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United States Diving into a Recession

Stockton the Epicenter of Subprime Crisis

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

It is well known that the economy is, or is heading towards, a recession. Most are aware of the record breaking foreclosure rates. It has been reported that one out of every 10 homes financed in Stockton will be foreclosed upon. The high foreclosure rates in the country affect all homes, not just the foreclosed.

Because there are so many houses for sale and not enough buyers, prices have fallen considerably. People are holding off on buying homes because they expect the prices to fall more which makes prices fall further as demand decreases.

Nationwide, homeowners are losing billions of dollars in equity as well. Equity is gained when property goes up in value. For example, if a house were purchased for $200,000 and three years later it was appraised for $350,000; the owner would have $150,000 in equity which could become profit upon selling the house at the appraised value. When people lose equity due to property value falling, they are losing money. When people lose money, they spend less money on goods and services, slowing the economy.

In order to measure the size of the economy and any changes, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) must be calculated. This measures the value of all final goods and services produced in America. Now that people are spending less money, less is being produced, causing GDP to fall.

As a result of foreclosures, banks have lost billions of dollars, and are now more concerned about their risk.

Involvement Program
Opens Doors to Stockton Community

Nate Wenger
Staff Writer

University of the Pacific's Community Involvement Program (CIP) is one of a kind community service based scholarship program offered to qualified Stockton high school graduates and Delta College transfer applicants. The program is designed for first generation college students who meet Pacific's admissions standards, qualify for both the Cal and Pell grants, and have shown commitment to serving the community through volunteering or other types of community service. CIP operates under Pacific's SUCCESS program, headed by Executive Director, Anita Bautista.

Founded in 1969 by students, faculty, and administration, as well as concerned community members, CIP has graduated over 700 outstanding alumni, including astronaut and Board of Regents' Jose Hernandez, and singer Chris Isaac. There are currently 124 students throughout the University in the program, with a record 158 total applicants competing for this year's scholarships. CIP hopes to grow to 140 current students 2011. Unfortunately for current students, the program is only offered to incoming students and transfers.

CIP serves as one of Pacific's vital doors to the Stockton community. The program's intent is to attract appreciative local students who understand the importance of a college education. On average, members in the program will do 15 hours of community service per semester, though many go above and beyond all expectations. Utilizing the SUCCESS program, students serve the community while preparing themselves for life after college.

Outstanding Senior:
Zach Gottlieb

Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

Zach Gottlieb is a senior with a Pre-Law minor. He hopes to enter into Sports Law when he finishes school. He wants to attend Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, and to return to Pacific for two more years to take part in the Graduate Assistantship in the Athletics Department to earn a Masters in Sports Business Administration.

Zach chose University of the Pacific because it is one of the few institutions that offers Sports Management as an undergraduate degree. In addition, the small classroom size enables students to achieve to the best of their ability. Not only do students get to know their professors here at Pacific, professors know their students by name, creating wonderful professor-student relationships.

Academically as well as professionally, Zach believes Pacific prepared him very well for his future goals. He credits the school's emphasis on academic excellence.

Currently, Zach works as the public address manager at all the athletics events, and as the public address manager at all the athletics events.

Photograph courtesy of Zach Gottlieb

Senior Zach Gottlieb, seen pictured with the Power Cat, is studying sports management with a pre-law minor.

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Non-Stop Library Hours

Alleen Shon
Staff Writer

For all you late night studiers, there is good news: the main campus library will be open non-stop for three separate weeks in April and May. IC computers, study areas, and some circulation services will be available to students. Also, the Davey Café will be open until midnight during these weeks. Students are encouraged to use Public Safety for escort home from the library. Public Safety can be reached at (209) 946-2537. Students should call in advance for rides.

The library will be open to students:

- Sunday, April 6 11:00 a.m. – Friday, April 11 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4 11:00 a.m. – Friday, May 9 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 11 11:00 a.m. – Wednesday, May 14 11:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
March 23 – 29, 2008

ANIMAL
ART BUILDING (WALKWAY) 3-23-08
Officer responded to a report of an injured cat. Animal control responded to assist in the matter.

UNIVERSITY REG
GRACE COVELL 3-24-08
Officers responded to a report of subjects on top of the roof smoking marijuana. Officers contacted the subjects and determined they were not smoking marijuana. Subjects were issued university cites for being on the roof.

CASUALTY
RITTER HOUSE 3-24-08
Officer responded to a report of an ill female. Officer transported the casualty to the hospital.

THEFT
RAYMOND LODGE 3-24-08
Victim reported money stolen from her purse while it was unattended. Officer responded and initiated a report.

THEFT
JOHN BALLANTYNE 3-24-08
Victim reported a calculator stolen from his room. Officer responded and initiated a report.

FALSE REPORT
LOT 2 3-24-08
Officers responded to a report of a reckless driver in the area. Officer determined the call was a prank call. Dispatch was able to trace the cell phone and officers made contact with the suspect at his residence. Suspect admitted to calling in the prank and was warned for filing a false report.

FIELD CHECKOUT
MENDOCINO AVE 3-25-08
Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject. Officer learned the subject had an outstanding warrant and advised to contact the courts to clear the warrant.

VANDALISM
LOT 6 3-25-08
Victim reported his vehicle was vandalized. Officer initiated a report.

