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University of the Pacific
New Pacific Chaplain Gets Settled In

By Courtnée Coburn
Staff Writer

With the start of every school year comes an assembly of changes here at Pacific. A sunshine-filled summer over, and a stressful fall semester looming ahead, many students easily resume their daily activities without realizing a significant change in one of our school’s longest standing traditions. The historical position of having a University Chaplin has been passed on from Reverend Joy Preisser to Reverend Donna McNeil, due to the departure of Rev. Preisser. Rev. Preisser was highly respected by students and faculty alike. She was utilized as Chaplain to students of all religious backgrounds. However, upon meeting with Rev. McNeil it became apparent that McNeil is prepared to fill the shoes of her predecessor, and guide Pacific students to explore their own spiritual lives, and expose themselves to all forms of interfaith and social justice activities.

Born in New Mexico, Rev. McNeil began her own spiritual journey growing up in a Presbyterian home. She attended Austin College, where she enjoyed the small campus and liberal arts curriculum. She considers Austin College quite similar to Pacific. Upon graduating she attended Lowell Presbyterian Seminary, after which she moved to Geneva Europe. Here Rev. McNeil worked as an intern for the World Council of Churches. It was during this adventure that she began exploring faiths outside of her own. She returned to the United States to be ordained in Missouri as an Episcopalian minister.

Pacific is no longer affiliated with the United Methodist church, therefore the University Chaplin is a position open to all spiritualities. Rev. McNeil feels confident in aiding students of all faiths because she is so deeply rooted in her own. The reverend previously held the position of campus minister at Missouri State University, followed by two and a half years spent at the University of Delaware as the associate priest; clearly she is not lacking experience.

While many students are uninvolved in interfaith and justice organizations here on campus, Rev. McNeil feels she can change those statistics and encourage students to experience all they can, including their own spirituality during their limited time at Pacific. Rev. McNeil’s enthusiastic outlook is due in large part to her sense of humor. This semester Rev. McNeil is also teaching an Introduction to Religion class. When asked where she sees herself ten years from now on her pious expedition she responded, “Who knows? I may still be at Pacific. Wherever God calls.” In any case, Reverend McNeil is prepared and eager to become an integral part of

Reach Out Pacific

By Camille Brockett
Staff Writer

The annual Reach Out Pacific community service event for first year students took place on Saturday, September 8th, 2007. Freshman went out into the city of Stockton to see first-hand the importance of community service. The morning began in Grace Covell where students chose from 19 service sites. Once they had chosen a service site to spend the day, a few guest speakers offered their words of encouragement. Mayor of Stockton, Ed Chavez informed students that community service is “an enriching experience.”
Fresh Faces at Pacific

By Alex Ruano
News Editor

This year we have several new permanent and visiting professors hailing from a wide range of fields:

BIOLOGY
Professor Janet Koprivnikar
Professor Koprivnikar is interested in parasites of aquatic organisms, mainly in ecological and environmental aspects. She is a Post Doctoral Researcher at the University of Otago (New Zealand).

Professor Stacy Luthy
Professor Luthy has worked in the areas of fish populations, spawning, larval health and young fish growth in inter-tidal salt marshes, with special focus to billfish and sailfish species. She is currently a Post Doctoral Associate and Project Manager at the Baruch Marine Field Laboratory of Coastal Carolina University.

CHEMISTRY
Professor Liang Xue
Professor Xue is focused on the development of chemical probes for binding to targets on DNA. He is currently a Post Doctoral Fellow at Johns Hopkins University.

COMMUNICATIONS
Professor Paul Turpin
Professor Turpin specializes in political communication. He is currently visiting Assistant Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College.

ECONOMICS
Professor Michelle M. Amaral
Her focus is on health economics, public economics and applied microeconomics. She is currently living in Washington, D.C. and completing her dissertation.

HISTORY
Professor Marisela Jimenez Ramos
Professor Ramos’ interest is in US-Mexico relations, Chicano/Latino history, Borderlands/Southwest studies, Mexican/Latin-American history, Ethnic studies, Women’s history and the history of minorities in U.S. education. She is currently a Humanities Fellow in the Department of French and Italian at Stanford University.

MODERN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
Professor Kathy Richman
Professor Richman is trained in French literature with a special interest in 18th and 19th century literature and culture; she is fluent in French and Spanish, with a working knowledge of Portuguese, German and Haitian Creole. She is currently a Humanities Fellow in the Department of French and Italian at Stanford University.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Professor Nathan Monroe
Professor Monroe is interested in policy formation and the effects of majority power in federal politics. He is residing as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University.

PSYCHOLOGY
Professor Deborah Schooler
Professor Schooler’s research has focused on the emergence of embodied sex-type differences in infancy through adolescence. She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry, the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women and the Center for the Study of Human Development at Brown University.

Professor Matthew Normand
Professor Normand is a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology.

RELIGIOUS AND CLASSICAL STUDIES
Professor Caroline Schroeder
Professor Schroeder is interested in the beginning of monasticism, the New Testament and Women’s Studies. She is currently a Fellow and Lecturer in the Humanities Program and the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University.

SOCIOLOGY
Professor Ethel Nicdao
Professor Nicdao’s focus is on medical sociology, race and ethnicity, social inequality and qualitative research methods. She is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the University of Michigan’s NIMH Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Disparities in Mental Health Training Program.

SPORTS SCIENCE
Professor Peter J. Schroeder
Professor Schroeder is interested in Sport Management and Administration. He is a lecturer in the Department of Exercise and Sports Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

THEATRE ARTS
Professor Macelle (May) Mahala
Professor Mahala is a playwright, director and an actor/dancer in contemporary African American theatre in the Twin Cities.

VISITING PROFESSORS

ECONOMICS
Professor Michael Cullen
Professor Cullen has served as a consulting economist in the U.S. and in Europe for USAID, the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and a number of businesses. He has also worked as a portfolio manager for the Merrill Lynch Private Client Group. Last year he also taught economics at Mills College and San Francisco State University.

ENGLISH
Professor J. Samaine Lockwood
Professor Lockwood is an Americanist interested in connections between late nineteenth century feminism, the development of a regional literature set in rural New England and the beginnings of women’s tourism after the Civil War. Last year she taught writing and American Literature at UC Davis.

SPORTS SCIENCES
Professor Christopher Ludwig
Professor Ludwig is currently a Lecturer and the Clinical Coordinator for Athletic Training. He has worked as a certified Athletic Trainer at the high school and collegiate level as well as for California USA Wrestling.

