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New Meal Plan Starting This Fall
Changing the Way Students Eat

Rachel Freeman
Staff Writer

Recently, Pacific has experienced many changes around campus. The two most notable changes are the construction of the Biological Sciences Center and University Center. With the addition of the new University Center, not only will students be dining in a new location, but the meal plan will change as well. One of the biggest changes is that all students living on campus will be required to purchase a meal plan.

The new meal plan, which will debut this fall, will be based on points instead of the current system which allocates points for students living in apartments. Students will be able to use their points at any of the new dining venues located in the University Center. The meal plan was changed to "allow students to control when, where and how they use their meals. Currently, you have to use your meals in that week or you lose them forever. With the new plan, you can use your points however you wish."

The Quad Dining Hall, the Summit and the Redwood Room will all close when the University Center opens, and each will be replaced with a new venue. The new main dining hall, called the Marketplace, "can be best described as Whole Foods," said Jacobson. It will have many stations, varying from a Taqueria to a Pacific Rim station to an Exhibition station with burgers and fries. All food will be made to order.

The Summit will be replaced by The Lair, and will include a pub. The Redwood Room will be replaced by the River Room. The new addition is the Calaveras Coffee House. These three locations, along with the Marketplace will accept dining dollars.

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AFGHAN DINNER NIGHT

Aileen Shon
Staff Writer

There will be an Afghan dinner night on February 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Bechtel International Center. Tickets will be sold at the front desk in the George Wilson building, or can be purchased at the door for $5.

Proceeds will help support "Dream Generation," an on campus organization that seeks to give disadvantaged children an opportunity to have a better life. This year, "Dream Generation" is supporting children and women in Afghanistan who are unable to buy simple school supplies or household staples such as sewing machines.

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FIRST LUNAR ECLIPSE OF THE YEAR

Christine Le
Copy Editor

The first total lunar eclipse of 2008 took place yesterday evening from roughly 7:01 p.m. to 7:51 p.m. During these 50 minutes, North America and South America were able to observe it, and today the eclipse will make itself visible to Europe, Africa and Asia.

The Pacifican would like to apologize for being late to inform readers who are interested in the phenomenon. If you missed the event, you will have to wait until February 9 of next year to experience the next lunar eclipse visible from North America.

In the meantime, what exactly is a lunar eclipse? Many of us just know that it involves the moon doing some unusual trick.

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Bringing Students Closer to SUCCESS

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

University of the Pacific is well known for the support programs that are provided for the students. One of the programs under the Educational Equity programs, the SUCCESS program, has proven in the past to be beneficial to students who are in need of help during their college careers. SUCCESS, primarily known as Student Support Services, is a nationwide program sponsored by TRIO under the U.S. Department of Education. The program is designed to assist eligible students with staying in school and possibly furthering their graduate studies. Student Support Services is in mostly public universities thus it is a huge accomplishment for Pacific that we are one of the only two private universities that offer the program in the state of California. Along with SUCCESS, TRIO has instituted other programs in schools nationwide that range from talent search programs in high schools to the McNair program for Graduate school preparation in Universities.

At University of the Pacific, SUCCESS serves two hundred students each academic year. About half of the students come from the CIP program, which is a local scholarship program, and receive financial assistance from CIP; the other half are Pacific students that do not come from the Stockton area who apply for the assistance of SUCCESS. In order to qualify for SUCCESS, a student must demonstrate financial and academic need.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
February 10 to 16, 2008

UNIVERSITY REG
MONAGAN HALL
2-10-08
Officers responded to a report of a disturbance between two male subjects. Officer was able to make contact with only one subject and initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
SWIMMING POOL
2-10-08
Officer reported seeing a subject climb on the roof at the swimming pool and checked the area. Officer located three female subjects in the pool. All subjects were advised of the University's policy regarding the swimming pool.

ANIMAL BITE
CALAVERAS LEVEE
2-10-08
Medics responded to a report of a male subject who was bit by a dog in the area. Officers initiated a report and medics transported the subject to a local hospital.

BURGLARY
SOUTH CAMPUS
2-10-08
Reporting party notified dispatch that two male subjects were in the south campus construction site wearing construction gear loading copper onto their truck. Officer responded and determined the subjects were not construction employees and arrested both subjects. Followup investigation by the officers resulted in the recovery of over $60,000 of stolen property. Subjects were transported to the county jail.