VANDALISM
MEMORIAL LIBRARY 3-26-08
Officers responded to a report of an unknown liquid substance poured on several chairs in the library and initiated a report.

THEFT
ROTUNDA 3-26-08
Staff reported a projector was taken from the building. Officer responded and initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
GRACE COVELL 3-26-08
Officer responded to a report of a broken window. Officer initiated a report of the incident.

NOISE COMPLAINT
DAVE BRUBECK 3-27-08
Officer responded to a noise complaint. Resident was advised if an officer responds again, they will be cited.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT
UNIVERSITY CENTER 3-27-08
SPD reported a minor traffic accident on President’s Dr. Officer contacted the driver who did not require a report.

THEFT
BAHN FITNESS CENTER 3-28-08
Victim reported his wallet and cell phone were stolen when he left his backpack unattended. Officer responded and was unable to locate the suspect and initiated a report.

THEFT
FAYE SPANOS 3-28-08
Officers and medics responded to a report of an intoxicated juvenile. Juvenile was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

VANDALISM
STAGG WAY 3-29-08
Victim reported her cell phone was stolen from her purse when she left it unattended. Officer went to the victims home to take a report and no one was home.

ARREST
FAYE SPANOS 3-28-08
Officer arrested a male subject for disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. Subject was transported to the county jail.

ARREST
PACIFIC CIR 3-28-08
Officer conducted a checkout of a male subject and learned the subject had two outstanding warrants. Subject was warned for the warrants and released.

VANDALISM
SPANOS CENTER 3-29-08
Officer responded and initiated a report.

ALCOHOL TRANSPORT
SPANOS CENTER 3-29-08
Officer arrested a male subject at an event for public intoxication. Subject was transported to the county jail.

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Victim reported her cell phone was stolen from her purse when she left it unattended. Officer went to the victims home to take a report and no one was home.

ARREST
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Officer arrested a male subject for smoking marijuana. Officer determined the call was a prank call. Dispatch was able to trace the cell phone and officers made contact with the suspect at his residence. Suspect admitted to calling in the prank and was warned for filing a false report.

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PCF Brings Attention to Homelessness

Andrew Summers
Guest Writer

Tomorrow, April 4th, the University of the Pacific will be hosting its first Homelessness Awareness Night. Sponsored by the Pacific Christian Fellowship, the event is geared towards making Pacific students aware of the homeless problem in Stockton and also making them aware that there are many ways that they can help. Tomorrow evening, the Dining Hall will be doing an outdoor BBQ on WPC Lawn for students on the meal plan. During that time, various Stockton organizations who offer services for the homeless will have booths set up with information for students. They will also have volunteer opportunities available, from clerical work and painting at some shelters, to tutoring and playing with kids at others. St. Mary’s Interfaith Dining Hall, the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless, Haven of Peace, and the Center for Positive Prevention Alternatives will all be represented.

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At 7:30 p.m., there will be a showing of The Purge of Happiness on WPC Lawn. This event is free and open to everyone. After the film around 9:30 p.m., students will be given the chance to sleep outside at various locations around campus to experience homelessness for one night. The sleep-out, co-sponsored by the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, will be followed by breakfast and a short discussion on Saturday morning. Students wishing to participate in this part of the event can meet at the WPC Lawn at 9:30 p.m. when groups will form and head to their sleeping locations.

Many students on campus do not realize how big of a problem homelessness is. In a given year it is estimated that 3,500,000 people experience homelessness in the United States. In Stockton alone, there are 2,700 people per night without a permanent home. Organizers are hopeful that the Pacific community will get involved to both raise awareness and to help solve the problem by any means possible.

Internship Grants: Have a Sweet Summer

Scholarship grants for a summer internship will enable students to sign up for 2-4 units, only paying for half of the tuition charge. "Now that we have your attention, sign up for a summer internship grant today and lower the cost of your internship unit by half," said Prof. Keith Hatches, ELOC Director.

The Experiential Learning Oversight Committee (ELOC) is offering this special tuition remission for the third year, to encourage students to participate in the internship program. For more information contact, the Career Resource Center at (209) 946-2361 or www.pacific.edu/studentlife/crc
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careful with whom they give loans to. Even if someone wants to buy a house they may not be able to without very good credit. Banks being more selective creates a "credit crunch" which applies to all types of loans as well, including car and personal loans.

Banks cannot lend out as much money as they were before because people have not been able to pay their mortgages. Many unpaid mortgages are subprime loans, given to people with poor credit ratings. The problem with subprime loans is they may come with an adjustable interest rate rather than a fixed rate. This means that the bank can increase the interest rate which increases the mortgage payment for the homeowner. Many homeowners found that they could not pay their monthly mortgage last year, perhaps due to that fluctuating interest rate, which led to house after house being foreclosed upon.

Right now, several things are being done in order to keep this economic crunch from becoming a disaster. The Federal government has approved an economic stimulus package that will give $600 to approved an economic stimulus package that will give $600 to couples in May. The government hopes that the receivers of the refund will spend it on goods and services.

By putting more money into the economy, the Bush administration and Congress hope to stop the falling GDP.

In order to get banks to keep loaning money out to individuals, the Federal Funds Rate has been lowered by the Federal Reserve. This rate is the interest rate at which the banks loan funds to other banks if they run out of reserved cash due to outstanding loans.

