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Pacific’s Next President: Dr. Pam Eibeck

Dr. Pamela Eibeck, Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech University, has been selected as the 24th President of University of the Pacific. She will become Pacific's first female President and the sixth president since the University moved to Stockton in 1924.

Pacific’s Board of Regents met two weeks ago to finalize the decision and approved Eibeck’s contract terms last week. Tom Zuckerman, Chair of the Board of Regents, said Eibeck “emerged as the best qualified candidate,” and that she will “move us from where we are to the next level.” Eibeck will succeed current President Donald V. DeRosa when he retires on June 30 after a 14-year term.

At her current job as Dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech, Eibeck has responsibility for eight academic departments, 33 degree programs and a $55 million budget. The college has 4,400 students, 156 faculty and five research centers.

A Makeover for the Weedy Levee

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Pacific is in the unique position of having an urban river, the Calaveras, running through its campus. With this in mind the Biology department is embarking on a multiyear restoration project that aims at restoring the native plant and animal life in the section of the river that is inside Pacific.

“The goal is to use this part of the river as a demonstration project of what an urban river could look like,” said assistant professor of Biology Greg Anderson. Dryly noting, “Right now it’s a ditch full of weeds.”

The first steps towards realizing that goal took place on Saturday, Feb 21 where the normally quiet footbridge over the Calaveras River was the focal point of a clean up involving over 200 volunteers. With picks and garbage bag-lined buckets, volunteers combed the pathways and banks of the river removing litter. Crews in boats worked to remove items that had landed in the riverbed. Enough trash was collected to fill two dumpsters.

The Friends of the Lower Calaveras River, who organized the event, credited graduate student Kari Burr as being essential to its success. Pacific students represented roughly half of the volunteers present, with 87 of them funneled to the clean-up by Anderson as an extra-credit assignment. Other groups coming out to lend a hand were members of REELL, SEA, and Pacific Rowing Crew.

Asides from debris the Calaveras River is suffering from many problems related to the combination of the agricultural runoff and general mismanagement of the flood plain and levee system that line the banks. The goals of the Friends of the Lower Calaveras River include removing invasive weeds and non-native plants and reintroducing native plants on banks and islands. The clean-up makes is easier to begin work on these goals with the eventual aim of increasing the biodiversity of the river.

“It will never be the river it was before,” Anderson explained, noting that the current system of levees and dams upstream ensure that the Calaveras River will never be a seasonal river again. If the river was returned to its true state Pacific’s campus would be flooded on a regular basis. Even with the changes in the Calaveras River’s original structure it can be habitat for native species of plants and animals again.

In the week following the clean-up, a group of graduate students cleared an extremely hearty weed from the island directly east of the footbridge. The weed, Arundo donax, resembles bamboo and was introduced into the Calaveras in the 1930’s to shore up the levees. Anderson noted that estimates put the figure at hundreds of thousands of acres of the weed in the Delta. see MAKEOVER, next page

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With an endowment of $57 million, $16.5 million in research funding and 18 endowed chairs, Texas Tech’s engineering school is annually ranked in the top 100 by U.S. News & World Report. It also is one of the nation’s largest engineering colleges.

Eibeck said she "made a conscious decision to look to be the president at a school with a smaller class size that was a student centered university." She decided to apply for Pacific’s presidency when she saw the position open up while looking at colleges for her son.

When asked how she will handle business at Pacific Eibeck said, "I will never play favorites with the [colleges] and departments. I revel in the variety of departments [at Pacific]." When asked about how she will handle being president of three separate campuses, Eibeck said "I love to travel."

Currently, Eibeck plans on retaining as many people from outgoing President DeRosa’s staff who want to stay to work with her.
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"If you stand out on the balcony of the UC you can see where the weeds were cleared and actually see to the other side," Anderson said.

The weed, whose common name is Giant Reed, has a unique set of traits that ensure its survival. For starters the Giant Reeds thrive in fire and sucks up water. Similar to bamboo, it has multiple roots at its base that can grow back as individual reeds if they are not removed from the soil. The Giant Reed also releases toxins that poison the soil surrounding it, so that only it can grow there. This combination has allowed it to dominate the Delta.

Finding the most effective method of eradicating the Giant Reed is part of graduate student Tony Owoyomi's master thesis project. As they remove the invasive weeds, Owoyomi is setting up test plots on the south side of the island to determine the best method to keep the Giant Reeds from growing back. Anderson expects that by the end of the spring semester the Biology department will have cleared the whole island and have results from the plots to see which method of deterrent is most effective.

Biology graduate student Garrett Reed is experimenting with finding ways to remove invasive plant without the use of chemicals. One of these methods is solarization. Tarps are placed on non-native plants. The process easily kills the plants, but the challenge is the seed banks under those plants. Once the dead plants are removed the tarps are re-laid trapping the next set of seeds that germinate. The whole process can give a clue as how deep the seed bank under non-native plants lays.

Biology Graduate student Sara Blocker is documenting the vertebrate species swimming, crawling, and flying around the Calaveras River. Using live traps and video feeds, the goal of the project is obtain a record of what is living there presently. Once this is complete, tracking the animal diversity as portions of the river are restored will be easier.

The hope is to repopulate the island with native plants in what could be a model of river restoration. Anderson stated the timeline to complete restore the portion of the Calaveras River running through Pacific would be several years. The first step in replanting the island with native plants is Justin Gatewood's graduate research, using the native Mexican elderberry as a habitat for a beetle bearing the same name. Currently on the endangered list, the habitat would provide Stockton and Pacific the unique opportunity to reverse over 70 years neglect.

Funding for the restoration projects comes from Anderson's research funds and a $30,400 grant from The Rose Foundation. Based in Oakland the Rose Foundation awards funding for projects that are focused on the environment and community.

New Dean of Conservatory of Music Appointed

Alex Ruano  
Pacifican News Editor

Pacific's Conservatory of Music will have a new Dean next semester. Dr. Giulio Maria Ongaro, associate dean for faculty affairs and a professor of musicology at the Flora L. Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California, will take over for current interim dean Bill Hipp in July.

Ongaro will oversee about 180 students in 12 degree programs, including two master's programs, that range from classical music studies and an opera program to jazz and music management programs. The Conservatory holds more than 120 live concerts each year, from student presentations to professional guest artists.

