A New Year Means New Changes at the Baun Fitness Center

Christine Le
Copy Editor

If you have visited the Baun Fitness Center (BFC) lately, you may have been surprised to see a new cardio area full of brand-new equipment. By 11 a.m. on Friday, January 18, the BFC finished replacing the old cardio machines with 45 unused, state-of-the-art treadmills, ellipticals, stairclimbers, bikes, and treadclimbers. Some of these new machines even have miniature TV screens attached to them.

“We wanted to make sure our equipment is the best we could get,” said Wendy Stratton, Director of the BFC. “This is really a response to what the students want; they are paying for these with their ASuop fees, and we want to make them feel the BFC is a good place for them to be, and not that they need to go to a local gym to get a good workout.”

The new cardio row has been in the making since June 2007 and was scheduled to be completed during the Winter break prior to the start of classes. However, due to a delay, the installation took an extra week.

The three-year lease ensures the machines will be replaced and rotated every three years as necessary to guarantee quality and the most up-to-date equipment. “It’s really great,” remarked Ayesha Ali, a sophomore studies major. “It’s like the Dining Hall: if you don’t have your ID card, you can’t get in.”

Along with the new cardio row is a new rule. Before, students could still enter the gym if they forgot their ID card. As of January 22, students and staff are required to swipe their ID card at all times upon entering.

“We are a university facility, meaning only people affiliated with Pacific have permission to use it. We don’t want to invite people who shouldn’t be here. It’s a privilege to use the gym, which is why students pay fees.”

Non-members of Pacific may access the BFC only if accompanied with someone affiliated with Pacific, and with a fee of five dollars for each session.

“I think the new rule is necessary, especially since it was really crowded before, when anyone could use the gym,” commented Joe Sayers, a freshman International Studies major. “It’s like the Dining Hall: if you don’t have your ID card, you can’t get in.”

BFC gave the notice of this new regulation at the end of Thanksgiving break.

Next on the list of future changes is to install new weight machines. However, there is no scheduled date for this addition. In the meantime, enjoy the new cardiovascular equipment, and do not forget to bring your ID card.

ASuop: A Growling Proposal

The following letter does not necessarily reflect the views of the Pacifican or its staff members.

Dear Tigers,

Tiger’s Grocery, the only student-owned and operated food retailer of the Pacific campus, has an opportunity for drastic change in the coming school year. Bon Appetit, owners of the Summit and Dining Hall, has a proposition to improve our little grocery store into a much more modern facility with a variety of products far beyond what is offered at this point. This by no means gives Bon Appetit full ownership of the store, but rather it will be in a partnership with ASuop. Tiger’s Grocery will continue to offer students the same managerial and operational employment opportunities it does now, but any unfilled positions will be filled by Bon Appetit employees. Products will be chosen by students with prices remaining at or near MSRP (Manufacture Suggested Retail Price) and will increase to include organic and local food options, full sized household items and toiletries, full-sized packaged food choices and ready-made sandwiches, salads and sushi. In comparison to our current grocery store, this one will offer more of a viable alternative to places like S-Mart & Safeway.

ASuop and the student body will be compensated for leasing the store so that we will still have funds going to clubs and campus events. In addition to yearly compensation, Bon Appetit will fund the remodeling of the grocery store. Students can look forward to a new convenience at this grocery store because they will be able to use meal plan points to make purchases.

In conclusion, this partnership of Tigers grocery would offer better product selection, improved store, a constant stream of money to ASuop and students, and the convenience of using meal plan units.

The most important thing to remember about this proposal is that it is still tentative. ASuop wants student input in this important decision so come by the office or send an email to Vice President Max Barroso at m_barroso1@pacific.edu. We’d be happy to hear your comments and concerns!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Communications Executive,
Giovanna Arieta

New Dean

On January 1, College of the Pacific welcomed its new Dean Dr. Thomas W. Krise. Dr. Krise previously taught English at University of Central Florida (UCF).

Dr. Krise is prepared to meet the demands this position entails.

“I’m honored and delighted to be here,” said Dr. Krise, page 2 of the new dean.

Photograph courtesy of Patrick Gibbons
Physical Plant Remains Busy in Spring Semester

Gina Verrastro
Staff Writer

It is not always easy to figure out who does what on a college campus, and where to turn when something needs to get done. One of the reasons why people are hesitant to cast votes for a female candidate.

