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Changes Coming to Engineering Program in 2009
Students will now be on four-year program

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

Pacific has always prided itself on offering students a unique five-year undergraduate engineering program.

This program consisted of introductory engineering courses, core requirements and electives, and a full 12 months of paid co-op experience at an engineering firm.

Small but significant changes have been made to allow for the new four-year program to take shape.

The once required three-unit introductory engineering class has been reduced to one unit.

Technical writing, a class designed for the writing needs of engineers but offered through College of the Pacific’s English department, was removed as a requirement for engineers and instead technical writing components have been more extensively integrated into the general engineering curriculum.

The co-op requirement has been shortened to a total of seven and a half months, although students have the option of taking 12 months of co-op as required by the former five-year program.

Dr. Gary Martin, Ed. D., Assistant Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SoECS) said that the program was reduced to four years from five years in order to better fit with “evolving accreditation criteria and student demographics.”

Martin stated, “We plan to offer a blended 4+1 Masters Program in which students could possibly complete their B.S. in four years...and begin

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Award-Winning Science Journalist Speaks at Pacific

Christine Le
Copy Editor

Last week Pacific had the honor of hosting David Dobbs, an award-winning science writer, give a series of lectures. These events were put on by Pacific’s Center for Teaching and Learning.

His lectures included “The Achieving Brain: The Neuroscience of Learning & Expertise,” “The Social Brain: The Neural and Genetic Roots of Getting Along,” and “Reef Madness: Science, Religion, and the Meaning of Coral.” The first was given last Monday at the Pacific Theatre, and the other two last Tuesday in the Regents Room and the Geosciences Building, respectively. Over 200 students, faculty, staff, and community members attended these lectures.

“What I found very interesting about Dobbs’ work is that he examines the human practice of science,” said Dr. Becky Beal, professor of Sports Sciences, “especially how historical and cultural contexts frame scientific practice and simultaneously how science can disrupt cultural assumptions.”

In his first lecture, “The Achieving Brain,” Dobbs spoke about what occurs in the brain when one learns, discussing how synapses between neurons strengthen when one acquires new concepts.

“Learning is like driving a car, and neuroscience is what goes on under the hood,” remarked Dobbs. “Learning is synaptic. These synapses develop new connections between our neurons, enabling us to learn new things but also to retain old concepts we have already learned.”

“I am glad I went to David Dobbs presentations because I learned some pretty interesting facts,” commented Lee Yang, a junior majoring in Film and English. “For instance, I never knew there was the “10-year, 10,000 hours rule” to becoming a genius.”

The second lecture, “The Social Brain,” focused on how the brain functions in order to produce social behavior. One of the concepts he discussed was how the size of the neocortex, which is where most

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Masquerade Ball: Unmasking the Night
Vivian Lee
Lifestyles Editor

On Friday, April 4 in the Grace Covell Banquet Hall, RHA held its annual formal event, the Masquerade Ball, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Guests disguised themselves with glamorous dresses, suits, and elegant and stylish masks.

For guests who did not bring a mask, there were tables that offered mask-creating materials like adhesive jewels and feathers.

Admission was free, but donations were encouraged. For every dollar donated, guests were given five raffle tickets. Raffle prizes included gift cards to local business such as Jamba Juice and Coldstone Ice Cream, DVDs, and an iPod Shuffle.

The décor was admirable, with matching table decorations, plates, and napkins. There was delicious finger food and drinks, and a nicely decorated background for pictures.

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Courtnee Coburn  
Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, the Center for Professional and Continuing Education has been hosting a delegation of real estate officials from Shanghai, China in an effort to provide instruction on real estate practices and processes in the United States.

The first training session was held on campus. Other presentations were held in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and the east coast.

The real estate system is taught by presenters with a wide range of professional backgrounds. There were presenters from Discovery Group, Washington Mutual, Cort Companies, Coldwell Banker Grup, and Roseville law firm, Inman Thomas, LLP.

The training is executed through field studies. Since Stockton is the foreclosure epicenter, it provides a real learning opportunity for the delegates as well, not to mention understanding of the recent improvements to Stockton’s downtown areas.