Professor of Economics, Dr. Bill Herrin, a specialist in this type of economics, worked in Washington, D.C. last year for the Federal Housing Finance Board as Senior Research Economist. He did not hesitate before stating "we are pretty clearly in a recession and [the Federal Reserve] wants to stimulate aggregate demand [by lowering the interest rate]."

Right now, the federal funds rate has been lowered considerably and it may still be lowered. How bad can this recession get? The economy has naturally fluctuated since industrialization and there is one thing to be sure of: the economy has always come back up.

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for graduate or professional school.

Pacific conducts internal program reviews every six years, and CIP was one of three programs reviewed last year. In the review, it was determined that the program should have its own full-time director rather than sharing the position with Multicultural Affairs. The current director, Ines Ruiz-Huston, has held the position for seven years.

CIP is very excited to have obtained funding for a 100% full time director, and the Division of Student Life is currently conducting a national search, which is the standard practice for hiring positions at the director level and higher. It is a vote of confidence from President DeRose, the Board of Regents, and the leadership of the Division of Student Life. The investment is real and symbolizes the relationship between Pacific and the Stockton community.

Next year marks CIP’s 40th anniversary and it promises to be an exciting and eventual year. The program will be inducting a new full time director, while hosting numerous events and welcoming back many distinguished alumni guests. The year 2009 will kick off the recently completed CIP Action Plan, which includes developing a recruitment plan, seeking additional funding and grant proposals, and much more.

CIP held its final meeting of the semester last Thursday, and John P. Carvana, Assistant Vice President for Diversity & Community Engagement, presented the results of a recent survey of CIP students along with the Action Plan, which he co-authored with Dr. Elizabeth Griego, Vice President for Student Life. The meeting also included a campus tour for Stagg High School hopefuls.

The program hosts its own special graduation ceremony for its members two weeks before commencement, as well as a Student Retreat which takes place before the campus-wide New Student Orientation sessions. A history of the program is detailed in the index of Kara Brewer's Pioneer or Perish.

For more information about Pacific's one of a kind Community Involvement Program, please call (209) 946-2436, or email cip@pacific.edu. The CIP office is located on the first floor of Bannister Hall in the middle of campus.

Students and Alumni: Partners in Sustaining Pacific

Aaron George
Guest Writer

With graduation looming in six weeks, I have been thinking a lot lately about how I am going to maintain my relationship with Pacific when I no longer study and work on campus. While I graduated in 2006 with my bachelor's degree, I am now finishing up my master's degree here and preparing to move into my full-time career in higher education administration. There is so much Pacific has given me - expertise in my academic field, meaningful friendships, defining life experiences - that I am determined to find a way to give back.

When I was chair of the Senior Class Gift two years ago, I came to realize how important it is to start giving when we're undergraduates and continue to support Pacific as alumni. We are the lifetime stakeholders of the University. Our commitment of time, talent, and financial resources will shape Pacific in the future.

When you walk across that stage at graduation, try to imagine all the experiences you would have missed out on if you did not attend Pacific. Think about all the times you stayed up late preparing for a Pacific Seminar paper, partied in your residence hall room with fifteen people when clearly there was only enough room for five, developed shin splints speed walking to south campus because you slept in, lost your voice at a men's basketball game because you were trying to get the ESPN camera guy to notice you, or were given the stink eye in the library because you and your friends were getting too loud in the semi-soundproof study rooms.

By giving back to Pacific, you are ensuring that future generations of students have the opportunity to create similar memories, and receive a top-notch education!

For those students who have their grudges with the University for whatever reason, I ask you to think about that one friend, roommate, faculty member, or event that made you stay until graduation. It is that one or more thing that your gift supports. Our generosity enables the University to thrive and keep the good times coming. And remember, it is not really the size of the gift that matters most; what's important is that you are giving at all. A gift can go beyond money and include participating in an alumni function, volunteering your time for a Pacific event, speaking to a prospective student about your experiences, or just being a Pacific ambassador!

PACIFIC FUND
Support Hands-On Learning

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

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tournament sweepstakes award. There are also no seniors on this squad.

On top of all this, Pacific finished seventh in the nation in the season-long sweepstakes out of over 230 schools. Pacific was ranked as high as third this year. This could not have been done without the amazing assistance of Pacific's Assistant Coaches: Kathleen Bruce, Kasey Gardner, Duane Gundrum, & Jeff Toney.

Next year is a rebuilding year, but with these talented students returning, it will be an outstanding foundation to build upon.

Pacific Speech and Debate's next tournament is in Austin, Texas, for the American Forensic Association's National Individual Event Tournament from April 4–10.

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events on campus. The level of involvement with the Athletics Department echoes advice Zach gives to incoming undergraduates—get involved. There are a lot of organizations on campus that are not well known but may be interesting to many students. Asking questions early on and participating on campus makes college a more exciting and dynamic experience.
Pacific Needs to Go Tech

In this day of technology and cyber space there are effective ways Pacific can communicate with its students. Currently, it seems that the main way students, faculty and other members of the Pacific community communicate is through flyers and posters strategically placed throughout campus. Technology is not being utilized.

It would be great to see Pacific use a campus email notification system, in which campus groups, faculty members, and even students can send emails to the rest of campus. Many groups on campus use Facebook to communicate. However, some people are left out because not everyone at Pacific is friends with everyone else at Pacific or even has a Facebook account. As a result, someone may not be aware of an event on campus until after the event has occurred. Or they may never know an event happened.