He will also oversee the Brubeck Institute, a signature program that builds upon Pacific alumnus Dave Brubeck's lifelong dedication to music, creativity, education, and the advancement of important social issues. The institute operates the Brubeck Festival, Brubeck Outreach Program, Brubeck Fellowship Program, the Summer Jazz Colony and builds programs in collaboration with the University Library's Brubeck Collection. The Brubeck Institute also offers about 35 performances and school outreach programs around the country each year.

Ongaro plans on finding more ways to integrate the Conservatory of Music with other departments. He says he wants to collaborate more projects with the conservatory and the drama departments. "[We can] find ways to maximize resources while reaching beyond boundaries," Ongaro said. He looks forward to working with the faculty and students to help the Conservatory continue to be a leading voice in music.

Speed Dating Can Bring Us All Together

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The recent occurrences of Resident Assistant (RA)-planned speed dating programs on campus are not a commentary on the dating scene here, rather they are an attempt to foster interaction between students who would normally pass each other by. RA-planned speed dating programs have taken place in the Monagan and McCaffrey apartment communities. Speed dating consists of short conversations between pairs. The point is to have every woman get a chance to meet every man. However, the speed dating formula can be used to facilitate friendship or discussion on specific topics. The one-on-one contact is especially emphasized, creating intimate glimpses into the lives of others.

According to Monagan RA Charlie Moynahan, the residents of apartment communities are usually upperclassmen with their groups of friends already set and with their schedules already filled. "It's difficult to get apartment residents to come to RA programs because they already experienced the same types of programs when they lived in underclassmen residence halls. They feel like they're over it."

Moynahan stated that there is a point to programs. Branching out and making new connections is always a positive thing. Speed dating is an especially effective way to facilitate close interactions between people. It is a way to skip the awkward ice-breakers and get right to the personal interaction. When living in an apartment, it is easy to get caught up in the routine of that small world filled with only a few people. It is easy to fill one's world with others that have similar interests and values. However, programs are meant to shake up that monotony. One of the benefits of a college education is the maturity and enhanced worldview that come with having been exposed to different people and ideas.

Campus-wide speed dating is an idea that has been floating around, but not given substance by any body that could put it on. Julia Nicholson, Senior Resident Assistant (SRA) of the John Ballantyne and Carter community, stated that if campus-wide speed dating were to be successful in drawing in people, it would have to be well-advertised and organized. Nicholson stated that campus-wide speed dating might strengthen individual bonds across communities. "Currently, it is the general trend that Southwest students and Grace students have more interaction with each other than with students living in the quad residence halls."

If you are interested in attending a speed-dating activity, encourage your RA to put one on. John Ballantyne and Carter will be joining the trend right after Spring Break with their own speed-dating program. If campus-wide speed dating is something you would like to see, then shoot your SRA an email or get the ball rolling within your own residence hall, college, or student organization.

TV Station Founder Beheads Wife

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On Feb. 12, Muzzammil Hassan, a founder of an Islamic television station in New York, beheaded his wife, Aasiya Hassan. After turning himself, Mr. Hassan led police to her body. His course of action is mainly being attributed to a divorce he and his late wife were going through.

There had been previous domestic violence calls reported to the police from their home, but there were never any arrests. Ms. Hassan leaves behind four children, two of whom are from Mr. Hassan's previous marriage.

Mr. Hassan is a prominent figure in the Islamic community. He and his wife created the first, English-speaking Islamic TV network in the United States in 2004. Mr. Hassan hoped that his network would help to deter the negative image of Muslims that had been created after the September 11th events. Currently, Mr. Hassan is out on bail, and in 45 days, the case will go before a grand jury. If he is found guilty, Mr. Hassan could face anywhere from 15 years to life in jail.
Laura Nader Promotes Awareness and Inspires Pessimism

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Last Friday, Laura Nader came to campus to give a lecture titled "Peace and War: What the Rest Think of the West" for the last event in a week of programming for Pacifc's Week for Peace. Nader is an anthropology professor at UC Berkeley whose presence followed other esteemed Week for Peace speakers like Professor Emeritus Doug Smith and General of the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco Ishmail Khaled.

Sophomore Meghan Walsh commented that all of the Week for Peace speakers were important because they promoted not only peace, but also awareness about the conflict in the Middle East. Walsh felt that most Americans have only trivial knowledge about the violence in that region.

Junior Emily Heller agreed that it is important for everyone to think outside their small community and foster more of a universal worldview. "I think there's always room for improvement," Heller commented.

Nader's lecture settled on a few key themes, one of which was the breaking of silence and self-deception. "Self-deception is necessary for conquest," Nader asserted. By self-deception, she meant the ability each person has to trick oneself into thinking that what one is doing is correct. She cited the Israeli/Palestinian conflict as a current example of this. In this case, silence adds to self-deception by failing to address the negative consequences of Israeli decisions. In this vein, it is easier to convince oneself that Israeli military tactics are motivated by self-defense if the arena is not open to discussion about any other view.

Her piece also focused on desensitization, the notion that humans build up a tolerance to any phenomenon that occurs often enough. "Desensitization fueled the Holocaust, still fuels genocides all over the world, and is embedded in war," Nader said. Ignorance and silence play a large role in desensitization as they block out progressive ideas that could lead to development. Nader stated that the way to foster peace is to open up debates formerly taboo, break the silence, and cut out hypocrisy.

"How do you stay optimistic, with your knowledge of the violence and hypocrisy that humans are capable of? There is no point in being pessimistic."

-Laura Nader

The nodding of heads and timely laughter of the audience made it obvious that the audience was in consensus. Faculty, students, and community members agree with Nader about how peace could be achieved and were in no doubt that it should be attempted. However, the questions voiced by the audience also made clear a certain amount of pessimism and skepticism.

One member of the audience wanted to know if it was possible for each individual to make a difference in a small way, just by acting more respectful, more accepting, because not all of us have the skills or resources to try to end wars. Another asked if it was possible for the world to come to a point where we all consider ourselves a part of the same extended family. The gist was, "How do you stay optimistic, with your knowledge of the violence and hypocrisy that humans are capable of?" Nader responded, "There is no point in being pessimistic."

After her talk, it became apparent that Nader's lecture accomplished one great feat: engendering discussion and debate amongst those who heard it. Groups mingled by the refreshment table and in-between the seats. Students sought out faculty to ask them their opinions on the views displayed. People connected with other people with comments such as, "I really liked the question that you asked her." This Week for Peace event was a success in that it fulfilled one of the main goals of any lecture: motivating human beings to discuss and share intellectually interesting ideas with other intelligent people.
The Java's Aroma
Will your hand sin again?