NARCOTICS ARREST
BROOKSIDE RD
2-10-08
Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and learned the driver had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The driver was also in possession of narcotics. Driver was arrested and transported to the county jail.

VEHICLE RECOVERY
PERSHING AVE
2-11-08
Officer conducted a check on a male subject driving a John Deere lawnmower on the roadway. Officer learned the mower was stolen and arrested the subject who was on parole. Subject was transported to the county jail via SPD.

VANDALISM
LOT 10
2-11-08
Officer reported two vehicles vandalized with flour. Owners of the vehicles were contacted. No other damage to the vehicles reported. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
WILLIAM KNOX LIB
2-12-08
Officer responded to a report of marijuana coming from the 3rd floor. Officer checked the building and was unable to determine the smell was coming from.

CASUALTY
HEALTH SCIENCE
2-12-08
Officers and medics responded to a report of an ill female. Female was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
TOWERVIEW APT
2-12-08
Officer responded to a report of two suspicious males knocking on doors trying to take a survey from a resident. Officer was unable to locate the two subjects in the area.

DUI UNDER 21
BROOKSIDE RD
2-12-08
Officer conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver had been drinking and under legal age to consume alcohol. CHP responded and determined the driver was not over the legal limit. The driver was cited for DUI under the age of 21 and released.

ACCIDENT
LOT 7
2-13-08
Officer responded to a report of females screaming in the rear of the complex. Officers determined a party at the residence and advised to take the party inside and keep the noise down. All parties complied.

NOISE COMPLAINT
PIKE HOUSE
2-15-08
Officers received a noise complaint from the party at Pike. Officers advised the party in the area and there was no sign of loud music in the area. Officers located the source in the area while the party shut down.

ARSON
UNIVERSITY CENTER
2-16-08
Officers conducted a checkout on 3 subjects seen in the area of the new construction area. Officer located a generator with paper stacked on top with a gas can next to the unit. SPD dispatched and responded. All subjects were detained and released and an arson report was initiated.

THEFT
CHEMISTRY OFFICE
2-16-08
Officer initiated a theft report due to cash and a computer stolen from the office. Officers were able to identify the responsible and recovered two lap tops and an overhead projector that were stolen over the last few weeks.

Also, the student must be a first generation college student.
One student, offered career counseling, may look through the careers best suited for her/his major. In addition, talk to counseling, SUCCESS offers research opportunities for students going to graduate school and the program offers tutoring. Anita Tenaza's Oakland Zoo experience, visit his website at http://tigerfearatoaklandzoo.blogspot.com/.

Speech
and Debate
Team Show
Their Stuff

Heather Green
Staff Writer

On February 2 and 3, the Pacific Speech and Debate Team attended the Sunset Cliffs Classic at Pt. Loma Nazarene University. The competition was stiff with 59 other schools participating, but Pacific stood strong and placed sixth overall.

Travelling with only part of the team made Pacific’s placement especially meritorious. Team members Emily Sheldon and Steve Farias were undefeated in the preliminary rounds. William Chamberlain and Richard Aragon advanced to the Octofinal round while teammates Anne Eastlick and Broc Maples were eliminated for placement in the Double Octofinal Round.

Member Brandon Schwartz also had a noteworthy finish in fourth place out of 41 other competitors in the category of extemporaneous speaking.

ZOO,
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Tenaza received an e-mail from the zoo director apologizing for the actions of the staff, but he still has “a bad feeling about it.”

For more information on Tenaza’s Oakland Zoo experience, visit his website at http://tigerfearatoaklandzoo.blogspot.com/.
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Graduating Students Raise Funds for Senior Class Gift

Adam Ellison
Guest Writer

In accordance with Pacific tradition, the Class of 2008 has begun its efforts to raise money for a Senior Class Gift that will be presented to President DeRosa and Provost Gilbertson during Commencement. Senior class fundraising has gone on for decades, and is evident by all of the bronze plaques scattered throughout campus that celebrate the generosity of previous graduating classes.

