Pacific Remembers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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On Thursday, January 31, the fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon was held in the Regents Room. The purpose of the event was to honor civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as Pacific staff, faculty and students who emulate his peace and social justice work.

60 people attended, including Provost Dr. Philip Gilbertson and Dr. Elizabeth Griego, the Vice President of Student Life.

"The lunch was held to commemorate Dr. King and the ideals for which he fought all his life," remarked Griego. "He is a strong influence and an inspiration to so many of us."

The event was held February 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:55 p.m. Despite beginning early on a Saturday morning, attendees filled the Tiger Lounge with excitement as they registered looking at stunning art and waited for the day to begin.

Women in Politics Roundtable

Corie Emery
Staff Writer

Could we have a female president, or is it just a dream that Americans might never see? This year, a female and an African-American are viable contenders for the Democratic nomination for President.

On Jan. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Center for Community Involvement hosted two local female politicians, Deputy City Manager Christine Tien and Councilmember Susan Eggman, who talked about their jobs and the role of women in politics in the present and the future.

Women in politics are bringing different views, the ability to multitask, and a nurturing feeling into a place that is often cold and uncaring. Women are judged more than men when going into politics. This should not be so, both speakers agreed.

Eggman looks forward to having women stepping up and largely impacting politics if they can trust themselves, but on the other hand, Tien, thinks it is less likely for women to progress in that way, even though she still feels there is hope.

The hope Eggman and Tien give us and want us to spread is that women should not focus so much on their looks and education, but just have the need to stand up for the good in this world.

The event was moderated by Erin Rausch, director of the Center for Community Involvement.

Hillary Rally, Pre-Bill Visit

Heather Breen
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- On Thursday, January 31, supporters of the Hillary Clinton Campaign gathered in the President's Room to inform audience members of the changes that Senator Clinton would bring to the Presidency and to gather support for her presidential campaign.

The event opened with an introduction and welcome by Dr. Courtney Lehmann, Associate Professor of the English Department and active Democrat in the Stockton region. Various other speakers from around California provided their political insight on why Hillary Clinton would make the best president for the United States.

Lucio Reyes, Secretary Treasurer of Teamsters Union Local 601, repeatedly called Clinton a "good change for the United States" and a "president who will make history," not just by her gender but by her political vision as well.

The rally even welcomed Dennis Herrera, City Attorney for San Francisco, as the keynote speaker. Michelle Tea, author and creator of the spoken word group, Sister Spit, greeted the anxious crowd with a speech that can only be described as comically inspiring. Rather than talking to the audience about queer culture and her experiences in Sister Spit, Tea created a dialogue that seemed to hit a myriad of emotions from sadness to ecstasy that many in the audience were able to relate to.

Tea also stressed the importance of finding your own niche rather than changing to set standards. Tea emphasized, "If you don't see a venue for yourself in the community, you can create one for yourself." With this advice in hand, conference goers went to their first of three workshops.

During lunch, the attendees were once again greeted with a speaker that emphasized the power within us. Stockton City Council Member, Susan Eggman, discussed her triumph in Stockton as a lesbian city council member. Eggman See CONFERENCE, page 3
News

Letter to the Editor: Response to ‘If They Crossed Paths...’

To The Pacifican:

I am writing to The Pacifican greatly appalled over writer Abby Liao’s piece “If They Crossed Paths...” (featured in the Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 issue) I understand that the article intended to support an extremely important play that will be featured on our campus next week, but it was written in such a misguided way that I felt a moral obligation to debunk the author’s two perpetrated myths of one of the greatest, most inspirational, and, unfortunately, most misunderstood revolutionaries this world has seen: Malcolm X. I write this letter in support of Malcolm X because he is often overshadowed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Malcolm X was just as influential and it infuriates me that he is still misunderstood and portrayed as Dr. King’s arch nemesis even 42 years later (43 years by Feb. 21).

The article states that whereas Dr. King “received a formal education,” Malcolm X was a junior high dropout who received his education from the streets. This is only partially true. He may have dropped out in junior high, but this was instigated by a beloved middle school teacher who told him that his childhood dreams to become a lawyer were “unrealistic for a n—er” and that he should become a carpenter instead (though Malcolm X was by far the smartest kid in his class).

He may have taken to the streets, but it was because he was brainwashed by a white supremacist framework. He was arrested and sentenced to ten years in prison for stealing expensive carpets, but in actuality, it was because he was brainwashed by a white supremacist framework. He was in jail when Malcolm X educated himself through the prison’s library system, and though this is not considered “formal,” he got more out of his learning than most people with college degrees ever will. He taught himself how to write by scribing the entire dictionary by hand on chalk and slate. He read so voraciously that he developed astigmatism from reading under a single, flickering lightbulb in the middle of the night while everyone else slept. That is why he wears those thick, trademark glasses. It was in jail that he read up on the horrors of slavery and was introduced to the Nation of Islam. It was in jail that he decided he would commit the rest of his life toward helping his Black brethren. This period of his life was where most of his “formal” education was received; it was a necessary stage that later allowed him to be an effective leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

The article states that Malcolm X was considered a “menace to society” as opposed to “non-violent” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is important to remember that Dr. King was considered a menace to playboy Americans during his own time. I note that the Movement is commonly referred to as the “struggle for Civil Rights.” If the writer’s intentions were to polarize Malcolm X as a person who advocated violence, then I am obliged to inform her that she is dead wrong. His classic catchphrase “by any means necessary” was often misinterpreted and misused by people who wanted to pigeonhole him as the reverse racist, the black supremacist, the “hate—teacher.” All Malcolm X did was advocate social and cultural reconstruction. Specifically, he advocated “separation” over “integration.” This call for “separation” should not be confused with “segregation.” Can anyone say that segregation implies control over one’s life and human rights, a dichotomy of inferior and superior. Separation, on the other hand, exemplified two equal lives, lived free from control and completely voluntary. Although Malcolm X’s vision deviates from Dr. King’s, otherwise, the two are not different at all and are both peaceful and all about love. If they did not love people, they would not have become martyrs for human rights and so fondly remembered for their milestone social justice movements.

For the author to state that their views and life experiences were “vastly different” is trite and downright false. I am certain that “The Meeting” will address this very notion and highly recommend that everyone, especially the article writer, attend this event to develop a more clear-cut understanding of who these men really were, that they were not entirely “black and white” (no pun intended) on civil rights issues.