If Pacific were to utilize campus email more effectively and thoroughly, then every morning all students would receive emails for each event, speaker, activity or other important news that occurs on campus. As a result, students would not only be more informed about events on campus, but no money would be spent on photocopies for flyers and posters. Plus, in this green age, we would also be able to save trees. Also, Pacific members would not have to be in a certain part of campus to see a flyer but would instead be able to just check their email.

Another beneficial aspect of this technology deals with PacificConnect. If students are checking their campus email everyday for events and activities, PacificConnect would be able to reach more students in the event of an emergency. This electronic system is used successfully at many college campuses in the United States. When more students are informed of events, more students attend events. Students and faculty have migrated to technology as their normal way of communicating. Why not implement that idea at Pacific? Pacific needs to leave its twentieth century communication behind and move into this century.

Trials and Tribulations

Throughout my involvement pledging a professional fraternity, the many activities required were nothing like those you have probably imagined. If you approach any current or former pledge of a professional Greek organization, you will probably find that they were exhausted, worried, and/or upset a majority of the time during their pledging process.

Granted, I was tired, stressed, and frustrated during my pledging process. Several times I had to reconsider participating in a class, and the pile of clothes in my laundry basket kept growing by the day. However, I will admit that most of the difficulties I faced were due to my lack of time management—initially I did not expect to dedicate so much time and effort.

In spite of this, the minimal obstacles I faced in trying to balance my academic and social lives with pledging were well overshadowed by the close relationships I formed with the other members of the fraternity. After the hardships, I found support, kindness, and fraternality. If I had a chance to endure the pledging process again, I would in a heartbeat.

In response to the editorial and recent defenses regarding the policies of apparent hazing in professional fraternities, I can understand through my own experience pledging the partial response to the bizarre behavior shown by many of the professional Greek potential members, or pledges: the carrying of random objects, temporary sleep deprivation, and different costume changes throughout the week. However, I can say with confidence that I was never placed in a position that posed any risks on my overall health.

Clearly, the idea of “hazing” is not taken too lightly, and individuals have their own opinion of what “hazing” actually entails. For example, being an intern at a company is not officially considered “hazing,” but there are elements which could constitute as “hazing” to certain individuals to which the intern is put under.

After frequent discussion, I agree social Greek organizations are under more strict regulation in regards to these policies. There are certain activities, which cannot be publicly discussed, that professional Greek organizations undergo that social Greek organizations do not. Ultimately, the main issue that needs to be addressed is the unfair treatment of professional and social Greek organizations. With differing governing bodies, social and professional Greek organizations endure separate ideals. Because of this, there is debate and controversy over simple differences, such as what constitutes the idea of “hazing.”

There needs to be a change in the way these organizations are governed, and there is never a better time than to start now.
Matt Brady
Humor Columnist

You have probably all been there: a major paper is due in a difficult class in a few hours and you have yet to touch fingers to keyboard. The midnight deadline looms over your evening like a bad haircut, darkening your brow and generally making you feel stressed out.

The path to this common discomfort was an easy one. Whole libraries could be filled with accounts of all the things that didn’t happen on the way to the blank spot on your computer’s hard drive where your paper should be. You attended to the assignment the way Britney attends to Sean Preston and Jayden James: with all the gusto of an empty balloon.

You committed to one topic in front of your professor but you will respect that promise about as much as John McCain will his “No New Taxes” pledge. Who could have known how little research there is on the Ramen noodle diet? It was a rotten topic anyway. You also told your professor you would turn the paper in early for comments, but that deadline passed with Tiger Wood’s winning streak.

All you want out of this is a decent grade; something that won’t disqualify you from your scholarship or embarrass your parents too badly this summer. What you don’t like is having to write a paper.

Most students would rather have someone jam a screwdriver through their knee than grind out an assignment. After graduation, the additional income earned because of the bachelor’s degree could be put toward knee replacement surgery.

Unfortunately for you, the sadist hotline is down and none of your friends are handy or willing with a screwdriver, leaving you with nothing but ten digits and your own noodle. Technology has failed you again.

The library greets you with a musky smell that shouts “old books.” Actually it whispers. You look around the room at the masses of students scrambling like ants who forgot to prepare for winter. Their languid inactivity of the last few weeks is replaced by a calorie burning frenzy. They’re lazy procrastinators, but you can’t really scold them since you will soon be joining in.

Your cell phone buzzes. It’s a friend from high school who wants to talk. You shouldn’t, but you do. What’s another hour when you’ve already dawdled three weeks?

Letter to the Editor:

Professional Fraternity Council Fights Back

March 28, 2008

Dear Pacifician,

The Professional Fraternity Council (PFC), the governing body of the professional fraternities on campus, would like to address the editorial “Axes, Roses & Cow Bones Oh My!” from the March 20, 2008 issue of the Pacifican.

We understand it is difficult to communicate with someone who may have personal biases or who does not fully understand the inner workings of our fraternities, but we still feel the necessity to at least defend what we do as professional fraternities even though others may have different opinions.

