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Professor Investigates Japanese Tectonic Activity

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Dr. Kurtis Burmeister, Assistant Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, recently returned from an expedition to the ocean floor in Japan. The objective of this trip was to better understand the geology of the tectonic plates located directly beneath Tokyo Bay. Earthquakes such as the 7.8 magnitude Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 occur every 200-300 years.

Burmeister boarded the SHINKAI 6500, a $12.6 submarine operated by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology. The SHINKAI is built around a 76 mm thick sphere of pure titanium and can dive to depths up to 6500 meters. At the bottom of the ocean, Burmeister observed strange organisms such as tube worms, sea cucumbers, and crenoids. He also noticed a peculiarly systematic layering of geology that lies at the fault boundary that lies at the bottom.

The SHINKAI 6500 Japanese submarine prepares to enter Tokyo Bay to explore the ocean floor. (Photograph by Kurtis Burmeister)

SJC Art Show “Act” a Nice Addition to Campus Events

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

The first annual Social Justice Community Art show, titled “Act” was on exhibit Friday, April 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Reynolds Gallery. Various displays were submitted from art majors, SJC members, and interfaith staff members. Exhibits ranged from oil paintings to graphite sketches to collages. Even a handful of 3D models were on display.

Numerous current events relating to social justice were featured in the art.

Scenes depicting the American atrocities at Abu Ghraib, Pacific student’s experience on Alternative Spring Break at New Orleans, and multi-faith symbols were some of the more memorable contributions to the exhibit.

Megan McCarthy, who organized the event, also featured some of her own paintings made especially for the show.

In addition to viewing art and enjoying music and food, the art show also acted as a fundraiser. Guests were encouraged to bring change to donate to the Center for Community Involvement.

Fair Trade Entrepreneur Speaks at Pacific

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

On April 8, Paul Rice spoke in George Wilson Hall about his successful nonprofit organization: Transfair USA.

Rice has inspired a new kind of success in which his multinational company certifies fair trade standards in other companies. The presentation began with an introduction from the director of the Global Center for Entrepreneurship announcing, “Transfair is an incredible organization.”

Rice has earned several awards and acknowledgements including the Socialist Economist of the Year in Fast Company magazine. Transfair also has fair trade certified the largest companies in the world including Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts.

Rice’s mission is to ensure small farmers in developing nations are making enough money to maintain financial stability. For years, small farmers throughout the world have struggled because of the low prices big businesses pay for products like coffee and chocolate that are grown on these small farms.

Transfair’s goal is to aid those in underdeveloped countries, resulting in economic growth. This is done by convincing large businesses that participating in fair trade is more profitable. The businesses do have to pay more for each unit of the product; however, the businesses have had higher sales because the promotion of free trade is appealing to consumers. Consumers are becoming more aware how important it is to buy fair trade products and keep small farmers in business. It is now the time to provide other countries with the resources necessary to enhance their economies, Rice said.

According to Rice, Transfair has provided $100 million in additional income to small farmers through their fair trade promotions. What Transfair does is set up an association between small farmers in a given location and encourage large businesses to purchase the products at ten times the non-fair trade cost from this specific group of farmers. Surprisingly, companies selling fair trade products have maintained higher profit margins.

In order for a company to be fair trade certified, they must buy their products from farms meeting specific criteria which include environmental sustainability and fair prices. Transfair analyzes over 700 companies’ books in order to certify them for fair trade.

Rice is addressing something he believes has been an issue since he witnessed the toils in small farming while living in Nicaragua.

“Industry is not stepping up in an efficient way,” announced Rice. This concept of efficiency is a key element to successful economic growth, and we as a developed nation have not accomplished it, Rice added.

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Pride Week Breaks Boundaries of Love

Seema Ghatnekar
Staff Writer

PRIDE is an acronym standing for Promoting Respect in Diverse Environments, whose mission statement is to create a supportive, educational environment for all students, staff, and faculty, as well as for the greater Stockton community, focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Intersex, Queer, and All issues and resources. April 21 through 25 marks Pacific’s PRIDE week.

Karim Shallwani, a sophomore PRIDE member, said, “Pride Week is the crossroads between the LGBT community and the Pacific community. It is a way for all of us to come together to celebrate different types of sexual orientations, with no bounds of love. This is the first time I have ever celebrated Pride Week with Pacific and all my friends. I’m ecstatic!” The events that will be held next week are:

Monday, April 21: “Men With Marriage Equality” at 5:00 p.m. in the Pride Resource Center.

Tuesday, April 22: “Harle Queer Romance” at 8:00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center

Wednesday, April 23: “The Pacific Drag Show” at 8:30 p.m. in the Pacific Theater

Thursday, April 24: “Kareo Gay Night” at 7:00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center

Friday, April 25: “Freedom to Love Reception” at 1:00 p.m. on the WPC Lawn

Pacific Ladies

Rank No. 48

Crissy Yaden
Staff Writer

Pacific ladies rank 48th. The category in which they placed? According to www.popcrunch.com, Pacific has the 48th hottest girls on college campuses nationwide. The blog site compiled a list of Hottest Student Bodies: “The 50 Best Colleges Ranked by Looks” on March 24.

