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Heart's and Mind's Agreement: An Evening with Li-Young Lee

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Pacific community members were held spell-bound on Tuesday evening by the poetry of acclaimed artist Li-Young Lee. One of the most well-known Asian-American poets of the 20th century, Lee performed several of his works for approximately 100 listeners at Pacific's Morris Chapel.

The location of the evening's reading held special significance for Lee's work. The son of a minister, Lee's father was imprisoned while the family lived in Jakarta, Indonesia. After escaping from prison, the family traveled across Asia, finally settling in Pittsburgh, PA. The immigrant and exile experience, the relationship between the divine and the nature of love are all key themes to Lee's work.

"Love has been a great subject for me," said Lee, "I love poetry, because the poems I love to read are all spoken with the lover's voice - Lorca, Frost, Dickinson - what I fall in love with is the lover's voice.

Lee, whose influences range from Taoist philosophy to William Carlos Williams, has received numerous plaids during his thirty-year career as a poet. Lee has been the recipient of a fellowship from the Academy of American Poets, the Whiting Writer's Award, the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, because the poems I love to read are all spoken with the lover's voice

Lee has authored several major poetic works including Rose (1986), the City in Which I Love You (1991), Book of My Nights (2001), and Behind My Eyes (2008), as well as an autobiography, the Winged Seed: A Remembrance (1995). Lee was also the subject of Breaking the Alabaster Jar: Conversations with Li-Young Lee, which was the first published collection of conversations on the artistic process the featured an Asian-American poet. Lee's work has been taught here at Pacific by many English professors, especially in introductory courses, inspiring a love of poetry in many students.

The visit of Li-Young Lee was made possible by several organizations: Ethnic Studies, ASuop, the Office of the Provost, Celebrate Diversity and the Office of the COP Dean.

One Word Project: Discovering Who You Are

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The One Word Project, a conception of the Pacific Ambassadors, asked students to find a single word to identify who they are. The reason for participating in the project is to help students focus on their self awareness by asking students to find a word that describes them at their "ideal or best" self. Pacific Ambassador Kyle Turner says, "[The project] helps identify yourself better and to find out who you are."

The students participating in the project were photographed by a group of photographers comprised of Pacific alum and current students throughout the semester. The students' shots will be edited and their "one word" will be integrated into their photo. An original video will also be produced during the photo shoot to chronicle the production of the project.

The photos, along with the video, collected during the project, will be combined into a One Word Community mosaic some time in the future. It will be presented in both a photo tapestry and an online presentation.

Originally, the One Word Project was open only to new Pacific Ambassadors who represent the newest freshman class. Later, it was extended to the rest of the Ambassadors along with the collective student body, faculty, and staff. The aim this year is to take a snapshot of the Pacific student body and what personalities Pacific represents.

According to Turner, the project will only focus on incoming freshman next year. It will be integrated into the orientation process and will be a part of a freshman's first experiences here at Pacific. Turner says the project will initiate "the whole thinking process" early on in their time at Pacific. The plan is to continue the project with all incoming freshman classes to build upon the base started this year.


## Regarding the Swine Flu Outbreak

**University Media Relations**

Over the weekend U.S. health officials declared a state of emergency associated with the emergence and spread of a new strain of the swine flu. This variation of the swine flu has the capability for transmission between humans. Cases are now confirmed around the world, including in California. There are suspected cases in the Sacramento region.

The current concern over the swine flu outbreak provides the opportunity for an important reminder regarding precautions to prevent the spread of diseases transmitted by respiratory droplets. All types of influenza are spread through close contact with respiratory fluids either when a susceptible person is in close contact with the ill person or by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching one’s own eyes, nose or mouth. Individuals who may have recently traveled to Mexico, New York, Texas or San Diego and Imperial counties in California should take particular precautions and seek advice from a healthcare provider.

If you have any flu-like illness that involves a fever, cough, congestion, muscle aches, chills, fatigue, diarrhea or vomiting, you should stay home until symptoms resolve. Individuals with symptoms may be contagious for at least seven days following the onset of illness. You should consider seeking medical advice as there are several antiviral drugs available for treatment if started during the early phases of the illness. These treatments can lessen the effects of the flu.

Students with symptoms may obtain an appointment at Cowell Wellness Center, Health Services, or a referral to Saint Joseph’s Medical Group of Stockton. This applies to all students in Stockton and Sacramento. The San Francisco campus has issued its own campus instructions. Faculty and staff members with symptoms should contact their medical care provider.

### Brubeck Institute Quintet Named Best in the Nation

**University Media Relations**

For the second time in three years, Downbeat Magazine has named the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet the best college jazz group in the nation. The award was announced in the June edition of Downbeat Magazine, the 32nd Annual Student Awards issue, on newstands this week. The group received the same honor in 2007.

The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet is made up of members of the Institute’s Fellowship Program, five talented jazz musicians who have just graduated from high school who are selected to study jazz at University of the Pacific for two years. The Quintet performs about 25 concerts each year around the United States.

"This is a great honor and one that is well deserved by the fellows because they work hard to bring the best jazz, both standards and new creative works, to audiences around the nation," said Steve Anderson, director of the Brubeck Institute. "The fellows represent the next generation of jazz performance and are proof that jazz is alive and well as a contemporary art form."

