Members of Pi Kappa Alpha sleep outside the McCaffrey Center to raise money for Second Harvest Food Bank

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

For the 11th year, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity had their philanthropy event, Hit of Reality. The men built homes out of cardboard boxes and relied on the generosity of their fellow students for food for two days last week. They took over the McCaffrey Center with a metropolis of cardboard and passed the time asking for donations with the catchphrase, “What’s the best kind of nation? A Donation.”

During the 50 hours the men live outside, they are not allowed to buy food, shower, shave, use a car, or use anything inside a residence. However, the Pacific community never fails to provide them with plenty of food and hot chocolate. Pike Nate Darland said, “I eat more during Hit of Reality than I do normally because people bring us so much food.”

The philanthropy event raises awareness for homelessness and donates money to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Last year they collected more than $8,000 in donations and this year they have done it once again. The Pikes are allowed to use cardboard boxes collected from businesses such as Wal-mart and Sears to build homes to protect against the wind, rain, and cold. The two days they are outside never fail to be some of the coldest of the season.

This year was no different.

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Task Force to Examine Drug and Alcohol Abuse on Campus

Alex Ruano
News Editor

Pacific staff and the Office of Judicial Affairs collaborated to assemble a high-level, representative task force to study alcohol and substance abuse on campus. Recent incidents of acquaintance rape involving alcohol use and the dismissal of two students for dealing drugs on campus prompted the University staff to form this task force. Vice President for Student Life Dr. Elizabeth Griego said, “This is the first time in thirty five years that [students] have been expelled for drug dealing.”

These rare and unique events pushed Griego, along with other Pacific staff, to find a group of people to assess what needs to be done to curb excessive drinking and stop drug use on campus. Director of Judicial Affairs Heather Dunn Carlton will chair the twenty person task force. The team, which includes staff, students, faculty and parents, will evaluate the campus culture and student behavior relating to drug and alcohol use. They will also make recommendations for changes in policies and enforcement and look into what other education and prevention programs are needed on campus.

The task force will convene next semester and meet bi-weekly, with sub-groups meeting on alternate weeks. They will bring their recommendations for consideration to Dr. Griego by the end of next semester.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
Dec., 2 - 8, 2007

AUTO BURGLARY
LOT 23
120207
Victim report his vehicle burglarized. Entry made by punching out the door lock and making entry. Suspects took an iPod cradle and phone charger. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON(S)
DAVE BRUBECK
120407
Officers responded to a report of three males (possible juveniles) in the area. Officer contacted all subjects interviewed and revoked them from campus. Two subjects also had a small amount of marijuana which was destroyed.

THEFT
MORRIS CHAPEL
120407
Victim reported his unattended backpack stolen from Kirkbride Room. Officers met subject at DPS and initiated a report. Staff from Physical Plant located a binder from the back pack under the Calaveras Bridge which was returned to the owner.

AUTO BURGLARY
LOT 19
120507
Several officers responded to a report of a male subject trying to break into a vehicle. Officers arrested the subject at 4:50 PM for auto burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of stolen property and prowling. He later admitted to breaking into 8 vehicles. Officers recovered the majority of the stolen property and contacted the victims. Subject was transported to the county jail.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
SOUTHWEST HALL
120507
Officer responded to a report of the smell of marijuana. Subjects left their room before officers responded. Officer located one of the subjects and warned for the violation.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
KENSINGTON WAY
120507
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious male subject who appeared to be intoxicated pushing a bike. Officers provided an escort off campus to his residence and left him with a responsible adult to care for him.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
LIBRARY
120607
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious male in the library. Subject has been contacted by officers in the past. Officers interviewed and subject was revoked.

TRESPASSING ARREST
RAYMOND GREAT
120607
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious male subject asking for money. Officer contacted the subject and learned the subject was arrested last month for trespassing on campus. Subject was arrested at 1:22 PM, cited and released.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
PERSHING & ALPINE
120707
Staff reported an accident with unknown injuries. Officer responded and advised both parties are exchanging insurance information.

FIELD INTERVIEW
PRESIDENT’S DR
120707
Officer contacted a male subject on the east side of the President’s residence. Subject was interviewed and cited for urinating in public and released.

AUTO BURGLARY
LOT 3
120707
Victim reported her vehicle was broken into behind athletics. Officer initiated a report.

FIRE
JESSIE BALLANTYNE
120807
Officers responded to a report of a large garbage fire in front of the building. Officers were able to extinguish and SFD cancelled.
Dr. Patricia M. King Leads Workshop On Reflection

Erin Birmingham
Co-Editor in Chief

On Wednesday, December 3, the Office of Student Life hosted a workshop for Student Affairs professionals and Pacific Seminar professors that focused on encouraging reflection and thinking in college students. Professor in the Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education at the University of Michigan, Dr. Patricia M. King and Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Michigan, James P. Barber, led three sessions: an introductory session with the whole group, and two separate sessions that focused more on small group discussion about Pacific.

Co-author of “Developing Reflective Judgment” and “Learning partnerships: Theory and Models of Practice to Educate for Self-Authorship,” Dr. King has dedicated her life to teaching and researching the ways that college students’ experiences and learning affect their development.

