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President Clinton Visits Pacific

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-In-Chief

On Monday, Feb. 4, former President Bill Clinton visited Pacific to rally for his wife, NY Senator Hillary Clinton, the day before California's presidential primary election. Nearly 4,000 students, faculty, and members of the Stockton community attended the speech in the Alex G. Spanos Center. Although the event was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., lines formed at noon and eventually wrapped around the building.

Inside a mariachi band played while people filled the floor and lower level, waiting for the speech to begin. Lt. Governor John Garamendi got the crowd riled up and shouting “Hillary Rodham Clinton” before Clinton appeared onstage at 2:20.

The former president started by thanking a list of people, including Pacific President Don De Rosa. “You all know this country’s in trouble,” he told the crowd, “That’s why you showed up.”

Clinton outlined several reasons why he was supporting Hillary. Issues discussed included Sen. Clinton’s plans for universal health care, combating global warming, making college more affordable, and the war. He told the crowd “I would be here for her even if we weren’t married.”

The speech was tailored especially for San Joaquin County. Clinton pointed out the county is facing “staggering” economic problems due to the subprime lending fallout. He outlined Sen. Clinton’s plan to freeze mortgage payments for five years, with the federal government paying half the difference due to interest rates increasing. Although the estimated cost is $30 billion,

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Obama Supporters Also Rally

Nate Wenger
Staff Writer

In what has been a busy political week for Pacific, the Students for Barack Obama Pacific Chapter held a rally in the University’s Multicultural center this past Monday. With over 50 people showing their support for the Illinois Senator, the rally was lively and optimistic.

A diverse range of students, faculty, administration, and community leaders, helped raise awareness on campus and get students fired up to get out and vote in Tuesday’s primaries. The Students for Barack Obama advertised for the rally in Friday’s Stockton Record, and were pleased with the outcome.

Senior Chris Ching, a leader in the group, felt that in its two weeks of existence the group had accomplished much of what it had intended to up to this point. That being said, the campaign continues after Super Tuesday and the group is eager to make their presence felt, making phone calls and voicing opinions. They feel it is

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Pacific Receives Grant to Help with Election Day

Christine Le
Copy Editor

On January 11, the University of the Pacific received a contract for $240,000 to assist the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters over several elections including last Tuesday's Presidential Primary.

The contract is funded by the federal government’s Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The money was issued to California, which allocated it among counties.

Part of Pacific’s contribution to this project, which is called Vote Smart, is to encourage people to vote by mail.

“We hope to not only stimulate more people to vote,” said Dr. Robert Benedetti, Professor of Political Science, “but also to make them aware that voting at home allows them to take their time. Voting at home often results in a more thoughtful vote and the voter is not tied to a certain day at a certain time and place. It also may help reduce voting errors.”

The faculty working on this project include Communication professors Jon Schamber, Qingwen Dong, Alan Ray and Paul Turpin; Political Science professors Robert Benedetti, Dari Sylvester and Nate Monroe; and Lisa Tromovitch and Brett DeBoer, professors from the Theatre Arts and Visual Arts departments. These

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Election Results
California Presidential Primary (as of press time)

Democrats
Hillary Clinton 1,094,477 53%
Barack Obama 776,880 38%

Republicans
John McCain 580,486 43%
Mitt Romney 384,049 29%
Mike Huckabee 158,127 12%

42% of precincts reporting

Proposition 91 - Transportation Funds
Yes 43%
No 57%

Proposition 92 - Community College Funding
Yes 40%
No 60%

Proposition 93 - Legislative Term Limits
Yes 48%
No 52%

Propositions 94-97 - Indian Gaming Compacts
Yes 56%
No 44%
37% of precincts reporting

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professors are working on posters and advertisements that encourage people to vote by mail.

Students in the Political Science and Communication departments are also taking part in research.

"Our focus is how people choose to vote, and how to make that voting process more accurate," remarked Benedetti.

In addition, Pacific has been asked to assess the effectiveness of the training of San Joaquin County’s poll workers.

"In doing this, we hope to offer recommendations to the county on strategies to improve their poll worker training for future elections," commented Mark Urista, a communication graduate student helping to assess the training. "We plan to do this by submitting a final report to the county based on questionnaires and interviews with poll workers, trainers and election officials."

Students taking Dr. Schamber’s Community Based Learning course are also involved as consultants regarding the poll worker training.

