink near Weber’s Point. With this option out of the question, the Oak Park Ice Arena has become the sole location for prospective ice skaters looking for holiday fun in Stockton.

Oak Park Ice Arena is an indoor ice skating rink, located at 3545 Alvarado Avenue. Admission and skate rental total to about $10.00 per session. The indoor rink is ideal for large group outings, but can also function as a welcome change to the standard dinner-and-a-movie date. The rink is open seven days a week, but ice skating session times vary since the facility is used for ice hockey practice as well as ice skating lessons. To check out timeslots available to the public, contact www.oakparkicearena.com.

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The Stories Behind the Stars

Greg Maddux was not only a great ballplayer, but a class act too

Rachel Freeman
Pacifican Sports Editor

For my final column of the semester, I decided to write about Greg Maddux’s recent decision.

On Monday Dec. 8, Maddux, a 22 year veteran of Major League Baseball, announced his retirement from the sport. Greg Maddux was one of the best baseball players of this era.

Tim Kurkjian, an ESPN baseball analyst said, “Greg Maddux isn’t just a first-ballot Hall of Famer; he is one of the best 6 or 7 best pitchers of all time.” In Maddux’s career, he won 355 games, a win percentage of .610 and won 15 games a season for 17 consecutive seasons. Before Maddux, the record for most consecutive seasons with 15 wins was four.

Maddux is not only an amazing baseball player, he is also a class guy. At a 30 minute press conference announcing his retirement he said, “I really just came out here today to say thank you. I appreciate everything this game has given me.” He went on to say how difficult it will be to walk away from the game of baseball, but acknowledged that it’s time.

Greg Maddux demonstrated to millions of fans that baseball is all about finesse. He was not the fastest throwing pitcher (he routinely clocked in under 90mph). He was able to be successful because of the movement he put on his pitches and his dedication to perfecting those pitches. Maddux has credited his first pitching coach with instilling in him the value of location and movement over velocity.

What’s more impressive about Maddux’s statistics and great numbers is the fact that he was this successful during the Steroid Era that began in 1988. In this era, hitting has become the number one priority and focus. The long-standing homerun record by Barry Bonds has been broken by Mark McGwire in 1998. This record was broken again by Barry Bonds in 2001. Both McGwire and Bonds have been accused of taking steroids. Maddux not only became one of the main positive figures in baseball, but he helped keep the game alive and well.

The game of baseball will sorely miss Greg Maddux. Five years from now you better believe Greg Maddux’s name will be on the Hall of Fame ballot.

Kicking It With the Pacific Martial Arts Club

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The newly established Pacific Martial Arts club is off to a good start. They’ve already held a weekend seminar and performed at the UCC International dinner, not to mention they are drawing in members from all over campus.

The purpose of the Pacific Martial Arts Club is to “provide Pacific students the chance to begin or continue training and gain exposure in the many forms of martial arts,” stated President Christine Phou. She also noted that “we don’t concentrate on any one particular style; rather, we are open to many different forms of martial arts- from Taekwondo and Karate to capoeira and tai chi.”

Phou began her martial arts training at Pacific. She took Taekwondo and Karate classes, which led her to become part of Pacific’s Sparring club, where she trains with other students to compete against other colleges in tournaments.

The club got off the ground when Phou and other students began to gather at the Baun Fitness Center to spar. After many students gained interest in the activity, she decided to turn her love of martial arts into an official campus club.

Before the Thanksgiving break, the Martial Arts Club held a special seminar concerning self-defense. Vice President Matt Kelly, who was in charge of the seminar, said he “taught student basic attacks such as striking with your elbow or knee.” Kelly also shared that the seminar covered “the California laws of self-defense” of which many people are unaware.

The club has even more goals for next semester. Members are looking forward to holding another self defense seminar, performing at Tiger Nights, and hosting a Kick-a-Thon fundraiser to earn money for their club.

“Anyone is free to join,” says Phou. For more information about spring semester meeting times and club events, check out the club facebook page or email the club at pacificmartialartsclub@gmail.com.

Men’s Basketball Defeats Cal State State Bakersfield in OT, loses at last second to Fresno State

Vanessa Connolly
Pacifican Staff Writer

The Men’s Basketball team put on a show for their fans at their Dec. 3 game against Cal State Bakersfield. The game stayed close, with the lead going back and forth between the teams and a total of 10 ties during regulation. After senior James Doran completed two free throws, the game was tied 56-56. Free throws became crucial to the Tigers’ victory. Seniors Anthony Brown and James Doran and junior Lavar Neufville shot free throws that put Pacific back in the lead in the last minute of overtime. The Tigers ended the game with a 6-53 win. Pacific made 14 of 19 free throws and was led in scoring by Doran, who scored 16 points. Junior Joe Ford scored 12 points and sophomore Sam Willard contributed with 9 rebounds.

