A Tremendous Day of Hope and Expectation

Alex Ruano
News Editor

Students, staff and faculty gathered in the early morning of Tuesday in The Lair to watch the inauguration of our forty-fourth president at the Black Student Union (BSU) and ASuop Barack Obama Inauguration Celebration. The time difference between Eastern time and our time forced people to set their alarms early to get to the Lair by 7:30 a.m.

The event started off with a panel of two political science professors: Professor Brian Plunk and Professor Keith Smith, Communications Professor Dave Frederickson and BSU President Charles Bolton. The panel explained the inauguration process, what the public should expect from Obama and their personal opinions on the inauguration.

Bolton commented his "grandmother is grateful her grandkids have a black president." Professor Frederickeon discussed his involvement with previous inaugurations and presidential careers. Professor Plunk says January 20, 2009 will be "different than any other day in our nation's history." He adds Obama will "speak on behalf of America's civil religion." Professor Smith says it is "fantastic [Obama had] all cabinet positions filled" before he took office.

After the panel finished their discussions the audio was brought up on the televisions and the crowds focus turned to the inauguration proceedings. Before Obama took office there was an invocation, Aretha Franklin sang 'My Country Tis of Thee,' Joe Biden was sworn in as Vice President and a chamber quartet performance composed by John Williams.

President Barack Obama is the third president from Illinois; the other two are Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Obama is the fifth youngest person elected for president.

Forum Honors Newly Elected President Barack Obama

BSU Follows up Morning Event

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Black Student Union (BSU) on Tuesday night January 20 held an additional event in the Lair to honor the inauguration of Barack Obama. Several students offered their opinion and a glimpse of what the Obama administration will make out to be.

Charles Bolton, President of BSU, commenced the forum by inviting students who felt strongly about the new president to speak. Edwin Lindo, President of ASUop, said in his statement of support for Barack Obama, "Obama entering the White House is a change in itself. Hopefully he does everything he said."

Freshman Ashton Datcher said, "For most of my life I was not interested in politics...I was so much more excited seeing the inauguration. I'm so proud of even watching him speak he included all religions and people of different backgrounds."

Sophomore Philip Johnson stated, "Today is a wonderful day...it is so great to watch something historic."

Also speaking was Sergio Acevedo, Director of the Multicultural Affairs program at Pacific. Acevedo said, "Clearly this is a person who clearly inspired so much youth involvement."

A transcript of Obama's inauguration speech may be found online at abcnews.com.

Second Pacific Presidential Candidate Visits Next Week

The second of the four candidates will be presented to the university on Monday Jan. 26. Dr. Paul Ferguson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, has been selected by the presidential search committee. Ferguson is expected to appear in the Grace Covell Banquet Hall from 1:45-2:45 p.m. The forum will be open to all university students, staff, and faculty.

Registration Deadlines

This is a friendly reminder from your Pacifican staff if you are still trying to finalize your schedule in the whirlwind that is the first weeks of the semester. The last day to add classes whether you are taking them for a letter grade or pass/no credit is this Friday, January 23. The last day to drop classes without receiving a "W" grade is Monday, February 9, and the last day to drop classes while receiving a "W" grade is Friday, March 27.
**Black History Month Celebrates Community, Education, Arts**

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Pacific will be celebrating Black History Month this February with a variety events designed to inspire, motivate, and stimulate debate among the student body as a whole. Nationally designated in 1976, Black History Month honors the contribution of African-American individuals to the development of our nation. With President Barack Obama taking office shortly before Black History Month begins, there is no better time to recognize and honor the sacrifices and strides made by African-American citizens throughout history.

Black History Month celebrations begin with the Liberation Ceremony, held February 2nd at 5:00 pm in the DeRosa University Center. This particular ceremony is a time-honored tradition, in which the pouring of a liquid offers homage and honor to a deity. Libations ceremonies are becoming more and more common in African-American weddings, as a way of honoring the past, and those who came before us.

Internationally acclaimed actor Danny Glover will be the keynote speaker for Black History Month, honoring Pacific with his presence on February 4th, teaming up with fellow actor Felix Justice to perform "An Evening with Langston and Martin." The program consists of dramatic readings from the works of Langston Hughes and Martin Luther King Jr., and will take place in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

February month, the Pacific Theatre will be showing a variety of films featuring African-American actors and focusing on African-American issues. The first of these films, "Trouble the Water," will be shown February 3rd at 8:00 pm. A documentary highlighting the struggles of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, particularly the Roberts family, whose home footage makes up much of the film. It was produced by Danny Glover's production company, and the Theatre will be playing his film "Gone Fishing" on February 5th, and "Honeydripper" on February 6th and 7th.

The Women of Delta Sigma Theta, a national Greek-lettered sorority for women of all backgrounds, placing emphasis on the African-American community, will be sponsoring a week of events, kicking off on the evening of February 8th, with their Scholarship Dinner at 4:00 pm in Grace Covell Hall. They will also be hosting an Open Mic Night in The Lair at 8:00 on Tuesday, February 10th, a Valenties Day Auction on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm in Raymond Great Hall, and a dance in Raymond Great Hall on Saturday, February 14th, at 9:00 pm.

Following the week, a Black Family Heritage Day festivities on Pacific's campus. Beginning at 9:00 am in the DeRosa University Center, the festival will feature music, dance, crafts for kids, face-painting, and a business fair where participants can support local black-owned businesses and services.

Critically acclaimed poet Wanda Coleman will be reading several of her works on Thursday, February 19th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in WPC 140. A winner of a Daytime Emmy, the 1999 Lenore Marshall Prize, literary fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, The NEA, the California Arts Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Coleman is the University Librarian and Professor of Poetry and the University of California.  

GospelFest 2009 will be taking place on Friday, February 20th, at 7:00 pm, at Progressive Community Church on South B Street in Stockton. Information will be available closer to the event, though it is already known that American Gospel and Langston Sapp will be performing. More information, including ticket sales and prices, can be found online at the Pacific Box Office, or at tick.com.

The Black Student Union will be holding the annual High School Conference on February 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Raymond Great Hall. The event is attended by high school students from all over the surrounding area, and features workshops and discussions on the bright light issues facing potential college students, such as academic preparedness, financial aid, and other facets of college life.

BringingBlack History Month celebrations to a close will be "Color Struck," featuring comedian Donald Lacy. The program is a one-man show that examines the issue of institutionalized racism, told with humor and wit by Lacy, whose distinguished resume includes many films, theatre productions, and headline tours. "Color Struck" takes place on Wednesday, February 25th, at 7:00 pm in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

Black History Month is a collaborative event which would not be possible without the involvement of many organizations, businesses and associations, including the Pacific Alumni Association, the Associated Students of Pacific, Black Campus Ministries, Black History Month Planning Committee, the Black Student Union, Bon Appetit, the Business & Finance Division, Celebrate Diversity, the College of the Pacific's Ethnic Studies department, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the Division of Student Life, Multicultural Affairs, the Office of Student Affairs, the University Library and Progressive Community Church. More information on all of these events is available at the Pacific Multicultural Center at 209.946.7707 or ASuop at 209.946.7745.