There are over 300 polling stations and over 2,000 poll workers in San Joaquin County. "The training itself, led by the county, serves to train poll workers on the mechanics of voting by machine, set-up of the polling station, checking in voters, and dealing with absentee ballots and mistakes on ballots.

"Proper training for our poll workers is necessary to ensure that Election Day goes smoothly and as error-free as possible," said Urista.

Pacific will continue to be a part of Vote Smart and help the county evaluate poll worker training, as well as emphasize voting by mail, for the June primary election and the November Presidential Election.

February Events Celebrate Black History

Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

Black History Month honors the accomplishments of African Americans throughout history as well as in the present day through exciting and thought provoking programs during the month of February. Several events, at Pacific have been planned and most are free to attend.

The celebration began on February 1 with a Libation Ceremony in Raymond Great Hall and was followed by a showing of Pride, a story of a black water polo team, in the Pacific Theatre.

While those events have passed, several others are scheduled for the remainder of the month:

- On Thursday Feb. 7, there will be a Cajun/Creole Soul Food service in the Redwood Room for $6.95 plus tax.
- On Friday, Feb. 8 is the observation of National Black AIDS Awareness Day, as well as the Ted & Jackie Winger Event in Raymond Great Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- There will be another Soul Food dinner in the Redwood Room on Thursday, Feb. 14.
- Later that evening, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a poetry reading by Afaa Weaver, a Simmons College English Professor.
- On Friday, Feb. 15, the Jacoby Center will host African Heritage Program from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- On Saturday, Feb. 16 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by Gospelfest on 7 p.m to 10 p.m.

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essential to get more students involved and use our education to make a difference.

Group members often spend mornings waving signs to cars passing by on I-5 and other heavy traffic areas. If you are interested in becoming involved with the group, they can be found on Facebook, or you can reach Chris Ching at (818) 421-4542. The group meets between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends, at 1947 North California Street at Hawthorne, Suite B.

Pacific College Republicans

The Pacific College Republicans have been hard at work this election season. As soon as the group was informed of Bill Clinton’s visit, members began planning a Republican gathering outside the Spanos Center.

Unfortunately, the event was planned on very short notice and many officers.

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PacSem Featured at National Conference

Nicole Matthews
Copy Editor

Universities of the Pacific's Pacific Seminar courses were featured at the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) meeting in Washington, D.C. last month. Pacific was chosen along with nine other schools as part of a series highlighting unique programs in schools across the United States.

Pacific Seminar is required for all Pacific undergraduates and is divided into three courses, the first two to be taken as a freshman, and the third to be taken as a senior. All three sessions are discussion-oriented and writing intensive, encouraging students to critically examine the world in which they live with the core Seminar question of "What is a Good Society?"

Students learn how to make an effective argument as well as work in teams to create groups projects. Through Pacific Seminar, students are also assisted in cultivating their writing skills through peer editing sessions and submissions into a personal electronic portfolio to check progress over time.

The University created a five-minute film discussing the benefits and impact of Pacific Seminar on Pacific's student body. The film was shown throughout the four day conference. The film features both professors and students discussing the significance of the Pacific Seminar classes on developing skills to become successful in school and in one's community.

The theme of this year's AACU conference was "No Longer Optional: Educating for Personal and Social Responsibility," a central issue in all three Pacific Seminar courses. The video can be viewed on Pacific's YouTube Channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/pacificiters or on Pacific's website at http://web.pacific.edu/x20945.xml

A letter from Dean Lou Matz:

Yes, it is meaningful that AACU—the premier organization devoted to promoting quality liberal arts education in the nation—has recognized that the Pacific Seminars represent best teaching practices through their focus on a "good society," their development of essential skills such as critical thinking, writing, and oral expression, and in the faculty's use of active learning techniques. Because these seminars are innovative and unique, AACU awarded Pacific $25,000 to continue to improve them as part of the AACU Core Commitments project; only 18 schools were chosen from about 130 applications. AACU also selected Pacific to produce a video on the Pacific Seminars, which was aired at the annual AACU meeting in D.C. in January and which is now posted on the General Education website (www. pacific.edu/ge). I attended this meeting and learned that the President of AACU referred to our video at a public speech as an example of how an interesting story can be told about general education. While many students might not appreciate the importance of the seminars as they are taking them, they should realize that the Pacific Seminar experience is judged by some of the top people in higher education to be a valuable learning opportunity and that other institutions are interested in copying aspects of them. Faculty, too, should take pride in AACU's recognition and in their excellent delivery of these challenging courses.