This entire program is a great way to build the emergent relationship between Pacific and the Stockton community.
Top Ten Reasons to Give to the Senior Class Gift

Adam Ellison '08  
Guest Writer

1. Show Pacific some love!
2. Celebrate never having to take another final exam (grad school notwithstanding).
3. Be like all the cool kids.
4. Demonstrate satisfaction with your Pacific experience.
5. Embody the virtue of charity.
6. Get a sick senior class T-shirt.
7. Express your gratitude to the institution that gave you the tools to succeed in your professional lives.
8. Put the Class of 2007’s 45% participation rate to shame.
9. The Vereschagin Alumni House will be the place to party after you graduate.
10. Join a proud legacy of thousands of alumni donors who provide funding for scholarships, academic programs, and facilities from which we all have benefited.

2008 Senior Class Giving as of April 4:

$5,000
$4,500
$4,000
$3,500
$3,000
$2,500
$2,000
$1,500
$1,000
$500
$500

Dollars raised: $2,559
15% class participation

Visit www.pacific.edu/seniors to track our progress and to make a gift!

This isn’t your Daddy’s Dining Hall!!

Starting in the 2008 Fall semester, Pacific will debut a new “Declining Balance” meal plan to the University community. In an effort to answer many questions about the new system, we have developed this top ten list of benefits for being on the new plan (please forgive us David Letterman!)

1) No need to waste time cooking at home – AND the University does the dishes!
2) Make more friends - Have the ability to pay for your guests anytime you like.
3) Tax free on meal plan items –That means 7.75% more food!
4) No need to waste time cooking at home – AND the University does the dishes!
5) More tellers - Shorter lines and faster service.
6) Balanced healthy options – Fresh food from local farmers.
8) Open all day, everyday during the school year - No worries about set meal times.
9) Learn valuable budgeting skills – Show your parents that you can balance your budget!
10) “Have it Your Way!” - Eat where you want, what you want, and the way you want it.

To now have the prospect of awarding students a B.S. that includes seven and a half months of paid practical experience plus an M.S. in as few as five years is extremely exciting,” said Martin.

Questions” website located at www.pacific.edu/housing or call 209.946.2331.

If you have any questions or need more information, please go to Housing and Greek Life’s “Frequently Asked Questions” website located at www.pacific.edu/housing or call 209.946.2331.
Letter from the Editor

The March 20 editorial entitled “Axes, Roses & Cow Bones Oh My!” regarding hazing in professional fraternities has sparked much debate on campus, including a response from the Professional Fraternity Council Executive Board. I would like to personally address PFC’s concerns and defend the original editorial.

The PFC Executive Board claimed, “The standards we have set up are parallel to the hazing code of Pacific’s Tiger Lore.” I checked the Tiger Lore myself to see how these two standards of conduct compare. Section 12 of the Pacific Student Honor Code states: “The University will consider hazing to be any portion of the pledging and/or initiation process, whether on or off campus, which could cause discomfort, pain, fright, disgrace, embarrassment, injury or is personally degrading regardless of the intent or end result. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: ... wearing public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste.” The last time I checked, cow bones are not in good taste.

The Tiger Lore also says, “The fact that an activity is done with the consent of the persons involved does not exempt it from this policy.” Therefore, if an activity is considered hazing, it does not matter if pledges agree to participate—it is just as against the rules.

The PFC Board claimed “none of the activities that we do are frivolous.” I would like to know how carrying a paddle promotes professionalism and fraternalism. Why are pledges even carrying paddles? Whether the paddles were actually used is irrelevant; the fear of potentially being paddled is enough to be considered hazing.

As a Greek myself, I take offense to some professional fraternities blatant hazing on campus. While there are always rumors of hazing in social greek organizations, it is not paraded around campus for all to see. Professional fraternities seem to believe that they are above the law simply because they are professional organizations. However, nowhere in the Tiger Lore are professional organizations exempt from hazing laws. It is time for professional organizations to be held to the same standard as everyone else at this University.