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What comes to your mind when you hear, "the hand"? Some people visualize the "Talk to the hand" gesture, a.k.a. the "I don't give a s**t" what you have to say sign. Others picture the body part that's available 24/7 to relieve horniness.

This week's poem is about neither of those hands. Instead, it's about the hand that sins in the classroom. That said, I introduce you to Mary Ruefle's The Hand.

Legalize Pot to Save Our Economy?

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Pacifican Staff Writer

With the economy in shambles and the "war on drugs" inflicting more harm than good, the sentiment to legalize marijuana has reached an all-time high (no pun intended).

Not only is this sentiment held among those who smoke, but as of Feb. 23, countless advocacy programs, groups of practicing and retired law enforcers, economists, and government officials nationwide televised their approval to legalize marijuana.

For example, over 500 economists signed "An Open Letter to the President, Congress, Governors, and State Legislatures," that detailed the benefits America will reap if marijuana is legalized. This was just a supplement to Harvard Law Professor and economist, Jeffrey Miron's paper, "The Budgetary Implications of Marijuana."

According to Miron, "Repealing marijuana prohibition with a 'system of taxation and regulation' would save $7.7 billion per year in state and federal expenditures on drug prohibition, as well as produce tax revenues of at least $2.4 billion annually. If marijuana is taxed similarly to alcohol or tobacco, it might generate as much as $6.2 billion annually."

In addition to the incredible amount of money generated from legal sales, more jobs would be implemented within rural communities to harvest the cash crop. Consumer spending would skyrocket, helping the government pay off debts, and rejuvenate our suffering economy. As less people would be incarcerated for non-violent drug offenses, the overcrowding issue in prisons would be lessened, resulting in decreased taxes.

"I think it should be legalized," said Alvaro Serrano-Capote, a freshman business major. "Marijuana sales would increase our sales taxes and create a whole 'nother industry."

According to CNN, if marijuana is legalized, the cost of an ounce would sell for $50 rather than the street price of $300. Since 85% of all illegal drugs seized and imported in America is marijuana, street dealers would no longer make a profit. Thus, their removal from the streets would be ensured.

Ending America's "War on Drugs" would also benefit taxpayers. This is because taxpayers' money is given to government-contracting companies with no return or investment. For instance, last year, $170 million of your taxes went into producing "Anti-Marijuana" advertising, according to CNN. The rest of the $20 billion went to campaigns against other drugs, even though drug consumption, production, and related "street crime"—which are all blamed on marijuana because all illegal drugs are related—did not decrease at any rate whatsoever.

As the effects of marijuana are far less dangerous than that of alcohol, it seems ridiculous that it hasn't been legalized yet.

According to BENEFITSMARIJUANA.COM, marijuana is proven to diminish anger, anxiety and pain while simultaneously inducing relaxation. It is a more responsible choice of recreational use than alcohol, which induces poor judgment and aggressiveness. It also allows more blood to flow to the brain, inducing that lovely euphoric sensation, as well as activating the brain to receive information more intensively.

The more realistic concern is the destruction of brain cells. But this is hardly a founded concern, as the brain constantly reproduces these cells anyway.

It's high time we realized the benefits that marijuana would be that states may profit from the taxes. Businesses and consumers would be required under state law to pay a tax, which may benefit the state financially.

But pot is illegal for a reason. Many use this illegal substance for reasons including: recreation, medication, and for selling. According to BENEFITSMARIJUANA.COM, "Driven by the Drug War, the U.S. prison population is six to ten times as high as most Western European nations. The United States is a close second only to Russia in its rate of incarceration per 100,000 people. In 2000, more than 734,000 people were arrested in this country for marijuana-related offenses alone."

"Instead of legalizing pot to gain more tax revenue, we should increase the taxes on other commonly used, legal products to improve our economy," said Ayesha Ali, a junior biology major.

That way, we don't have to encourage the use of a product that's looked down upon."

According to the Effects of Marijuana journal, "It is the third most widely used drug in the United States, according to a survey taken in 1998, and it is the number one illegally used drug in the U.S. Marijuana is so popular that an estimated one out of every three people in the U.S. have tried it, and around 44% of US high school students have smoked it."

The opposition often refers to the healing capabilities of the drug and often claims that it is a useful remedy. If the Federal Drug Administration had gathered this about the "antidote," they would have pushed for an effort to legalize it, wouldn't they?

And as far as our state's budget problems, I don't see why Sacramento would even resort to legalizing weed. It would be irresponsible. This nation was founded upon good morals, and smoking pot has been against the law for centuries.

The revenue that may be generated from marijuana would be spent on government-funded rehab clinics and ultimately cost tax payers money in the long run. As far as the argument that it would create an industry and help job growth, according to THEBIGMONEY.COM, "A national legalization effort would save nearly $13 billion annually in enforcement costs and bring in seven billion dollars in yearly tax revenues."

This wouldn't necessarily create jobs. Instead, there would be a cut in drug law enforcement jobs. Also the seven billion dollars in so called revenue would travel back to programs against marijuana abuse.

Pot is not the answer for California's budget problems, nor is it the answer to our nation's financial sectors' problems.
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Pacifican Staff Writer

As a native from the San Francisco area, I was honored to have Mayor Gavin Newsom speak at Pacific about the issues concerning Californians, and his solutions he will make if elected governor.

As I was able to witness Newsom's progressive change when he was mayor of San Francisco, I have the utmost faith in his promises to improve California. He has acknowledged and met our most dire issues and proactively guaranteed solutions that will not only help solve these issues, but leave our state in better condition.

Newsom's most striking proposal is to establish a system that would ensure all Californians universal health care. According to the Huffington Post, Newsom has already implemented this policy in San Francisco. That is, he has enrolled a grand total of 30,061 individuals into the Healthy San Francisco universal health care program program, despite the conditions of their illnesses or income.

According to Newsom's official website, the number of employees in San Francisco offering health care to formerly uninsured workers has consequently raised as well. Firms there now represent 16,327 newly covered employees.

To support humanitarian crises, Newsom has provided aid to the homeless and those suffering on the streets of San Francisco. His website says that he has constructed projects that have helped build 1,424 supportive housing units, contributing to an all-time 38.9% decline in homelessness since 2004.

