Unemployment Rates Loom Large Over San Joaquin Valley

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The waves of the recession that have been crashing over the United States since December of 2007 are about to reach tsunami-like proportions in the Central Valley.

The Business Forecasting Center at Pacific has forecast that unemployment rates will reach 18 percent in the San Joaquin Valley, with Sacramento expected to experience unemployment rates of 12 percent alone. No immediate data was available about the precise level of unemployment expected to hit Stockton.

Currently, the national unemployment rate is 8.5 percent, an increase over the March 2009 rate of 8.1 percent. California’s current unemployment rate sits at 11.2 percent. The San Joaquin Valley has not seen unemployment rates this high since the early 1990s, and unemployment in the Central Valley is expected to remain in the double digits through 2011 at the very least.

Numbers are expected to skyrocket due to the fact that San Francisco was one of the last areas in the state to enter the recession, with employment figures not showing adverse reactions until late 2008. As the job and housing market collapsed in the Central Valley, more people moved to the Bay Area where jobs were still being created. After San Francisco officially entered the recession, there was less incentive to move, causing people who had previous options in other cities to stay put, which lead to explosive unemployment rates in the Central Valley.

Manufacturing is expected to be the sector hit hardest by unemployment, with the Business Forecasting Center predicting a loss of 150,000 jobs statewide. The Business Forecasting Center foresees that construction will be the next job market affected the most by rising unemployment. The state of California is predicted to lose another 100,000 jobs this year, with 30,000 of those jobs being lost in Sacramento alone.

Communication Symposium Today!!

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The day has finally arrived for Pacific’s 6th annual communication symposium. Today’s events will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a special community seminar in partnership with the Jacoby Center. The topic of the seminar will be “News, Disasters, and Terror... Crisis Communication in an Uncertain World,” and it will take place in the Jacoby Center Seminar Room, WPC 242.

The doors of Raymond Great Hall will open at 11:00 AM with a welcome and luncheon for those who RSVP’d. Award winning PBS news producer Sue Ducat will be addressing the crowd beginning at 12:15 p.m. Ducat is the producer of the national series News and Terrorism: Communicating in a Crisis, a collaboration between the Department of Homeland Security and the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation.

Ducat also spent 10 years as the producer for PBS’s Washington Week in Review, and 6 years as executive-in-charge of the PBS interview series Talking with David Frost. In recent years, she spent time as the Director of Communications and the recession at the National Breast Cancer Coalition, a grassroots organization advocating for increased funding for breast cancer research.

After Ducat’s speech, the symposium will continue with student poster presentations beginning at 1 p.m. A media presentation will follow at 2 p.m., leading in to the panel presentation and discussion at 2:30 p.m. After a break from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., attendees will be treated to the student speech contest finals, leading up to the awards reception and ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

The symposium is open for all students to attend. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP’d ahead of time. With a healthy combination of student and professional presentations, this year’s symposium promises to be engaging, informative, and fun for all in attendance. A lot of hard work has gone in to planning this year’s event, and we hope to see you all there.

“First Comes Love”: One Weekend Only

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Love is in the air this weekend at the Long Theatre, where TAP Theatre Arts Fraternity will be presenting “First Comes Love,” a funny, sexy, and outrageous evening of music, dance, and theater.

Directed by Giovanna Arieta, a senior Communications major, “First Comes Love” features pieces that address all those thorny and thrilling secrets of the heart, from falling in love for the first time, to the heartbeat of losing the one you love, to walking down the aisle and what lies beyond. Students will recognize familiar favorites such as “Kiss the Girl” from “The Little Mermaid,” and “Dammed, Janet,” from “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

“I really like the Little Mermaid scene, it is ridiculous trying to be a graceful crab,” said Misha Maggi, a senior English/Film Pre-Law major who is participating in the TAP Revue for the first time.

“First Comes Love” will also feature a new song composed especially for the show by freshman Music Composition major Hali Alsopch, who wrote the show’s eponymous finale, “First Comes Love.”

“I’ve enjoyed working with First Manufacturing and Construction are not the only fields affected by the recession. The Business Forecasting Center is predicting that retail sales will continue to plummet, with sales revenues expected to decline by $4 billion over the course of this year, with sales of cars and trucks shrinking even further.

Pacific students expressed concern and uncertainty over how these prognostications might affect their own employment opportunities when classes resume in the fall of 2009.

“I might have a bit of trouble finding a job over the summer,” said Chris Congreve, a sophomore Civil Engineering major and Stockton resident, "I’ll see LARGE, page 3
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NARCOTICS
KENSINGTON & MONTEREY 04/13/09
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject. Subject was arrested at 9:20 PM for three outstanding warrants and possession of a controlled substance.

CASUALTY
MAIN GYM 04/14/09
Officers responded to a male subject who fell and injured his leg. Subject refused medical. Officers initiated a report.