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-In-Chief

Letter From Abroad: Mendy Slaton

Received by Cristy Yadon

As the semester begins to come to an end, one can not help but wonder how our friends abroad are doing. Junior Mendy Slaton gave us an idea of life in Spain...

Oh Spain... what can I say? I’m livin’ the vida loca. Spain is rich in culture and filled with tons of amazing ways to occupy your time. Walking the streets is one of my favorite things to do. I get a lot of attention around here (positive and negative), which is hard to get used to. I’m blonde and American (many have their opinions about that and some feel they need to let me know), so I can’t go anywhere unnoticed. The infamous question I get asked: “Obama or Hillary?” They tend to have a stronger opinion than I do on the subject and feel the need to enlighten me on my own country’s political situation.

Other than that, I just go to school everyday. It takes me about an hour each way—walking and taking metros and trains that go to the outskirts of Madrid. I take five classes all in Spanish, including two Spanish literature classes. I don’t even understand English literature entirely, so how can I possibly understand it in a different language?

For those interested in coming to Spain someday, it’s absolutely worth it. This country is amazing and something I think everyone needs to experience in their lifetime.

I do, however, have a few things you must know beforehand:

1. If someone on the underground metro asks you if you’re getting off on the next stop, they aren’t curious or trying to strike up a conversation. They mean “get the hell out of my way because I am.”

2. Everyone says Americans are always in a hurry but if you’ve ever seen 30 people transferring metros run and jump onto the train a millisecond before the door closes, you’d know we aren’t the only ones.

3. If you want a job teaching English, make sure you know the tenses (present simple, continuous, perfect, past continuous, perfect, etc.) so that you aren’t getting paid $25 per hour to only know how to speak the language and not be able to explain a darn thing.

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Lastly, a couple words of the day:

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It’s not WiFi internet... it’s WeeFee (I laugh every time I hear it).

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The Great Wall

Perspectives

FUNNY CLASS NOTES

The Great Wall

Matt Brady
Humor Columnist

SAN DIEGO, CA (FCN) – The
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putting its full backing
behind plans to complete the San
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Poetry Revival

Jeff Morgan
Poetry Columnist

Charles Bukowski

was born in 1920. He
was first published in
1940 having written
from a very early age,
but he subsequently
abandoned his career
as an author for
twenty years. During
that time he worked in
“various monotonous
professions and took
to drinking. For ten
years he wandered from boarding house to boarding
house and then for another ten years he worked for
The United States Postal Service. During that time
he dealt with both alcoholism and near insanity.
According to Bukowski’s own account he had started
writing again the day he quit the postal service however
there is evidence of a publication by him a few years
prior to his quitting his job as a postal service worker.
Bukowski’s first recognized publication was in the
1960s.

Although he published only before and after
what is generally considered the beat generation,
many recognize him as a “beat” poet because his
style similarly flies in the face of accepted structure,
subject matter, and language. I chose “my father,”
a poem he published in 1990, to be the example of
Bukowski’s work. I chose this poem because I believe
it exemplifies Bukowski’s keen attention to rhythm,
unique approach to structure, bluntness, and intensity of
subject matter.

You will notice, when reading the poem initially, that
the fact that the title is rhythmically and syntactically
connected to the first line really catches any reader’s
attention. There is no sense of introduction or traditional
ritual of introducing the poem. Secondly, the line breaks
imply a spoken rhythm of retrospect. We can almost hear
the spaces where the speaker breathes trying to collect
his thoughts and remember. The entire poem is also
not capitalized except for proper nouns. This lack of proper
capitalization within every sentence implies the casual
nature of the monologue already invoked by the rhythm
and the two aspects of the poem compliment each other
nicely. The diction itself is predominantly colloquial,
which reinforces the aforementioned interpretation of the
tone of the piece.

