Sororities recruit Spring Class of 2008
Potential members taken through week of activities

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Guest Writer

Excitement and anticipation broke loose in sorority circle on Saturday, January 20. Bid Day celebrated the addition of more than 60 girls into Pacific's greek system at the end of the annual formal recruitment.

Each social sorority presented a bid day theme and decorated their house with bouquets of balloons, colorful banners, and wore custom made shirts.

Alpha Phi’s theme was “America’s Sweethearts” and featured the quote “Often imitated, but never equaled.” Delta Delta Delta’s shirts stated “Live it, Love it, Leave a Legacy.” Delta Gamma presented a Top Gun-like logo with the catch phrase, “Did you get drafted?” Kappa Alpha Theta’s theme emulated Chanel's fashion logo with the quote, “Discover Theta.”

Panhelleanic formal recruit-ment kicked off last Thursday, Jan. 17 with Open House Night. Girls going through recruitment were separated into groups and lead to each of the four sorority houses for house tours and light snacks.

On the second night, Philanthropy Night, activities were planned based on each sorority's philanthropy. Most girls going through visited three houses on Philanthropy Night.

The last night is Preference Night, where girls attend two parties, get a glimpse at sorority ritual, and decide which house they would like to join. Bid Day is the day that girls find out which house they will join as new members.

To join a social sorority at Pacific, women must have at least 12 college units and a cumulative grade point average above a 2.5. Those women interested in more information about sorority life can go to the Greek Life office located in Bannister Hall.

Rain Delay: Construction of new UC slowed

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The rainy season has not helped construction crews in speeding up the building of Pacific's new University Center. According to Student Activities and University Center Director Jason Velo, construction is about two weeks behind schedule and every day it rains means added delays.

"[Construction] will be in a state of flux until April," he said. "We won't know where we are until the rain ends."

The roof of the University Center was the primary focus of construction during winter break. Major sections were completed before students returned. Velo said the roof covering the bookstore and dining spaces was the first priority and added that the construction crews have a strict August 1 deadline to complete those areas. He wants to make sure that section of the University Center is functional by fall semester even if the rest is not complete. The rest of the semi-finished roof has been tarped so crews can speed up the process and work on the interior during the rainy season.

The University Center is still scheduled to be completely finished by fall. Students will receive a brochure after spring break informing them about the changes to office locations, services and programs that will move to the new University Center.

Men interested in joining a fraternity should fill out an IFC (Interfraternity Council) Interest Form by Thursday, January 24. Forms are available inside the Housing and Greek Life Office in Bannister Hall. Men can also show up to the Orientation event Thursday evening in the Grace Covell Dining Hall and fill out the forms upon arrival.
Out with the Old...
...and in with the New

Dear Pacific,

Once upon a time, well actually it was last spring, I casually mentioned to a friend that I should write for the school paper. Surely, I could do a better job and not have the spelling mistakes I frequently saw on the pages of The Pacifican. The next thing I know, I am in the Southwest Dungeon with Jenn Hite-Smith and Erin Birmingham, assigned to write about Earth Day. A few months later they make me the Lifestyles Editor, and a bit after that I start my sex column. Suddenly, I am Editor-In-Chief.

This new fact did not sink in until last week. I knew it was bad when I started talking about The Pacifican so much my friends now call it my boyfriend. It is only the second week of school, but all I can think about is how I can leave my mark by making this paper better.

I quickly learned that talking to drunken frat boys about what they want to see in The Pacifican probably is not the best way to go about things. For some reason, listing everyone at Pacific that has an STD and updating the campus on the latest and juiciest hook ups just is not where I see The Pacifican going.

I can make some more realistic changes though. When several people told me they wanted to read the crime reports, I made sure they were published each week. If you want your club in the paper, let me know and I will see what I can do to make it happen. I check my email and facebook literally dozens of times a day, so just let me know what I can do for you. I am here to make The Pacifican something you care about too.

Nadia Mahallati
Editor - In -Chief
The Pacifican

Perspectives:

Words from the Incoming Pacifican
Managing Editor

Hello Readers,

This is a big step for me, mostly because I am a freshman. Who in their right mind would put a freshman in charge of a school paper? Luckily, I am not in charge; I’m more like Nadia’s third arm. This is also my first year working with a newspaper. It is somewhat like “What can I add to something I have no experience in?” but at the same time, I am excited to bring this paper to where I think it should be.

Okay, I lied. I do have paper experience. I was the kid who ran around my dad’s desk in the newsroom, and later the kid who fiddled with the thing-a-majigs on my dad’s desk in his editorial office. Yes, my dad does work for the Record, and no, he is not a writer. He has worked his way beyond that. Supposedly, this is in my blood, but I guess we will have to wait and find out.

This semester will be a shift from the past. We will be attempting to improve the look and content of the paper. I would say revamp, but that’s far too extreme. We want to say to those who walk this campus THE PACIFICAN IS HERE AND READY TO MAKE A STATEMENT. We do not want to be the school paper; we want to be the school voice.

Devon Blount
Managing Editor

PS. On another note, we have been tragically informed of the recent death of Mr. Heath Ledger. Mr Ledger will forever be in the hearts of the Pacifican staff and we will miss his presence on screen. Look for his latest performance in The Dark Knight, the sequel to Batman Begins. His role as Joker deeply affected him and caused insomnia. He is succeeded by his 2 year old daughter.

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Thursday at noon. Meetings are in Knoles Hall, Room 212. Everyone is invited. We want to hear from you!
Napa Valley: Wine Country
A Fun Weekend Getaway

By Nicolle Matthews
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Nestled about two hours northwest of Stockton, Napa Valley wine country is a perfect day trip for Pacific’s older students. With its rolling hills and lush vineyards, Napa is a beautiful place to spend a lazy Saturday afternoon or a sunny weekend. Napa is close enough for a short day trip, but staying a night or two and making a whole weekend out of it should be considered.