**Euphorah: Forever In Twilight**

**Ben Holley**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

This weekend Pacific students will have the opportunity to experience a theatrical production created by one of their fellow students. Euphorah: Forever In Twilight was conceived as a work of love by Pacific student George Brais. This production is also being produced and sponsored by University of the Pacific's Honor's Theatre Fraternity Theta Alpha Phi.

Brais originally conceived the project about a year ago and began developing it early on with any artist who was interested in helping. "It grew to become something so much more than what originally sprouted the idea though," Brais explained. In the process he found himself surrounded by performers who wanted to take part in the creative process of Euphorah.  

Euphorah uses poetry, dance, song, music, and visual art to inspire and invoke peak experiences from the audience. No single plot or theme dominates the performance, instead different themes and plots are interwoven throughout the performance.

Such a process lends itself to altering the production and to the dynamic of the artists involved. Brais explained that he brings "the vision to the table and we work together to make it come to life." Brais elaborated that Euphorah productions are in a constant "state of flux but the same energy and passion underlies it. We always try to make it better and more enjoyable for not only the audience but also the performers."

Among the cast and artists that are responsible for Euphorah: Forever In Twilight are Pacific students Johanna Covell, Devon Filo, Ophelia Turner, Stanson Chung, Chris Dewey, Kristen Bloom, Scott Henderson, Will Smith, Angela Dunne, Danielle Stephens, and Evelyn Zucker. Brais was in The Briefing last semester and has also appeared in the Spring Revue for Theta Alpha Phi.

Prior to this current production Euphorah had one major production entitled "The Mirror Sets Here." That production had its premier at the Empire Theatre here in Stockton. Brais plans to take Euphorah to venues outside of Stockton in the future. A new piece is also being developed that will explore the theme of "The Human Psyche."

According to Brais the key to developing and producing a production such as Euphorah is not to get discouraged. "None of this would have happened if I decided it was too hard. You just have to keep yourself open to others who are like you so that you have people you can work with and trust."

Performance dates are Friday, January 23rd and Saturday January 24th at 8:00 pm in University of the Pacific's Demarcus Brown Studio Theatre in the Theatre Arts Building in South Campus. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $7.

**California State Budget Crisis**

**Ally Mengarelli**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

Instead of rings in 2009 with the hope for a prosperous new year, Governor Schwarzenegger announced just last Thursday that the state of the California budget crisis is dismal, calling our great state "inapacitated." Already in a $48 billion debt, the state is in dire need of some type of change that will bring peace and soundness to the debilitating crisis that is affecting California's education, infrastructure, health care reform, and water.

The crisis has become so incredible in length, that it has left the state with little more than a month's worth of cash in the treasury. Those affected by the crisis are not only in danger of delayed tax refunds, but are in danger of losing their savings, as well as prolonged or incomplete payment to vendors.

The crisis has now been under scrutiny for a period of time, now, as just a few weeks ago, Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed an $18 billion fiscal package passed by legislature after state Democrats refused to agree on all of the spending cuts he demanded, or to requests that some environmental laws be relaxed and government projects be opened to private contractors. The would-be package was intended to raise about $9.8 billion in new and increased taxes on gas, sales and personal income, but would cut health care, schools and other state programs in the process.

As of now, the state legislature is in the midst of intense negotiations to resolve the crisis, attempting to focus on the collective good of the state, rather than focusing on individual concerns and needs.
First Candidate for Pacific President Visits Campus

Ruben Moreno
Pacifican Business Manager

The search for Pacific's next president has been a challenging process as we are in search for the person to take President DeRosa's place this coming June. Four candidates will be presented to us and the identity of each candidate will be announced a few days before he/she arrives to the campus for an open forum. Each candidate will also spend three days before he/she arrives to the campus. The candidates have been selected by the university's search committee who will then make a final recommendation to the Board of Regents. The new university President is expected to be announced early March and will assume office Jul 1.

Dr. Pam Eibeck, Dean of College of Engineering at Texas Tech University, is the first of the candidates. One of the four candidates, was presented to us on Jan 13. Eibeck has served as Chair of Mechanical Engineering, Vice-Provost for Undergraduate studies, and Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology at Northern Arizona University. She was also a tenured professor in mechanical engineering at UC Berkeley. Eibeck graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Science, and a doctorate degree all in Mechanical engineering.

At the forum, Eibeck answered questions from faculty and staff for an hour just shortly after being introduced. Questions ranged from what she would do for our school in a multicultural approach, to what she would do for our International Studies department, to her plans for the Pacific fund. In a closing statement, she added, "University of the Pacific is poised to be one of the best national universities....I see what an excellent university this is. I would like to be part of your future."

Abnormal Weather Patterns Around the United States

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Depending on which part of the country you are in, it may or may not seem like global warming is upon us. Last week, temperatures in the Midwest, the Northeast and as far south as Georgia reached 20 degrees below zero. On the West Coast, certain areas are experiencing record highs.

Wind chill advisories were in effect in the Northeast. According to the National Weather Service, "a wind-chill warning means the combination of very cold air and winds will create dangerously low wind chill values." It Individuals in such cold climates can experience frostbite, hypothermia or even death if they bear such temperatures without proper clothing.

Iowa almost hit a record low at 14 below zero last Tuesday and wind chills of 50 below. The city was subjected to the same kind of temperature four years ago, reaching a record low of 18 below zero. The last record-setting temperature was set in 1994 at 23 below zero.

Justin Dubois, Maine, said "In all honesty, 30 below doesn't seem a lot different from 20 below. They're both very cold."

On the other side of the country, the Bay Area and Southern California have been experiencing temperatures in the high 70s and low 80s. In San Jose, it was 77 degrees, surpassing its 1948 record by six degrees. Due to two consecutive years of below average rainfall, development of a high pressure system is the cause for warmer than normal weather in California. "The main reason it is so warm is 'the wind component'," says KTLA's chief meteorologist. "The wind is coming in off the land, the reverse of the Bay Area's normal, cooler onshore flow."}

Gas Prices = Travel Up?

Andy Lee
Pacifican Staff Writer

With the ever ascending doom of the American economy, one thought that comes to mind is whether or not it will bring about an end to the over-powerful fuel companies to their knees. And it has, as Americans have seen in the sudden relief when they stroll off that Chevy Suburban or Ford Expedition that has been collecting dust and cobwebs in the garage, and take a cross-country trip to see relatives.

Those traveling by planes, however, now have to face an eight percent increase in airline costs as an alternative method of travel, according to AAA. With the weekend of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, however, fewer students traveled, mainly because the weekend coincided with formal recruitment and the currently fluctuating gas prices.