VISUAL ARTS
Professor Bett Schumaker
Professor Schumaker holds the position of Assistant to the Chair. She is a specialist in twentieth-century European and American modernism. Last year she was a full-time Instructor in the Pacific Seminars.
Toto, we're not in Stockton anymore

By Linda Lopez
Staff Writer

As we return for a new year at Pacific, it seems as if our beloved city of Stockton is not only changing, but growing up along with us. This past summer, construction began in three different locations on Pacific Avenue. Although the initial construction was rather mysterious, the new public results of the construction have not only surprised students, but placed big grins upon a multitude of faces.

The largest and fastest approaching novelty which will change Stockton is called "Stone Creek Village." Located on the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Robinhood Drive, Stone Creek Village is aiming to be the place to "take you away from the hustle and bustle of the daily routines," according to the Stone Creek Village website. Armed with quality restaurants and shops such as BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, Juice It Up, REI, and Ann Taylor Loft, Stone Creek Village is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Pacific junior Diana Vo explained, "I'm from the Bay Area, so I'm used to having a variety of restaurants at my fingertips. Here in Stockton though, variety would not be the word I would use to describe the eatery atmosphere; so I'm quite excited for these new restaurants so close to campus!" Although posing a small threat to the Lincoln Center plaza due to the new stores' big city appeal, it seems as if Stone Creek Village will give a whole new meaning to a night out.

Along with Stone Creek Village, one of the most popular restaurant chains has marked its territory upon our "concrete jungle." Soon to be located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Yokuts, The Elephant Bar, best known for its exotic and tasty creations, is bringing Stocktonians a whole new spin on Asian-fusion cuisine. Still under construction, there has been no set opening date for the Elephant Bar, but many students are hoping that the restaurant opens soon, so as to spare the travel expenses of having to look for the chain in neighboring cities.

The Pacific campus is not the only place in Stockton under construction. The City of Stockton is completing a new center called "Stone Creek." The center will include a variety of establishments including the already open BJ's Brew House, REI, Talbots, Eddie Bauer, and Joseph Banks to name a few.

Rumors are floating around campus that maybe our little city is finally growing up, spreading its wings and joining the ranks of the big bad cities of the bay. Only time will tell if these new additions to town will tempt students to stick around. As for now, there is only one choice to make: become a part of the buzz and hope to get a table at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, which opened this Monday, September 17, 2007, or simply be a spectator from afar, watching everyone else experience the latest in Stockton.

Breaking the Waves

By Vivian Lee
Staff Writer

The Chris Kjeldsen Swimming Complex is closed temporarily due to renovations. According to Tigers Athletic Director Lynn King, the construction should be done around the second week of October. King remarked that there had been delays in construction due to unexpected repairs, but otherwise the construction is on schedule. Included in the new pool renovation will be a new deck, plumbing system, gutter system, and the mechanical boilers will be replaced. The renovation has been the first of any major repairs or reconstruction since the pool was built at the university around forty years ago, aside from the addition of the Pacific Aquatics Center in 1996. King notes that the new gutter system will increase water circulation in the pool. Student swimmers agree that the old gutter system was dirty and created difficulties in getting out of the pool.

Water athletics have not experienced any setback, though. The water polo teams have relocated their practices over to the San Joaquin Delta Community College pool, and games will be held around the city of Stockton. Last weekend, the water polo alumni had a game at St. Mary's High School. The Chris Kjeldsen Swimming Complex is located on Larry Heller Drive nearby the Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium and the newly created Klein Family Field.
Signed, Sealed and Delivered: The Newly Improved Mailroom

By Josh Chipponeri
Staff Writer

So your folks are sending you a care package, to help assist your academic progress, what do you do and where do you go? Thankfully the people working in the mailroom are more than happy to assist you as best they can. The newly remodeled mailroom has a new look and better way of doing things. In order to receive your package you must bring a print-out of your delivery confirmation e-mail to the mailroom. Should you forget to print it out at your room, or get busy and lose it, one of the new features of the remodeled mailroom is the computer available in the office for you to print out the e-mail confirmation.

An additional change you will find is the removal of an accessory wall, so now there is more available space within the office for students waiting their turn.

Administrative Coordinator Janet Dentoni said, “The improvements were made to make this space more of a student friendly atmosphere.”

Other additions include several graffiti boards, on which students who happen to be waiting can artfully express themselves in a proper, polite, and colorful manner.

An upcoming events calendar is another positive addition that allows on campus productions and sporting events to be promoted, making this a student driven and student centered environment. What also contributes to the benefits of the remodeling is that the labor and design were all done within the resources of the University.

Thank you to physical plant for doing the dirty work to make this a better campus, and for all the people involved in transforming this part of campus into a truly student centered environment.

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I hope you will continue.” He went on to explain, “Success is not measured by the things you have, like money and cars, but what you do with it.” Mayor Chavez also referred to the city of Stockton and University of the Pacific as “a great partnership, which looks at you students as partners as well.” Pacific’s President De Rosa also expressed his gratitude and emphasized the importance of service. He explained that, “great things are happening in Stockton and you (Pacific students) will be apart of the improvements, and that I am very proud of. Let’s do this not only today, but continue it in the future.”

A farewell was given by Erin Rausch Director for the Center for Community Involvement and then students set off for their various sites led by group leaders who were faculty, staff, coaches, graduate and undergraduate students from Pacific. Projects varied from spray painting “No Dumping” signs onto the sidewalk in Victoria Park, handing out pamphlets to raise awareness of water pollution, playing games with Alzheimer patients at the Somerford Place, installing safety nets on the playground at the Central Methodist Church, playground maintenance at the children’s museum, cleaning up the outside and inside of the Native Sons of Stockton’s club room, to helping the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation set up fundraisers. Not only did students visit their sites and complete their service projects, but participants were also treated to a bus tour of Stockton by the KTD who informed students about routes and fares, and how easy it is to get around Stockton without a car. The tour introduced the students, most of which are not from Stockton, to the downtown area and the shopping malls. Before the day was over, a few more supporters gave their thanks. ASuop President Josh Foster said, “Stockton is there for us, just as we are there for them, and the CCI is an integral part of the Pacific community. Going to these events is a great opportunity for you, and I hope you will continue being involved.” The volunteers made and presented artistic representations of their thoughts and reflections of their Reach Out experience. Freshman participant Katrina Wilborn stated, “I am definitely going to continue my involvement in the community-- it’s so easy to make an impact!” The overwhelming message of the day was that “Small acts make a big difference.” This year’s commemorative Reach Out Pacific t-shirts could not have said it better: “Volunteer... it’s a lifestyle.”

