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Welcome Home!

A letter from President Dr. DeRosa

Dear Students,

Welcome home! I hope that after a break from campus you social justice organizations are excited to be a part of the and other clubs, intramural Pacific educational experience sports, movie nights and co-again. Whether this is your first organized volunteer efforts. I year or you are a seasoned Pacific—hope you are taking advan- can, I want every day you are on tage of these activities be-campus to affirm your choice to yond the classroom, as they are part of the all-around learning experience that Pacific offers you. For this wealth of opportunities, University of the Pacific was ranked among the top 20 colleges in the country for having the most to do on campus, according to the latest rankings of The Princeton Review, which were released just last month.

Our visibility grows because of progress in the development of two new buildings on campus: a state-of-the-art biological sciences building and a magnificent university center, both to be completed within a year. Undoubtedly you’ve walked by the two busy construction sites in the last few weeks. The biology building will provide laboratory and class-room space for biological sciences and our pro-professional health programs. The University Center will be a ‘living room’ for our Pacific community and will include much needed dining space, a large event venue, expanded bookstore, and at the request of students, a pPub.

I wish the best for you this academic year. Get involved. Get to know your faculty and be an active learner. Join a student organization, consider an internship, and look for opportunities to serve, enriching your Pacific experience.

Sincerely,
Donald V. DeRosa
President
What's Poppin' at Pacific Rec?

From the churning of the treadmills at the Baun Fitness Center (BFC) to the glowing of the lights from Brookside and Gardemeyer Fields, Pacific Recreation is one of the most exciting departments on campus. Here are some of the highlights at Pacific Rec for the new school year:

When you enter the BFC for your daily workout, you will be sure to notice the new conversation space that was added adjacent to the rock climbing wall. Whether you are waiting for a friend or winding down from your workout, grab a seat and relax on one of the new lounge chairs. For those that do not really like cardio or weight training, stop by the BFC for the hottest ping-pong action on campus; paddles and balls are available at the RecDesk.

The TigerX program is now offering nearly 25 different classes, headlined by a new and improved step class and five variations of yoga. There has already been a lot of buzz surrounding these classes. Some are even calling this the best lineup of group exercise classes at Pacific.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the Pacific Outdoor Connection is your spot for off-campus excitement. Several trips are planned for the coming semester including sea kayaking and rock climbing. Family and friends are allowed to sign up for these trips, so round them up to escape Stockton for a weekend.

RecSports is gearing up for another successful year by rolling out new events such as grass volleyball, frisbee golf, and a video game series. The fall schedule is loaded with the most popular leagues and tournaments, so be sure to check them out. Sign up at the BFC. Look for the brand new championship t-shirt, which will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

Check out Pacific Recreation's website to view expanded Open Rec hours and other programs and services. This year all program areas are headquartered in one central location, the Baun Fitness Center, so swing by to find out firsthand what is going on at Pacific Rec.

Pacific Ambassadors

Orange Polo Anyone?
You may have seen us walking around, or should I say walking backwards, in our bright orange polo's. You may have even heard us singing the Fight Song at your Orientation, or better yet, you may know one of us personally. We are the Pacific Ambassadors, the "Face of the University," and we do more than lead tours and Orientation. We have the honor of attending presidential events, meeting University dignitaries, and making our presence known in both the Pacific and Stockton communities. If you would like to know more about Ambassadors, we will be hosting four information sessions on September 11th, 13th, 17th and 19th at 8 p.m. in the Spruce Room.

As Coordinator of Selection and Training, I'd like to personally invite you, yes you reading this right now, to come and meet the Ambassadors at our 3rd Annual Prom Themed Bowling at Pacific Bowl on Sunday, September 16th at 3 p.m. All you need is $3, a happening outfit, and a GREAT attitude because we look forward to meeting YOU!

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Pacific Ambassadors Spencer Ton, Tom Ilustrisimo, Tiffany Kan, Sophie Zumout, Kimmai Nguyen, Disa Patel.
Welcome Peers: We Are Your Voice

Campus Life

Students,

Welcome back! This year will prove to be a very successful year for Pacific students.