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ed to be joining University of the Pacific," he said. “I look forward to contributing to Pacific’s long history of distinguished education, pioneering innovation, and vibrant institutional culture. “It will be a special privilege to lead the College of the Pacific, which is really at the heart of the University and is the foundation of its success.”

On top of supervising faculty and staff and taking charge of the COP, Dr. Krise will focus on expanding and constructing new and current majors and programs. He had served as the English department chair at UCI until this past year. Dr. Krise is President of the Society of Early Americanists. He also spent 22 years in the United States Air Force.

He assisted the faculty of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs as an English professor for 12 years, as a Senior Military Fellow of the Institute for National Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C., and as Vice Director of the National Defense University Press.

With such a distinguished record, Dr. Krise is certain to be a great addition to Pacific’s faculty.

Women in Politics

A discussion of the role of women in politics will take place on campus this evening January 31. The event, titled “What’s Going on with Women in Politics?” will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Room 140 of the Wendell Phillips Center.

The speakers, Stockton City Deputy City Manager Christine Tien and Stockton Councilwoman Susan Eggman will detail their experiences in public office and also participate in a discussion with the audience.

Other topics will touch on the current presidential campaign and explore the reasons why people are hesitant to cast votes for a female candidate.
We Got Spirit Yes We Don’t

Walking through campus, along the streets and pathways in between buildings, a person could begin to wonder if they were on the right campus. Students don Stanford and Cal gear. There is a distinct lack of orange clothing or Pacific wear. And if you listen to the conversations of the students, you can occasionally hear them speaking about their contempt and loathing of this campus and the city surrounding us. In short, Pacific seems to lack spirit.

We do not have a football team so we usually exempt ourselves from the type of intensity exuded by big football schools. However, just because we do not have football does not mean we cannot have spirit. Even worse than not having spirit is the fact that those who do are criticized for it. Our teams! Students have to stop being so negative about the school, about Stockton, and about our teams. This is our school. All of us chose to be here instead of the thousands of other options in life than being a student at the University of the Pacific.

We will be, or have been, here for the better part of four years and we should embrace all that is offered to us. Embrace Stockton, embrace Pacific, and embrace our teams!

AFTER READING MICKEY IN THE NIGHT KITCHEN
FOR THE THIRD TIME BEFORE BED

Rita Dove

I’m in the milk and the milk’s in me... I’m Mickey!

My daughter spreads her legs to find her vagina: hairless, this mistaken bit of nomenclature is what a stranger cannot touch without her yelling. She demands to see mine and momentarily we’re a lopsided star among the spilled toys, my prodigious scallops exposed to her neat cameo

Jeff Morgan

Poetry Columnist

Rita Dove was born in Akron, Ohio in 1952. In 1987, she became the second African-American poet to win the Pulitzer Prize. From 1993 to 1995, she served as the first African-American and the youngest Poet Laureate of the United States and Consultant to the Library of Congress.

Since 1989 she has been teaching at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where she holds the chair of Commonwealth Professor of English. She has published many poems, a novel, poetry books, essays, and plays which include: American Smooth, On the Bus with Rosa Parks, Mother Love, Through the Ivory Gate, Grace Notes, Fifth Sunday Museum, and The Yellow House on the Corner.

The poem I have selected is about self-discovery. My brother said that when he first discovered himself he thought it was a joystick. When nothing happened on his computer game he became upset. I do not know that he has ever fully recovered from that disappointment. Poet Laureate Rita Dove reminds us that self-discovery is beautiful and innocent. Free of the cultural weight placed subsequently on our shoulders as we mature, children feel free to wander and explore themselves.

Poetry, to me, is not always about profound subjects or life-changing events. More often then not, good poetry is writing about simple things in a meaningful way. Perhaps your poetic expression is merely writing about your father, but capturing him so well that everyone seems to understand their father a little bit better after reading your poem. Rita Dove shows her brilliance in this poem. The imagery is captivating and the subject unexpected; when I read this I remember being a child while I am simultaneously aware of my adult concerns with the subject. I am thankful that we live in a day and age where such a beautiful and authentic expression can be written and published without it being immediately construed as vulgar.
That’s What She Said... Abstinence from what?