Pacific graced the 48th spot with a picture of the 2006-2007 cheerleaders and the description that, “The University of the Pacific has been the setting for many Hollywood movies, including Raiders of the Lost Ark. Which I’m sure is what brought in the hotties. That or the beautiful California weather. Either way, Pacific boasts a 58% female population, making it an ideal setting for any guy.”

Further photographic evidence was provided with pictures of the 2006-2007 Tiger Dancers, freshman Krystina Tonetti, and notable alumni actresses Jamie Lee Curtis, Janet Leigh, and Bridget Marquardt.

The top three spots were occupied by Florida State at number three, University of Southern California, and Arizona State at number one. The blog site never explained how the schools were chosen, but it certainly provided a source of entertainment. If the ladies of Pacific were number 48, it makes one wonder how the men size up next to other schools.
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The subduction zone studied, called the Nankai Trough, is located directly under Tokyo. In this case, the Philippine Plate is subducting under the Eurasian Plate. The occasional grinding of the plates creates folds of rocks that resemble large stone steps, which can be seen on the bottom of Tennyu Canyon. At the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, Burmeister measured the orientation of layers of rock that were originally flat but now contorted by deformation along the subduction zone.

The data will be helpful in calculating the timing of the forces that caused the deformation, a process similar to how auto collision experts recreate the scene of an accident by the orientation of the vehicles. Rock samples and tube worm samples were also collected. Analyzing these samples will give an idea of how deep the ocean was, how much rock had been smashed between the two tectonic plates and the architecture of faults deep beneath the seafloor.

"My research in the Tennyu Canyon area is just a small part of a multi-million dollar research," Dr. Burmeister said.

"Since Tokyo houses roughly 10% of the total population of Japan, it is important to understand the seismic threats to the Tokyo Bay region."

Federal Judge Among Many Speakers at Women's Leadership Conference

Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

On April 19 in the Wendell Phillips Center from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is the University of the Pacific's Seventh Annual Women's Leadership Conference. This year's event includes alumni of McGeorge School of Law with Pacific Regent and Judge Connie Callahan of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as the keynote speaker. There will also be various workshop sessions offered.

During lunch, a poetry slam will be presented to encourage men and women to speak out for women's rights in hopes of encouraging other women to find their voices. Spaces are still available for Pacific students who would like to perform during the poetry slam. Students interested should contact l_lopez1@pacific.edu.

Closing the day will be singer-songwriter Cindy Alexander performing self-written pieces. This year's conference is hosted by ASuop, Multicultural Affairs, Student Academic Support Services, Pacific Women's Center, and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

The event is open to Pacific students, faculty and the Stockton community. Tickets can be purchased through the box office on campus or online at pacificetgers.tix.com. Tickets are $5 at the box office and $8 at the door. Thirty entrance scholarships are available thanks to Pi Kappa Alpha. For more information contact co-chair Laura Proctor at lauraproctor05@hotmail.com or co-chair Michelle Appleton at jamba18@yahoo.com.

Senior Dave Milz Ready to Tackle U.S. Economy

Chinwe Ohanele
Staff Writer

Dave Milz is a senior graduating this spring with a major in business. He hopes to break into the economy by putting all he has learned from Pacific to getting a job. In his four years spent at Pacific, Milz has enjoyed the small class sizes and the community atmosphere of the business school.

According to Milz, the Career Center and the Business School have prepared him for moving into the working world. In addition to professional and academic preparation, Milz believes that Pacific with its emphasis on small community has helped his social development.

Randy Hayashi '85, '88
Guest Writer

As a graduate of the College and the Dental School, I have been honored to play a key role on the planning committee for the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, named for the project's lead donors and Alumni Association advocates. The 10,500 square foot facility, set to break ground in summer 2009, will provide a permanent home for alumni while adding to the event space available on campus for alumni and community functions.

The architectural plans show the Alumni House opening into a spacious foyer that will serve as the central hub of activity within the building. A multifunctional ballroom on the first floor is designed to accommodate up to 200 people at meetings or parties. The building will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology, Wifi access, and contain a resource library, featuring University and Association memorabilia as well as historical photos, catalogs and yearbooks. Other prominent features are: office space for Association staff, an outdoor patio connected to the ballroom, and beautifully landscaped green space adjacent to the facility.

When the project is completed, students will be invited to stop by for food and drinks during Welcome Wednesday Receptions and for gatherings before and after athletic events. Graduates will have access to countless social and networking opportunities hosted by the facility. We hope to see you there for your 5th reunion all the way through to your 50th! While you are only part of the campus community for a few years, your membership in the Pacific alumni community lasts a lifetime.