DUI ARREST
PACIFIC & FULTON 04/15/09
Officer conducted a vehicle stop and determined the driver had been drinking and was under age. Driver was arrested via citation and released to a parent.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
KNOLES & PACIFIC 04/15/09
Officers responded to a report from a female being followed by three females. Officer made contact and reported a disturbance between friends.

WARRANT ARREST
KNOLES & PACIFIC 04/15/09
Officer conducted a vehicle stop and learned the driver had an outstanding warrant. Driver was arrested at 9:42 PM and transported to the county jail.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
KNOLES HALL 04/15/09
Officers responded to a report of a possible intoxicated male subject on his bicycle. Officers located the subject who fell off his bicycle trying to avoid an accident. Subject initially refused medical but complained of pain to leg. SFD responded and assisted. Officers transported the subject to his residence.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
LOT 23 04/18/09
SPD reported a vehicle stolen. Officers responded and initiated a report.

ASSAULT
PACIFIC & KNOLES 04/18/09
SPD aired a vehicle accident at Pacific in front of campus. Officers responded and determined this was not an accident. Officers located a victim of an assault by an unknown male. Officers located a suspect matching the description and arrested the suspect at 11:17 PM. Victim was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

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College Night Gets it Right

The spring semester is drawing to a close, and with the end of the school term comes the end of College Nights in downtown Stockton. Reflecting on the past offerings of the past five weeks, students, business owners, and program coordinators generally had praise for the College Night program. Many cited increased attendance, student awareness and sales at downtown venues on Thursday nights as a measure of success.

College Night is the inspired collaboration between the Downtown Stockton Alliance and Pacific. The program was designed with the goal of introducing students to downtown Stockton and the many entertainment and dining venues it offers. Student discounts, live music and comedy, and theme nights such as Celebrity Look-Alike Night and Comedy Night have gone a long way to entice students to the downtown waterfront businesses.

Tonight’s final themed event celebrates the upcoming Asparagus Festival. Students participating will be given special drink and food discounts for wearing green clothing, and green beverages will be available for consumption as well.

An estimated 300-400 students can be found warming through downtown Stockton on any given Thursday night. This is a significant improvement in attendance for businesses in the area. According to Mimi Nguyen, Economic Development Director for the DSA, some businesses do so well during these College Night events that their owners must restock before the weekend crowds arrive.

“People see that there is nightlife downtown, so they aren’t afraid of downtown, like some of the stories you read [would have you believe],” said Mazza. “This is a definite business improvement for downtown as a whole.”

Mazza also observed that Pacific students have been very respectful during College Night events, and that he appreciated their patronage.

“I would love to see something like this continue in the fall,” said Mazza.

The appreciation is mutual, as Pacific students seem generally positive about the College Night experience thus far.

“I enjoyed the drink deals, the entertainment (Dr. Ray, Brubeck Institute), the atmosphere and the people there [downtown],” said Randi Johnson, a junior education major who has attended two of the College Night events this spring. I would like to see it continued in the fall,” said Johnson.

While there are no official plans at this moment to officially continue College Nights into the fall of 2009, Nguyen hopes that students will continue to support local businesses in downtown Stockton when the next term begins in August.

We are hoping that students still continue to attend... We want downtown Stockton to be a destination for students who are looking for entertainment,” said Nguyen.
Short Classes, Long Vacations, Quick Semesters, Oh My!

These are just some of the benefits we’ll reap from a modified academic calendar, which will start in fall of 2010.

With 15-week semesters, instead of the 16-week we have now, finals would end one to two weeks before Christmas, instead of four to five days before. No more last-minute, expensive flight-booking for those of you who hail more than a highway away. And, frankly, these one or two extra weeks between the end of finals and Christmas means your deadline for grade reporting will come sooner. So you, too, will get to head home earlier for the holidays.

"I think that with this calendar change, the end of the semester fatigue will be less of an issue for students," said Michael McCallum, Head of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Chemistry.

With shorter class meetings, students mean longer winter and summer vacations. From 14 weeks to 15 weeks, summer school sessions at Pacific will run as long as the fall and spring semesters. This will make federal financial aid possible for the summer, since summer sessions will then be equivalent of a semester. The Housing Office will also have more time to make housing arrangements for fall semester.

One of the results of this proposed change is that classes will be cut by five minutes. The MWF 80-minute classes will go for 75 minutes, and 110-minute courses on TR will last 105 minutes instead.

These semester and class time changes are more in line with the Carnegie Unit Guidelines, a system that American colleges and universities use to measure educational attainment.

"Almost every other college in the nation is on this system," said McCallum. "So why shouldn't Pacific climb aboard as well?"

Currently, our school has the 110-minute (TR) classes equaling 3,600 minutes of instruction, per year. With the shorter classes, the result would be 3,000 minutes a year—which is the Carnegie standard. It's the same idea with the three-unit, two-unit, and one-unit classes, just with smaller minute totals.