As far as alienating the issue of school funding, Newsom plans to act immediately when taking office, jumpstarting a reliable program that will directly fund each school. Voicing concern to the fact that teachers are being laid off across the state, Newsom plans to offer teachers better pay, just as was done in San Francisco, where teachers recently received a raise. Instead of doling out empty promises that hurt rather than benefit the state's school system, Newsom has partnered with the San Francisco school districts and put the well-needed dollars where they will benefit the most.

And then there's the budget crisis, which, if in Newsom's power, will be in far better hands.

The proof is, again, in Newsom's work with San Francisco. While California as a whole continues to deteriorate due to such a crisis, San Francisco was also forced to struggle. However, with smart planning and investing, Newsom has maintained a balanced budget, with a record high "rainy day fund" as a backup plan. Unlike other democrats, Newsom believes people shouldn't be over-taxed and forced to pay for the government's misjudgments in spending.

According to SFgov.org, Newsom has already demonstrated his influence on economic policy by helping to bring about high wage jobs (both bio-tech and clean-tech), as well as other family-sustaining jobs to San Francisco. Newsom will work to prioritize renewable and efficient energy, clean transitions, and maintain what is referred to as a "culture of stability."

Furthermore, he has generated new ideas such as solar incentives and a local carbon offset program, as part of his plan for a carbon neutral San Francisco by 2020.

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The Democrat

Class review

German 011A

Interested in engineering. There are many opportunities in Germany for engineers. I also believe students with interest in the natural sciences such as biology and chemistry should consider studying German. And there is a lot of German literature that is good for English majors.

One of the downsides about the German program here at Pacific is that the German major and minor are unavailable. Story commented in regards to this, "If I had to change one thing about the program, I would reinstatement the availability of the major and minor in the German language."

I believe taking the course allowed me to improve my listening skills. I also enjoyed every aspect of the language. The part I liked most in the class was the opportunity for interaction, that is, when I got to speak German with others. Speaking German with a group was much more fun than just studying from the tedious textbook.

I highly recommend German 011A (First-year German) to anyone interested in the language.

The Republican

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Three Units vs. Four Units

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The start of the second semester has left students with the desire of having more three-unit courses. Some feel that more of these shorter classes would better accommodate their needs on campus.

"There would be more variety," sophomore Jessica Galvan said. "I feel that by adding three-unit classes I would be able to take more courses that interest me without feeling an overload of stress."

Currently, many students are taking four 4-unit classes with two units left to spare. "I want to take a full load of 18 units; therefore, I find myself enrolling in small activities that are worth one unit," said freshman Liliana Quintero. "Sometimes I feel that I am wasting my time. I wish there were more classes that weren't all four units."

The problem with adding more three-unit classes, however, would be the addition of new professors. Also, some professors would possibly find themselves having to shorten their classes in order to accommodate the new three-unit classes. When it comes to condensing classes, however, many students seem to not mind.

Many of the four-unit courses here last one hour and 50 minutes, while three-unit courses usually last one hour and 20 minutes. The creation of additional shorter courses would make it easier and more enjoyable for students to attend.

The reality is that most students have a short attention span that prevents them from focusing an entire one hour and 50 minutes.

Groups Competition

This week Alpha Phi Omega pulls ahead of Sigma Alpha Iota with an outstanding 313.25 community service hours! Sigma Alpha Iota is not far behind with an even 300 hours! And to top it all of Alpha Phi comes up from the ranks with 57.25 hours! _ _

The Reach Out Groups Competition gives university recognized fraternities, sororities, halls, and clubs a chance to be recognized for their community service dedication. Each year the competition has two winners: the organization that completes the highest number of service hours total, and the organization that has the highest average of service hours per member. Winners will be recognized at the Reach Out Volunteer Celebration, held on April 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Individual volunteers who complete over 50 hours of community service will also be recognized for their hard work and dedication to our Stockton community!

We highly encourage members of any organization and individual volunteers to log their hours online. If your organization is interested in being part of the Groups Competition please contact Emma Cohen at cci@pacific.edu or 209.946.2444.

Below you will find the top five organizations within the competition right now and the hours of community service they have completed. Good luck to all and don't forget to log those hours!

Reach Out Groups Competition Rankings

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Last day to log your hours and qualify for the Groups Competition is April 20 at 5 p.m. Remember to go to www.pacific.edu/reachout to log your hours!
At this point into the semester, I’ve learned to manage my time and schedule—but I’m still learning. I try a different route to go to class at least every month, to see if one route is faster than the other, but I still give myself at least ten minutes to walk. I plan weekly dinners with my close friends I don’t see often, and I’m good at planning ahead.

However, one thing I can’t seem to figure out is my sleep schedule. For someone who can be classified as nocturnal, I seem to get more sleep than I think. Although I tend to sleep around three to four a.m. every night, I am still energized and alert in class. To this, I attribute my affinity to take a nap as often as possible. College students are depicted to have no lives—sleeping in the wee hours of the morning, just to prepare for a midterm the same morning. It’s one of those vicious cycles that fall asleep in class, stop paying attention, and in the long run, will have to end up staying up late just to prepare or study for a midterm again. It’s one of those vicious cycles that no one says they care about, but they really do.

If you’re waiting for a class or live off-campus, it’s hard to find a good place to nap on campus, because the comfortable places to sleep are either in a big open area (like in the Derosa University Center) or in someone else’s room. The library is a good place to take a nap, but its location away from most classrooms and sometimes noisy environment may wake you up earlier than planned. On the other hand, studies show that a little bit of white noise can actually help you fall asleep faster.

Naps are part of our natural biological clock, even if they seem to make things worse, and people more fatigued. If you have a hectic schedule, taking a short nap in the afternoon will relieve stress and give you a little more energy. Don’t shy away from naps! Just make sure you don’t do it during class, or you’ll catch more than just a few Zs.
As a psychology student, I often deal with the concept of behavior and its applications. One of the most established methods in psychology is presented to us through behaviorism, a school of thought that focuses on observable behaviors and the environment that influences them. Even the amount they spend doing their daily activities can reveal the way they have been rewarded for those behaviors. Where could this lack of motivation come from? The student could either be a genius who doesn’t need to study, or a person who has not found sufficient reinforcement in the past to carry out his work. You could say lazy students are naturally void of motivation. However, the person might be getting reinforced from sources other than those expected of them. “Lazy” students could have hobbies like video games, television, or sports that might be more rewarding than sitting down and studying. Their behavior will be directed to whichever outlet provides the most gratifying reinforcement.

