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Pacific’s Performance Challenged at Community Forum

By Erin Birmingham
Co-Editor in Chief

The Pacific Alumni Association, held their 49th Annual Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony last weekend at the Stockton Country Club. The Association gave five awards, each recognizing the recipients’ outstanding service to the Pacific community, society or non-profit organizations.

All of the honorees were in attendance for the dinner along with twelve previous award winners who each received a medallion to wear when they return to campus for events like commencement and convocation. The first Distinguished Alumni Award was given in 1956, and since then 129 additional alumni have received this honor.

The five award winners this year were the Betts Family, who received the Outstanding Family Award; Dr. Margaret Stimmam, who received the Volunteer Service Award; Samuel L. Jackson, who received the Professional Service Award; and Richard S. Paulsen, who received University Service the award. Other categories include the President’s Award, the Outstanding Young Alumni Award and the Medallion of Excellence.

Recipients are nominated by faculty, administrators or alumni and then researched by the Alumni Association. Their accomplishments are then presented to a board of eight to ten alumni, one who brought up a recent incident where two of her colleagues were joking about the rape incidents saying the girls may have accepted the advances earlier in the night and regretted having sex with him in the morning.

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Alternative Spring Break
A Worthwhile Challenge

By Heather Breen
Staff Writer

The Social Justice Committee’s semester theme of poverty was greatly enhanced by the Alternative Spring Break Opportunity presented by Deb Conrad of Urban Spirit. The informational meeting took place on Monday October 29, 2007 in the Multicultural Center.

Deb Conrad made it clear that Urban Spirit’s Alternative Spring Break is completely different from Habitat for Humanity in which students have to build a house. Unlike building a house in a different culture, those participating in Urban Spirit engage in a week-long poverty simulation where they work, eat, and live together on the Federal Government’s official $5.85 minimum wage allocation.

Team members earn money by tutoring children in after school programs or completing menial tasks such as yard work and cleaning. They earn a shared minimum wage and have access to low-income resources such as soup kitchens and homeless centers. Access to iPods, laptops, and cell phones are limited to further mimic a low income lifestyle.

Conrad was frank in saying that one of the greater goals of the program is to get past “blaming poor people for being so damn stupid.” Instead, the program is designed to educate on the obstacles that prevent families from attaining higher standards of living.

The program is designed for social science and health science majors, although all faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to apply. Program fees are $250, with a $50 dollar deposit required at the time of the application admission. The first 15 people to apply will be eligible to receive subsidization. Applications are due December 3.

Students interested in participating can get more information from the Social Justice Committee or from Chaplain Don McNeil at (209) 946-2325. To find broad information concerning poverty simulation, go to urbanspirit.org.

World AIDS Awareness Event Invites Youth Speaks

By Chiwei Ohanele
Staff Writer

Youth Speaks is a San Francisco based Spoken Word organization with offices all over the United States dedicated to using the voice of the youth to inspire political and social activism.

Black Campus Ministries in collaboration with Interfaith, Peace and Justice Coalition, United Cultural Council, P.R.I.D.E. have donated to a fund to raise the two thousand five hundred dollars it will cost to bring the organization to Pacific, along with three professional Spoken Word artists who will perform. They will also hold a workshop with students and event attendees to help celebrate World AIDS Awareness Week. The event is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday December 5 at 7 p.m. in the Pacific Theatre.

On the University of the Pacific campus, December 8 through the 8 is World AIDS Awareness Week to expose Pacific students to national and international consequences of the epidemic.

Also part of the week will be The Wall of Hands, a poster representing individuals in support of or effected by the AIDS epidemic, and several workshops some dealing with myths of the AIDS epidemic. A Multicultural Ball, still in the planning stages, is anticipated to give proceeds to the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation. The committee planning meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

Those interested in either donating funds to bring Youth Speaks to our campus or in planning World AIDS Awareness Week events, leave a name and contact information at the Multicultural Center Office in the first floor of McCaffrey Center.

Volunteers Needed For Golden Guardian

November 14, 2007

Time slots available:
7:00 AM-2:00 PM
Please visit
8:00 AM-10:30 AM
www.pacific.edu/reachout
11:00 AM-2:00 PM
to volunteer!

Lack of Undergraduate Enrollment Causes Concern

By Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

There have been concerns regarding the lower number of students admitted to Pacific this fall. At the Annual President’s Forum, President De Rosa addressed this issue with concern toward Pacific’s reputation through the eyes of people that have not attended. Statistics have shown that in 2006 there were 3,535 students enrolled and this year there were 3,470 students enrolled. Although the difference seems minuscule, it is a problem considering more students applied to Pacific this past year than previous years, yet fewer chose Pacific.