Yet, within the casual storyteller speaker, we get this
tonal shift on line twenty eight. First of all, the diction
is higher. Secondly there is this ambiguous syntax at the
end, which could be interpreted to mean that the oddities
were wasted or that the speaker himself was wasted
when he buried his father. The poem is about desire.
The speaker does not want to want to be rich because it
is clearly what has ruined everyone around him. He calls
his father an oddity invoking both exoticism and, quite
simply, abnormal behavior. He is the only sane character
who realizes that wanting wealth is not the source of
happiness. The tone is casual because the speaker does
not desire to be higher than he is, I hope you enjoy this
week’s poet and poetry selection. Feel free to send in any
suggestions to the editors of the Pacifica via e-mail.
That's What She Said
Must Not Love Kids

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-in-Chief

For the last two years, I've been single. It's actually quite enjoyable. I don't have relationship drama. I can have fun at parties without being attached at the hip to someone. And best of all, I don't have to compete with video games for attention.

My parents, however, have their own theories as to why I'm single. My dad thinks I must hang out on the docks too much because I talk like a sailor. My mom, on the other hand, thinks it's because I'm adamant about never having children. She pointed out all of my male friends on Myspace said they "someday" want kids on their profile; mine clearly says "I don't want kids." She argues guys don't want to waste their time on me knowing it will never work in the end. Some people take the future of a relationship much more seriously than I do. I never consider important things like his potential desire to have children, his religious affiliation, or where he wants to live after graduation because it all seems so far off to me. But as I'm getting older, I realize it isn't really that far.

In high school, it is easy to ignore serious long term compatibility problems, but it's harder to do so in college. While I think dating is to help determine what you are looking for in a spouse, I also think you should be wary of dating people you know aren't what you are looking for. What good would come from me dating a guy who wanted to have enough kids for a sports team? After a while, things could get serious, but would never work and eventually end in heartbreak.

So how do you avoid wasting time with someone you know isn't right for you? You could have a pre-date interview to find out everything you could possibly ever need to know about their future plans and how you fit into them. However, this comes across as rather forward and will probably freak your date out. Another option is to post exactly what you are looking for on craigslist and hope for satisfactory replies; just don't expect too much.

However, the best option is to separate deal breakers from things you really want. I would long to marry a guy who understands the Solow growth model, but I'm not going to say no to an otherwise perfect guy who doesn't share my love for economics. Maybe your deal breaker is a huge nose, but you don't mind guys with hairy backs. Whatever it is you are looking for, know that you can't expect a person to change to meet your ideals.
Capitola: Sun, Surf, and Soquel

Aileen Shon  
Staff Writer

An epidemic of spring fever is hitting Pacific students and there is no better cure than to travel to the beach.

One of my favorite hot spots for spring and summer is the little beach town Capitola. With several different restaurants, sun and surf, shops and breathtaking views, you can not go wrong.

Downtown Capitola is filled with shops and restaurants with quaint, beach town charm. Each boutique and eatery has its own unique style and offers commodities from jewelry to fine art, and cuisine from fresh seafood to pizza. After shopping or eating, beach goers can literally step right onto the beach.

Shadowbrook, a restaurant tucked within gardens and waterfalls, is recommended for its food, service, and ambiance. A cable car takes diners up to a landing spot by the restaurant where they can enjoy the panoramic view of Capitola and Soquel. Its cozy, wood-furnished atmosphere gives guests a memorable dining experience. Reservations can be made by calling (831) 475-1511.

If you are new to surfing, Cowell’s is the beach for you. Highly experienced surfers will enjoy Thirtieth or East Cliff. And for those of you who do not surf, these spots are also great to sit and watch.

Visitors can also enjoy the great outdoors at New Brighton State Beach. The campsite is right on the coastline and activities such as fishing, hiking, and whitewater paddling can be enjoyed by all. Campers exhausted by daytime activities will rest easy with the sound of the ocean waves and the scent of Monterey pine.

The campsite can be reached by taking the New Brighton/Park Avenue exit off Highway 1, and reservations can be made by calling 1-800-444-7275. Daily rates are $16 during peak season (March 1 – November 30) and $13 during the rest of the year.

Capitola is about two hours southwest of Stockton. Take I-205 W toward I-580 W, then take I-880 S to I-880 S. I-880 S will take you to 17 S. Exit onto Highway 1 and take it all the way down to Capitola.

Games

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

challenging

Find your way out! Start at the green arrow and navigate to the end at the red arrow.