After a close game, Fresno State narrowly defeated the Tigers in the 1.6 seconds of the game. Sophomore Sam Willard scored 11 points in the first half and had 14 on the game. Senior Anthony Brown made Pacific history by becoming the seventh player to score 1,000 career points.

Rugby Club Played First Game at Chico

Andy Lee
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacific’s newly revived Rugby Team, bringing in actual coaches this year, and having enough players to venture and play other schools, unlike last year, exercised their reincarnation with their first game at Chico State, butting heads with three teams all on one day.

Rugby Club Team Captain, Kyle Young explains that rugby is different from football because “everyone gets to take part in it, as it’s not focused on one player, its focused as a team. There are no downs, with 40 minute halves, the game flows more consistently as there is no stop and start.”

Even though the team was entirely fresh, the players were very aggressive, and because everyone had playing time, the team certainly learned a lot from the first game.

Their first game was against the B Team of Chico State, who are Division I, and Pacific was able to keep a close margin. “It was amazing seeing all the teamwork the team had in moving the ball down the field,” team player George Adams noted.

Against USF, in the second game, USF did not have a complete team and borrowed players to start the game, which led to a rougher game with exhaustion creeping around within this game. The final game was against Chico State’s “Harlots” Rugby Team, and although all the Pacific players were very exhausted, they had more experience at this point as well.

Although in all of the games, Pacific lost by one try against our competitors, which shows great promise for our rugby team. Rugby Club has seven more games planned for the year, and may eventually be embraced as the closest thing Pacific has to a football team.

Interested players can look at Pacific’s Facebook Group “Tiger Rugby” or contact Kyle Young, who is always looking for more players.
Men's Basketball Pumped for the New Season

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacifican Staff Writer

With a new season underway and many new additions to the team, Pacific Men's Basketball has quite a reputation to uphold. The coaches and team are certain that this season is one to remember. "We have all the pieces to be a championship team; it's all on us to see how far we get," Bryan Le Duc exclaimed after an exciting overtime win against Cal State Bakersfield.

This year the team is starting over with many new players, but Coach Thomason is not worried. The newer players like Lavar Neufville are making good progress fitting in with the team dynamic. The team has strong leadership with Joe Ford and Chad Troyer as the captain and co-captain. Although the team is dealing with injured veterans early on in the season they are working together and working hard; Coach Thomason said "there is no reason they won't do well." The team went through several team building camps this summer and as a tradition they have a pre-game team meal before every game to help with team building. According to Le Duc, the new guys are doing great with learning Pacific's system of basketball. The chemistry has been good on and off the court. Anthony Brown is also pleased with the new players on the team: "We have lots of new people who want to learn." This is important for a team with high expectations. The Coach, Le Duc, Brown and Lavar Neufville all agreed that the goal for this year is to win the Big West Championship. For this to happen the team is focusing on coming together and being cohesive. "Lots of the guys are always hanging out," said Le Duc, many also have similar majors which is a good way for the team to bond. Another goal for Brown is to win as many games as possible. To make this possible the team plans on studying film to make each game better. Although the recent loss to Fresno State was frustrating, the team just looks on to future games. They take each game as "today and then today and then today." Brown shared.

When asked about the real of winning several games then losing that the team fell in last year, Le Duc and Brown already have a game plan. This year the team needs to develop an attitude of working hard every night, focusing on this year because last year is over with. Brown and Neufville are confident in the team because they have the best coaches to prepare them.

All the team has left to be concerned with is the fans, Coach Thomason shared his philosophy on the subject: "The more people who come, the better we play. We do this for the students. We are trying to represent UP!" The team needs fans out there cheering them on. It's a problem when the team feels a lack of energy and support from the crowd. Come out, meet the new team and support Pacific Basketball!

Correction:
What the BCS actually means

Lance Martin
Pacifican Staff Writer

It has come to my attention that I made a mistake last week's issue in how the BCS rankings are calculated. That's just proof of how confusing it is; just as I am confused that McDonalds insists that I eat Chicken McNuggets with all those new commercials they are running. But I stepped my game up like Stephen Curry (I mean did you hear about him before the 2008 NCAA tournament?) and did some research.

Like I said previously, the BCS has undergone a lot of changes since it began in 1998, but the current version uses the average scores of two human polls, the USA Today/Coaches Poll (in which, as the name indicates, a large panel of active head coaches votes) and the Harris Poll. The Harris Poll is a mixture of old coaches, players and media types that everyone's a little unsure about because it's only existed for a few years and its voters seem to have been chosen at random; some of them are fairly obscure. The Harris Poll was created to replace the Associated Press Poll when the AP decided to leave the BCS after back-to-back controversies over the championship game participants in 2003 and 2004. The AP traditionally votes for The National Champion and is still considered the most prestigious poll because of its history, but its vote does not count in the BCS anymore.