"College is, in large part, about disrupting what you think you know for sure," said Dr. King. King, with the help of Barber, came to campus to teach those members of the faculty and staff who work most with students on reflective and life-specific levels how to encourage and foster higher level thinking, questioning, and exploration.

"We want to learn how to ask better questions, to help students think about their thinking," said Dean of Students for Student Life, Joan Royce-Davis. The workshop focused most on this concept, and allowed attendants to discuss ways that Pacific fosters and inhibits this sort of reflection. Dr. King pushed everyone to think deeply about how their own practices encourage or dissuade students from moving into more advanced reflective thinking, whether it be in the environment of a student organization, judicial review, a class or residential living.

"We want students to speak from the heart, and not just tell us what we want to hear," commented Vice President of Student Life, Elizabeth Griego.

The small group discussion sparked thought about Pacific’s reflective processes such as required evaluations, the Pacific Programming Model, Town hall meetings, and events like the Freshman Yosemite trip and Reach Our Pacific. However the conclusion was made that there is more that can be done in regards to creating more safe spaces for exploration and thought, whether it be peer-to-peer or between faculty, administrators and students.

"This is hard, it takes practice," Barber optimistically resolved at the end of session.

CORRECTION:
In the caption for the picture in "AIDS Awareness Hits Campus", the ribbon hanging is attributed to the Multicultural Center, but it was done solely by the PRIDE Alliance. Also, the article states that the forum was hosted by the Multicultural Center but it was actually hosted by the AIDS Awareness Week Committee.
Future Environmentalists invited guests to talk about their careers

By Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, Dr. Laura Rademacher invited five guests to talk about their careers to Geoscience and Environmental Science major students. The students had a chance to have a casual conversation with the guests about their career, how they got there, and tips on getting into graduate school and educational training.

The five guests came from Eco-Logic, California Institute for Energy and the Environment, California Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Sly Park Environmental Education Center. Student Win McLaughlin says the students enjoyed the unique opportunity. One student even held off on deciding their major until after this event. Dr. Rademacher also enjoyed watching the students establishing connections and networking.

Pacific Honors Native American Month

By Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

Native American Heritage Month began November 1st with Smoke Signals, a film presented at the Pacific theatre and ended November 29 with Indian tacos, served in Redwood Room. The purpose of the heritage month was to bring awareness of Native American issues to the Pacific Campus. Members of the Native American Heritage Month Committee include president of the Native American Students Association Matt Blevins and Vice President Randy Johnson.

The committee met at various times beginning in October to plan the events. Some of the events featured on this year’s calendar were a Social, a book display in the library, a presentation by the Jackson Rancheria CEO, Rich Hoffman on tribal gaming in California, and the “Awaking the Spirits” event where Native American Music Awards Nominees and the Women’s Drum Group presented their music. Also part of the event was an inspirational speech about the importance of life and relationships within the family, our community, and society by White Buffalo Knife, a suicide survivor. About seventy-five people attended the performance and talk which was held November 16th in the Grace Covell Banquet Hall.

Native American Heritage Month was a success; there was wide attendance throughout the month by Pacific students as well as the great Stockton community.

REALITY, continued from front page

The men were subjected to the rain all of Thursday. However, by now they have all learned to set up their boxes under a roof covering to avoid the weather at all costs.

Wednesday night, three bands performed to provide entertainment and a distraction from the cold weather. With the mixture of Blackford Rising’s classic rock sound and fantastic covers, Lyros’s ever-popular punk style, and Goodbye Mr. Chips’ witty lyrics, the three bands made for a truly entertaining mix.

At noon on Friday the men made their way back to their house for showers after real beds. The event was well summed up by Pike senior Bill Black: “We’re out here to raise awareness, raise some money, and have a good time with our brothers.”

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Poetry Revival

Jeff Morgan
Staff Writer

When one chooses to take on the quest of exploring the aesthetic realms and the multitude of human expression, be or she learns that art is not an easily definable term. Because of the nature of human thought, most humans tend to find comfort in the grouping of things. In history, we divide the narrative of past events into periods, dynasties, and ages. In philosophy, we draw the line between idealists and materialists; skeptics and foundationalists. We separate science into realms of inquiry and when we look in retrospect at the achievements of science we see a progression with the occasional revolution that changes everything. However, can we validly group human artistic expressions in that way? Is not beautiful architecture like beautiful music? We may look at the form of the building like a beautifully written symphony: every element in its correct place, every crescendo, every physical pattern and melody placed amongst a mellifluous, coherent, and harmonious whole.

Gertrude Stein dimmed the line drawn between painting and writing through her dialogues with artists of her time. Born in 1874, in Pennsylvania to German-Jewish immigrants, Stein moved to Paris in 1903. She was very supportive of the artistic movement in Paris at the time, especially the cubist movement, which heavily influenced her writing. "A Chair" models Stein's amazing writing and unorthodox style of connotation rather than using them simply for what they mean.

"[Stein] uses words for their auditory quality and connotation rather than using them simply for what they mean."

“A Chair” from Tender Buttons by Gertrude Stein

A CHAIR.