And guess what else? With the shorter classes, more time can be allotted for 15-minute passing periods. With the way our current scheduling block is now, there’s a ten-minute passing period between most classes. For example, some classes go from 8 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. and then 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. We've all had back-to-back classes at least once. Is ten minutes really enough to get from a Chemistry lab on South Campus to the Eberhardt School of Business?

"Having 15 minutes would help out a lot. Students can use that extra five minutes to get a snack, talk with a professor after class about any concerns, or catch up on a little studying," said Adrian Hernandez, a senior with the three-unit, two-unit, and one-unit classes, just with smaller minute totals.

"As a result, there are some disadvantages. With a shorter school year, Bon Appétit may make less money from meal sales, which means meal prices may rise. Plus, as of now, students staying on campus for the winter break aren’t charged for housing services, but that could change with the longer break. And with the longer break, student athletes would need to be fed off of their meal plans for a longer time, so the Athletics Department would be responsible for more funds.

With 15-week semesters, Commencement might have to be held the first Saturday of May, instead of the third Saturday as it has typically been. And since the Pharm. D students have 18-week internships in the spring, their graduation may be separate from the rest of the campus’s graduation.

But we, at the Pacifican, think this is a case where the pros outweigh the cons. With shorter classes, students will receive three units worth of instruction in three-unit classes, four units worth in four-unit courses, etc. There won’t be an overload where five units are packed into 110-minute four-unit classes, as it may sometimes feel now.

"One of the four-unit classes I had taken was just too much," said Hernandez. "It was on electrical circuits, fluids, theories; it was one of those classes where you solve a lot of problems. It felt like a five-unit class to me."

With shorter classes, the number of units we sign up for would be the number of units we really do receive. And who doesn’t want a longer passing period to nonchalantly walk and enjoy the school’s scenery? More obviously, who doesn’t want— or need— longer vacations? With more time to prepare for housing arrangements, and more summer school sessions, a 15-week summer vacation as opposed to 14 weeks sounds pretty swell. So, 15-week, instead of 16-week semesters? Bring it on, Pacific.

Faster than you can say “Evaluation”

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It’s that time of the year again. Classes are winding down as the end of the semester fast approaches and finals draw near. However, along with finals comes another, often forgotten about, fill-in-the-blank and multiple choice filled packet—only this one is not a test.

Of course, what I am referring to are the course evaluations that every student fills out in order to provide professors with constructive criticism and feedback on the efficacy of their classes and the professors’ teaching skills. Some professors take course evaluations seriously and actually give students plenty of time to reflect and clearly formulate what they think. Others leave only the last five minutes of class for the students to race through the evaluations, barely giving them a chance for second thoughts.

Julie Sugano, freshman international relations major, said, "Last semester, all my professors gave me plenty of time. Most gave me the entire period, and one professor even let our class take the evals with us to fill out on our own time and then return to them him the next class period."

However, not everyone had such a great experience. Katrina Wilburn, sophomore, said, "Last semester I felt rushed in most of my classes. I only had one class where I was given a half hour to work on it, and in all the others I was only given the last five or ten minutes of class to fill them out."

The main reason Wilburn was upset about this shortage of time was because "these evaluations are supposed to provide students with a check on professors, and if we’re not given
Too Much Sox on Campos?
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I was surprised to hear that the University of Maryland at Baltimore's campus theater almost played host to the hardcore porn film, Pirates II: Straggletti's Revenge with backing from students and faculty. But those eager to see the film on campus were in for a nasty turn of events.

The Dayton Daily News reported that the University of Maryland canceled the screening after Republican senator, Andrew Harris, tried to pass a bill that would withhold funding from universities whose porn policy failed to mention "the serious social and health concerns associated with screening pornographic film."

Harris also claimed that showing porn was a poor way for the university system in Maryland (who support state institutions) to spend taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Ultimately, select scenes of the flick were shown at an undisclosed off-campus location, where roughly 200 students, faculty, lawyers and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) representatives were in attendance.

Screening porn on college campuses is not unheard of. Other colleges—notably UCLA, UC Davis and Northwestern—have screened Pirates II and ended the event with a discussion of safe sex practices from Planned Parenthood representatives.

Part of why these campuses agreed to screen the film was that Digital Play, the company who produced the film, approached these universities with the offer to screen Pirates II free of charge. Thus, no state or federal money was used to support the film screening at any of the campuses, including Univ. of Maryland.

Supporters of the screening say that pornography should be shown on campus because taking away the right to screen and watch porn violates students' First Amendment rights. Those who oppose screenings on university campuses say that university funds, which are regulated by the state, should not be used to fund these screenings. Even though the screening is followed with discussions by Planned Parenthood, Univ. of Maryland officials are debating whether porn has an educational value at all. Still, this argument falls short because no state money was used to set up the film screening.

Still, I'm not sure how educational this event could be. Showing adult entertainment films and following the viewing with discussions from Planned Parenthood seems to add educational value to the screening. But porn is not the best way to stimulate awareness and discussion about real sexuality or healthy sexual relationships. If people want to discuss sexuality and healthy sexual relationships, the films that schools show should depict something closer to real sex rather than what is depicted in porn.