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-in-Chief

There are many different reasons for a person to abstain from sex. One of the best reasons is that abstinence is the only guaranteed way to not get pregnant or contract a sexually transmitted disease. Religious beliefs are also a common reason to abstain; the Bible makes it clear God wants people to wait for marriage to have sex. Personal morals, outside of religion, can also play a role in a person's decision to abstain. Abstainers also do not have to worry if their partner is only with them for physical reasons. Relationships are not nearly as complicated. There is no chance a parent or roommate will walk in at the wrong time. Best of all, girls do not have to worry about shaving their legs.

But what exactly is sex, and how does one abstain from it? A quick Google search does not provide an acceptable definition of the verb "sex." Most definitions simply said "sexual intercourse," which is defined primarily as vaginal intercourse.

The idea that sex is strictly vaginal intercourse is prevalent among many teenagers and young adults. However, some people believe anal sex is also sex, which complicates the definition. Soon, a slippery slope starts.

What about fellatio? A penis is still penetrating a body part the same way it does with vaginal and anal sex. A penis is not even a necessary component of sex. After all, lesbians can have sex too. Oral sex is still sex; it says so in the name. So at what point has a person had sex?

A lot of the positive aspects of abstinence can be lost without having vaginal intercourse. Although I am no expert in religion, I am pretty sure that God does not think it is ok to have sex with random strangers or even your long-term boyfriend. STDs can spread by oral and anal sex. That guy may just want a blow job and could care less about your personality. And parents probably do not want to see their children roll around in bed with someone.

Abstaining from sex is respectable, but only by abstaining from all forms of sexual activity do the benefits be fully realized.

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The WPC

Gina Verrastro
Humor Columnist

Welcome back, faithful readers. All five of you, welcome back! I hope you all had a great three weeks of class-free bliss. I know I did, and since not much has happened yet, I will share a humorous anecdote from my winter break, which I hope you will enjoy.

As some of you may know, I hail from a small town in sunny Southern California, where there is nothing much to do. One night, my friends Joy, Danielle, Alyssa, and I were out doing what we do best: driving up and down Main Street in my convertible, with the top down and country music playing as loudly as tolerable on the radio. If you're thinking we're losers, well, I suppose you might have a point, but first you ought to come visit and see if you can find anything more exciting to do.

When the novelty of this pastime wore out, Danielle suggested we try to find a place called the Cross: a mythical, romantic utopia atop the mountain overlooking the city. In layman's terms, the Cross is a privately owned park open to the public where teenagers go to get out after dark. Since, as previously mentioned, there was nothing else of interest going on, we decided to embark on a quest to prove the existence of the Cross.

The hill overlooking Ventura is a maze of narrow, winding streets with names known only to the people who live there. Some of these treacherous streets are as close to vertical as it is possible to be while still allowing for the passage of vehicles. This, folks, was an adventure. Danielle swore she knew exactly where the Cross was, because she'd been there during the day with her mother as a small child. We were taking her directions very seriously, and had the utmost confidence in her. This is why when she told me to go left, I had no reservations. It is a good thing my car has excellent brakes, because suddenly I was inches from a towering hedge.

Danielle relinquished her position as trusted guide as I made a quick detour to the right.

Parked cars stood in neat rows, windows completely dark. Dani’s friend, who thought I ought to flash my high beams at them, but a friend of mine once told me that in Stockton the means you are going to do a drive-bye at that person's house. I've gotten used to living in a city and not doing anything that could potentially get me shot, so I had to pass on Danielle's suggestion. Alyssa thought it would be funny if I honked my horn because as far as any of us knew that wasn't likely to induce anyone to cause us bodily harm. That night I learned that a single honk on the horn will cause amorous couples to flee like startled pigeons. Dani’s and Alyssa were laughing, Joy was ducking down to hide because, of course, she was embarrassed to be surrounded by such childish and insensitive individuals, and I focused on driving safely through the pitch blackness of the Cross. I am pleased to say we all made it out without a scratch, although I don’t believe we will be repeating this adventure anytime soon. And how was YOUR break?
Lifestyles

Hoping to Hold Onto Your Resolutions?

Linda Lopez
Website Administrator/
Staff Writer

As California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger would say, "Hasta la vista"! 2007! Yes, if you have not noticed from the waves of diet commercials on TV, it seems that 2008 has sneak up on us and there is a whole new year to work with and mold.

Thinking about my own lack of resolutions and talking to friends and my wonderful residents in Grace Covell, it seems that the trend for making resolutions has greatly decreased in order to make way for a carpe diem state of mind. But for those of you that still sticking to tradition, here are a few tips to help you complete your goals.