Students who excel are those that have found their academic pursuits rewarding in their past. The students acing their classes and getting ahead are those who are placing their academics as their top priority. The explanation lies in the fact that their copious amount of studying in the past has obviously produced favorable results, and the chances of that taking place again is likely. Their reinforcement comes from achieving good grades for their labor and securing a positive future.

We are all here for academics, but then again we are also all humans with certain needs and expectations. Once we are finished with our homework and studying, our time and effort will be placed elsewhere. Some people might want to finish their work in order to spend time with their friends, or carry out some hobby. Motivation can come from getting reinforced with leisure time to do as we like. Our leisure time might be spent going to the gym, socializing, reading, partying, or spending time with the people that make us happy. Motivation to carry out specific undertakings within different fields of study might also play a role. For example, an English major might be influenced to write a poem after someone they love or experiences they’ve gone through. An art major could produce a piece about a topic they might find really appealing. All in all, we all have our different sources of motivation.

More concrete sources of motivation might come from the people in our lives and our surroundings. The fact that we make our parents happy by bringing home good grades is an example of a strong reinforcer. We could also find motivation after spending time with someone who makes our life bearable under so much stress. A student might simply be going “all out” because they understand that all the hard work exerted now will be paid off in the near future. Understanding what motivates us to keep on going is actually a good way of modifying some of our behaviors into positives and really make the most of our time here at Pacific. Next time you feel unmotivated, set a goal and place a rewarding activity as your reinforcement.

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**movie review**

he's just not that into you

As far as standard chick-flicks go, *He's Just Not That Into You* is one of the more tolerable of the genre. While some of the numerous storylines are a little weak and underdeveloped, and some of the jokes are a little dated and overdone, the film still manages to be cute, funny, and light-hearted.

The film follows several stories that are all connected to one another. The main story is about Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin), who is searching, without luck, for a decent guy. While stressing about one of the many unsuccessful dates she’s been on, she meets Alex (Justin Long), who breaks some news to her: sometimes a guy just isn’t that into you, and if he was, you would know without having to speculate and assume things.

Gigi’s coworker, Janine (Jennifer Connelly), is married to Ben (Bradley Cooper) and the couple is going through a rough patch as newlyweds. Ben’s wandering eye lands upon Anna (Scarlett Johansson), a flirtatious heartbreaker, whose on-again off-again attitude with friend Conor (Kevin Connolly) is yet another subplot in the film.

Neil (Ben Affleck) and Beth (Jennifer Aniston) are a couple who’ve been together for seven years. When Beth’s younger sister is tying the knot, she begins to wonder if Neil is really committed, since they’ve never come close to marriage.

The final and least developed plotline is that of Mary (Drew Barrymore), who provides a humorous commentary about the digital age of dating, and the confusion and miscommunication that comes along with email, texting, and social networking websites.

The movie is broken into short transitions with dating advice about why he or she is “not into you”, taken from titles of chapters of the book the film is based on, by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo (ie, “…if he’s not calling you”). These chapters are followed by “on the street” interviews about each topic, which are pretty amusing.

The film does a reasonably good job at representing all kinds of relationships — the ones that work out for both parties as well as the ones that don’t have a happy ending. It’s nice to see a chick flick that had a more realistic representation of the different dynamics couples have, instead of always ending happily ever after.

The film also brings up relevant points about blowing insignificant details out of proportion. I can definitely admit that it’s true that women often tend to overanalyze situations — especially when it comes to dealing with someone they’re attracted to. As harsh as it was to hear sometimes, I did agree with a lot of points Alex made throughout the film. If someone is interested in another person, it shouldn’t be a guessing game.

I don’t think we need to stop being optimistic and hopeful about finding love — we just need to try and be realistic about certain situations. *He’s Just Not That Into You* does a good job at pointing out the importance of finding a balance between being optimistic about a situation and knowing when too much effort is being put into something that’s obviously not worth it.

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Pacifican Copy Editor

**book review**

the crimson petal and the white,  
Michel Faber

Michel Faber’s novel, *The Crimson Petal and the White,* follows the plight of Sugar, a prostitute who busies herself with writing and reading literature when she is not satisfying all ranks of men. Sugar captures the attention of the businessman William Rackham, whose own ambitions to author a great novel have yet to surface. Despite their standing affair (who would have guessed?) that seems to bring transitory happiness to their bleak lives.

Supporting characters such as William Rackham’s clergyman brother and Sugar’s callous mother further embellish the storyline with stereotypical personalities of the era. One of the more complex characters is Mrs. Rackham, who Faber fashions as if to showcase the stereotype of a well-off Victorian woman; Mrs. Rackham’s language is detailed, descriptive, and lush, and Faber is able to pack in a lot of sensory detail into each paragraph, which gives the reader a picture far more vivid than the one painted by Victorian writers a century ago. Although Faber pops in and out of the novel as the “omnipresent narrator” (a technique often used by Victorian authors like Eliot, Dickens, and the Bronte sisters), his presence does not overpower the reader in the body or conclusion of his work.