A widow in a wise veil
and more garments shows
that shadows are even.
It addresses no more,
it shadows the stage
and learning. A regular
arrangement, the severest
and the most preserved
is that which has the
arrangement not more than
always authorised.

A suitable establishment,
well housed, practical
patient and staring,
a suitable bedding,
very suitable and not
more particularly than
complaining, anything
suitable is so necessary.

A fact is that when the
direction is just like that,
no more, longer, sudden
and at the same time not
any sofa, the main action
is that without a blaming
there is no custody.

Practice measurement,
practice the sign that
means that really means
a necessary betrayal, in
showing that there is
wearing.

Hope, what is a spectacle,
a spectacle is the
resemblance between the
circular side place and
nothing else, nothing else.

To choose it is ended, it is
actual and more than that
it has it certainly has the
same treat, and a seat all
that is practiced and more
easily much more easily
ordinarily.

Pick a barn, a whole barn,
and bend more slender
accents than have ever
been necessary, shine in
the darkness necessarily.
Actually not aching,
actually not aching, a
stubborn bloom is so
artificial and even more
than that, it is a spectacle,
it is a binding accident,
it is animosity and
accentuation.

If the chance to dirty
diminishing is necessary,
if it is why is there no
complexion, why is there
no rubbing, why is there no
special protection.

From Tender Buttons
(1914) by Gertrude Stein.
An Astrological Christmas
The origins of our most cherished holiday season

Benjamin Dunphy
Opinion Columnist

We all leave for Christmas break in about a week. Personally, I don’t leave until the 22nd—the day the sun dies on the cross. But I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s back up for a minute and review the astrological movements of the sun that the ancients were so precise in tracking.

The perceived movements of the sun were of vital importance to the ancients. For example, in agrarian civilizations, it is advantageous and necessary to track the movements of the sun so as to be movements of the sun are actually the earth’s orbit around the sun.

On June 22, the summer solstice, the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer, its highest point in the northern sky from the perspective of the northern hemisphere. This date marks the sun’s movement into the constellation of Cancer. From this day forward, the sun moves one degree south each day, making the days shorter and eventually colder.

From August 22 to September 23, the sun passes through the constellation of Virgo. The constellation of Virgo, which means “virgin” in Latin, is represented by a woman holding a sheath of wheat. This constellation signified the time of harvest, which is why the constellation also became known as Bethlehem, which literally translates into “house of bread.”

As the ancients harvested their crops, the days would get even colder and shorter, as the sun moved one degree south each day. On Sept 23, the sun passes over the equator, signifying autumn, and falls even further south. Finally, on December 22, the winter solstice, the sun reaches its lowest point in the southern sky, directly above the Tropic of Capricorn, and it enters the constellation of Capricorn.

However, the sun does a strange thing on Dec 23. Instead of moving south one degree, as it had done since the summer solstice, it remains stationary in the center of the constellation of the Southern Cross. It remains so on Dec 24 as well. Also on this date, the three bright stars of Orion’s Belt, also known as the “three kings,” line up within the constellation of Virgo. The constellation of Virgo, which means “virgin” in Latin, is represented by a woman holding a sheath of wheat. This constellation signified the time of harvest, which is why the constellation also became known as Bethlehem, which literally translates into “house of bread.” As the ancients harvested their crops, the days would get even colder and shorter, as the sun moved one degree south each day. On Sept 23, the sun passes over the equator, signifying autumn, and falls even further south. Finally, on December 22, the winter solstice, the sun reaches its lowest point in the southern sky, directly above the Tropic of Capricorn, and it enters the constellation of Capricorn.

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brightest star in the sky, Sirius, in what the ancients observed as pointing to the sun's location. On the third day, December 25, the sun rises one degree north. The ancients celebrated this moment, because the rising of the sun signified the life it would bring ahead: the warmth, the growth of the crops, and the return of the animals from migration and hibernation.

As the sun continues to rise in the northern sky, the days become longer and warmer. On March 21, the Spring Equinox, the sun passes over the equator, marking the sun's full conquest of the winter darkness. The ancients also celebrated this day, as it represented the sun's full return from its death on the cross on Dec 22.

Countless civilizations celebrated this astrological process of the cosmos with extraordinary accuracy, as their very livelihoods depended on it. Most of these civilizations created characters and gods to tell this story and pass it on to their children.

The party was held in the common room of Raymond Hall (the Dining Hall). It was the seventh night of Chanukah and we intended to make it something special. We had food shipped in from Canter's Deli in Los Angeles and decoration of blue and white.

After tearing through the lox, bagels, ladjkahs, etc. we lit the candles. It warmed the heart to hear the sound of a group of Pacific students singing the Chanukah songs that have been passed down for generations. After the lighting of the candles we all played Chanukah games: some traditional and others modern. We had Israeli dancing, Jewish Apples to Apples, paint your own menorah, a dreidel spinning contest, pin the candles on the menorah, and wonderful discussions with friends.

Chanukah, as I understand it, is on the surface about a miracle of light during which a menorah stayed lit longer than it should have. Mystically, Chanukah is about bringing light to the world. That is why many Jews leave the lit menorah either at their front door or in their window. Through the darkness of night, anyone who is seeking that light may find it in the menorah's light. It was wonderful to have the opportunity for Pacific Hillel to shed a little light on that dark Monday evening and invite all who would like to come and learn, eat, and have a blast to come to any of the Hillel events coming in the next semester.

