Pre-Historic Bones Found in Stockton

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Alumni Gabe Karam, the Director of Capital Projects for San Joaquin County, said that construction has resumed on the new County Administration Building in downtown Stockton where on Sunday, October 20, large megafauna bones were discovered by construction crews.

Bruce Hanson of Archaeological Services Inc. removed the bones from their Stockton location to a lab in the Bay Area. According to Karam, after a few months of research and testing, they will be able to officially determine whether the bones are those of a Wooly Mammoth or a Mastodon.

According to Geology Professor Kurtis Burmeister, “discoveries of vertebrate fossils are relatively rare” and should be considered important. He continued, “Each fossil teaches us more about Earth’s history. Many times these lessons are small, but occasionally a new fossil can completely change the way we think about the history of life on Earth.”

Pacific Biology Professor Greg Anderson explained that when a bone discovery happens, it is protocol to call a coroner to find out if the bones are human. Supervisor for the Coroner’s office Cindy Angeli was called to look at the fossils. “She said they were not human,” joked Anderson, noting the confusion in the search for an archaeologist. It was Anderson, a mammalogist, who finally visited the site to confirm the findings as mammal bones.

After determining they were not dinosaur bones through pictures, Anderson visited the site to examine the bones, explaining they looked a lot like elephant bones. The bones were stored in 35 gallon trash cans.

According to Richan, “the fossils were as big as she said they were broken in half, he explained, and almost four feet long. The coroner then suggested calling the University.”

Pacific Professor Analise Richard, an anthropologist, was contacted about the bones. However, anthropology is the study of humans, and thus the information was passed to the Geoscience Department, and finally the Biological Sciences Department. “They were looking for something that started with an ‘A’ and ended in ‘ology.’ They could have called an astrologist,” explained Dr. Anderson, noting the confusion in the search for an archaeologist. It was Anderson, a mammalogist, who finally visited the site to confirm the findings as mammal bones.

For San Joaquin County, this recent discovery is another step toward being completely earthquake ready. “We need to think about the history of the area,” Anderson said.

Southern California’s Wildfires Leaves Students In Shock

By Erin Birmingham
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In Southern California, at the time when this article went to print, 1,300 structures had burnt to the ground and two people had lost their lives due to some of the worst wildfires the area has seen. Since Sunday, October 21, the fires have scorched over a dozen areas from Mexico to Santa Barbara. They continue to gain strength due to the Santa Ana winds, temperatures in the 90s, and extremely dry conditions caused by a shortage of rain over the past years.

The President has declared seven counties federal emergencies and has called for immediate disaster relief. An estimated one million people have been evacuated. Many Pacific students, faculty, administrators and staff are feeling the effects of the imminent threat and devastation these fires are causing.

Senior Computer Engineering Major and San Diego native, Thomas Smith like many people with family and friends in San Diego right now, explained that he feels helpless, uninformed and worried. His family and friends have been evacuated. In regards to the wildfires, he has felt like he has not had sufficient access to up-to-date information. He found out that his house was in danger through a text message he received from a close friend who lives down the street from his house.

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Employee Communications and Involvement Coordinator, Michael Murphy said employees are also feeling the effects of the wildfires. “It’s been a tough time for everyone.”

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Head Media Relations Position Not Yet Filled

By Heather Breen
Staff Writer

For almost a year now, the position for the Executive Director of Media Relations job has been vacant. The position became available when previous director, Joe Brennan, took a job at another university. Dr. Jean Purnell, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Regents, was able to answer questions regarding the open position on campus.

Purnell stated, “The Executive Director of Marketing and University Communications oversees the University’s external and internal marketing, electronic publications are approved by the Director before they are released for public consumption. In the meantime, Dr. Purnell is overseeing those on the department staff who would normally work with the Media Relations Director. Recruitment efforts began “over the summer by placing the advertisement in a national publication, as well as by contacting individuals that have been recommended to us.” At this point, many prospective individuals have been identified and “finalists may be brought to campus for interviews this fall.”

“The Director is responsible for getting the word out about Pacific” as well as attracting “prospective students and talented faculty” to the campus. The Director is also concerned with improving visibility of Pacific on a national level. Even brands, logos and school colors appearing on merchandise and formal University publications are approved by the Director.

Annual LipSync

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Beats free food and entertainment.”

There were six acts this year. Kappa Alpha Theta’s skit was called “ Theta TV”; Delta Gamma’s act was “Delta Gamma Dream Man”; Delta Delta Delta performed “Delta Through the Decades”; the Pacific Ambassadors lip synced Bohemian Rhapsody; Rhythm Inc. performed hip hop dancing; Alpha Phi did a skit based on Wizard of Oz.

Even though the acts were predominantly sororities, Lip Sync is open to anyone. Cyndy Nguyen, junior, of Rhythm Inc. said, “Lip sync always seems like a sorority thing, but it’s cool that the school opens it up to everyone so minority groups can be represented.” It was Rhythm Inc.’s third year performing at Lip Sync.

This year’s overall winners were the Pacific Ambassadors. Delta Gamma won the People’s Choice Award. Participants were judged in four different areas. Creativity counted towards 20% of the total score, theme was 20%, choreography was 30%, and overall “wow factor”, including audience attention, accounted for 30%.

Social Justice Community Updates

Notes from the October 17 Meeting

By Heather Breen
Staff Writer

In order to promote the Social Justice Community (SJC) and better highlight the opportunities the group presents for the University, a Social Justice Community Update will be appearing in the Pacifican roughly twice a month. With this addition to the student newspaper, members of the Pacifican and the Social Justice Community hope to increase student, staff, and faculty awareness of social issues at both the local and global level.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this campus group, Social Justice Community is a collaboration of various individuals and humanitarian organizations on campus. The SJC includes but is not limited to campus organizations like Students for Environmental Action (SEA), PRIDE Alliance, Council of University Social Entrepreneurs, and the Peace and Justice Coalition.