The 2008-2009 fellows are saxophonists Ben Flocks from Santa Cruz, Calif., saxophonist Chad Lefkowitz-Brown from Horseheads, N.Y., pianist Javier Santiago from Minneapolis, Minn., bass player Zach Brown from Columbia, Md., and drummer Adam Arruda from Toronto, Canada. Flocks and Santiago will finish their two-year stint in the program in May.

To be accepted as a Brubeck Fellow is very challenging. "The competition is great and the talent level is high, virtually at a professional 'young lion' level," said BIJQ musical director Joe Gilman. "Each also has a seemingly encyclopedic knowledge of the recorded jazz history of their instrument, and are completely up-to-date with cutting-edge trends in small-group jazz. Previous fellows have gone on to be sidemen with Terence Blanchard, Gerald Clayton, Roy Hargrove, Kenny Garrett, and many others."

Downbeat Magazine has been publishing stories about jazz musicians and performers since 1934, making it the oldest and one of the most respected music magazines in the world. They have published the Annual Student Music Awards issue since 1977, recognizing the finest young jazz performers, groups, composers and arrangers, all through competitive auditions. Besides the monthly magazine, Downbeat also has a jazz musicians' hall of fame in Florida and is well known for its annual readers' polls on music.
New Special Education Partnerships at Pacific

Elaine Campion
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Education students planning on obtaining an M.A. in Special Education have two new partnership opportunities to aid them in reaching their goals.

According to Michael Elium, Coordinator of Special Education Programs and Associate Provost at the Benerd School of Education, the school has developed partnerships with the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE), Project Impact, and with Project Pipeline in Sacramento and the East Bay. The Project Pipeline partnership also partners for the MA in Curriculum and Instruction.

The partnerships were developed this past year, and currently 58 students are participating. The students in the partnerships are full-time teachers who have been teaching a few years and who attend the classes offered in the evenings. Classes are taught off-campus, which is helpful for the participating students.

According to Elium, the partnerships have been helpful in pre-screening as well as recruiting candidates for the programs and many students would not have considered Pacific as an option because of location and work schedule. Both the region and the School of Education benefit because more people are able to participate in the program and the University is able to reach more areas and expand their alumni base.

"The partnerships were made possible by the vision and support of Dr. Jin Gong, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Research. We have had excellent support from the University Financial Aid Office to make the program viable for the students," said Elium. He expects the partnerships to continue and expand for years to come.

Two Pacific Students Win Sundial Film Festival Award

University Media Relations

"Baba Yaga," a short film made by two University of the Pacific students, won one of the top honors at this year's Sundial Film Festival in Redding, Calif. The movie, made by students Eric Pace and Philips Shum, presents viewers with a captivating coming-of-age tale of a young woman who learns to be kind and self-reliant.

Last year, "Baba Yaga" won the awards for best screenplay and best cinematography in the Pacific Student Film Showcase. Their recent entry in the Sundial Festival was the first time both students have ever submitted a film to a film festival outside of the college experience.

"Philips and I work well together, we both know what needs to get done and his amazing eye for cinematography allows my screenplays to shine," said Pace. "Baba Yaga" was directed by Pace, and Shum is currently a film student at University of Southern California.

"Baba Yaga," a Slavik fairy tale, is the short story of a young woman who is sent on a simple errand by her step-mother, unaware that she’s walking into a witch’s trap. Through her frequent good deeds and with the help of others captured by the witch, she escapes to freedom. The movie is more than just a beginner’s film, said Patti McCarthy, film professor at Pacific.

"The film initially was made as part of a class project at Pacific but grew beyond that, Pace said. "Mr. Pace is a current student at Pacific while Shum is currently a film student at University of Southern California.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WEEKLY REPORT APRIL 19 - APRIL 25, 2009

AUTO BURGLARY
LOT 3
04/19/09
Victim reported her vehicle window was broken in an attempted auto burglary. Nothing was missing. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT
DAVE BRUBECK
04/21/09
Victim reported the theft of her registration tags from her vehicle. Officer initiated a report.

NARCOTICS
JOHN BALANTYNE
04/19/09
Officers responded to a report of the smell of marijuana. Officers initiated a report for judicial review.

BURGLARY
MAIN LIBRARY
04/20/09
Officers responded to a burglary alarm. Officers searched the building and located a burglary had occurred. Officer initiated a report.

CASUALTY
DE ROSA CENTER
04/20/09
Officers and medics responded to a report of a male subject with possible heat exhaustion. Subject was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
PACIFIC (HOSPICE)
04/22/09
Officers assisted with a perimeter search of the exterior of the building since an alarm indicated an open door. Officers located a bent window screen. Officers reported area clear.

THEFT
OVEN HALL
04/21/09
Victim reported his bicycle stolen. Officer initiated a report.

NOISE COMPLAINT
MARINOSA
04/22/09
Officers responded to a noise complaint off campus involving Pacific students. Officers reported being spotted and music turned down. Officers responded a second time and homeowner was cited.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
WEMYSS
04/24/09
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious male knocking on the door. The female in the room has a restraining order against the male. Officers learned the male subject had not been served the order and were unable to locate the subject.