Thanks,
Lou Matz - Associate Dean and Director of General Education

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could not attend due to school or work conflicts. However, others showed up to support GOP candidates. The club also held a mock election on Jan. 31. Mitt Romney was declared the winner and John McCain took second. Mike Huckabee was a distant third, and Ron Paul received one vote.

Adam Ellison, Chairman of Pacific College Republicans, was also pleased to announce the group's 100th member joined on Jan. 31.
Obviously, the vote is an important aspect of the political process. Young people, especially need to start coming out in stronger numbers to the polls so that those running in election will begin catering to our needs. Those of you who voted on Super Tuesday, congratulations. Pat yourself on the back. Those who did not, wisen up and vote in November. Because you cannot complain if you did not vote.
Pelosi Issues Coded Message During State of the Union

Matt Brady

In a speech that was largely a repeat of his seven previous State of the Union addresses, President George W. Bush delivered his eighth and final speech on the condition of national affairs.

The address, which was ignored by middle class America in favor of 2008 primary speculation and Super Bowl hype, centered on the economic, military and celebrity qualms our nation currently finds itself in and came just short of endorsing Senator John McCain (R-Arizona) for President.

But the real story from the State of the Union speech came from the stiff-backed wooden chair situated above, and a little to the left (audience POV) of the Commander In Chief. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-California) gave viewers at home a first class display of political maneuvering as she delivered a simultaneous Democratic response to the President’s words.

“To the untrained eye, it really looks as if her contact lens is irritating her or she forgot her morning Visine. It’s actually reminiscent of vintage Clinton falling asleep during an MLK speech, except she was blinking proactively,” explained former Democratic strategist and talking head George Stephanopoulos (D—DC) as he stood on a booster box to speak to America after the speech. “I can't believe we missed this, given how long it's been happening and how obvious the communication is,”

Stephanopoulos added doing his best Scott Hamilton voice. Code specialist and former KGB counter-intelligence agent Vladimir Loginova gave some more clues in a phone interview after the address, saying “It’s a basic code, really. Dits and dahs; the same thing Samuel Morse came up with for the telegraph back in the 1840s.

At first it looks like she has a mental problem and she is blinking to cover it, but a closer examination reveals a blink rate of about 100 blinks per minute (BPM). A 100 BPM rate doesn’t come without a purpose.” Loginova got to work soon after the address, pouring over YouTube video and communicating with other ex-KGB agents about the blinking. He soon discovered that a long blink equals a “dah” and quick, flutter-like movements represent “dits.” Using this paradigm, Loginova decoded the following message:

“Death toll in Iraq right now. Again now. Can we have an amputee in studio for a ‘victim’s response?’ Cancer kid works, too. Have James Carville arrange it. The camera had better not be panning to Obama right now. Call Fox and threaten to dig up more dirt on O’Reilly if they don't focus on Biliary. Man, this seat is hard. You’d think we could smuggle some kind of padding into these august chambers. Is this almost over? It reminds me of some of Clinton’s extended oratories. Have a couple aspirins waiting for me when I get down. Oh, and fire Mike; I need more minorities on my staff. Ok, finally.”

In his report, Loginova really got a kick out of Pelosi’s use of the term “august” but criticized her for blinking with both eyes simultaneously, a behavior which slowed down her rate of delivery by a factor of two.

Democratic analyst Al Franken (D-Mars) commented to CNN after the Democratic response that the coded message was probably intended for Maye Antonin, the congresswoman's personal assistant and longtime associate. The reference to “Mike” was probably Micheal Smith, the only white male in the congresswoman's inner circle.

Vice President Dick Cheney (R-Wyoming) barely blinked at all during the fifty minute address, leading some to wonder if he was even conscious during the speech. Then a wry scowl crossed the politician's features and the attendant EMTs returned to their state of heightened alert (Yellow on the VP heart risk scale).

A GOP insider has informed FCN that this election cycle's VP pick will be a “speed blinker” who is better able to “compete” with speaker Pelosi during next year's State of the Union.
That's What She Said...
OMG u r so hot ;) lol

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-in-Chief

20 years ago most people did not use the internet. 15 years ago there were no digital cell phones. 10 years ago AIM did not exist. And it was only 5 years ago there was no such thing as Facebook.