Simply put, *The Crimson Petal and The White* is a well-researched and intriguing study of Victorian era personalities. While some plot “twists” are not as surprising as they should be, the variety of characters, the social commentaries, and good old fashioned sex scenes make this book a page-turner for fans of historical fiction or Victorian history and literature.
restaurant review
bud’s seafood grille
Courtney Wood
Pacifican Staff Writer
Do you love fresh seafood? Are you willing to pay a little more to get it? If so, then Bud’s Seafood Grille, located at 314 Lincoln Center, is the ideal place for a tasty meal.
Bud’s features a sizeable menu that ranges in selection from garden burgers to flame broiled Mahi Mahi fillets. They have pasta, sandwiches, steak, and a variety of seafood which can be prepared “flame-broiled, deep fried, or sauteed to your liking.”
As my date (a seafood lover) and I (a vegetarian) walked into Bud’s, the welcoming sound of big band music reached our ears. We were seated at an intimate table, where the soft lighting painted a relaxed, romantic atmosphere. Since the restaurant was not busy, the server promptly took our order. I chose the linguini pesto, without shrimp. My date selected the New England clam chowder in a bread bowl and the Bay shrimp cocktail. While we awaited our dishes, our table was graced with warm bread, which we dipped in the lovely combination of olive oil and balsamic vinegar.
The server brought out my salad, a side dish for the pasta, along with my date’s shrimp cocktail. The salad was agreeable, but nothing special or decidedly original. My date enjoyed his shrimp cocktail, but was hoping that the portion would have been larger, considering it cost $8.00.
Next, we were served the main course. My linguini was spectacular, featuring a creamy pesto sauce and diced tomatoes topped with parmesan cheese. According to my date, his clam chowder was delicious as well. As we filled ourselves with bites of delectable food, I ordered hot tea, and contemplated whether or not to get dessert.
After studying the menu, my date and I decided to share an order of Bud’s Bread Pudding. Each rich spoonful teased our tastebuds with delight.
When the check came, it was easily near the $40.00 mark, which my date generously paid. However, after reviewing the “damage,” we both decided that eating lunch (which is several dollars cheaper) rather than dinner, at Bud’s may be better suited to our finances in the future. The verdict: Bud’s serves delicious meals and a comfortably charming atmosphere; but be sure your wallet is as full as you would like your stomach to be.
Bud’s Seafood Grille is open Monday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

So Where Does Our Recycling Really Go?
Abby Liao
Pacifican Staff Writer
Throughout the week, you praise yourself for sorting out the recyclables from the garbage. By trash day, you take the black, green, and gray bins out to the curb to be emptied by the trash collectors. You leave it on the curb without a second thought. Why would you? After all, it’s just trash; the garbage will go to the landfill, recyclables are a second chance, and the compost will feed the little bugs that infest the outdoors.
But do you really know what happens to your trash after the garbage truck picks it up? You may be surprised.
The collectibles that the trucks have picked up is unloaded at the local recycling facility, where it is then both mechanically and manually separated. Most of the trash in the black garbage bins can actually be recycled. Depending on the facility’s policy, the sorted contents follow their separate fates. The garbage may go to the local landfill, or it may be incinerated. Aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, mixed paper, and sheet metals are shipped far and wide: aluminum cans get bought by bottling companies and reappear on grocery shelves in sixty days, glass bottles are reused in road building industries, plastic bottles are sent to China to manufacture clothing and toys, mixed paper is used for packaging and insulation, and sheet metals are turned into scrap metal to make cars, electricity pylons, etc.
There is a law in California that states that each city and county must divert 50% of its waste away from landfills through reusing, reducing, recycling, and composting (AB 939). In 2006, California announced that they achieved their goal and even exceeded it by 4%.
At the citywide level, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom decided to set his own goal of 75% waste diversion by 2010. In May 2008, Newson announced the city waste diversion rate was at 70%.
Jared Blumenfeld, the director of the city’s environmental programs, explains that the main export in the West Coast is scrap paper, sent to China to be made into packaging to hold our toys, electronics, and shoes. “San Francisco can charge more for its scrap paper because of its low levels of glass contamination. That is because about 15 percent of the city’s 1,200 garbage trucks have two compartments, one for recyclables. That side has a compactor that can compress mixed loads of paper, cans and bottles without breaking the bottles,” boasts Blumenfeld about the main reason the city keeps up its pressure to recycle.
The Los Angeles recently estimated a 59% diversion rate; San Jose, 62%, the best for a populated city of more that 900,000 people. Stockton reported a 47% diversion in 2000.
Waste awareness is very important—we’ve all heard that carbon dioxide is the major contributor of greenhouse gases. However, methane that gets released from landfills is worse and it cannot be offset by driving a Prius or installing solar panels.
According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website, there are 1,756 active landfills in place in the United States as of 2006. Some waste-management experts found a way to take advantage of the methane gas by capturing it in a vacuum and use it to generate electricity.
Environmentalists agree that this is an ingenious way to update your plain shorts or miniskirt, on top of another outfit to wear in the cold, without having to spend loads of money!
So if you’re ever feeling stuck on what to wear on a chillier day, or wanting an easy change of style from your everyday attire, just slide into a pair of knee/thigh-high socks or colored tights, and you’ve got yourself a practical, yet stylish outfit!
Tiger Nights A Success: Pacific “Just Dance”

Elaine Campion  
Pacifican Staff Writer

Baselines thumped so loud the vibrations could be felt through the floor. Intense sounds of distorted electro music and rhythmic pulsing of hip-hop beats competed with one another from the two open doors of the dance floors. Flashing lights filled the rooms, illuminating the nonstop movement of the crowd, dancing to the music pumping through the speakers.

Last Friday night, February 28, was ASuop’s Tiger Nights, held in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom (DUC). The event, appropriately named “Just Dance”, consisted of two dance floors—one featuring hip-hop music, and the other electronic music.

The DUC was transformed into an insane dance club, even equipped with a cash bar for those 21 and over. The event had been advertised weeks in advance on Facebook, as well as on ProwTV in the DUC.

Starting at 10pm, the first hundred people to come to the dance floors got free "stunna shades" and glow sticks to wear while dancing to their heart’s content on either of the two floors. The dance floors, dubbed "Club DC", each featured a full theatrical lighting setup and a huge DJ stage. Stockton’s own DJ Pork Chop spun the hip-hop tables, while Pacific’s Vincent Miranda, aka "WJWV" (We Just Wanna Dance) and alum Mikey Vu (“Mikey F’n Vu”) spun electro.

The turnout to the dance floors was impressive, with a fairly even amount of people in each room. The party lasted until 1 a.m., with great music playing the whole night. “I loved it, and think they should totally do more things like it,” said sophomore Josh Burkhardt. “It was definitely great and it’s nice to have stuff that gets the school together.” Burkhardt went on to say that the event should have run even later, since so many people were still dancing at the end of the night.

The music on both floors was filled with high energy and it was practically impossible to try not to dance. It wasn’t too surprising that the hip-hop floor had a lot of people dancing, since this genre is typically played at most campus parties and dance clubs in general, but the electronic dance floor drew a lot of people as well. “I’m glad there is finally some alternative types of music being played at campus parties,” said DJ Mikey Vu. “It’s good that electro is getting more exposure.”

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Athlete Profile: Chad Troyer

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Senior Chad Troyer transferred to Pacific from Miami (OH) University to be a guard in the 2006-2007 season. He red-shirted due to NCAA transfer requirements and has been one of the team’s lead scorers ever since.