VANDALISM
MC CAFFREY UCs
04/25/09
Officers responded to a report of a broken window. Officer initiated a report.
EDITORIAL

Finals: Overrated and Overdone?

It’s happening again. The wait list for study room reservations in the library have practically become a scroll. The guy sitting next to you in class no longer stiles his snoring as he catches up on sleep. The acne on your face, exacerbated from too many all-nighters, has turned your skin into a cobbledstone pavement. These are the usual symptoms of finals fever.

Yes, finals exams make up a considerable chunk of our semester grades. They often play the deciding factor between a B+ and an A. We’ve heard it all before. But is it really necessary—and effective—to exhaust oneself for the “big week?” Are finals worth stressing over?

“It depends on the class, but I do not feel that a final lets a professor know what a student has or has not learned from the class,” said Brittnie Lease, a senior communications major. “I think that a perfect final should consist of each student having to talk to a professor in regards to what they have learned throughout the semester, or even answer in essay-type answer as to what they learned. Basically, something more informal and laidback, instead of a lengthy, nerve-racking test.”

Now that’s a final exam most of us would prefer—simple and casual. This brings up the question—are finals overdone?

“I think you can recall a lot more knowledge of what you have gathered from your classes if given the opportunity, and on a lot of the finals you aren’t always given the opportunity,” said Lease. “And often people don’t do well because of the structure of the tests or the stress of it.”

If our finals exams were converted into a different, less intimidating format, like the one-on-one with a professor, the wait list for study room reservations would not exceed one page. That guy next to you in class wouldn’t interrupt the professor’s lecture with his snoring. And the acne on your face wouldn’t aspire to cobbledstone status.

Tests, especially if drawn out, test just one thing: memorization. For science classes, however, the conventional test may remain the most logical method. But for broader subjects like English and Business that don’t require memorization of numerous terms, there are other ways of evaluating what a student has learned that would be more effective than tests designed to test memory and retrieval of course concepts. It’s not about how much material you’ve learned, but how well you’ve learned it.

With this in mind, don’t kill yourself pouring over textbooks and flashcards. For any final, whether it be an exam, group project, or 12-page paper, consider what you’ll get out of it. Does one assignment really measure everything you’ve learned in that class? More importantly, has everything in class been worth learning about? Think about these things before you stockpile on Redbulls and Starbucks to get you through another all-nighter. A final is not a final statement on your academic success.

“Exams are always so stressful for students. A little stress is good, but too much actually backfires and inhibits students from doing as well as they can on exams and final projects,” said Lynn Beck, Dean of the School of Education. “It’s better to study early and often — all through the semester. If I did this, I could actually relax just a little near the end and approach my exams as a way to organize my thinking.”

“As a business major, I know that to get a job with a B.A. generally requires a GPA that’s just 3.0 or higher,” said Clara Schuhmacher, senior. “Most companies care more about your people skills and how well you communicate, rather than your grades. Grades do matter, but the ability to communicate is more important when it comes to the real world.”

The real key is to keep in mind when finals roll around. Depending on the profession, grades don’t always factor into getting a job. And if they do, remember that other things like real-world experience and communicative skills will matter more. It’s not just your academic success that isn’t finalized by a final exam. It’s your success in life as well.

NOW VS. THEN

The Truth about Holidays

Ally Mengarelli
Pacifican Staff Writer

I don’t know about you, but I really miss being a kid. After twenty years of some amazing (and degrading) times, I can’t help but feel that my perspective on things is so different now.

The holidays used to be so fun because you’d always get all these toys you could stay home and play with, simply because you didn’t need to work and support yourself—you’re a kid. “Work” doesn’t exactly extend too far past mental chores.

It’s just not the same anymore. Sure, Christmas is awesome but it only lasts a day—maybe the weekend—then it’s back to work because there’s little cash left in your wallet after all the consumerism.

Don’t get me wrong. The holidays are still exciting. Would they even be half as exciting had it not been for the more capitalistic material fetishism incorporated into each holiday.

I mean, really: Have you ever wondered what Christmas or Easter would be without the presents and the candy, respectively? Or where we got the idea to incorporate Santa and rabbits with Jesus? It’s strange that western societies supplement a religious holiday with a kindly, overweight grandfather and a highly evolved rabbit, both with respective immortal talents.

I never thought much about it growing up, but I find that as I grow older, I can’t help but notice it’s kind of funny—no, hysterical—that the mainstream Judeo-Christian religion has supplemented the birth and resurrection of their Savior with magical, lovable, iconic creatures.

I first thought about it in the seventh grade, when a classmate raised his hand in history class and inquired about the origin of the Christmas tree. Our somewhat quirky teacher was all too happy to tell us this “interesting fact”: In medieval times, after a war was fought, the victors would take the bodies of those slain and harvest their organs, afterwards dressing them across the pine trees in the forest. Like ornaments on trees. Like Christmas ornaments on Christmas trees.

Hearing this led me to wonder about the other little things that make up the traditions of such holidays, and what the days would be like without them.