1. Make a List.
Yeah, you heard me! Make a list. The best way to remind yourself of your goals is to write them down.

2. Hang, Tape, or Frame List.
Ok, so you might not actually need to frame the list, but do put it in a place where you can still understand and even know another language or go just to hang out with people.

3. Take Small Steps.
Don't try to take on too much, too soon. If you are trying to get into better shape or learn a new language, set your goals only once a year. There is no rule that says you can't build yourself up with a goal for the rest of the year is too much, try to make a set of goals for at least each day or week. Accomplish things that you want at your own pace. After all, there is no rule that says you have to set your goals only once a year.

Good luck and may everything you resolved to do happen in a safe and timely manner!

Recommendations of the Week
Providing you with arts & entertainment to check out

Movie:
Oldboy.
2003 South Korean film directed by Park Chan-wook. An ordinary man named Oh Dae-su, who lives with his wife and adorable daughter, is kidnapped and later wakes up to find himself in a private makeshift prison.

TV Show:
The Wire.
Currently on Season 5. American drama that features ongoing struggles of city life. 60 min., HBO, Sundays, 9 p.m.

Music:
"Kindly Unspoken," Kate Voegele
"Paper Planes," M.I.A.

Books:
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card.
Science fiction novel that focuses on mankind's struggle with an insectoid alien race.

Chai and Chat

Corie Emery
Guest Writer

Ever want to be around people who like to speak other languages? Or even just take some break form classes and sit, drink, and just speak another language you like, that another person can understand. Or even if you're the type of person like me who just likes to listen to another language. You have the perfect chance tonight! The Cha-Chat is having there first meeting of the new year tonight. You can go to the meets at eight o'clock tonight in the Bechtel International Center. Go and make sure you can still understand and even know another language or go just to hang out with people.

Sudoku

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Democrats:

Hillary Clinton
(www.hillaryclinton.com)
- Universal healthcare covering 47 million Americans currently without insurance
- Ending Iraq War using Iraq Troop Protection and Reduction Act of 2007
- Promoting energy independence from foreign oil
- Restoring America's standing in the world

John Edwards
(www.johnedwards.com)
- Eliminating poverty and taking on drug and insurance companies for universal healthcare
- Withdrawing all American troops in Iraq within seven to ten months
- Promoting clean energy and restoring energy independence
- Strengthening homeland security
Endorsements: The Fresno Bee, actor Kevin Bacon, actor Tim Robbins, United Steelworkers

Barack Obama
(www.barackobama.com)
- Increasing investments in energy independence, infrastructure, and education
- Fighting for comprehensive national energy policy
- Strengthening America's position in the world
- Returning to responsible fiscal policies with tax relief and investments
Endorsements: U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts), The Stockton Record, Oprah Winfrey, The Sacramento Bee

Andrew Mitchell
News Editor
In past presidential election years, California tradition of a statewide primary election in November. This year, however, there is a day constantly referred to as Super Tuesday because California's ballot contains seven propositions and one initiative, each dealing with a variety of issues. A California's ballot contains seven propositions and one initiative, each dealing with a variety of issues. A

Proposition 91:
Transportation Funds. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

What It Does:
It does not allow fuel sales taxes for the Transportation Investment Fund to be put into the General Fund. Currently those funds can be transferred if the governor issues a proclamation and the legislature passes it with a 2/3 vote.

Argument For:
The proposition is no longer needed. It is identical to one on the ballot in 2006, Proposition 1A, which passed with 77% approval.

Argument Against:
No argument was submitted.

Who's For It:
Executive Director Transportation California, Executive Director California Alliance For Jobs

Who's Against It:
Null

On the web:
California Secretary of State Voter Guide
http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov

Go out and vote, whether it is absentee, in state, out of state, or in the California Primary.
California's January Primary Election

The primary contest in June, five months before the presidential primary will be on Tuesday, February 5, and primaries or caucuses on that date. Governor Schwarzenegger's primary date presumably to give the state more influence in each party's presidential candidates. The Pacifican endorses for and against. Presidential candidates from the parties and endorsements.

Republicans:

Mike Huckabee
(www.mikehuckabee.com)
- Supporting the sanctity of life; opposing Roe v. Wade decision.
- Reforming “No Child Left Behind” to give states more say in standards.
- Eliminating IRS and income tax while instituting national sales tax.
- Expanding army and increasing defense budget.