In an interview, Troyer shared he has played basketball “since I was born, day one I had a ball in my hand.” Scoring is in Troyer’s blood. As a child he looked up to his father who played in college for the University of Washington where he set a school record his freshman year scoring 52 points. As a child Troyer looked up to Michael Jordan and players who came out of Seattle like Jamal Crawford.

Troyer is from Seattle, Washington, where he played basketball for the Panthers at Seattle Prep. School. There he lettered all four years and shot an average of 17 points per game (ppg) in his senior year. After the 2003-04 season, he earned first-team All-Metro honors and was a McDonald’s All-American nominee.

After high school Troyer played for the Miami University Redhawks. Over 2 seasons he played 43 games. In the 2005-06 he started in 25 games. In his sophomore season, Troyer shot 32.6 percent of his free-throw attempts. In his first collegiate game Troyer scored a career high 11 points against Purdue and shot 100 percent of his three-pointers at 3-3.

At Pacific, Troyer started in 30 contests his junior season, scoring 397 points. Coach Thomason commented that Troyer proved that “he was one of the best three-point shooters probably on the West Coast.” With a glance at his statistics, this is obvious. His junior season he averaged 12.8 ppg and scored in the double digits in 18 games, 6 of those games were 20 plus points. Last Feb he scored 30 points in 43 minutes of playing time against Cal State Northridge; the previous week he scored 27 points against UC Santa Barbara which earned him the Big West Player of the Week Award on Jan 28. Troyer led the team with his signature move: his jump shot. He shot 85 three-pointers which helped earn him a spot on the All-Big West Conference Honorable Mention list. After a stellar season Troyer graduated in May 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in Communication.

This year Troyer is pursuing his master’s degree in communication. He has played through injuries early in the season because, “I want to do everything I can to help the team.” As of Feb. 28 he has scored 285 points, averaging 11.0 ppg. Troyer has been the lead scorer for the Tigers in 8 games so far, which is more than any other player on the team. He has the most playing time on the team with 716 minutes, averaging 27.5 min per game. He also leads the team with 56 three-pointers, shooting 36.4 percent. His goal for this year is to win the championship. With the Big West Championships right around the corner, Troyer has one last shot at winning it all.

After Pacific Troyer hopes to play professional basketball and plans to own his own business.
Moritz Starke Earns Big West Player of the Week

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Pacifican Staff Writer

Senior Moritz Starke currently plays in the number 1 spot for Pacific's men's tennis team. As a foreign exchange student, he spends as much time swooning ladies as he does doing damage on the court. From Bamberg, Germany, he misses his family and friends from back home, but is adamant and determined to get a Master's degree in business administration.

On the court, he is a fearless leader, not scared of facing anybody; although if forced to choose, he will tell you, "UC Santa Barbara or Cal Poly". Pacific has recently come off of crushing the NCAA #4 ranked doubles team from Stanford, at their home court, an achievement Moritz is very proud of.

Pacific is currently playing the Big West Conference. The other teams in the league are UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Davis, and Cal Poly. Moritz explains that the Big West title is more realistic than ever this year, as he feels the beginning that this is what I want to do, he explains. He plans to be attend o

Because Moritz is fairly tall, his game focuses on the first or second serve, and he plays as a baseline player who runs a lot, rather than being a serve-and-forehand player.

He says he focuses on "getting my opponent off-balanced, so I could hit with an aggressive approach," in which he would follow with a "successful volley." It has certainly been a winning combination, leading Moritz to spend two years in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, before being recruited by Pacific. Moritz loves Pacific, mainly because "the size of the student body is just perfect," where he feels "like being part of a big family." He loves tennis because he enjoys competing and traveling, which has allowed him to play tournaments in different countries and in turn, "get to know a lot of interesting players from all over the world." He says while "every player [feels] the constant support from each other," tennis is "not always easy," as a tennis player is on the court by himself and "batting your opponent, [where] you have everything your hands...[which] is definitely different to any team sports."

Moritz plans to play League-Tennis in Germany over the summer, and slowly shift concentration onto his dreams of achieving an MBA, which begins with completing his major in International Business, a subject that he reveres as much as tennis. "I never changed my major because I knew from the beginning that this is what I want to do," he explains. He plans to be attend one of the MBA programs in Spain, a location he wishes to travel to, and add a third language, in order to be successful in the international marketing and sales world that he wishes to become a part of. When Moritz is not playing tennis, he plays and watches soccer and basketball.

Men's Golf Off To A Great Start in 2009

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The Pacific men's golf team recently began their spring season with high standings at challenging golf courses throughout the country. The team recently played in the Rice Intercollegiate tournament in Houston on Monday, Feb. 16 and Tuesday, Feb. 17. Pacific ended its six year tournament victory drought by taking home the trophy at the Rice Intercollegiate tournament. Every player began the first round with scores under 75 but the team rebounded during the second round. On Feb. 16, the team earned second place out of 15 teams despite cold, windy weather. Pacific tied Liberty with 586 strokes for second place closely following the leader, Houston, who had 575 strokes. Sophomores Alex Johnson, T.J. Bordeaux, Patrick Kucich, and Bayhaan Lakdawala and senior Charlie Van Sicklen led the team to their four-shot win. Bordeaux shot a team low 69 in the second round. Bordeaux stated on the Pacific Tigers website, "I'm really happy with how we all played.

Kucich finished with a third place individual finish with a two-under 70 for an even par 210. After two rounds Van Sicklen placed fifth. This makes the fourth consecutive year that a Tiger finished in the top ten and lead the team into a top five finish. "This is just a huge win for the program," coach Brandon Goethals said (pacifictigers.com).

Last week at the USC Collegiate tournament, the Tigers finished 9th in the first round, above USC and UCLA. During the final round, however, Pacific lost this lead and finished in 11th.

The team has already announced the signing of one of the nation's top junior golfers for the 2009-2010 class. Last year, the Tigers placed fourth in the Big West Championship. So far, the team has shown the potential to place better than last year as long as they remain consistent. The team will play in a series of tournaments through April, and the Big West Championships take place on April 20 in San Luis Obispo. The West Regional Championship will be held in San Francisco beginning May 14.