Senior Kristen Robertson, the SJC Coordinator, encourages all individuals and campus groups to become part of the Social Justice Committee. She for the presence of the SJC and their goals of connecting the various organizations on campus to encourage the University community.

The SJCS theme for this semester is poverty, and a series of semester field trips, workshops, speakers, and activities are planned. This event this year is a visit of Urban Spirit’s Conrad. On October 29, Conrad will present “Urban Spirit’s Alternative Spirit Break opportunity at Multicultural center p.m. All interested students are encouraged to attend informational meeting.

Students interested in less intensive exploration of poverty are encouraged to attend the various discussions, dinners, and activities that will coincide with Conrad’s visit throughout end of October.

The Fight Against Breast Cancer Rages On

Vietnamese Cancer Awareness, Research, and Education Society is a new organization on campus committed to promoting cancer awareness, knowledge, and preventative care. VN CARES is especially concentrated on the Vietnamese Community.

VN CARES believes the reason Vietnamese women have the highest risk of cervical cancer is due to a combination of inadequate knowledge, lack of health care and a communication barrier. VN CARES also provides free breast cancer and cervical cancer screening to eligible Vietnamese women and free prostate cancer screening for eligible men. The organization also creates opportunities for students to gain experiences and work with the community.

In honor of October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, VN CARES is giving out free pink ribbons until the end of the month. Join this campaign of promoting Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing the pink ribbons. To get your own contact VN CARES at vncares.uop.undergrad@gmail.com. Promote cancer awareness year round with VN CARES.

Alpha Phi Omega is also raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They are selling jewelry & pins for a dollar from October 23 at 11:00 am until Friday, October 26 at 2:00 pm in front of the dining hall.

To learn more about the fight for a cure for breast cancer, log online: komen.org—Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
nbcam.org—National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Website
**President’s Forum Announcement**

By Lindsey Ball  
**Staff Writer**

On October 25, the annual President’s Forum will take place for all of the University of the Pacific Community to attend. It will take place in Grace Covell Dining Hall at noon. President DeRosa will discuss various news including future plans for Pacific. All students are encouraged to attend the forum. There will be a number of topics addressed that should interest students. President DeRosa will also go over his top seven strategic goals and priorities this year. New activities, facilities and programs will be introduced for the University. The Forum is an excellent opportunity for Pacific students to get in touch with what’s going on this year on campus and future plans for improving our school.

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**Gro Bruntland Discusses Global Health and Climate**

**Former Prime Minister of Norway talks to David Gerber who endows the Gerber Lecture Series.**

By Jennifer Hite-Smith  
**Co-Editor-In-Chief**

On Thursday October 18, former first female Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Bruntland spoke to Stockton and the Pacific Community in the FayeSpanos Concert Hall. She argued that Sustainable Development can only be adequately addressed if we bring people together to overcome the many challenges our world faces.

Bruntland discussed specifically the problems of health and climate change. She used the SARS scare as an example to show how effective the global community can be when they work together. “Because there was a feeling of urgency, we acted — in four months we identified and contained the SARS virus.”

“We are all entitled to freedom from fear,” said Bruntland, explaining that health and environmental threats are “as much a security threat as nuclear proliferation.”

She urged an increase in climate and energy initiatives around the world, noting that global warming sat higher on the agenda this year at the 2007 World Economic Forum. She applauded the health revolution, but was saddened by its inability to reach people in poorer nations such as those in sub-Saharan Africa. The world, she urged, “needs to work together and combine creativity...across continents. Bringing our knowledge together will increase our ability to act.”

Bruntland was the first female Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and established the World Commission on Environment and Development. She recently published her memoir, “Madam Prime Minister: A Life in Power and Politics.”

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**It’s What’s Inside That Counts**

**Series of catalytic converter thefts leaving vehicles lighter**

By Vivian Lee  
**Staff Writer**

Usually when something is stolen from a car it’s a stereo, a cell phone or other random valuables laying out all set for the taking. But a catalytic converter?

In the past two weeks, the catalytic converters of two sport utility vehicles were taken from the parking lot northwest of the Klein Family Field and adjacent to the Stadium (Lot 1). Pacific Public Safety Chief Sergeant Pete Bernardino said in an interview that the thefts have been mainly “crimes of opportunity” because of the high rise clearance of the trucks. Although the converter seems like just another hidden, unfamiliar car part, it is not too difficult to steal because only two bolts protect it. A two-minute meeting with a chainsaw and the car will easily grant you access to the valuable converter.

A catalytic converter is a mechanism found in automobiles used to reduce the toxicity of emissions from an internal combustion engine. A catalytic converter changes toxic, combustible elements from your vehicle to less toxic substances that enter into the environment. Catalytic converters are stolen because they are made of valuable metals like platinum.

Catalytic converters are mainly being taken for the small amounts of precious metals they contain—namely, platinum, palladium, and rhodium. The value of these metals has skyrocketed in recent years.

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...the thefts for which Anderson was also surprised, “It’s a stereo, a cell phone...”

Anderson regretfully remarked that "they are not going to excavate," explaining construction would actually call for "dumping cement in the hole." While visiting the site, Anderson was also surprised to hear concerns for re-routing media attention to the discovery, and was even asked to leave shortly after arriving.