John McCain
(www.johnmccain.com)
- Succeeding in Iraq, securing and stabilizing the Middle East.
- Securing the border while laying an eventual path to citizenship for illegal residents.
- Promoting lobbying and ethics reform to keep leadership devoted to public interest.
- Protecting human dignity and the sanctity of human life.


Ron Paul
(www.ronpaul2008.com)
- Cutting spending and lowering taxes to get U.S. debt under control.
- Eliminating birthright citizenship and ending welfare for illegal immigrants.
- Investing in alternative energy sources by opening a free-market on energy.
- Allowing employees to keep tip money without having it taxed.


Mitt Romney
(www.mittromney.com)
- Enforcing the border, implementing employer verification system, rejecting amnesty.
- Strengthening military and meeting new generation of global challenges.


Propositions

Position 93: "On Legislators’ Terms, Initiative Constitutional Amendment.”

 Propositions 94, 95, 96, 97:
Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.

What It Does:
If passed, this bill will change the length of time a legislator will be able to serve in the state legislature from two years to 12 years. It will allow a politician to serve for 8 years in the Senate, the Assembly, or a combination of both.

Argument For: Position 93 will allow legislators to focus on problems and serving the state as opposed to constantly campaigning; give time for politicians to gain experience and knowledge.

Argument Against: The whole benefit of term limits is that legislators so they would be able to serve longer. This will weaken term limits as the current law works against the playing field.

For It:
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Business Association, California League of Conservation Voters
Against It:
Director of the National Taxpayers Union, California Women's Transportation Association

Who's For It:
Marty Hittelman, President California Federation of Teachers; Lenny Goldberg, Executive Director California Tax Reform Association.

Who's Against It:
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Business Association, California League of Conservation Voters


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Just Another Elephant Bar?
A Tale of Two Perspectives

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

The recently opened Elephant Bar on Pacific Avenue offers accommodating service and diverse menu choices.

Vivian Lee
Lifestyles Editor

With all the hype of new restaurants, the brand new Elephant Bar on Pacific Avenue is doing the best they can.

Last weekend my group of 15 arrived promptly at 5:30 p.m. to obtain seats. We had prepared to arrive earlier, having heard of rumored long wait times. Consequently, we suffered the long wait of two and a half hours to finally be seated.

Originally, our group of 15 was seated awkwardly at two tables and one corner booth. Not satisfied with the seating arrangements, we negotiated with the manager to allow an outside table to be brought in. This way, the whole group would be seated together. To our agreement, the manager was very accommodating and allowed the table to be brought in.

During our wait, we had asked for several menus to look over potential meals so we were ready and prepared to order as soon as we were seated. Fortunately, the servers were polite, patient, and friendly.

The wait time for the meals to arrive took roughly around 15 to 20 minutes, with the appetizers arriving first. I ordered the Wok Seared Vegetable Lettuce Wraps ($5.95) for an appetizer, the Shrimp Scampi Alfredo special ($10.95), as well as the Fire Grilled Beef Tri-Tip and BBQ Shrimp ($13.75). The lettuce wrap appetizer was delicious after such a long wait, and the shrimp scampi was a delight. However, the grilled beef and shrimp were far from extraordinary, providing only a few slices of meat and shrimp and was not worth the hefty price.

None of the members of our party ordered any dessert. The only dilemma we encountered was confusion with a meal that called for special sides, and it put a dent on the dining environment altogether. However, with the amount of orders that the servers had to deal with, it is understandable.

Although there was a bit confusion with the splitting the check, the servers were prepared to handle the situation and the issue was resolved quickly and painlessly. The checks were processed incorrectly, and caused us some trouble, but that was also settled without too much delay.

On the whole, I am pleased with my dining experience at Elephant Bar. Although the long wait time was unpleasant, the servers were accommodating, and the food was scrumptious and appetizing. Hopefully, the restaurant will be more organized and allow reservations in the future.

For dessert, I ordered the Elephant Bar Ice Cream Mud Pie ($4.95). It was enough to share amongst all eight of us. It was very enjoyable and fun to eat, although it started melting rather quickly.

The service was good, but not excellent. The wait for the food did not take too long even with our party of seven, and they were very accommodating in adding an extra person to our table during the meal. In addition, the staff was fairly well at delivering the plates in a timely manner. However, our meals arrived in a condition that seemed as if it had been sitting out for a while.