Besides, since when has porn and Planned Parenthood gone hand in hand?

Dr. Elizabeth Griego, Pacific's Vice President of Student Life, had this balanced response to the pornography screening: "I am a strong defender of First Amendment rights, but also expect that at Pacific, we're thoughtful about making sure that our activities are educationally purposeful and respectful of the sensitivities of others."

Dean Thomas Krise of the College of the Pacific echoed Griego's views, stating, "I think the key issue here is the purpose for the screening, rather than the screening itself."

My major criticism of showing porn on a college campus doesn't relate to First Amendment rights or how state money is being spent. Rather it is based on the fact that I would not watch porn in the company of classmates or professors even if you paid me to do so. To me, there is nothing inherently wrong with watching and enjoying porn, but doing so with a whole bunch of other people sounds downright awkward.

Isn't it Awkward When...
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& CoCo Eicholtz
Pacifican Humor Columnists

You know more about the person you're talking to than they could ever possibly fathom? Thanks to social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook, stalking people has become easier than ever before, and has reached an all-time high. This isn't your run of the mill, sit-outside-their-house-in-the-bushes stalking. This is much more pathetic. This is the kind of stalking you aren't even aware you're doing, which is the intriguing paradox unique to our tech-savvy generation.

Let's say you see an attractive man tossing a football on the grass of the UC lawn. As you watch this Adonis pause to wipe the glistening sweat from his perfectly furrowed brow, you think to yourself, "I want more." And where can you find more than you could possibly imagine without the hassle of an actual conversation? Facebook, your best friend.

You pray to whatever humble deity you put your faith in that his profile isn't restricted by these unnecessary "privacy features" that have come about recently, in hopes that you can begin finding out more about Mystery Man. To your unbounded relief, all of his personal information is at your fingertips. Creepy? I'm afraid so.

And you know as well as we do that you don't just leisurely peruse this person's "about me" section and move on. It's much, much more than that. You look at pictures of them from three years ago, check out what upcoming parties they'll be attending, and read conversations they've had with people you've never even heard of.

These Facebook escapades aid in the fantasy world you and your friends have constructed for this new character and yourself, for your "friendship" with this person is only alive in your mind, in your heart, and, God-willing he accepts your friend request, on your profile.

Cut to the party you and this new "friend" just happened to both attend. Coincidence? Don't lie to yourself. When the time finally arrives that you and Mystery Man come face to face, it's all you can do to make sure your Facebook stalking is not at all apparent in your first conversation. "So...do you have any pets?" you casually ask, even though you know for a fact that he owns a four-year-old cocker spaniel named Chutney with a small white spot on its front left paw.

As time goes on, you find yourself playing a mental game of Jeopardy, almost quizzing yourself as to how much you know, and how much he'll know you. "Wingate Park! What is the location of your first date with Sally Stevens, your ninth grade girlfriend?"

Ten years ago, you probably could have had a really intellectually challenging and inspiring conversation with this man. But unfortunately, the disturbing reality of this day and age is that the way we "get to know" someone sometimes takes the mystery out of Mystery Man. You end up asking friendly and inquisitive questions, only to realize that you already know all the answers to them.

EVALUATION, from previous page
adequate time to fully express what we think, then we lose our say in our own educational experience," said Wilburn.

These evaluations are a valuable part of the Pacific experience, and many students enjoy this luxury. The evaluations do not simply let professors know how they're being perceived by their students; they're also actually a factor in determining professors' salaries. Therefore, proper time must be given to students to fill out these evaluations, and improve classes. In turn, students must also use this time allotted in order to really reflect and give helpful feedback to their professors.

Often, even when professors give enough time for the evaluations to be completed, students rush through them in five minutes or less. This is equally harmful as professors not allowing enough time for the eva...
Yet again, Obama is being chastised. This time, however, even members of the democratic party are chiding him, most notably Jim Cramer.

According to the Washington Post, the host of CNBC's Mad Money complained that Obama's "radical agenda" is causing the "greatest wealth destruction I've seen by a president."

Bottom-line: It's not fair to make these charges. Obama is trying to dig us out of the huge economic mess left by his predecessor. American markets suffering are part of a global decline. This is a response to global conditions, many of which were directly inflicted upon the American people by the greed and indifference of the Bush administration.

Obama is being criticized for placing money into other programs, which many Republicans refer to as "socialization." Yet few people rarely look at the overall picture. Those that endlessly pick and prod at each decision, Obama has made, don't realize that the money he has been putting into other projects may help the stock market in the long run, thus making long-term investments more probable.

For instance, the tax cuts that have been implemented will allow for the middle class to have more money to spend. This should increase corporate profits and returns, which is always great for the stock market. As for Obama's healthcare reform plan, profits for many insurance companies would reduce. This would decrease the value of their prospective stocks, and instead leave money in consumers' pockets. If these are the same consumers that purchase stock, the money will be spent in the market, thus increasing the Dow Jones Industrial Value.