However, Karam explained there will be an archaeologist on site to monitor the digging of holes near the discovery site. The bones were found 65 feet underground and the estimated costs to San Joaquin County of excavating the area and delaying the project would be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"There is a difference here between human bones and animal bones," he said; "If it had been human bones, construction would stop until all the bones were excavated." All legal procedures were followed as defined by The California Environmental Quality Act (CEPA), said Karam.

CEPA "protects all 'significant' fossils," explained Dr. Burmeister. "But methods for determining the relative significance of a fossil are not defined and are instead left to the discretion of a paleontologist. Unfortunately, there are no federal laws to protect such fossils. Instead, it is left up to state and local laws to decide how fossils discovered on construction sites should be treated."
Speech And Debate Team Makes Pacific History

By Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

Ranked third in the nation out of four hundred plus schools, the University of the Pacific Speech and Debate Society is working hard to move higher up in national ranks. Currently, four of Pacific’s debate teams are ranked twelfth, twenty-fourth, twenty-seventh, and fiftieth in the nation. Five Speech and Debate members have qualified for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament. The team also managed to place first, second, and third at the Concordia University in Irvine tournament two weeks ago.

The Speech and Debate team is currently doing better in this season than Pacific has ever done in their history according to Director of Forensics Dr. Marlin Bates. Many of the team’s accomplishments can be attributed not only to the students but also to the coaching staff who meet with students during the week and outside of practice. In addition they give the university, the forensics number one.

Psychology Professor Receives Teaching Award

By Christine Le
Staff Writer

At the Fall College Assembly on September 6, Dr. Carolyn Kohn received the Stephen E. Corson Award for the Distinguished Teaching of Freshmen. Pacific Regent Reverend John Corson and his wife Sylvia Bradbury Corson established this award in memory of their son Steven Edmund Corson. To be eligible, a faculty member of the College of the Pacific (COP) must have concentrated in teaching freshmen students in courses with predominant freshmen enrollment, such as Pacific Seminar (PACS).

This will be Kohn’s fifth year teaching at Pacific as Assistant Professor of Psychology. She has advised freshmen for four years, and is temporarily the Department Chair in substitution of Dr. Roseann Hannon, who is on sabbatical. In addition, Kohn is the Director of the PACS II Planning Committee and the Graduate Studies program of the Psychology Department. She is also the advisor for the Psychology Club. Receiving her doctorate from MCP-Hahnemann University, Kohn teaches courses on behavior, family and marriage therapy, as well as PACS II.

“I know esteemed colleagues who received this honor in the past, such as Edie Sparks and Lisa Wrisnik, and I hope to follow their footsteps,” said Kohn.

“One of my aspirations is to become the Chair and direct the future of the psychology department.”

“Students say her insistence on writing and re-writing has taught them this more clearly,” comments Robert Cox, Dean of CCP.

“Her colleagues admire her fulness and accuracy of subject knowledge and thorough grounding that her students show when they enter their upper division courses.”

“‘She’s the kind of professor and advisor who not only sees your strengths, but helps to embellish them.’

-Melissa Serio

A Night of Surprise and Splendor

The University Symphony Orchestra plays Haydn, Mussorgsky, and Tchaikovsky

By Vivian Lee
Staff Writer

On October 20, the University Symphony Orchestra performed pieces by famous composers Joseph Haydn, Modest Mussorgsky, and Peter Tchaikovsky at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Beginning with Haydn’s Symphony no. 104 in D Major, “London,” the orchestra seduced the audience with a blend of familiarity and enthusiasm. Each movement was dutifully executed and presented the audience with a charming display of unity.

The second piece, Night on Bald Mountain, composed by Modest Mussorgsky, reminded the audience of the darker aspects of life because of its history in Disney’s Fantasia.

Lastly, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony no. 6 in B Minor, “Pathetique,” acted as the feature finale, telling the story of Tchaikovsky and his emotional relationship troubles.

The performance was conducted by Director Nicolas Waldvogel, and is part of the concert series put on by the University Symphony Orchestra.
Hateful Fliers Found on Campus in Response to Coming Out Week

By Nadia Mahallati
Lifestyles editor

Pacific’s PRIDE Alliance held a Coming Out Week celebration October 8-12. However, not everything at Pacific was celebrating. Anti-gay fliers were posted near Coming Out Week fliers at several locations around campus. One was even posted inside the Multicultural Center where the PRIDE Center is located. In two weeks, a dozen such posters have been found.

The fliers, which were written on the back of a “word a day” calendar, are acrostic poems, spelling out phrases such as “read man on campus” and “multiple partners.” There are references to AIDS, unhealthy lifestyles, the “misnomer” of the word gay, and ruined souls.

Elizabeth Griego, Vice President for Student Life, stated that “The defacement of the Coming Out Week posters that we have seen were viewed by the University as acts of unlawful harassment and a violation of the Student Honor Code.” Griego was also “very surprised and disappointed to learn of the defacement of the posters and only hope that we find that the person who did this is not a member of the University community.”

Taylor Skinner, sophomore and Vice President of PRIDE, said that the messages that these fliers could be interpreted as a death threat. He also is worried how visitors to campus react, “This isn’t the stance of the University as a whole. Visitors may misconstrue how the University feels because of the actions of one individual,” he says.

Steve Jacobson, Chair of the Crisis Response Team, is “very concerned” with these events. Jacobson said, “We don’t want stuff like that on campus: Everyone should have a positive experience [at Pacific].” He added that the University should “make sure that all students feel like they are a part of our community and have to tools they need to succeed.”

As soon as Jacobson was informed of these events, he sent out an email to the entire Crisis Response Team, notifying them of the threat and staff. All were informed to watch out for similar posters around campus and to take them down.