Please join the Pacific Alumni Association for a Senior Celebration at the site of the future Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House (near Long Theatre) on Tuesday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be free food, giveaways, games, and a chance to dunk your favorite professor in the dunk tank!

Thank you to the students, alumni, and friends who have made contributions to this invaluable project.
Pacific Philanthropy: Not as grand as it could be

How many philanthropy events have you supported this year? There are a plethora of Greek philanthropy events at Pacific. We, at the Pacifican, are wondering what happened to Pacific's support for these events. Greeks are encouraged to support other Greek philanthropy events, but what about the rest of Pacific's student body? Last Sunday, Delta Delta Delta's Miracle Miles made more than $1500 for children's cancer research at St. Jude's, but with wider campus support could have raised much more. Kappa Alpha Theta is currently taking orders for Breakfast at Your Casa to support abused and neglected children trapped in the court system, but received only 30 orders the first week. The Ms. Delta Upsilon Pageant brought in participation from several social and multicultural fraternities and sororities, but there was no non-Greek support. Money from this event went to the Stockton Boys and Girls Club.

For those that are against supporting Greek events, philanthropy at Pacific is not limited Greek organizations. However, these other groups have had just as little success as the Greeks. Last semester the Pacific Ambassadors organized a school supply drive benefiting elementary school teachers who pay hundreds of dollars for their own school supplies. Donation boxes were placed in every residence hall and six additional locations on campus, but the boxes remained empty. The Social Entrepreneurs' talent show raised only $210 to support an orphanage in Guatemala. The few that did support the event were mostly freshman. Hunter Tanous, who organized the event, commented, “As you know, no one really carries cash around and people also find it tough to spend three to five dollars for something if they don't receive something material, like a shirt, bracelet or Starbucks.”

Has philanthropy become something that only friends of those participating support? Are flyers asking for donations and philanthropy event participation being looked over in favor of job opportunities posted nearby? We, at the Pacifican, encourage Pacific students to participate in philanthropic opportunities, both Greek and non-Greek, because we, as students need to support each other and those less fortunate.

Indigo Moor

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Jeff Morgan
Poetry Columnist

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In his debut poetry collection, Moor shines forth as an inventive poet with unique imagery and sensitivity to the music that arises from words. The organization of Moor's book Tap-Root is quite innovative as well. Moor described the concept of the
Boys and Girls

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-in-Chief

I consider myself lucky; I get along equally well with men and women. I love doing girly things like get pedicures and read Perez, but I also love swearing with the boys and being gross. I know how to be one of the guys so well that recently a male friend told me I am going to be "that crazy uncle" one day. It must have slipped his mind that I can never become an uncle because I don't have a penis.

Over the years, my friendships with guys have taught me a lot. In general, guys are a lot more crude than girls. One of my best guy friends recently asked me if I've ever looked up "porn bloopers." I laughed and enjoyed his explanation of what happens in porn bloopers, but told him that was something I'd never think of on my own. Many of my girl friends don't even watch porn, much less look for outtakes.

Being a girl is more about strategy than impulsive decisions. Many guys put on the first clean smelling shirt they see before a date. A girl will plan her outfit carefully to hide her flaws and accentuate her favorite parts. Girls don't just walk up to guys at bars. They come up with a plan of attack and are generally more successful than guys. I'm sure having boobs doesn't hurt either.

Men and women are actually more similar than many think. The biggest difference I have noticed between the sexes is that guys are a lot more open. I've sat in the Summit loudly comparing the three Jessicas (Alba, Biel, and Simpson) with my guy friends. In case you were wondering, I prefer Simpson, but only if she doesn't talk. Girls, on the other hand, are more practical. We compare guys we know (i.e. people we actually have a chance with) in the privacy of our rooms.

It's easy to see that girls think about sex just as much as guys do—just look at the cover of this month's Cosmopolitan. So why then are girls more reserved? It could be we have been taught since birth to be pretty and quiet while boys play in the mud and yell. Another reason could be that girls are worried about not being feminine enough to attract guys. Or maybe we just like to shock the guys by mentioning "2 Girls, 1 cup" with a straight face at dinner.

WHY THE NEW PACIFIC DINING PLAN MAKES SENSE

In the 2008 Fall semester, Pacific will introduce a new "Declining Balance" meal plan for all on-campus students. Here are some of the advantages for the new plan:

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• **Location, Location, Location:** With the University Center located centrally on-campus, you will be steps away from great food without ever having to leave campus, or give up your parking spot!

• **Vegetarian Options:** A wide range of flavorful and creative Vegetarian choices are offered at every meal period.

If you have any questions or need more information, please go to Housing Greek Life's "Frequently Asked Questions" website located at www.pacific.edu/housing or call 209.946.2331.
Within a decade, Google will be the biggest corporate power in the world. Forget the oil companies, whose biggest hope for future growth lies under discouraging layers of ice. Forget Wal-Mart, whose profits will soon follow its free-falling image. It won’t be long before the internet search giant tops them all.