Chag Semeach,
Jeff Morgan, Pacific Hillel
Coffee Into Copy:  

The end of a semester and an era


Photograph by Christina Juarez

The farewell editorials from the Co-Editors:

Well this is goodbye. I like to pretend that I do not have to say goodbye to the home and friends I have found here at Pacific, but it is time. This will be my last issue of The Pacifican, and I wish my staff the very best of luck. Here’s to coffee, copy editing, spellcheck, Indesign, late nights, and pull quotes.

It is a privilege to have been a member of The Pacifican in its 100 year history. Even more so, it has been an honor to be one of your Editors this year. This year our staff has grown significantly in size, talent, dedication, and teamwork. I have confidence that The Pacifican will continue to grow and produce a weekly product that will make Pacific proud.

I contribute our growth in the last three years to my impeccable side-kick (and one of my best friends). She is an incredible journalist, educator, and leader. She has been my rock at two o’clock in the morning when all we had was cold coffee and Fern Gully’s Batty song. Erin Birmingham is the kind of friend everyone needs. She has been there for me through it all, not just at The Pacifican, but as a fellow woman in all the adventures of life.

As I leave campus this next week, I will my Pacifican key (gold, basically) to Devon Blount and Nadia Mahalati, our newest Editorial team leaders. I have so much faith in you both and in our staff. Happy 100 years Pacifican!

Jennifer Hite-Smith  
Editor in Chief

The final step towards earning my teaching credential is to student teach in the Spring and as a result I will no longer work as Co-Editor in Chief for The Pacifican. However, we have decided on two new creative and talented leaders to take over: Nadia Mahallati and Devon Blount. The Pacifican’s staff has finally come into its own and the future looks bright.

For the past three and a half years I have spent at least two days a week sitting less than two feet away from one of my best friends, the most reliable and impressive person I have ever met, Jenn Hite-Smith. I have defended her, I have danced the Numa Numa dance with her, I have been there for her and she has always been there for me. She never gave up on the paper—even if her eyes burned, her stomach ached and her will waned she saw each issue print.

Because of The Pacifican I met people and experienced things I wouldn’t have otherwise. What I have learned will probably not sink in for many years, but sitting here looking at my reflection in one pane of the window which once had two panes, I think that I did have some great times; like when someone (who will go unnamed) cracked the entire window with a dart creating a lovely crackly firework. Watching the little cubes of glass slowly fall from the window frame was beautiful.

That kinda sums up The Pacifican—wrong becoming right.

Three things I have learned in college that I would like to share: exercise, recycle, and always put back your shopping cart, even if you have to carry it.

Erin Birmingham  
Editor in Chief

Abby Liao  
Staff Writer

Smiles are infectious and can brighten up some day, except when they are yellow and unkempt. Kids at Coles Elementary and Commodore St. Skills School are getting head start on preserving their smiles.

Club Scope reaches out to the Stockton community by visiting local elementary schools, such as Coles and Commodore, to educate students about the importance of oral hygiene.

Different props are used to demonstrate proper brushing and flossing techniques. There is a 'floss dance' where the kids are lined up side by side pretending to be life-size teeth. Club Scope members will use a piece of yarn as floss to 'floss' the teeth.
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Photographs courtesy of Kristen Chang
Photograph courtesy of Niquel Garcia

Student Profile:
Rollerskater Niquel Garcia

Camille Brockett
Ad Manager

As Pacific students, we all come from different backgrounds, and we all have different interests. Some of us are very dedicated to activities on and off of campus. Junior elementary Education major Niquel Garcia is one of those dedicated people whose accomplishments are off campus.

Garcia has been roller skating competitively for "sixteen years and counting," as she puts it. But wait—competitive roller skating? Yes, there is such a thing, and Garcia can tell you all about it. She is ranked first in the USA after all.

Garcia explains competitive roller skating as, "similar to ice skating, everything you have seen on ice is also done on roller skates. So ice pairs, ice dancing, and singles is done on roller skates."

Garcia specifically competes in an event called figures. She explains, "Figures are sets of figure eight circles drawn on the skating floor, I skate on the line. My wheels are on both sides of the line, similar to what you have seen on ice." Garcia also states that she is ranked first in the USA after all.

To make a donation, contact Marwa Alkordy at m_alkordy@pacific.edu.

Did you know 74% of Americans are affected by some type of periodontal disease? It is not too late to start practicing good hygiene. Let having a nice smile be a motivation.

Linda Lopez
Staff Writer

"I’m going back home to China and then meeting with friends to tell them about my life here [at Pacific]."
-Haomin Cen, freshman

"I'm visiting family in Boston and going back to Idaho after that!"
-Mary Paduano, freshman

"I'll be going home and then for New Year's, I'll be in Northridge just having fun."
-Austin Webster, sophomore

"You doing during Winter Break?"
Guatemala Immersion Trip

Devon Blount  
Sports Editor

Four weeks immersed in Guatemalan culture may be too much for some, but Professor Golsan took 15 Pacific students with her last summer. The students had personal tutors, lived with Guatemalan families and explored Guatemala while spending time there.