And yes, Republicans claim to be the "free market party" but the fact is that the stock market has done the best when under a Democratic president. Under a Republican president, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has only grown an average of 6.9 percent, whereas under Democratic leadership, it has grown an average of 13.3 percent.

According to the Almanac Investor, "A $10,000 investment compounded during Democratic eras would have grown $279,705 in 48 years. The same investment during 56 Republican years would have appreciated to $80,466."

Needless to say, the stock market has been unsteady lately. However, whenever a rise occurs (albeit rarely), the Obama administration is never to thank or to acknowledge. No, the administration is only credited when they do something not in accordance with the right wing's philosophies.

"Yes, it's true that the stock market sucks right now. But not everything can be fixed within the blink of an eye. Especially the American economy and stock market."

Duh, right?

Well then, stop complaining and have faith in the facts. In the long run, this will work out. That's what Obama has been saying—"Profit and earning ratios are starting to get to the point where buying stocks is a potentially good deal if you've got a long-term perspective on it."

Plus, shouldn't we be focusing on actually fixing the national economy first? And then focus on the stock market? It seems only logical, judging that the two affect one another, respectively.
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Panhellenic Philanthropy
All Over April

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Editor In Chief

In the last week and a half, the women of Pacific's Panhellenic sororities hosted three philanthropic events.

The women of Delta Gamma had a Charity Denim Sale on Thursday, April 16, raising funds for the local Blind Center. In the past, Delta Gamma has raised money to support the efforts of the blind, donating funds to Service for Sight and Aide to the Blind. This year, the event had a decent turnout, offering 40-60 percent off designer men's and women's jeans. Complete with a dressing room, the women of Delta Gamma put on a comfortable event.

The women of Delta Delta Delta put on their annual Miracle Mile 5k event on Sunday, April 19. The event attracted 100 participants, eager to run to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Last year the event had a similar turnout, complete with trophy for the winning runners. This April, the women of Delta Delta Delta raised $1300.

The women of Kappa Alpha Theta served breakfast on Monday, April 20. In support of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that runs a program to train mentors who guide abused and neglected children through the foster care system, the women of Kappa Alpha Theta delivered meals to various hospitals.

138 participants this year. Breakfast at Your CASA is designed to be participant friendly and offers breakfast complete with a blueberry muffin, a bagel, and orange juice or genuine Starbucks coffee to be delivered to your doorstep. This year, the women of Kappa Alpha Theta offered a dinner option of pizza and soda or water to be delivered between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Funds raised by Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta were unavailable at the time of press.

Xi Chi Sigma Steps It Up

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Pacifican Staff Writer

Xi Chi Sigma, one of Pacific's Asian interest fraternities, is once again putting on their annual, unique and edgy, charity event called "Step it Up!" which involves dance troops coming from all over the state to perform on our campus. The event features a number of hip-hop and step dance crews, including Rhythm Inc., a prominent hip-hop group on campus.

In addition to pulling off an exceptional show that will include over nine urban dance crews and musical performer Chris Navata, the night will benefit the youth community of Stockton.

All ticket sale proceeds will go to Hope's Angels, a local mentoring program for young people ages 14-17 years old. "It's awesome that such a popular type of entertainment is being used to draw in funding for such a disconcerting part of our community," says Elaine Campion, senior film studies major.

Violence and crime has become a major issue for the Stockton area, and so Step it Up! is a great opportunity for everyone to do their part in contributing to keep kids safe and working towards their personal and academic goals instead of spending time on the streets.

Step it Up! will take place at Faye Spanos Concert Hall on Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. At the door, tickets are $10, $7 at the box office and only $5 when purchased at Xi Chi Sigma. To purchase tickets or get more information on the event, contact the box office at (209) 946-2474 or visit the fraternity's website: www.xichisigma.com.

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Secret Identities: Professors’ Lives Outside the Classroom

Often, the only side of our professors that we see is the one that stands up at the front of the classroom and lectures at us for four hours a week. Yet teaching and grading are only a percentage of the work that professors are hired to do. Professor by day, researcher and committee member by night, Dr. Merrill Schleier recently published her book Skyscraper Cinema: Architecture and Gender in American Film. According to Schleier, the book took eight years to write. What else do our professors have cooking that we are unaware of?

In addition to research and writing, professors also dedicate their time outside of the classroom to serving on campus committees and in community organizations. These three components are required of professors: research, teaching, and committee/community work. Schleier, as busy as she was with her book and her classes, is also on several committees: the Undergraduate Research Task Force, the Visual Arts Gallery Committee, and Phi Beta Kappa, among others.

It would seem that professors are just as busy as the students they teach, if not more so. Many students may consider their professor spoiled with only having to grade the papers, not write them and only having to teach a few hours of class per week. Yet Dr. Schleier is just one of the many examples of professors putting in time on campus outside of class hours. She participates in almost as many clubs as most students!