ANSWER TO SUDOKU

Recommendations of the Week

Providing you with arts & entertainment to check out

Movie:
Lust, Caution.
An espionage thriller set in WWII-era Shanghai, in which a young woman gets swept up in a dangerous game of emotional intrigue with a powerful political figure. Spoken in Asian languages with English subtitles. Rated NC-17 for some explicit sexuality and brutal violence. 157 min.

TV Show:
GREY'S.
Focuses on a group of college students in and out of the fraternity and sorority system at a campus. Plays on ABC Family at Monday 8:00 PM (60 min.)

Music:
“Finally” Fergie
“Huddle Formation,” The Go! Team
“In Transit,” Albert Hammond Jr.

Books:
Maximum Ride, by James Patterson.
A group of avian-human hybrids (known as the Flock) have been the subjects of experiments, leaving them 98% human and 2% Avian.
University of the Pacific’s Scholastic Book Fair!

You remember these from the good old elementary school days, now it’s YOUR chance to help every single K-2 student at Roosevelt Elementary in downtown Stockton get a Scholastic book!

What: A Scholastic Book Fair put on by SESA (School of Education Student Association) for the K-2 students at an impoverished elementary school here in Stockton.

Goal: With the profits made from this Book Fair we hope to put a book into the hands of every Kindergartener, first grader, and second grader (over 250 students!) at Roosevelt Elementary.

When: Monday, April 14th through Friday, April 18 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

There is a special Klutz Build-a-Book event on Saturday, April 19 at noon! During this event students and their parents can write and illustrate a book together, creating a family treasure.

Where: The Benerd School of Education Lobby!

See you there!

China Palace Restaurant Offers a Royalty of Delicious Treats

Vivian Lee  
Lifestyles Editor

Located on West Lane, in the Webber Ranch Shopping Center, China Palace Restaurant offers Asian delicacies for both small couples and large families.

On any given day, this elegant restaurant features traditional ornamentation and round tables with lazy Susans found mostly in Asian restaurants, and offers dinner deals for families and combination plates at affordable prices. The restaurant is large enough to hold banquets and weddings for large parties.

If you go to China Palace on a weekend, you will be delighted to find that there are carts filled with round containers. In these containers are dim sum, a type of Chinese cuisine that involves small, light dishes that may include meat, seafood, and vegetables. In a typical dim sum breakfast, many will order up to 20 or more dishes, which usually come in a trio.

On my recent trip to China Palace, I was able to savor the familiar Asian cuisine with such a big group of people that we took over two tables.

There are a few dim sum favorite dim sum dishes, and I recommend you try them at least once.

For dessert, try the egg tart, which consists of a flaky puff pastry with a tasty egg custard filling.

The price for a dim sum breakfast is around 10 dollars, which is inexpensive compared to other breakfast places. However, there are so many choices of dim sum dishes to choose from, and the family-style meal will have you clamoring over who gets the last shrimp dumpling.

China Palace also offers other numerous meat, vegetable, and seafood dishes, as well as typical Chinese cuisine, such as fried rice, chow mein, chow fun. There is also the offer of clay pot dishes.

Award Winning Play Opens Friday

On the Verge

Courtnee Coburn  
Staff Writer

Travel through time and culture with On the Verge, which opens at the Long Theater tomorrow night. Through witticisms and the play’s historical accuracy, this story of three Victorian women, or “sister sojourners” is one that will interest a wide variety of students. The characters are based on specific Victorian women, who makes this fantastical adventure seem more realistic.

The three women are played by Emily Heller, Johanna Covell and Betsy Picart, all theatre arts majors. The three roles are the heart of the play, and took a considerable amount of time and energy for the actresses playing them. The women are onstage for up to an hour at a time. Various male roles are split up by Will Smith and Alex Ruano and Cami White.

Since the play occurs through various parts of time and space, it took some serious work to create an imaginative concept. This show is difficult to produce not only for the actors, but for the director, set designer, and even the costume artist. On the story itself, director Lisa Tromovitch said, “It is a series of musings on how knowledge fuels the imagination, and then how imagination spurs the quest for further knowledge, and ultimately how that knowledge and those imaginative ideas are shared. It is fundamentally theatrical, in all senses of the word.”