There is not a lot of evidence as to who wrote the posters up. The handwriting on the different fliers is the same, so it may be the work of one individual. Although the posters are a violation of University policy against harassment and are hateful in intent, they are not considered hate crimes.

Michael Belcher, director of Public Safety, said “After viewing the attachments, they did not fit the parameters of a hate crime (422.6 of the Penal Code) as nothing was damaged or destroyed and the threats on the notes related to disease not the threat of bodily harm which is needed to meet the parameters of criminal threats (422.7 of the Penal Code).”

Belcher also stated that reports were shared with Stockton Police who will follow up if necessary. If more evidence or a witness comes forward, the suspect can be brought to the Judicial Board for a hearing.

If you find a hateful poster around campus, do not throw it away. Take it down, and then take it to either Public Safety or the PRIDE Center to be reported. If you witness anyone putting up such posters, report it to Public Safety at (209) 946-2537.

The PRIDE Resource Center provides resources for GLBT, intersex, and queer community, friends, and family. They are located in the Multicultural Center, in the MacCaffrey Center and Cultural Center.

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Smith’s friends from home have told him that school is suspended until next week and people are afraid to go outside because it is so hard to breathe. Friends tell him that outside it looks like it is snowing ash. On the bright side, he said that according to his grandma, who lives in San Diego, a strong force of volunteers have stepped forward to help neighbors and those affected. Also, police and firefighters have done a good job of keeping things safe and under control.

Many students across campus have felt worried and distracted this week due to the fragile state of Southern California at this time. Christina Moore, San Diego native and Senior Communications Major, had her family evacuated from their home in Escondido. They traveled to her aunt’s house in Oceanside and then returned home, but she explained, “Our home is still in a mandated evacuation site and if things progress they will probably end up back at my aunt’s house later.”

She went on to say, “Everything is still up in the air, nothing is definite. The plans and news change by the hour so as of right now everything is still packed up in the cars and they are ready to leave at a moment’s notice.”

Smith shared this sentiment and explained that the news he has received makes him feel out of touch with the situation because it is constantly changing. “The news can’t keep up with what is going on… the radio is the best thing,” he said.

Smith listens to his hometown radio station over the internet to get up-to-the-minute reports. “People call in and say things like, ‘I am about to evacuate but I want to inform the listeners that I can see the fire from my house and it is heading our way!'”

Senior Communications Major Melody Demel from Fallbrook, Calif., explained that, “Interstate 5 is a parking lot due to the immense number of people evacuating their homes and the fact that Interstate 15 is closed. She said, “I feel like mom, who is still in San Diego, described the situation as crazy. “It looks like a movie… you have to wear a mask.”

Houses on streets near Demel’s house in Fallbrook have burnt down. Her house was saved due to a change in the direction of the wind.

Firefighters see no chance in containing fires anytime soon; the winds are too fast, the brush too dry and there are no signs of rain to come. The fires have already consumed nearly 600 square miles and inspired the largest evacuation of people in California’s history.

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Safe Trick Or Treat 2007

By Nicole Von de Star - Silva
Staff Writer

Pacific is proud to present its 9th Annual Safe Trick or Treat night for the children and families of Stockton. The event gives children ages two through 11, and their families the chance to experience a safe and friendly night of fun, without worrying about the big kids stealing “the good candy.”

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tours are given in groups of about twenty children and parents throughout various locations on campus, such as residence halls, Greek houses, colleges, and the President’s Residence.

One of the stops on the tour will be the Delta Chi Lambda Fraternity House where the brothers will be holding a haunted house, which will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a “kids” friendly path and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for a “scary” path.

Admission for the Haunted House is $3 or three cans of food. All cans will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Stockton. Monetary proceeds go to the Boys & Girls Club of Stockton. “Children 12 and under will get in for free. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to bring friends and family to the event. We will be accepting donations and we hope to see everyone come out to have fun and support the Stockton community,” said Jeremy Cueva, a member of Delta Upsilon.

The Safe Trick or Treat tour will end at a carnival where there will be an assortment of games, decorations, contests, and many other exciting activities.

The Safe Trick or Treat Planning Committee needs more volunteers. Many positions are open such as decorating, hosts for Trick or Treat stops, tour guides, carnival helpers, and many more. If you can’t volunteer your time, you are also looking for donations. No matter how big or small, all is appreciated. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering please contact Cassie Eskridge, Chair of Safe Trick or Treat Planning Committee, via fax at (209) 946-2688, or by campus mail, attention Cassie Eskridge, Safe Trick or Treat, Housing & Greek Life, Bannister Hall 2nd Floor.
Geology Club Rocks!
By Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Last week, the League of Extraordinary Geologists (LEG) and Students for Environmental Action (SEA) hosted Earth Science Week. On Monday Tomoko Komada from San Francisco State University spoke. On Tuesday, SEA and LEG presented the Planet Earth series. On Earth Science Week, America Recycles Day and Earth Day, SEA and LEG will host rock decorating events. New Geology Club hosts rock decorating.

LEG and SEA are planning to collect recyclables around campus. The purpose of Earth Science Week is to promote interest in the geosciences and the environment. Anne Fisher, a member of LEG, hopes “it will open up a dialogue between students and the department and educate about Earth Sciences.”

LEG plans events such as Earth Science Week, America Recycles Day and Earth Day. America Recycles Day is coming up on November 15. LEG and SEA are planning to collect recyclables around campus and organize an e-waste pickup. E-waste stands for electronic waste such as alkaline batteries, cell phones, and televisions. These items are hazardous to the environment and must be disposed of properly.