Advancements in communication technology have been rapidly changing the way people communicate. Unfortunately, a result of this seems to be a total lack of face to face communication skills among college students. Now we hide behind screens and keyboards, carefully wording and rewording our responses before we click “send.” Consequently, it is hard to tell what the other person is actually saying. A text reading “what r u doing 2nite” at 2 a.m. is obviously a drunken hook-up invitation, but what does it mean at 2 p.m.? Is it simply small talk, or is the other person wanting to know if you are available later for dinner? With texting and instant messaging, there are no tone or body language clues to figure out what a person is really saying.

We have regressed to a primitive, junior high style of dating. Feelings are hurt because nobody really knows how the other person feels. We rely on our friends to analyze our crush’s messages. We send scandalous messages we would never dare say in person.

Dates, if they happen at all, are awkward because there has been very little face-to-face contact. Suddenly, you do not have a few minutes to come up with a witty answer; you have to do it instantly. The chemistry felt on instant message conversation and Facebook pokes are not felt when you are finally face-to-face.

To compensate for this awkwardness, many college students turn to alcohol. After a few drinks, it is possible to feel just as brave as you did behind a computer screen. But how long can a drunken lifestyle continue? Perhaps it is time we grow up, stop with the games, and say how we really feel.

Beautiful Ignorance

Jeff Morgan
Poetry Columnist

Miller Williams was born April 8, 1930 in Hoxie, Arkansas. Williams was educated and earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from Arkansas State College. He has written over twenty-five books and won several awards for his poetry. He is perhaps best known for reading a poem at President Clinton’s 1997 inauguration.

The poem that I have chosen explores the power of knowledge. How often is our perception poisoned with knowledge? If we saw a man smiling would it change our perception of that smile if we knew he was a murderer? Often, I find that I do not wish to know certain things because of its influence on my perception. Miller Williams allows his reader to feel this pain of knowing.

The timing of this poem is really the genius of it. The diction of the poem does not imply anything profound will happen initially. It is plain English. The rhythm is not choppy or intense and the rhythm is only felt in the pauses after the beginning lines. Nothing prepares the reader for what they will discover about this humble little journal discovered in the rubble, of a blown up bunker.

As soon as the bookbinder sees the book there is a rhythmic shift and Williams uses a lot more punctuation to achieve that shift. By the end of the poem we feel his horror as our own. Then, Williams brilliantly ends with a rhyme in the last stanza. This is not a rhyming poem and, in contrast to the lack of rhyme of the rest of the poem, the rhyme between ‘grew’ and ‘knew’ haunts the reader even after the poem is finished. Historically speaking it would benefit the reader’s understanding to know that there was an industry during the Nazi regime of forcing Jews to produce items made from other Jews’ skin and, presumably, Williams had this in mind when he wrote “The Book.” Please consider and appreciate the technical attention that went into producing this very chilling and wonderful poem.

The Book

I held it in my hands while he told the story.
He had found it in a fallen bunker,
a book for notes with all the pages blank.
He took it to keep for a sketchbook and diary.

He learned years later, when he showed the book to an old bookbinder, who paled, and stepped back a long step and told him what he held, what he had laid the days of his life in.

It’s bound, the binder said, in human skin.

I stood turning it over in my hands turning it in my head. Human skin.

What child did this skin fit? What man, what woman?
Dragged still full of its flesh from what dream?

Who took it off the meat?
Some other one who stayed alive by knowing how to do this?

I stared at the changing book and a horror grew,
I stared and a horror grew, which was, which is, how beautiful it was until I knew.
Enjoy a Fancy Valentine’s Day Dinner
Yes, in Stockton.

Le Bistro offers fine dining, elegant decor, and excellent customer service.

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Can’t decide whether to take your date to Macaroni Grill or BJ’s for Valentine’s Day? Here’s a third option. Get dolled up for a fancy dinner at Le Bistro. The ladies will surely enjoy the experience.

Le Bistro provides the perfect atmosphere for a quiet, romantic dinner. The dining room has very warm lighting provided by personal lamps on your table side, and despite the outer appearance, the decor was elegant. Being the first time my date and I were at a really fancy restaurant, I was not sure how to act. The service was excellent, not only because our server was cute but because he promptly brought us our drinks and took our orders. He was very conversational and was good at giving us recommendations and complimenting us on our choice of entree. He also made sure we were enjoying our meal and that our food was perfect to taste.

When the food arrived, I was amazed. It was picture perfect, and tasted as good as it looked, if not better.

For the appetizer, we had the Escargot ($10) baked in garlic butter. It was my favorite dish. The escargot and garlic butter served piping hot just how I liked it. Our server recommended dipping the fresh bread into the sauce, which was absolutely delicious!