Schleier stated that she worked on her book every spare minute that she had, in order to “preserve the thread of thinking even while preparing course lectures on other topics.” Semester breaks, summers, and sabbaticals were the periods in which she could afford to work full-time on the project, which talks about gender and film. As a result of this research, she added a special film component to her “Sex, Gender, and the Arts in the U.S.” class. You can also preview parts of Dr. Schleier’s book using Google Books.

Schleier’s book is available in the Pacific Bookstore, as are other works by Pacific professors. Furthermore, works by alumni can be found in the Special Collections of the Pacific Library.

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The Benjy Davis Project, based out of Baton Rouge, La., is bringing southern hospitality to fans nationwide with its fourth album “Dust,” released last late year. The band, formed in 2001, was started by singer/songwriter Benjy Davis as a folk-rock duo but has grown into a five-man band including Mic Capdeville (drums and vocals), Jonathan Lawhun (electric lead guitar, banjo), Matt Rumsak (bass guitar) and Michael Galasso (piano, organ, harmonica and vocals). The band has toured with the likes of John Mayer and Better Than Ezra.

From the emotional heights of “The Rain” and “Whose God?” to heartfelt romantic classics like “I Love You” and “Green and Blue,” Davis’ songwriting captures emotions from the whole spectrum of human experience.

“The Rain” kicks off the album with the story of a relationship that is constantly being put on hold while the couple waits for better weather, then realizes that there is always going to be something that gets in their way.

The powerful ballad “Whose God?” takes a more serious side as it addresses the issues of war, peace, and why some people are luckier in life than others.

“Dust” provides a unique blend of folk, blues, and rock and gives a catchy, twangy tune. Each track contains a distinct element giving variety to the album.

One track that stands out in the album is “I Love You.” The piano introduction and the catchy tempo definitely distinguish it from the rest of the album.

Secret Identities: Professors’ Lives Outside the Classroom

The Death of Vishnu, by Manil Suri

A drunkard named Vishnu is dying on the first floor landing of an apartment building in Mumbai, India while the tenants of the building go on with their lives in The Death of Vishnu. Manil Suri’s first novel. Suri uses Vishnu, the second god of the Hindu triad and as the preserver of the universe, to symbolize the ideology of reincarnation. As with reincarnation, the end only represents a link in the infinite chain of creation, which transfers to the book, which does not neatly tie off the various story lines in the end. Just because the book ends, doesn’t mean the characters’ lives end too.

On the first floor of the apartment, the housewives, Mrs. Asrani and Mrs. Pathak, argue over who will pay for an ambulance. On the second floor, Mr. Jalal decides to search for higher meaning after his wife accuses him of not having faith. On the top floor, Vinod Taneja’s longing for the wife he has lost, Kawita, Mrs. Asrani’s daughter, runs off with Salim, the son of Mr. Jalal.

The Death of Vishnu lacks a defined plot, but instead provides snapshots of each of the characters. With each snapshot is a glimpse of their past, in the form of memories that give the stories and characters feeling, depth, and meaning. The reader is shown the paths the characters have walked and then are allowed to briefly walk beside them.

Usually readers have a prejudice about the end of the character: hope that Mrs. Asrani and Mrs. Pathak will put aside their pettiness as Vishnu lies dying; that Mr. Jalal will finally find what he is looking for; that Vinod Taneja will find another woman; that Kawita will live happily ever after with Salim; and that Vishnu dies. However, all that does not happen, with the exception of Vishnu, who does actually die.

Suri does a beautiful job of presenting his readers with the memories and feelings of each character, and makes us feel like we are in the building with them.
The Stories Behind the Stars

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It is always a sad day in sports when a coveted and talented athlete passes away prematurely. It is even sadder when the athlete is killed because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

This is exactly what happened to Nick Adenhart of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on April 9, 2009. He was the passenger in a car that was hit by a drunk driver at 12:30 a.m. He was not the only one who died; Courtney Stewart, a sophomore at Cal State Fullerton, and Henry Pearson of Manhattan Beach, also passed away in the crash. As of April 18, the lone survivor, Jon Wilhite, was still in critical condition at the UC Irvine Medical Center.

The crash was devastating not only to the families and friends of the three that lost their lives, but to the baseball community as a whole. While premature deaths of baseball players are rare, it has happened in the past (Cory Lidle of the New York Yankees passed away in 2006 after his private plane crashed into a building in New York City. Darryl Kile, a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, passed away in 2002 from a heart problem). The baseball world gets shaken up; big league players break down. They become like everyone else — mourners.

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One thing that an accident like this highlights is the importance people place on athletes. Adenhart received the most publicity. Adenhart was the one remembered by most. And while it is true that he was the most well-known of the three, his life was no more special and important than Stewart and Pearson. It's important to remember that accidents like this happen everyday. Drunk driving has also been an issue that people are trying to fight, but it seems that since April 9, people are looking at it more closely. Adenhart, Stewart and Pearson were not the first people killed in drunk driving accidents, nor will they be the last.