Cordially,
Joyce Huh

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
Feb. 3 to 9, 2008

WARRANT ARREST
MENDOCINO
2-3-08
Officer conducted a checkout on a female subject. Officer learned the subject had three outstanding warrants. Subject was arrested and transported to the county jail.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
WOODBRIDGE
2-3-08
Officer responded to a report of a suspicious male subject going under the bridge. Subject was a transient and was warned about sleeping around the levee area.

THEFT
BIO SCIENCE CENTER
2-4-08
Officers responded to a report of a storage container that was burglarized over the weekend. Officer initiated a report.

VANDALISM
ANDERSON Y
2-4-08
Officer responded to a report of a small hole in a window of the building. Officer initiated a report. Officer reported the damage was from a pellet gun.

THEFT
BAUN FITNESS
2-4-08
Victim reported her iPod was stolen from her bag which was left unattended. Officer responded and initiated a report.

FIRE
GRACE COVELL
2-7-08
Officers responded to a report of an exterior trash can fire. Officers and SFD responded and extinguished the fire.

BURGLARY
CLASSROOM BLDG
2-8-08
Officer responded to a report of a cash box and a lap top stolen from the locked security closet. No force was used on the door. Officer initiated a report.

VANDALISM
LOT 4
2-8-08
Victim reported the passenger front and rear door of her vehicle had key scratches. Officer initiated a report.

WARRANT ARREST
BROOKSIDE & LOT 8
2-8-08
Officer initiated a traffic stop and learned the driver had an outstanding warrant. Passenger was arrested and transported to the county jail.

ALCOHOL ARREST
MCCAFFREY UC AFTS
2-9-08
Officer responded to a report of a male subject knocking on the door to a UC apartment. Officer reported the subject was intoxicated and transported to the county jail.

VANDALISM
LOT 9
2-9-08
Officers and medics responded to a report of an ill female in the bleachers. Subject refused treatment. Officers initiated a report.

VANDALISM
MCCAFFREY CENTER
2-9-08
Officer responded to a report of graffiti on the walls of the men’s restroom. Officer initiated a report.

MLK, continued
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sponsored by Celebrate Diversity, United Cultural Council (UCC) and Multicultural Affairs. It was organized by Serjio Acevedo, Multicultural Affairs Director and students from these campus organizations.

“Celebrate Diversity, a student organization focused on community and campus-wide multicultural programming, spearheaded the coordination of the MLK Jr. Luncheon in partnership with the UCC and Multicultural Affairs,” commented Acevedo. “Together, we created the setting to recognize and award faculty, staff and students who emulate Dr. King and his peaceful and social justice work.”

The luncheon commenced with a welcome by Acevedo, Chinwe Ohaene, who is Chair of Celebrate Diversity, and Mario Enriquez, Chair of the UCC.

Following the welcome was a video of the Civil Rights Movement, with the Black National Anthem playing in the background. Lunch was then served by Bon Appetit and included a cake honoring Dr. King.

Students receiving the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace & Social Justice Awards included Charles Bolton and Marylou Bagus. Faculty and staff recipients were Ines Ruiz-Houston, Community Involvement Program Director; Elizabeth Barranza, Multicultural Affairs Administrative Assistant; and Dr. Gene Bigler, Professor of International Studies.

The luncheon concluded with closing remarks made by students Ohaene and Enriquez.

WARRANT ARREST
PERSHING AVE
2-9-08
Officer conducted a traffic stop and learned the driver had an outstanding misdemeanor arrest. Subject was arrested at 11:44 PM and transported to the county jail.
Vereschagin Alumni House

College sweethearts give back to Pacific

Amber Edwards
Guest Writer

Sitting in his farmhouse kitchen in Orland beside his wife and college sweetheart Jeri, Alex Vereschagin tries to express his motivation for their recent gift of $2,000,000 to Pacific for its Alumni House, a $6,000,000 project. “Sometimes you just give because you can. Philanthropy is pretty fun.”

Alex studied business while Jeri pursued a degree in elementary education. Meeting for the first time during their sophomore year on a blind date. Their time at Pacific was full, with the band and as president and member of Omega Phi Alpha fraternity and with yearbook and a presidency of her own at Alpha Theta Tau. “Those were the best four years of our lives,” Jeri and Alex agree.

Following their graduation in 1957, the Vereschagins married and Jeri taught school in between the births of their three sons while Alex put his business degree to use co-founding Tri Counties Bank. The Vereschagins also continued the family history of farming, an operation that currently boasts 1,000 acres planted in walnuts, prunes and almonds.

Their donation to what will be called the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House is just the latest in a long line of gifts to Pacific. The project, which is set to break ground in spring 2009, will contain a multifunctional ballroom, meeting rooms, an outdoor terrace, and a resource library stocked with memorabilia.

Seniors will be asked to begin their legacy of giving back by making their first contribution to the Pacific Fund before graduation. The funds raised by the Class of 2008 will be given as a grant to the Alumni House. The seniors are striving to surpass the Class of 2007, who raised nearly $13,000 for two bronze tiger statues. Visit www.pacific.edu/pacificfund to learn more about the Senior Class Gift. All students who give $20.08 or more will receive a Class of 2008 student-designed T-shirt.

Why give to the Pacific Fund?

Pacific’s tradition of academic excellence is made possible by the generous annual support of many loyal alumni, parents, and friends. Gifts to the Pacific Fund enhance the University’s reputation and provide a vital source of funds for undergraduate scholarships, experiential learning, faculty scholarship and research, and academic innovation.

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Above: Jeri and Alex Vereschagin, both Class of ’57, donated $2 million dollars to help fund the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.
Above right: An architectural sketch of the Alumni House which is set to break ground in spring 2009.
Perspectives

The Age Old Debate:
Valentine’s Day, A Menace or a Miracle?

Many students on campus will be feeling the stress of today. A day where love is made and broken. Two writers express their thoughts and feelings about this particular day where so many feel torn between the idea of a consumer driven holiday and a day to celebrate all the love in our lives. Both these articles show how different people can perceive the same day, the same idea. Throughout the day think about how Valentine's Day affects you and decide for yourself whether or not this day is one to celebrate or hate.