Do not miss such an exciting theatrical opportunity, held right here on campus. The show will run for two weeks. There are performances April 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Tickets cost $10 for students.

Miracle Miles 2008

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

4th annual 5K walk/run  
Sunday, April 13, 2008  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
WPC lawn  
Registration begins at 10 am  
Run begins at 11am

Food and refreshments will be provided. Registration Fee $10.00

Photograph courtesy: Vivian Lee
Rent-A-Textbook

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

One thing every student dreads at the beginning of a semester is the $600 they will spend on brand new, most recent edition textbooks professors insist on having. It is enough to pay $15,000 a semester, but the bookstore prices never seem to get lower.

Despite what many may think, this is not the bookstore's fault. They must sell the textbooks at the price allowed by the distributor. New editions must be obtained whenever the professor says they want the new edition. The textbooks are from Barnes and Noble, which creates inflexible costs.

However, through a program where textbooks are rented out to the students for a fraction of the price, students can get their textbooks at affordable rates.

Currently, 18% of universities in the U.S. and Canada allow students to rent textbooks.

All That Jazz

Chinwe Ohanelo
Staff Writer

On Friday April 4, the Pete Escovedo Orchestra played in Spanos Hall as a musical installment of this year's Brubeck Festival. The Latin jazz group regaled the audience with deep-set rhythms set by the congas, a light skipping tone with the timbales and a heart-pounding intensity with the drums. Lifting the sets in and out, up and down, within and through a musical maze were the trombone, trumpet, and saxophone.

Band leader Pete Escovedo introduced all the orchestra members as if they were family, with interesting anecdotes or comments of praise. One of the band members, Juan Escovedo, is in fact Mr. Escovedo's son.

During musical sets, various members performed re-inspiring solos. Drummer Phill Collins demonstrated quick and hypnotic talent on the drums, while pianist Ben Heavero had the crowd clapping along to his melodic creation.

At one point in the concert, Escovedo invited audience members to the stage to dance along to the music. Several people enthusiastically danced to the music as the orchestra played.

The concert concluded with an upbeat encore which the audience responded to with a standing ovation.

The festival continued in downtown Stockton on Saturday April 5 with the Jazz on the Mile event. San Joaquin Delta College Jazz Ensemble, San Joaquin Delta College Monday Night Jazz Band, Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, the Open World Jazz Octet, Pacific Jazz Ensemble, and the Patrick Langham Jazz Quintet all performed during the event at Tuxedo Circle on Miracle Mile. The festival will continue in Washington D.C. from April 8 to 13.

The Brubeck Festival is an annual event that takes place every year to celebrate David Brubeck's influence on the world of music. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the legendary 1958 State Department tour made by the Dave Brubeck Quartet.

Over the years, The Brubeck Institute has assembled musical ambassadors to bring people together over great music. As we celebrate 50 years, we hope that the tradition of a universal musical dialogue continues.

So...What Is Co-op, Anyway?

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As a part of the program for Engineering majors, students are required to spend a semester as a part of a Co-op. But four letters and a hyphen does not begin to describe what that actually means.

According to third year Engineering major Nick Gillett, “The Co-operative Education Program is a full-time internship during our college career here at Pacific. There is a preparation course we take called Professional Practice Seminar in which we prepare for the Co-op and get interviews lined up.”

Many companies visit campus to conduct interviews, giving students an opportunity to find a company that suits them. A lot of the students get job offers from these interviews. For those who do not, phone interviews are also conducted to ensure an internship for everyone.

Gillett currently works as a manufacturing engineer for Parker Hannifin RACOR Division in Modesto. The facility mainly produces diesel filters. “I... design fixtures for the assembling of filters. I have been put in charge of getting a bar-code system set up in our Manufacturing Engineering lab,” he said. “I really enjoy my job. I go to work to have fun. I like the people I work with and the work I do. I am having an amazing experience.”

For anyone who is not an aspiring engineer, the program sounds intense and intimidating. However, the program is, as Gillett confirmed, a great step toward future engineering goals.