My order, the Blackened Catfish with Shrimp Jambalaya ($14.75) from the Regional Favorites section of the menu, was served with steamed rice and a side of fava bean. Come to think of it, they forgot to serve me my shrimp jambalaya!

Nevertheless, the seared catfish, seasoned with black pepper and other spices, was indeed very tasty. The outside was crisp, the inside was tender, and the pepper and spices were added perfectly to taste. Yet, with a bit longer cooking time, it would have been better.

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The food portions were just the right amount, so there was no need to ask for take out boxes. The setup is great for groups because all the tables are setup to fit up to six people. The price was reasonable. We asked for the checks to be split, which caused some confusion for our server. In spite of this, none of the checks were over $15, except for mine because of the dessert. I was surprised to walk out having only paid $23, including tips. Overall, the experience was satisfying, but it could have been better.

Due to the inclement weather, the ASuop event “Snow Day,” previously scheduled on Friday, January 25, has been postponed until further notice.
Social Justice Committee: Spring 2008 Update

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

The Social Justice Committee has many ideas for campus events and activities during the Spring 2008 semester. Kristen Robertson, president of the Social Justice Committee, summarized some of these plans at the January 23 committee meeting.

For starters, Students for Environmental Action is working to implement new environmentally-friendly resources on campus. Robertson reports that the club is particularly interested in "creating a system on campus where students can get a discount when they bring their own mugs to the summit or Davey Cafe." SEA meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Robertson also notes that PRIDE is "super busy" preparing for the Northern California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Ally (LGBTQIA) Student Conference, "It Takes A Rainbow: Bridging the Mountains to the Bay," scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 9. The conference intends to draw students from a variety of northern California universities and colleges for an exciting and informational day on the Pacific campus.

Scheduled events for the conference include an information and discussion session on "International Homosexual Law," a movie screening and discussion presented by Assistant Professor Dr. John Lessard of the English Department, and general information about community resources for LGBTQIA in the Stockton area.

The PRIDE Alliance meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the PRIDE Center located in the Multicultural Center.

As for the Social Justice Committee in general, meetings take place every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Raymond Lodge. Robertson explains, "We're looking forward to doing more programs during the meetings this semester, such as having speakers come and watch salient films. We're also discussing having a Social Justice art show and doing some kind of workday in the community.

The next SJC meeting will be on February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Raymond Lodge. As always, all interested students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Club Profile:
Psychology Club Offers Friendship and Academic Scholarship

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

The Psychology Club is a fairly new organization at Pacific—seniors Jessie Choi and Melissa Serio have been co-presidents of the club since 2006. The group prides itself on fostering interaction between students and professors while encouraging academic excellence.

Choi feels one of the strengths of the club is that it helps psychology majors get to know their professors, which really matters when students request recommendation letters for a job or graduate school. The club also acts as a way to advertise psychology-related events that many students may be unaware of, such as the "How to Get into Graduate School" and "What Can You Do with a B.A. in Psychology?" information sessions put on by various department faculty members.

Dr. Kohn, advisor for the Psychology club, adds that, "Jessie and Melissa...have worked very hard to create a vibrant, successful psychology Club and I'm very impressed with them." Members can enjoy annual events put on by the psychology club. In October, the organization plans an excursion to the Pumpkin Patch in Lathrop, and "What Can You Do with a B.A. in Psychology?" information sessions put on by various department faculty members.

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Social Justice Committee:
Omega Delta Phi gives back to the community

Victor Mathieu
Guest Writer

Last year, Omega Delta Phi finished their community service with a tradition. Since ODPhi was founded at the University of the Pacific, they have been participating in a Christmas event for the Stockton Homeless shelter.

This year was no different. Concluding a busy year where the organization averaged 55 hours a member, they held the event for around 20 families at the shelter and brought gifts for the 20-30 children. They also participated in games and activities with the kids such as making reindeer ornaments and paper plate snowmen. The ODPhi brothers were excited for this opportunity and even received a real Christmas tree for donation.

ODPhi President, Victor Mathieu, commented, "There is always a reward to community service, but this event is our favorite. It is so rewarding to bring Christmas to those less fortunate. It really reminds us that we have a lot to be thankful for. We are so glad that we did this event again this year; it is a great way to end a good year of community service."