Pro for February 14th: Why We Need Valentine’s Day

Tribute to the Spirit of Valentine’s Day

Jeffrey Morgan
Poetry Columnist

Some say that romanticism is dead. It’s not. It’s just buried under “to-do-list” items. I spend a lot of time in what most would consider a romantic city. Paris is a beautiful and wondrous place. People assume however, without experience, that Paris is filled to the brim with lovers. Somehow Valentine’s Day dwarfs in comparison to the daily drudgery of such a city of love, but that is just not the case. People go to work and they walk the same monotonous gray mile with the same cold dignity as Americans. When I ask people what they think of Valentine's Day, most, especially those who are single, claim that it is a worthless ‘greeting card’ holiday. Maybe so, but isn’t romanticism a necessary human expression regardless of the dorky messages on candy hearts? We all work within the cultural confines of our society. We are all inculcated with values. Our culture does not naturally lend itself, in my experience, to open expression of sexuality and sensuality in anything but a vulgar manner.

As sad as it may sound, we need Valentine’s Day. How often do we get to feel desired? How often do we take the time to tell our lover that they have a beautiful way of just breathing in and out? How often do we jump headfirst off the high-dive of first compliments and walk blindly through the booby-trapped temple of a first kiss? It is easy to let the clockwork determinism of routines drown out the wondrous melody of existence. The history of Valentine’s Day is of little consequence to these realities of love in our culture, but, for the record, people were killed, we can say that, and there was a lot of mythology propagated around the name. Change the name. Think of it as an international ‘I remember how beautiful you are’ day. For once, take this time to let the butterflies in your stomach lift you from the depths of familiarity to the unknown heights of ‘cloud nine.’

Valentine’s Day is a greeting card holiday, but much in the way that we need not worship the bearded red-suited pagan god of Christmas to understand giving, we need not believe in the shallow anatomically incorrect versions of what love is, according to Hallmark, to understand what it is to feel naked in your clothing before someone that makes your knees quiver and shake like San Francisco during earthquakes. Breathe in Valentine’s Day like it is your last breath. Teach the world to love again; it is a scorned ‘x’ and needs to heal from years of broken promises.
Con for Valentine’s Day: Otherwise Known As National Singles Awareness Day

A Lament of Valentine’s Day; Fact, Fears, and Fiction are Enumerated

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Managing Editor

Valentine’s Day sucks. I really should not have to explain myself, but here, I will plead my case and don’t mind the bitter and resentful tones. It is the one case where I agree with Jehovah’s Witnesses and the whole no celebration thing. Who created Valentine’s Day? It doesn’t matter. It should matter that St. Valentine was not at all a romantic figure, but a martyr. Is bloody, bloody death romantic?

What really matters is that card, jewelry, and chocolate companies are making a hefty bunch and people stress as they try to find a partner to spend the day with. What about the happy single people in the world who always forget when the day rolls around?

Why Valentine’s Day sucks:

10 --STDs anyone? The lonely singles who get depressed when the day rolls around, the new singles, who are reminded about their terrible break up, the eager singles who think of the day as a great time to play the field. First of all, never use the phrase “play the field” if you do, you just shouldn’t be out there.

9 - The day is on a Thursday! Yeah, Thursday is a good day to hit up the bar scene, but that is exactly why Valentine’s Day should not be on a Thursday. What guy would want to take a girl out and end up having some other guy hit on her because he’s too wasted to notice she’s on a date? Moreover, what girl would want to spend a romantic evening in a place crowded with other people trying to commemorate the same occasion. Romance is a date on a whim, something unexpected and unique. And ladies, don’t go to bars by yourselves, single creepers go to bars and post. College Night can wait a week, throw a party.

8 - My five-year-old sister is more excited about the holiday than I am. She gets to hand out those bought cards to EVERY KID IN HER CLASS. What about those jerks who don't give a card to every kid? Yes, there are those who give extra special cards to their crush, but when a child is more excited about a holiday meant for adult romance, something should be said. Children aren’t romantic.

7 - Candy hearts are disgusting. Any devoted fan of Futurama has seen the episode where Planet Express delivers those pieces of chalk-flavored crap to Omicron Persei 8. Yes, cartoons exaggerate, but writers get their material from SOMEWHERE and chalk does not taste sweet by the magic of “I wuv you.” Leela surely was not put in the mood by these heart-shaped candies, that is, not until Fry coughed one up after suffocating. Long story short; oxygen was cut off in spacecraft, oxygen tanks were used by Fry and Leela, and Fry realized Leela’s tank was critically low on oxygen and hooking her mask up to his tank without her knowing. Well, Fry nearly suffocates, but is, of course, saved by Leela, the strong female lead whose goal in life is to have a successful relationship, but not with Fry. While Leela is hammering on Fry’s chest performing the Heimlich, he coughs up a chalky heart which says “you leave me breathless”. Let me remind you that this WAS NOT on Valentine’s Day, but Leela is swept off her feet by his revival.

6 - I have to talk about being single on Valentine’s Day. Some people will feel the urge to scope out a date and stress themselves looking for someone to spend the day with. What if you do not find one? You put yourself through all the hassle of searching, worrying, stressing, and you came up with nothing! Why put yourself through that? Well, there are also those of us that love being single. We do not want to be asked “Who's your Valentine?” and then “Why don’t you want a Valentine?” and then hearing “But it's Valentine’s Day! Everyone needs a Valentine!” fifty times over. It's as if they took the New Year’s kiss and multiplied it by 1440. Find someone to spend every minute of the day with instead of that moment smooch! It’s worse than Kwanzaa, and I can say this because I’m black: We black folk love our culture. Kwanzaa, like Valentine’s Day, was pulled out of somebody’s ass, but at least with Kwanzaa we’re celebrating a culture. Valentine’s Day is just random.

5 - Valentine’s Day has been taken away from its origins. February fertility festivals were religious devotions. Check out the Catholic Encyclopedia, and search for Valentine of Rome, you’ll find it refers to three different Valentines, all having been killed The most commonly referred to was killed for reasons unknown, but believe me when I say that after his martyrdom people were not giving each other candy and greeting cards. The story varies, but the most common is that Valentine was killed for helping Christians escape Roman prisons where there were being beaten and tortured. Some say he was hanged while others say he was beheaded, all good romantic imagery.

4 - Let’s give a round of applause to the great poet Chaucer whose two lines from Parliament of Foules gave the world the™noun<*. of toe Romance is a date on a whim, something unexpected and unique. And has come to be.

For this was on ye day of Volantynys day
When every bryd comyth there to chose [choose] his make [mate].

Middle English and all, Chaucer’s work has crafted the way we spend our mid-February.