George Dehne researched the reasons behind the lower enrollment. Through questioning different individuals, he found that students decided not to attend Pacific for three main reasons. First, University of the Pacific was not the students’ first choice. Second, people didn’t think that Pacific was worth the money, or the “value didn’t justify cost” at Pacific, as De Rosa put it during the forum.

Unfortunately, the students that attend Pacific know this is certainly not the case. A past concern was the lack of activities in the Stockton area. Students want to go to school in cities that are better known and full of action.

President De Rosa plans to take action on the discrepancies people have concerning the type of school Pacific is. He hopes to expand “geographic diversity.” He hopes to distinguish between casual and serious applicants in order to weed out those who are less likely to choose to enroll at Pacific. Also, De Rosa believes that the financial aid award packages should be increased.

Currently, the shortage of undergraduate enrollment has not severely affected Pacific’s financial wellbeing. However, something must be done to make people more aware of the benefits of Pacific education.

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students about rape and alcohol abuse. Student Victim Advocate Mary Ann Pearson, spoke up about her past efforts in starting this type of programming. She said her “knuckles are raw” from knocking on so many doors trying to find a welcoming audience for her programs. As of now, she says she has not been invited to do any this year. She is open to integrating the prevention programs into new student orientations, which would make it mandatory for every new student.

In the meantime, Dr. Griego ended the forum by talking about forming an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Task Force. She wants to try to find ways the University can improve on prevention in future cases. She is looking for faculty, students, staff and parents interested in getting involved. E-mail her at egriego@pacific.edu if you are interested.
Mock Disaster to Take Place at Pacific

By Christine Le
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the University of the Pacific will hold an Emergency Response Simulation called the Golden Guardian Exercise.

Some emergency response scenes that will take place during the simulation.

It will take place at the Alex G. Spanos Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event will allow the University Emergency Response Teams to test their ability to respond to a major crisis.

Pacific is collaborating with Homeland Security and over 34 Federal, state and local agencies, including the FBI, American Red Cross, and Stockton Police and Fire Departments to host this simulation.

"We’re testing to see how the University’s first responders, who are the first people to arrive at the scene, react to an incident of a horrendous nature, whether it be an earthquake, flood, school shooting, etc.,” said Michael Belcher, Director of the Department of Public Safety. “It’s also important to see how different levels of our government communicate with each other in response to the crisis.”

The event will block Larry Heller Dr. and the stadium parking lot during these hours. Students and employees will still have access to the campus through Mendocino Ave., Kensington Ave. and entrances on Pacific Ave.

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Pacific organized similar simulations two years ago, such as the mock fire in Grace Covell Hall and an imitated hostage situation at Theta Chi Fraternity House. The Golden Guardian Exercise will be the first one to take place during the regular academic year instead of the summer.

The specific type of disaster will be kept secret until the day of the simulation. Volunteers are needed to be actors in this simulation. For more information, visit the Reach Out Pacific website (www.pacific.edu/reachout) or contact Erin Rausch, the Director of the Center of Community Involvement at (209) 946-2504.

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The man who recruited Richard Rolsen to play baseball, Tom Stubbs, and the winner of the award for University Service, Richard Paulson (right). Photograph by Erin Birmingham

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Margaret Stimmann, Stockton community. He has served as a pharmacist, and internationally.

"Teachers can make all the difference and we need them, especially well educated teachers. Pacific does a good job of creating graduates who have a very well rounded and large viewpoint, and that is what we need,” said Dr. Stimmann.

Dr. Stimmann has also written textbooks, served on the White House’s Civic Education Task Force, and co-founded the Center for Civic Education, a non-profit organization that promotes and develops civic and law-related education nationally and internationally.

The third recipient, Dr. John S. Hambright, was acknowledged for his contributions to the pharmaceutical profession and his 36 years of service to the Stockton community. He has served as a pharmacist, and an adjunct professor at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. "The students at the School of Pharmacy will challenge you to be a better pharmacist," said Dr. Hambright.

Dr. Hambright is passionate about working with future pharmacists. He explained that he hopes to pass down to them the idea that there is more to being a pharmacist than “putting pills in a bottle.” In addition, many of one of a handful of pharmacists who, in the 1980s, developed the first collaborative practice agreements.

Graduating in 1997 from the McGeorge School of Law with his JD, Samuel L. Jackson, was awarded next for setting and surpassing the bar of excellence in community leadership. Attorney Jackson served as City Attorney for 11 years in Sacramento, was honored by the McGeorge School of Law as one of the 80 alumni whose accomplishments helped shape the School, and received recognition from the Sacramento Bar Association for thirty years of community service and an official Resolution commending him for his leadership as the first African-American Sacramento Bar President.