Tumble into Weeds
The Suburbia of Mary Jane
By Vivion Lee
Staff Writer

Nancy Botwin somehow manages to survive a drive-by, balance a household and an office, and sell drugs for a living all in one day.

Weeds, a dramedy about marijuana in the suburbs, stars Mary Louise Parker as Nancy Botwin, a single mother struggling to pay the bills in suburban America. The highest rated Showtime television series in the network’s debut year, Weeds is currently on its third season, which premiered on August 13. In 2006, Parker won a Golden Globe for Best Performance by a TV Actress in a Musical or Comedy, and the show has been nominated several times for its comedy, acting, and editing.

In the current season, Nancy Botwin deals with the aftermath of leaving her stash of marijuana in her back trunk. Threatened by a couple of gangs who want their money and their goods, Nancy faces a mental break-down. However, thanks to a randomly lucky turn of events, Nancy gets an extension on bringing back the stash, ultimately forcing her into debt with several mob bosses.

Weeds is filled with incredibly witty dialogue and the acting by the supporting characters are amazingly realistic. The series takes the audience on a roller coaster, first taking them from the death of Nancy’s husband, Judah, to the second season where she tries to expand her networking by running a bakery as a cover up business.

Without a doubt, the series has contradicted the view of suburbia from the usual Desperate Housewives drama by allowing the audience to relate to the city of Agrestic—with its big houses and good-looking residents, a few puffs of a joint feels like home.

Most of the show is filmed on location in and around the Santa Clarita Valley. New episodes air every Monday at 10 p.m. on Showtime.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Coming to the Pacific Theater
October 26 at 11pm
FREE with Pacific ID!

$5 general, $3 faculty and staff

Semi Erotic Somewhat Exotic Townhouse Bash
By Alex Ruano
News Editor

The third Annual Semi Erotic Somewhat Exotic Townhouse Bash (SESETB) is just around the corner. The event, to be held on Monday October 29 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Townhouse parking lot, will focus on bolstering students’ sexual education.

The SESETB is considered to be a sexual education program which focuses on AIDS/HIV and other STD awareness. Carnival games and prizes will integrate various knowledge tools to make learning part of the fun.

Games will include Pin the Condom on Frankensteiner Monster, Pumpkin Big Bag Toss, Pumpkin Toss and many more games that are still in the works. Prizes may include gift cards to local restaurants, safe sex baskets and even a振动棒. Organizers hope the popular Lynus will play again at this year’s event.
If a Picture Says a Thousand Words, What Does a Postcard Say?

A Review of Frank Warren’s “A Lifetime of Secrets”

By Linda Lopez  
Website Administrator

Do you ever feel the need to share a deep, dark secret you have hidden so deep within that you wish you could tell someone? You are not alone. Thousands of people send in their 6 by 4 inch postcards every week to one man they trust enough to lift the burden off their shoulders. This man is the creator of the award-winning blog, PostSecret.com, Frank Warren.

What exactly is PostSecret? PostSecret is a community art project and website that invites you to anonymously send in your “dirty little secret.” Frank Warren developed the site two years ago as an art project, and now the site is not only a form of escape from a nagging secret, but is this generation’s way of communal counseling.

Although many might be thinking, “Where is the catch?”, Warren assured me during an interview that he “wanted to create a safe, non-judgmental place where people can share their deepest secrets [without] the fear of exploitation.” From the enormous traffic PostSecret receives every week, it seems as if PostSecret is definitely affecting the lives of a multitude of people from around the world.

A Lifetime of Secrets is Warren’s newest labor of love, which took over a year to create. According to Warren, “it features hundreds of new, never-before- seen secrets from people as young as eight and as old as eighty.”

The book begins with an inspiring introduction by Warren in which he describes a teaching experience with his once skeptical father who comes to realize that his son’s art project was far more than just for the community. 

Every turn of the page is a new emotion and every postcard can draw you back to a place of happiness or complete despair. Despite feeling a year’s worth of emotions in one sitting, A Lifetime of Secrets presents a meditation on what it means to be human. From a son or daughter writing “My mom thinks she’s fat, I think she’s perfect” to someone sending in a postcard that proclaims “I wish you hadn’t been my first kiss,” you can put yourself in another person’s shoes and experience a kind of emotional osmosis which transfers their pain, happiness, or confusion directly to you through their art.

While reading A Lifetime of Secrets, there seemed to be an emerging theme that centered on the self in relation to itself, the family, and the community. Although Warren did not set out to create that particular theme, he told me that “the [various] interpretation[s] say something about [the reader] and [his or her] connection to the secrets.” That connection was seen when others read the book. There were clear favorites for various Pacific students to whom I introduced the book and yet no two student’s favorites were alike. This expresses that reading A Lifetime of Secrets is a personal experience that draws into your past experiences, present hopes and even your future fears.

Although in no way did Warren expect to be affecting others’ lives when he was a teenager, he is glad that “the project found [him].” When asked to give advice to students who want to make a difference in the world yet fear their future within an office cubicle Warren told me, “Sometimes, a boring job can be a blessing [which] can give you a chance to explore things during the weekend and free time. I was stuck in a boring job and that gave me the push to get out of there.”

A Lifetime of Secrets might be your push to make a difference in this world or even the Stockton community. So go out to your local Barnes & Noble, independent bookstore or Amazon.com to purchase “A Lifetime of Secrets” and see how you connect to total strangers. Hey, you might even be bold enough to send something that has been troubling you.