And what a beautiful world it will be. You will wake up every morning to the smell of your favorite morning beverage, which Google will either remember from past mornings or serve by command after you watch a short advertisement for contending brands. The shower will be set to the perfect warmth, calculated to the last significant digit based on outdoor temperature and predictive likelihood of catching cold (a new feature that will then be in “beta-testing”).

Forget where you left your car keys? Google will graciously let you search for the missing item in its exhaustive tape record of your life. Don’t like private moments showing up in the archive? No problem, Google will eliminate those sections of tape from your search results. The corporate office will, of course, maintain a copy for personal entertainment.

Reading material will be a synthesis of popular sources based on the current events of the day and any personal interests you may have. Google will know what you like.

Choices in diet, transportation, housing, friendship and even romantic companionship will all be decided by habit-evidenced preferences. That’s right, your boyfriend or girlfriend will be chosen by Google, using an algorithm that finds and identifies persons with mutual coincidence of penchants, which is tech speak for “liking the same music.”

You could also do a Google search if you’re feeling particularly lonely (or is it lucky?).

After legislation is passed to clear the way, Google will vote for you in a manner more objective than any human being ever could. Candidate selections will be determined by the news articles you favorite and entries you make on your blog, because everyone will keep a blog. Google Voting will be hassle free and we allow 100% of the electorate to have a say.

“Google” is Russian for “total global domination under the guise of ‘doing no evil,’” a concept the Russians have struggled to learn, but Google has down to a science. We are on the path now but in a few years, life will be efficient, smart and, above all, searchable.

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book as the byproduct of a realization he had when he examined his poetry and the themes that arose. As Moor describes, “It came to me that what I was looking at was a play, a stage production. At that point, I began writing specifically with theatrical divisions in mind. The choice of themes for each section are the building blocks of a good stage play: Dressing, the Set, The Score, The Cast, etc. Also three chapters were named for theater terms: Call to Stage, Curtain Up, Curtain Call.”

I have selected poem “Schism” for this week’s article because it exemplifies Moor’s keen attention to rhythm, vivid imagery, and regional subject matter. “Schism” is found in the section which explores the musical setting of his play. The poem explores the relationship between two major figures in Blues music: Ma Rainy and Bessie Smith. “Ma Rainey was Bessie Smith’s mentor. They only toured together for three years but their impact was tremendous. They were both larger than life, but were never competitive with each other. They were close friends,” Moor describes. The poem also explores the blues itself.

The poem is divided into two sections and each section is unique from the other in its rhythm and structure. The first section is filled with poetic description, which seems to attempt to conceptually define the loss. That said, the images used to convey that message are quite striking, moving, and beautiful. Yet, we get this pause and shift in the latter half of the poem where, no longer attempting to conceptualize the feeling, the speaker (apparently Ma Rainy) begins to just experience the pain. Like most blues artists, the speaker names such intense pain the blues making this song a demonstration of a blues-like expression. Blues is a process of giving voice to pain, which is exactly what the speaker does in this poem. According to Moor the second section is “a Blues song harnessed by the constraints of poetic structure. The difference may seem inconsequential in discussion, but the dichotomy is readily noticeable when reading the poem. The second section can almost be sung instead of spoken.”

I am sure we can expect many great things from this poet in the near future. He has projects in the making as we speak. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to discuss Moor’s poetry with him and I hope you all enjoy this weeks selection “Schism” from Moor’s book Tap-Root.

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**Schism**

- Bessie & Me. Folks didn’t know we was the same person, split.
- Schizoid: A and B sides of the same vinyl 45 turned slow. We both knew pain would croon if it had voice.
- Now I’m left, cleaved down the middle, a wound I can’t stop touching; my days filled with half-sung Blues

that follow me through the house like pallbearers, heads bowed.

Blues that lie drunk across the pale silence of phone. They sit in the corner, legs cradled, rocking to a deep-throated moan.
In the middle of the Reynolds Gallery earlier this April, a cart of Pacifico Beer was rolled into the center of the room. Participants stood in a semi-circle alternating sips and single blows over the top of their beer bottles, creating a musical sonata inspired by the social contingency of beer drinking.

The Reynolds Gallery hosted numerous events in late March and early April that ranged from performance art to wall drawing. Art Fusion '08 brought together the collaboration of students and Bay Area participants. Spontaneous Wall Drawing exhibitions welcomed the public to express themselves with paint and brushes, and a Sacramento-based performance led by Steve Vanoni blasted nude models with paint from a pulse jet engine and marshmallow candy Peeps.

Although the year is coming to an end, the Reynolds Gallery is hosting a farewell celebration for graduating students from April 22 to May 18. On May 16, twelve seniors will display their work with complimentary wine and music.

The art committee has already begun to construct a schedule of monthly exhibits and events for next year, which includes a fusion of live graffiti and fashion show.