Most students keep their gas usage to only necessities. Some have no control over how much they pay for gas. "[The gas prices] do not matter to me, because I drive a lot and have to pay no matter what," responds Chase Lindquist, a Pacific Sophomore. Only time will tell whether consumers can be pronged enough to increase their gas usage.
**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Embracing the New Face of America**

On Tuesday we witnessed a moment in history. With Barack Obama officially in the White House, we at the Pacifican encourage everyone, whether you are an Obama supporter or not, to take pride in our new leader.

Despite our differing beliefs on what is the best approach for saving our economy, how the health care system should be reformed, how much longer the war in Iraq should persist, it is important that we stay positive about new president’s potential, and maintain faith in his plans—at least until we witness how well they work, and whether or not they are even stuck to.

Sure, Obama’s $825 billion stimulus package might not fatten America’s thinning wallet to the extent we hope for. Sure, we might end up not pulling our troops from Iraq within a 16-month timeline, and if we do, it’s possible that it will have been a bad move. But why leap to conclusions? Let us maintain an optimistic outlook on the fresh face of America, at least for now. Once things actually start rolling, and if they end up rolling downhill, then there may be reason to feel less positively toward President Obama. This should be our attitude no matter who the new president is, instead of shaking our heads at them when they haven’t even carried out any actions. Keep in mind that this is only the very beginning—three days to be exact. Wait and see how the story unfolds before you condemn or praise the person who sits in that lovely Oval Office.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dear Pacific Community,**

This week provides so many opportunities for reflection, evaluation, and dialogue. With the inauguration of President Obama, the celebration of Martin Luther King day, and the continued stories of resilience coming out of the current recession, we are reminded of many reasons to feel hope and also of how much work still needs to be done. During this time, it seems only fitting that we also reflect on the work yet to be accomplished in Pacific’s community

Prior to the break, a flyer was posted in a number of highly travelled areas of campus. This flyer depicted now-President Obama and the Kool Aid character, understood as a stereotype of African Americans as Kool Aid drinking people living in poverty, and asked, “Didn’t drink the kool-aid? Neither did we.” This flyer is symbolic of our institutional and community failure to provide all students with the same opportunity to fully engage in learning and authentic relationships. While the intent of this document was to provoke campus activity, the impact of African-Americans portrayed in a derogatory way instead created hurt. This hurt was exacerbated by the timing of the flyers—during finals and before the winter break. This timing essentially eliminated the chance for conversation and understanding of the affect of these images and words on many members of the Pacific community.

While we encourage efforts to invite expression of different perspectives and experiences, we are concerned when this does not take place in the context of a commitment to an on-going respectful dialogue. Pacific Rising, Pacific’s strategic plan calls us together to live our values in every interaction—versus all students with the same opportunity to fully engage in learning and relationships—versus all students with the same opportunity to fully engage in learning and relationships.

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**Case Of The 3-year-old Hitler**

**Lindsey Ball**

Pacifican Copy Editor

Over the break, you may have heard about a three-year-old child named Adolf Hitler Campbell from New Jersey, who was taken from his parents by Child Protective Services (CPS) on Jan. 9. Back in December, little Adolf and his parents Heath and Deborah Campbell made headlines because of his infamous name. The parents had ordered a birthday cake for their son, with the specific request that his full name be designed on the cake. The manager refused the request, and according to the grocer, the Campbells had made similar cake-decorating requests in the past, including that of a swastika sign.

Since the supermarket incident, the Campbells have received angry emails from people outraged by their child’s name. According to Mr. Campbell, he just “liked the name ‘Adolf Hitler.’” I find this hard to swallow. It begs the question: why would parents subject their child to the scrutiny of having a name with such a negative connotation—if they didn’t truly believe in Nazism and Hitler’s cause?

In fact, Mr. Campbell said in an interview that “people need to get their heads out of the cloud they’ve been in and start focusing on the future and not the past.” He added, “Here’s a new president, and he says it’s time for a change. Well, then it’s time for a change. They need to accept a name; a name’s a name. The kid isn’t going to grow up and do what Hitler did.”

Why does a time for a change make it okay to name your child after a man who tortured people because of their race? The Campbells must have ulterior motives, which we can tell by their previous request of a swastika sign on their child’s birthday cake.

Despite Mr. Campbell’s claim of merely liking the name, Lori Dilts, the Campbell’s landlord, told the press about the Nazi paraphernalia and swords in the Campbell home. What is this but evidence that the Campbells wish to raise their children on white supremacist beliefs? Granted, the beliefs that they instill in their children are nobody’s business.

If, but if they are exposing their children to violence along with racist ideals, they have gone too far.

After young Adolf and his siblings were taken by CPS, Dilts expressed concern regarding “some kind of hold” Mr. Campbell had over his children and wife. However, the children were taken only on allegations, and no charges have been made against the parents—yet, anyway. I agree with Dilts when she says that the action resulted from more than just the name issue. Their kid’s name isn’t just a name, but combined with the Nazi evidence found in their home, it is proof that these parents are instilling supremacist, violent viewpoints in their children’s upbringing. Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but when the opinion corrupts innocent children who don’t know any better, then the name “Adolf Hitler Campbell” stops being just a name.

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**Low Fines For Texting While Driving?**

**Ally Mengarelli**

Pacifican Staff Writer

On Jul. 1, 2008, Gov. Schwarzenegger passed a law complementing the already existing Senate Bill 28, which states that those operating a cell phone while driving face a $20 fine. The second section that was recently added enforces this law, making it illegal for drivers to write, read, or receive text messages while operating a moving vehicle. Offenders are fined $20 for the first violation, and $50 for subsequent violations. Depending on the county one resides in, the fines are subject to change, sometimes ranging from $76-$190 plus penalties, instead of the low $20 fine.

It is strange that, in the majority of California, a $20 fine is the penalty to what is a life-endangering hazard to those on the road. As the use of text messaging has increased over the past few years, the distraction it brings to one who is driving is dangerous—and sometimes fatal. It is ludicrous, then, that one would be fined a mere $20 for violating such a law, when it is possible to receive anywhere from a $100 to $1,000 fine for non-life-threatening infractions such as littering and parking tickets.

It is even more ridiculous that most traffic fines are increasing this year, whereas such life-threatening violations such as talking on the phone or texting while driving remain laughably low. In fact, just this year, SB 1407 will raise surcharges on traffic tickets by $35, fix-it tickets by $15, parking tickets by $3, and the court cost to attend traffic school by $25. This increase in prices was supposedly made to help fund road construction and the rehabilitation of courthouses.

These are incredible increases—because these laws are not the ones that save lives! Why doesn’t the Calif. legislature hike up the $20 fines for the laws that actually do save people—the laws that prohibit texting and talking on the phone while driving? But no, instead, our state legislature places more value on laws against throwing your napkin out your car window.