The Class of 2008 has decided to contribute to the Pacific Fund from which a grant will be made to the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, scheduled to break ground in June 2009. Seniors who make a gift of $20.08 or more to the Pacific Fund will receive a Class of 2008 T-shirt, designed by Kellynn Loehr '08. All donors will be recognized on the Pacific Fund website and in the University Honor Roll of what TRIO and SUCCESS have to offer. National TRIO day is a nationwide effort to promote and “celebrate TRIO programs” according to Bautista. There will be fun activities like raffles and games, and also, don’t miss out on the free food.

In addition to National TRIO Day there is a statewide forum for Diversity and Graduate Education held every year at a different college. Last year, this forum was held at U.C. Davis. This workshop basically teaches students who to apply to graduate school, how to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and how to finance their education along with several other important tools for a successful graduate education. Once again, February 28 is an important day for students everywhere because the TRIO programs, especially SUCCESS, are speaking out about how they can bring students closer to success each step at a time.

According to Bautista, two thirds of this money is from the U.S. Department of Education and the other third is contributed by Pacific. The SUCCESS program is known for exceeded the academic goals of the program; an example is that for 2006-2007: 9% earned at least a 2.0 GPA or above, 100% of the entering class was retained to the next year and 31% enrolled in graduate and professional schools upon completion of their undergraduate degrees.

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Perspectives

Editorial: STRIPES Needs to Work Out its Kinks

It is fair to say that Stockton is not the safest city, and all college campuses can be quite dangerous, especially at night. Fortunately, Pacific students not wanting to risk the trip across campus alone at 1 a.m. after a night of fun have the option of calling STRIPES, the Student Escort and Area Security service, for a free escort. However, the service provided by STRIPES is not as safe as it ought to be.

The STRIPES website, through the University's main site, states if a person were to call “between 6:00 p.m. and 2 a.m., the STRIPE unit should show up shortly. Otherwise, University Police will handle the escort.” However, it often takes half an hour or more for an escort to arrive, and the option of calling Public Safety instead is rarely mentioned. Often, students are stuck waiting for a ride, potentially left in an unsafe situation.

When the STRIPES vehicle does arrive, a student may have to walk a ways to reach their ride. This is particularly true around the Townhouse Apartments and Theta Chi. There have been times when STRIPE did not have access to enter the Townhouse parking lot, which meant the student had to walk alone across the parking lot to meet their ride at the gate. Similarly, students have been known to be asked to walk to the tennis courts to meet the car there.

Once safely aboard, there may still be problems. One student said the STRIPES driver commented they did not “appear to be intoxicated.” Regardless of if a student has been drinking, they should be able to call STRIPES for a safe escort across campus.

Finally, STRIPES may not even take students all the way to their destination. Some students requesting to go to Pi Kappa Alpha have been dropped of on the corner, and have to cross the street and walk past a city bus stop alone.

These problems appear to be more common than they were in the past. Taking STRIPES used to mean a fun, fast, and safe escort across campus. Now, it is not as fun, much slower, and sometimes not even safe.

Look Who’s on Facebook Now

Seema Ghatnekar
Staff Writer

This is a growing epidemic—our parents, aunts and uncles, and even our grandparents are now on Facebook. It’s nice to see that there is a growing interest in the online community, but should an age limit be required? Sure, you will have your Facebook after you are done with high school or college. But should Facebook, originally designed for college students to network with one another really be extended to those who were already out of college long before Facebook began?

Facebook, MySpace, Friendster, and other online networks are, in essence, personal ads. You list all of your interests, you have different applications on which you can further personalize your page, and pictures of yourself doing normal college kid things. I like my parents, but I don’t like the thought of them seeing my pictures, knowing what I’m really like when they aren’t around, and seeing the comments others leave on my page. They’re up there for all of my friends to see, but it’s different when a family member or an older adult is involved, right?

College life and family life should be separate, and when your parents are on Facebook, able to see everything you are doing, these lives are entirely too intertwined. You don’t want your parents snooping around on your Facebook. And come
That's What She Said...

Stimulating Conversation

For many college students across the country, weekends involve alcohol, and lots of it. However, drinking can result in dehydration, hangovers, blacking out, dangerously lower inhibitions, and delayed reaction times—things adults have been warning us about for years. Yet for some reason, these realities do not scare us enough to change our habits. In fact, the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that 42 percent of college students admitted to getting drunk at least once in the previous two weeks.