3 - Going back to number 6, it’s a greeting card holiday that they’ve even gotten children into. Buy a heart-shaped bow filled with chocolate! Or flowers! Boys, yellow means friendship, and red means love. Buy white and show how the holiday has trapped you in its scheme even more so because white roses aren’t natural. Spend money, stress over a day that everyone else is also celebrating, don’t disappoint. Thank Esther A Howard for the great idea of greeting cards for the day.

2 - Bad poetry:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Hopefully you’ll dodge the arrow
And Cupid won’t wound you

Who would not want to be the lucky person who was smart enough to copyright the “Roses are red, Violets are blue” lines of the cheesiest poems of the world? Actually, I wouldn’t want that on my record.

1 - Steak and Blowjob Day clearly undermines Valentine’s Day, and who’s complaining? It deserves to be undermined. S & BJ is so much better. A nice, Juicy New York Steak with A1 sauce, savor that.
Perspectives

That's What She Said...

Can I Get Lube With That?

I learned about all sorts of interesting products. A tub of what seemed to be lip gloss was actually called Nipple Nibblers, and is designed to make nipples tingly and more sensitive. A bead of “Ready to Go” cream on the clitoris will get almost any woman aroused in minutes. And a mint flavored lube called D’Licous can numb the back of the throat to take away the gag reflex.

We stopped halfway through to play a game very similar to hot potato—only in this version, a large dildo was passed from girl to girl using only our knees. If you were caught with the fake penis between your legs when the music stopped, you were out.

After the winner received a round of applause and a 20% off discount, the toys came out. They started off on the small side with the classic Bullet vibrator, but soon worked up to larger, more elaborate toys. We ended with the Escalating Elephant with a rotating tip filled with pleasure pearls, 21 different settings, and an elephant shaped clitoral stimulator for $153. At ten inches long and an inch and a half wide, it sure was impressive.

Although I did not buy anything, several friends did. Their packages will arrive after less than a week in a stapled shut black back. Purchases were made—confidentially without random strangers standing over your shoulder, imagining the products later use. A friendly hostess offered suggestions in a pressure free way. Next time a passion party invite turns up, go check it out. It is not nearly as creepy as hitting up the local adult store.

Valentine’s Day Poetry from e. e. cummings

Edward Estlin Cummings lived from October 14, 1894 to September 3, 1962. He is more commonly known as e. e. cummings. He was an American poet, painter, essayist, and playwright. In his life he wrote more than 900 poems, several plays and essays, as well as two novels. He was one of the most influential voices of 20th century poetry and will always be remembered for his experimentation with form and the way in which his work challenged conventional conceptions of poetry.

I have chosen this poem in the spirit of the season. Valentine’s Day could be as romantic as the movies suggest if only we took a more practical approach to the season. For me, this poem speaks of vulnerability. On a technical level, it would benefit the reader to pay attention to a few key details about his form. Firstly, the lack of capitalization throughout the poem and then the capitalization of only one word: Spring. Secondly, notice that he not only uses punctuation to control the speed of the poem; he also uses syntactical shifts that the reader does not expect. I am not going to try to convince you of my interpretation but suggest that you consider these details during your reflection of the poem.

Conceptually, the poem is very feeling-oriented. When e. e. cummings writes “unclose me” it seems very vulnerable. The concept does not hide behind images of dreamlike romanticism and goes straight to what it is. I consider this poem one of the most tender love poems I have ever read and I hope you enjoy reading it this Valentine’s Day!

somewhere i have never travelled

somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond any experience, your eyes have their silence:
in your most frail gesture are things which enclose me,
or which i cannot touch because they are too near

your slightest look easily will unclose me
though i have closed myself as fingers,
or if your wish be to close me, i and
my life will shut very beautifully, suddenly,
as when the heart of this flower imagines
the snow carefully everywhere descending;

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals the power of your intense fragility: whose texture compels me with the colour of its countries, rendering death and forever with each breathing

(i do not know what it is about you that closes and opens; only something in me understands the voice of your eyes is deeper than all roses)

nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands
Now Playing at the Pacific Theatre: **Stardust**

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

This semester, the films of the Pacific Theatre are getting better as each week passes. This Friday and Saturday night is your chance to experience the adventure, the fantasy, and the romance that make up *Stardust*, the recent film based on Neil Gaiman's novel.

An English town in the 1800s is separated from a magical land by only a wall. When young Tristan decides to pass over the wall to retrieve a fallen star for his love, Victoria, he finds the star in the form of a beautiful and sassy young woman. As it turns out, Tristan is not the only one who wants the star. Throughout his journey, he finds he is in competition with a witch, a prince, and many others.

The story is fascinating without being overwhelming. The intrigue and the excitement of Tristan's journey are absolutely worth the two hours. *Stardust* is on same level as films such as *Labyrinth*, *Eragon*, or even *The Wizard of Oz*. Even if fantasy is not your favorite movie genre, the esteemed cast should be convincing enough: Claire Danes, Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer, Charlie Cox, Sienna Miller, Rupert Everett, and Peter O'Toole provide extra star shine.

Pacific Theatre movies are free for students with the presentation of a Pacific ID, $3 for faculty, staff, and alumni, and $5 for the general public. The movie begins at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night.

**Last Minute Valentine's Day Ideas**

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is here! Here are some creative last minute ideas, just in case you don’t have anything planned.

- **Personal Photo Shoot**
  - Grab two cameras, preferably one-time use cameras, and tell your date to wear something nice. Go out to a place with nice scenery or just stay at home. Take out your cameras and start taking snapshots of each other. Take a picture of her cute smile or a picture of him trying to be macho. Do not forget to take pictures as a couple! This will be a Valentine’s Day you will never forget, and you will have the photos to prove it.

- **Gourmet Aphrodisiac Dinner**
  - Cook a nice, simple, and healthy dinner featuring aphrodisiacs. Even attempting these recipes may get you a step towards more “heat” in the kitchen.

Here are two simple recipes:

- Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3 by 3 block contain all of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku

**Club Profile: Hillel**

Aileen Shon
Staff Writer

Hillel is an on-campus organization that provides information, gives guidance, and promotes understanding for people who believe in the Jewish faith, or for non-Jewish students who just want to learn more about Judaism.

Hillel is a popular Jewish foundation on hundreds of campuses across the nation. According to the official Hillel website, the organization's mission is to "enrich the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world."

Pacific's division welcomes everyone on campus whether or not they have a Jewish background. Anyone is invited to their monthly "bagel noshing" where they snack on bagels, hang out, and get to know one another.