This summer the trip is scheduled to happen again! Flyers have been posted all around WPC and the Quads with information. Not only will those who sign up for this trip be spending time vigorously learning Spanish, there is an option to travel to the beautiful Mayan ruins of Guatemala. This excursion costs an additional $280, but it is a reasonable price for travel and a weekend stay by the ruins.

Overall, the four-week stay will cost you about $1,700, a price which does not include airfare, your textbook, those fun nights on the town, gifts for family and friends back home, and the airport shuttle. Weekend activities include hiking up the active volcano Pacaya, visiting a macadamia nut farm, seeing a coffee plantation, crossing the gorgeous lake of Atitlan, and numerous other ventures. Tutoring sessions are one-on-one, six hours a day, and with a native speaker from Antigua, the small village students will be staying in. Some essentials for the trip? Perhaps a little bug spray, sunscreen and any other American products you cannot live without, rain safe items like a coat or umbrella, and a lot of extra cash that you will not mind seeing disappear quickly at the tourist locations. Do not forget your bathing suit either!

Apply ASAP! The application deadline is Feb. 15, and the trip is limited to 20 students. You will need a faculty recommendation, a $500 deposit that is non-refundable if you are accepted into the program, an unofficial transcript, which can be obtained from the Registrar’s Office, along with an essay. All of these things should be turned in with the data sheet that can be found at go.pacific.edu/IPS/Guatemala. You may also contact Professor Katie Golsan for more information at kgolsan@pacific.edu or (209) 946-2449.

Do not miss this opportunity to earn four-credit credits in four weeks. Credit is available for Spanish 11A or 11B, Spanish 23 or 25, Spanish 27, and Spanish 101. There is also a volunteer work available for those who wish to extend their stay.

A Note from Professor Golsan

The inaugural group on the active volcano Pacaya. From left: Erin Birmingham, Kristie MacMillen, Eric Hanyak, Professor Katie Golsan, Moe Kishida, Russ Prag, Kyle Hovatter, and Lewis Guess.

Members from the inaugural group on the active volcano Pacaya. Photograph courtesy of Professor Golsan

Learn Italian in Assisi

Heather Breen  
Staff Writer

You have eaten lasagna, seen the Statue of David and the canals of Venice in postcards, and you may have even viewed a film by Fellini. Why not complete your Italian education and actually take a trip to Italy this summer? For the first time, the University is providing Pacific students, staff, and faculty with the opportunity to live and study in the Italian city of Assisi for six weeks over the summer.

Scheduled for May 26 to July 6, the Italy excursion is sure to be culturally and educationally enlightening. Those on the trip will reside in Assisi, home of St. Francis. Housing is apartment style, with two people per bedroom and shared kitchen facilities among a household of four. Lessons in cooking, weekend excursions to Rome and Florence, guided tours of Assisi, and opportunities to explore Italian cinema, music, and art are just some of the features of the trip.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the Italy trip is that it will allow students to learn the equivalent of two semesters of Italian in a mere six weeks. A total of 140 hours of classroom time is broken up into daily language lessons ranging from four to six hours. This class will meet the COP language requirement.

Dr. Katie Golsan, Chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures department, personally attended the Italian language program last summer to determine if it was feasible way for hardwooding and serious students to learn a new language. She was pleasantly surprised by her experience and reports that she was speaking Italian almost exclusively at the end of six weeks.

Students will generally have afternoons, evenings, and weekends free to study, interact with the locals, or take short day trips to areas in the region.

The program needs a least 10 committed attendees in order for the Italian Summer to become a reality. The estimated cost is $290, which covers apartment living, classes, books, activities, and preplanned excursions. Students will need to pay additional money for plane ticket, roughly $120 to $1,400 and other expenses for food, transportation, and souvenirs.

Applications can be obtained from Dr. Golsan. The application and a $500 deposit are due by January 31, 2008.

For more information check out go.pacific.edu/italy or email kgolsan@pacific.edu with your questions and concerns.

Visiting Morocco

Jenn Hite-Smith  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

This summer International and Programs (IPS) will be taking students to Morocco for three weeks from May 18 to June 8, 2008. The trip will leave the day after graduation, so graduating seniors can still attend.

The trip is being organized by Political Science Professor Robert Kelly and Arabic Professor and Fulbright Scholar Mounir Bennouya. They will be taking students around Morocco and to visit Professor Bennouya’s home university, the University of Oujda, in Oujda, Morocco.

Estimated costs for the trip are $2,000 to $2,500. All students are invited to sign up and take this opportunity for low cost, guided travel.

For more information to sign up, contact IPS Professor Kelly at rkelley@pacific.edu.
That's What She Said ...

Viral STDs

Last week, bacterial STDs were discussed; this week the topic is viral STDs. Viruses, unlike bacteria, are not responsive to antibiotics, so viral STDs typically do not go away after taking medication. Often, viral STDs stay in the body forever, and are linked to more serious conditions than bacterial STDs. Viral STDs include HPV, herpes, Hepatitis B, and HIV.