Maybe a different approach is needed. Not to downplay any of the dangerous side effects of drinking, but what if drinking less could actually help you get a date? I know it sounds crazy, but think about it. Are you really your best after 10 beers? Your jokes are no longer funny because you mess up the punch line, you stumble around and possibly spill your drink on the person you’re flirting with, and you are running to the bathroom every 20 minutes to pee. None of that screams “I’m worth getting to know better.”

Even if someone does put up with your drunken antics, things still might not be successful. Last year, I met a really cool guy at a party. We liked the same bands, had the same sense of humor, and at the end of the night he gave me a goodnight kiss. The next day, I added him on Facebook, but then he sent me a message asking who I was. Needless to say, I was quite disappointed and now use a lot more caution when I chat someone up at a party.

You may still be skeptical. After all, what does having a good talk with someone matter? The answer is quite surprising. Men and women are obviously very different thanks to that little Y chromosome. Dr. Drew Pinksy of Loveline explained that the way a woman’s brain reacts when she engages in intimate conversation is the same as a man’s reaction to visual stimulation. So, the way a girl feels having a meaningful tête-à-tête on a date is the same feeling a guy gets by looking at porn. Now there’s something worth talking about.
Affa Michael Weaver

Perspectives

Hats off to you!

Calling all 2008 Graduates!

Would you like to speak at commencement?

Apply to be a Commencement Speaker by March 3, 2008!

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Turn them back in to the Office of Student Life, Hand Hall, Suite 135 or if you have any questions email Denia Andersen dandersen@pacific.edu

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on, it's obvious that they will have fun clicking away at every picture you have, reading every comment you have, and stalking you to no end. If you want them to do that, then go ahead and add your parents to your friend's list. But if you're like the other 99% of us, the best option is to either establish a limit profile or to talk to them personally about your reluctance in adding them. This isn't a revolt against parents knowing what's going on in our lives, but questioning who you should expect to find in an online community. In the midst of all of this, let's try to be classy about our Facebook lives, and post stuff that you really wouldn't mind other people seeing. There is only so much you can expect to happen with all of the information posted online, so try not to put too much out there.

Last week I had the privilege of listening and working with a truly brilliant poet. My poetry class, taught by Dr. Norton, welcomed Afaa Michael Weaver to discuss his poetry in class. He is a wonderful poet, but what was truly striking was the tender frankness with which Weaver spoke as he addressed the class. He had the vibe of a guru sitting up there in front of the group. We sat and listened to the stories behind the poems; how this sweet man had overcome so much and healed so much through his art.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1951 during segregation. I do not believe it is my place to discuss the hardships and obstacles of this life, but there were many and despite all of them he has produced an impressive and diverse collection of poems that address issues such as race, molestation, and deep spirituality. He is also a Taoist and practices a rigorous form of meditation and prayer, which seems to have influenced his work. This influence is felt especially in his most recent publication The Plum Flower Dance which is organized according to the Taoist system of elements.

Later that evening, a poetry reading was held in WPC. I have selected a poem that he read at the reading. It is a poem inspired by the artist Chagall. The poem incorporates deep seeded teachings in Judaism especially the Chassidic tradition. The notion is that the experience of God and Torah came before and goes beyond the written words. Notice that the poem is in what Weaver calls “broken sonnet” form. Its 14-line format implies a sonnet without conforming to the strict meter and rhyme of a sonnet. When analyzing a sonnet as well as “broken sonnet,” generally, one should look at the poem as three quatrains and a couplet conclusion where each quatrain is a complete thought amidst the overall message. This form seems to be in tune with the message in that captures the essence of a sonnet without necessarily being bound by the word form. I hope you will enjoy this profound poem by a prolific poet.

Solitude

Alone I meditate on the invisible, the potentially beautiful and minute chasms of meaning that divide me and God, the trailing words from his mouth whose echoes taunt me with suggestions of the Oral Torah, the grand perfection before the first droplet of water, or the setting of the first grain of sand. Inside I listen for him to enter me, to flow into this infinite cavern of my heart and help me know this quiet village behind me and the solitary angel above, as other sanctities beg in my shadow, offering foreign altars and hymns.
Chuck’s Hamburgers

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Chuck’s Hamburgers is a classic Mom and Pop restaurant located at 6034 Pacific Ave in Stockton. Difficult to notice, as it is tucked away in the shopping complex across from Pacific Bowl, Chuck’s breakfast foods surpass that of the well known chains IHOP and Denny’s. Similar to Denny’s, Chuck’s offers foods from any meal at any time of the day. Walking in at 4 p.m. our group of three ordered a hamburger, a hot dog, French fries, and a Spanish omelet. The omelet, may we add, came with our choice of pancake, biscuit, hash browns, English muffin, or toast. A half order of the omelet, which was more than enough, covering half of the dinner plate, came with hash browns, and the pancake hung over the edges of its poor dish. This only cost $4.95; pancake, hash browns and all.