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The Java's Aroma
In the footsteps of a pedestrian.

Christine Le
Pacifican Poetry Columnist

Since it is the new year, I figured this column could use a new, shorter and better title that still appeals to the senses. Speaking of my title, there is many a great aroma besides that of java, like a French perfume, or mom's homemade pumpkin pie. In Mr. Torregian’s poem, it is the aroma of life’s simplicity around you as you walk on what is arguably Pacific’s loveliest street.

In his poem On Brubeck Way, former visiting lecturer Sotere Torregian speaks about the life brimming in practically everything that is present, whether it be entities that are animate or inanimate. Listen closely as he writes about his simple yet extremely conscious experience one day along Brubeck Way during a visit to the campus.

I don’t hear any music coming from the eaves on my way
I realize I am still
(as they say now) "directionally-challenged" meaning I don’t know right from left
Or "East" from "West" except to look for the sunrise in the East
and its setting in the West

In this verse, Torregian gives us a sense of feeling lost and guided at the same time. Although he is “directionally-challenged,” the way he includes the sunrise and sunset suggests a sense of control with the world around him. He subtly reveals himself as becoming physically less lost and more guided by something that isn’t even there.

Fortunately a landmark in the distance
the R.E. Burns Tower ahead
Which I know to walk "toward" (unless that is there’s fog then the tower disappears!)
a saxophone’s bobbling
Up the path.
I don’t hesitate to ask it for directions
"Hi - ?Hola!"
but it passes me by in a flourish with no reply
A lovely young woman on Cloud Nine
approaches to stop momentarily she shakes my hand but doesn’t give her phone number - Hlas!

Since the poem is also homage to jazz musician and Pacific alum Dave Brubeck, Torregian created the image of the saxophone as a representation of Brubeck. He said the lifelike image of the imaginary saxophone is more Surrealist, which is the Avant-Garde French Surrealist movement, created by poet André Breton, that Torregian strongly associates with. At this point, you really witness the life Torregian sees in ordinary things he encounters on Brubeck Way, because he eventually connects with

Class Review: Public Speaking

Rachel Freeman
Pacifican Sports Editor

Looking for a good class to take? Need to find a GE course? Then Public Speaking (Communication 27) is perfect for you. Public Speaking is a II-A general education course taught by Dr. Jon Schamber in the Communication Department. The class consists of a once-a-week lecture and then two discussion meetings with a graduate teaching assistant. The lectures teach practical skills about how to present oneself in front of a group of people. The lecture typically has about 80 students. The discussion meetings are when students actually give their speeches.

The course requires students to write and deliver four speeches throughout the semester, including: "A Speech of Introduction" (in which the student picks a famous person and gives an introduction about this person’s life), "A Speech to Inform" (students can pick anything to discuss, from how to make a smoothie to the history of WWII), and "A Speech to Persuade" (students pick a topic and persuade the audience to believe one thing over another). For the fourth speech, the student can choose to repeat either "A Speech to Inform" or "A Speech to Persuade."

The course provides a background in public speaking, a skill that most people need on a day to day basis whether they are addressing a club or giving a presentation. I would recommend this class not only to students looking for a GE, but to everyone. There will always be times in life when one needs to get up in front of a group and speak effectively. I took this course last academic year and I still use the skills I learned in Public Speaking. This is a practical course that can be applied to your daily life— even before you complete the course itself.
**The Democrat**

**Aly Mengarelli**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

Yes, Democrats are in turmoil over President Obama's economic stimulus plan, but when America is facing the greatest economic disaster since the Great Depression, the question we have to ask ourselves is who isn't going to be weary of any plan? Everyone is frightened of the economic disaster, and to prevent future economic slumps, everyone is extremely weary of all measures that will be taken to remedy our current situation.

This, however, does not mean that the Democratic party is unstable or disorganized—we're just scared and cautious of any misjudgment that might fall into place. When a nation falls into such a dilemma, people react to the situation with fear and dismay—which is exactly what is happening. Obama not only has these reactions of fellow Democrats to deal with, but he has the ever-growing skepticism from Republicans accusing him of providing false promises and the inability to carry his promises out.

Really, people. There is only so much Obama can do, especially since the poor management of our former administration has made things harder to handle. Obama's empathy for the middle class is key to the reconstruction of the economy. The middle class should not have to pay as much as those making over $250,000 because they don't have the money to do so. If the middle class is forced to pay as much, the economic situation will worsen as people will be unable to afford to live comfortably, allowing for even more dismay and economic downfall of the American people.

Yes, those making over $250,000 will have to pay more money, but the $300 billion in tax cuts received by the majority of the population will ensure an upheaval in the economy—so ultimately, it is worth those tax increases for the rich.

Because the issue of the economy is so heavily debated, Obama has been meeting with members of both parties in order to come to a fair, agreeable solution that will benefit all Americans. Despite the controversy, Obama plans to approve a huge revitalization package within two weeks of taking office, enacting a two-year plan that would ensure workers larger paychecks immediately, due to the taxes withheld from the government dropping exponentially.

Under President Obama, new federal spending would be used to extend unemployment benefits and to subsidize healthcare for those who had lost their jobs in the economic downturn. The rest of the money would go to job-creation projects and more alternative energy programs, which would jumpstart our flailing economy.

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**School Spirit**

**Ophelia Turner**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

"Hey Ophelia, I bought you something!"

I perked up at the sound of my father's cheerful voice, and smiled as he came into my room, holding something behind his back.

When he brandished the t-shirt emblazoned with the name of my high school in front of my face, I grimaced as he laughed. I was famous in my family for having practically no school spirit during middle and high school. The fact that my father would even buy me such a t-shirt seemed ridiculous, but I thanked him anyway and stuffed it deep into one of my drawers, planning to never wear it. This was about three years ago.

I had always refused to show any school spirit in middle school and high school; I didn't have the greatest middle and high school experiences and am so happy to finally be in college. In high school, I never went to a football game; I'm not very fond of sports in the first place, yet going to a football game was always touted as something high school students should do. To be honest, I didn't feel enough of a positive connection with either my middle school or my high school to warrant a feeling of pride or school spirit.

However, after years of scorned clothing with the name and emblem of a school on it, I finally gave in last week and bought a sweater that said "University of the Pacific."

Why did I suddenly have the desire to buy such a sweater? Perhaps it has to do with the fact that I enjoy going to Pacific and therefore have pride in it. Sometimes having school spirit depends on having a good attitude about your school. Maybe I still don't like sports that much, but that doesn't stop me from hoping that Pacific's sports teams win.

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**The Republican**

**Ruben Moreno**  
Pacifican Business Manager

The Democrats over the last few weeks cannot seem to arrive at a general consensus, whether it is approving President Obama's stimulus plan, the bailout of the Illinois government or Governor Blagojevich's appointment of Ronald Burris for the United States Senate. In the end, they seem to appease the members of their own party and do what they feel is right, regardless what others think.