The most common STD is HPV. Also known as the Human Papillomavirus, HIV is a group of over 100 viral strains. The virus is usually asymptomatic, although it can cause genital warts which are usually flesh-colored, painless bumps often too small to see. HPV is also responsible for most cases of cervical cancer. Studies are now showing links to cancers of the vulva, anus, vagina, throat, and penis. An abnormal Pap smear is the most common way of diagnosing HPV. Currently, a three part vaccine against several strains is now being offered to women.

Genital herpes is estimated to infect one in five adults, yet only 10% are aware they carry the virus. The first outbreak usually occurs within two weeks of contracting the virus, and can last up to a month, yet many people do not have their first outbreak for many years. Symptoms include sores, blisters, a rash, itching or burning, and flu-like symptoms. Outbreaks become less severe and less common as time passes. The virus can be transmitted even when there are no signs of an outbreak. Although there is no cure for herpes, outbreaks can be controlled by taking antiviral medicines.

Hepatitis B, which can also be transmitted through contaminated needles, causes several liver problems, including infections, scarring, and cancer. Common symptoms include flu-like symptoms, temporary jaundice, dark urine, and abdominal pain, although many people experience no symptoms. Hepatitis B is diagnosed through a blood test. A three part vaccine is available against the virus.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes AIDS. There are many symptoms of infection, including sudden weight loss, cough, fever, profound fatigue, and swollen glands, among others. It is important to get a blood test to confirm or deny the presence of the virus since these symptoms are linked to many other illnesses. It can take up to six months for antibodies to show in a test, so those at risk should get tested periodically. On average, it takes eight to 11 years for HIV to become AIDS. Drug cocktails can be taken by those with AIDS to prolong their life and manage the infection.

Another Honor Society Worth Joining

The Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society is another prestigious honor society at Pacific. Mortar Board is a community service based organization that also strives for leadership and scholarship. Founded in 1918 at The Ohio State University, Mortar Board has over 220 chapters with more than 240,000 members. Pacific’s chapter was founded in 1967 and currently has 23 members.

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The chapter at Pacific has gotten off to a great start this year by holding the “Trick or Book” Drive. A week before Halloween, about 500 flyers requesting donations were distributed to houses near campus. Over 700 books were collected the day after Halloween and given to the Children’s Home of Stockton.

“It’s quite an accomplishment when you get a return of more than one book per flyer,” commented Josh Smalley, a Business major, and President of Pacific’s Mortar Board. “This is especially hard considering we’re a fast-paced organization. As seniors, we only get to be in Mortar Board for one year, and then we graduate.”

This literacy-rooted project was done in alignment with Mortar Board’s National Project, which is themed “Reading is Leading.” Pacific’s chapter is currently brainstorming ideas for other activities that will serve to promote the National Project’s aim for literacy.

“In spite of not knowing each other, it is a tribute to our members’ leadership abilities that they can quickly organize themselves into a cohesive group and successfully organize one or more service projects each year,” remarked Dr. Gene Pearson, Professor of Geology and Advisor for Mortar Board at Pacific. “This is particularly impressive since the membership in Mortar Board changes every year.”

“The common denominator among us is that we really care about helping the local community, which is the most important requirement for any member of Mortar Board,” said Smalley. Although members typically must be seniors, in some cases juniors can join Mortar Board as well. For juniors passionate about community service, keep up those grades because there will be membership invitations sent out early next spring.

“Besides the reward of contributing to your community, being in Mortar Board at Pacific prepares you to work in any work environment after graduation,” said Smalley.

“This is because our members are so diverse and have drastically different perspectives that I learn something new at every meeting. This experience I’ve gained in communicating with such talented and intelligent people really makes me feel I can work anywhere with anyone.”

Every year, Pacific’s Wind Ensemble travels around campus playing holiday songs. They concluded this year’s caroling at President DeRosa’s office, where he helped conduct the ensemble.
Marty’s Musical Musings
Marty Bormolini
Copy Editor

Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy
Gospel Hymns for Agnostics and Atheists

The Imperial Orgy appears to be a pretty talented band; it is Caesar Pink I am not sure about. Being an atheist, I was intrigued by the name of this album, Gospel Hymns for Agnostics and Atheists. Turns out it does not actually contain gospel hymns; I am not sure if I was disappointed about that or not. The first track opens with an alight guitar riff, but is quickly ruined by a sample of a silly voice saying “Oh Lord!” that plays every few seconds. The actual lyrics of the song (and, for the most part, the whole album, which is 18 minutes long), include clearly sarcastic lines like “pills can make me happy, I’ve seen it on TV, so drug me with your video screens, S&M scenes and altered genes,” seem to string together so many unrelated images and ideas that I have trouble finding much of a point.

Overall, I enjoyed most of the music on the album. With rock and funk influences, among others, the Imperial Orgy changes style dramatically in each of the album’s four songs. Unfortunately, Caesar Pink’s singing and lyrics just rubbed me the wrong way. While the album is clearly well-produced and has some catchy moments, I just could not make a connection to it.

Rupert Wates
Coast to Coast – Postcards from America

Coast to Coast, unlike Gospel Hymns, is a fairly straightforward yet substantial album of 49 minutes with influences including pop, rock, and folk. Rupert Wates, a British musician now living in the U.S.A., has a great, distinctive voice, and shows great control in his ability to project the feeling of traveling through America. While the song “A Friend Called Jesus” almost sounds openly religious, it seems actually to be a criticism of extremism more than anything. This is followed by a drug-running tale called “(The Ballad Of) Killer Weed,” an upbeat, fun song about the dangers of the drug trade.

Coast to Coast – Postcards from America covers various themes and samples many influences; if you need something to listen to during a road trip you should consider Rupert Wates.

Fresh Radio Hip Hop

Jess Long
Staff Writer

Catch Fresh Radio Hip Hop every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. with host DJ Masta-mind, Jose Morales. “I am involved in the music industry and encounter new music daily, ‘fresh’ music, and I want to share this music with listeners,” says Morales. “It also represents what I stand for, keeping the image fresh and your music fresh!”

Morales has experience in various aspects of the music industry. He does production work with Unique Swag music and has worked with Pitbull, Mistah FAB, Tony Yayo of G-Unit, Sunn.YO of So So Def Records, Mya, 112, and countless other artists. He works with different clothing labels, major music labels, and music artists. "Currently he is working on a musical projects such as From the Valley to the Bay with Mistah FAB, which comes out in January. “I am capable of anything I set my mind to. I have come a long way from when I started and now I feel like I am on the top of the music scene in the 209 area. Now that I have come to Pacific, I have set my mind to achieve academic success.” Check out Morales’ website, www.djmastamind.com or his myspace page, www.myspace.com/djmastamind.

Look for his show, and others, by going to kpac.pacific.edu. There are many ways to listen to KPAC: tune into 89.7fm, watch channel 2, or go online to kpac.pacific.edu to listen from anywhere in the world. You’re on KPAC!

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Tips from an RA to You! Leaving for Winter Break

Linda Lopez
Staff Writer

It is almost time to pack up for a few weeks and head home to sleep until the New Year. Here is a list of things for those living on campus to do before heading out.

If you are returning to your current room:
-Defrost your refrigerator before you leave. Putting newspaper inside will prevent mold.
-Unlock all appliances, including alarm clocks.
-Close your blinds and close and lock all windows. This will keep your property safe.
-Clean your room! You will be charged if there is trash in your room.
-Do not forget any plants or fish you have. You do not want to return to find a dead friend.
-Take all valuables home with you.
-Attend your mandatory floor meeting to talk to your RA about specific things that need to be done before you leave.

If you are not returning to your current room:
-Attend your mandatory floor meeting.
-Make an appointment with your RA to check out.
-Remove ALL belongings from your room. Unless you are giving it away to your roommate, take it with you!
-Clean your side of the room. In this case, your trash is not our treasure.
-Check-out with the RA.
-Return your room and mail box keys.
-Update your mailing address. Give your friends and family your new address, but do not forget to tell the Mail Center too!
-Retain all yellow copies of paperwork given to you by your RA.
-Wish your RA a good life and have a great break!

The Pacifican wishes you a happy holiday season and winter break. If you follow these guidelines, you should not have any problems coming back to Pacific in 2008. Happy Holidays everyone!
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the line goes directly between my wheels. And whoever stays on the line best, wins. All the competitors do the same thing, and we also do turns on the line. It is all about body posture, speed, accuracy, and line tracing.

Garcia began roller skating when she was six. She was inspired by pictures of her mom and her aunt who had also roller skated, and she especially liked the costumes roller skaters wore.

Even though Garcia finished last in her first competitions, she slowly but surely worked her way to the top. With such a long career in roller skating, Garcia has had many good and bad experiences, here is her favorite: Garcia recalls, “There is a referee who comes and gets the top three skaters from the stands, and it is the same man every year. So, my fondest memory was when he came into the stands and asked me to come with him, which meant I was the top three and I was on the World team that would be going to Rome, Italy. I had actually made the US world team.”

This year Garcia accomplished every skater’s goal of making it onto the world team. She represented the United States and competed in the World Meet in Australia. Garcia explains her experience as, “being on the floor doing figures with other women from all around the world is an experience of a lifetime. I love to skate figures and it was really nice to see my competitors from around the world enjoying figures just as much as I do. Being connected with other individuals involved in this sport from all around the world, in something that I love so much, is an excellent experience that I could only experience it at Worlds.” As mentioned before, Garcia is currently ranked number one in the US, and she is also fifth in the world.

- Garcia is a wonderful example of dedicated Pacific students accomplishing amazing goals.

Festival of Lights

This past Sunday the Festival of Lights captured the true essence of the holiday season. Students, faculty, and the Stockton community were in attendance for this cheery occasion.

At 6:30 p.m an all inclusive service was held at Morris Chapel. The multi-faith celebration was highlighted with a warm welcome from President DeRosa, and his wife Karen, along with words from the Reverend Donna McNiel. The Pacific Singers sang hymns as well. The service concluded with a spiritual candle lighting ceremony.

Following the chapel service was the annual tree lighting next to Burn’s Tower. The large tree was illuminated after President DeRosa counted down and a young boy flipped the switch. “It was exciting to see the tree suddenly light up. It really got me in the mood for Christmas,” said Junior Sarah Fountain.

The evening finished with refreshments in the seasonally decorated Grace Covell Dining Hall. There was hot chocolate, cider, dessert, and a pancake buffet. The walls were even covered in multicultural displays, while classic holiday tunes played in the background.

This annual favorite appeared to be a hit once again. The Festival of Lights is an occasion so unique and special to Pacific, it truly makes for a lovely evening.

Sudoku

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# Rec Sports

## Basketball

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## Volleyball Signs

**Mike Millерick**

**Athletic Media Relations**

University of the Pacific Head Men's Volleyball Coach Joe Wortmann has announced the signing of two student-athletes to letters of intent for the 2008-09 season. Taylor Hughes and Dylan Walker will enter Pacific as freshmen for the 2008-09 academic year. Hughes is a 6-6 outside hitter from San Diego, Calif., where he attended Fallbrook High School. He earned All-CIF First Team honors last year, the only junior to earn the award. He also earned All-Avocado League First Team honors. He led all San Diego high school players with 37 aces and 17.6 kills per match.

Walker is a 6-4 outside hitter from Flintridge Prep in La Canada, Calif. He was named Most Valuable Player of the Prep League, and earned All-CIF First team honors last season. He was also voted as the All-Area Player of the Year by sportswriters and editors of the La Canada Valley Sun, Glendale News Press and Burbank Leader. He set Flintridge Prep's single season kill record with 460 kills last year.

"We are very pleased with these two future Tigers," said Wortmann. "Taylor and Dylan are both great students and great people. They are very good all around volleyball players that will make an immediate impact here at Pacific."
Men's Basketball Defeated by Pepperdine at Home

Tigers stifled by the Waves' defense

Brandon Koch
Staff Writer

The Pacific men's basketball team fell to the Pepperdine Waves at home 83-65 on Saturday, December 8, despite beating them earlier this year at the World Vision Invitational in Eugene, Oregon. With the loss, the Tigers dropped to 6-3 on the season, while the Waves improved their record to 5-6.

After a free throw from Sam Willard tied the game up at 10-10 with 10:23 to go in the first half, Pepperdine went on a 9-2 run to take a seven point lead over the Tigers with 9:41 remaining in the first half. The Waves continued to pour it on over the next five minutes as they took an eleven-point lead over the Tigers with just 4:14 until the half, leading Pacific 32-21. However, the Tigers roared back and went on a 15-2 run during the rest of the half and took a 36-34 lead into the locker room.

The first seven and a half minutes of the second half was a seesaw battle between the two teams, as Pepperdine held a narrow 47-46 lead over the Tigers with 12:26 remaining in the game. However, with a high-charged offense and a suffocating defense, the Waves pulled away from the Tigers during the next seven minutes and outscored Pacific 22-4 as they took a commanding 69-50 lead over Pacific with 12:26 left in the game. From there, Pepperdine did not let up and they defeated the Tigers by a final score of 83-65, avenging the loss from earlier this year.

Junior Bryan Le Duc led the Tigers with 14 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Freshman Sam Willard scored a career-high 13 points, while Junior Steffan Johnson and Sophomore C.J. Morgan scored in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Freshman Malcolm Thomas lead the Waves with 21 points and 9 rebounds, while Freshman Tyrone Shelley greatly contributed to the victory with 20 points and 4 steals.

The Tigers took on the Santa Clara Broncos on the road on Wednesday, December 12, but the results were not available before this issue went to press. Pacific will next be in action at home on Saturday, December 15 when they take on the Montana Grizzlies at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 15, at 11:30 a.m., the Pacific Chapter of the Ties To The World organization will be hosting a 5K run, walk, and skate on the WPC Lawn. The 5K's purpose is to help raise money to make an orphanage in Guatemala self-sustainable, that is, able to generate their own funds so they do not have to be dependent on donors. A $15 donation will include a t-shirt and a guaranteed spot in the walk/run/skate.

Ties To The World is a non-profit organization working with an orphanage in Guatemala with hopes to create a self-sustainable business that can serve as a model for forty other orphanages in Guatemala and worldwide. The chapter meets Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in Callison Hall, after the Council for Social Entrepreneurship, which meets at 5 p.m. Stop by the meetings for more information or join the Facebook group Ties To The World: Pacific Chapter to find out more ways you can help make a difference. Nancy Huynh, a member of the Council for Social Entrepreneurship, says that getting involved in these organizations is a great way to get involved and make a difference. She says, "We have opportunities to make a real difference, and it only takes a little bit of your time to do so."

The orphanage benefiting from the 5K is 21.5 kilometers from Guatemala City and shelters 90 boys ages 5 to 14. The orphanage also runs a school open to boys and girls in the area. The orphanage is in need of help with their educational supplies as well as clothes, food, school supplies, and sports equipment. For more information, you can join the Facebook group 5K Orphan Run/Walk/Skate or join the cause "Help orphans in Guatemala, promote self-stability and a better life."
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Revamped Swimming Pool Reestablishes Aquatic Sport Security

The cost of renovations reportedly racked up to 1.2 million dollars and the work began this past June.

Pacific's Kjeldsen pool completed renovation this fall. Pacific's swim teams practiced in Delta College until they could return home in November.