The classic hamburger was delicious, and was only $1.95. While the cater only ordered ketchup and mayonnaise, it was possible at additional charge, to add cheese, bacon, avocado, an Ortega chili, freshly sautéed mushrooms, bell peppers, alfalfa sprouts, and/or accompany with a bowl of ranch dressing. It is also possible to get other burgers with lettuce, tomato, onions, and pickles; essentially Build-Your-Own Burger.

The hot dog was not what you would expect. It came with lettuce, mayo, cheese, onions, and ketchup, all on a hamburger bun and only $2.75. We also ordered a half portion of French fries, which was, without doubt, much too much for the three of us to finish with the rest of our food.

The milkshakes had indescribable succulence. Whether you choose chocolate or vanilla, there were also options of Strawberry and Cherry, a malt, soda, or float; Chuck’s thick and creamy milkshakes are a meal within themselves. At only $2.85, $2.95 for a malt and $2.85 for a soda or float, do not hesitate to order this with your meal whether you get breakfast, dinner, or lunch.

Chuck’s was a fun dining experience. The squat yourself hosting and menus at every table made it a laid back experience that is hard not to return to for every meal.

Sudoku

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Recommendations of the Week

Providing you with arts & entertainment to check out

**Movie:**

*Hard Candy*

A mature 14-year old girl meets a charming 32-year old photographer on the Internet. Suspecting that he is a pedophile, she goes to his home in an attempt to expose him. Stars Ellen Page and Patrick Wilson. Rated R for disturbing violent sexual and language. 104 min.

**TV Show:**

*Pushing Daisies*

A man has the power to bring dead people back to life. Stars Lee Pace and Anna Friel. 60 min., ABC, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

**Music:**

"Something’s Got Me Started," Swingfly
"Motivation," Sum 41
"New Soul," Yael Naim

**Books:**

*Fight Club*, by Chuck Palahniuk.
Protagonist struggles with his growing discomfort with consumerism and changes in the state of masculinity in American culture.
Reversing The Aging Effect with Cirque du Soleil

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Staff Writer

Cirque du Soleil is a unique experience that takes audiences on a journey to a fantasyland where the aging effect is reversed. By the end of the show, men become boys, women become girls, and young children will be enthralled by it all. With all the power of the mesmerizing performance, you will be inspired to journey back to your childhood without feeling ashamed.

Cirque du Soleil features tightrope walking, flying in the air, and incredible acrobatics and elicits the ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’ from its audiences. However, Cirque is more than just acrobats.

Cirque du Soleil features different shows. For example, the well-known “O” at Las Vegas is set upon a 1.5 million gallon pool. Zumanity is labeled “adults only” for their risque costumes that compliments their theme of sexuality and eroticism. Last year, Cirque paid tribute to The Beatles in LOVE by performing to tracks such as “Here Comes the Sun.”

This season, Cirque features KOOZA, capturing the very essence of their origins. With acrobatic acts and clowns, The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world, takes you with him on a journey to search for his place in the world.

KOOZA explores themes of fear, identity, recognition and power through exotic and electrifying thrills and chills. KOOZA will perform in San Jose until March 16, 2008. Cirque du Soleil is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Do not miss out!

Tickets were available through ASUOP for the showing on February 23, but tickets are still available for the San Jose show online at the Cirque du Soleil website (www.cirquedesoleil.com).

The Marriage of Figaro

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Staff Writer

Bored of spending your Friday nights going to the same old parties? Do you feel the need to escape Stockton on a regular basis? Prepare yourself for a new exciting experience that you do not have to run out of town to find.

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The Marriage of Figaro is a hilarious, sometimes awkward, confusing, but certainly entertaining show. It tells the story of Figaro’s coming marriage to Susan, the Count of the household pursuit of Susanna before her wedding night, and a tangled web of interesting situations with other memorable characters.