No Christmas lights, trees, or presents.
And on Easter, no chocolate, no pastel baskets, no eggs.

“The truth about how Christmas tree ornaments came about doesn’t really disillusion me,” said Kathleen Chen, a freshmen pre-pharmacy major. “I mean, in regards to the truth about holidays, I already knew that Santa Claus was my parents; they didn’t lie to me about it. I mean, really: Have you ever wondered how Easter eggs came to be? And what about the reason why Santa brings us presents?”

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OneTaste: Empowerment or a Cult?

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Picture yourself in a sexual meditation center inhabited by people who practice mutual masturbation. Would you partake in such an activity?

In high school, there were Prowise Rings on the fingers of religious friends. Our society tends to be religious based and influenced. Most religions encourage no sexual relations before marriage, to the point where nuns and monks are revered. Muslims are locked down on form dating.

However, since the 1960s, people in western society have become much more open about their sexuality. The women's rights movement, birth control availability, and the gay rights movement have transformed the way people view sex.

OneTaste, an "urban retreat center" and "urban residence", based in San Francisco and Manhattan, is becoming more popular among people who want to feel empowered, loved, and learn about themselves and their bodies. Women and men ranging in ages from their early 20s to mid-50s gather to experience, through the body, a connection between themselves and other people.

"OneTaste integrates the principles of mindfulness with the practice of sexuality: mindful sexuality," says the center's website, OneTaste.us. "By nourishing and including this basic and essential part of life, we discover richer relationships, an embodied sense of self and the uncompromised feeling of wholeness."

There are many different courses offered at this center, including yoga that used to be practiced naked. Yet, only residents of OneTaste may participate in the 7 a.m. mutual masturbation practice that leads to their discovery of "richer relationships, an embodied sense of self and the uncompromised feeling of wholeness."

"In our culture women have been conditioned to have closed sexuality and open feelings," said Nicole Daedone, founder of OneTaste. "And men to have open sexuality and closed feelings. This is their whole area of resistance and shame."

While there's reason to support women's empowerment, including sexuality, does OneTaste really make it there? The idea itself seems appealing, but online reviews tend to lean toward OneTaste as very cult-like. That's understandable, from the way OneTaste is promoting money, (members pay $300 upright and $10 to $200 for classes, and non-members pay higher prices) to the way customers view the founder of OneTaste.

Elana Auerbach, a previous OneTaste resident, told the New York Times that the center's participants "take on Nicole, exude Nicoleness. You stop trusting yourself and start trusting Nicole."

Even Daedone admitted that her residents began to view her as a guru, which is why she ended up moving out of the residence hall and in with her boyfriend.

"I think there are people who believe that sexual acts are personal and not meant to be shared with just anyone," said Christine Osborne, senior. "To those people, the group workshops that OneTaste provides will certainly be inappropriate, perhaps even undignified. There will be people like me who aren't too sure what they think or how they feel, and on the other end of the spectrum we will have people who believe sex is natural and that what OneTaste is doing is providing a safe and open environment for people to explore themselves entirely, body, mind, and spirit."

Kayla Jackson, freshman, took a different stance. "I think this is just an excuse for women to do weird stuff and not feel guilty or dirty. Can't they do something more productive? I don't know...I just don't see the point of it."

Sex is natural and the human body should be explored and loved. Unfortunately, the way Daedone is doing seems to be followed, and the amount of monetary compensation, along with the fact that the money must be produced right away, drives some of the interest away from OneTaste. Nevertheless, people continue to swap the center and its sister center in New York City on a daily basis. Needless to say, they get the fulfillment they are looking for.

Isn't it Awkward When...

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You're forced to do that one thing no one wants to do? You have to be the sexual buzz kill. No one willingly wants to interrupt two people getting busy, but sometimes you have no other choice.

Sometimes business gets in the way of pleasure and it is, in so many words, punk the buzz kill. "Actually, we were thinking of using this pool table for today's rec activity... you say, cursing the day you signed up to be an R.A."

In a livelier scenario, say, at a party, the likelihood of obtaining the buzz kill responsibility actually increases. What's that you spot on the couch, under those gyrating hips? Your alarm, the one the student majors in. While there's reason to support women's empowerment, including sexuality, does OneTaste really make it there? The idea itself seems appealing, but online reviews tend to lean toward OneTaste as very cult-like. That's understandable, from the way OneTaste accepts money, (members pay $300 upright and $10 to $200 for classes, and non-members pay higher prices) to the way customers view the founder of OneTaste.

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Do Grades Really Matter?

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"The debate can go on for days. Students stake everything to get good grades, because for many, a transcript is all that counts. Professional schools look at grades first, and though many press the issue of extracurricular activities, an "A" in genetics surely goes farther than playing an intramural sport."

We all know how difficult it can be to constantly get good grades at Pacific, and there are numerous factors at play. Students find a niche in one subject, and a particular subject? Students may have a hard time with another. The difficulty begins when the hard subject is the one the student majors in.

The way that tests are composed (multiple choice or essays) is an issue many students have. And when more than one professor teaches the same subject, students always try, to find the "easier" professor. But isn't the concept of difficulty relative? This idea should be personal, and it is almost frivolous to try to choose an easier professor when there is no personal basis (unless a student has already taken a course with one of the professors) to make that decision.