It was not the only big project for the Fraternity this year. They also worked with a group of students at Stagg High known as the Joven Nobles. The Stagg students were tutored by the ODPhi brothers and mentored through various activities including dodge ball, a Ports game and even a weekend at Pacific before school started this year.

ODPhi has more community service events planned for 2008, such as the Easter event at the homeless shelter, Adopt-A-Highway, park cleanup, Joven Noble and other exciting projects.
Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

If you are not going to make it to the men's Volleyball game on Friday night and if you are not traveling to support one of the many Pacific teams that have games or meets this Saturday, we have got a suggestion for you: this weekend's movie at the Pacific Theatre.

Pride is a drama based on the true story of Philadelphia swim coach, Jim Ellis. The movie stars Terrence Howard, Bernie Mac, and Kimberly Elise, under the direction of Sunu Gonera. Pride is set in 1974 and deals with the struggle of finding employment for a former competitive swimmer, revamping a dilapidated swimming pool, and mentoring a group of troubled African-American teens. The end result is Philadelphia's first all African-American swim team.

The movie truly stands apart from its African-American-sports-movie predecessors. Most of the other movies of this kind dealt with sports that are now mainstream, if not dominated by African-Americans, such as basketball or football. However, competitive swimming is still predominantly whites. This look at the beginnings of a truly underappreciated sport is refreshing.

While it may not be an "Oscar-quality" movie, Pride is still enjoyable and worth seeing. Particularly when admission is free for Pacific students with a Pacific ID, $3.00 for faculty, staff, and alumni, and $5.00 for the general public. It may be classified as a drama, but it still leaves you with a smile. It is a "feel-good" movie about defying the odds. The movie shows in the Pacific Theatre on February 1 and 2 at 8:00pm.

Upcoming Events

Men's Basketball
Saturday, February 2nd
UC Davis @ UC Davis
Double Header
7:00 pm
(ASuop running bus to event, check office for details)

Thursday, February 7th
Cal State Northridge
7:00 pm

Women’s Basketball
Saturday, February 2nd
UC Davis @ UC Davis
Double Header
4:45 pm
(ASuop running bus to event, check office for details)

Men’s Volleyball
Friday, February 1st
Ball State
7:00 pm

Women’s Tennis
Saturday, February 2nd
Saint Marys
11:00 am

Men’s Swimming
Saturday, February 2nd
UC Santa Barbara
12:00 pm

Women’s Swimming
Saturday, February 2nd
UC Santa Barbara
12:00 pm
Women’s Basketball Evens Out in the End

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

The Pacific Women’s Basketball team played two great games last weekend. The women came out even in the end, with one thrilling win and one loss.

The match-up on Thursday, January 24 put the Pacific Tigers against the Cal Poly Mustangs. It was an incredibly even match. The teams spent a good deal of the game in a tug-of-war-like struggle for the lead—enough to send the game into overtime. Pacific Freshman Jennifer Fath scored a record-setting 31 points, including the final shot that put the Tigers at 89-88 over the Mustangs.

With 8 seconds remaining on the overtime clock, Cal Poly raced to their end of the court and with some superb passing achieved the position beneath the basket they needed for victory. However, what would have been the winning shot was knocked away from the basket by a determined Karen Dawkins for Pacific. The win ended a four game losing streak to Cal Poly and the excitement of the Pacific team was a clear indicator of the win's worth.

The following Saturday afternoon, Pacific hosted the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. However, they were not able to keep up the way they did against Cal Poly. A slow start for Pacific left them always just an arm's length from taking the lead as the Gauchos refused to relent.

In the end, the Tigers lost 71-58 to the Gauchos. Despite the loss, three of Pacific's players ended the game in the double digits: Amy VanHollebeke and Janae Young with 14 points each and Kelsey Lavender with 13.

The women are back on the court on February 2 at UC Davis to dominate over the Aggies.

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Pacific To Honor Amos Alonzo Stagg Award of Merit Recipients

Mike Millerick
Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific department of intercollegiate athletics will honor distinguished alumni Bill Becker ('40), Dr. Jerry Haines ('49) and June Sutterfield Downer ('49) at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award of Merit Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Amos Alonzo Stagg Award of Merit was established in 1981 by former Graduate Manager of Athletics Bob Breeden, Pacific Alumni Director Kara Brever, and Director of Athletics Elkin Isaac. The award recognizes an alumnus who participated in athletics at Pacific and who has gone on to achieve distinction in his/her life through the notable examples of integrity, dedication, idealism, and team spirit that Mr. Stagg personified and to which Pacific is dedicated.