Naked Peeps: Art Fusion 2008

Jenna O'Connell
Guest Writer

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Photographs courtesy of Jenna O'Connell

Games

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Instead of letters, each block contains the digits 1 through 9. The same digit will never repeat within a word. If you add the digits in a word, the sum will be the number shown in the clue. Clues are shown on the left and right sides of “across” words, and on the top and bottom sides of “down” words.

ANSWERS

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Mid-Spring Night Dreams

A Weekend of Shakespeare in Ashland

Vivian Lee
Lifestyles Editor

Last weekend, I enjoyed a trip to Ashland, Oregon, home of the internationally renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Ashland is located in Jackson County near Interstate 5 and the Oregon-California border. The drive on I-5 from Stockton takes roughly around five and a half hours, with periodic rest stops.

Ashland's natural landscape allows visitors to engage themselves in the luxurious sights and sounds of flowing streams and lush foliage, and the rich downtown area offers a calming night life with a wide variety of restaurants, organic eateries, movie theatres, pubs, and shopping spots. Best of all, Oregon does not impose a general sales tax rate on their products, which could seem like both an advantage and a disadvantage.

South of Oregon, Ashland offers bright weather amidst the occasional rain of the state.

Through this interesting use of space, the actors were able to personally interact with the audience. Midsummer's Night Dream played upon previous eras of American culture, which attributed into an eye-opening performance. Although the performances may be a little longer than usual, they are modern and fresh and offer a different view on the traditional Shakespearean plays.

The festival annually produces eleven plays on three stages during a season that lasts from February to October. Four to five of the plays produced each year are by William Shakespeare. This season, the festival offers four of Shakespeare's plays: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Coriolanus, Othello, and The Comedy of Errors; and seven other noteworthy pieces. More information about the festival can be found out online at osfashland.org.

Vivian Lee
Lifestyles Editor

Adult Students of Pacific

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

It was recently brought to the attention of the Pacifican staff that the newspaper tends to exclude adult students from its reportage. In the University’s “Fast Facts for 2007,” approximately 5% of students on the Stockton campus were non-traditional adult students over the age of 25. With a total undergraduate enrollment of 3500, roughly 175 adult students are currently pursuing higher-education opportunities at Pacific.

One adult student is Melinda Chaney, a 28-year-old undergraduate and a married mother of two studying Speech-Language Pathology. Chaney knows firsthand the difficulties that are in place for adult students. She planned to graduate in May, but had to delay her graduation until next year.

“I decided to remain at junior status to slow things down. I’m graduating a year later than I expected to, but I wanted to focus on much needed family time,” says Chaney. “There is no child care on campus for students who have small children. Many adult students choose their children over their education, which can turn a two year degree into a five year endeavor.”

On April 9, Chaney and other nontraditional students were recognized by Alpha Sigma Lambda for academic excellence while facing the demands of family, community, and work commitments. Members of Alpha Sigma Lambda were selected from the highest ten percent of the non-traditional students, making induction into the society especially “humbling,” as Chaney put it.

The International Chinese Student Union (ICSU) hosted a hot pot dinner last Monday night in the Grace Covell Banquet Hall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There was a line starting around 5:45 p.m., and due to limited seating, many interested students had to wait longer to taste the special Asian cuisine.

The hot pot dinner was sponsored by Lollicup and Siamese Street and offered tasty and delicious fresh produce to cook with the hot pots.

The ICSU aims to educate the Pacifican community about Asian culture by offering the annual hot pot event. The organization also holds other cultural events in the Bechtel International Center such as the annual Moon Cake Festival in celebration of the Lunar New Year.

For more information about multicultural events, check out the Bechtel International Center.
Restaurant Review:

The Creamery

Located at 5756 Pacific Avenue, The Creamery is a great place to dine if you are craving a classic American meal that will satisfy your stomach. When you first step inside, you will be immediately greeted and seated with a smile. Instead of individual chairs, there are spacious love seats at the tables. The restaurant is somewhat divided up by partitions, giving customers more privacy as they eat. The walls are adorned with art, and multiple plasma screen televisions showing sports games at minimal volume.

The menu includes a delightful variety of main courses, including hamburgers, pastas, meat dishes, side orders, and desserts. The menu offers a variety of soups, salads, and a choice of type of soup and dressing. The desserts are a highlight, with a selection of sundaes, pies, sherbet, and ice cream.

Most meals come with side dishes of either soup or salad. These come with your choice of type of soup and dressing, or a wide selection of side orders. When I was given the choice of a side order, I requested the salad with Caesar dressing. Little did I know I would receive a generous amount to the extent that it was almost enough to be a main course meal itself.

For my actual main course, I had the Fettuccine Alfredo pasta, which includes thick noodles drenched in a creamy parmesan sauce, sprinkled with shreds of cheese, and accompanied with a warm and fluffy piece of bread with butter. My dining companion had the rich vegetable soup, which came with plenty small bags of crackers to eat with. My favorite part of the whole meal was the milkshake, which are enticingly thick, come in over 20 flavors, and include free refills.