The easier professor may not necessarily be easier, but may help the student better demonstrate how much they know about the topic. Are grades a clear indication of how much a student really knows in the thrill of teaching at a university where the freedom to teach in any style that an individual professor regards successful is revered. "Part of the attraction of teaching at Pacific is the creative experience we can enjoy in the classroom. Standardization of methods across all faculties would stifle this."

"Isn't it awkward when..."
**The Democrat**
Ally Mengarelli  
Pacifcan Staff Writer

What is the "Democratic perspective" and what does it mean to be a member of the Democratic Party?

When asked this question, I found it difficult to answer. It seems that most of us are raised within a household with family members that share a common political ideology. It seems rare, if otherwise.

There really is no way to describe the "typical" Democrat or Republican because people usually fall all over the spectrum. Sometimes situations change and people change: like lately, certain GOP senators and longtime Republicans have decided to go blue! But, in a nutshell, the parties are distinguishable in the most widely held beliefs:

Democrats choose to separate religion from government. Whereas Republicans are usually pro-life for reasons mainly concerning religion, most Democrats are pro-choice believing in personal rights rather than base the law off of religious doctrine.

Democrats are typically anti-death penalty, pro-gun-control, and believe that the government should solve more issues through social programs. Democrats usually comply with the belief that in order for people to live comfortably, citizens send part of their earnings to the government and the government uses this money to help improve the quality of healthcare and assistance for whenever someone's in need.

Now the reason why I vote democratic is for reasons that could very well differ from very many other Democrats.

I vote democratic because I am completely disgusted with how the last Republican leader turned out. To be completely honest, he got a chance to improve his reputation—twice. And he failed. Big time.

I admit my disgust lies alongside my anger towards the Bush regime, but I can't help but associate the Republican party with fundamentalism and greed. Within the past eight years, it seems that the Republicans in power were so arrogant that little to no democratic representation was enforced. And then when the Republican candidate chose his vice president candidate. It's all turned into a conservative doctrine.

Like when the Bush administration refused to give healthcare and financial aid to countries that offered abortions or birth control within their medical benefits. Of course, this is in countries where women are raped and infected with HIV/AIDS at extremely young ages and are then forced to give birth to an infected child, further increasing death rates throughout the country. This is horrific—to think that because of Bush's religious beliefs, people were literally dying.

Money was handed over to huge corporations and even one of the leading members of Enron was linked to the Republican leader.

I understand that all Republicans do not think this way but the fact is that the people that are running within the Republican party tend to lean towards enforcing laws that contradict the very values this country was founded on.

And that's why I vote democratic.

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that. And Easter meant Easter egg hunts only if my parents so desired to take me to one.”

Imagine never hearing about good old Saint Nick. It seems that without it all, Christmas would just be another religious holiday. Like Lent, but worse because you have to see your stubborn grandfather and bitchy cousin.

To look at this holiday from an outsider's perspective, this tradition would seem ludicrous and to some, even frightening.

To think that someone would blindly accept the notion that a universally trusted overweight, and likely diabetic, old man is allowed to break into people’s homes, eat their cookies and milk in exchange for “gifts”—most of which are packaged, potentially sharp, chokeable small toys—is strange.

But then again, when you’re a kid, anything your parents tell you is regarded as the universal truth because really, what else do you know?

They say ignorance is bliss. Well, I disagree. Ignorance sucks and it’s annoying. Naïveté, though? That's bliss—when you're a child, of course.

Yes, knowing the true origins of such traditions is interesting, but learning that guts used to be the ornaments on trees? I could’ve done without that.

All in all, I’m glad we have presents on Christmas and candy on Easter—a little holiday, albeit symbolized by a reindeer-dependent old man and giant bunny, is needed every few months.
carpe diem  
School's not out for the summer

There are only about three more weeks left of the spring semester. Three more weeks, or 21 more days. Funny, that's how old I am. I guess everything works out for a reason, doesn't it?

Anxiously, pretty much everyone is cramming for finals, midterms, or trying not to (like me). Either way, there's always been a rush to finish some type of project or assignment in the last few weeks, especially for those who plan to graduate this year.

Firstly, for those of you who are worried about graduation credits or about whether you'll pass a class or not, remember that you have the opportunity of summer school. Although summer school has always seemed like a punishment for those students who could've done just a little bit better, summer sessions in college are more than just remedial. For instance, courses are offered online, which allows students to study at their own pace, in their own home or on vacation.

Just make sure your computer and internet connections are secure and are capable of handling such programs and applications. Although not as many classes are offered (professors do need summer vacations, too), quite a few core classes are offered per major and school, and taking a class or two over the summer can lessen the course and financial load during the fall and spring semesters.

Summer sessions are open for registration until the course actually starts, so you'll have time to think about whether you need to take any courses or not. However, you cannot enroll as a student in the course until you have paid all the necessary fees.

In my experience, summer sessions are a way to relax while taking a course, and if you know any friends who are also there for the summer, it can be a really fun experience.

As we all buckle down, start packing up, or start to think about what we'll be doing after school's out, we re-evaluate this school year to see what we've accomplished.