Tips for Cleaning Your Room

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The end of the school year is close. With final projects and exams coming up, the last thing anyone would want to worry about is a room filled with clutter.

If you do not know where to start, here are some simple spring cleaning tips:

- Look through your desk to see if there are any old papers you do not need. If you find any, either place them in respective folders or throw them away to give yourself more storage room.
- Go through your closet and do not wear. Donate them!
- Neatly organize your books.
- Clean up dust around your (they are fun, convenient,)
- Make your bed every time you come back to your looks neat. Also, try to your bed. Do not be lazy around.
- Every time you use something, be sure to put it back right where it was before.

The Co-op program allows students to work in a professional atmosphere for the few remaining weeks.

Good luck with cleaning—think of your clean room as a fresh atmosphere for a new beginning. As a part of the Brubeck Festival, the Dave Brubeck Quartet performed with a standing ovation. The audience responded to the music with an upbeat encore which they played.

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Pacific Softball: Hickman Powers Pacific To First Conference Win

Media Relations

Behind five runs and another strong outing from their ace, junior Chelsea Engle, the Pacific Softball team picked up its first conference series win of 2008, defeating UC Davis, 5-1, on Sunday, April 6. The win gave the Tigers (21-23) the 2-1 series win and evened their conference mark at 3-3 while the Aggies (16-26) fell to 1-5 in the Big West.

In a remix of game one of the series featuring Engle versus the Aggies' Jessica Hancock, the Tigers offense made sure that the contest would have a very different outcome than the previous encounter. While it took a few innings for Pacific to find their way against Hancock, once the rhythm was found, the Tigers did not let up.

In the bottom of the third inning, Senior Mandy Hickman put the Tigers ahead of the Aggies by one, lifting a leadoff solo homerun down the leftfield line to put Pacific up 1-0. The round-tripper was the second of the season for the senior catcher and sparked the Tigers' offense to another five run outing.

With the first run out of the way, the Tigers put the game away in the bottom of the fifth inning, denoting the plate four times in the inning to secure their third conference win of the season to move back to .500 in Big West play.

Once again, it was Hickman who started the inning off for the Tigers, this time singling up the middle. She finished the day 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. With Hickman on, Sophomore Nicole Gradwohl added to her tearr. Wilson added to her team lead in RBI with a single into centerfield that plated her thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth RBI of the season and put the Tigers ahead, 5-0.

With her offense clicking in front of her, Engle helped herself out in the circle, averting danger in the top of the sixth inning, giving up just one run in the inning despite loading the bases with no outs. Michelle Espiritu scored the run for the Aggies when she scored on an RBI single by Julie Stauder after moving herself out in the circle. Wilson added to her team lead in RBI with a single into centerfield that plated her thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth RBI of the season and put the Tigers ahead, 5-0.

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Despite the jam in the sixth, Engle threw her twentieth complete game of the season to move to 14-10 on the year. In seven innings of work, Engle gave up four hits and walked one, while striking out six. Her counterpart, Hancock, went all six for the Aggies, giving up three hits and three walks while striking out four in her second outing of the weekend.

The Tigers will be back in action on Saturday, April 12, at 12:00 p.m. as they head to Riverside, CA to take on the Highlanders in their first conference road trip of the season.
DeSean’s Sports Update

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Guest Writer

NBA

Playoffs are less than two weeks away and the race is tight in the Western Conference. New Orleans and Los Angeles have clinched playoff berths. Dallas looks likely to lock up the seventh seed. Denver and Golden State meet-up before the end of the season could decide who goes into the playoffs. The Warriors win or lose depends on Stephen "Jail-Breaker" Jackson. The Niners have had a good off-season, dropping Darrell "Butterfingers" Jackson and picking up Bryant Johnson and Isaac Bruce. Putting Vernon in the backfield might also help the offensive scheme, so Mike Martz needs to make it happen. The quarterback situation still looks a little shaky; can Alex Smith break out after having four offensive coordinators in four years?

NCAA

The Tigers return to the courts Saturday, April 12, when they travel to Long Beach to take on the Cal State Long Beach 49ers at 1:30 p.m.