Photographs by Dan Cammarano

Photographs by Erin Birmingham

Students prepare to depart for their volunteer activities throughout the Stockton community on Saturday, September 8th for Reach Out Pacific.
Styrofoam vs. Paper

Campus dining hall makes steps towards a more environmentally conscientious campus

Those not familiar with the workings of the quad dining hall, or those who just do not pay close attention, might not have noticed the dining hall switch. The campus dining hall has made a significant switch from using Styrofoam to-go containers to now using paper.

Styrofoam, which was invented in the 1940s, is actually a trademark name for polystyrene thermal insulation. Styrofoam mixed with food products is an awful idea. Every time a person eats or drinks out of Styrofoam they also absorb small amounts of a chemical called styrene. Research has shown that styrene can lead to thyroid problems, menstrual irregularity, hormone difficulty, along with breast and prostate cancer.

Along with Styrofoam’s potential health risks, it is unsafe for the environment. Styrofoam is rarely recycled because it is not cost efficient and takes centuries to degrade putting a permanent dent in our environment. Food establishments across the globe are banning Styrofoam use and Pacific has joined the ranks of these conscientious groups.

Now when getting your food or drinks to go you can use paper boxes and cups without having to worry about toxins or the downfall of the environment.

The Pacifican truly appreciates the campus’ ongoing, diligent work to make Pacific more environmentally friendly and economically efficient. Along with Pacific’s efforts, students can help out as well. Especially those freshmen that are not quite used to living on their own, everyone should recycle plastics, aluminum, glass and paper. There are many different recycle areas on campus that students should make sure they are using.

Every little bit helps and if the school is doing their part to make Pacific’s environmental impact less, than the students have no reason not to put in their efforts to help the environment as well.

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Poetry Revival

This is the first addition of my new weekly article exploring the world of poets and poetry. Each week I will choose a poet, say something about him or her, and then give everyone a taste of the poet's writing. Firstly, I would like to invite all poets on campus (either faculty or students) to submit poetry and some information about your style and influences to me at travelterogod@hotmail.com. This week I chose one of my favorite poets, Jeffrey McDaniel. Born in Philadelphia in 1967, this slam poet has published in numerous anthologies and has three books out: “Alibi School,” “Forgiveness Parade,” and “The Splinter Factory” all published by Manic D Press. I am often moved by the intensity of his imagery and the ironically accurate metaphors. McDaniel seems to speak in a tone that most can identify with. He fearlessly dives head-first into the darkest parts of youth, love, the human soul in general, and somehow he can find humor in it all. I have read both “Forgiveness Parade” and “Splinter Factory” and I am looking forward to reading his first book when I have a moment. Here is one of my favorite poems entitled “The Archipelago of Kisses.”

The Archipelago of Kisses

We live in a modern society. Husbands and wives don’t grow on trees, like in the old days. So where does one find love? When you’re sixteen it’s easy, like being unleashed with a credit card in a department store of kisses. There’s the first kiss. The sloppy kiss. The peck. The sympathy kiss. The backseat smooch. The we shouldn’t be doing this kiss. The but your lips taste so good kiss. The bury me in an avalanche of tingles kiss. The I accept your apology, but you make me really mad sometimes kiss. The I know your tongue like the back of my hand kiss. As you get older, kisses become scarce. You’ll be driving home and see a damaged kiss on the side of the road, with its purple thumb out. If you were younger, you’d pull over, slide open the mouth’s red door just to see how it fits. Oh where does one find love? If you rub two glances, you get a smile. Rub two smiles, you get a warm feeling. Rub two warm feelings and presto— you have a kiss.

Now what? Don’t invite the kiss over and answer the door in your underwear. It’ll get suspicious and stare at your toes. Don’t water the kiss with whisky. It’ll turn bright pink and explode into a thousand luscious splinters, but in the morning it’ll be ashamed and sneak out of your body without saying good-bye, and you’ll remember that kiss forever by all the little cuts it left on the inside of your mouth. You must nurture the kiss. Turn out the lights. Notice how it illuminates the room. Hold it to your chest and wonder if the sand inside hourglasses can wipe clean the special beach. Place it on the tongue’s pillow, then look up the first recorded kiss in an encyclopedia: beneath a Babylonian olive tree in 1200 B.C. But one kiss levitates above all the others. The intersection of function and desire. The I do kiss.

The I’ll love you through a brick wall kiss. The I do kiss in a tone that most can identify with. He fearlessly dives head-first into the darkest parts of youth, love, and the human soul in general, and somehow he can find humor in it all. I have read both “Forgiveness Parade” and “Splinter Factory” and I am looking forward to reading his first book when I have a moment. Here is one of my favorite poems entitled “The Archipelago of Kisses.”

Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Some people have asked me if I was going to keep my column retired from last year. Some people have also asked me if I was even going to be working at The Pacifian anymore. And as I am sitting in my wonderful executive leather chair, dutifully smoking a delicious stick of cancer, and enjoying the finest cold tap water that Stockton can supply, I realize that, hell, I am already 86 words into my first article. Well, so much for retirement.

Lately, I have found myself inexplicably drawn towards the car wreck of a TV show, Rock Of Love. Actually, I think the exact reason is that my remote is lost in the labyrinthine mess of lost change and lint that is my couch, but I digress. Rock Of Love, for those who do not like to be bombarded with flagrant stupidity, is a reality television show where a group of very, very classy women throw themselves at a washed up rock star from the 80’s. Throw in some alcohol, mix it with a mental condition or two, and set the oven on white trash; hilarity ensues. The only reason I bring this up is that there is something so interesting about why so many people enjoy watching these shows. These are the dregs of society, people. Maybe it is just like that strange feeling of knowing that no matter what you do, you will never look as stupid as most of the people on reality TV do.

Speaking of the dregs of society, everyone’s favorite athlete turned murderer, OJ Simpson, is back in the spotlight. Perhaps he has been watching too many reruns of Oceans 11, or even listening to too many Dane Cook jokes, but he was recently arrested in Las Vegas for, wait for it, alleged armed robbery at the Palace Station casino-hotel.

Unfortunately, it is not actually as exciting as it sounds because apparently he broke into someone’s hotel room to steal some sports memorabilia. I kind of liked the version that I had in my head better: OJ Simpson dressed in black pants, black shoes, and a black and white striped shirt, tip toeing out in his old football gear, like a football, stiff arming everyone who do not like to be bombarded with flagrant stupidity, is a reality television show where a group of very, very classy women throw themselves at a washed up rock star from the 80’s. Throw in some alcohol, mix it with a mental condition or two, and set the oven on white trash; hilarity ensues. The only reason I bring this up is that there is something so interesting about why so many people enjoy watching these shows. These are the dregs of society, people. Maybe it is just like that strange feeling of knowing that no matter what you do, you will never look as stupid as most of the people on reality TV do.

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Wireless Woes

Wireless internet in dorms and apartments receives mixed reviews from students

By Heather Breen
Staff Writer

Pacific students have long clamored for wireless access in on-campus housing complexes. This summer, the University compiled with student demands and installed wireless internet that would be convenient, fast, and secure. But during move-in weekend, the wireless system proved to be more of a nightmare than a dream.

OIT and Housing were bombarded by students complaining about their wireless connections. Complaints addressed the limited connectivity or general instability of the wireless networks PacificNet and PacificLite overall.

Zachary Spurlin, the Assistant Director for Facilities Operations to Housing and Greek Life, said “a majority of students reported not having enough time or information” to prepare for wireless internet needs before coming to campus.

Indeed, many students who wanted to utilize the new wireless system had to make sure their computers were compatible with the wireless network itself. Some had to install a Network Interface Card (NIC) that would support the 802.11 local area network that the campus uses. OIT staff also commented that while the wireless network was incompatible with Vista operating systems, the problem is now resolved.

Estée Catti, a second year senior residing in the McCaffrey center apartments, stated: “The new wireless setup on campus is a great example of how forward looking Pacific is. However, the setup is obviously flawed. They should have worked out all the kinks before we were forced to use it.”

Many students do have the option to use an Ethernet cable connection rather than wireless (like those in Monagan and Brookside), however according to OIT only two or three residents in the McCaffrey apartments were able to use Ethernet cable connection capabilities. The cable internet service hook-ups that were previously installed in the building were ripped out over the summer.

As a result students living in this section of housing were left with only a dysfunctional wireless connection to access homework, classes, INSIDE Pacific, and friends.

Students living in the residence hall Jessie Ballantyne have had much more positive experiences with the wireless setup. Sophomore Jamie Huey exclaimed, “I love it!” while her friend Cindy Quan stated “It’s nice; they should have had it earlier.”

Other residence hall members point out that while wireless is convenient, they still use an Ethernet cable to obtain a more secure and stable connection to the web. “If my cord wasn’t long enough, I’d just use the wireless,” explains a satisfied Jessie Ballantyne resident Sandra Sun.

It also seems that fraternity and sorority houses were able to have a more stable wireless connection than others on campus. Sigma Chi Junior Tony Madrigal said, “Our internet wouldn’t connect for about two hours on Saturday,” but that was the only technical problem they experienced.

Although the wireless system has received mixed reviews, staff members are assured that the kinks in the system will be worked out sooner than later. Spurlin points out that “the internet has become a necessity,” and as such, the school is trying to make it work for everyone.

I Have Become Old

Nick Hansen
Guest Writer

I “graduated” college nearly four months ago and I am already showing signs of age. I am no longer the lively, active college kid that I was in my younger years. Now I am a slave to society, working long hours at work only to come home and be a bum till the need for sleep gets the best of me and takes me to my desk; if I did I would have much more positive days where I just feel like drinking and morning bike rides

Life after college: talk radio, sleeping and morning bike rides

day, something I would have never dared to do in college, to shower and drink my mug of coffee before heading out the door. For now I am taking a class at DVC, the community college made famous for its “pay-for-grades” scandal, and then I get to work around 10:30 AM. From there I work till about 6:30 PM and get home shortly there after.

During the week, I do not get the luxury of going out with my friends and getting drunk, like I did as a Pacific student. There is no fun in going to work with a raging hangover. I cannot sleep at my desk; if I did I would surely lose my job. In college you can sleep in class and it does not really matter.

On the weekends, I go for an early morning bike ride for my exercise, usually ending up riding the bike trails on Mt. Diablo. Upon arrival back home I am so tired I can barely get out of bed. Sunday is reserved for “personal time.” Cleaning, laundry and catching up on the things I do not get to do during the week.

As for the main topic of all my articles last year, I really do not party that much. I find myself reading the away messages of acquaintances that are “going out to get drunk,” every single night of the week. I cannot do that kind of partying anymore. I will be lucky if I can go out with friends on a Friday night. However I would rather go to sleep. I feel like a hypocrite writing this as I promoted partying as much as possible all last year. Now, I look down upon it. Perhaps I have moved on. I will admit, I do make it out to Stockton every now and then to see old friends and reaffirm why I do not want to live in there.

There is life after college, but unless you have the energy to make something of it, you will fall into the everyday grind. Sometimes I find myself having the same experiences that Adam Sandler portrayed in the movie “Click”. There are days where I just feel like I am on auto-pilot. Days turn to weeks, weeks turn to months and if you do not stop to look around once in a while, life will pass you by.
class of 2011 appears to be
adjusting well.
"I was nervous about
meeting new people, but
everyone here is really nice
and makes me feel welcome.
The professors here are real­
ly passionate, and not lazy," said
Connie Lui, a Pre-Phar­
macy major.

In addition to the dedicat–
ed professors at Pacific, the
small sized classes are one of the reasons why Pacific
became the college choice
for some freshmen.

Corrine Payne, also a
Pre-Pharmacy student, who
came to Pacific all the way
from Germany commented,
"I've always been used to
smaller classes and school
environments, which is what
also appealed to me
about Pacific." As for social life, freshmen
are becoming acquainted
rather quickly with their
peers. When asked if he has
met many people on cam­
pus thus far, Jeremiah Sosa
replied, "Pretty much ev­
everyone in Southwest Hall," which is where he resides.

Obviously, living on a
college campus means eat­ing college food. The Dining hall is
where most students dwell­ing on campus go to eat. Another din­
ing option is the Summit, located
on the upper floor of the Mc­
Caffrey Center. Attitudes toward
the food here naturally vary from
person to person. Although some
of the freshmen are tired of the
Dining Hall food already, others,
such as Kaleena Weltz, a psychol­
ogy major thinks otherwise - "The
food here is better than I expected."

In addition, the class of
2011 are naturally curious
about what food Stockton
has to offer outside of the
dining services at Pacific.

"Viva Burrito on March
Lane is the legit stuff of
Mexico," claimed Samantha
Juneman, a Music Manage­
ment major, and who is from

Long Beach. I would take her
word on that, considering she
lived near the border. Aside from the small
teacher to student ratio,
the academic programs at
Pacific played the deciding
factor for some freshmen when choosing where to
pursue their post-secondary
education.

The last word on Harry Potter

By: Nadia Mahallati
Lifestyle Editor

As you probably already
know, the seventh and final
book in the Harry Potter
series, Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows, came
out over the summer. More
than eleven million copies
were sold in the first 24
hours, breaking the record
for fastest selling book ever;
the previous record of nine
million was held by book
six. This was what some
fans had waited a decade
for. Some readers, myself
included, finished the 799
page book in less than a day.

To me, Harry Potter is not
just a book, but a bunch of
kids doing magic. It is a
story about people I have
grown up with. I cried when
Sirius died, and again when
Dumbledore died, and even
more in the final battle at
Hogwarts. I got butterflies
in my stomach when Harry
and Ginny finally kissed. I
laughed at Colin Creevey's
counter attempts to be
friend Harry. I groaned
whenever Crabbe and Goyle
walked in the room. I wished
I could have learned to fly
a broomstick and play quidd­
dich, learn to change teacups
into canaries, and master ap­
parition. How cool would it
be to live in an ancient
castle with talking portraits,
moving stairs, and rooms that
change into whatever you
require?

But it's also more than
that. Author J.K. Rowling
has used the series to make
subtle commentary on so­
ciety. She addresses preju­
dice, war, murder, poverty,
corrupt governments, and
propaganda in the media.
These topics are surely not
meant for a fifth grader. One
of the best parts of reading
these books is watching the
themes change, the topics
grow, mature, and more ma-
ture, and seeing Rowling's
overall writing skills im-
prove.

But what happens now
that the series has ended?
A quick look on Facebook
shows that not everyone is
taking the news as well as
others. "I've read Harry Pot­
ter #7, now what am I sup­
posed to do with my life?"

is a question pondered by
many. In fact, there are over
5,300 members of this group.
That number pales to the
66,000 who claimed "After
Harry Potter Seven comes
out, I won't have anything to
live for." But best of all, there
are over 130,000 members in
the Mrs. Weasley apprecia­
tion group who rejoice that
the sweet mother of seven
told off a Death Eater using
some rather foul language
near the end of book seven.

What can these fans do
for the gaping hole left by
the end of Harry Pot­
ter? There is no substitute
for a weekend curled up
with Harry and friends, but
there are some things that
can help ease the pain. First,
there are the two remaining
Harry Potter movies. Harry
Potter and the Half Blood
Prince is scheduled for re­
lease in November of 2008,
with Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows to be re­
leased sometime after. The
films are notorious for leav­
ing out major plot elements
to keep the length reason­
able, but for many fans, this
just is not acceptable. Only
time will tell if the remain­
ing movies will include all
the fights, love stories, jokes,
and deaths as the books. Re­
guardless, I am sure there will
be huge turnouts at each
midnight release.

If you want to experience
the magical world of Harry
Potter first hand, wait a few
years. In late 2009 or early
2010, Universal Studios in
Orlando, Florida will add
The Wizarding World of
Harry Potter to its Islands of
Adventure theme park. Visi­
tors will be able to explore
Hogsmeade, the Forbid­
den Forrest, and Hogwarts through rides and attrac­
tions.

As for those who are un­satis­
fied with the epilogue at
the end of Deathly Hallows,
you may be in luck. Rowling
told "The Today Show" that she "probably will" write an encyclopedia with
information not included in
the original seven books. This
will include back sto­
ries of characters, including
Dean Thomas, and more of
what happens after the fall
of Voldemort. Most of the
loose ends have been tied up
in various interviews with
Rowling since, but it will be
exciting to have another Pot­
ter book to enjoy. However,
do not hold your breath
waiting. Rowling is taking
a much deserved break before
she will consider writing
again.
Movie Review: 3:10 to Yuma

The American western has been considered dead by moviegoers for years. Director James Mangold’s remake of the classic 1957 western 3:10 to Yuma breathes new life into a genre that has been ignored in the last few decades. Mangold sticks to the western basics: there are cowboys and Indians, gunfighters and sheriffs, faithful steeds and Stetson hats, and of course a shoot-out between the good guy and the bad guy. Mangold is able to take these essential elements of the genre and present them in a captivating way that keeps the audience interested from the beginning until they ride off into the sunset.

The film begins like a whirlwind. It is initially difficult to figure out who is the good guy and who is the bad guy, and how exactly they are all connected. Within the first five minutes, Dan Evans (Christian Bale), an Arizona farmer and former Union army sharpshooter hard up for cash, has his barn destroyed, feed burned, and livestock killed by whom we later learn is a representative of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

When we are first introduced to the bad guy, Ben Wade (Russel Crowe), he and his gang of lawbreakers rob a stagecoach carrying the payroll for the Southern-Pacific Railroad. Australian native Crowe seems right at home as the infamous outlaw Ben Wade in the film’s Arizona outback setting. For a self-professed bad guy who “wouldn’t last five minutes leading an outfit like that if I wasn’t as rotten as Hell,” Wade is quick to quote the Bible and would seem uncharacteristically kind to protagonist Dan Evans if we didn’t think he was slightly crazy. Okay, completely crazy.

Dallas Roberts plays Grayson Butterfield, the Southern-Pacific Railroad representative who offers to pay Evans $200 for his assistance in getting Wade to the 3:10 train bound for Yuma prison. The train is due in the town of Contention, a three-day horse ride away from where Wade was captured. Like all of Yuma’s characters, Evans is motivated by money to help save his ranch from being sold, but he also wants to earn the respect of his son William (Logan Lerman). “Just remember,” he tells his son during the trip to Contention, “it’s your old man that hauled Ben Wade to that station... when nobody else would.”

It is difficult to talk about Yuma without giving away too many plot details. Not many films elicit a round of applause from the audience, but Yuma is one of those films.
The Evolution of Facebook: Applications

Elaine Campion

Since its humble beginning as a tasteful means of networking among students, Facebook.com has transformed into yet another means of publicizing oneself via the internet – just in case Myspaces, blogs, Xangas, and IM profiles are not getting enough attention.

It seems that every week, Facebook is undergoing some new change. At first, only those with a college email account could register. Now Facebook is open to anyone and everyone. In the beginning, one had to put some effort into stalking the “mini feeds,” which are updated instantaneously, Facebook stalking is child’s play.

Applications also allow you to share important things about yourself with the world, such as your political views, where you have traveled, who your favorite people are, what music you are listening to, what your horoscope for the day is, what Hogwarts house you have been placed in, and other such useful information.

While these applications can be entertaining to the Facebooker can tell you that after a while, they can get irritating. Students around Pacific seem to agree. “They’re just annoying,” says Ilene Chen. “I ended up deleting them after about a month.”

It’s true – the applications end up clogging your news feed and taking up space on profile pages. How is a person supposed to figure out what frat party Johnny Goodlooking is going to when the only news they are getting is that six of their friends added the aquarium application or got invited to “happy hour?”