Pacific Women's Swimming Places Third at Big West Championships; Men Place Fourth

Athletic Media Relations with  
Additional Reporting by Sports Editor Rachel Freeman

Last weekend, both Pacific swimming teams competed in the Big West Championships in Long Beach, California. Senior Jun Huang anchored the team, winning the 200 Back event. Pacific was in a tight battle with Cal Poly for third place. In the final event of the Championship, the 400 Free Relay, Pacific finished third and edged Cal Poly by less than 2 seconds. The Tigers competed all season-long with only 12 players, so taking third place was an even larger accomplishment. As quoted on the Pacific Tigers Athletics website, coach Adam Kennedy said, "Swimming with 12 members is kind of like playing with 3.5 people in a basketball game." Overall, the women exceeded their expectations, as they were predicted by league coaches to take fifth at the Championships.

Even though senior Matt Lundy took first in the 1650 Free, Pacific Men's Swimming was not able to capitalize and finished in fourth place at the Big West Championships. Lundy's finish places him in consideration to compete in the NCAA Championships. Overall, the Tigers had a great season and Coach Kennedy noted, "We had a lot of great finishes and I'm really proud of how well they did."
Pacific Baseball Closes Out USD Tournament 2-2

Elizabeth Croisetiere
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacific baseball fell to Kansas State the first day of the University of San Diego tournament. They recovered, however, and won their games against USD. The weekend featured a double header against SDSU where they won their first game and lost their second. This puts Pacific at 3-4 for the season.

The Tigers started out the USD tournament with a 7-4 loss against Kansas State on Thursday, Feb. 27. They fell behind quickly giving up 3 runs in the bottom of the second inning and 4 runs in the bottom of the third inning. Pacific was able to score 1 run in the top of the fifth. The two teams remained scoreless through the top of the ninth inning. In the second inning, Kansas State's Rob Vaughn hit a shallow homer to center field to junior Matt Fuson who caught the ball but dropped it as he landed and hit his head on the fence. He had to be pulled out of the game and required stitches for a deep cut, but did not have a concussion.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Pacific was up to bat and tried to take the lead. Sophomore J.B. Brown hit a single to center field to start off the inning. Senior Kurt Wideman followed Brown and hit a liner that bounced off the pitcher's shin and went to shortstop Carter Jurica, who forced Brown out at second. Junior Ben Gorang reached first based safely on an error by third baseman Jason King and Wideman advanced to third on the error. Junior Jamie Niley hit a double and drove in 2 runs when Wideman and Gorang scored to make it 7-3. Centanni grounded out to the shortstop but was able to advance Niley to third. At this point, Kansas State brought in a new pitcher. Freshman Allen Riley reached first on another error by the shortstop. Sophomore Nick Longmire hit a deep single to left field which moved Riley to second base and Niley scored. The game ended when Junior Mike Walker struck out looking.

The Tigers regrouped for the second game in the tournament against NCAA #11 ranked USD when seniors Joey Centanni and Mike McKeever returned to their high school stadium for a 14-6 win on Feb 27. Both teams remained scoreless throughout the first inning. In the top of the second the Tigers fell behind as USD's Victor Sanchez hit a double and then scored off Austin Green's single. This was the only run Centanni allowed through his 7 innings of work. In the bottom of the second, both McKeever and Walker scored to give Pacific the lead.

San Diego remained scoreless through the eighth inning. Pacific scored 3 runs in the bottom of the third. Centanni started out with a double, a single from sophomore Brian Martin put Centanni at third and he scored off a single by Longmire. Brown hit a single and brought in Longmire. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pacific stretched their lead with a run by Martin off a wild pitch.

The most exciting play came in the bottom of the seventh inning. With the bases loaded, McKeever came up to the plate. He hit a grand slam to left field scoring Gorang, Centanni and Martin. Keeping the momentum, Walker and Wideman scored in the bottom of the eighth and gave the team a wide lead.

The Tigers had trouble in the ninth when Centanni was relieved by Junior Andrew Mintun who allowed 7 hits and 5 runs. Coach Ed Sprague responded by subbing in senior Mark McCain to close out the game. For his work lefty Centanni earned Big West Co-Pitcher of the Week for the week ending March 1.

With one win under their belts, the Tigers went into a double header against San Diego State on Feb. 28 and won their first game 6-3.

The Tigers lost their momentum in the second game of the double header and last game of the tournament. San Diego was able to rally for an 8-3 win. Centanni and McKeever scored the first 2 runs in the top of the third. San Diego responded with 5 runs in the bottom of the third and Pacific was never able to recover.

The Tigers home opener has been delayed for the second time due to weather and they are currently scheduled to play San Jose State at Klein Family Field on Mar 6 and

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NFL
Brian Dawkins on a different team in a different uniform is unfathomable. But Jerry Rice ended his career in Seattle, Joe Montana ended his career in Kansas City and Brett Favre ended his career with the Jets. Dawkins understood the Philadelphia fan mentality better than any other athlete, and that's the reason he was and will always be so beloved in the city of brotherly love.

The biggest free agent signing had to be when Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady signed supermodel Gisele Bündchen to a lifetime contract, or is it the other way around? No financial terms were released, but the deal is said to last until death do they part.

NBA
The NBA asked Dwayne Wade to stop wearing his Wade-Band or Band-Wade or Wade-Aide or whatever. Negotiations between Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers will start again this week, but someone needs to Fed-Ex a copy of Sun Tzu's The Art of War before they resume. What doesn't he get about nobody else is interested?

Pistons Coach Michael Curry put Rip Hamilton from the bench to the starting five. This change put Allen Iverson sandwiched between Kwame Brown and Arron Afflalo on the Pistons bench. It could be worse for Iverson; he could be on the New York Knick bench between David Lee and Eddie Curry.

MLB
To turn down a 2-year deal worth $45 million you either have to be legally insane or have Scott Boras as your agent. Nobody can really compete with the resume of Derek Jeter's off-the-field game. A Miss Universe and a couple of actresses and singers, but a team dating celebrities doesn't win titles. Jeter is currently dating Friday Night Lights star Minka Kelly.

College BB
Oklahoma's Blake Griffin made his return and played harder than another player on the court. You could probably say he got his "Hansbrough" on, putting up 20 points and 19 boards in a win over Texas Tech. In the past week, two Duke players have traveled so badly, they have more frequent flyer miles than a manager for an offshore bank. Everyone is now doing the Elliot Williams shuffle and the Kyle Singler swivel.