Without a doubt, this was the shortest time I have ever had to wait for a meal at a restaurant. If you are hungry and in a rush, The Creamery will not keep you waiting, and the food will still be made with great quality. Our meals arrived within approximately five minutes.

The Creamery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you enjoy friendly service, affordable, ($7 to $11) mouth-watering food, and get a taste of The Creamery.

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Earth Day 2008: A Call for Climate Change

Earth Day 2008 attempts to forge significant and equitable action on climate change. The event, produced by Green Apple Festival, will include A-list musicians and actors, environmental and community leaders.

Cities that will be presenting individual celebrations include New York, Buenos Aires, Barcelona, San Francisco, Caracas, Chicago, Tokyo, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, Dallas, and Durban. Come help save the world from climate change and have fun at the same time!

The prizes for the competition are as follows:
- 1st place = $500 & trophy
- 2nd place = $100 & Trophy
- 3rd place = Trophy

Special performances include Ryan Cordero, a teen R&B artist and Stockton resident specializing in vocal and guitar music, and Pacific's own Omega Delta Phi with a strolling piece and a step routine.

Does God Exist?

Jessie Lucas
Staff Writer

The existence of God has been debated for centuries. Theists and Atheists have argued with each other, demonstrating and proving their side of the story. Theists believe in one or more deities, though they do not necessarily have to subscribe to any particular religion. Atheists, on the other hand, affirm the nonexistence of deities.

Next Tuesday, April 22, the Free Thought Society will host its own debate about the existence of God, which will be held in the Pacific Theater at 6 p.m. Theist and Atheist beliefs will be represented by Andrew Sumner and Katelyn McGehee, and non-believers will be represented by Drew Gorham and David Johnson. Admission is free.

At the end of the debate, there will be a session for the audience to ask questions of either side. Everyone is encouraged to attend the debate and to bring questions.

Seniors, Don't Miss Out on COMMENCEMENT 2008

Saturday May 17th, 9:30 a.m.
in Alex G. Spanos Center

Degrees will be conferred at this ceremony, so pick-up your tickets NOW at the Box-Office!!!
Bring your student I.D.!!

For all the latest information go to www.pacific.edu/commencement/

Breakthrough 2008

Breakthrough 2008: Hip Hop Dance Competition is the first annual event hosted by Rhythm Inc. The competition is open to the youth in the community who are involved with the dance scene or wishes to showcase their choreography and talents to the public. Each team must consist of participants who are younger than the age of 18 or still in high school.

Up-and-coming dance teams as well as larger, more well-known dance teams will be showcasing their talent. Some of the teams include SickStep, who have achieved fame from through big-name artists such as Justin Timberlake, J-Lo, Dream, the A-Teens, Aaron Carter, Vina Morales, and American Idol's own Jasmine Trias; Mobility, from UC Davis; Triple Threat from Southern California; and Pacific's own Rhythm Inc.

Some of the competing teams so far are: SoulFresh from San Jose, Poreotics from Orange County, and The Villains from Tracy.
Wednesday, Apr 9
Men's Tennis
Vs. San Francisco
L, 4-3

Friday, Apr 11
Baseball
Vs. Cal Poly
W, 3-1

Men's Volleyball
Vs. UC Irvine
L, 3-0

Men's Golf
ASU Thunderbird Invitational
8th of 16

Saturday, Apr 12
Baseball
Vs. Cal Poly
L, 10-4

Softball
Vs. UC Riverside
L, 2-0

Vs. UC Riverside
W, 5-1

Men's Tennis
Vs. UC Irvine
L, 5-2

Women's Tennis
Vs. Long Beach State
L, 7-0

Women's Water Polo
Vs. California Baptist
L, 8-6

Men's Volleyball
Vs. UCLA
L, 3-0

Men's Golf
ASU Thunderbird Invitational
9th of 16

Sunday, Apr 13
Baseball
Vs. Cal Poly
L, 8-5

Softball
Vs. UC Riverside
L, 4-0

Women's Tennis
Vs. UC Riverside
W, 6-1

Women's Water Polo
Vs. UC Santa Barbara
L, 16-6

Men's Golf
ASU Thunderbird Invitational
14th of 16

Tigers Compete at Crew Classic

Jessie Lucas  
Staff Writer

On April 5, the Pacific Crew team traveled to Mission Bay to compete in the 35th annual Crew Classic. There, they raced against some of the most competitive men’s and women’s crew teams.

Pacific’s women’s raced in the Women’s Varsity 8 Cal Cup and the men raced in the Men’s Collegiate Novice 8, both racing against 20 other top competitors. The women finished sixth with a time of 8:04, advancing into the third final. The men also finished sixth with a great improvement of 50 seconds since the beginning of their season. They finished with an exciting final sprint, passing California Maritime Academy. The men’s time was 7:08.

Head Coach Eric Weir commented “The caliber of this competition is on par with what you will see at the men’s and women’s national championships. In only our second year as a formal program, I am proud to say we represented the university well and came away knowing where the bar is for success at the highest level.”