The school year of 2009 has brought us many changes, good and bad. Specificially with our campus, the new University Center and the Biology Building, and many other new buildings in progress has transformed the school from a familiar, homely college to a modern and eco-friendly university. Changes in housing sign-ups and the academic calendar may provide more organization and less frustration in the future, and the transition of a new president will offer a fresh starting point for the next academic year.

Unfortunately, for all the great additions this year, we also have to deal with all the letdowns, disappointments, and dark places that we've all experienced. For those who have had close ones pass away, we remember all the memories and good times we've had with them. For those who mourn the fall of the economy, we remember the times when gas wasn't unbearably high or when we actually had a job.

As the year goes by, we realize that we are growing older, and that sometimes things just happen for a reason.

Here's to a relaxing summer of 2009, where you can forge, new paths or forget old troubles.
Miss Delta Upsilon

On Monday night, Delta Upsilon hosted their annual Miss Delta Upsilon Pageant at Grace Covell Hall. Contestants included Christina Boyd of Alpha Phi, Giovanna Arieta of Kappa Alpha Theta, Savannah Westbrook of Delta Gamma, Kara Saavedra of Delta Delta Delta, and Johanna Covell of Theta Alpha Phi.

Each contestant participated in five categories: Introduction, Talents, Formal Wear, Question and Answer, and the Donation Competition.

For the talent category, Arieta performed a scene from the Revue, First Comes Love, Westbrook performed a scene from Miss Congeniality, Covell sang “Somewhere Over The Rainbow,” and Saavedra and Boyd both performed raps.

In the Donation Competition, Alpha Phi came in first with $130, with Tri Delta following with $100. After the individual competitions, the Miss Delta Upsilon title went to Saavedra. First runner ups included Boyd, Arieta, and Covell.

Marcus Chin, Delta Upsilon Philanthropy Chair, thanked the judges, from Pi Kappa Alpha, Theta Chi, Sigma Chi, and Theta Alpha Phi, for “supporting us in the event.” The event raised approximately $600 for the fraternity’s philanthropy, the Stockton Boys and Girls Club.

“It was a fun opportunity for all the Greeks to get together and show Greek pride and unity!” said Saavedra.

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Pacific Professional Engineers Want To Be Represented

Arbie Jeke Campuspos
Pacifican Guest Writer

The Pacific Professional Engineers is a new student organization at the University of the Pacific, made up of about 20 students from the School of Engineering and Computer Science. We are currently assembling a petition to request admittance as a colony of the national fraternity Theta Tau. Theta Tau is the nation’s oldest and foremost professional engineering fraternity.

Engineering has yet to be represented among the “Professional Fraternities” on campus, and thus we are enthusiastic and optimistic about our group. We are eager to be a colony by the end of this semester, and a full pledged chapter by the end of the next school year. We will be joining a list of newly colonized schools that include UC Berkeley and UC San Diego.

For more information, please email Lauren Fukuda at fukudamatata@gmail.com.

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Fe Stress During Finals

Andy Lee
Pacifican Staff Writer

As time draws near for a fitting close to the school year, students are finding themselves stockpiled with last minute work, and of course, the anxiety of finals hovering ever so near. As finals time approaches, it has become more and more important that students arm themselves with methods to de-stress themselves. Stress can multiply exponentially, but perhaps these useful tips can help slow the craze.

1. There has never been a better time to seek the comfort of Baum Fitness Center or Main Gym. Whether it’s a brief run at the treadmill or a quick half-court game at the basketball courts, working out the body works the mind.

2. Breathe calmly and slowly when studying. Heightened breathing, caused by you stressing out, only lowers the blood flow and increases stress, which is likely not helpful.

3. Plan your schedule. Sitting down and plotting out your plans on a piece of paper can help get your thoughts together. It is important to have your schedule written down and placed nearby so that you’re not constantly flitting about thinking about what to do next, and that way, it’ll be easier to focus about what you really need to do.

4. Get out. It is never healthy to coop yourself in a room all day, so get out for once. Let your mind get off studying for a moment so that you can take it all in, and return with a fresh outlook.

5. Laugh! There is nothing more healthy and inexpensive than to inject some fun into your day. Find a reason to laugh, and you will begin to feel better.

De-Stress During Finals

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Gamma Alpha Omega and the White Roses

Ylicia Hernandez
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Throughout high school, there were many changes we did not foresee. We worked hard and follow our parents, who taught us to “work hard now, so you won’t have to later.” Our destination was unknown, but along the way we would find our identity.

For many young women in high school, awareness of the plethora of opportunities that lie at their feet remains undiscovered. In order to develop various skills that will help in their future academic careers and for the remainder of their lives, the Sigma chapter of Gamma Alpha Omega has created an after school mentoring program.

As part of our undertaking of mentoring youth we have thus created a high school mentorship program, the White Roses. The White Roses serves the adolescent female population at the Edward C. Merlo Institute of Environmental Technology. Active members serve to lead by example, helping participants in areas of education and providing a support system. The program is just beginning to be established and includes weekly workshops that facilitate critical thinking skills as well as developing experience in creating resumes, personal statements, and a sense of identity for the girls. The ladies of GAO serve as mentors fostering the values of higher education, academic excellence, service, and leadership, while simultaneously promoting virtues of respect, compassion, and understanding.