Life is very precious. We only have one chance to live it. We have to make sure we pack as much as we can into our lives because we never know when it will be our turn to go. From what I read, these three packed into their lives what some people in their 50s and 60s don't pack in. Adenhart achieved his goal of playing professional baseball. He never got to see his career take off but at least he accomplished the goal he set out to attain. Maybe if there is one thing we can learn from this tragedy, it's the life is not very long and we need to start making strides to accomplish our goals right now before it becomes too late.

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Fun with Four Letters
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Walk around Pacific and ask people what “fun” means, you’ll find a variety of responses. If the answers get boring, walk to the weight room and visit Assistant Director of Athletic Performance and strength and conditioning coach Marcus Dorin.

The difference starts with the way Dorin spells fun. He spells it like a dirty four letter word... “F-U-N-N.” If you ask him for a definition, Dorin would explain, “Winning is fun. Not only is it fun to beat the competition, but beating the clock, beating a mental block, that’s what I call fun.”

Marcus has found a way to make the sweat, the various swear words, and the evil glares he receives have a deeper meaning to him. “Seeing athletes get better and to see they’ve broken a mental barrier is why I like my job,” he said. “When athletes realize it’s all possible, that’s why my job is fun.”

Part of Dorin’s job is learning about his athletes. He sees how each person is motivated and prides himself on establishing trust with a group and the individuals. Dorin believes it starts with demonstrating who he is and what he expects.

“Athletes aren’t going to respect you if they don’t know you and what you’re about. I show them I care and I will hold them accountable. That’s my first step in motivating them,” he said.

Something his athletes probably didn’t expect is that he manages to have fun without seeing people in pain. Dorin also considers going to the park with his wife Bethany and two-year-old son Ezra fun. He enjoys skateboarding and is an avid chef.

Dorin said, “One of my favorite things to do is look up new recipes each night for dinner and I love to BBQ.”

Everyone has their own definition of entertainment. One thing is for sure, whether Dorin is playing Iron Man or Iron Chef, he knows how to have “fun.”

Pacific Drops Final Home Game in a Heartbreaking Fashion
Tigers fall to Sonoma State, 8-7

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The Pacific women’s water polo team lost a close game to Sonoma State, 8-7 on Tuesday, April 14. The Tigers fell to 9-23 overall with the loss, while the Sonoma State Seawolves improved to 11-15.

The Tigers closed out their last home game of the regular season with an aggressive first quarter. Sonoma State got on the board first, but the Tigers scored two goals soon after to take the lead. Pacific held on to the lead for the majority of the game, until Sonoma State tied the game late in the third quarter. Pacific attacked again early in the second quarter. The Tigers found the back of the net two more times, making the score 5-3 at the halftime break.

The Seawolves came back from halftime on the offensive, outscoring the Tigers 3-1. With two minutes left in the third quarter Sonoma State’s Laurel Sticklin scored her fourth goal to knot the game at seven goals a piece. The fourth quarter saw lots of aggressive play and turnovers as both teams battled goal for goal to take the lead. The Seawolves scored first making the score 7-6 in their favor. The Tigers found the back of the net two minutes later to tie the game again. It was looking like the game was going to overtime, but Sonoma State scored the game-winning goal with eight seconds left on the clock. Pacific’s freshman standout, Allison Kosich took a shot half the length of the pool at the buzzer, but overshot the goal.

The Tigers had three people score two goals each. Allison Kosich, and sophomorees Dara Tawarahara and Bridget Geck each found the back of the net twice. Freshman Katherine Biehle added one of her own in the loss. Freshman Lindsey Pengilly played the whole game in goal, recording six saves.

This game concludes Pacific’s regular season play. The Tigers will host the inaugural Big West Conference Tournament from April 24-26 at Chris Kjeldsen Pool. The first game begins on Friday at 4 p.m.

Pacific Golf Runner-Up at Big West Championship
Tigers tough down the stretch; outlasted by UC Davis

Athletic Media Relations

The opportunities were there for the taking all week for the Pacific Golf team. The goal coming into the Big West Championship had been to play aggressive golf; and to get past top ranked UC Davis and UC Irvine that’s just what the Tigers needed to do. And for three rounds the Tigers did just that. The Aggies just did it one better.

The Tigers closed out their 2009 season Tuesday afternoon after a two-under par 286 proved to be too little too late to prolong the season into the NCAA Regionals. Behind the inspired-play of TJ Bordeaux the Tigers jumped back and forth across the leaderboard throughout the final 18 holes of the championship. With Davis holding the lead going into the final round and UC Irvine a few strokes ahead of the Tigers head coach Brandon Goethals knew that it would take an extra-effort to get past the Aggies.

“We were in the hunt pretty much the entire tournament,” said Goethals. “A few shots difference here and there and a lot of things could have changed. I really feel like our Monday afternoon round did us in and put us in a tough position. Davis has a great team and it’s hard to come from behind against a group like that.”