As we've heard in Obama's speeches, there tends to be a form of inconsistency. According to Yahoo News, we are now promised that "not everything that we talked about during the campaign are we going to be able to do on the pace we had hoped." (http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090110/pl_afp/useconomypoliticsobamatransition

In the same interview, he also stated, "Everybody's going to have to get their act together.")

Now why would a family who has responsibly paid their mortgage and worked hard make a living have to bail out Wall Street and other families who took loans they couldn't afford? If Obama wants to do what is fair and right, he should not penalize the families who earn $250,000 or raise capital gains taxes.

In addition to Obama's inconsistent pledges he has promised millions of Americans, it has been reported by The Wall Street Journal that "Aides to President-elect Barack Obama suggested on Sunday that he wouldn't immediately implement a pledged rollback of tax cuts for the top tier of American income earners, because of the worsening economic outlook." (http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2008/11/12/obama-aides-suggest-rollback-of-bush-tax-cuts-could-be-delayed/)

What will Obama do? That is the question Americans should ask themselves. He said one thing in the campaign and then he goes on to tell a different story. Someone has been following how much the bailout would cost, you would be witnessing the price range from anywhere between 700 billion to 1 trillion dollars. With Obama having an approval rating of around 73%, as shown by RealClearPolitics.com, before even setting foot in the White House, it should be noted that there isn't a way financially that he can even make half the promises he had committed to during his campaign. (http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2008/president/us-obama.html)

Even though the economy is in a rut, we must realize that in a market economy there will be recessions. What prolonged this particular recession was the collapse of housing market, which was initially brought on by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, a Democrat-fueled financial institutions that sponsored lower socioeconomic families in purchasing homes. This is not to say it was a bad thing. Yet, it ended in a disaster as soon as these banks starting lending ridiculous amounts of loans to people who couldn't afford them. I mean, how did families making $50,000 a year get qualified for $300,000 to $500,000 in loans? Furthermore, the bailout of the banking and an industry created pandemonium. The U.S. federal government needs to learn how to let businesses fail, it is quite ridiculous how those who were financially responsible ultimately be the ones paying the price.

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Now vs. Then:

**School Spirit**

**Ophelia Turner**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

In high school, I never went to a football game; I'm not very fond of sports in the first place, but I thanked him anyway and stuffed it deep into one of my drawers, planning to never wear it. This was about three years ago.

I had always refused to show any school spirit in middle school and high school; I didn't have the greatest middle and high school experiences and am so happy to finally be in college.

As a freshman starting my second semester here, I feel good about Pacific and I think I made the right choice in choosing to come here. It is so refreshing to actually attend school, and I hope that feels doesn't change.
LIFESTYLES

**carpe diem**

**99 needles, and a stitch isn’t one**

Having a hundred needles pierce my skin doesn’t sound like the most delightful adventure, even if the result is a permanent image of a scorpion-like princess who can grant magical powers.

Many college students, and even high school students, granted the freedom of lifestyle and body image, will take the opportunity to decide their own fashions and appearances, including the popular arts of tattoos and body piercings.

Personally, I’ve considered the idea of having an iconic image that pretty much illustrates my values and beliefs. A peace sign? Chuck Norris? A little heart? The list goes on. However, after discussing and deliberating on the idea, I’ve come to the decision that if I ever set my mind to it, I will have a piercing in almost all places of the body.

Many believe a piercing in a body part that includes cartilage will prove more disfiguring than in a typical place, such as the earlobes. Nevertheless, having a piercing in any body part will require high maintenance, or the punctures from the piercings may close up and another puncture may need to be required.

In some countries, tattoos are common and may be required, such as eyebrow and arm tattoos, for religious or spiritual reasons. There have also been cases of tattoos being utilized for cosmetic purposes.

During my research on tattoos, I stumbled across an interesting subcategory: UV tattooing. I reasoned that, with a UV tattoo, it would be unnoticeable unless under a blacklight. However, there are still unknown medical complications that may be dangerous due to the applications, and I threw the idea out the window.

Tattoos depend on the resiliency and dexterity of the skin to allow pigments of color, and many tattoos may lead to infections and diseases that can be transmitted by blood through needles. In any case, if one wanted to remove a tattoo, there would be additional risks involved.

Body piercings, another type of body modification, allow people to show off creative or expensive pieces of jewelry, and can range from 3 in the ear to one in the stomach.

There have been piercings in the stomach, and ignored for a considerable amount of time, it may influence internal structures and ultimately be more harmful than "hella dope."

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**Sudoku**

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

**Answers**

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

_Slumdog Millionaire_

The story of the life of an impoverished Indian teen Jamal Malik, who becomes a contestant on the Hindi version of "Who Wants to be A Millionaire?", wins, and is then suspected of cheating.  
120 min

**Book**

_On Beauty, by Zadie Smith_

Follows the lives of a mixed-race British/American family living in the United States and addresses ethnic and cultural differences in both the U.S.A and the U.K., the nature of beauty, and the clash between liberal and conservative academic values.

**Music**

"My President Is Black", Young Jeezy

"1,2,3,4,"

Plain White Ts

**TV Show**

_Bleach_

follows the adventures of Ichigo Kurosaki after he accidentally obtains the power of a shinigami—a Japanese death personification similar to the Grim Reaper—from Rukia Kuchiki. Gaining these abilities forces him to take on the duties of defending humans from evil spirits and guiding departed souls to the afterlife.

Adult Swim at Saturday 11:00 PM (30 min.)

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**Guilty Pleasures**

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WIZ KID’S CORNER
Wasteful College Students

Luis Ceballos
Pacifican Staff Columnist

There are those students who don’t find the time of day to carry out all their plans because of their academic workload. Time seems to be the most important factor in the lives of productive college students. There are also students who keep busy doing extra curricular activities on top of their academic schedule. Then there are those wasteful college students who seem to be on an eternal vacation.

The latter category spend most of their time doing leisurely activities with their time that usually results in nothing industrious. Wasteful college students are likelier to sit around all day watching television, playing video games, napping, shopping, getting intoxicated, and not devoting enough time to their studies. Their majors vary although many happen to fall into similar fields of study. One would assume they would at least study more with so much free time or partake to their studies. Their majors vary although many happen to fall into similar fields of study. One would assume they would at least study more with so much free time or partake in extracurricular activities, but they would much rather live their life in dissipation. They seem to be wasting everything that comes their way.

Careless students enjoy living in a fictitious world filled with extravagancies and pleasures that only last for so long. Their future is not indispensable because they were under the impression that college was the only time they could give free reign to their deplorable lifestyle. Many are used to having it all from an early age and only follow that trend of getting everything they could possibly ask for. Other students have to work for everything they possess. Lack of motivation is perhaps one of the major contributing factors to the wasteful aspects of many students. Some students fail to strive and move forward partly due to the fact that they feel it unnecessary to work so hard for something that has already been done by their predecessors. It is rather often when one hears about a son or daughter of a successful doctor or lawyer, who spend their time going out to parties and wasting their time. There have been incidents where college students have been removed from college because of some drug addiction or perpetual squabbles with the law. Perhaps it’s the mentality of being able to fall back on their trust funds if their college careers fail.