Students who are interested in Hillel can attend their Israeli and Jewish film festival where they show movies that take place in Israel or are about topics that surround Judaism. The club will host future events such as Sedar (a night to remember the enslavement of the Jewish people) and Purim (a celebration that includes wearing costumes and remembering how Jews were saved from Haman's plans for genocide). Dates for these campus events are to be announced.

Come to Hillel to have fun, learn, and appreciate the Jewish faith!

### Recommendations of the Week

Providing you with arts & entertainment to check out

**Movie:**
- **Definitely, Maybe.**
  - A political consultant tries to explain his impending divorce and past relationships to his 11-year-old daughter. Stars Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin.
  - 1 hr. 45 min. Now playing at both Regal Theatres in town.

**TV Show:**
- **Eli Stone.**
  - A legal drama centered on a lawyer who receives divine visions through music. Stars Jonny Lee Miller.
  - 60 min., Thursdays on ABC, 7PM.

**Music:**
- "Check Yes Juliet," *We The Kings*
- "Obviously," *McFly*
- "No Air," *Jordin Sparks* ft. Chris Brown

**Books:**
- *Cell*, Stephen King
- Mobile phones deliver the apocalypse to millions of unsuspecting humans by wiping their brains of any humanity.
Restaurant Review: The Corner Bistro

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

Tucked away on a small street on Pacific Ave on the Miracle Mile, the Alder Market Bistro is a small restaurant that offers revised Tapas cuisine with a variety of starter salads, small filets, chicken, and seafood. For those of you unfamiliar with Tapas, it is merely a Spanish cuisine that places emphasis on plates just big enough for a taste. The point is to order several and enjoy them all.

The restaurant incorporates a little of this culture and combined it with great appetizer salads to provide an exquisite wine bistro. In a city crowded with chain restaurants that offer menus consisting of the same old burger or steak, the Alder Market Bistro provides a refreshing change in cuisine.

Upon walking into the restaurant, I noticed the quiet and comfortable atmosphere. Two people can sit down and engage in a deep, substantial conversation without the jitter of the usual restaurant experience.

As the server handed us our menus, I noticed her elegant persona, perfect for a fine dining experience. Although the Alder Market Bistro is considered elegant dining, it is inviting and lacks the "stuck-up" atmosphere often found in typical fine dining restaurants. Walls of wine cabinets offer a local and affordable selection of the Central Valley’s finest. For Pacific students legally allowed to consume alcohol, it is a great place to explore the many dimensions that wine has to offer recreationally.

The busser was attentive, refilling water and clearing plants without being asked. Our server was knowledgeable of the menu. As I asked her how the chicken Saltimbocca tasted, her reply was quick.

My date ordered an Ahi tuna salad with wasabi vinaigrette. He thought the Ahi tuna was cooked perfectly, and provided a perfect combination of wasabi and sweet vinaigrette. As for me, I ordered the chicken Saltimbocca, an Italian dish typically consisting of a thin cut of chicken or veal along with prosciutto and mushroom demi glace. I especially liked the little risotto cakes my meal came with that were fried and crispy on the outside and buttery and creamy on the inside. The food was fast and certainly worth waiting for. The menu was slightly expensive, but worth the price with the nice atmosphere and excellent service.

All in all, The Alder Market Bistro is a romantic and pleasant experience for a night out with that special someone.

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Salmon and Asparagus in Foil Packets

INGREDIENTS:
4 sheets 12-inch by 18-inch foil wrap
4 5-ounce salmon fillets
1 pound asparagus
1/4 cup lemon juice
Freshly ground black pepper

PREPARATION:
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Break ends off asparagus spears and divide into four portions. Spray center of each foil sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Place one salmon fillet in the middle of each sheet, along with a portion of asparagus. Drizzle with lemon juice and add fresh ground black pepper. Bring up sides of foil and fold the top over twice. Seal the ends, leaving room for air to circulate inside the packet. Place on a cookie sheet and cook in oven for 15-18 minutes, or until salmon is opaque.

Strawberry Spinach Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 bag (9 oz.) Fresh Express Spinach
3 kiwi, peeled & sliced
1 pint strawberries, sliced
1/4 C. vegetable oil
2 T. raspberry preserves
PREPARATION:
1/4 C. vegetable oil
2 T. raspberry preserves
Mix dressing ingredients and refrigerate for 15 minutes. Toss together spinach, strawberries, kiwi and nuts. Drizzle with dressing and serve.

Make enough for 4-6.

Recipes courtesy of About.com.

Breaking Down The Wall Of Stereotypes

Rosie Burrell
Vice President of Public Relations of Panhellenic Council

All four Panhellenic sororities, members from each of the Interfraternity Council houses, and several Multicultural Greek Council members gathered in Faye Spanos last Monday night to listen to Rick Barnes, a motivational speaker from Texas, speak about the importance of maintaining good public relations in school and in the surrounding community.

Barnes speaks to groups across the country but as a Greek affiliate himself, he is especially interested in working with fraternities and sororities. He spoke with the Pacific chapters about the many stereotypes associated with Greek life, and how those stereotypes have hurt our numbers over time. Most people these days do not want to join an organization notorious for hazing, or for what some joke as "buying" friends. Hazing is not what it was five years ago, as many chapters are developing ways to put a stop to it. Most chapters have strict policies against hazing. Some even have national hotlines, for new members who feel pressure from the upperclassmen.

A lifetime of membership, of brother or sisterhood, is well worth the few thousand dollars that accumulate in dues and living expenses. As Barnes put it, four years of dues are a fantastic investment – one that will grow to mean much more than just a few parties and a badge.

The speaker articulated the high level of esteem in which he holds members of Greek organizations, because of the amount of responsibility placed on the executive officers. He explained that each of the presidents in the room are currently responsible for the safety of more people and more money than most will ever be in their entire lives. Elected officers in each chapter are held accountable for thousands of dollars and hundreds of people, so one would think that level of responsibility would be easily recognized by society. Unfortunately, shows like “Greek” portray a more negative image of Greek life, and build on the already poor stereotypes surrounding Greek letter organizations.

Greek Life

Barnes is trying to remind people across the country that fraternities and sororities are about responsibility, commitment, and friendship, not parties and alcohol. There is more to being Greek than meets the eye.