The Crew is always glad to have new members join their team. If interested, please contact Women’s Team Captain Katie Lindsey at k_lindsey@pacific.edu for more information.

DeSaun’s Sports Update

Lance Martin  
Guest Writer

NFL

Any team that drafts Oregon’s forgotten son, Dennis Dixon might be charged with Grand Theft. It would be a steal to draft someone who has more explosive running power than Vince Young and better throwing ability than Michael “Con” Vick in the fourth or fifth round as projected.

“Pac-Man” Jones is expected to file for reinstatement on Tuesday. Pac-Man has been working on his image during extended off-season, doing charity work that would put Warren Buffet to shame. Just ask all the children in the ATI that Pac-Man helped feed. Let me introduce Adam “Pac-huManitarian” Jones.

With Kobe Bryant going crazier than a drunk sorority chick with a camera, he sure has made his case why he is this year’s MVP. I personally don’t like Kobe, but I would love to have him on my fantasy team.

On a side note: I personally believe the Kobe Bryant YouTube video is real. The only real question I have is: why is Kobe trying to impress Ronny Turiaf?

With the loss to the Nuggets, the Warriors need to make a run with their last remaining games against PHX and SEA. For all you Warriors fans, Nuggets need to lose to MEM and the Warriors need to win out to make the playoffs. Better go to church and start praying.

Good news for all you Damon Stoudamire fans: Stoudamire’s marijuana case was finally dismissed. For all you newborns, Stoudamire was arrested in 2003 after a foil packet containing a half-ounce of marijuana fell from his pants while he was going through security at Tucson’s airport. I don’t know whether the fact that Stoudamire actually had marijuana in a foil packet fall from his pants at an airport or that this case took four years to get dismissed is more ludicrous.

MLB

It took about 90 years for the Red Sox to break the curse of the Bambino. Thinking the “Curse of the Big Papi” jersey could put the Yankees in a curse is like thinking a fraternity at Pacific would throw a party during this semester. The only thing that could curse the Yankees is if someone swooped on Steinbrenner’s wallet.

Who is John Bowker? He is the Giants’ rookie right-fielder who hit a three-run blast during his debut in the bigs, then a two-run bomb in his second game, totaling 7 RBIs in two games. If he keeps up this pace, he will be the new home-run king in 4.72 years.

NHL

Sharks? Playoffs? Two words that never belong in the same sentence.
Rec Sports Power Rankings: Week 2

5v5 BASKETBALL

Men's A
1. Blue Magic - Arguably the best RecSport hoops team in Northern California
2. Tiger Pac - These guys can't be the same Tiger Pac!
3. 09ers - The 09ers can matchup with the shooting of Tiger Pac but could struggle against the length of Blue Magic
4. Old is the New Young - Burnett & Wilson are solid scorers for the Athletic Dept.
5. Josh Foster's Flowing Locks - Foster & Parish are a 2-headed monster
6. Juice - The only thing consistent about Juice is their inconsistency.
7. Fundamentally Sound - Team needs to refocus after self-imploding
8. Kappa Psi - Team just gets throttled in the interior
9. Backboard Breakers - I hope these Sigma Chi's moves are better on their dance floor
10. S-Mile - Lendman and Seo aren't getting much help
11. RecSports Basketball - Team isn't putting up much of a fight

Men's C
1. Stan Zubov - Stan is the man (in Men's C anyway)
2. Abh Shoot - Arguably the most complete team in Men’s C
3. Bulldogs - Team has been rather impressive against lesser talent
4. ESB - The MBA’s have many great strides from last year
5. L&S - Ochoku may have lost a step but he is a monster on the boards
6. Oral Chocolate - Pollock has drawn many comparisons to the Hands from N.C.
7. Carter - An quality win over Sigma Chi but not impressive enough
8. Malibu - Yoshioka's leadership and passion is starting to pay dividends
9. Off Constantly - Townzen has assembled a nice supporting cast which could lead to his first ever bball playoff birth
10. Chuck's Fave Five - Tom resembles the likes of all pure scorers...It's not a matter of if but a matter of when
11. Kappa Psi - 1 more win will assure them a spot in the post-season
12. Skippy Dippy - A tough schedule could lead to a shortened season for Sigma Chi
13. APO - APO getting throttled by 22 against the Bulldogs was one of the biggest surprises of the first 2 weeks
14. 808 Ballers - Unfortunately for Hawaii, they're in the toughest Men's C division

15. Alpha Chi Sigma - The team is fighting an uphill battle
16. Arthropoda - Team showed signs of life in first outing but was absolutely punished in game 2
17. Shaolin Monkeys - Shooting is not this team's strong suit
18. Trung Huynh - Team lacks depth and leadership
19. Kings of Mediocrity - Haruki has been getting battered around on both the tennis and bball courts
20. Lady Killers - These guys sure aren't wooing any ladies with their basketball skills
21. Xi Chi Sigma - The team has lost both its games by a combined 35 points...ouch!
22. APO vs. Southwest - You're going to need to score more than 18 points to win a game