Upcoming Concerts: Central Valley and Bay Area

By Nicolle Matthews  
Copy Editor

October

Fiona Apple  
October 25
The Warfield
San Francisco

Boys Like Girls  
October 26
The Warfield
San Francisco

21st Annual Bridge School Benefit  
October 27 - 28
Shoreline Amphitheatre
Mountain View

November

Gwen Stefani with Sean Kingston  
November 2
Stockton Arena
Stockton

Hot Hot Heat with Bedouin Soundclash, De Novo Dahl  
October 30
The Fillmore
San Francisco

Brand New with Thrice, mewithoutYou  
November 2
The Fillmore
San Francisco

She Wants Revenge with Kenna and The Start  
November 14
Fillmore
San Francisco

Brand New with Thrice, mewithoutYou  
November 14
Oracle Arena
Oakland

Tyrese with Ginuwine, Tank, 112  
November 2
Paramount Theatre
Oakland

Hanson  
November 5, 2007
The Fillmore
San Francisco

Tyrese with Ginuwine, Tank, 112  
November 15
Oracle Arena
Oakland

Hanson  
November 14
Memorial Auditorium
Sacramento

Brand New with Thrice, mewithoutYou  
November 16
Arco Arena
Sacramento

Evanescence  
November 14
Events Center at San Jose State
San Jose

Gwen Stefani with Sean Kingston  
November 1
Stockton Arena
Stockton

Brand New with Thrice, mewithoutYou  
November 16
HP Pavilion
San Jose

Gwen Stefani with Sean Kingston  
November 1
The Fillmore
San Francisco

The Hives, Phantom Planet  
November 5
Oracle Arena
Oakland

She Wants Revenge with Kenna and The Start  
November 14
Fillmore
San Francisco

The Hives, Phantom Planet  
November 6
Arco Arena
Sacramento

Kelly Clarkson  
November 14
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November 16
Stockton Arena
Stockton

If you would like to keep PostSecret going feel free to visit the PostSecret website at http://www.postsecret.blogspot.com/ or ask your ASUOP representative about having Frank Warren speak at Pacific in the future.
Panhellenic Extends a Hand to the Stockton Community

Karin Carido
Press Release

Last Wednesday, October 17, delegates and new members of Panhellenic sororities met together to bag goodie bags of toiletries. Since the beginning of October, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta collected donations of items such as Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, hair ties and other toiletries. As a result of Panhellenic's efforts, over 1,500 items were donated to the San Joaquin Women's Shelter.

Panhellenic Secretary/Treasurer Julie Pham stated, "It was amazing to see all the women come together for a good cause. The Women's Shelter greatly appreciated the hard work that Panhellenic did."

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Panhellenic organizations contribute to their own philanthropy, but they also involve themselves in other community service opportunities, such as this one for the Women's Shelter.

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In light of the Out of Iraq demonstration, the Pacifican would like to take some time to stress the importance of questioning authority and being informed on a variety of issues that affect our government. Students need to engage in political conversations with their peers and research what is actually going on in the government right now. We are at a pivotal point in history. We have to be informed because whether we like it or not, this is the world we have inherited. This is the America we have inherited and it will not be made better without our help.

It does not matter what issue you become involved in, just get involved; if you want a change or course in Iraq War, then make it known, if you want stronger environmental protection, then do something about it.

One of the easiest steps to helping accomplish your political goals is to vote. We hear it all the time, but it is true. Be informed voters, research the different candidates and do not focus on party politics. Vote for the candidate, not for the party. But do not cast your vote every four years and think that this is all you have to do to be an active citizen; it is so much more than that.

The primary elections are coming up in early 2008. Are you registered? You will have to register as either a Republican or a Democrat to vote in the primaries, but if you want any say in the final candidates you should vote.

First of all, make sure you are voting on the person for the right reasons; know the facts and their intentions. Then be active in either the campaign process or by letting your opinions be known. This can be accomplished through grassroots campaigning, protests, or even writing letters to your representative or senator.

We at the Pacifican are exhausted with complaints from students about how disappointed they are in the government, yet these people never take action. Do something about it! Like Gandhi so expertly put, “you must be the change you want to see in the world.” There is so much truth in that sentence. So go out there and be your own change!

Poetry Revival

By Jeff Morgan
Staff Writer

I have never read any other poetry that has influenced me spiritually as much as Mawlana Jalal-ud-Din Muhammad Rumi. Undoubtedly, if your parents were baby boomer “hippies” like mine were, you have most likely heard the name. Rumi was born in present-day Afghanistan in the year 1207. Before his death in 1273 he produced thousands of poems including those in his masterpiece the poetry compilation titled “The Masnavi” which consisted of over 6,000 poems. Admittedly, I don’t feel that I can fully judge his meaning and use of language. As with any translation there is often connotative as well as, perhaps, denotative meaning lost. Part of me wishes that I had been able to sit there on a cushion listening to this poetry read in that time and place and with that mindset and linguistic understanding. Nevertheless his poetry is some of the most potently spiritual poetry that has ever been produced even when read in translation. I chose this poem because I feel that it really speaks to me. The message is short and to the point and it seems to be personal growth, this poem presents a notion of transcending good and evil. The western notion of this would be a sort communion with God who is said to be inherently good. So in essence, when one chooses the ego notions of good and evil, and simply becomes aware of God, they are left to experience the joy and contentment of being in such a causal relationship with God. I do not believe or disbelieve this notion of God, but I would suggest considering the experiences he has describing in his poetry. What sort of person can transcend rightness and wrongness not for the purpose of being free of moral judgment, but for the purpose of communion with existence? Rumi can do so much with so little. This poem is one of those “little snippets” that one could spend a lifetime trying to fully understand.

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I’ll meet you there.