We agree with the author that any form of hazing is not appropriate. PFC’s constitution and bylaws do not condone hazing, and any activities which are defined as hazing are as such: “any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.” The standards we have set up are parallel to the hazing code of Pacific’s Tiger Lore. PFC has a judicial process in handling all violations of our constitution and bylaws. Violations of any kind are not handled lightly and we try to enforce appropriate consequences for any offenses. In light of the pledging mishaps that has occurred in the past few years, PFC has worked quickly and tirelessly in attempts to discipline the offending parties as well as ensure that the same problem does not reoccur.

Professional fraternity pledges do not have to “earn their place” as stated in the article. The goal of the pledging process is to teach the pledges professionalism, unity, friendship, and fraternalism. The activities we ask our pledges to participate in are not meant to demean any individual, but rather, they are meant to be a part of the learning process to reinforce the ideas of teamwork, perseverance, communication, and organization — all things, we hope you agree, are qualities necessary in the real world.

We feel that none of the activities that we do are frivolous. It is unfortunate that The Pacifican perceives our methods to be unprofessional because we are striving to bridge the dichotomy of professionalism and fraternalism. We strive for professionalism in our goals to promote our profession in the community. Yet we also strive to maintain our status as fraternities — fraternities that are full of tradition and with meaning behind whatever we do. To make any fraternity forsake these traditions would be to turn them into any other club on campus.

Sincerely,
Professional Fraternity Council Executive Board

Disclaimer: The Pacifican does not edit any letters to the editor; any typos, mistakes, or opinions are that of the author(s).
Jeff Morgan  
Poetry Columnist

Li-Young Lee was born on August 19, 1957 in Jakarta, Indonesia but moved to America with his family to escape political oppression. His father had been the personal physician for Chairman Mao for a time and moved to Indonesia where he was later jailed for 19 months when he had been the medical advisor to the president. Lee’s father moved his family out of Indonesia in 1959 and ended up in the United States. This history, and his father often specifically, had a substantial influence on his work and many of his poems refer to his father being a Presbyterian minister and other aspects of his father’s past. He went to school at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Arizona, and State University of New York. Lee has published three books of poems, Rose (1986), The City in Which I Love You (1990), and Behind My Eyes (2008) as well as a prose memoir, The Winged Seed: A Remembrance (1995).

Lee’s poetry is marked by smooth and seamless transitions between the reality of tangible images and the ephemeral world of dreams. It is often not the words he says but how one feels when he says them regardless of whether they make sense, yet most seem to agree that they understand what he means even if the word combinations are often paradoxical, almost Taoist sounding. I have chosen “Station,” a poem from his most recent publication Behind My Eyes. It is a wonderfully aesthetic and brilliantly crafted piece of poetry. As a side note I would also mention that the book comes with a CD of him reading various poems, including the one I have chosen; it is a rare pleasure to hear him read this poem.

The poem is set and framed within an image of a train station and the poem is some kind of announcement made for passengers waiting at the train station. The sort of skeletal structure of this poem is a common sort of set of announcements, but the places where normal locations and normal passengers would go, we get this profound philosophical and metaphorical concept. The poem has a slight Wally Stevens-like feeling to it, as that, despite the profound philosophical nature of the concepts and the dreamlike imagery, somehow he anchors them with objects and experiences; images and readers travel through the image and feel the feeling. Conceptually, the reader grasps the notion of life and the moment of life as a set of train station announcements and causes. We choose a path in each moment based upon where we have been and where we wish to be. It is quite difficult to analyze such a poem in any formal manner, yet although the readers may never answer the question of why this works, it is clear that it works. This week, I have no guidance regarding analysis of this poem other than to enjoy yourself as the genius of the poet.
Lifestyles

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

Movie:
21.
Inspired by the true story about six MIT students who were trained to become experts in card counting and subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions in winnings.
Stars Kevin Spacey and Kate Bosworth.
Rated PG-13, 123 min.

TV Show:
Arrested Development.
Level-headed son Michael Bluth takes over family affairs after his father is imprisoned. But the rest of his spoiled, dysfunctional family are making his job unbearable.
Buy the DVD for all three seasons, series ended 2006.

Music:
"Everything We Had," The Academy Is
"Can't Speak French," Girls Aloud
"Crazy Frog," Axel F.

Books:
Wuthering Heights, by Emily Bronte.
A story of vengeful and passionate, but thwarted love set in around 1760. Told in a series of narratives.

Recreation Abound in the North State
Centrally located on I-5 at the north end of the Sacramento Valley, Redding (pop. 104,000) is the hub and base camp for many venturing into the surrounding areas. The city is surrounded on three sides by mountain ranges, which makes for a beautiful landscape.

One doesn't have to go far to find picturesque outdoor spots. In the middle of the city lies Turtle Bay Exploration Park, which contains perhaps the most interesting architectural feature in the area, The Sundial Bridge. Spanning the Sacramento River, The Sundial Bridge is a pedestrian-traffic bridge linking the Turtle Bay Museum with the McConnell Arboretum and 340 acres of restored native riparian habitat.

Designed by world famous architect Santiago Calatrava and opened in 2004, the bridge features a single suspension tower on the north end which doubles as a sundial on the ground below. Walking and biking trails connect to the bridge, allowing the public access to the nine miles of the Sacramento River Trail.

Just minutes west of town lays Whiskeytown National Park. This national park is centered on Whiskeytown Lake, a popular boating, swimming, kayaking, and water-skiing spot. Inside the park are miles of biking and hiking trails. A few mountains in the park reach elevations above 6000 feet. Whiskeytown Falls is well worth the drive and hike to get there.