The third number is an average of six computer polls -- run by Jeff Sagarin, Peter Wolfe, Kenneth Massey, Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley and something called the Colley Matrix -- with each team's highest score and lowest score thrown out of the average. The computers are not allowed to take into account margin of victory (MOV), which can affect their numbers in weird ways (only Kenneth Massey's formula excluded MOV before it was a part of the BCS).

The points for all three polls are converted into a percentage of possible points (that is, the number of points a team would score if it received every first place vote; so if a perfect score is 1000 points, a team that received 975 points would have a score of .975 in that poll). So the basic formula is:

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\text{BCS Score} = \left( \frac{\text{Coaches Poll Percentage} + \text{Harris Poll Percentage} + \text{Average of 4 Computer Poll Percentages}}{4} \right) \times 100
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Some people are much better at the computer formulas and the math than I am, since I think "4/4 = 1.0" but that's the general format. Hope that clears up any confusion you had due to my previous article.

Women's Basketball Defeats Portland State, Fresno State

Vanessa Connolly
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacific's Women's Basketball won two consecutive games against Portland State on Dec. 3 and Fresno State on Dec. 6. The Bulldogs closed the point gap between the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half. Freshman Claire McLeod scored a career high 27 points and had 16 rebounds on the night. Senior Janae Young scored a career high 27 points and had 16 rebounds on the night. Senior Janae Young scored a career high 27 points and had 16 rebounds on the night.

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Women's Basketball now stands in fourth place in Big West and will play Idaho on Dec. 11.
DeSean’s Sports Update

Lance Martin
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Shout out to C.J. (a.k.a. the Prince of Monagan) and Otto (a.k.a. Mr. Finland). On the behalf of Pacific, I’d like to thank Otto for coming to America and staying at Pacific. Hope you enjoyed Stockton, playboy.

But did I really pay $15 dollars for a party that ended at 12:30 p.m. and that had a cash bar. Can I get a refund on that one?

NFL

When people tell me they think the Detroit Lions will win a game, I get confused the same way I get confused when someone tells me they haven’t tried ice cream or drank a beer, It’s just illogical to me. They have Indianapolis, New Orleans, and Green Bay left on the schedule for the record.

I don’t think it could have been a rougher day for the Dallas Cowboys and receiver Terrell Owens, especially since it was T.O’s birthday. But in the game, Tony Romo proved that his left arm is stronger than Brad Johnson’s right one.

NBA

During the Boston-Portland game, the Celtics bench blew a 25-point lead prompting Kevin Garnett to chew out Glen “Big Baby” Davis. After the spit back, Davis suicid at the end of the bench, fighting back tears and now we all know why he is called “Big Baby.”

A lot of people think Garnett and Davis will “bug it out” and move forward, but I’m hoping for them to fight it out after school behind the basketball courts.

College BB

Michigan beat Duke this week and UCLA a week earlier. In defense of Duke, they started out 3 for 27 behind the arc. This proved that Duke is a good team that lives and dies by the three. I know my basketball knowledge can fit inside a specimen cup, but Coach K has to switch it up.

Davidson College is currently ranked #22 in the nation. The last time Davidson was ranked occurred when 1) Atar was the most popular game in America 2) In-n-Out burgers cost 25 cents and 3) Pacific fraternities were the hangout spot on Saturday night.

Happy Birthday, Sports Editor

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Athlete Profile: Lavar Neufville

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Lavar Neufville is a 6’1” junior transfer from San Joaquin Delta College. He has had his eyes on Pacific since high school and always intended to transfer to Pacific. Luckily, he was able to be signed early on.

Neufville first became interested in basketball when he was young. He remembers watching players like Isiah Thomas and Michael Jordan and he always had his older brothers to look up to. Neufville was lucky enough to attend many basketball camps, which helped pique his interest in the sport.

This season at Pacific, Coach Thomson is. Neufville a stand out player during an interview, which is not new for Neufville. His winning tradition started at Fairfield High School, where he represented the Falcons and broke two school records for career and single assists. As a sophomore, he received an honorable mention in the Solano Country Athletic Conference (SCAC). His junior year he was named MVP, and in his senior year, he earned a spot on the All-League SCAC team. At Delta College in 2008, he won an All-Big 8 League.

Neufville is happy to be at Pacific. He wanted to play for the Tigers because he feels that Pacific Basketball is the best basketball program in the Big West Conference; the coaches are very experienced and work hard to make their players better. Coach Thomason is coaching his twentieth season at Pa-