The four years of college given to us is a time for learning, exploration, and excitement. Students are not only to make the most out of their academics but to get to meet new people, join student organizations, and enjoy their transition into the real world. It is the only time when the human body is given enough energy to produce just about anything and we’re allowed the chance to formulate a proper career. These times are especially of the essence to work hard considering the war overseas and the economic hardships being experienced.

Life does not go on forever and the time to really commit to a successful career for the future is now. Sometimes it’s difficult to determine our career paths with so many options and so much dedication to be expended although this is the time we’re given to do so. Working hard to achieve our goals does not feel bad when the outcomes pay off. Wasting time and resources in college is simply a sad reality.

movie review
burn after reading

Burn After Reading is a meaningless screwball comedy with a few shining moments. Although the star-studded cast certainly has fun exploring their characters, the plot is absurdly knotty and as the story unravels, no vital substance can be found.

The film begins with Osborne Cox (John Malkovich), an alcoholic who gets fired from his CIA job and thereupon decides to write a memoir of his life. Unbeknownst to him, his wife Katie (Tilda Swinton), is having an affair with Harry Pfarrer (George Clooney), a married and paranoid Federal Marshall, who not only sleeps with Katie, but also traffics internet dating sites looking for more sexual escapades.

Meanwhile, at Hard Bodies Fitness Center, dim-witted fitness trainers Chad (Brad Pitt) and Linda (Frances McDormand) stumble across a disc with Cox’s name on it that they believe contains top-secret CIA information. Chad and Linda get themselves into quite a bit of trouble as they try to blackmail Cox, asking him for money in exchange for the disc; when he does not comply, they laughably try to use the “valuable” disc to bargain with the Russian embassy.

As the movie progresses, the plot becomes increasingly tangled and rushes towards the conclusion, which isn’t satisfying in the least. The film’s ending underlines the fact that the movie is essentially pointless.

Yes, Burn After Reading was meant to be an oddball comedy; but it isn’t as hilariously quirky as it could have been. Each character has an oddity, but hardly any of the characters are actually likable. Brad Pitt’s air-headed character is arguably the most comical and agreeable of the bunch; however, once he meets his end, the film loses most of its charm. A few interactions between CIA characters are also notably humorous, but these interactions are few and far between. In addition, the violence present in the latter half of the film does not serve as an asset to the comedy.

All things considered, Burn After Reading delivers a certain degree of zaniness that can be appreciated. Although the film does not quite meet expectations, there are certainly some scenes of hilarity and the acting is up to par. Despite its meaningless, Burn After Reading serves up a few laughs and entertaining situations.

restaurant review
sho mi

If you are craving fine sushi, or any delectable Japanese cuisine for that matter, Sho Mi is one of your best options. Located in Lincoln Center, the restaurant offers a delicious variety of Japanese delicacies, from teriyaki bowls to sushi rolls to meat and seafood dishes to Udon noodle soups.

At Sho Mi you order at the counter before being seated. With the restaurant split into two sides, you can often choose where to sit. There is a delicate Japanese atmosphere created by the tea green walls and paper lanterns hanging over each table. On the walls are dark-colored, subdued abstract paintings that add to the serene feeling.

My dining companion and I were promptly served. Our appetizer was the seaweed salad, which is a small serving of crunchy strands of moist, salty seaweed slightly sprinkled with sesame seeds.

The crunchiness is the best part, making the tiny salad fun to eat.

Since my dining companion and I are both lovers of the flavorful and aesthetic combination of raw fish wrapped in seaweed and rice, we ordered sushi rolls. The Tiger Roll we had consisted of deep fried shrimp and avocado wrapped in rice, seaweed, and topped with barbecued eel and tobiko, which are tiny, caviar-like salt balls that delightfully pop in your mouth. The Hungry Roll had mildly spicy tuna, shreds of lettuce, and avocado, and was equally as delicious. Both rolls were additionally flavored with teriyaki sauce that also decorated the plates in a zig-zag pattern. Most of the sushi rolls at Sho Mi comprise of six to eight pieces. There are nearly 50 types to choose from, including vegetarian rolls.

For those less inclined toward sushi, there is an assortment of meat and seafood dishes to select from, each served with rice and salad. For seafood, you can select from such choices as broiled salmon, fried calamari, white fish teriyaki and fried oyster. If you opt for the meatier choice, you can choose from a variety of deep-fried chicken and Katsu, which is the panko-battered chicken or pork, among others.

If you crave less dry meals, check out the different types of curry, thick Udon noodles, and ramen noodles.

The food is reasonably priced, ranging from six to thirteen dollars. Not only is it delicious and promptly served, but it is artistically displayed, making your dining experience even more enjoyable.
Delta Upsilon Promotes Community Service

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Pacifican Lifestyles Editor

Last Saturday, January 17, the brothers of Delta Upsilon donated their time to help the Stockton Elks Lodge in their major crab feed fundraiser, which ran from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The brothers of Delta Upsilon served around 300 people, helped sell nearly 800 pounds of crab and pasta, and assisted with the setup and cleanup of the event.

Delta Upsilon is always interested in supporting community organizations and engaging in other philanthropy events. The brothers plan to work with the Stockton Elks Lodge in the future in order to promote a more prominent influence in the community.

EVENTS CALENDAR

EUPHORAH: “FOREVER IN TWILIGHT”

Experience the drama, intrigue and visual performance of “Euphorah: Forever in Twilight”. Produced and Sponsored by Euphorah Productions and University of the Pacific's Honor's Theatre Fraternity Theta Alpha Phi.

PERFORMANCES DATES:
Saturday, January 23, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 24, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.
At Marcus Brown Studio
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

HA’S ROCKIN’ NEW YEAR’S EVE BALL

Celebrate the Birth of 2009!

Friday, January 23, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.
At Covell Banquet Hall
Come to bring your dresses and suits to rock out at RHA's Annual Ball!

There will be music, dancing, food, and prizes given out every half hour!

Come and have a ball!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PEACE AND JUSTICE AWARDS

UNCHEON

Celebrate the honor and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

At Huie 201

Friday, January 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WAYS THE WOMEN

To fight the injustice of human trafficking!

Thursday, January 31, 2009
8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
At Mountainside Theatre

The International League of Justice proudly presents "Always the Women: A Performance of Jesus’ Encounters with Women in the Gospels" featuring actress Nina Thiel and will focus on stories of the women in the Bible whose lives were changed and empowered because of Jesus.