Advertise in the paper! Ads are free for on-campus organizations and Pacific students.
Weekend Excursion:
Half Moon Bay- A Hidden Gem on the California Coast

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The small coastal city of Half Moon Bay is located just off of Highway 1 about 25 miles south of San Francisco, and 92 miles away from the Pacific campus. It’s a city worth being for a day of fun.

Half Moon Bay is best known for its annual “Art and Pumpkin” festival hosted in October. The fall festivities include the infamous “biggest pumpkin contest” in which people from all over California enter their home-grown masterpieces. The Ano Nuevo State Reserve is home to hundreds of elephant seals. In the breeding season, guided tours are offered for those who want to see the elephant seals up close and in their natural habitat. Reservations are required to secure a spot on the popular tour. The entry fee per car is $6 and one adult ticket costs $5.

For alternative sleeping arrangements, make reservations for a campsite on the beach. The Francis Beach is one of the better equipped beaches in the town. While “roughing it” may not sound like a vacation, falling asleep to a brilliant sunset and waking to the splash of waves can be incredibly romantic or an especially memorable experience to share with friends. Wireless access is also available in the beach parking lot, so you will still be able to check your Facebook when you sit around the campfire for breakfast. The campsite also features hot showers—a godsend when sand reaches those unmentionable places as it always seems to do. Numerous picnic areas are also scattered along this four mile stretch of beach.

The city also boasts an eclectic downtown featuring bookstores, eateries, cafes, and specialty gift shops. Perhaps the most eye catching store in downtown is an antique shop called Half to Have It. Part outdoor antique shop, part outdoor salvage yard, Half to Have It is home to a patio filled with shards of glass and ceramic pieces that collectors, artists, or fans of sharp objects can purchase in bulk.

For a unique cup of coffee and a filling breakfast, check out the Half Moon Bay Coffee Company. The menu features items that range from sandwiches to specialty baked goods to various varieties of omelets. Food is moderately priced at roughly $10 per plate, but the friendly staff and central location make the meal a steal.

For those who prefer seafood when visiting the coast, dine at the hole-in-the-wall Barbara’s Fishtrap Restaurant. At first glance, the place looks a bit weathered and cheap, but the food makes up for the lackluster appearance of the place. Fish and chips, clam chowder, shrimp pasta, and grilled fish fillets are all the rage among regulars at the restaurant. For those who dislike seafood, go for a basic cheeseburger. You will not be disappointed.

Social Justice Community Update: Discussion on “Homosexuality and Christianity”

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The bimonthly Social Justice Community meeting took place in Bonham Lodge at 7 p.m. on February 5th. In addition to announcements about future events on campus, the meeting was provided a non-judgmental space to discuss “Homosexuality and Christianity.”

Guests Barbi Click and Debbie Wheeler, a same-sex couple with strong affiliations to the Episcopal Church, and their own experiences as lesbian leaders. Click and Wheeler were always the members of their church, but in their involvement was limited because of their sexual orientation. Upset about being treated like “second class citizens” and eager to start discussions about same-sex unions in America, the couple decided to travel across the US to speak to congregations about their experience.

The couple’s main point is to “reframe the discussion” regarding homosexuality so that it is no longer about “sex and sexual taboos” but instead focuses on the love and commitment shared between two consenting adults. Their discussion was formed by Biblical passages. They asserted that “just about every sexual act you can think of is in some way frowned upon by the Bible… Let’s focus on the Christian tenants of love and justice that endorse marriage and apply them to support a similarly recognized union between members of the same sex.”

One major concern that Click and Wheeler introduced to the discussion were the legal rights they are denied. For instance, hospital visitation rights, the formation of wills, shared income tax, and custody of their son are rights that the couple cannot access to the same extent that heterosexual couples can access. Ultimately, their lack of legal rights is a barrier to the best functioning of their family.

Audience members were allowed to ask questions or share their own views on how to best foster acceptance of same-sex couples. Points of discussion included the importance of gay and straight alliances, how pedophilia and homosexuality are unfairly linked, current federal and state laws regarding same-sex unions, hate in society, and the difference between acceptance and tolerance.

Click and Wheeler also spoke at the LGBTQIA conference held last Saturday, February 9th.

The Theater Department Aims to Win

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Last Sunday, the members of the theater department headed down to Los Angeles to compete in the annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). The festival is a national theater program where theater departments and student artists showcase their work to receive outside assessment by the KCACTF judges.

The program involves 18,000 college students from across the country and has worked to improve college theater education in the U.S. for years. In January and February of each year, regional festivals showcase the best of each region’s entered productions. Judges and the artistic director selected four to six of the best and most diverse productions to be performed in the spring at the Kennedy Center.

This year, a number of Pacific’s students were individually nominated in recognition of their work. Six actors were nominated for the Irene Ryan award: Giovanna Arieta, Johanna Covell, Brian Peccia, Nicole DiSilvestro, Betsy Picart, and Caitlin Keskey. Each actor had to perform a monologue, as well as choose a partner to prepare and perform a scene for the competition. The actor chosen for the award will perform at the Kennedy Center in the spring.

Valerie Niles, Ryan Shull, and Angela Enos were nominated for a similar award for their set designs. Rather than perform, they will present their designs in the competition. Pamela Campi was honored with a nomination for her stage managing. The students will be in Los Angeles until the end of this weekend and will hopefully come home to Pacific with plenty of winnings to brag about. When asked about the festival on Sunday evening, Arieta was oozing with anticipation for the week to come.

Look for the festival’s results in next week’s issue.
INDOOR VOLLEYBALL POWER RANKINGS

WEEK 1

Men's A
1) Set it & Forget it-Very appropriate team name for Hammer and Co.
2) Kappa Psi-This time around is going to be a lot tougher than the grass league
3) Just a Bit Rusty-A Watson v. Hammer championship matchup could fill Main
4) Kanes-The Hawaiians may not have enough firepower to keep up
5) Josh Foster's Flowing Locks-El Presidente is looking at a 0-4 beatdown

Men's C
1) Do U Wanna B on Top?-Stanson's squad is the cream of the JV division
2) Bulldogs-DU continues to underachieve
3) Corn Diggity Dog-A controversial win has these girls a long awaited championship
4) 26" Rims-Addis & Titus look to pick up where their outdoor team left off

Women's A
1) iHop-The New England Patriots of volleyball...No one wants to see them win
2) All Stars & Crescent-Saavedra's team is the only squad capable of knocking off iHop
3) Theta-A nice win over the '09ers has the confidence level higher than ever
4) '09ers-Basketball must be their sport