Gamma Alpha Omega (GAO) is a community service based organization that takes pride in serving the community, mentoring youth, and promoting higher education. The Sigma chapter has been present at the University of the Pacific since October 2003 and achieved charter status on June 24, 2005.

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Athlete Profile:
Moritz Starke

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I'm not sure what's in the water in Bamberg, Germany, but one thing is for sure, it produced an award-winning tennis player and sent him to University of the Pacific. Moritz Starke finished his senior season being named Big West’s Co-Player of the Year and Player of the Week four times.

With such impressive titles rewarded to his name, you might think he deserves to strut around like he owns the place. However, Starke still walks around modestly. "I'm really honored for the recognition, but it is first a team sport. Without my teammates' support and help, I would have never been able to push myself to such a high level."

The support doesn't end with his teammates. His coach, Matt Lucas, said, "It is so great that other coaches are old and his strong willingness to succeed has made him a winner."

"I've been successful is my mentality of putting my team first and play until the last point. As a whole, we are a hard working team; that's how we win."

Going into the Big West Tournament two weeks ago, Pacific was seeded #1 and ranked No. 52 in the nation, the highest ranking in Pacific's history. Unfortunately, Pacific suffered a loss in the semi-finals to UC Santa Barbara. However, it seems like the Men's Tennis team is on the look-out for some dedicated players.

Moritz Starke is Starke also plans to go to graduate school in Spain and equally as excited as we were about starting up a club volleyball team. Co-founders Kara Saavedra and Pacifican Sports Editorial Rachel Freeman have made their dream into a reality this semester when they finally reached the end of all of the necessary steps they had to go to in order to create the new team.

There were four steps Saavedra and Freeman had to follow in order to create this new club volleyball team. First they had to submit a club proposal to Pacific Recreational Sports Department, located at Baun Fitness Center. Then the proposal had to be approved by Executive Sports Council.

Next, the co-founders had to meet with the Recreational Sports Board, which is made up of founders of various club sports teams on campus in order to get their feedback.

And finally, Saavedra and Freeman went back to Baun one last time in order to receive the official approval—which they got a little over two weeks ago.

Saavedra said that "the new Assistant Varsity Coach for the women's volleyball team was extremely helpful and equally as excited as we were about starting a club team. Because of that she gave us everything we will need: old jerseys — since the varsity players get new ones every year, knee pads, volleyballs; everything we will need, she is willing to provide. We really appreciate her support!"

The last hurdle for Saavedra and Freeman to overcome is to be accepted into the league, but everything that is necessary to start a club sport on campus has been done. There is now, officially, a Women’s Club Volleyball team on campus.

The team will be up and running in time for Fall 2009 semester, and in the mean time the co-founders are on the look-out for some dedicated players.

Saavedra said, "Ideally I would like 12 really committed girls, but we are in college, and there are papers due and other things that get in the way, so 15 would probably be better. However, if we had 24 then we could make an A-team and a B-team. Really, the more people who want to join, the better!"

Saavedra and Freeman are hoping to setup a booth at orientation and attract incoming freshman for next year, and all class levels are more than welcome. If you are looking for a fun way to stay in shape, and you have a passion for volleyball, make sure to check out the new club team here on campus!
**Athlete Profile:**

**J.B. Brown**

**Sophomore Leads Pacific And Big West**

Vanessa Connolly

Pacifican Staff Writer

J.B. Brown returned to Pacific in his sophomore year as the starting second baseman for Tiger baseball team. Brown recalls playing baseball his "whole life," and was excited to return to Pacific after being sought after by Coach Sprague from his home in Texas. As a freshman, Brown finished the 2008 season with 67 putouts and 73 assists, having played in a total of 45 games. Scattering eight hits over a seven game hitting streak, Brown placed third on the team with three triples and a home run.

In only his second year at Pacific, Brown has already topped numerous categories. Brown kicked off the 2009 season earning Big West Co-Player of the Week for Feb. 15-22 after a perfect fielding performance against Baylor, including five putouts and ten assists. During the winning game of the series, Brown scored two runs and went three for four with three RBI.

Currently, Brown holds the second longest hitting streak at Pacific since 2003, hitting in all but two games this season. Brown also ranks in multiple Big West categories (as of April 27); batting average (8th with .368 avg.), slugging percentage (8th with .568 slg.), and total bases (fourth with 88). Defensively, Brown is ranked fourth in the Big West for double plays (April 9).

Although Brown has reached such high standings for both Pacific and Big West he says he is not "big on records. I just want to just go out everyday and play as hard as I can and if it falls, it falls." Brown says the March 13-15 series sweep against Houston, his hometown, has been his most memorable series this season because he has friends that play for that team. Winning a game against Cal State Fullerton has been one of his favorites as well. Winning a game sweep against Houston, his hometown, has been his most memorable series this season because he has friends that play for that team.