As you can see, there has been substantial progress on projects on campus. The framework for the Biological Sciences building and University Center are being pieced together, and in the next few months the outline of the improved University of the Pacific will be evident.

This summer your student leaders worked very hard to provide you with the best student life opportunities possible. There has been a specific emphasis placed on student activities, entertainment, and trips. The arts and entertainment section of ASuop has done a great job scheduling activities to keep students busy and entertained throughout the year.

The forefront of all ASuop objectives is to provide students with the services and events that they want. Especially in the student government, the voice of the student population is of the utmost importance. Every decision the government makes is in the best interest of the students. I invite you to communicate your opinions and concerns about campus related matters to Josh Foster, ASuop President, and myself.

Stop by the ASuop office or come to a senate meeting, which are held every Monday at 4p.m. We value the voice of every student.

This past summer, Pacific was recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the top 20 Universities in the nation with “More To Do on Campus.” This ranking validates that there are things to do on campus. However, your experience at Pacific is dependent upon your involvement in campus life. I urge you to participate in as many different activities as you can. Getting involved in Greek life, ASuop, student clubs, or attending athletic events will not only add to your educational experience, but will allow you to meet more people, have a good time, and make your stay at Pacific more memorable and enjoyable.

Make this year a success for yourself and Pacific.

Max Barroso
Vice President, ASuop

Welcome Weekend

Tiger Night

On Saturday, August 25th ASuop hosted their annual welcome back Tiger Night. Freshman and seniors alike enjoyed zooming around in a gyrosphere, riding the mechanical bull, taking pictures in the popular Big Chair, getting temporary tattoos and eating carnival treats. The next Tiger Night is October 14th from 8pm-12am in the McCaffery Center.

This conference represented our spirit and determination in continuing to accomplish many of the milestones reached by setting forth new goals and strengthening our foundation. The most rewarding milestone accomplished by GAO is the reason under which it was founded — to serve its members, the University, and the surrounding communities with the main objective of helping each student graduate from the university and to support the Hispanic/Latino communities as well as other communities in need.

Aside from having many meaningful meetings in discussing the organization's structure since our last national convention hosted by Sigma Chapter at the University of the Pacific, there were several very important workshops worth sharing. GAO's philanthropy, Women with HIV/AIDS, was presented by Stella Gran O'Donnel, Jesus Reyna, coordinator of the Regional Medical Reserves Corp, Michelle DiMiscio, founder of the HIV Prevention, and two community testimonials. HIV/AIDS is a human deficiency virus that may be passed from one person to another when infected blood, semen, or vaginal secretions come into contact with an infected person's broken skin.

It is estimated that 944,306 Americans that have been diagnosed with AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic through 2004. Of those Americans, 178,463 occurred in adult/adolescent females. Today, however, women account for more than one quarter of all new HIV/AIDS diagnoses and each year there are 40,000 new HIV infections, in which 17,000 people die. Of the 17,000, 42% are women, 31% are heterosexual, and 71% are women of color.

In Jesus Reyna's presentation he stated that the majority of the migrant farm workers are sent to the U.S. from Jalisco than any other Mexican state and 80% of these workers are men. Of the 342 men surveyed by Jesus Reyna, 44% indicated that they had unprotected sex with prostitutes and 75% indicated that they never carried condoms. Due to the high rate of men becoming infected with HIV/AIDS, the wives of these men are later infected making it challenging for the Hispanic population, for example, to assess health care, prevention services, and treatments.

The Ladies of GAO took time during Nationals to put together educational packets for the 21st Annual Seattle AIDS Walk that will be taking place on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The focus of this walk is to spread awareness and raise support for the Lifelong AIDS Alliance and the people living with HIV/AIDS in Seattle/King County. The Lifelong AIDS Alliance helps to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS by connecting people with medical providers, help navigate the maze of health insurance, provide healthy prepared meals, and/or find a place to live for someone who does not have one.

GAO's plan to expand to other universities will be taking place within the next few years. Within the next four years, GAO plans to expand to several universities within California, Oregon, Wisconsin, Idaho, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and Nevada to continue helping young ladies develop the same values and foundation under which GAO represents. Overall with each passing year, Gamma has grown and developed a strong foundation within the sisterhood and its surrounding communities; and will continue to do so.