Bordeaux finished the tournament in third place, the sophomore’s highest finish this year while teammate Alex Johnson took 10th and departing senior Charlie Van Sicklen posted a final round one-under 71 for 12th.

“I wish we could have given Charlie a better send off and gotten to Regionals for him,” said Goethals. This is a kid who gave it his all every moment on the course. He’ll be hard to replace next season.”
DeSean's Sports Update

**Lance Martin**  
Pacifican Staff Writer

Mountainiteer Rules for Living
Rule No. 1: "Life is not fair, get used to it."

**NFC**

Five players coming out for the draft:

- Percy Harvin: The University of Florida receiver is now being labeled as the biggest risk in the draft. Harvin should have gotten so drunk that he puked on smoking marijuana and laughing uncontrollably while watching Friday before the NFL combine.

- Aaron Curry: The Wake Forest linebacker is probably the safest pick in the top 10. Expect Curry to perform the term "pancaked." i.e., "Curry just pancaked Harvin."

- Mark Sanchez: The quarterback for Southern California possesses a strong arm, intelligence, ability to throw on the run, and confidence, but only started one season for the Trojans. Will Sanchez's lack of experience be a problem? It will be a problem the same way Cookie Monster abandoned his "pro-cookie agenda."

- Knowshon Moreno: University of Georgia's tailback might not have a 385 cubic inch V8 engine, but has the perfect combination of power, agility, and speed to be a punishing back at the next level.

- Malcolm Jenkins: University of Ohio's star cornerback can help any backfield by providing blanket coverage. Expect Jenkins to make the transition from corner to safety due to the size of his frame.

**Eastern Conference**

- Philadelphia: Although the Sixers play "anti-playoff basketball" for most the season, if there is one thing I've learned it's don't count the underdogs out. Prediction: My mind says Magic in 5, but my heart says Sixers in 7.

- Miami: The concept "you always have a chance with a player like Dwyane Wade" holds water during the regular season, but not during the playoffs. Miami is going to need great bench production to have a chance at stealing the series. Prediction: Hawks in 7.

- Chicago: For Nola it would be nice for Chicago to go on a playoff run, just like A-Train said, "I really would love to see Derrick Rose play in the playoffs." Prediction: Chicago in 7.

- Detriot: LeBron's best and worst moments in the playoffs have come against Detroit, that's why this series is like your ex-girlfriend. You both know its over, but you want to revive the feeling one more time. Prediction: Cavaliers in 4.

- Western Conference

- Houston: This is a classic offense/defense showdown, with the squad doing the best job of succeeding in the area they are less successful in will win. Prediction: Blazers in 6.

- Dallas: I strongly dislike the Mavericks and the Spurs, but I would gladly sacrifice an evening with Elisha Cuthbert to see a healthy Manu "4th quarter savior" Ginobili. Prediction: Spurs in 6.

- Denver: Being known nationally as the "Thuggets" can't be good for publicity, but it can't be bad on the court. Prediction: Nuggets in 5.

- Los Angeles: All the Lakers fans are wishing we could simulate this game on NBA Live and save the Lakers from breaking a sweat or possible injury. Prediction: Lakers in 4.

**MLB**

There is a new theory that wind patterns may be responsible for the 20 home runs hit at Yankee stadium during the past weekend. According to the theory, the shape of the new stands causes wind to slope and helps balls to lift to the right. To bad the ballpark dimensions can't explain pitchers Chien-Ming Wang's putridity.

Elijah Dukes, of the Washington Nationals, was fined by his team for being 5 minutes late to a meeting. He wasn't late because he was making it rain in the club or giving an interview to reporters, but because he was doing charity work at a local little league. Even when your trying to get your life together, things still go wrong.

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What is the time-capsule?

The Class of 2009 is starting a new tradition at Pacific. The Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House is scheduled to break ground soon. The Class of 2009 will have the first time capsule buried at the alumni house. In the time capsule will be mementos of the school year and a video starring all the students who have made their senior class gift. The stepping stone above the time-capsule will read Class of 2009 Senior Gift and will indicate the total amount of monies raised by the class of 2009.

Tell me more about this senior video!

The senior class video event is going to be awesome! On Tuesday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., the DeRosa Center Ballroom is going to be transformed into a fun playhouse. There will be music, live-video streaming, costumes, stage props, and refreshments. Every student that has made their Senior Class Gift will host the outdoor movie Transformers on the DeRosa Center lawn. All students are invited to attend. This event is free!

**How do I make my Senior Class Gift?**

- Online at www.pacific.edu/seniors
- By phone at (209) 946-2780
- Hand Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 220, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Senior Celebration on Tuesday, May 5th, at the DeRosa Center
- Cash, checks, and all credit cards will be accepted at the above events

For more information, call the Pacific Fund Office at 946-2780 or contact Kate Hutchinson '09, chair of the Senior Class Gift Committee, via email at seniors@pacific.edu or through Facebook.

Also, feel free to stop by the Pacific Fund Office anytime to make your gift.

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