For the entree, I ordered the Seafood Crepe ($26). I was surprised at how large my Seafood Crepe was and how much seafood was in it. Lobster meat, crab meat, and salmon were mixed together for the filling. Shrimps were scattered on top and the whole dish was topped with lobster cream sauce. The cream sauce was perfect, not too thick or soupy, but it masked the taste of the crepe filling.

My date had the Beef Wellington ($36), a tender fillet wrapped in a puff pastry and lathered with mushroom duxelle served with a side of mashed potatoes and vegetables. The fillet, cooked to medium rare and doused in the mushroom duxelle, was flavorful.

The Crème Brulee ($7) dessert satisfied my taste buds. It was as if I were eating a Life Savers hard candy, but better. The custard was very smooth and had a little tangy, fruity flavor. I savored each bite.

Even though the meal is a bit pricey, the food, the service, and the atmosphere was priceless.

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

Movie:
Heavenly Creatures.
Drama, based on a true story. About the extraordinary friendship between two adolescent girls which culminates into murder. Directed by Peter Jackson. 99 min., Rated R for violence and sexual content.

TV Show:
Entourage.
Chronicles the daily life of a famous movie star and his buddies. Based on the life of Mark Wahlberg, who produces the series. 30 min., HBO, check your local television guide for listings.

Music:
"Silver Lining," Rilo Kiley
"Awakening," Switchfoot
"Love’s Not A Competition (But I’m Winning)," Kaiser Chiefs

Books:
Twilight, Stephenie Meyer
A young adult romance thriller about seventeen-year-old Isabella "Bella" Swan, a girl who moves from Arizona to Washington and finds her life in danger when she falls in love with a vampire named Edward Cullen.

Sudoku
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Baby, It’s Cold Outside
Board games make their comeback

Seema Ghatnekar
Guest Writer

Walking around campus is getting excruciatingly painful. Dressed from head to toe in layers with jeans, long-sleeved shirts, big jackets, Ugg boots, and a scarf to top it all off, no one would have suspected that I have on an underlying layer of thermals. There’s no getting around it—the weather has taken a chilly turn. Along with this cold weather has come the cold season, where it seems like everywhere you turn there is someone sneezing, coughing, or simply miserable.

So what is there to do on these gloomy, rainy days ahead? No one wants to catch a cold, and though jumping in puddles does make for a frivolous pastime, getting soggy and cold outside is not always the best idea. Use the weather to your advantage and take a trip back to childhood board game past.

Board games have made a comeback with many new concepts that were not around when we were younger. With games that test your knowledge on television shows to games where people compete against each other, there is an array of fun games to choose from. Some enjoyable games include the classic Uno card games, Catch Phrase, Apples to Apples, and Monopoly, which comes in a variety of themes, including Nintendo, sports teams, and Disney princesses.

The idea of the board game has been revolutionized, and after playing Cranium with friends, it is surprising that these games are as invigorating, or even more so, as they had seemed in the past. With these games comes bragging rights of seemingly useless knowledge, great conversation, and something to keep you out of the cold. So order a pizza, grab some friends, and stay cozy and entertained for the wet weeks ahead.

Comedian Ant
February 9th, 2008
Faye Spanos
7:30 P.M.
$12 Students, $22 General Public
**Need A Date?**

Don’t be alone on Valentine’s-Day!

**Tips for scoring some hugs and kisses**

Seema Ghatekar  
Guest Writer

There are many other ways to score a date on this holiday. I know you’re probably thinking, “It’s on the 14th, where is the time?” But fortunately, there is time.

Put yourself out there and try something new. If there is someone you want to talk to, go ahead and initiate that conversation. Be courageous and ask out that cute guy in your math class, or that pretty girl who sits behind you in chemistry. Try bringing someone a Valentine’s Day card, some candy or cookies, and see what happens! You could be in for a fun-filled Thursday night even when you least expected it. Do not get your hopes down if you do not have someone there is always someone out there who is just as willing to meet you as you are to meet them. Just be confident, have a plan, and add a little spice to your love life.

Here are some pick-up lines to help you out, just in case all else fails:

- “Are you tired? Because you’ve been running through my mind all day.”
- “Did it hurt when you fell from Heaven?”
- “You’re so pretty, I wish I could plant you and grow a whole field of you.”
- “Roses are red, violets are blue, can I go on a date with you?”
- “Who took the stars out of your eyes and put them in the sky?”
- “Did it hurt when you fell from Heaven?”
- “It’s on the 14th.”
- “What would they say to each other if they sat down in a little cafe and had a little chat?”
- “How would they approach the problem.”
- “With their vastly different views and life experiences what would they say to each other if they sat down in a little cafe and had a little chat?”