Minutes north of Redding are Shasta Lake and Shasta Dam. Shasta Lake is the third largest lake in California with 365 miles of shoreline. Shasta Dam offers free guided tours daily and there is a park and visitors center nearby.

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Photographs by Andrew Mitchell

Whiskeytown Falls in Whiskeytown National Park.

Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

As the weather turns warmer with the approach of summer, people begin planning for outdoor recreational activities. For those who thrive in the outdoors and are always ready for adventure, Redding offers the perfect opportunity to explore the rugged mountains, alpine lakes, and breathtaking scenery of Northern California.

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The Sacramento River looking upstream in Redding.
I Am Legend Brings Excitement to the Big Screen

Alex Ruano
Sports Editor

In the third adaptation of Richard Matheson's 1954 novel, Will Smith takes the role of U.S. Army virologist Lieutenant Colonel Robert Neville, the last healthy human in New York City and, possibly, the entire world. The story takes place in 2012, three years after a brilliant scientist, portrayed by Emma Thompson, proclaims to the world that she has found the cure to cancer. Her vaccine rapidly mutates and infects the majority of the world's population, leaving a majority dead, nine percent infected, and one percent immune.

The infected survivors degenerate into a primal, aggressive state and begin to react painfully to UV radiation, forcing them to hide in buildings and other dark places during the day. As an immune survivor, Neville spends his days exploring the desolate streets of New York City with his trusty dog for food and supplies.

The movie is well put together, trying in flashbacks from before the spread of the infection into the current story, which propel the present day storyline. Director Francis Lawrence blends CGI animation with real actors to smoothly create the "night beasts" with little or no harshness typically seen from CGI animation.

The film does not fall short of action. Each moment in the film is filled with tension and the risk of imminent death for the characters involved, and the pulse pounding moments make for an enjoyable and intense ride. Pick up the DVD, and make sure you watch the alternate ending.

A Fresh Taste of Japan

Courtnee Coburn
Staff Writer

One of Stockton's excellent sushi restaurants is located only a few blocks from campus. Located down Pacific Avenue on The Miracle Mile, Coco Ro could be the answer to your fabulous dining dreams and is a lovely setting for a date or a nice dinner with friends. The restaurant is fairly small, but the large windows and edgy interior design give Coco Ro a more spacious feel.

A Japanese Bistro, Coco Ro serves to a wide variety of tastes. Each of the hot chicken, seafood, and beef dishes are as delicious as the others and the sushi always fresh and appetizing.

During my frequent visits, the atmosphere was always relaxing with rather dimmed lights, beautiful little Japanese artifacts, and light music in the background. If you are in the mood for sushi, I suggest the Spicy Crunchy Scallop roll, made with spicy tuna, tempura scallops (tobiko scallops), avocado, and spicy sauce. The Coco Roll with prawn, tempura, avocado, cream and chewy candy. With yummy flavors like mango, strawberry, and chocolate, this delicacy is hard to resist.

Conventional sushi rolls and nigiri, hand-rolled sushi consisting of a mound of sushi rice with a slice of topping, range from about $6 to $15, and the cooked menu starts at about $8. Coco Ro certainly may be a bit expensive for college students, but is definitely worth the price.

The next time the dining hall does not look too appetizing, or your parents are in town, head over to Coco Ro for some fine Japanese dining!
Talib Kweli at Pacific

 Courtesy of www.musicmangers.com

Seema Ghatnerek
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 28, rap artist Talib Kweli performed in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

There were Pacific students as well as Stockton locals at the concert, and the concert sold out a week before Kweli was to perform. His opening acts included The Righteous Movement and Park, as well as 1/4th Our Words. Though Kweli arrived late, his performance was well worth the wait. His performance started at 11 p.m., and had the audience dancing out of their seats. At midnight, he closed with “Get By,” and was even brought back on stage for an encore.

Even though Pacific lost a MySpace contest to other universities with larger student populations, students bombarded Kweli through a Facebook page created by Stockton students about the concert. Kweli agreed to perform in Stockton after numerous requests on the Facebook page.

Club Profile:
Interfaith Council

Jessie Lucas
Staff Writer

Once a month in the Multi-Cultural Center, members of affiliated clubs on campus are represented. Students of various religious backgrounds such as Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, as well as non-religious organizations like the Social Justice Club and the Free-Thought Society, are part of the Interfaith Council.

In the last Interfaith meeting, the club discussed officer positions for the coming year. Those who are interested in becoming a part of the Interfaith Council are welcome to run for these positions. The current Council Coordinator, Charles Bolton, looks forward to next year and hopes to serve as an officer again.

Towards the end of the meeting, members of the Free-Thought Society proposed an idea. They plan to organize a debate on the existence of God and its significance to individuals. “Since it is something people are passionate about,” one of the representatives said, “I’m sure the debate will be a success.” The date and time of the debate is yet to be determined.

Examples of student organizations include but is not limited to the following:

- Pacific Student Christian Fellowship
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Hillel (Jewish students)
- Coptic Christians
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship
- Newman House (Catholic students)
- Bishop Scholars (Methodist students)
- Black Campus Ministries

The Interfaith Council meets the third Thursday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. Come and check us out! Lunch will be provided.