When the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase each other doesn’t make any sense.
The New York-Boston Rivalry

By Benjamin Dunphy
Opinion Columnist

The seeds were sown for a bitter rivalry. As Major League Baseball’s most successful team in history, the New York Yankees have racked up 26 World Series victories (their last in 2000) and 39 American League Pennants. In 2004, the Red Sox had only won five World Series since the 1901 creation of the Boston Americans (who changed their name to the Red Sox in 1912). They had not won a World Series since 1918. And they were losing a 7-game series for the American League Pennant 3-0 against the New York Yankees that year of 2004. Some call it luck, others call it destiny. But in 2004 the Red Sox took a seven game series against the Yankees after being down 3 games to none. They won four straight games, taking the American League series from a team that had a payroll half the size of the National League. It was the first time in history that a Major League Baseball team had overcome a 3-0 deficit in the playoffs. The Red Sox then won the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight games.

The Red Sox are set to do it again, but this time against the Cleveland Indians in the American League Pennant. In 1901, the American League was also given professional, or “Major League,” status. After two years of rivalry between the two leagues, they sorted out their differences by creating a “World Series” to determine who was the best baseball team—and league—in the world. However, when the first World Series came around in 1904, the National League champions, New York Giants refused to participate against the American League champions, the Boston Americans.

Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

"Pimp," "Hos," and "Scream" Masks: It must be Halloween!

By Mikey Yu
Humor Columnist

With Halloween around the corner, I found myself perusing the overpriced and understaffed aisles of the Spirit Halloween costume supply store. The cheap looking pimp outfits, fully equipped with feather and gold trim (and served as its own getup separately), were found all around the store, strangely juxtaposed with "slutty nun costumes." What struck me as rather odd (and extremely disturbing) is that many of these revealing costumes are now offered in the kid’s section.

Yes, you read that right, you may now find a wide array of skimpy costumes in the 12 and under section. What ever happened to the good ol’ days, where kids dressed up as dinosaurs, skeletons, and ninjas? Now we have little kids dressing up as "slutty nun costumes." What are you going to do, skate past my mailbox with a baseball bat?

I’m also saddened, from time-to-time, by the level of costume resourcefulness that I’ve seen in my years at Pacific. I’ll tell you what: nothing is quite as jarring as being assaulted by a spray painted blue Smurf or seeing Quail Man handcuffed to the fridge. Not that these are easily passed off as normal, just as most of us have probably had a few run-ins with the law in our time.

Are those Vans shoes? Nice white socks and cargo shorts. What are you going to do, skate past my mailbox with a baseball bat?

I know that being a Mac user requires some mental gymnastics when you're suddenly forced to use a PC...thinking he was just time for a change. He was cool, right? Ok, I'm sorry to tell you all of this. You probably don’t want to hear it. I’m pouring salt on the wound, I suppose. I just want you to understand. I know that it will take some time for both of us to fully accept the harsh reality of our situation. I promise I’ll never turn into one of those “Mac People”, who always feel the need to hate PCs and condescendingly talk about how much more superior Macs are. See you around, I guess —Elaine
Leubane scores twice in victory

With the help of two goals by Junior Kedibone Leubane (Capetown, South Africa), the Pacific field hockey team upset California 3-2 on Saturday, Oct. 20, in a NorPac Conference game. With the victory, the Tigers improved to 4-10 on the season, and 3-2 in conference play, while the Golden Bears dropped to 9-5 overall, and 4-1 in the conference after suffering their first NorPac loss.

The beginning of the game was at a deadlock without any scoring until Senior Forward Jennifer Crane gave Cal the lead with an unassisted goal. Six minutes before the half, Junior Sasha Larsen (Vista, Ca) had a chance to tie the game for the Tigers with a penalty shot but the Cal goalkeeper, Liz Braasch, made a tremendous save to keep the Golden Bears on top of the Tigers 1-0. Soon after, Golden Bear Forward Kellie York scored to give Cal a 2-0 lead over Pacific.

It looked as though Cal was going to take a 2-0 lead into the half, but with just over a minute remaining until the break, Senior Defender Katie Fiesen (Vista, Ca) put the Tigers on the board with an unassisted goal and allowed Pacific to go into the half trailing by one, giving the Tigers some much-needed momentum.

The Tigers carried the momentum into the second half as they tied the score 2-2 only seconds into the half; an unassisted goal by Leubane.

Midway into the half, Leubane scored her second goal of the day to put the Tigers ahead 3-2. Pacific played resilient defense throughout the final 20 minutes of the game and did not allow a goal. They kept the score at 3-2 to conclude the upset and stun the Golden Bears and their fans in the victory.

The Tigers will play next on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Stanford University as they take on Appalachian State in their final regular season game.

**Two Tigers remain at ITA Regionals**

Twarowska and Arens continue to the round of 32

Glen Sisk
Athletic Media Relations

Pacific women’s tennis looked sharp on the opening day of competition at the ITA Northwest Regional Championships on Friday afternoon, with five singles participants advancing after the first round.

Junior Jolanta Twarowska (Hamburg, Germany) soared into the round of 32 after gliding past Ashley Anderson from Washington 6-1, 6-4 and Ashley Pane from Santa Clara 6-3, 6-1.

She will face No. 4 Jessica Nguyen from Stanford on Saturday morning.

Sophomore Svenja Arens (Bensburg, Germany) also advanced to the round of 32 after beating Cal’s Daron Moore 6-1, 6-3 and Robin Guier of UC Davis, 6-1, 6-4.

She faces No. 11 Whitney Deason from Stanford on Saturday morning.

The Tigers will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 20, as play resumes at 8:30 am.