Good luck! Always remember there is always next year, and there are still lots of fish in the sea.

**ASuop: It is the Night of the Tiger**

*Puppets of the Pacific*

This Friday, Feb. 8, is yet another fabulous Tiger Nights put on by the smashing folks of Arts & Entertainment. It will include free food, a live DJ, a singled-out type dating game and a trivia game with some sexy prizes. Best of all, we will be announcing the fabulous artists that will be performing for our spring concert. Get excited! I sure am, not that that is saying much.

See you Friday, kittens!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Communications Executive,  
Giovanna Arieta

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**This Weekend at the Pacific Theatre: Hairspray**

Cristy Yadon  
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Pacific Theatre is packed full of catchy tunes, high-energy dance sequences, and a slew of big-name actors. *Hairspray* is last summer’s token musical comedy and a great way to spend this Friday or Saturday night.

*Hairspray* tells the story of plump Tracy Turnblad, played by Nikki Bionsky in her debut role, and her mission to be a featured dancer on, “The Corny Collins Show.” Despite her weight, she was dressed in drag playing the part of Tracy’s mother balances nicely with the dramatic undertones of black prejudice. The fabulous song and dance numbers are enough to get even the most reluctant viewer out of their seats. Even if musicals are not really your thing, cast members such as Christopher Walker, Queen Latifah, Amanda Bynes, James Marsden, Brittany Snow, Zac Efron, and Michelle Pfeiffer should be a good reason to give the movie a chance.

The Pacific Theatre will be showing *Hairspray* February 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. Admission is free for Pacific students, $3 for faculty, staff, and alumni, and $5 for the general public.

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**If They Crossed Paths...**  
A dialogue between two Civil Rights leaders

Abby Liao  
Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X were both significant leaders during the Civil Rights Movement who fought for equal rights for African-Americans.

Although they had similar goals, each leader had different educational backgrounds and different ideologies on equal rights. Dr. King received a formal education, while Malcolm X dropped out of junior high school and learned from experiences on the street.

Dr. King practiced nonviolence during his demonstrations, whereas Malcolm X was considered a menace to society.

With their vastly different views and life experiences what would they say to each other if they sat down in a little cafe and had a little chat?

A dramatic conversation between Dr. King and Malcolm X takes place in “The Meeting,” a play by critically acclaimed author and playwright, Jot Stetson. The play addresses different ideas of both leaders concerning the social injustice of African-Americans and how they would approach the problem.

The dramatic performances of “The Meeting,” performed by members of Pin Point Theatre, will be showing at Faye Spanos Concert Hall on February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to all.

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**INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE?**

Thursday, February 7th. Noon  
Knoles Hall 210  
Make Dreams Happen.
Pacific Student Appears on ‘Wheel of Fortune’

Rachel Freeman
Guest Writer

It is not very often that someone you know shows up on television. You are even less likely to see that person on a game show. However, on January 23, one of Pacific’s own, junior Taryn La Vallee was on the Wheel of Fortune. She says that getting on the show is difficult because, “two million people apply to be on the show per year, and only 600 get chosen.”

Her journey to “the Wheel,” as she calls it, began in high school when she filled out the online contestant form. She filled out the same form again a year and a half ago when she realized her last one had gone unanswered. “Typically when you fill out forms like that, you don’t think it will really ever happen to you. But you do it, because if you never do, then you’ll never have any chance at all,” she said.

She got a chance. Last April, she received an email from Wheel of Fortune, inviting her to San Francisco for an audition. “It was pretty random on a Wednesday, like a week before finals, so I was hesitant to go because it seemed missing three classes. But it was one of those things where, if you don’t go, you’ll probably never get this opportunity again and you’ll always wonder,” La Vallee said. So she went.

After the audition, La Vallee did not know what to expect. She was told that if she was chosen, she would be contacted by the contestant coordinator. Less than two weeks after the San Francisco audition, La Vallee received a letter in the mail telling her she had made it as a contestant and that she would appear on the show within 18 months.

La Vallee did not have to wait too long, as she received a phone call on December 12, 2007, only 8 months after her audition. “Tony, the contestant coordinator, called me during class to let me know that he had a tape date for me!” she said. The show was filmed on January 10 in Culver City, California, at the Sony Pictures Studio. The studio was smaller than she expected but she said it was, “just as magical if not more in person.” She even had the opportunity to meet Whitney White before the show began.