Do not miss the chance to see such a great show and hear the beautiful music composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

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Spend Saturday At The Pacific Coast

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A drive down California's scenic Pacific Coast Highway 1 is a great way to spend any weekend, rain or shine (but preferably shine)! Only two and a half hours south of University of the Pacific, a trip to the REAL Pacific—Ocean, that is—provides a pleasurable drive filled with ample gorgeous views. There are plenty of coastal towns to visit, but I would suggest limiting it to just a few to make the most of your excursion.

Monterey is a great first stop. A trip to the Pacific coast would not be complete without a visit to the famous Cannery Row.

Cannery Row was formerly the site of one of the largest fish canning industries in California, but since the collapse of the industry in the 1950s, the area has transformed into a tourist destination. In place of the canneries of the past, the row is now dotted with tourists shops and great seafood restaurants.

The area surrounding Cannery Row is a marine sanctuary, making it a great place to have a picnic. You can enjoy the ocean waves and marine wildlife up close and personal while munching on a delicious homemade sandwich. And for you English nerds out there, do not miss out on a photo-op with the statue of John Steinbeck, the author who made the area famous in his novels Cannery Row and Tortilla Flat.

Once you are done there, head to the famous 17-Mile-Drive in the Pebble Beach area. 17-Mile Drive is simply a long, twisting road that winds through the coastal region, passing by several notable landmarks.

For any golf enthusiasts out there, Pebble Beach is also home to several golf courses. With a $450 price tag for a game at the world-renowned Pebble Beach Golf Links, a visit to look around the course is more realistic than actually playing a round.

The admission to 17-Mile-Drive is about $10 per car, but is well worth it for the one-of-a-kind view of the natural surroundings as well as the luxurious mansions.

Upon entering, you will receive a map of 20 points of interest along the road. Be sure to stop and snap a photo of the legendary “Lone Cypress” along the winding drive. The Cypress is world-renowned for standing the test of time, rooted alone on a rock formation to brave the wind and surf of the Pacific for over 250 years.

After seeing all of Pebble Beach's many sites, stop by Carmel-by-the-Sea before making your way back to campus. There is no need to hurry since these coastal towns are all within about a 15 minute drive of one another, so take your time and enjoy the scenery.

Carmel-by-the-Sea offers much better shopping than Monterey, with many well-known establishments like Tiffany & Co. and a number of cute boutiques offering lots of unique merchandise. There are plenty of quaint coffee shops along the main road in Carmel-by-the-Sea; a particular favorite of mine is Carmel Valley Roasting Company. The shop features inexpensive but delicious coffee and tea products, a wide selection of pastries to choose from, and a small number of tables to sit at while you sip your drink.

After spending a day along the Pacific coast, it might be difficult to come back to dry land at the University of the Pacific.
## Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 22**
- Men's Volleyball
  - vs. Hawaii
  - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 23**
- Women's Tennis
  - vs. Cal State Northridge
  - 1:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball
  - vs. San Jose State
  - 7:00 p.m.
- O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters

**Sunday, February 24**
- Men's Tennis
  - vs. Sacramento State
  - 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 25**
- Men's Volleyball
  - vs. Hawaii
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 27**
- Baseball
  - vs. Santa Clara
  - 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 28**
- Men's Basketball
  - vs. UC Davis
  - 7:00 p.m.

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## Sports

### Walken and Pacific say ‘More Cowbell!’

**Who is the Cowbell Guy Smackin’ That for the Tigers?**

**Cammile Brockett**  
*Ad Manager*

With somewhat low game attendance and obvious lack of school spirit, it is unfortunately difficult to find a die-hard Tigers fan. At Big Monday, where the Tigers played Cal Poly on ESPN2, there was a young man “smacking that” on his cowbell during Pacific’s Pep Band’s amazing rendition of Akon’s “Smack That.” He was on the jumbotron for a good five minutes, right in front of the band. His popularity goes beyond games as well. There are 121 people in a Facebook group dedicated to him called, “We freaking love the COWBELL GUY!”

Who is this mysterious “Cowbell Guy?” and where did he get those moves?