Touching Performance in Celebration of V-Day

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m., the award-winning performance by women’s rights activist, Eve Ensler, the Vagina Monologues, was recreated by Pacific female students.

This year, ASuop did not organize the performances of the Vagina Monologues as they have in past years. Valerie M. Niles, member of Theta Alpha Phi, took a stand by continuing this tradition of activism, with all proceeds of the performances going to the San Joaquin’s Women’s Shelter.

Ensler, the original director, created the Vagina Monologues and V Day to celebrate women everywhere and advocate for women’s rights against rape and war.

Niles started off the play with a personal story about her own struggles as a woman. She managed to pull off a fantastic recreation of Ensler’s famous performance, which was both hilarious and touching.

Reach Out Groups Competition Standings

The Reach Out program at the Center for Community Involvement has recently created a competition among the student organization groups and their recognized volunteers. In general, Reach Out provides students and faculty of the University of the Pacific with opportunities to contribute to the Stockton community through service and volunteer work. Within the competition, these students and the Groups they belong to, which include university recognized fraternities, sororities, halls, and clubs, are given a chance to be recognized for their hard work. The competition celebration will be held on May 1st, at 7 p.m. in Grace Cowell Dining Hall. May is right around the corner so we highly encourage members of the organizations to log their hours online in order to earn credit for their endeavors. Below you will find the top five organizations within the competition at this moment and the hours of service they have completed. Good luck to all!

Please note that there is still time to RSVP for the 2008 Diversity Retreat: Moving Towards a More Inclusive Community.

This two-day event is FREE and all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Interested alumni and community members are encouraged to attend as well.

Day 1 is on Saturday, April 4 from 1-5 PM in Grace Cowell at University of the Pacific. (Lunch Refreshments will be served)

Day 2 is on Saturday, April 5 from 9:45 AM -3:30 PM at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, CA (Lunch and refreshments will be provided)

Both days will include information about current diversity initiatives occurring at the Pacific, share updates and accomplishments since last year’s retreats, a premiere viewing of the Diversity Documentary and much more.

Although there is no cost to attend this event, we ask that you do register online in advance at the following website: http://go.pacific.edu/diversityretreat.

For more information regarding the Diversity Retreat, please feel free to e-mail Diversity@pacific.edu

Congratulations to Pacific Idol 2008 Winner!
Kateryna Nezhura

National Dark-Sky Week
is from March 29-April 4

People in the United States are encouraged to turn out their unnecessary outdoor lights in order to temporarily reduce light pollution.
Thursday, April 3

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, April 3**
- Softball vs. Nevada 2:00 p.m.
- Men’s Volleyball vs. Long Beach State 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 4**
- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara 6:00 p.m.
- Softball vs. UC Davis 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 5**
- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara 6:00 p.m.
- Women’s Tennis vs. Cal State Fullerton 1:00 p.m.
- Men’s Volleyball vs. UC San Diego 7:00 p.m.
- Women’s Tennis vs. UC Irvine 11:00 AM

**Sunday, April 6**
- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara 1:00 p.m.
- Softball vs. UC Davis 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 9**
- Men’s Tennis vs. San Francisco 4:00 p.m.

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### Crew Classic

**Jessie Lucas**

**Staff Writer**

Crew is a sport that trains all year round. Not only do these athletes have off-season practice, but they also have off-season meets. One of the most important meets is the Crew Classic. It is the biggest regatta in the country and will be held this weekend in San Diego, teams from all over the country will travel to Mission Bay to compete.

The Crew Classic is an excellent opportunity for schools to get national exposure and recognition for their skills. It also allows schools to know where they rank so they can make adjustments to their training programs in order to improve.

There will be three divisions: Junior (high school), Collegiate, and Masters. Men and women will race separately as will varsity, junior varsity, and novice teams.

The Crew Classic is an open regatta, meaning, there are no qualifiers to enter the meet. Schools must, however, register far in advance. The deadline for this meet was in November.

All teams willing to participate in this meet will get to compete against higher ranking teams. It also helps the crews develop their teamwork and bonding as a team. For those who are not used to competing against higher crews, it gives them an opportunity to experience the challenge of racing schools that are even stronger than those they meet in their championships.

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### March Madness Uncovered

**Courtnee Coburn**

**Staff Writer**

Even though the middle of March only means one thing to millions of Americans, there are still those who are totally confused. NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball tournaments can be as bewildering as a biology class. But, fortunately after some seriously extensive research, I have found the reason behind the madness.

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Tigers Avoid Sweep at Start of Big West Play

**Media Relations**

The Pacific softball team knocked out nine hits and six runs to take down Cal State Northridge, 6-2, on Sunday, March 30. The win snapped a five game skid for the Tigers and moved them to 19-21 on the year and 1-2 in conference play. The Matadors fell to 13-16 overall and 2-1 in conference action.

Rebounding from a tough start to conference play a day ago, the Tigers wasted no time jumping on top of the Matadors in the third game of the series, tallying two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take the lead. After walking to start the inning, sophomore Brittany Hendrickson sparked Pacific’s two-run inning by beating out a throw to second on a ground ball hit to short by sophomore Kellee Wilson.

With Hendrickson hustling into scoring position, freshman Nicole Matson posted the first Tiger run on the board, bringing Hendrickson home with a double lined off the fence in left-center. With Wilson at third and only one out instead of two, senior Alyce Jorgensen lifted a fly ball to centerfield that was deep enough to bring in the second run of the inning.