Napa is regularly populated with wealthy wine-enthusiasts, and finding a bargain hotel can be a daunting task. However, if you book a room early, finding special deals are not difficult. For instance, the Gaia Napa Valley Hotel and Spa offers luxury for only $79 a night. Special deals are not difficult. For instance, the Gaia Napa Valley Hotel and Spa offers luxury for only $79 a night. Many wineries dot Highway 29 throughout Napa, and it can get confusing which one to visit. A tip: visit wineries that offer deals on wine tasting, and steer clear of those that charge simply to look around the grounds of the establishment.

One of the more popular wineries in the area is V. Sattui (www.vsattui.com), located just south of St. Helena. Here visitors can taste six different wines for only five dollars, and best of all, you get to choose the kind of wine you want to taste. Yummy!

A picnic lunch on the grounds of V. Sattui is definitely the way to go, weather permitting. The winery has a full deli where you can buy, or just taste, any kind of artisanal bread, cheese, and pâté you could imagine. Picnic tables are scattered around the wine cellar and shop area, but you could always bring a blanket and sit on the grass instead. Do not forget a nice glass of local wine to wash it all down!

If you have enough time left, stop by the Culinary Institute of America, even if simply to gaze at the impressive castle-like building that houses the culinary college. The student cooking is known around the world as being some of the best cuisine in the United States, and the twenty dollar price tag for an entree reflects that prestige.

For fifteen dollars a person you get a two hour show with a chef from the institute and get to sample the meal prepared. Instead of spending a small fortune on a meal, get a hot tea, priced under four dollars, to wash it all down!

Tiger Nights Brings a Snow Day
Walking in a Winter Wonderland

By Vivian Lee
Staff Writer

It will be a beautiful sight when twelve tons of snow falls on campus tomorrow. ASuop starts off Tiger Nights in the new semester by providing students with a taste of real snow. The event will take place on Archley Way, between Southwest and the library, at 4 p.m.

This is the first time there has been an event of this nature, and students are already expecting a great deal of festivity. Along with the 12 tons of snow, warm snacks will be offered, with arts and crafts and plenty of photo opportunities. The event is free, so be sure to stop by with your friends.

According to ASuop Arts & Entertainment Programmer Graham Howes, the company in charge of delivering the snow is Glacier Ice, located in Fremont, Calif. The company will be transporting the snow in a truck which will spray the lawn. One ton of snow measures about 20 by 20 feet by 1 ft.
In Case You Missed It: Pacific's Basketball Winter Break Update

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

While most of us were at home or on vacation for the holidays, the men's and women's basketball teams were still going strong. Even the Pep Band and Spirit Squads got a break. Without as much fan support, Pacific still did our school proud as usual.

For anyone who checked out for the break, here is an update. The Pacific women's basketball team had three games during the end of December. They won 82-74 against Eastern Washington, lost 84-64 to Portland, and won 63-52 against Idaho. In the new year, the women lost 83-61 to UC Riverside, lost 62-56 to Long Beach State, and won 79-73 over Northridge.

This past weekend, the women won 69-59 over UC Irvine and lost 94-83 to Fullerton. The women are currently ranked sixth in the Big West Conference. Now that school is back in full swing, make sure to support the women's team in their two home games this weekend: Thursday, Jan. 24 against Cal Poly at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 26 against UC Santa Barbara at 4 p.m.

The men's basketball team only had one game to finish in '2007 at Fresno State. They lost 75-58. However, with the beginning of the new year there came a refreshed vengeance for victory. The men won 82-54 over UC Riverside, won 67-58 against Bakersfield, and beat out Long Beach 83-77.

Also, they lost 78-61 to Northridge on Jan. 12. Last Thursday, the men won 89-82 over Cal State Fullerton and won 59-54 over UC Irvine on Saturday. As of Jan. 19, Pacific is ranked second to Northridge in the Big West Conference standings.

As the Big West Tournament looms near, do not forget to go out and support both the men's and women's teams as they continually better their chances for victory.

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Steffan Johnson (above) and Anthony Brown (below) helped bring victory to Pacific in the new year.

Scores

Men’s Volleyball
Jan. 18: vs. Pepperdine - Pepperdine 3, Pacific 1
(0-6 on the season)

Women’s Swimming
Double Dual Meet, Jan 19
Cal Poly and UC Davis
vs. Cal Poly - Pacific 180, Cal Poly 111
vs. UC Davis - Pacific 172, UC Davis 122

Men’s Swimming
Double Dual Meet, Jan 19
Cal Poly and UC Davis
vs. Cal Poly - Pacific 160.5, Cal Poly 127.5
vs. UC Davis - UC Davis 168, Pacific 121

Men's and Women's next meet on Feb. 2.
12 p.m. at home against UC Santa Barbara

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It’s Time for Pacific Pride To Get Televised

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

It is that time of year again! Bust out your orange apparel and get creative with the letters E-S-P-N. The night of Monday, January 28 will find the Alex G. Spanos Center packed full of Tiger fans hoping to flash their pearly whites on national television. The Pacific men's basketball game against Cal Poly, at 8 p.m., will be covered by ESPN.

As Pacific supporters, it is our job to get pumped, have fun, and show off our Pacific pride to the rest of the college sports world. Make a night out of it as the adrenaline flows at the tailgate party beforehand. The admission is free at wearing orange. Then let’s see the Orange Army Pit overflowing with fans and the bleachers full as our men’s team pulls out a victory over Cal Poly. It is one of the most entertaining games of the year and it is Pacific’s time to shine! So, mark your calendars and stock up on orange and black paint!