La Vallee won $5,600 in cash by winning two puzzles. The two puzzles she won were “Bless This Mess,” and “Party Planner.”

“Overall,” she says, “the experience was amazing. I feel so thankful everyday that I was able to have this chance to be on television, to be on a game show, win big money, meet famous people and be recognized by the University in the ways that I have.” She did not make it to the bonus round, but that doesn’t bother her. “I didn’t have to be the big winner to have it be the best day of my life. It’s not about the bonus round or the car or the $25,000+, it’s about the accomplishment and the experience, and I will remember this forever.”

The Fashion Nook

Sweats, Crocs & Leggings

Nia Wignarajah
Guest Writer

In my three years at Pacific I have noticed that we, like many other universities, are in the midst of a sweatpants epidemic. I do not pretend to be immune, I love my Victoria’s Secret sweats just as much as the next girl, but I think we owe it to ourselves to find a cure and realize that you can be comfortable and look clean (not like you just rolled out of bed after a 3-day weekend) and it might not be as difficult as you think. For this week, we are starting out with the basics: jeans, jeans come in many price ranges and can be as comfortable as sweats if you know what to look for. They can also keep you just as warm as sweats for those 8 a.m. classes!

Washes:
Grey and black jeans can be a chic alternative to the everyday blue jean. If you want to stick to the originals, go for jeans with a dark wash. Light washes will always make the legs appear wider. Dark washes make the legs appear longer, and thinner.

Styles:
There are more jean styles than I have space to mention here, but a few that are versatile and perfect for everyday wear are bootcut and skinny:

The skinny jeans are definitely “in.” They are also perfect for tucking into boots and helping you avoid taking the pudding with you on the bottom of your jeans.

Anyone can pull off a skinny look by avoiding tapering at the bottom. Tapering makes the hips appear larger.

Also consider a cigarette style which is not as form fitting but still has the same sleek straight leg.

Bootcut is perfect for everyday style. They not super flared which allows them to go from day to night, with flats or heels.

A note about cropped jeans: petite women should remember that they may make your appear shorter because they cut off the leg line.

Tailoring:
Whether your jeans are $40 or $140, the best way to keep them looking fresh is to get them to a tailor STAT! Most dry cleaners offer hemming for as little as $8.

Paul’s Cleaners - 5648 N Pershing Ave, Stockton, CA 95207 (209) 477-8345
Weston Ranch Cleaners - 3526 Manthey Rd, Stockton, CA 95206 (209) 982-0707

Try the jeans on with the shoes you will be wearing them in to determine the right length. (i.e. flip flops, flats, heels)

In the long run it will allow you to hold on to your favorite pair without the spider-web frayed bottoms!
Pacific Downed by No. 58 Saint Mary’s, 6-1

*Title*

Tiger junior Jolanta Twarowska earns victory at top singles position

*By Glen Sisk
Athletic Media Relations*

Stockton, Calif. - The Pacific women’s tennis team fell to 1-3 on the season as the Tigers lost to No. 58 Saint Mary’s, 6-1, on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Junior Jolanta Twarowska highlighted action for the Tigers as she defeated Jessica Hoath, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-2. Earlier this season, Hoath took down ranked opponents against both Stanford and Cal, but on Saturday it was Twarowska’s turn to shine.

Pacific heads out on the road to Oregon next weekend as the Tigers face Portland on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m., then travel to play University of Oregon on Feb. 10 at 12 p.m.

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**2008 PACIFIC TENNIS RESULTS**

*No. 58 Saint Mary’s, 6, PACIFIC 1*

*At West Lane Tennis Center, Stockton, Calif.*

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Open Letter to University of the Pacific Students:**

On behalf of the University and Pacific Athletics I want to personally thank all of you who attended the January 28 Big Monday men's basketball game against Cal Poly. This game was televised on ESPN2 across the country and thanks to your enthusiastic support we got rave reviews regarding the atmosphere and enthusiasm at the game. Nearly 1200 of you came out in force and demonstrated your school spirit and pride to a national television audience and more importantly gave our team a tremendous emotional boost. While we did not win that game, we demonstrated a school spirit uncommon to many universities. You made us all proud and I thank you for the effort and the sincere support.

My hope is that you will continue to support all of our athletics programs this spring in the same enthusiastic manner. The truth is that it can be very fun and you contribute greatly to an outstanding atmosphere. Part of the collegiate experience is this kind of school pride. Pacific is an outstanding university, blessed with remarkable faculty, staff and students. Let’s keep that pride flowing.