Vivian Lee
Lifestyle Editor

The National Football League hosts the 42nd Superbowl Championship on Sunday, February 3 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, home of the Arizona Cardinals. The game is played between the champions of the league's two conferences: the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC). This year, the New England Patriots are the winners of the AFC Championship and the New York Giants of the NFC Championship.

The Giants have to endure the pressure of the Patriots, who have the glamour of an undefeated season after defeating the San Diego Chargers on January 20. The Giants have a season record of 10-6.

The winning team will receive the Vince Lombardi Trophy and the prestige of being Superbowl Champions.
On Monday, Jan. 28, the Pacific Tigers tried to continue their hot winning streak while Cal Poly tried to follow its big win against UC Davis with another win against Pacific. The game was aired on ESPN2, placing Pacific in the national spotlight. Considering the Big West Conference games are not played on ESPN2 often, the night was a huge deal for the team and all of Pacific.

The first half of the game started off slowly with a score of 2-8, Cal Poly. The Tigers seemed to have trouble finding any offensive rhythm. Finally, at 14 minutes left in the first half, Michael Kirby stole the ball, giving Pacific the chance to score two 2-pointers in a row. With one minute left, the end of the first half does not look good with the score at 24-39. Pacific then got a foul and Cal Poly scored, making it a 16-point game. Cal Poly then gets a flagrant foul, lifting Pacific fans' spirits after Pacific scored two foul points.

The second half started with a fantastic recovery by Pacific with two 2-pointers in a row and one foul point. Bryan LeDuc strengthened Pacific's upper hand with a rebound. The first half of the game started off slowly with a score of 2-8, Cal Poly. The Tigers seemed to have trouble finding any offensive rhythm. Finally, at 14 minutes left in the first half, Michael Kirby stole the ball, giving Pacific the chance to score two 2-pointers in a row and one foul point. Bryan LeDuc strengthened Pacific's upper hand with a rebound. In the middle of the first half, the Sacramento Kings' break-dancers gave an impressive and flexible show during a time out worth mentioning. With 10 minutes left in the half, Pacific's Steffan Johnson, made a three-pointer; the score is now 14-17. Unfortunately, Cal Poly matched Pacific's 3-pointer with another 3-pointer of their own. The score got close after Michael Nannally made a slam-dunk, leaving the score at 21-26. The entire game was always close, leaving Pacific fans on the edge of their seat the entire time. With 4 minutes left in the half, the defense weakens a little bit and Cal Poly scored two 2-pointers in a row. With one minute left, the end of the first half does not look good with the score at 26-44. The lead then juggle back and forth between the teams. At 10:17, Pacific took the lead with a free throw by Casey Neimeyer. Cal Poly answered with a 3-pointer, but Casey Neimeyer is quick to gain Pacific's lead with another 3-pointer, leaving the score at 48-47 with 9 minutes in the game. At 6:57, the game is tied yet again with a score of 52-52. Cal Poly gains the lead at 6:17. At 5:40, Pacific regains the lead with a score of 55-54. In the last minute of the game, Cal Poly has a stroke of good luck with a 3-pointer and some foul points. Neimeyer made a basket with only 34 seconds left in the game. Unfortunately, these last efforts were not enough to keep Pacific from defeat.

The final score was 69-64, making it a close, well played game that kept Pacific fans on the edge of their seat the entire time.

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

Despite the loss Sophomore Casey Neimeyer scored a career high 14 points.

Television Tragedy
Unpredictable game leaves Pacific at 5-2 in Big West Conference

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
Thursday, January 24th
Pacific 71,
UC Santa Barbara 58

Monday, January 28th
Cal Poly 69,
Pacific 64

Men's Volleyball
Friday, January 25th
Cal State Northridge 3,
Pacific 0

Saturday, January 26th
UC Santa Barbara 3,
Pacific 0

Women's Basketball
Thursday, January 24th
Pacific 89,
Cal Poly 88

Saturday, January 26th
UC Santa Barbara 71,
Pacific 58

Women's Tennis
Friday, January 25th
UNLV 6,
Pacific 1

Saturday, January 26th
Pacific 7,
Weber State 0

Sunday, January 27th
New Mexico State 4,
Pacific 3