"It feels great, about as good as it can feel, but it is not only about me. I am proud to be a part of such a large group of people who give back," he said in light of receiving this honor.

The final award was given to twice inducted Pacific Athletic Hall-of-Famer Richard R. Paulsen. Once inducted for his work as a benefactor and volunteer for Pacific Athletics and once for his role on the Pacific Basketball team. Since graduating from the College of the Pacific in 1982, Paulsen has earned recognition for his business success and professional expertise in the fields of life insurance and financial planning.

Paulsen was also named YMCA’s Volunteer of the Year in 2003. He has provided tremendous fundraising and leadership for the Stockton and Pacific communities. "I feel it is a great success for our community, so I want to continue to do what I can to provide support,” said Paulsen. "Pacific taught me about life and accountability and help"

Pre-Dentistry student, Ryan Colletta said, "seeing all of the success at this event makes me feel comfortable for the future.”

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Editorial:

Dumbfounding Double Standard

The double standard in Greek Life

Although there are some inequalities to be seen on and around campus, there is one that is so blatant, so distinct, that we at the Pacifican cannot help but comment on it. The disparities between what social fraternities and social sororities can get away with is ridiculous. The same rules apply to both Greek organizations and yet fraternities rarely follow the rules that apply to them. This is their own individual choice as an organization but we have to wonder why the two differ on many levels.

For example, sorority girls are not allowed to wear their Greek letters while drinking, unless they are 21 and it is in a tasteful manner, and even then some houses do not allow such situations to occur. But on the other hand, fraternity boys often go out drinking at parties in their letters. For fraternities, partying in their letters often seems to be used as good advertising, for sororities, a girl seen drinking in her letters would put a black mark on her house’s reputation.

Also, sororities on campus are not seen hazing their new members, but some fraternities have, not so discreetly, required their pledges to complete difficult or embarrassing tasks. When asked about pledging, some sorority new members say it is almost too easy, while fraternity pledges expend on the time consuming, difficulty involved in pledging.

Another discrepancy that seemingly harkens back to the times of our mother’s and father’s day is that so­ rority girls cannot have boys in their rooms while girls are welcome to not only come in a boys room, but to spend the night.

We at the Pacifican have to question, why are there such discrepancies between the rules sororities follow and the rules fraternities choose to break? If anyone has partaken in our cam­ pus’ Greek social life they know that fraternities do not abide by many of the laws set down in the Tiger Lore, such as 32.6 a) The possession, sale, use or consump­ tion of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises or during a fraternal event.

This policy continues to say that there can be association with drinking, a fraternal organization.

Some of the rules that sororities are required to abide by seem archaic and overbearing. At the same time the fraternities are receiving too much leniency.

We suggest a move to a more balanced system.
Quotes of the times
16 quotes of relevance, imminence, and action by Presidential Candidate Ron Paul

The true patriot is motivated by a sense of responsibility and out of self-interest for himself, his family, and the future of his country to resist government abuse of power. He rejects the notion that patriotism means obedience to the state.

Setting a good example is a far better way to spread ideals than through force of arms.

Right now, we are building an embassy in Iraq that is bigger than the Vatican. We’re building 14 permanent bases.

What would we say here if China was doing this in our country or in the Gulf of Mexico? We would be objecting.

We need to look at what we do from the perspective of what would happen if somebody else did it to us.

By Benjamin Dunphy
Opinion Columnist

In the late 1800s, when Congress first attempted to impose an income tax, the notion of taxing a citizen’s hard work was considered radical! Public outcry ensued; more importantly, the Supreme Court ruled the income tax unconstitutional.

One thing is clear: The Founding Fathers never intended a nation where citizens pay nearly half of everything they earn to government.

Deficits mean future tax increases, pure and simple. Deficit spending should be viewed as a tax on future generations, and politicians who create deficits should be exposed as tax hikers.

Statism depends on the idea that the government owns us and citizens must obey...The draft, or even the mere existence of the Selective Service, emphasizes that we will march off to war at the state’s pleasure.

Cliches about supporting the troops are designed to distract from failed policies, policies promoted by powerful special interests that benefit from war, anything to steer the discussion away from the real reasons the war in Iraq will not end anytime soon.

It is conveniently ignored that the only authentic way to best support the troops is to keep them out of dangerous, undeclared, no-win wars that are politically inspired. Sending troops off to war for reasons that are not truly related to national security and, for that matter, may even damage our security -- is hardly a way to patriotically support the troops.

It’s time American soldiers quit being killed and it’s time for us to quit killing a lot of other people who have not attacked us.

Legitimate use of violence can only be that which is required in self-defense.

We fail to realize that the extremists, willing to sacrifice their own lives to kill their enemies, do so out of a sense of weakness and desperation over real and perceived attacks on their way of life, their religion, their country, and their natural resources...Their anger toward their own governments, which they believe are coconspirators with the American Government, is equal to or greater than that directed toward us.