Students will be invited for a lively Q and A after the performance. Tickets are only $5 at the box offices!

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Come to Calisson Lodge (Global Center) at 5 p.m. Thursday for a delicious dinner, interesting discussion, and new ideas!!!
Men’s Volleyball Win Against UC Santa Cruz

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacifican Staff Writer

On Jan. 16 Men’s Volleyball won at home against UC Santa Cruz 3-2. The match went to five sets, with the Tigers battling hard.

The first set started off with Santa Cruz getting the first 2 points of the game. The two teams went back and forth the whole game. The two teams were tied 15 times. Starting at the 24th point the two teams battled point by point, but in the end Santa Cruz came out on top 29-31. Juniors Kevin Pratte and Clay Osrander both contributed 3 kills-only one behind Senior Joe Forbes, who contributed 4 kills.

The second set also started with Santa Cruz stealing the first 2 points. The Tigers and Banana Slugs tied at 6, 8, and 9 points. The two teams tied 11 times during the set. Pacific came out on top 30-28. Forbes with 2 more kills and Pratte with 3 more kills.

In the third set Santa Cruz took the lead. The Tigers and Banana Slugs faced off in a long rally at the end of the set which ended with a block by Freshman Nicolaas Schenk with the Tigers winning 30-27. Forbes helped his teammates with 4 kills.

The Tigers lost the fourth set 30-28, once again allowing the Banana Slugs to gain the 1st point of the set. The two teams tied up the score 13 times. Both Forbes and Pratte helped the Tigers with 5 kills each, but the effort was not enough to overturn Santa Cruz, and the match went to the fifth set.

The fifth set was a whole new pace for the Tigers. They won the toss and served first gaining the first point of the set. The Tigers powered through to 8 points first and the two teams switched sides. The Tigers continued their lead and the Banana Slugs could not recover. The Tigers won the set on a service error by Santa Cruz 15-8.

The Tigers have never lost to UC Santa Cruz. Senior Jason Borchin made 18 kills and 6 digs, Forbes 17 kills and 1 dig and with Pratte 12 kills and 13 digs. Come cheer the team on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. as they face UC San Diego.

Women’s Basketball Remains Undefeated

Vanessa Connolly
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacific’s Women’s basketball team won each of their four games over winter break, as well as a Big West game at Long Beach State on January 8. The ladies began their four game winning streak at home with a 71-65 win over Seattle University. Senior Amber Simmons led in scoring with a total of 25 points and 14 rebounds. Two days later, against Sacramento State, the Tigers defeated Sacramento State 76-64, with sophomore Gretchen Tiernan scoring 15 points. On December 28, the team managed a challenging win over Iona, with senior Whitney Price finishing the game with 5 rebounds. Senior Janae Young made the game-winning steal with less than a minute of the game left. Since returning from break, the team has won conference games against UC Irvine and California State Fullerton. In their first game of the new year, the team won its first conference opener in three seasons against Cal State Northridge. Freshman Claire McLeod made 10 rebounds in 18 minutes of the game as well as an assist, three points, and a steal. Sophomore Gretchen Tiernan scored a career high of 21 points. The Tigers face two away games at UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly and will return home to play UC Davis on February 19.

Tiger Athletes Make Big West 2008 Fall All Academic Team

Vanessa Connolly
Pacifican Staff Writer

While typical college students struggle to find a balance between their school and social lives, student athletes also juggle practice and game times. Big West announced its annual Fall All-Academic Team: 11 of the 122 honorees are Tigers. All-Academic athletes must have sophomore standing, a cumulative GPA of 3.2, and have played in a minimum of 50 percent of their team’s games. Micaela Klaus, Meghan Mullen, Kristina Hammarstrom, and Katie Bella represent the women’s cross country team. Soccer players Chelsea Gomes, Kim Hargrave, and Sammi Teramae also earned honors. Seniors Natalia Tomaszewska Shannon Krug, and Kara Uhl from the women’s volleyball team also made the fall sports honors.

SPORTS

Athletic Training
Tip of the Week

Hours of Energy in a Bottle

Just a few more hours. I can do it. I need to stay awake. Desperate for time and energy. What have you done to stay awake during finals, to study a bit longer, or to complete an essay? Maybe you have taken the 5-hour energy drink. In this 2 oz. container of only 4 calories, no sugar, no herbal stimulants are B vitamins, amino acids, essential nutrients, and caffeine that equals a cup of coffee.

Dit longer, or to complete an essay? Maybe you have taken the 5-hour energy drink. In this 2 oz. container of only 4 calories, no sugar, no herbal stimulants are B vitamins, amino acids, essential nutrients, and caffeine that equals a cup of coffee.

Recommended usage is actually just half the bottle while the consumption of two bottles in one day is discouraged. The bottle does not require refrigeration, but it is suggested that unopened bottles be thrown out following three days. While consuming 5 hour Energy drink it is also cautioned that one should limit other sources of caffeine. “Limit caffeine products to avoid nervousness, sleeplessness, and occasional rapid heartbeat. You may experience a Niacin flush (hot feeling, skin redness) that lasts a few minutes. This is caused by Niacin (Vitamin B3) increasing blood flow near the skin (Shouenergy.com).”

If one is a student athlete the following statements made by the Director of the Resource Exchange Center for the National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc. should be considered: “5-hour Energy drink contains caffeine; caffeine will produce a NCAA positive drug-test if amounts exceed 15 micrograms/ml in the urine sample collected. Unfortunately, there is not a formula to calculate how much caffeine consumed would result in a urinary concentration greater than 15 micrograms/ml. Varying metabolic rates and time of consumption prior to urine collection are contributing factors. It does take a relatively large quantity (generally a few hundred mg of caffeine a couple hours before a drug test) to cause a positive, but again it varies for each individual.”

“The NCAA bans caffeine because it is found to be a performance enhancer. The 15 micrograms/ml cut-off is designed to eliminate individuals from testing positive for caffeine because of the “normal” amounts consumed from average dietary intake. The cut-off is not designed to identify the most caffeine one can consume and still avoid testing positive (e.g.; using a supplement for performance gains).”

Whether an athlete or not, it is essential that one reads the directions on how to use a supplement carefully and consider researching the product to ensure using it safely. Be sure to check out drugfreesport.com for more information the National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc. on various dietary supplements with relation to the rules and regulations for various sports.
Women's Basketball Beats UC Irvine

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacific Staff Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 15 Women's Basketball beat UC Irvine at home 61-57. The Tigers won this game due to good defense. They had shooting issues throughout the game, although several players helped carry the team offensively.

Senior Janae Young scored the first two points of the game, and after that small victory, the Anteaters were not able to take the lead the rest of the game. Young was the top scorer for the team with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Sophomore Gretchen Tiernan, a transfer from American River College in Sacramento, also led the team by scoring 14 points all in the second half.

Senior Amber Simmons scored 12 points and had 9 rebounds. In only 9 minutes of playing time, Senior Karen Dawkins displayed her basketball skills by scoring 5 points and 7 rebounds.

Senior Jennifer Fath followed Dawkins's lead by scoring 5 points and 2 rebounds in 6 minutes of playing time. Unfortunately she was injured and had to be taken out of the game with minutes left on the clock.

The team was only shooting 29.8% of their field goals against UCI. They got 25% of their rebounds and made 75% of the free throws. Even though they were not shooting to their full potential, the Tigers played a good defensive game and were able to keep the Anteaters from outscoring them. The Anteaters were shooting at 27.1% and getting only 16.7% of their rebounds. They let Pacific score 25 points off their turnovers. The team did a good job of keeping control of the ball. Pacific had 12 turnovers but UCI only scored 4 points off Tiger turnovers. Senior Amy VanHollebeke added to Pacific's defensive prowess with a career-high of 9 rebounds.

This game put the Tigers 3-1 in the Big West Conference, which places them at 3rd in the Big West Standings.

Senior Bryan LeDuc (Corona, Calif.) to take a 4-0 lead and would not trail in the first half. Leading 9-7, the Tigers outscored the Titans 7-2 over the next three minutes to take a 16-9 lead with 10:34 left in the half. After Cal State Fullerton cut the lead back to 19-14, Tiger senior Michael Kirby (North Highlands, Calif.) scored five points in another 7-2 run to take a 26-16 lead with 4:44 left in the half. All 10 Tigers who entered the game in the first half scored, including junior Casey Neimeyer (Woodland, Calif.), who scored on a layup with just three seconds remaining after grabbing an offensive rebound to give the Tigers their biggest lead, 36-22, at the break.

The Big West's leading scorer Josh Akognon hit a three-pointer to open the second half for the Titans, but the Tigers struck back with a 7-0 run led by a three-pointer from senior Michael Kirby (North Highlands, Calif.), to take a 43-25 lead with 17:16 left to play. After the Titans cut the lead to 16, senior Chad Troyer (Seattle, Wash.) answered back with five straight points to give Pacific a 58-37 lead with 11:02 left in the game. After another three-pointer by Cal State Fullerton, the Tigers used a 9-1 run, including five points from senior Bryan LeDuc (Corona, Calif.) to take their largest lead of the game at 67-41 with 8:02 remaining. With the Tigers maintaining the lead at 73-47, the Titans outscored Pacific 15-4 over the final five minutes to make the final margin an 11 point victory.

Troyer led the Tigers with 17 points. Senior Anthony Brown (Sacramento, Calif.) added 14 points, while Kirby and LeDuc each had 12 points. The Tigers shot a season-best 63.3 percent from the field, while holding the Titans to a 39.3 percentage. Pacific made the most of Cal State Fullerton's eight turnovers, outscoring the Titans 15-4 on points off of turnovers.

The Tigers are next in action on Thursday, January 22 with a home game against Cal Poly. The tip is set for 7:00 p.m., and will be televised locally by Comcast's SJTV.
DeSean’s Sports Update

Lance Martin
Pacifican Writer

First, this issue goes out to the people who are no longer here with us.
We miss you Otto and Ceseana

Second, if anyone is looking to jump onto a Pacific Recreational Sports Football team, Sigma Chi was having try-outs last week in front of the University Center. The only requirement is that you play on either of the skin teams.

NFL
Is it just me or did the Philadelphia Eagles look happier for the Arizona Cardinals, than the Arizona Cardinals did after winning the NFC Championship game? I think we can officially call that the worst 375-year, three-touchdown performance ever.

There is no bigger game changing play in sports than the pick-six. Steelers Safety Troy Polamalu clinched the game for Pittsburgh as he made Ravens Quarterback Joe Flacco look like a rookie.
Best wishes go out to Willis McGahee on a speedy and complete recovery.
Congratulations to New England QB Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen. The couple is engaged after Brady proposed to Bundchen while traveling by jet from New Jersey to Boston. I figured why out Brady proposed to Bundchen. She’s the only woman on the planet that could make him jealous.

MLB
Look for the NY Yankees to win the 2009 World Series, since the Yankees have spent Congressional Bailout money of $418 million - this winter on three players, pitchers C.C. Sabathia and A.J. Burnett and first baseman Mark Teixeira. I mean the Tampa Bay Rays payroll wouldn’t be able to support NY’s General Manager Brian Cashman’s travel budget.

Congratulations to Jim Rice and Rickey Henderson who were inducted into Cooperstown.
Highlights of their careers include: winning an MVP in 1978 and a Tony in 1983, chewing all the free gum possible and being on the Late Show with David Letterman.

NBA
Watching LeBron James in the State Farm commercial made me realize how terrifying he would be in the NFL. He weighs more than some defensive ends and has the speed of a receiver. Cleveland Brown fans can only dream of the day, until then, they are getting Eric Mangini.

How did Rudy Fernandez get voted into the All-Star Slam Dunk contest? (Sorry Diabetic Mike)

College FB
The Ohio State Buckeyes lead the Texas Longhorns in the Fiesta Bowl was as short-lived as my moms annual new years gym membership. She signs up in January and cancels it in February.
I don’t feel that bad for Penn State after losing to USC, because JoePa re-upped for a 3 year extension. Now JoePa won’t have to spend his days sipping Metamucil and watching reruns of “The Andy Griffith Show.”

I’m sure I’m like everyone else where I picked Hawaii to win instead of Notre Dame in their bowl game. But this game did prove that Notre Dame is good, it just proved how bad Hawaii is.

The only thing that could slow down the Florida Gators and the Oklahoma Sooners was the traffic in South Florida. Peace out to Percy Harvin who is opting for the NFL instead of another BCS National Title.
Best wishes go to Patrick White, who had the best college football player campaign in the history of the game. West Virginia finished on a strong note being ranked in the top 25, and look to have a strong season next year behind Devine, Sanders and Two-Two.

SPORTS EVENTS CALENDAR

The Pacific Women’s Tennis Team travels to Las Vegas
January 23 - 25,
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Tigers will travel to Las Vegas for the weekend. They will play Weber State University on Friday, University Nevada Las Vegas on Saturday and New Mexico State University on Sunday. UNLV will host all of the matches.
For more information please contact Mike Millerick at mmillerick@pacific.edu or call 209.946.2479

Pacific Men’s Volleyball Travels to Play Pepperdine
January 23,
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The Pacific Tigers will travel down to Malibu, Calif. to play Pepperdine for the first time in the new year.
For more information please contact Mike Millerick at mmillerick@pacific.edu or call 209.946.2479

Pacific Men’s and Women’s Swim Teams will Compete with UC Davis
January 24,
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Pacific Tigers will host the UC Davis Aggies as they compete for the last time before heading to the Big West Championships.
For more information please contact Mike Millerick at mmillerick@pacific.edu or call 209.946.2479