Again, I thank you all. You were (and are) an inspiration to all of us!

GO TIGERS!

Lynn King
Director of Athletics
Women’s Water Polo Starts With a Splash

Carrie Emery
Staff Writer

Jocelyn Gray, goalie, made an amazing 14 saves. The final score was 14-3, Cal.

These girls tried their best to do well and start off the season strong. There were few people in the crowd, mostly family members. Cheering only happened after a score, not to motivate the team. With more fan support, the team could be at the lead of the pack.

The next home games are Saturday, Feb. 9 at 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Show up to support these great players and cheer for these lovely ladies working their butts off.

Pacific Holds On For 72-67 Win at UC Davis

Johnson leads the Tigers with 16 points

Athletic Media Relations

The Pacific men’s basketball team improved to 15-6, 6-2 in the Big West Conference with a 72-67 win at UC Davis on Saturday, Feb. 2. The Aggies fell to 8-13 (2-6 Big West) with the loss.

Pacific took a 16-7 lead with 13:52 left in the first half, with 10 points combined from juniors Anthony Brown and Michael Nunally. The Aggies came back with an 8-2 run, to cut the Tiger lead to 20-17 with 9:54 remaining. Pacific bounced right back with a 7-1 run, as junior Bryan LeDuc scored four quick points. The Tigers held a 35-29 lead against UC Davis.

The Tigers held a 43-38 lead with 14:31 left in the game when UC Davis went on a 6-0 run to take a 44-43 lead as David Carter hit a lay-up and four-point play after being fouled on a three-pointer.

The Tigers came right back with consecutive three-pointers by junior, Michael Kirby to take a 49-44 lead. Pacific would not surrender the lead again, building the lead to 65-54 with 3:54 remaining. The Aggies out-scored the Tigers 8-2 over the next minute and a half, to cut the lead to five at 67-62, but would not get any closer.

Pacific out-rebounded the Aggies 37-22, including 13 offensive rebounds. The...
Athlete Profiles:

Joe Oliveira

Pacific junior Joe Oliveira is already making strides in his baseball career even before the new season opens this spring. Oliveira, a two year starter for the Tigers, is ranked ninth best catcher in the nation entering the 2008 collegiate baseball season by rivals.com. “They based it on how each player played last season and also how each player played in summer ball,” Oliveira said “their opinion was that I was ninth, but I strive to number one.”

Oliveira used his versatility in defensive positions (catcher and all three outfield positions) to be the only Tiger to start all 59 games last season. This season he is planning to see a lot of time behind the plate. “The new schedule [this season] we play five games a week and catching five games a week is tough on a catchers’ knees,” Oliveira explained, “so I should play a game or two a week in the outfield, depending on where [our] coach needs me.”

Oliveira finished last season with a .327 batting average, 12 doubles, three home runs, 113 total bases, a .388 on-base percentage and a .440 slugging percentage. He is excited for his team this year, “last year was sort of a down year and definitely a rebuilding year. We definitely learned a lot and we now have a lot more talent and experience.”

The Tigers baseball team starts the 2008 season on February 22 when Pacific starts a three-game series at Houston.

Beckett Brennan

Courtnee Coburn
Staff Writer

Among the talented players on the Women's Basketball team is new comer Beckett Brennan. If you have not already seen her on the court, you will by this season's end.

Brennan is a freshman at Pacific, known especially for her ability as a shooter. Brennan was recruited from Littleton High School where she was a member of the Varsity team all four years receiving All-State honorable mention following her senior season. She even made second place in Colorado state history in 3 point shots.

Brennan's hometown of Littleton, Colorado is located ten minutes from Denver. But after visiting Pacific, Brennan knew she belonged on the West Coast. "I choose Pacific because I loved the coaching staff and the girls on the team. I also thought the campus was beautiful," she said.

Since basketball is a major commitment, Brennan does not have a lot of free time. When these rare free moments do occur, she likes shopping and traveling. In fact, after college Brennan plans on taking a year off to explore the world. "I'm not able to study abroad because of basketball, so I really want to take advantage of traveling after college," she said.

Brennan's real passion is basketball. She lives by John Wooden's words, "Ability may take you to the top, but its character that will keep you there. The excitement of games, rush of adrenaline, and team commitment keep Brennan loyal to this sport. So next time you are at a game, keep an eye out for that star-shooter number 12."