War is never economically beneficial except for those in position to profit from war expenditures.

We now live in a post-9/11 America where our government is going to make us safe no matter what it takes. We are expected to grin and bear it and adjust to every loss of our liberties in the name of patriotism and security.

Historically, revolutions are started by a select few, and are ignored by the mainstream for a long time — until they can no longer be ignored. That point has passed, and they can ignore us no longer.

By Mikey Yu
Humor Columnist

As I find myself sitting here, writing this article, I start to think back to the times of my freshmen year. I am constantly reminded of my freshmen year on a weekly basis, largely due to the fact that the newspaper office happens to be sitting in the middle of an all-freshmen dorm, athen, residence hall.

As I was walking down one of the halls last week, I saw a very familiar scene play out in front of one of the doors. Picture this: A student, surely tired from his long day of class, has come back from a hearty, delicious, healthy meal from the dining hall, and is finally ready to plop down on his bed for his scheduled midday nap...Only to find that there is a sock on the door handle. “godDAMMIT!” he exclaims as he bangs on the door. “It’s barely 1:00 in the afternoon!” he sighs, as he now must resort to sleeping in the lobby. This friends, is what we call being “sexiled.”

Now, don’t think that I’m going to try to give you some advice on what to do to avoid being sexiled because, well, it’s probably going to happen a lot. Some of you may get lucky (not that way), and be living with someone that is quiet, reserved, and tends to stick to their studies, while others on the polar end of the spectrum may get a roommate who is a regular Cassanova. You may find that a large portion of the school spends more time sleeping in your room than you do.

This article is more about the more creative ways you can find to warn your approaching roommate that you happen to be engaged in some hanky-panky, and that their presence is not wanted. First, you have to be in the proper mindset. If you are doing the deed, it’s not going to be a secret anyway. Do you realize how paper thin Residence Hall walls are? You could probably hear flies having sex.

One solution is to move their bed outside into the hallway. It’s the safest, and probably most considerate option you have. Even if they’re angry that they’re not in the room, at least they don’t have to sleep on the couch in the lobby with stains from the mid 70’s. Another solution is to hang a bright neon OPEN/CLOSED sign outside your door. You figure that one out. Another solution is to just plain do it in the lobby. That’s some reverse psychology right there because now you can blame your roommate for not-sex-lying you from your room. Why are you guys having sex in the lobby? “Uh, well you totally World of Warcraft-ied us from the room. Why didn’t you just wrap a computer mouse around the doorknob?”

The last and final solution, and probably the funniest one, is to just stick to the old sock or scrunchie method, but instead, put it on the inside of the door handle. This way, if they get angry at you when they stumble into the room to find you half naked, you can have this fun little conversation with them: “Dude, there was totally a sock on the door handle, what the hell man?! You’re ruining my sexy time.”

“Uh, yes... BUT IT WAS ON THE INSIDE.”

“C’mon man, that’s barely a technicality.”

These are life lessons kids. Learn ‘em while you still can.
Pacific a Walking Campus? Not quite yet.

By Linda Lopez
Website Manager

As part of the Pacific community, you have already heard that President De Rosa is working towards making the University a "walking campus." Although it seems Pacific is making small strides toward this goal, cyclists in the community are asking Pacific to provide an integral component which may help achieve the objective: more bike racks.

As of now there is a small amount of bike racks populating the campus including the areas around WPC, the Dining Hall, and Weber Hall (three of the most heavily populated areas on campus). Although for those of us who do not bike, the amount of bike racks seems sufficient, there is unease amongst cyclists. Junior bicyclist Laura Proctor says, "Bike racks are crazy! You have to wait for people to get out of class to park it, illegally pile your bike onto a stuffed rack or sometimes just lean it against the rack if there is no space and hope that no one takes your bike."

In order to feel what a bicyclist feels, let us think about some of the difficulties associated with some of the bike racks around campus. One of the most populated areas on central campus is the Dining Hall and it therefore houses a very utilized bike rack. There is a possibility for four, rather than nine, bicycles with the rack's awkward placement between a bench and a wall. During Pacific Hour, you can just imagine the chaos a bicyclist experiences coming upon a stuffed bike rack during the only hour in which they could consume a meal.

Although many of the bike racks are not utilized as much as the one by the Dining Hall, the interesting placement of some bike racks also poses a problem. In Grace Covell Hall, for example, there are four "U" shaped bike racks located inside the building. Yes, at first this might seem like a smarter choice, housing the bike racks inside in order to increase security; but wouldn't such a great amount of bike racks serve a larger community by being placed directly outside the building? This alternative placement would allow various students passing by Grace Covell an opportunity to lock their bikes there rather than having cyclist fight for a spot in front of Knoles Hall.