After the Matadors posted their first run of the second inning on a bloop double by Alexandria Alvarado in the top of the second inning, Pacific responded with a single run of its own in the bottom of the third. Leading the Tigers throughout the day, junior Casey Goldsand singled up the middle to start the inning, posting her first of three consecutive hits in the game.

A hit batter and a foul fly moved Goldsand to third where, for the second time in the contest, Jorgensen came through with a sacrifice fly to centerfield, plating what would be the game-winning run for Pacific.

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In the sixth inning, the Matadors closed the gap with the Tigers to just two runs on an RBI groundout by Amanda Peck. Peck was able to score Jackie Duree who reached base on a bunt single to start the inning and then moved into scoring position on a passed ball.

With their lead cut to two, Pacific put the contest out of reach in the bottom half of the inning as the 9-1-2 spots in the order came through with three consecutive hits. Freshman Lindsey Pierce started the rally off with a two-out single through the left-side of the infield. She was followed by Hendrickson who hit a shot into centerfield to put two runners on.

Capping off her strong day at the plate, Goldsand laced a triple down the rightfield line, spraying chalk as she drove home both Pierce and Hendrickson to give the Tigers a comfortable four-run lead.

The four runs would be important for Pacific as Cal State Northridge threatened in the top of the seventh inning, loading the bases with two outs in the inning on two walks and one hit batter. With the tying run at the plate, junior Chelsea Engle, the game’s starter for the Tigers, induced a lazy popup to Jorgensen at third to stop the Matadors and seal the victory for Pacific.

Engle moved to 13-9 on the year with the victory as she allowed four hits and two runs in seven innings of work. In total, Engle walked three, in addition to hitting one batter, while striking out three. For the Matadors, Mercedez Lovato, the day one winner in both games, picked up the loss as she lasted 3.1 innings while giving up four hits and four runs.
Comprising one-eighth of the Women's Tennis team, junior Clara Schuhmacher hails all the way from Zaragoza, Spain. Schuhmacher has been playing tennis since the age of ten, and has played for three years on the women's tennis team at Pacific.

Last semester Schuhmacher advanced to the semi-finals of both the Cal Invitational and the Saint Mary's Invitational after achieving a winning singles record of 4-3. When she played in Spain, she ranked 89 out of all the high school tennis players in the country. She is best at playing forehand and considers the volley to be her hardest tactic.

Schuhmacher received a full scholarship to Pacific after sending her video of her playing tennis to a number of colleges in California. When asked why she started playing tennis, Schuhmacher replied, “My parents wanted me to try everything as a child, from piano to basketball to gymnastics to tennis. In the end, I really liked tennis, and after winning tournaments, I thought, ‘Why not continue?’ ”

Schuhmacher finds playing on a team to be more enjoyable than playing solo, as she did in Spain. “There’s a great family feeling when playing on a collegiate team, whereas in Spain, I was pretty much the whole team,” Schuhmacher commented.

A typical day for Schuhmacher consists of classes in the morning and afternoon, followed by a three-hour practice. Aside from being a business major, she is also a Spanish tutor at the Tutorial Center at the Educational Resource Center on campus.

When asked how tennis has changed her, Schuhmacher said, “Tennis has made me more competitive and has taught me to take my passion more seriously. When I first started playing, it was just for fun, and there was no pressure. Now I practice harder, to win.”

Schuhmacher plans to keep tennis as part of her life in the future by possibly applying her knowledge about tennis for marketing purposes. “If Adidas or Nike wants to make a new type of tennis racket, they need to know what kind of racket players want. I hope to be that source of knowledge for their product marketing.”

The Women’s Tennis team plays in a tournament every weekend, the next is this Saturday against Cal State Fullerton at home. “I’m really excited for the Big West Championships coming up at the end of next month,” commented Schuhmacher. “But I’m also looking forward to a month of no practice after that!”

Meet Coach Hall

Men’s Volleyball Coach and Pacific Alumni

Former standout volleyball player Jeff Hall is ecstatic to coach at Pacific, where he played as an undergrad.

“It is always a unique opportunity to coach at your alma mater,” he said. “I have a lot of passion towards this university and I want guide this program to a national championship.”

Hall was on the floor during Pacific’s inaugural year of Division I competition in 1992 and played through 1995. After his career at Pacific, he played on the professional beach volleyball circuit known as the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) and also began coaching.

Hall coached at Grossmont Community College, Laney Community College, UCSD and now Pacific. Hall had his first taste of coaching in 1989 and has been coaching fulltime for 10 years.

Hall has high expectations for the Men’s Volleyball team and is fired up to be involved in making the program better. “I will be involved in the process where we expect 110% effort every day in everything we do” stated Hall, who was hired last May.

The story of the Tigers' return is 4-17, there is no doubt that Coach Hall is working hard to help build up the Men’s Volleyball program. Hall is always willing to put in extra practice time for his players and he constantly gives them feedback to improve their skills. Hopefully within a few years, Coach Hall will bring success to the Men's Volleyball program at Pacific. He definitely will be working hard to win.

The Men's Volleyball team has recently been on a three game winning streak. There are four remaining home matches this year at the Alex G. Spanos Center and they all start at 7 p.m. The matches will take place April 4, 5, 11 and 12.