Nick Griffen is a freshman in the bioengineering program from Manteca, CA. Not only does he play in the pep band, he is also a cashier at Tiger’s Grocery and a part of the Biomedical Engineering Society. He also plans to become involved in ASuop.

Surprisingly enough, Griffen only picked up the cowbell this year, instead of playing drums in his high school marching band. It also seems as if everyone except Griffen saw him on the jumbotron. “I didn’t really notice at the time as I was consumed by playing the cowbell and boogying. I think it’s pretty cool, but I don’t do it for the glory; I do it for the music,” says Griffen.

When asked what fuels his tiger spirit, Griffen replied, “My Tiger spirit is fueled by several things. First of all, the rest of the Pep Band is, obviously, crucial to my energy. If there were no Pep Band I’d just be some weirdo keeping time for his dance moves. The basketball team is usually pretty exciting too, especially when they dunk the ball or when Kirby makes miracle buzzer shots. The Tiger Dancers have some pretty sweet moves...I get a lot of dancing inspiration from them.”

And what does Cowbell Guy really want you to know about him? “What the student body should know about me is that I’m a Taurus who likes long walks on the beach and chocolate cake.”

There you have it. The mystery of Cowbell Guy has been uncovered.

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### Tigers Leave Stanford Invitational Victorious

**Athletic Media Relations**

Behind a dominant outing by Junior Chelsea Engle, now 2-2 in the 2008 season, Pacific picks up a 4-0 victory over the Santa Clara Broncos Sunday February 17, lifting them to 3-6 on the year.

A pitchers dual was the story for most of the contest despite a few hiccups and missed opportunities by both teams. Senior Alyce Jorgensen put the Tigers ahead in the first inning with a solo homerun to left center on the first pitch of her first at bat.

Jorgensen finished the day 2 for 3 while scoring a run and an RBI. Junior Lauren Weyman finished the day 2 for 3 as well.

One run was all the tigers would have needed but in the sixth the Tigers would take advantage of a Weyman leadoff single that kick started the Tigers rally. With three walks issued and Senior Mandy Hickman getting hit by a pitch the Tigers were able to bat completely through the lineup putting up an additional three runs and knocking Santa Clara’s starter Jerica Castagno out of the game.

Chelsea Engle with support of the Tigers four runs picked up her first shutout of the year. In seven complete innings Engle relinquished only five hits and three walks. In the fourth inning with a runner on second and one out Engle was able to get back to back ground balls hit to Junior Casey Goldsand and get out of the inning unscathed.

In the loss Castagno fell to 0-6 on the year and dropped Santa Clara to 0-10.

The Tigers return to action on Thursday February 21 at 8 p.m. against team USA in an exhibition match to start the Palm Springs Classic. Then Pacific will play #9 Oklahoma Friday February 22 at 5:30 p.m. to open the Palm Springs Classic.
Sports

Men's Tennis: Win Over UC Riverside

Pacific improves to 4-2 on the season

The Pacific men's tennis team defeated UC Riverside 6-1 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts in Stockton, Calif. on Feb. 17. With the win the Tigers improved to 4-2 on the season, 2-0 in Big West Conference play, while the Highlanders fell to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the Big West.

The Tigers won two of three matches to earn the doubles team point. At the No. 1 position Moritz Starke and David Gonzalez defeated the Carteledge and John Park 8-6, while Artem Gramma and Renan Gonzalez are now 3-1 together this spring and 5-2 on the year.

In singles play, the Tigers earned victories at the first five positions, with Gramma, Starke, Delsin and David Gonzalez each picking up straight set victories.

The Tigers will next return to action on Sunday, Feb. 24, hosting Sacramento State at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts in Stockton, Calif. The match will start at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis: Narrow Defeat

Aggies Squeak By Tigers, 4-3

At home against UC Davis, the Pacific women's tennis team could not hold on to an early lead over the Aggies as the Tigers fell, 4-3, on Monday, February 18, in their Big West Conference opener. The loss dropped the Tigers to 2-5 on the year and 0-1 in Big West play while the Aggies improved to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in conference action.

The day started well for the Tigers as they captured the doubles point against the Aggies, taking both the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles spots for the 1-0 lead. Sophomores Sasha Fisher and Svenja Arens teamed up at the No. 2 spot to get the Tigers their first win of the day, 8-4, over Jenna Kappel and Herzyl Legaspi. The win knotted the doubles play at one match a piece.