Another example can be seen in the Education building in which students have to climb up stairs in order to secure their bikes. The cumbersome quantity and placement of bike racks around campus is just one issue which is affecting Pacific students. As Proctor stated, "this issue is an inconvenience in a campus that is hoping to decrease driving on campus." Maybe with this plea, Pacific will make it easier for students to work towards the goal of making this campus a walking campus.

We have some solutions that might be easier than you think. We're the National Endowment for Financial Education, a nonprofit foundation with nothing to sell and a lot to tell. For over 30 years, we've helped people just like you get smart about their money. Come to us for sound advice and practical information on how to start achieving all your financial goals. For everything from getting out of debt to managing your money wisely to saving for the future - we're here to help. www.smaraboutmoney.org

It's time to get smart about your money.
Great American Condom Campaign

Most people know that the use of condoms reduces the spread of STDs and prevent pregnancy, but also know they should use a condom every time they have sex. And Pacific students should now that condoms are offered for free in the Cowell Wellness Center.

But what happens when, for one reason or another, there is not a condom available when needed? Cowell is not open at night or on weekends, and is located so far from the main part of campus that some students may not even be aware of the risks of unprotected oral sex.

There is a multitude of ways to avoid safe sex. Men and women are very different biologically, and these differences are responsible in part for differences in sexual behavior and ideals. There is then the growing hookup culture prevalent on college campuses. Students are consuming large amounts of alcohol to feel comfortable around the opposite sex, which lowers inhibitions, but also can lead to unsafe sexual habits. Technology has also changed the way our generation interacts with each other. We can now hide behind text messaging and IMs, making it harder for some to communicate face to face. Another topic of discussion was that many young adults know they should get tested for STDs, yet very few actually do. Also, some students may not even be aware of the risks of unprotected oral sex.

The Great American Condom Campaign was founded in 2005 by Stephen B. Sobhani, with the mission to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections by engaging and educating Americans about critical public and personal health issues related to condom use in the United States and abroad.

To this day, the campaign is run entirely by volunteer professionals across the country, and does not rely on public service announcements, celebrities, or politicians; they just want condoms to be more widely available and easier to talk about.

The best way to get involved is to set up a Safesite. Safesites are places where others can get a condom from someone they already know, for free. When you sign up to form a Safesite, you get 500 Trojan condoms mailed to you to distribute to your friends, neighbors, or anyone else who needs one. To sign up, go to condomcampaign.org/safesites.html.
Puzzles can become guilty pleasures

By Vivian Lee
Staff Writer

Face it—college can be boring at times. Most of the time when you are not in class, you probably would rather not want to study for that next midterm. Suddenly, you are stuck with the dilemma of finding something worthwhile to replace the time during which you could actually be doing something useful. This is why I often turn to the internet for addicting games or “social networking” sites such as Facebook and MySpace. But spending so much time on the computer is bad for both your health and your mind. And that is why I turned to puzzles. Puzzles can be useful. They train your mind to open up to even more areas of imagination and experience by making you think.

Okay, so they are not easy, but in the time you attempt a stab at solving the puzzle, you will probably learn something new. Also, if you do them during classes, they can act as great conversation starters or binding moments.

In my high school journalism class, I received free copies of the San Francisco Chronicle and became interested in the Sudoku puzzles in the Datebook section of the paper.

After arriving at Pacific, I took advantage of our College Readiness Program (which provides access to free newspapers), going straight for the puzzles. Don’t get me wrong. I did not just take the newspapers for the puzzles. Having the newspaper with the puzzles inspired me to pay more attention to what was going on locally and in the world.

With puzzles, I found new meanings to words and vice versa. The puzzles that made up my interest were Sudoku, a logic puzzle based on the numbers 1-9, the daily crossword puzzle, the Jumble, and the ever-popular Rubik’s Cube.

Sudoku is a logic puzzle based on the numbers 1-9. The puzzle is a 9 x 9 square grid that includes 9 smaller 3x3 squares. The object of the puzzle is to place the numbers 1-9 in each 3x3 box without repeating numbers within horizontal or vertical lines through the grid. Crossword and Jumble puzzles deal with letters and words and the way they fit in with each other. In comparison, the crossword puzzle is more difficult than the Jumble because it requires the puzzle-doer both to know certain words and to spell them correctly. However, both are still pretty tricky.

And last but not least is the Rubik’s Cube. The Rubik’s Cube is a mechanical puzzle invented in 1970 by Erno Rubik that basically is a cube comprised of even smaller cubes. So far, the cube is available from 2x2x2 up to 5x5x5 versions. They are currently designing the 6x6x6 and the 7x7x7 versions. To this day, only a select few have mastered the skill of actually solving the Rubik’s Cube but don’t get discouraged. After much practice, the Rubik’s Cube is mainly a matter of simple patterns.