No. 53 UC Irvine 5, Pacific 2

Singles

1) Becky Bernhard (UCI) def. Jolanta Twarowska (PAC) 6-2, 1-6, 6-0
2) Svenja Arens (PAC) def. Inna Agababian (UCI) 7-6(4), 6-3
3) Clare Fermi (UCI) def. Kateryna Nezhura (PAC) 7-5, 7-5
4) Rebecca Kwan (UCI) def. Olga Gumennyuk (PAC) 7-5, 6-3
5) Jessica Broadfoot (UCI) def. Clara Schuhmacher (PAC) 6-4, 6-1
6) Heidi Kaloi (UCI) def. Sasha Fisher (PAC) 6-4, 6-1

Order of Finish: 6, 5, 4, 1, 2, 3

No. 53 UC Irvine 5, Pacific 2

Doubles

1) Jolanta Twarowska / Becky Bernhard (UCI) def. Svenja Arens / Kateryna Nezhura (PAC) 8-7(4)
2) Jolanta Twarowska / Sasha Fisher (PAC) def. Clare Fermi / Rebecca Kwan (UCI) 8-5
3) Olga Gumennyuk / Clara Schuhmacher (PAC) def. Brooke Bartlett / Lisa Shih 8-6

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

Looking for their second win of the weekend the Pacific women's tennis team did battle with the #53 UC Irvine Anteaters.

The Tigers began the match by picking up doubles victories behind the pairs of Twarowska / Fisher and Gumennyuk / Schuhmacher at the number two and three positions 8-5 and 8-6 respectively.

Sophomore Svenja Arens earned the lone singles victory on the day for the Tigers with her triumph over Inna Agababian 7-6(4), 6-3. Arens continues her stellar singles play at the number two position winning for the second time on the weekend and for the fourth time in her last five matches.

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Get to Know the Tiger Dancers

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We see them at all the home Men’s and Women’s Basketball games. We see them at all the home Women’s Volleyball games. They perform at many other school events. But how much do we really know about the Tiger Dancers?

The Tiger Dancers are made up of eight Pacific students. The current members are Elizabeth Croistere, Avery Hochhalter, Alexia Case, Crisly Yadon, Jordan Sumodobila, Kristin Mueller, Emily Phillips and Kari Huber. They practice Mondays from 5p.m. to 8p.m. and Wednesdays from 5p.m. to 7p.m. “It is a big time commitment, considering how many games we perform at, but it is completely worth it. The more times we perform together, the better we get,” says junior Crisly Yadon.

Not only do the Tiger Dancers perform at Pacific home games, See DANCER, pg 11

A Brush with Death Brings Life into Perspective

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Jim Yanko, current Pacific baseball pitching coach and former Delta College head coach, has been in remission for three years after being diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a central nervous system tumor.

Yanko was diagnosed in November 2003. What he thought was just an excruciating headache was actually a lesion the size of a golf ball on his brain. Doctors ran several tests and an MRI, and surgically removed the lesion on the same day. After the surgery, the doctor told Yanko’s wife, Lynn, that he had less than a year to live.

Yanko began radiation treatments to control the malignant cancer cells from spreading. However, University of California, San Francisco Medical Center found that his cancer had advanced to a high grade tumor, the kind that almost always grow back after surgical excision. At UCSF, the doctors performed a Gamma Knife Procedure, a knifeless surgery that allows doctors to treat certain types of tumors with radiation directly on the affected area. This time, Yanko was told he had three to four years to live.

In 2005, doctors thought they found yet another tumor in Yanko’s brain. After many tests and evaluations, it turned out to be a false alarm. The tests showed negative for cancer. He was cancer-free.

Through the whole ordeal, his friends and family stuck by him providing support. Fred Corral, one of Yanko’s closest friends, was a great contributor to Yanko’s healing process. He flew all the way from Tennessee to share fellowship and faith. Corral believes that “Jim’s value of life and the positives that go along with it helped him conquer cancer.”

Now in remission, Yanko is happy to be back coaching for his alma mater. He also says “I really feel like a new man, but what happened to me has helped put life into perspective...I now understand just how precious life is.”

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