With the first point hanging in the balance, junior Jolanta Twarowska and freshman Olga Gemenyuk ran away with the No. 1 doubles spot with a convincing 8-3 win over Robin Guier and Randi Schuler.

Down one point, the Aggies were able to rally for the match with four straight singles wins, taking the top four singles spots in straight sets to capture the match win. Junior Clara Schuhmacher and Fisher continued to fight in their matches, taking the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots in straight set victories. However, their finishes came just after the Aggies were able to take home the fourth and final point they would need to capture that match.

Pacific will be back in action on Saturday, February 23, at home against Big West foe Cal State Northridge. The match is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Volleyball: Tough Loss In Five-Game to No. 10 Stanford

The Pacific men's volleyball team rallied from a two-game deficit to force a decisive fifth game, but dropped to 1-12 overall (1-0 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation), with a close loss to No. 10 Stanford on Friday, Feb. 15, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

The Tigers needed two games two get themselves started hitting .194 in the first frame and -.091 during game two. Stanford meanwhile, posted totals of .423 and .393 in route to 30-26 and 30-19 victories.

Pacific altered its lineup slightly as game three with only two starters from the Cardinal. Leading 12-10, a thunderous kill from Hendershot on the outside followed by a Stanford attack error forced Cardinal head coach Joe Wortmann to use his first timeout. Out of the break, senior Pekka Seppanen nailed his second kill of the match to push Pacific's lead to 15-10. and later taking game three, 30-24.

With the first point hanging a 14-10 lead and went on to win game five, 15-11.

Seppanen led the Tigers with 17 kills in the match and posted 11 digs to complete his second double-double of the season. Two other Tigers reached double figures in kills as Hendershot finished with 12 and Borchin delivered 11.

Romero led all attackers with 20 kills for the Cardinal, while Kawika Shoal finished with 19 kills.

The Tigers return to action on Friday, Feb. 22 as Pacific hosts Hawai'i at 8 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

(LEFT) Seppanen finished with 17 kills

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Athletic Media Relations

Before a record setting crowd of 1,815, the Pacific women’s basketball team defeated UC Irvine, 67-50, on Saturday, Feb. 16 as ‘Pacific Plays Pink’ in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The victory lifted the Tigers to 11-14 overall and 6-6 in the Big West Conference. UC Irvine, meanwhile, fell to 6-20 on the season and 2-10 in conference play.

The Tigers and Anteaters played back and forth basketball for much of the first half with neither team building a lead of more than four points through the first 13 minutes. Holding a 22-21 lead at the seven minute mark, UC Irvine surged ahead by five as Mary Has hit one of two free throws, then Kirian Ishizaki nailed the Anteater only three of the first half to boost UC Irvine’s lead to 26-21.

Pacific held the Anteater scoreless through the final 4:54 to cut the deficit to a single point behind two free throws from sophomore Jasmine Dana and a jumper by junior Karen Dawkins to send the game into the break at 26-25.

Two free throws from junior Amy VanHollebeke to open the second half gave the Tigers the lead at 27-26, but UC Irvine kept the game close until midway through the period.

Trailing 44-42 with 9:29 left in the game, the Tigers seized control behind a 14-0 run, VanHollebeke got the Tigers rolling on her first three pointer of the game to put Pacific back in front. Senior Kelsey Lavender notched the next five points for the Tigers on a short jumper and a three pointer. Sophomore Emma Head got in the act with two free throws, then VanHollebeke and junior Janae Young capped Tigers’ string on a layup and jumper to give Pacific a 56-44 lead with 2:54 to play.

The Tigers went on to earn the 67-50 victory.

Young led all scorers with 17 points, while VanHollebeke finished with 15 points and Dawkins posted 12 points. Young also finished with 12 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season. Dawkins also delivered her fourth double-double of the season with 11 rebounds.

Stephanie Duda led UC Irvine with 11 points in the loss.

The attendance of 1,815 set the single-game high for a Pacific women’s basketball contest, breaking the mark of 1,258 in 2003 when the Tigers defeated Cal State Northridge, 69-48, on Feb. 8.

The Tigers return to the court on Thursday, Feb. 21 when Pacific travels to Santa Barbara, Calif. to take on the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome.