Lindo, Zumout Win ASuop Presidential Election

Alex Ruano
Sports Editor

The week before spring break over 1,000 students went to the polls to elect next year's various positions within ASuop. After the votes were tallied, Edwin Lindo and Sophie Zumout were announced as next year's ASuop president and vice president. Lindo is currently a junior majoring in Business Administration and a Pre-law minor. Zumout is a junior majoring in Business Administration as well.

Lindo and Zumout are already working on easing the transition from current president, Josh Foster, and vice president, Max Barrosa.

"I know Sophie and I are going to get as much information from Josh and Max [as we can]," said Lindo.

Lindo wants to make sure that the incoming senators, along with himself and Zumout, are bringing the same commitment Foster and Barrosa brought this year right out the gate.

"We will work closely with [Foster and Barrosa] to finalize any plans they had put into motion," he said.

Lindo said he is not planning to change his and Zumout's plans for ASuop. He is, however, looking to supplement their plans with ideas brought up by other candidates who ran for president and vice president.

"[We want to work together with them] in formulating action plans for some of the great ideas they offered," said Lindo.

Lindo and Zumout will assume their roles late this semester.

Vice President of Uganda Speaks in Long Theatre
Lecture Continues "Eyewitness to History" Series

Devon Blount
Managing Editor

The current Vice President of Uganda, Professor Gilbert Bulibaeka Bukenya, visited campus on Tuesday, March 4, to discuss his country’s plans to tackle and alleviate poverty.

Bukenya said the Ugandan government has neglected its people in the past, creating financial intermediation, teaching the people financial indiscipline, and allowing government corruption.

"How is corruption presently being dealt with?" an audience member asked Professor Bukenya.

"It was being handled by the person responsible," Bukenya remarked, "they will be taken to court for a minimum of one year.

"But if a public servant is corrupted by another," Bukenya continued, "they will both be taken to court for a minimum of one year.

There is a system that is not just for seniors.

Career and Internship Faire a Success

Christine Le
Copy Editor

On Thursday, March 6 the Career and Internship Faire, held in Grace Covell Dining Hall was packed with over 500 students in attendance and over 80 employers looking to hire students.

There was a variety of employers, including Farmers Insurance Group, Frito-Lay, Inc. and the Peace Corps.

Employers displayed information about their companies or organizations with large posterboards, informational brochures and packets. They also had pens and snacks for students to take.

"A lot of the majors were represented by the variety of employers there, and I was quite impressed with the attendance," said Raj Matani, a junior Business Law major.

"It's a good event overall in that it helps people to realize that when it comes to job hunting, you have to start from the bottom and network as much as possible."

Students and employers got acquainted and discussed job and internship opportunities. Many employers collected students' resumes.

"I don't think the faire provided many opportunities for International Studies majors," remarked Vaughn Klebig, a senior International Studies major. "I'm surprised there were no employers from the national government, except for the Marine Corps. There should be a faire held for internships and a faire held for jobs, because there were more internship opportunities than there were job opportunities at this faire."

Organizers of the faire held a different view.

"It was amazingly successful this year," said Diane Farrell, Associate Director of the Career Resource Center.

"We got great feedback from the employers on how well dressed and prepared our students were. Furthermore, it's good to see from the good turnout that students are slowly becoming aware that this event is not just for seniors."
Books, Food, and Conversation at Literary Cuisine Today

It is not mandatory to have read the book in order to attend. One can come to merely listen to the conversation, meet and interact with members of the University community, and enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal based on the food from the book. It is put on by the William Knox Holt Memorial Library and Bon Appetit.

Today's Literary Cuisine will discuss Dashiell Hammett's The Maltese Falcon. The food served will be based on the menu at John's Grill in San Francisco, where the novel's fictional character Sam Spade dines.

The goal is to bring together food and literature in a very interesting and fun way, and to make it informal and relaxed enough so people can just come and wouldn't feel they have to study anything," said Fred Gertler, Dean of the Library. "People can just talk amongst themselves, for the most part."

Those interested in attending must register online at www.cafebonappetit.com/pacific/cafe_literarycuisine.asp. A fee of $10 is required.


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As of Literary Cuisine, you may register online for the two remaining Literary Cuisines of the semester. On April 15, Literary Cuisine will center on the book The Last Dinner on the Titanic, and on April 30, a history and demonstration of the salsa dance.

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March 9 to 15, 2008

Officer stopped a subject near the above location who they had warned of trespassing in the past. Subject was cited for trespassing and released.

ROBBERY ROSEMARIE LN 3-12-08
Sgt Bernardino was on his way home when he observed two subjects wrestling with another subject in the middle of the street. He flashed his high beams at the group and two of the subject ran. Sgt. Bernardino talked to the subject who remained and determined the other two were trying to take his property by force. Sgt. Bernardino called dispatch and Officer Alfred came to his assistance. They located both of the suspects, one which was a juvenile, and arrested them for attempted strong arm robbery.

TRAFFIC STOP KENSINGTON & MENDOCINO 3-12-08
Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic violations at 1:00 AM and determined the driver was under the influence. Driver was turned over to CHP for processing. A passenger in the vehicle had an outstanding warrant which they were arrested for.

TRESPASSING COWELL WELLNESS CTR. 3-10-08

When many Pacific students spent Spring Break relaxing at home or spending time with friends, students from the Center for Community Involvement (CCI) spent the week rebuilding a community in need.

Approximately 12 Pacific students traveled to New Orleans to work with Hurricane Relief programs in the area. Many neighborhood homes in New Orleans are still in shambles following the massive destruction from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Students residing in St. Bernard Parish, which was hit particularly hard by the hurricane and remains damaged today.

Jamie Balch, the student who organized the trip, said that CCI members built new homes in the 9th Ward district, worked with local pest control to target the growing rodent population, and restored a local elementary school to its former glory.

Students worked for roughly eight hours a day before having evenings free to explore downtown New Orleans.
Blood Drive Held on Campus

Aileen Shon
Staff Writer

Delta Blood Bank hosted a blood drive on March 4 and 6 in Grace Covell.

This year, a $300 scholarship was offered to participants who signed up for the blood drive. Volunteers had to form groups of 20 people and the group with the most students to sign up would win the award. The winner was Phi Delta Chi, which had 28 donors donate in their name.

According to Regina Driscoll, manager of donor operations at Delta Blood Bank, the organization’s goal was to have 100 volunteers donate blood. The goal was successfully reached with exactly 100 donors, the majority being UOP students.

There are more chances to donate blood with two more blood drives scheduled for May 1 and 5. People who have donated blood in January and March are eligible to donate again in May.

Top: Christine Osborne gets her blood pressure measured before donating blood. Bottom: A Pacific student receives a consultation during the blood drive that took place earlier this month.

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Questions new teachers may have as they seek jobs in the teaching profession.

One current student teacher said, “This event is a nice opportunity to meet the people that will be hiring us in the next few months and asking them what to expect in an interview for first year teachers.”

The career center also held a mini workshop on resume building and how to prepare for upcoming interviews. Overall, the event was a success for the Benerd School of Education and the future teachers.

Honoring Student Philanthropists

Melanie Rateman
Guest Writer

The Faith Davies Leadership Awards have proven to be a wonderful way to recognize the extraordinary academic and co-curricular accomplishments of Pacificans each spring. Davies, a 1926 alumna of Pacific, established a generous endowment upon her death to fund the awards program and enhance campus residential facilities. A member of the Board of Regents for over four decades, she was also known for her widespread philanthropy.

In an effort to commend students who embody the charitable persona of Davies herself, the Pacific Fund will be giving out a Student Philanthropy Award at this year’s leadership awards ceremony, scheduled for Friday, May 16, the day prior to commencement, at 1 p.m. in Grace Covell. The award will be granted to the student organization, club, or council that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to philanthropy.

Nominees must have achieved excellence in fundraising for a non-profit or civic group during the current academic year. The winner will receive a plaque and a $250 grant that must be used to support their organization’s fundraising efforts. The grant funds cannot be given directly to the charity; they must be used for the student group’s operational support.

Nomination forms can be obtained through the Division of Student Life at web.pacific.edu/x4967. xml and are due by Friday, March 21. Call 946-2365 or email dandersen@pacific.edu for more information. The Pacific Fund is proud to bestow this honor on some of the many civic-minded students at Pacific.

Faith Davies Student Leadership Awards

- Outstanding Student Leader Award
- Jesse Marks Co-Curricular Award
- Karen Derosa Outstanding Graduate Student Leader in Student Affairs Award
- Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award
- Community Service Award
- Student Organization of the Year Award
- Dochterman Outstanding Junior Scholarship
- Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring, and Counseling
- Pacific Tiger Award
- Pacific Fund Philanthropy Award

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Bukenya was emphatic when stating that those “who aren’t fighting corruption are wasting time.”

The time wasted could be spent working to improve the living conditions of the 80 percent of the nation that is employed in agriculture, a large portion in subsistence farming.

The raw materials from farming were being sold to other nations. Uganda then bought finished goods from those countries, a system that was more expensive than the alternative.

Bukenya talked of Uganda shifting gears and moving toward this alternative, which revolved around Uganda using the raw materials and manufacturing finished goods of its own. The only step missing was the knowledge of how to process the raw materials.

Bukenya called the shift to exporting processed and finished goods “a celebration of our work in Africa.”

They were beginning to spread the mentality that they should not export wood, but timber and, in turn, reap more benefits.

This agricultural transformation appeared to play a large part in improving the lifestyle of those in the impoverished majority.

“Rural housing changes are going to be very important for the well-being of our people,” Bukenya commented, while showing a picture of a Ugandan man beside his newly refurbished home formed from plaster and not the grass and clay typical of an impoverished family.

The School of International Studies has also begun to work with Bukenya as Uganda begins to emphasize science education. New secondary schools will be fully collaborating with Pacific.

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*Hazing in Professional Fraternities*

For years we have heard about the fight against hazing in social Greek organizations, now however, there is another facet of hazing that needs to be addressed. Professional fraternities have long been able to escape the constant preoccupation of the war against hazing.

Hazing includes any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person’s consent or lack of consent. It is important to understand that hazing comes in many shapes and sizes. Making a person guzzle a fifth of alcohol and making them memorize copious amounts of information are both forms of hazing, whether a person sees it that way or not. Also, the last part of the definition on hazing is very important. A student may or may not give their professional fraternity consent to require them complete assorted tasks, but this does not change the fact that they are hazing.

On Pacific’s campus, blatant acts of hazing are rarely seen with regards to social Greek organizations. However, professional fraternities blatantly haze their new members. Of course, they do not call this hazing; many members of professional fraternities will be offended at the idea that they are hazarding their members. This does not change the fact that they do subject their new members to difficult and demeaning tasks in order to “earn their place” in the respective organizations.

Different professional fraternities have different acts of hazing and there is a wide range that exists. While some professional fraternities haze often, others do not haze at all. Many professional fraternities on this campus have the tradition of requiring their members to carry around some sort of symbol for the organization itself. Students all over campus can be seen carrying around axes, roses, cow bones, and other assorted items. Yes, social Greek organizations have new members wear pledge pins, but these pins are not required to be worn at all times.

If a social Greek organization was seen making their new members carry something as disgusting as a cow bone around on their necks anywhere they go the campus could very possibly put the organization on probation. If a social Greek organization forced their new members to pass a test prior to letting them in to their group there would likely be an outcry from the public about hazing practices. If a social Greek organization had the audacity to force their new members to commit to a rigorous pledging process, let alone one that lasted over eight weeks, then Pacific might put them on probation or consider expelling them from the campus. But many professional fraternities do all these things and no one fights it. No one protests these acts of hazing.

Is it because professional fraternities do not have the stigmas that surround social Greek organizations? Is it because no one has noticed? Is it because professional fraternities are above respecting their new members? Or is it because no one cares?

Now, we at the Pacifican, realize that not all professional fraternities subject their new members to these hazing practices. Many do, however. We also realize that it is an unfortunate truth that many social Greek organizations do haze, whether they are on or off this campus. However, professional fraternities should be subject to the same punishments of hazing that the social Greek organizations are. Professional fraternities should not be allowed to debase their new members without the same repercussions as the social Greek organizations. College is hard enough without having to worry about whether you put your cow bone on in the morning.
That’s What She Said...

The Ladder Theory

A few years ago I complained to a male friend I couldn’t find a nice boyfriend. He explained I was wrong; no woman wants a nice boyfriend. If women did, we wouldn’t complain to our nice guy friends there are no good guys left. Instead, women want rich, good looking boyfriends who usually end up being jerks.

I instantly disagreed, but my friend then instructed me to look up the Ladder Theory to learn for myself what women really want. After reading the Theory, I was surprised at how right my friend really was. Now, it is time for me to share the genius that is the Ladder Theory.

The Theory was created in 1994 by Dallas Lynn with the help of Jared Whitson and can be found online at www.laddertheory.com. The basis of the Theory is that potential partners are placed on a ladder; higher rating individuals are placed higher.

Men and women use different rating systems. A man evaluates a woman 60% on looks, 30% on estimated chance of her putting out with minimal effort on his part, and 10% on other factors, including desperation. Women judge a man 50% on money and power, 40% on attractiveness (comprised of 50% physical attraction, 20% competition, 20% novelty, and 10% other) and a final 10% on “things women say they care about but don’t” such as intelligence, sensitivity, and sense of humor.

The higher a woman is on a man’s ladder, the more effort he’d give to have sex with her. Men will even try to sleep with those at the bottom of his ladder if he gets drunk enough—he just wouldn’t tell his friends. Hanging off the bottom of the ladder are the “ugly wolves,” but usually “fake teeth or the loss of several hundred pounds can move a woman up from wolf ugly.” Basically, men want to have sex with practically every woman. This is the fundamental reason why men and women can almost never be just friends.

Women, being more complicated than men, have two ladders. The first is the real ladder, similar to a man’s single ladder, although more exclusive. The second ladder is the friend ladder where the nice guys that she doesn’t want to have sex with are placed. Between the two ladders is the “abyss.”

A problem with women’s dual ladder system is men never know which ladder they are on. When a man, wrongly thinking he is on the real ladder, asks out a woman, he gets the “kiss of death.” She tells him she’d rather just be friends because he is just too nice and deserves someone better. Guys who unsuccessfully ladder hop end up falling into the abyss. This often leads to extreme awkwardness for several months and the likely end of the previous quasi friendship.

The biggest criticism of the Theory is that many girls claim that they do in fact, have strictly platonic male friends. Generally, males can’t be just friends with a female because he wants to get naked with her, but there are three exceptions within the Theory. Either the male friend is gay, currently having sex with someone much higher on his ladder, or is sober and finds his friend repulsive. In all other cases though, there is no real friendship between males and females. If given the chance, most males would love to sleep with their female friends barring the above exceptions.

Of course, not every woman is dating an investment banker pulling in $500,000 a year. Often women have to settle for less, usually because of their low ranking on their dream man’s ladder. She most likely loves her salesman husband; she just probably wishes he was a little bit richer or a little better looking.

If you still doubt the Theory, check it out online. Different scenarios are explained using the theory, lyrics from songs referencing the Theory are posted, and there is even a FAQ section. Take it with a grain of salt and a chuckle as you realize just how shallow we really are.

Easter: From a Non-Christian’s Perspective

Rachel Freeman
Staff Writer

To many people, Easter is an important holiday. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, marks the end of Lent, and the cute chocolate Easter bunnies taste so good. However, to some people like me, Easter has no significance. I am Jewish and my faith does not celebrate Easter.

I have no problem with Christians and all the people in the world who celebrate Easter. In fact, I have to admit, I love the chocolate too. Yet, I take issue with the fact that Pacific gives all students a day off the Monday after Easter, called Student Travel Day. I only recently learned that Student Travel Day is actually a day off to allow those students who went home for Easter to have time to get back to school. Why do some holidays get days off and others do not?

To me, it seems unfair that we have a winter break that coincides with Christmas. There are other major religious holidays that time of the year, yet our break only corresponds with Christmas. I celebrate many holidays throughout the year and am forced to decide whether to attend class or miss class for my holiday.

Just this past semester, I was forced to miss class for Rosh Hashanah, one of the two holiest days in Judaism. The class I missed was so strict about attendance that I was docked points for not attending. I even explained to my professor the significance of the holiday, but was told I would still lose points.

People who celebrate Christmas and Easter are not forced to make a decision about whether to attend class or celebrate their holiday. Why must people from other religions be forced to do so? Are other religions not as important?

It also puzzles me that even though Easter is on a Sunday, Pacific gives a day off on Monday. Holidays in many other religions do not necessarily fall on a weekend; therefore, not only are non-Christian students forced to miss class, they also do not have time to be with family.

It is not that I begrudge the day after Easter; I just think that everyone should have time to observe their holidays, no matter the religion.
Standing in line at the Summit in the middle of lunch hour is always a good lesson in human nature. The other day, a bunch of guys and I were waiting for our food when we saw a gorgeous female approach the television mounted in the corner.

In using the word “gorgeous,” I am not talking any counterfeit prettiness or “good from far but far from good” business. This woman had the looks to make Rachel Bilson jealous and was easily in the same league as Jessica Alba.

The hottie got to the TV and, like a three year old reaching for the cookie jar or that girl in the library from high school (you know, the one who should have been using the ladder?), she pressed the change button.

One of the unwritten rules of the Summit is that one of the TVs must always be on ESPN, especially in the noon hour when Sports Center catches us testosterone OD’ed guys on the athletic news de jour.

Ah, but not that jour. The Alba clone selected the television show “The Bold And The Beautiful,” which I understand lost the Nielsen battle among males to a dripping water faucet.

The guys in my company groaned, but admitted that they would suffer the humiliation of being seen in front of a TV playing TBBT if it meant spending time with the hottie. The other guys would understand, after all.

We could only dream for so long because the woman’s boyfriend arrived and started watching the show with her. Actually he watched her and glanced at the TV every time she looked his way.

Disgusting; what a jerk. A lucky jerk. Still in line, we analyzed the experience and drew a few generalized conclusions about the Summit, soap operas and pretty women:

- Placing TVs high off the ground was a brilliant idea.
- Guys who watch soap have beautiful girlfriends.
- Pretty women come to the summit in the lunch hour.
- Pretty women don’t want Sports Center.
- Guys need to make a choice between Sports Center and pretty women.
- The Summit is not a reliable place to watch Sports Center.

Another lunch, another beautiful woman, another lesson in human nature.

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Lifestyles

A Look At The Underdogs of Greek Life

Victor Mathiew
Guest Writer

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Xi Chi Sigma was founded on February 1, 2003. It was established as the first social Asian-interest fraternity on campus. Xi Chi Sigma was born from the ideals of honor, loyalty, respect, and brotherhood. With an emphasis on helping the local community, Xi Chi Sigma has annually produced Step It Up, a dance exhibition. Last year’s money raised was donated to Hopes Angels. Xi Chi Sigma will produce Step It Up again this May. Xi Chi Sigma, along with Habitat for Humanity, APIA Vote, the Asian Pacific Band, and Little Manila, demonstrates the need for Asian awareness both on campus and in the community. Xi Chi Sigma also takes pride in creating opportunities for those who are interested in leadership positions.

Rho Delta Chi was established on January 17, 1991 as the first Asian American sorority at the University of California, Riverside. The sorority was formed by 14 women to unite females of different backgrounds through the bonds of sisterhood and to provide services in the best interests of the community and their university. Through sisterhood, members hope to nurture personal growth and self-esteem as well as provide an environment for social interaction. They offer scholarships and study guides to aid in academic achievement. Through philanthropy and other related activities, members hope to increase Asian Awareness and to assist communities in need. Through activities with fraternities and sororities on campus, fundraisers, informals, formals, installation, and retreats, Rho Delta Chi hopes to gain knowledge about their members and their diverse cultures. Rho Delta Chi has four outstanding pillars they live by: Service, Sisterhood, Scholarships, and Social. Through these pillars, members create events to engage and help the community and become better-rounded individuals.

Omega Delta Phi (ODPhi) was founded on February 1, 2001.

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Spring Break On The Big Island

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

While everyone else was partying or relaxing over Spring Break, Dr. Rademacher’s Geology of Hawaii class was on a field trip in Hawaii. The students applied what they learned in class to what they saw on the island.

Hawaii was formed by volcanoes erupting from the sea floor, making it one the best place for geological studies. The class received an in-depth tour of Hawai'i's Big Island from Dr. Rademacher and her colleague from Mills College, Kristina Paul. Guests from the University of Illinois also joined the class as teacher’s aides.

The students visited the large volcanoes, Mauna Loa, Kilauea, and Mauna Kea, only one of which is still active, to compare the different stages of a volcano's life. They went to the top of Mauna Loa to explore the Mauna Loa Observatory, which monitors the atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Kilauea is the only active volcano on the island, so they were able to navigate around the lava and get up close to the volcano opening.

One day was reserved for hanging out at Hilo, where the students could go kayaking, shopping, or sunbathing along the beach. A visit to Kuriitstown, 10 miles south of Hilo, was a must for Professor Kurtis Burmeister, who also went on the trip.

Professor Burmeister said that everyone had fun on the trip and that they enjoyed surveying the topography of the island more than the free day at Hilo.

Vagina Monologues
Tuesday, March 25th, 2008
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Pacific Theatre
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Xi Chi Sigma was founded on February 1, 2003. It was established as the first social Asian-interest fraternity on campus. Xi Chi Sigma was born from the ideals of honor, loyalty, respect, and brotherhood. With an emphasis on helping the local community, Xi Chi Sigma has annually produced Step It Up, a dance exhibition. Last year’s money raised was donated to Hopes Angels. Xi Chi Sigma will produce Step It Up again this May. Xi Chi Sigma, along with Habitat for Humanity, APIA Vote, the Asian Pacific Band, and Little Manila, demonstrates the need for Asian awareness both on campus and in the community. Xi Chi Sigma also takes pride in creating opportunities for those who are interested in leadership positions.

Rho Delta Chi was established on January 17, 1991 as the first Asian American sorority at the University of California, Riverside. The sorority was formed by 14 women to unite females of different backgrounds through the bonds of sisterhood and to provide services in the best interests of the community and their university. Through sisterhood, members hope to nurture personal growth and self-esteem as well as provide an environment for social interaction. They offer scholarships and study guides to aid in academic achievement. Through philanthropy and other related activities, members hope to increase Asian Awareness and to assist communities in need. Through activities with fraternities and sororities on campus, fundraisers, informals, formals, installation, and retreats, Rho Delta Chi hopes to gain knowledge about their members and their diverse cultures. Rho Delta Chi has four outstanding pillars they live by: Service, Sisterhood, Scholarships, and Social. Through these pillars, members create events to engage and help the community and become better-rounded individuals.

Omega Delta Phi (ODPhi) was founded on February 1, 2001.

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Spring Break On The Big Island

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

While everyone else was partying or relaxing over Spring Break, Dr. Rademacher's Geology of Hawaii class was on a field trip in Hawaii. The students applied what they learned in class to what they saw on the island.

Hawaii was formed by volcanoes erupting from the sea floor, making it one the best place for geological studies. The class received an in-depth tour of Hawai'i's Big Island from Dr. Rademacher and her colleague from Mills College, Kristina Paul. Guests from the University of Illinois also joined the class as teacher's aides.

The students visited the large volcanoes, Mauna Loa, Kilauea, and Mauna Kea, only one of which is still active, to compare the different stages of a volcano's life. They went to the top of Mauna Loa to explore the Mauna Loa Observatory, which monitors the atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Kilauea is the only active volcano on the island, so they were able to navigate around the lava and get up close to the volcano opening.

One day was reserved for hanging out at Hilo, where the students could go kayaking, shopping, or sunbathing along the beach. A visit to Kuriitstown, 10 miles south of Hilo, was a must for Professor Kurtis Burmeister, who also went on the trip.

Professor Burmeister said that everyone had fun on the trip and that they enjoyed surveying the topography of the island more than the free day at Hilo.

Vagina Monologues
Tuesday, March 25th, 2008
8:00 p.m.
Pacific Theatre
Students $8, General $12

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The Rules of Shotgun--
A Ride You Will Never Forget

Devon Blount
Managing Editor

Ever end up arguing with friends after they have blurted out “Shotgun!” and you are nowhere near a vehicle?

“You can only call it when you can see the car.”

“Yeah, see that little speck up there? That’s right, CAR.”

This is the rare occasion when the game of Shotgun gets to the Challenge, which would be when the challenger and the challenged must race to the car. But, let us back up and look at all the rules.

1. YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE AND WITHIN SIGHT OF THE CAR TO CALL SHOTGUN.
Variations:
- The Barefoot Rule: You must have your shoes on in order to call shotgun. Those who grab their shoes and rush out the door, before those who take the time to clothe themselves, can call shotgun, but said call will be ignored.
- The Re-entry Rule: If you have returned inside after calling shotgun, you must re-call shotgun upon coming outside. When you go inside, it is fair for anyone else to call shotgun, if they abide by all the rules.

2. ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS WILL BREAK TIES
If there happens to be multiple calls, and if it is difficult to declare a winner, a decision can be made with a simple round of Best out of Three Rochambeau.

3. LINE-OF-SIGHT
Shotgun cannot be called unless the vehicle is within your sight line. This rule applies to all cases, whether around the corner from a car, or having walked miles to get to the vehicle.

4. THE DRIVER HAS FINAL SAY
No matter what the case, the driver of the vehicle has all final decisions about the call.

But then, of course, there are the MANY exceptions:

Amendment I
Once a hand is on the door or handle of the passenger-side door or someone has sat in the passenger seat, shotgun cannot be called. At this point, you have lost your privilege and shotgun was not-verbally called; the seat had already been claimed.

Amendment II
If you have successfully won shotgun, your win will be in void if, when the doors are being unlocked, you jump the gun and pull the handle too early, not allowing your door to unlock.

Amendment III
With multiple cars, you must call the name of the car owner with shotgun: i.e. “Shotgun Tony” or “Shotgun Sam”. This is for clarification purposes.

Amendment IV
When leaving the car to accomplish something, you void your “shotgun” call, and others, whether in the car or not, can call shotgun according to regular rules. You can continue to keep your claim on the seat by remaining seated. Those who stake claim on a seat for extended periods are referred to as “gapers”. Gapers are typically people who will alter their regular behavior in order to win shotgun, sometimes remaining in the seat for 2 months or a few weeks at a time.

Amendment V
If any of the three main rules are broken, your shotgun call will be in void.

Amendment VI
In the case of significant others, the significant other shall be awarded shotgun automatically.

Amendment VII
When the car’s owner is not driving, the owner will be automatically awarded shotgun.

Amendment VIII
You can also call shotgun for other seats in the vehicle i.e. “back-right”, “not back-right”, “not middle-back”, etc.

Amendment IX
Shotgun may only be called if ALL passengers of the vehicle are outside.

Amendment X
The owner of the vehicle decides which Amendments to institute.

Amendment XI
The passenger who has shotgun MUST serve as the car’s navigational system, which includes reading directions, looking at maps and watching for roads signs. It is also the responsibility of the passenger who has shotgun to take control of the radio and air conditioning; the driver has final say over the settings. If the passenger with shotgun is caught forgetting duties or making bad decisions, the privilege of shotgun can and will be revoked according to the judgment of the driver. This revoke cannot take place if a significant other or the car’s owner has shotgun.

Amendment XII
The driver has the right to change any or all rules of shotgun, including the rule of Rochambeau, the significant other rule, etc, as well as altering any of the amendments.

Amendment XIII
The car’s owner will forever have authority over the driver and therefore can change or challenge any rules or decisions made by the driver.

Amendment XIV
The No Bitch rule: Bitch is the middle seat in the back, or the trunk. The passenger who forgets to call “No Bitch,” or is the last to call must ride bitch.

Amendment XV
In the event that there are fewer passengers than capacity would allow, there must always be someone riding shotgun, chauffeuring is frowned upon.

Amendment XVI
Shotgun can only be received if it is called. Saying “shotgun” within another context i.e. “Did anybody call shotgun?” cannot be considered a claim.

Use this knowledge wisely. Do not attempt to call shotgun before you have come to full realization of what you might be getting yourself into. Do not run errands without preparing yourself for possible disappointment when you leave the car and your seat has been taken. Or you could not worry about where you sit in a car and live life as if you have never called shotgun before. For a pocket Rules of Shotgun guide, visit www.shotgunrules.com.
Saint Patrick’s Day: More Than Just High Sales for Guinness

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

Currently, St. Patrick’s Day is looked at as the day of corned beef and cabbage and drunken fun. However, there is an actual story behind its origins.

Saint Patrick’s Day began originally as a period in the time of the Catholic Lent. On this day, the Irish Catholics would indulge on all that is usually forbidden during Lent like eating meat, dancing or drinking. On this day, people would attend mass in the morning and evening and celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, Patrick.

Patrick lived in the fourth century A.D. in Britain. The Irish Raiders attacked his family estate when he was 16 years old, and took him prisoner.

There is dispute over where his captivity took place. Nonetheless, it is known to have a duration of about six years. Saint Patrick spent these years by himself and worked as a shepherd. Stripped of all hope, Saint Patrick turned to Christianity and became a devout Christian. Documents written by Saint Patrick have been recovered and in his writings, he discusses hearing a voice from God.

He finally escapes his captivity, and after walking 200 miles to the Irish Coast and escaping to Britain, reports a sighting of an angel, who tells him to return to Ireland and spread the Christian faith.

He worked with the Irish Christians already in Ireland and started to convert people to his faith. There are many traditions that are related to St. Patrick’s Day, such as the annual kissing of the blarney stone to the wearing of green outfits.

Unusually, the first Saint Patrick’s Day parade did not take place in Ireland. The tradition of the parades were actually started in the U.S. by Irish immigrants who were homesick in the year 1737.

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nationally at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas on November 25 1987. Since then ODPhí has grown to have chapters at more than 40 universities. ODPhí is a Multicultural Service/Social fraternity. On January 26, ODPhí celebrated five years on the University of the Pacific campus.

Because ODPhí is a community service based fraternity, members pride themselves on hands on service events, such as hosting Young Knights leadership academy, adopt-a-highway, adopt-a-park, St. Mary’s dining hall and annual events at the Stockton homeless shelter. The gentlemen also pride themselves on stepping and strolling and are looking forward to Strolling 101, a stroll competition to be held during the fall semester. For more information, check out ODPhí’s national website OmegaDeltaPhi.com, or Pacific’s chapter at ODPhí.org. We also encourage you to check out some of the step-and-stroll videos on YouTube; just type in ODPhí. The Knights of Omega Delta Phi live by their sacraments of Unity, Honesty, Integrity and Leadership. The members of MGC would like to invite everyone to our informational session on Thursday, March 20, to learn more about the organizations and meet the members. The event will take place in the Regiment’s Room at 7 p.m. For more information on any of these organizations, feel free to inquire in the Housing and Greek Life office, on the second floor of Bannister Hall.

Reach Out!

The Reach Out Groups Competition is a contest of community service between University recognized fraternities, sororities, halls, and clubs. The competition will have two winners: the organization that completes the highest number of service hours total, and the organization that has the highest average of service hours per member.

The Reach Out Volunteer Celebration will be held May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Grace Covell Dining Hall. Recognizing organizations who win the Reach Out Groups competition, as well as individual volunteers who complete over 50 hours of service.

Prizes for individual volunteers include:

- 5 Hour Club = Reach Out Wristband
- 10 Hour Club = Reach Out Sticker
- 25 Hour Club = $35 ASUOP voucher good for trips & tickets
- 50 Hour Club = Sweatshirt & recognition at the Reach Out Celebration
- Century Club = iPod & recognition at the Reach Out Celebration

The volunteer with the highest total number of community service hours receives a $500 donation in his or her name to a non-profit organization of his or her choice. Remember to go to www.pacific.edu/reachout to log your hours!

Reach Out Groups Competition Rankings as of March 20:

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Check- Up from the Neck-Up

Rosie Burrell
Vice President of Public Relations, Panhellenic

The Counseling Center is hosting a mental health awareness week this week: “Check- up from the Neck- up.” The event is aimed at dealing with the stresses of college life, particularly time management, study habits, poor sleeping habits, body image, and alcohol awareness.

Kristina Wang, a counselor at the center, will talk to the Panhellenic sororities about stress as it applies to women. Some issues that will be discussed include relationships, the importance of a healthy body image, and group dynamics.

Greek organization members often work in large groups to plan service events, dinners, or dances, and must learn to collaborate with others, toward a common goal. However, group projects can be stressful, so Wang hopes to target some of the reasons behind that stress by giving the women tips on how to deal with it.

Staff from the Counseling Services will be in the McCaffrey Center Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to give student free screenings for some of these stressors, such as alcohol use and body image. Everyone who takes a screening will be entered in a raffle for a lot of great prizes, including an iPod Nano! Make sure to check it out!

Ghinggis Khan’s Delicious Mongolian BBQ

Seema Ghatnekar
Staff Writer

The Ghinggis Khan Mongolian BBQ restaurant is a traditional Mongolian restaurant, featuring a do-it-yourself type of dining experience.

Located at 2233 Grand Canal Blvd. in Stockton, it is only a five minute drive from campus. This restaurant is easy to find, and generally has a relatively short wait time.

Upon entering the restaurant, the atmosphere is slightly confusing, but once you are seated and informed of the process, you are in for a treat.

First, you are served two types of appetizers. One is a sweet type of cracker, and the other is a sort of crunchy, salty noodle to keep you occupied while you wait.

Next, you go on to a long buffet style table featuring various types of frozen meat, followed by noodles, vegetables, and different sauces. There are tips above the station which provide you with the “famous recipe” of how to combine the ingredients in order to create a bowl that is well worth the effort. At the end of the line, there are two or three chefs who will cook your bowl of selected ingredients. The bowl of your mixed ingredients is thrown upon a huge, circular skillet and is sautéed to perfection.

Since this is an all-you-can-eat restaurant, you can mix it up a bit with different amounts of meat and different combinations of sauces. The food is extremely filling, and the $8.95 dining experience makes it even more worthwhile.

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James Graham Named Head Men’s Water Polo Coach

Media Relations

University of the Pacific Director of Athletics Lynn King has announced the hiring of James Graham as head men’s water polo coach.

Graham has spent the past five seasons at Santa Rosa Junior College, building the Bear Cubs into a state power at the JC level. He led Santa Rosa JC to a record of 86-50-1 over his five years, including a third place finish at the California State Championships in 2007. The third place finish was the highest in school history, coming on the heels of a Big 8 Conference championship. For his efforts in 2007, he was named Big 8 Conference Coach of the Year. He won the same award in 2006, in addition to Northern California Coach of the Year honors, after leading the Bear Cubs to the Northern California championship.

“We are pleased to welcome James,” said King. “He has established a remarkable reputation in a very short period of time, and he brings an enthusiasm that is contagious.”

“I feel very honored and fortunate to be a part of University of the Pacific’s athletics program and its long history of success,” said Graham. “I look forward to taking this great group of players and becoming a team and a family together.”

From 2005-07, James served as the assistant coach for the United States National Youth Team, and recently traveled to Europe with the USA Men’s Senior National Team as a part of their staff for the World Super Finals. James has also been the head coach for the National 2-Meter Development Camp and Holiday Camp held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., over the past three years. In addition, he has been a coach at the Camp of Champions annually held in Long Beach, Calif. James has coached since 1997, and has been instrumental in starting water polo clubs in three different cities in Sonoma County.

James began his collegiate water polo career at Santa Rosa JC, where he played for two years. He was named All-America Honorable Mention and All-Northern California in 1999. James transferred to University of Redlands, and played for the Bulldogs from 2001-02. During his time there, the team finished first in Division III both years. James was a two-time Academic All-American at University of Redlands, and earned All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors as a senior.
Pacific Pep Band Wins Big West Battle of the Bands

Kent Linthicum
Guest Writer

The Big West Basketball Tournament is an important event for the University and our athletics. It is the stepping-stone for our Men’s and Women’s teams on their way to the NCAA tournament; a time for one of the larger assemblies of Alumni and current students to cheer their Tigers on to victory. The Pep Band is there for it all, playing, cheering, and chanting all the way, but one part of the tournament is all about the Pep Band: the Battle of the Bands.

The Big West Battle of the Bands is a contest in Downtown Disney for all the bands at Big West. For this event there can be up to nine bands trying to out play each other. The Disney ‘referee’ moderates and tries to keep the battle civil. He also polls the crowd, who ultimately decides the victor.

This year there were seven bands in attendance: the Cal Poly Mustang Band, the CSU Fullerton Pep Band, the CSU Northridge Matador Pep Band, the CSU Long Beach Spirit Band, UCI Anteater Band, UCSB Gaucho Pep Band, and of course, the Pacific Pep Band. The Pacific Pep Band played four songs during the competition. Pacific started out with “Separate Ways” by Journey.

In a short break Nick, “The cowbell guy” Griffen was interviewed. Other bands tried to claim the same cowbell prowess as Nick, but ultimately fell short. The fight song was next, with a rousing rendition of “Hungry Tigers” by the Pep Band. At the next musical opportunity, the Pep Band played “Proud Mary” by Tina Turner. This was the Band’s shout out to the Tiger Dancers and the Pacific Cheer Squad, who were at every game with the Band cheering and dancing along. For the final song the Pep Band pulled out its favorite: “Malaguena” by Ernesto Lecouna. After completing a quarter of the song, time was up and vote tallying began.

The referee took votes from the crowd. There were large groups of fans but nothing compared to the Tiger Fans. Orange ruled the day, but there was one last member of the crowd that needed to be convinced: a young boy named Hunter. He was taken around the arena to meet all the bands. Some bands tried to bribe him with money or instruments. The Pacific Pep Band understood that all was not fair in either love or the Battle of the Bands. A Tiger balloon was quickly brought forth for Hunter as the members of the band greeted him. After having been taken full circle, the microphone was given to Hunter and he was asked which band was his favorite. His answer was simple, but perfect: the orange one. The Pacific Pep Band erupted in cheers and began their last song: “Eye of the Tiger.”

Nathan Davidson, a Pacific Pep Band percussionist, gave a tambourine, with the Powercat logo painted on, to Hunter, the honorary Tiger. Members of the other bands came by to complement the Pep Band. When all the equipment was packed up, the Pep Band turned to head home. Walking back through Downtown Disney, they chanted ‘Go Pacific, Go Pacific’ and it echoed through the buildings. Everyone knew what great university this band represented.

Directed by Kaitlin Bove, the Pacific Pep Band is honored to be able to bring spirit and enthusiasm to university events at home or away.
Pacific Basketball Gets Close, But Falls in Big West Tournament

Athlete Profile:

Joey Rossi

Jessie Lucas
Guest Writer

Joey Rossi is a very dedicated athlete. He spent most of his spring break training. A third-year water polo player, Rossi adheres to a strict schedule and pushes himself to meet it everyday. He refuses to sleep past 10 a.m. because “I feel like it's a waste of a day. I actually get mad if I oversleep.” Not only is he strict about his sleeping, but also about his diet. Rossi admits that his diet seems absurd to most people. “I get made fun of for it quite a bit,” he said.

Rossi plays as the passer and shooter on the polo team. He said that sometimes passing is harder than scoring. Because Rossi is left-handed, he has an advantage when playing the right side of the pool. “It gives the keeper something to think about because most players are right handed.”

In the pool, Joey Rossi makes a Jekyll and Hyde transformation. Though he is constantly smiling and laidback in his day-to-day activities, he is very aggressive in the water. “Some of my friends or teachers who come to watch the games tell me that I'm a totally different person when I play,” he said, “They would never have guessed I was so aggressive.”

When he is not in the pool, Rossi gets a thrill out of pushing himself during weight training. “I love training because that's the time where I can better myself and push myself to the breaking point. That's one of the best parts of the sport.”

He gives credit to his coaches Dave, Tom, and Marcus, who have inspired him to be a strength trainer after graduation.

Rossi has encountered many obstacles on his way to becoming a water polo player at Pacific. Being a farm boy from Modesto, he did not get a lot of respect from his peers. Yet, their words of discouragement did not stop this dedicated player. “It pushed me to work even harder,” he said. He would go to the pool before it opened and asked the janitors to open it for him. “I made friends with them pretty fast,” he said.

Rossi trains over 20 hours a week with his team and adds more than 10 hours for personal enjoyment. He has suffered strained muscles and broken bones, but he pushed through the pain. “I often get coaches asking me ‘How fast are you, Joey?’ but I just tell them ‘I'll be as fast as you need me to be, as strong as you need me to be, Coach.’”

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

The Women's and Men's Basketball teams headed to Anaheim last week to compete in the Big West Basketball Tournament. Both teams placed high enough before the start of the tournament to bypass the first round of games and commence play in the quarter-final rounds on Thursday, March 13.

The day began with an annual pep rally for the teams and the fans that traveled to support Pacific. The Pep Band played, the Tiger Dancers and the Pacific Cheerleaders performed, Lynn King spoke, Head Coaches spoke, and there was a raffle. By the end, both the teams were pumped up and ready to play.

The Women's team played first, at 2:30 p.m., against Cal Poly. Pacific played a spirited and powerful game; however, in the end, they fell to Cal Poly 79-76. Pacific ended the season with a 14-16 record and Cal Poly moved on to play UC Santa Barbara with a 13-18 record. With the loss, Pacific's Women's team was out of the tournament.

At 8:30 p.m. the Men's team took on UC Irvine. Though Pacific had a slow start, the game very quickly became a back-and-forth battle for the lead. In the end, the team fell to Irvine 57-56, missing their last chance at a shot. Pacific finished their season with a record of 21-10.

Though both teams did not make it further than the quarter-final round, each put out its best efforts and made the fans in attendance proud.