The idea of completing a puzzle may seem impossible. But the idea of trying is plausible, and could even be entertaining. So turn on your computer and try puzzle today!

Movie Review: Why Did I Get Married

Chinwe Ohonale
Staff Writer

Why Did I Get Married is the newest in the Tyler Perry collection starring Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson, Sharon Leal, Malik Yoba, Jill Scott, Richard T. Jones, Tasha Smith, Michael Jai White, Denise Boutte, and Lamman Rucker. It opened in theatres on October 12 with lots of laughs, gasps and, in some cases, tears.

The focus of this film is on four couples who reunite annually for a retreat where they ask themselves honestly why they got married, and held their breath in wondering if the son he dreamed of, the refined authoress, Sheila, is an enthusiastic housewife.

Audiences jeered at the unfair husband, cheered on the distraught wife, wept for the man who could never have the son he dreamed of, and held their breath in hope for the couple trying to move beyond the secret darkness no one else knew about. When the film was over people left satisfied and inspired.

Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married is one of those films that mixes drama with comedy, while teaching a valuable lesson about self-worth, friendship and the power we all hold within ourselves. At the end of the day, the warmth kindled by the film is one of resilient hope for man’s capacity to care for one another.

Panhellenic’s Woman of the Month

Most Panhellenic Spirit—Mary Buckley

By Karin Caride
Panhellenic Council, Vice President of Public Relations

Even though she left her heart in Michigan, Mary Buckley has found her home away from home in Kappa Alpha Theta. Her warm spirit and enthusiasm for the Greek community has earned her the title of Panhellenic’s first Woman of the Month Award.

As a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, dearly known as Theta, she has held executive positions such as Vice President of Development and Vice President Panhellenic, as well as been a part of numerous committees to help the development of the house. In addition, this sociology major has been on the hiring committee for the Sociology Department.

Her involvement in the Pacific community does not stop there. Mary is supportive of all organizations and attends events including Greek Week, philanthropy events, Tiger Nights, convocation and more. Her role in Panhellenic includes informing the members of Theta that the council is there to support them. She is here to help promote Greek Life through stressing the importance of academics and leadership. Her sisters attribute her with overall Greek spirit, as she is always found wearing her letters and telling girls to go Greek!

Her active involvement is motivated by the skills and the everlasting friendships she has developed by being a member of the Panhellenic community. She believes that being Greek helps you become a better person, find who you are and what you believe in and provides you with an opportunity to make a difference in your community.

When Mary is not attending class, meetings, or other events on campus, she is found reading for Greek Week, playing rec sports or hanging out with friends at Theta. As a senior looking back on all the memories, she finds her favorites are sisterhood events. Her plans after graduation include going to graduate school and eventually volunteering for social services.
Musical Fusion

By Camille Brockett
Staff Writer

Musical Fusion Radio, on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., is providing campus with a radio show like no other. By playing new, up-coming music, Musical Fusion Radio is exposing Pacific to new bands and expanding the on-campus music scene. Students Andrew Landgraf, bio-engineering major, Ian Keighley, broadcast communication major, and David Mayman, graphic design major, are the hosts of Musical Fusion Radio. It has featured live acoustic musicians on air, and will be interviewing band members as well. The show began with the Musical Fusion club, which, according to Mayman, was “started on campus to really create an integrated music scene on campus and have a central way of organizing and promoting bands on campus. Before we got here, there was no way to start a band with the school’s support. We also want to establish an organization where students who do play instruments can decide to get involved and find other people with similar musical instruments to start bands.”

Musical Fusion Radio promotes the same ideals, explained Keighley: “We provide what many radio stations and shows do not: a very diverse and non-specific approach to programming. We play tons of music that is just getting noticed and that many students here don’t even know about yet.”

Even though Musical Fusion Radio plays such a large role in exposing students to new music, they still have fun while on the air. Keighley explains, “David’s parents listen to every show we do. So, I often find myself talking about things that appeal to college students, and could be viewed as inappropriate or racy by someone’s parents. [I] often say things on-air that David has to apologize to his parents about. It happens nearly every show. I can only censor myself so much.”

With racy comments and new music, Musical Fusion Radio encompasses a true on-campus radio show, so give it a listen on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 89.7KPAC.

Panhellenic Goes Bowling

Press Release

On Sunday, November 4, members of the Panhellenic sororities had an outing to Pacific Bowl. Each of the sororities, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta, had at least half of their house show up to Pacific Bowl, where they played two games of bowling, ate snacks and enjoyed the afternoon in the company of great women. Vice President of Public Relations Karin Carido stated, “the executive board is trying to plan more events to encourage a community bond between the sororities. We’re all so busy with our own schoolwork, philanthropies and other obligations that we rarely find time to just hang out with the other houses, but these events are great opportunities to do just that.”

1940’s Radio Hour Review

By Cristy Yodon
Staff Writer

Pacific’s Opera Theatre put on a production of Walton Jones’s “The 1940’s Radio Hour,” which takes place on the set of a radio show that is being recorded live in front of a studio audience. We were the studio audience. From the moment the first actor took the stage, the feel of a New York December in the ’40s was readily evident and incredibly welcoming.

Musical Fusion Radio is exactly what Mayman said it is. By playing tons of music that is just getting noticed and that many students here don’t even know about yet.

As more and more of the cast entered the stage, the hustle and bustle of the pre-show procedures made the audience feel like the show was actually going on air. And when it did, the talent was truly phenomenal. Throughout the show, the cast members were given the chance to perform solos and in small groups. They sang a wide variety of songs from the time period—everything from “I’ll Be Seeing You” to “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” to “Chiquita Banana.”

Each song brought on a new set of goosebumps. There was not a single weak link in the cast. The main focus of the show was the vocals and no one fell short; though, Yvette Couvson, as Geneva Lee Browne, stole the show with each of her solos. The cast also had plenty of acting to do between songs while others were singing.

The small “commercials” between the songs were hilarious and fun, but there was a more somber undertone to the show. If you took the time to watch the actors during songs, they were not singing, it was a whole different part of the show entirely. Through merely facial expressions and body language, the story of each character’s relationship to another was made perfectly clear. It added a completely new dimension to the show.

The Pacific Opera Theatre left the audience no room for criticism. The show was beautifully performed and staged, and the actors were flawless. If you missed this show, be sure to catch the next one the company puts on: “Le Nozze di Figaro” by W.A. Mozart, in February.

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Pacific victorious over Humboldt State in Exhibition
Women's Basketball starts off the season positive with an exhibition win

Benjamin Larkey
Athletic Media Relations

Playing their lone exhibition game of the season, the Pacific Women's Basketball Team cruised to an 82-66 victory over Humboldt State on Sunday, Nov. 4. Junior Janae Young led the way for the Tigers with 20 points and 10 rebounds in her Tigers debut.

For the first 20:00 minutes of the game the Lumberjacks were able to keep up with the Tigers. As the Pacific women went into the locker room, they were up just one point at 36-35. Leading scoring for the Tigers in the first half of play was Junior Amy VanHollebeke who posted 10 points and four assists.

In the second half, the Tigers left no room to doubt who would take home the win. Pacific came out firing and increased its one point halftime lead to eight points in just over two minutes.

Behind sound defense and a running offense, the Tigers would push their lead up to 18 points with 11:27 to play in the game and never look back. The Lumberjacks would only get as close as within 13 point of Pacific, with just over 7:00 minutes to play, before Pacific ran its lead up to a game-high 22 points with 4:07 left in the contest. During the second half the Tigers forced the Lumberjacks in to 14 turnovers that resulted in 14 points off turnovers for Pacific. Young led the second half surge for the Tigers with 11 of her game-high 20 points while picking off three Humboldt State passes that turned into fastbreak points for her team.

Sophomore Jake Kelly had a solid game for the Tigers, posting seven points in each half to finish with 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting. VanHollebeke finished her first game for the Tigers with 13 points while adding seven assists and just three turnovers. Sophomore Emma Head was one rebound shy of a double-double, grabbing nine rebounds while posting 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting. As a team the Tigers shot 53.4% from the floor.

For the Lumberjacks, Katie Franci posted 12 points and 10 rebounds while Jennifer Enos dropped in 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting to round out the double-digit scoring for Humboldt State.

The Tigers will kick off their 2007-08 regular season campaign on the road at Utah State on Friday, Nov. 9. The game is scheduled for 5:00 pm.

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Water Polo Surprises Long Beach State
Seniors in Men's Waterpolo dominate team scoring

Taylor Sutton
Staff Writer

On Oct.28, Pacific's Men's Water Polo team came to the pool ready to take on one of their biggest competitors, Long Beach State. The game started off to an intense first quarter leaving it tied 2-2. The second quarter was less successful, with the Tigers not taking advantage of their six on five opportunities and weak defense. By the end of the first half it wasn't looking so good for the Tigers. Long Beach had outscored the Tigers leaving the score 6-3. Pacific was going to have to pick up their game severely if it wanted a fair chance at defeating Long Beach.

The third quarter was looking up for Pacific's men's team, outscoring Long Beach 4-2, and just one point short of tying up the game. Goalie, Junior Brian Domecus, was doing a great job shutting down Long Beach in the second half, helping the Tigers to catch up. The crowd was on the edge of their seats as the fourth quarter began. Senior Andy Skora received a 5-meter penalty shot after a foul and senior Duje Kaurloto took it. With Kaurloto's beautiful shot, he tied of the game 9-9. Only a minute was left in the game and the score was tied at 10-10, when Skora netted a beautiful goal. After a struggle in set, it finally brought the Tigers in the lead and secured them for their victory against Long Beach.

Later, Senior Dragan Bakic talked about the win: "We all knew from day one this would be our most important game of the season, so I did expect to win. Long Beach has been playing amazing this year as they knocked out some of the best teams in the country, but we knew that we could beat them if we gave it our best in the pool." The Tiger's win brought their record to 15-14 in the year and 1-4 in Mountain Pacific Sports Foundation. Pacific's seniors scored all eleven goals for the tigers. Skora and Bakic both with four goals, Kaurloto with two and Kenny Yamamoto with one, while Domecus had eleven saves.

Bakic states, "The team did great. Andy Skora played the best game I have ever seen him play and Senior Duje Kaurloto stepped up a lot in the second half. If Brian Domecus keeps making saves like that in the rest of the games this season we will surprise everyone at the conference tournament." The men's team surprised everyone and had one of their best games of the season.
Men’s Basketball
Defeats Stanislaus in Exhibition Opener
Four Tigers Score in Double Figures

Brandon Koch
Staff writer

The Pacific Men’s Basketball Team defeated Cal State Stanislaus 81-59 in their first exhibition game of the season on Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Alex G. Spanos Center. Thirteen Tigers contributed to the victory, with four scoring in double figures.

The Tigers started the game a little shaky as they could not find an answer for Warriors Senior Point Guard Duane Jones as he scored seven points in the first three minutes of the game to help propel the Warriors to an early 9-4 lead over Pacific. However, the Tigers showed the Warriors what Division 1 Basketball is all about as they outscored Stanislaus 42-16 throughout the remainder of the first half to take a commanding 46-25 lead at the break.

Junior Guard Chad Troyer lead the Tigers with 14 points, and Junior Guard Michael Kirby finished with 11 points for Pacific. Junior Guard Steffan Johnson and Brown also scored in double figures for the Tigers with 10 points each. Junior forward Michael Nunnally pulled down eight boards to lead the Tigers in rebounds, while Senior Guard Solomon HorseChief lead the team in assists with four. Jones was the only player for the Warriors to score in double figures and he ended with the game-high of 19 points.

After beating Alaska-Anchorage 72-50 in their second and final exhibition game of the year on Sunday, Nov. 4, Pacific will now travel to Eugene, Oregon to play in the World Vision Invitational Saturday, Nov. 10, through Monday, Nov. 12. They will take on Western Michigan, Oregon, and Pepperdine. Their next home game will be against Lewis and Clark University on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Souza Named to SoccerBuzz Elite Team of the Week

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For the first time in her career, Senior Jaime Souza was named to the SoccerBuzz Elite Team of the Week for her game play over the weekend of Oct. 26-28. Her award marks the second time in program history that a Pacific player has been named to the Elite Team since the team was created in 2001. Kelsey Nagel (2003-06) earned the award last season. Last week’s Big West Player of the Week

That Souza, played two of overtime contests in which she played over 20 minutes of shutout action before relinquishing her first goal of the weekend in the 101st minute of the 1-0 loss to Cal Poly giving the Mustangs a 1-0 win.

Before her lone goal of the weekend in the 101st minute of the 1-0 loss to Cal Poly giving the Mustangs a 1-0 win, Souza had produced 23 saves throughout the two games including posting a career-best 16 saves against the Mustangs on Sunday afternoon in a two short of the Big West’s single season record of 18 saves in a single contest. In total, Souza faced 53 shots and produced a .958 save percentage and 1.00 goals against average for the two games.

For her career, Souza sits at No. 2 in the Tigers’ all-time list for career shutouts, with 25 career shutouts to her name. In addition, Souza will finish her stellar senior year career as the all-time program leader in career shutouts with her average standing at 0.99. Currently, Souza is the only net-minder in program history to have a sub 1.00 career goals against average.

Souza is the only net-minder in program history to have produced 330 career saves, tying her for No. 3 in the Tigers’ all-time list with Kim McCaskey (1996-99).

Theta’s Inferno

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Last Saturday, Pacific students showed up to support Kappa Alpha Theta’s philanthropy organization, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), by throwing balls at each other. This Theta tradition involves a dodge ball tournament where teams compete in a best two-out-of-three, single elimination competition.

The teams consisted of

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