Women's C
1) Alpha Phi-Joleen's wicked serve is banned in 47 states
2) Theta-It's been a tough year for Theta, but these are looking brighter
3) All Stars & Crescent-Chu looks to bring these girls a long awaited championship

Co-Rec A
1) We're Missing Good TV Shows for This-A nice team but very beatable
2) Always HI-Team needs to show more energy on the court
3) Team Credible-Birmingham & Ortega need to bring their A-games on a nightly basis
4) Old is the New Young-Team is still in negotiations with former collegiate players
5) Team DUHi-Could be a long season

Co-Rec C
1) Who Gives a Shitake-Everyone's gonna want to see these guys in the playoffs
2) Hawaiian Style-The Hawaii Club solidifies the top 2 spots in the rankings
3) Justin Bobby- The Student Lifers looks to improve on the '07-08 accrued record of 5-9.
4) Team Ultimate-Team can't afford a loss
5) Molly Whoppers-An impressive opening round victory has raised some eyebrows
6) Phi Delta Chi- A mediocre team hoping to overachieve
7) SDUB-GLLC-Team looking to play spoiler role of spoiler
8) Spikers-An entertaining team that brings a lot of energy
9) Alpha Phi Omega-Wendy Cao must be like Dwayne Wade on the Heat
10) Delta Sigma Pi-An early 2 losses has this team all but eliminated from the playoffs

INDOOR SOCCER POWER RANKINGS

WEEK 1

Men's A
1) Delta 9-There's no way Broom goes 2 soccer seasons without a championship
2) Kappa Psi-Teams' defense has a tendency to become porous
3) 26" Rims-Addis & Titus look to pick up where their outdoor team left off
4) The Minutemen-A winless season is staring this team right in the face

Men's B
1) Kings of Mediocrity-An 11 goal pummeling of The Knights has these guys on top
2) Kind've a Big Deal-The Polo guys are still bitter about their outdoor season
3) Old is the New Young- Coonan & Laskey headline the crowd favorites
4) The Knights- The Kings of Mediocrity exposed a few chinks in the armor
5) Pound It- Pike was pounded in Week 1

Men's C
1) Civil Engineers-The only team with a victory in Men's C thus far
2) Shredder & the Foot Clan- Tejpal's team is always a contender
3) Townhouses-Colin "Cool" has his team positioned nicely
4) Why God Why-The loss of Ballotti in the net will be too much to overcome
5) Sala Kuta-A forfeit victory may be all that Sala Kuta can muster
6) Blame Canada-Pike is all about quantity over quality
7) Bulldogs-How can DU not create 1 formidable team?
8) Super Shockers-Harnoor Singh would fit in that last roster spot very nicely

Women's
1) Just Kickin' It-The most complete team in the Women's division
2) Dawn Patrol- A quick and easy 3 victories has this team on the seat until March
3) All Stars & Crescent-Tri Delt is becoming the most athletic sorority on campus
4) Theta-Will the return of Costello rejuvenate Theta?
5) Alpha Phi Omega-Wendy Cao must be like Dwayne Wade on the Heat
6) Delta Gamma- I don't know...I just don't know

Co-Rec A
1) Kappa Psi-Huge win over the Clap has Kappa Psi in the driver's seat
2) Old is the New Young-1 more victory would all but lock up a playoff birth
3) The Clap-A 500 season might be the best this squad is capable of
4) Dain Bramage-It gets a lot tougher from here for Dain Bramage
5) Untitled-Nola & Garry need to convert some of their bball prowess
6) Globetrotters-Hassan needs to right the ship in a hurry

Co-Rec C
1) Phi Delta Chi- The odds on favorite to win it all
2) Nalu Shredders-Mitch Tom brings leadership presence that can't be underestimated
3) Mixmatched-Chen has the firepower to make a run at the championship
4) TBA-A tough schedule has me predicting a 1-3 finish
5) Team Goshima-Team matches up well against opponents and could sneak into the playoffs
6) BBW-A loss against Goshima has this team headed in the wrong direction
7) Banana Boat-A true underdog story has me holding out hope for at least 1 victory
Pacific 5–2 Loss to UOregon

Zachary Gottlieb
The Pacific women’s tennis team dropped to 2-4 on the season after being defeated 5-2 by the University of Oregon Ducks on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Student Tennis Center.

Several Tigers played well on Sunday, including freshman Olga Gumenyu, who defeated Carmen Seremeta at the No. 3 position 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. Sophomore Sasha Fisher also came away with a victory over Mimi Songsermsawas in the No. 6 spot, 7-6, 6-4. The Tigers return to action at home in Stockton, Calif. at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts on Monday Feb. 18, at 12 p.m. The Tigers host UC Davis in their first Big West Conference match of the season.

RESULTS: Oregon 5, PACIFIC 2 At Eugene, Ore.

Doubles: (Oregon earns one team point)
2. Ana Cecilia Olivos/Carmen Seremeta (UO) def. Svenja Arens/Kateryna Nezhura (PAC) 8-5
3. Anna Powaska/Siobhan Cavan (UO) def. Sasha Fisher/Clara Schuhmacher (PAC) 8-7 (3)

Singles: (Oregon earns four team points)
1. Celine Rolly (UO) def. Jolanta Twarowska (PAC): 7-5, 6-3
2. Anna Powaska (UO) def. Svenja Arens (PAC): 7-6, 5-7, (10-3)
3. Olga Gumenyu (PAC) def. Carmen Seremeta (UO): 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
4. Stephanie Macfarlane (UO) def. Kateryna Nezhura (PAC): 6-1, 6-2
5. Siobhan Cavan (UO) def. Clara Schuhmacher (PAC): 6-1, 7-6 (8-6)
6. Sasha Fisher (PAC) def. Mimi Songsermsawas (UO) 7-6, 6-4

Pacific has the game, but where are the fans?

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A showdown for first place in the Big West Conference was 10 minutes from tipoff on Thursday night and Pacific athletic director Lynn King looked around the Spanos Center at a scattering of fans.

“No, thanks” from “name” teams.

King smiled, but he knew better. Like every athletic director who preceded him, King has failed to crack the nut that is the Stockton fan base.

No matter what kind of team Pacific puts on the basketball floor, no matter how relevant it is to the national basketball conscience, Stockton refuses to bite.

Thursday’s win over Cal State Northridge, an overtime thriller featuring junior Mike Kirby’s Christian Laettner-esque heroic buzzer-beating 16-footer at the end of regulation, drew 3,268.

The orange-and-black clad pep band played with its usual zest and quality, and the dancers and cheerleaders showed up. Beyond that, only a handful of students took in the game, and that’s at the heart of Pacific’s attendance woes.

Pacific students showed up en masse only when ESPN is in town and their own participation matters as much as that of the players. Call them selfish. Call them opportunistic. But definitely call them lousy supporters of their team.

A good college atmosphere hinges on the students being engaged, and Pacific students only lend themselves to that enterprise if there’s a chance they’ll get TV time. Pacific’s usual crowd is decidedly of the over-50 set, and while those folks enjoy the games, they don’t provide the kind of energy and excitement that 20-year-old students - with or without face paint - muster.

Maybe a more spirited student section would encourage more of Stockton’s general population to show up. It’s odd that in a city of 286,000, however, Pacific is lucky to draw 4,000 on a Saturday night.

The reason for such disinterest is not the quality of the basketball program or those associated with it.

On the way to its second consecutive Big West Conference title and another first-round upset win in the NCAA Tournament in 2004-05, Pacific averaged 6,485 at home.

Whether hugely successful or in a rebuilding mode, Pacific’s attendance doesn’t fluctuate.

Over the past five years, the Tigers have been successful, going 58-13 at Spanos Center. Chances are pretty good of catching a win by the home team there, better than at a Thunder or Cougars game.

Since the Pacific product isn’t the problem, it must be the competition, and on that score, Stockton fans are correct.

They don’t know one big West team from another. UC Riverside or Cal State Northridge? What’s the difference and why should they care? For the record, Riverside isn’t very good and Northridge and Pacific, with absolutely nothing in common as institutions of higher learning, have played amazingly competitive games over the past five years.

But a good home team should draw a crowd no matter who’s on the other bench.

Maybe a game at Stockton Arena would be more appealing to the masses than one at Spanos.

King is willing to give that a try, but the circumstances have to be right. The opponent has to be worthy enough to draw a crowd that will pay the extra expense of playing there, say a Stanford or Cal or Gonzaga.

Unfortunately for Pacific, it’s been too good at home for its own good. Gonzaga won’t play Pacific because there’s no benefit to that mid-major breakout playing an up-and-coming mid-major. If Gonzaga wins, it’s as it should be. If it loses, its star dims.

As for Cal and Stanford, they’re not expressing an interest.

Even when offering the arena, a neutral site, the Tigers are hearing a lot of “No, thanks” from “name” teams.

King’s going to have to keep working the phone in search of a quality opponent. If UC Santa Barbara can secure a home-and-home deal with North Carolina, which will play in Goleta on its way to Maui, Pacific ought to be able to land a worthy Hawaiian-bound team.

That’s up to him, for a future schedule.

For now, Pacific students need to show up and create a legitimate atmosphere they pretended existed last week when ESPN cameras were in town for the Cal Poly game.

After all, you can’t expect the people of Stockton to support a team if the kids who go to class with, or live next door to, the players won’t.
Athlete Profile
Cheerleader Jasmine Cusic

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There is a lot more to cheerleading than most people think. It takes just as much time and heart as the Division 1 sports that we have here at Pacific. Jasmine Cusic, a sophomore communication major, has been cheerleading for six years. This is her second year on the Pacific squad.

She says that cheerleading here at Pacific is “all about being dedicated and committed.”

The squad practices two times per week and attend all home games for Women’s Volleyball, Men’s Basketball and Women’s Basketball. The squad also represents the University by going out into the Stockton community for events.

Cusic says “being able to represent the University is special. Going out in the community and having fans recognize you is a good feeling.” While Cusic admits cheerleading does not receive as much attention as other athletes, she is okay with that.

The best part of being a Pacific cheerleader, Cusic says, is “being on the sidelines and being so close to the game. Being part of an emotional game, like the game versus Northridge [Pacific won in overtime] is really exciting.”

Cusic continues by saying, “it’s also nice being part of a program that is supported by the athletic department.”

In high school, Cusic’s squad had to pay for all of their uniforms and competitions out of their own pockets. Here all the cheerleaders get uniforms, along with a trip to the Big West basketball tournament in the spring. “It is something we look forward to every year,” Cusic says. “We get to go to Disneyland on the days when the basketball teams do not have games and we get to spend time with each other,” Cusic continues.

“Being involved with this [the cheerleading program] has helped me reach out and meet people who I probably wouldn’t otherwise get to meet.” Overall, Cusic says, cheerleading has not only enhanced her college experience at Pacific, but she believes it will help prepare her for her future. She dreams of being in broadcast journalism and Cusic says, “the values I have learned in cheerleading will help me get to where I want to be.”

Pacific Plays Pink
Women’s Basketball plays in support of those fighting Breast Cancer

Media Relations

While Tigers stripes usually run Black and Orange, Pacific’s stripes will turn Pink in February as the Women’s Basketball team plays in honor of Breast Health Awareness.

When the Tigers take on UC Irvine on February 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center they will also be taking on breast cancer as they fight to support those who fight against cancer. Teamed up with St. Joseph’s Medical Center, the Tigers will play to raise money for Breast Health Services.

Breast cancer is an issue that continues to touch people at an alarming rate. For example, in 2006, more than 212,920 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States. One in every eight women will be affected by breast cancer in their lifetime.

At the game, Pacific players will be wearing specially made pink uniforms that will be auctioned off after the contest in support of Breast Health Awareness. In addition to the uniforms, other game items will be up for auction. Donation baskets will be passed through the crowd throughout the game with all proceeds going to St. Joseph’s Medical Center.

Pacific Plays Pink joins over 600 schools from across the country which are participating in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association “Think Pink” initiative. “Think Pink” is a global, unified effort for the WBCA’s nation of coaches to assist in raising breast health awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

High School Wrestling Tournament at Pacific

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The annual 2007-2008 California Interscholastic Federation Sacramento-San Joaquin Masters Wrestling Tournament will be held in the Alex G. Spanos Center this year.

High school teams will compete and move onto win their championship titles on February 21 and 22. Admission doors will open at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 21 and championship and consolation rounds will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission doors will open again at 8:30 a.m. on the Feb. 22 and championship and consolation rounds will continue from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Championship finals will begin at 4:00 p.m. the same day. The admission prices will be $15 for adults and $8 for students.

Pacific students are very much a part of Stockton’s thriving community so come out and support local high school students!