What if that crazy girl is Facebooking the boy you like? Some of us do not have fifteen minutes to scroll and scroll and scroll through the student applications on each of their pages to read their wall to wall!

Another irritating thing about these applications is that in order to view them, you are to have others with that application access your personal information. What is your real name, Facebook would like to know your privacy is important you may never know.

Perhaps this time Facebook has gone too far. My it’s time to get off the computers and have a real “People need to go out and buy drinks – not send text messages over the internet,” said Ken Minahan. It is a big world out there, and if keeping your Facebook friend behind is too frightening to us all a favor and put your Facebook applications off of your profile… because chances are you are the one that thinks your virtual garden is noteworthy.

KPAC Radio: What’s New?

Jonah Lavitt
Press Release

KPAC Student Radio, 89.7 FM is the Central Valley’s premier college radio station. KPAC broadcasts out of the communications building here at Pacific, and reaches two miles through Stockton from our antenna on Burns Tower. The station is run entirely by members of the Pacific community, and is aspiring to continue a solidified and recognizable name for itself on the Pacific campus. Pacific’s radio station has offered students their own shows in the past, but this year we are opening shows to all members of the Pacific community, such as faculty, staff, and on-campus clubs and organizations. Typically shows run for an hour, though hosts may request more. We broadcast a wide variety of show types, such as special interest talk shows, interviews, advice, music, news and sports. For example, members of Pacific’s Djing club, The Pacific Mixers, host live music mixes on KPAC.

Some cool features of your station: Listeners can call in on the air at (209) 946-2808 or send us a message on AIM at KPACRadio. KPAC hosts events and can do live broadcasts from remote locations. Our website features our internet stream, show listings with show descriptions, links to other music-related websites, our applications, and a video and picture tour of KPAC. Just like last year, hosts can turn on a camera to place live video over Channel 2. We are soon going to allow recording and archiving of our shows, so viewers can download the audio files of past shows onto their computer. We are working to get a live-video stream on the website this year as well.

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three-year and four-year programs for the undergraduate Pre-Pharmacy student, combined with three years of Pharmacy school afterward at the graduate level.

In terms of transition from high school to college, some of the freshmen find the two terms of transition from high school to college, some of the freshmen find the two to be not so different.

"After classes we go eat and just hang out, which is what we did in high school too," remarked Austin Polak, a double major in Music Performance and Music Education.

Our newest peers are also enjoying the longer breaks between classes, as opposed to the average five minute passing period most of us are familiar with from high school. The longer and more frequent lectures are also something new to freshmen, compared with the standard forty-five to fifty-five minute high school lecture. Furthermore, the freshmen seem to display a general consensus that the Pacific Seminar classes are very enjoyable.

Another new aspect of college that our new group of Pacificans is introduced to is Blackboard, the helpful online system for classes where professors can post assignments, discussion boards, and other class resources.

“Blackboard is kind of academic program and the diversity of study organizations and activities, our freshmen will content they chose Pacific as their home to learn more, live more, and definitely laugh more, as they be an exciting chapter of their lives.
We Wanna Show You Our ASuopness!

Dear Fellow Pacificans,

As the new school year unfolds, you might find yourself struggling with the inevitable troubles that college life tends to bring. What time does my lab meet? Who's room did I wake up in this morning? Where can I get yet another orange t-shirt? Fear no more, Tigers. Whenever you have a problem, there is a place to go. A place of comfort, guidance, and some damn sexy student representatives.

This magical haven can be found deep within the heart of the McCaffrey center— it is the one & only office of ASuop, The Associated Students of the University of the Pacific. You might see us through the glass as you walk out of the Summit and wonder, What is it that they do exactly? Have you ever gone to a Tiger Nights? A campus sponsored concert? Taken advantage of the Student Discount program? That right there is just a small fraction of what we do. Most importantly, ASuop aims to enhance the student experience, so you should come on by and tell us what you want.

If your mother told you not to talk to strangers, we completely understand. So let us take a moment to introduce ourselves...

(Note: Bios contain a wee bit of fictional information. You decide what's true & what's not.)

Joshua Foster (President): is a senior Economics major who doubles as the President of Pi Kappa Alpha and still finds time for the Order of Omega, micron Delta Upsilon and TAng. On the weekends, he relieves the stress of his busy life by visiting local bathhouses and questionable massage parlors.

Max Barroso (Vice President): a newcomer to the ASuop community, this risky chap is no stranger to leadership. This senior Sports Science major currently reigns as the president of Sigma Chi. He does not like to ride on asses. Max is not a bus person.

Veena Vaidyanathan (Secretary): is a sophomore Pre-Dent all the way sunny Florida. She’s probably the cheeriest person you’ll ever meet and a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta. (Woo! Woot!)

CABINET

Brandon Hemphill (Treasurer): is a senior Business major who really likes himself. He believes that the Crow is the single worst animal on earth, not mentioning a bad movie. When he’s not playing with golf balls, he practices alking—a sport to which he considers himself way above average.

Nick Ward (Student Involvement Commissioner): an East Coast stud, is a minor studying Business Administration with a focus in finance. He enjoys aveling, eating sandwiches, chatting on his Blackberry and drumming—sometimes all at the same time. Impressive, right?

Liz Herrera (Campus Affairs Executive): is a senior Psychology major with a double minor in Pre-law & Sociology. She is on a research team for a Psych department and interns at the San Joaquin County District Law office. If you come by ASuop, she’ll be sure to make you swoon with heralsa dancing and mad vocal skills.

Giovanna Arieta (Communications Executive): is the greatest human being in the whole world. She’s loving every moment of her Junior year as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Phi and a show host for Pac radio. When she’s not in her Communication and Theatre classes, Giovanna enjoys schooling her peers in Scrabble.

Nicholas Kajimoto (Arts & Entertainment Commissioner): has currently been sexy from Justin Timberlake and refuses to give it back. Until this suit case closes, this Junior will continue his studies at the Eberhardt hool of Business.

SENATE

Frankie Griffen (Senate President Pro Tempore/ Housing & Greek Life): is a senior Social Science major. He spends his summers reconnecting with his roots by traveling to Hawaii to seduce women and spread his title seed. On the Big Island alone, he currently has 37 love children.

Kelley Hoang (Senator at Large): abandoned her career in international espionage to study Biology and Pre-Dentistry here in lovely Stockton. Now a sophomore, she looks back on her decision with no regrets. I’d watch out for her though, behind that innocent smile is a sneaky little minx.

Julie Stephens (Conservatory Senator): is a Junior Music major who usually works at Band Camp. She is active in both Sigma Alpha Iota and ENC. If you come to visit her in the ASuop office, she will recite all 50 states in alphabetical order and then show you how she can pull her belly button inside out. Julie blows her French Horn every day. If you ask her nicely, she might blow yours too.

Justin Yonan (EBS Senator): is a third year Business major and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. Justin is too humble to tell you this, but he has been a hip-hop and R&B producer for the past 5 years with some major label songwriters and artists. What a bad ass who knew!

Nadia Aslam (Pharmacy Senator): a pharmacy major, participates in Phi Delta Chi, Academy of Student Pharmacists, Muslim Student Association and still finds plenty of time for shopping. She lost her concert virginity in 8th grade to the Backstreet Boys during their Millennium Tour. She has since moved on, but says that she will never forget her first.

Charles Bolton Jr (COP Senator): was coaxed into being something of a Go-Go dancer at his freshman orientation. But don’t let his moves fool you, Charles is a very serious Political Science student. He is an Ambassador, Interfaith Council Coordinator, Black Student Union Treasurer, and Black Campus Ministries Prayer Leader.

Samantha Wildman (SIS Senator): is a Native Texan double majoring in International Relations & Political Science. She enjoys coordinating for Pacific Ambassadors and playing with her OASIS friends. Sam works in the Library where she satisfies her rebellious side by talking just a bit too loud.

Tarn Macarthur (ESB Senator): is a junior Business major who comes to us all the way from Montreal, Canada. He enjoys golfing and not cutting his hair. Tarn also has the notion that Canadians are superior. Poor, misguided thing.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theo Nishimura (Programmer): is a freshman studying Business Administration. He’s such a master at spoken word that once he got open up for Common. He says, “Express yourself. God is Love. Peace.” Couldn’t have said it better ourselves, Theo.

Graham Howes (Programmer): wants you to know “This is Sparta.” He’s a wild and crazy Junior studying Arts & Entertainment Management with a minor in Film Studies. Unfortunately, he’s from Marin. I’ve forgiven this flaw of his so hopefully you can too.

Nikki Torres (Programmer): has an affinity for shiny objects. She’s a Music Management major and the proclaimed “Summit Queen” for ASuop. This sophomore spends her days satisfying her fetish by playing with glitter in the back of the office. The first step is admitting you have a problem, Nikki.

Allison Maraboli (Programmer): is a lovely senior studying Business Administration who loves arctic monkeys. So much so that she has been banned from every zoo in California. Apparently, she loves them a little too much.

So now that you know us so well, there is no need to be bashful. Come by and help us help you. After all, our main purpose is to relieve you...of the stress of student life, that is.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Communications Executive, Giovanna Arieta
**ASUop's Static Attic is off to a Strong Start**

Crisly Yadon

Imagine you are snapping your fingers to the jazzy beat of the band in a smokey lounge circa 1930. While listening to the five assembled musicians of the Brubeck Institute, one feels that they are that band in the 30s. Wednesday night’s Jazz at the Summit, presented by ASUOP, sounded as clean as any of the best jazz groups and felt as chill as a New York coffeehouse.

The five-piece band consisted of a trumpet, a saxophone, drums, a piano, and a cello. The band members are all students of the Brubeck Institute and were brought together to showcase their talents in the Static Attic. The performance was the first time the five had all played a show together. And it won’t be the last. Students of the Brubeck Institute will be playing the Static Attic for the next four months, thanks to the support of ASUOP. They played two one-hour sets of an assortment of jazz compositions. Though it was the first time they all played together, they all seemed very comfortable and pleased with each other’s performances. Every time a member took a solo, his fellow bandmates were obvious and open to show their appreciation for his talent.

The band members weren’t the only ones appreciating the show. Every seat was filled and there were plenty of audience members willing to stand at the edges to hear the easy tunes. The audience clapped, snapped, and shouted their enjoyment every chance they got (without ruining the music, of course). One pleased attendee said, “I’ve never been to the Static Attic before but I’ll definitely be coming back after this one.”

The Static Attic shows are held for students to showcase their talents in a mate setting. All shows are at 8pm and are free and open to the public.

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**Salads Make It Easy To Get Your Veggies**

(NAPSA)-If you’ve been tossing around ways to help your family eat better and provide good taste on their plates, consider a salad.

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend three to eight servings of vegetables a day—yet it’s estimated that one out of two people fall short of that number. That’s where salads come in. They can be fast and delicious ways for families to get the veggies they need.

When making salads, select a variety of dark, leafy greens that are high in vitamins A and C. Experiment with different lettuce varieties such as arugula, butterhead, romaine, kale and leaf lettuce. Add a handful of baby spinach with dark green leaves which are rich in vitamin A.

Try these main dish Kraft Salad-A-Day recipes. Each serving includes at least three servings of vegetables. They are a great-tasting way to help get the veggies you need.

**Italian Chopped Salad**

- 6 cups torn romaine lettuce
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup cooked small pasta, such as ditali or tubetti
- 1 cup cauliflower florets
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 large green pepper, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup Kraft Finely Shredded Italian Style Five Cheese Blend
- 1/2 cup Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing
- 1/4 cup Kraft 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese

PLACE 1 1/2 cups romaine on each of 4 salad plates.

COMBINE chicken, pasta, cauliflower, tomatoes, peppers and shredded cheese in large bowl. Add dressing; toss lightly. Spoon evenly over romaine.

SPRINKLE with Parmesan cheese.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 320 calories, 15g total fat, 5g saturated fat, 60mg cholesterol, 870mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 7g sugars, 27g protein, 70% DV vitamin A, 120% DV vitamin C, 25% DV calcium, 10% DV iron.

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**Fresh Vegetable Chicken Salad**

- 6 cups torn salad greens
- 2 1/2 cups chopped cooked boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 4 medium carrots, shredded (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup Kraft Ranch Dressing

TOSS salad greens with chicken, tomatoes and carrots in large bowl. Add dressing; mix lightly.

DIVIDE evenly among 4 individual serving plates.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 310 calories, 15g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 80mg cholesterol, 420mg sodium, 13g carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 7g sugars, 29g protein, 170% DV vitamin A, 40% DV vitamin C, 10% DV calcium, 10% DV iron.


Think Green—Salads can be a delicious way to help families meet recommended servings of veggies per day.
URGLARY SOUTHWEST HALL 090907
Victim reported that his laptop was taken out of his room. Officer responded and initiated a report.

URGLARY HAND HALL 091007
Staff reported several items taken from the resident Life storage closet. Officer initiated report.

HEFT LOT 8 091007
Victim reported that someone removed the catalytic converter from his black Toyota runner. Officer responded and initiated a report.

MENDOCINO AVE 091107
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject on a bike without a light. Officer arrested the subject who had an outstanding warrant. At 3:10 AM, subject was arrested and transported to the county jail.

NEXT INTERVIEW BURNS TOWER 091107
Staff reported a suspicious person entered an office and spoke incoherently to staff. Officer located the subject who had a knife and revoked the subject from campus.

COHOL ARREST GRACE COVELL 091207
Officers responded to a report of two objects knocking over trash cans in the area. Officers contacted the subjects and determined both were intoxicated. Subjects were arrested at 11:28 PM and placed into detox.

CASUALTY SOUTHWEST HALL 091307
Officer transported student to a local hospital. Student did not want an ambulance to transport.

FIRE MC CAFFREY CENTER 091307
Officer responded to a smoldering garbage can. Physical Plant had already responded and took care of the incident.

VANDALISM MONAGAN HALL 091307
Officer responded to an E-phone activation and located the north entrance door vandalized. Officer checked the area with negative results. A report was taken.

AUTO BURGLARY MANCHESTER AVE 091407
Officers located a vehicle parked with a broken window. Victim called DPS after receiving note left by officer. Officer

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Women’s Club Soccer Gets the Ball Rolling

Guest Writer
Katina Sigillo

Pacific soccer talent does not end at the collegiate level. The women’s club soccer team is back in action this fall 2007. Cece Gutierrez and now grad student Katina Sigillo started this competitive club back in 2001. They realized there was a men’s club team and no women’s team. In the six past years, this team has grown from nothing to having over 80 members, participating in on-campus intramurals, and representing Pacific in the Stockton United Soccer League, this year it is more exciting than ever! Our women’s club soccer team is now part of the West Coast Soccer Association, which consists of 16 universities from all over California and Arizona. They play for the ultimate goal of getting the chance to compete in the NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships. This team is still fairly young, but with coach Marcus Ravnan and even more new faces, this team looks to place well in their Northern California Division. Their first games will be Saturday, September 29 at 1pm against UC Davis and at 7pm against UC Berkeley. If you are interested in playing, whether you have any previous experience or not, feel free to contact president Erin Hendrickson at websoccer@pacific.edu or by one of their practice Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Gardemeyer fields. Also, attached is the picture from last year. Just in case you need names: Ashley L’Europa, Melissa Riley, Ashley Stubblefield, Rachel Westerhoff, Jessica Mullins, Kirstie MacMillen, Irene Chen, Moe Kishida, Leah Helin, Shannon Barcal, Katina Sigillo, Erin Hendrickson, Marcus Ravnan, and Gennaka Fox up front.

Volleyball Starts Season off Strong

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

Pacific’s Women’s Volleyball team made a strong statement at the first home games. They are here to win this season. The women were obviously feeling the adrenaline, the fans were openly shouting their support, and the pep band and spirit squads led them along. The women took on Loyola on Thursday the 13th and Oregon State on Saturday the 15th and dominated both games. Loyola won a match, but Pacific came back with a vengeance and had the next three in the bag. Saturday’s game was more of a nail-biter. However, in the fifth match, the girls pulled through and scored the game point for a fantastic win.

Alexa Anderson, a junior volleyball player, said, “This was a really big weekend for us. We’ve started off better than last year; we won eight games last year and now we’re already at 6-2. We’re really looking forward to the season and we’re so glad we could start it off by winning our first home games.”

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Photograph courtesy of Katina Sigillo

Last year’s Women’s Club Soccer team: Ashley L’Europa, Melissa Riley, Ashley Stubblefield, Rachel Westerhoff, Jessica Mullins, Kirstie MacMillen, Irene Chen, Moe Kishida, Leah Helin, Shannon Barcal, Katina Sigillo, Erin Hendrickson, Marcus Ravnan, and Gennaka Fox up front.
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The Pacific volleyball team pulled off its finest finish at a tournament since 2004 when they defeated host, Portland 3-1 for the Nike Invitational championship on Saturday September 8. The Tigers went 3-0 during competition, also defeating the University of Texas, El Paso and Portland State.

Senior Johanna Hilbers, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker, earned the MVP award after hitting .307 and finishing with 36 kills at the weekend tournament.

Q: Describe your team this season.
A: This season as opposed to last season, we are older and have more experienced players. Most of the girls on the team have seen significant amounts of court time and are comfortable playing at the high level we compete at. That is really exciting because it gives us a lot of depth. I think that our team close-ness is also going to help, it pulls us together at hard times and helps us play hard and with lots of energy at all times.

Q: What was the key for winning the Nike Invitational in Portland?
A: The key for winning the Nike Invitational was really to concentrate on what we did as a team and taking care of our individual jobs. Each player on our team did something to help win that tournament. When another team cannot get a kill because our defense is playing so well, and they also do not know which attacker to try to block because all of our attackers have been hitting well, it usually means that our team is going to win. We were able to accomplish this most of the time during the tournament. That is what allowed us to take the Invitational.

Q: What are your team and personal goals?
A: I think one of the most important goals of our team is to get better every day. If we get better every day then by the end of the year we will be a much better team. My personal goals are kind of boring, they have to do a lot with certain numbers, but mostly it is just to do as much good for the team that I can in the little amount of time I have left to do it and to do my job on the team well.

Q: Did anyone influence or inspire you to play volleyball?
A: My mom always wanted me to try volleyball but I always said I was too busy because I was playing soccer and basketball. She finally convinced me to play in the 8th grade, and since then I have not stopped loving the game. I was not very good at first but I had some amazing coaches, my club coach, Deb Grafentin, even helped me choose which University I wanted to continue playing at.

Q: What do you love about your sport and what keeps you coming back?
A: I love how fast the sport is: a lot of people do not realize how much game has changed over the years. There are many new rules that slow for a faster and more advanced game. I also love the fact that it is a true team sport. Volleyball is on the only sports where you really cannot have just a good player; it takes a whole team of great players and a great effort to win a volleyball match. This brings the team really close and when you win it makes the victory that more meaningful.

Q: Who is your favorite professional volleyball player?
A: I would probably say Jen Joines because she is to Pacific and is part of great history we have at school. It is inspiring to see what someone else from the same program I am a part of can accomplish.

Q: What are your top three TV shows?
A: 1.) Of course Greys Anatomy 2.) Greek 3.) FRIENDS

Q: What was the last movie you have seen, and your favorite all-time movie?
A: The last movie I saw was Superbad. I love full action movies but my all-time favorite has to be Aladdin.