Brown is currently a communications major. He said that his plans are to "play Major League Baseball, but if that doesn't work out I'll be a coach and be like my dad." When Pacific's 2009 season concludes, Brown will play summer ball for the New England Collegiate Baseball League, playing on the Pittsfield American Defenders.

**Great experiences come in all forms.** For soccer player Laura King, it was her senior game. "I tore my MCL three games into conference and was told I'd be out for the rest of the season," King noted. "Thanks to a great training staff, and a major knee brace, I was able to end my Pacific career playing on our home field, with my teammates, one last time." Pacific also produces memorable moments outside of the athletic mentality. "One of my greatest moments, above my basketball and scholastic achievements, was getting baptized in 2006 while at Pacific," Troyer added.

These athletes have managed to claim numerous awards and honors, while also staying loyal to the first part of their titles, being student-athletes. "I'm happy with my performance as a student-athlete. I found ways to manage my time well and keep my priorities straight," King noted. "I give that credit to my mom. I will be graduating with over a 3.0 gpa and that was my goal from the beginning," he continued. Both King and Troyer agree that time management and prioritizing your schedule are key components to doing well academically. "Sometimes you have to sacrifice your Friday night to finish that eight page paper," said King.

After graduation, King hopes to reach her dream by traveling to Europe and playing professionally. If that doesn't work out, she'd like to move to Portugal and teach kids how to speak English. Troyer is finishing up his M.A. in communications and also plans on playing professionally. He will most likely sign with a team overseas in Europe. When his career comes to an end, he plans to work for Nike. Oliviera had planned to join the other two athletes and also play professionally, but with season-ending shoulder surgery, he will be returning to Pacific for grad school and playing another season.

All three athletes express their overall experience at Pacific has been a positive one. Although they won't miss the 6 a.m. workouts, being guinea pigs for their strength coaches, or trying to pass their fitness tests before season, they're glad they had the adventure. It must have been worth it; they've experienced all the glory, as well as the pain... and they're still here.

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DeSean’s Sports Update

Lance Martin
Pacifican Staff Writer

I’d like to thank all the fans that read my column, my family, friends, and juice. But I have one question: Can McDonald’s please bring back the McRib?

NFL

Thoughts on the draft:
Raiders: The biggest head scratcher of the draft, which now has a lot of analysts bleeding from the scalp, is Oakland selecting Maryland’s Darrius Heyward-Bey with the number 7th pick. I am not saying he is a bad player, but he would have still been available at the end of the round. That’s Al Davis for ya.
Jets: Solid move trading up to take USC quarterback Mark Sanchez, even though they gave up the house. People might have booed when he was called, but these people go to the draft to boo everyone. The Jets could have taken God and the crowd would have rained down boos.

Dolphins: Thanks to Miami, West Virginia’s Patrick White will have the opportunity to compete for a back-up job at quarterback against Chad Henne. The most famous thing Henne has ever done is tackle a 10x10 from In-n-Out, so expect White to take some snaps to not only run the Wildcat, but also for play action.

Bengals: Cincinnati had the steal of the draft by selecting USC linebacker Ray Maualuga with the 38th pick, which is a better deal than the 59 cent corndogs at Wienschnitzel. The Bengals also picked up Alabama lineman Andre Smith (6th) and Missouri tight end Chase Coffman (98th). At least one player from Missouri named Chase was drafted.

NBA

Thoughts of the playoffs:
The Cleveland Cavaliers are looking like the team to beat from the East. They finished the Detroit Pistons like a character from Mortal Kombat who is at the end of his life with someone yelling “Finish Him!” If the NBA needs fresh footage for their “Where Amazing Happens” campaign, they don’t need to look any further than at the Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls series. This series has everything a fan wants: action, suspense and Joakim Noah. I hope the Bulls can pull it off, even though they would be playing the Cavaliers in the second round.

It must be hard being the Portland Trailblazers: losing two games by a total of 4 points at the Toyota Center in Houston. That’s as bad as posting up a story of FML, then having someone call you out on seeing your story on the website.

MLB

Who has the best record in the MLB? The Toronto Blue Jays at 14-5. That’s how you know its April. Toronto is looking to win its seventh series of the year against the Kansas City Royals.

With the Jacoby Ellsbury stealing home against Any Petitte, capping the Boston Red Sox sweep of the New York Yankee’s, expect the number of fathers going on television asking him to marry their daughter to increase, drastically.

The Pittsburg Pirates are currently 11-7. Enjoy it will it lasts, Pirate fans.

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What is the time-capsule?
The Class of 2009 will have the first time capsule buried at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin 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 great! On Tuesday, May 5th, 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, and refreshments. Every student that has made their Senior Class Gift can come in, sit in front of the camera and give their ‘shout-outs’ to Pacific, family, and friends. Have fun with your 20 seconds in front of the camera. You can do this as a team, group, or even as a couple. Feel free to dress-up or dress-down for the event. Again, it’s about having fun, while acknowledging your opportunities and accomplishments at Pacific. When you’re done with your video, you’ll receive the 20 ounce, 2009 Senior Class Gift Pilsner Glass. Then, come back at 9:00 p.m. to enjoy an outdoor showing of the movie Transformers on the DeRosa Center Lawn. This event is free for all students.

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