**Results:**

**Singles First Round:**
- Svenja Arens (PAC) def. Daron Moore (CAL), 6-1, 6-3
- Sasha Fisher (PAC) def. Tina Snodgrass (ORE), 6-1, 6-2
- Olga Gumenyuk (PAC) def. Andrea Wong (SCU), W/D
- Clara Schumacher (PAC) def. Courtney Hull (SCU) 6-4, 7-6(4)
- Jolanta Twarowska (PAC) def. Ashley Anderson (WASH) 6-1, 6-4

**Second Round:**
- Svenja Arens (PAC) def. Robin Guier (UCD) 6-1, 6-4
- No. 16 Hilary Barte (STAN) def. Sasha Fisher (PAC), 6-1, 6-0
- Celia Durkin (STAN) def. Olga Gumenyuk (PAC), 6-2, 6-2
- No. 14 Ekaterina Burduli (WSU) def. Clara Schumacher (PAC), 6-0, 6-0
- Jolanta Twarowska (PAC) def.

**Doubles First Round:**
- Svenja Arens / Sasha Fisher (PAC) def. Nisha Dixit / Mylene Martin (USF), W/D
- Kateryna Nezhura / Clara Schumacher (PAC) def. Kristen MacWilliam / Rika Mehndiratta (GONZ), 8-1
- Olga Gumenyuk / Jolanta Twarowska (PAC) def. Andrea Kwong / Carmen Pham (SCU), 9-8 (7-1)

**Doubles Second Round:**
- Caroline Bailly / Maria Mizyk (STAN) def. Svenja Arens / Sasha Fisher (PAC), 8-3
- Whitney Deason / Carolyn McVeigh (STAN) def. Kateryna Nezhura / Clara Schumacher (PAC), 8-4
- Joyce Martinez / Melissa Valenzuela (CSUS) def. Olga Gumenyuk / Jolanta Twarowska (PAC), 8-0

Field Hockey defeated Cal 3-2 last Saturday. They are 4-10 for the season and 3-2 in conference play. Go get ‘em Tigers!
Women’s Volleyball Annihilates Fullerton

Pacific ties record with 19-point game one win

Brandon Koch
Staff Writer

After beating Cal State Bakersfield 3-0 on Friday, Oct. 19, in a non-conference game, the Pacific Women’s Volleyball team dominated Cal State Fullerton the next night in a 3-0 victory in a Big West Conference game on Saturday, Oct. 20. With the weekend sweep, the Tigers improved to 13-5 overall, and 6-3 in the conference.

The Tigers set the tone of the match in game one with a record-tying 30-11 victory over the Cal State Fullerton Titans. With the 19-point victory, Pacific tied its record for the highest margin of victory in a single game.

In game one, Pacific jumped out of the gates early and won the first nine out of ten points to take a commanding 9-1 lead over the Titans. The Tigers continued to leave the Titans in the dust throughout the duration of the game, easily winning game one 30-11.

Although Pacific never trailed during game two of the match, Cal State Fullerton kept the Tigers’ lead minimized throughout the first half of the game as Pacific held on to a slim 15-13 lead at the midway point. However, the Tigers went on a run to win the next six out of seven points to take a 21-14 lead, and they never slowed down, winning game two 30-25.

The extended break between game two and game three allowed Cal State Fullerton to regain their focus, which was apparent by the way that they played in game three.

In game three, the Titans found themselves ahead of the Tigers at the midway point with a 15-14 lead. Then the Tigers quit playing around with the Titans, winning eight of the next nine points to gain a 22-16 lead, and they never looked back from there as they won the game 30-25, and thus, won the match 3-0.

Junior Kara Uhl (Cypress, Ca) lead the Tigers to victory with 19 kills and 12 digs, while Sophomore Meagan MimMack (Upland, Ca) had 12 kills to help the cause. Freshmen Svenja Engelhardt (Sinsheim, Germany) finished with 10 kills and 12 digs, and Senior Captain Julie Magud (Stockton, Ca) had 18 kills and 12 digs for the Tigers.

Pacific will next travel to San Luis Obispo to take on the first place Cal Poly Mustangs on Friday, Oct. 26, in a crucial Big West Conference battle.

The Tigers set the tone of the match in game one with a record-tying 30-11 victory.

Photographs by Devin Daily

Photo courtesy of Athletic Department

The women of Pacific’s volleyball team get powered up. Their energy brought them strong games over the weekend and hopefully a strong season!

Hardcore builds a Dynasty

Devin Daily
Staff Writer

The top two women’s flag football teams took the field last Thursday to determine the rec-sports league championship. Hardcore claimed last year’s crown and were the 2005 finalists. On this occasion however, the Hardcore women came in as the underdog against a strong Physical Therapy (PT) team after losing to them in the regular season. Both sides came ready for war, turning the final game into a thriller. The game would be decided late, but in the end, Hardcore, defended its championship successfully.

Wearing white and red baseball tees, Andrea Garcia, Lupita Yerkes-Medina and the rest of the Hardcore girls, used their strong passing game and swarming defensive to gain the advantage. They showed little intimidation, scoring first to set the momentum. Long passes by quarterbacks Katie Lipeles and Lindsey Garehime of Hardcore matched the running and passing game of PT’s Naheel Nabahan.

The game was tied at 14-14 going into the last minute of regulation timing. Spectators from the men’s game on the adjacent field shifted their attention toward the women’s game to watch the final plays. The Hardcore and PT fans figured the game would go into overtime. Hardcore quarterback, Lindsey Garehime had other ideas when she delivered the swagger... intercepting a Nabahan pass. She ran by the entire PT team down the left side of the field to score the gamewinning touchdown. “I just wanted the ball back...” said Garehime.

Hardcore ends its senior season with a championship win.