Women's
1. This Team Right Here, Playa - Kim La led the way over the 09ers which was easily the biggest upset of the season
2. 09ers - I crowned these ladies champions a little too soon
3. Mystics - The 09ers are vulnerable so the Mystics should go for the throat this week
4. Alpha Phi - A Phi has been the most impressive sorority squad
5. Hustlin Hannahs - Dg has rescheduled 13 times so is still waiting to play its first game
6. Still Too Short - Woo can score but a knock on her is that she doesn't make her teammates better
7. Pimpin Panisies - Less than impressive

Co-Rec
1. 09ers - This team might not even be challenged
2. Ambo Stunnas - The second best team was mercy-ruled by the 09ers in the pre-season...not looking good
3. Azhizam - A good win against APO but I wouldn’t be surprised if this team lost its last 3 games
4. Alpha Phi Omega - Team has zero inside presence
5. Pacific Athletic Staff - 2:1 odds that McSweeney gets T'd up in his next game
6. APO - APO vs. Southwest was unwatchable
7. Dow & Done - Team needs to win out to have any shot at the playoffs
8. DSP - Has a shot at knocking Brock & Co. out of the playoff race this week

FLAG FOOTBALL

Men's A
1. Kind've a Big Deal - The Polo team has a flair for the dramatic
2. Not Approved By Housing - The schedule is about to get a lot tougher for Sigma Chi
3. Recess Ramblers - The PT guys haven't lost a game in RecSports this season
4. 09ers - The PT guys haven’t lost a game in RecSports this season
5. East Portland - East Portland has been rather impressive against lesser talent
6. Juice - A 2-win season might be overly optimistic
7. Kappa Psi - Team has quickness but that's about it
8. Alpha Phi Omega - Team is fighting an uphill battle
9. Alpha Chi Sigma - Not to be outdone...ACS was outscored 71-6 in its first 2 games

Women's
1. 09ers - Team has shut out each of its opponents
2. Rusty Anchors - Wouldn't want to get on Davies bad side
3. All Stars & Crescent - Tri Delt shows signs of greatness
4. The Betties - Too early to count these ladies out
5. Alpha Phi - Team is badly in need of some offense

Co-Rec
1. 21st Amendment - No one should come within 2 touchdowns of this team
2. Old Is the New Young - Campos is a game changer
3. Who Gives a Shitake - Hawaii always seems to thrive in Co-Rec Flag Football
4. Island Style - Rojo is a legitimate deep threat
5. Cookie Crisp - Townzen's squad may have to go to two-a-days to compete in this division
6. Justin Bobby - A 1-win season would exceed expectations
7. APO - APO vs. Southwest will be unwatchable
8. Southwest - You have to respect the team's resiliency
**Upcoming Events**

**Friday, Apr 18**
- Baseball
  - Vs. Cal State Fullerton
  - Klein Family Field
  - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Apr 19**
- Baseball
  - Vs. Cal State Fullerton
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Softball
  - Vs. Cal State Fullerton
  - Bill Simoni Field
  - 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Apr 20**
- Baseball
  - Vs. Cal State Fullerton
  - Klein Family Field
  - 1:00 p.m.
- Softball
  - Cal State Fullerton
  - Bill Simoni Field
  - 12:00 p.m.

King Keeps Pacific Perfect in Spring Competition

**Athletic Media Relations**

Playing their second weekend of spring competition, the Pacific soccer team took home a pair of 2-0 victories on Sunday, April 13, defeating both Fresno State and Sonoma State. In three games this spring, the Tigers have posted three victories, outscoring their opponents 9-0.

Leading the Tigers throughout the spring and on Sunday, junior Laura King posted a pair of goals, scoring a single goal in each of Pacific’s two contests over the weekend. In three games, King has notched a goal in each contest.

Against Fresno State, the Tigers got on the board early, posting their first goal of the game off of the familiar foot of freshman Sammi Teramae. Teramae has posted four goals in the Tigers’ three games after scoring a hat-trick in Pacific’s first spring contest. With the Tigers up one, King put the contest to rest with her second goal of the spring.

With the Tigers posting four goals on the weekend, Pacific’s defense continued to play flawlessly in the back, posting a pair of shutouts with freshman Andrea Sandin Viberg in net for the first time this spring.

The Tigers will continue spring play on Sunday, April 20, as they take on Sacramento State on the road in a single contest. The exhibition is scheduled for 12:30 pm at Sacramento State.

Tigers Couldn’t Stop Highlanders

**Athletic Media Relations**

Playing the rubber game of the season series at UC Riverside, the Pacific softball team could not figure out Christin Songer for the second consecutive game, falling to the Highlanders 4-0 on Sunday, April 16. The loss dropped the Tigers to 22-25 overall and 4-5 in conference play while the Highlanders improved to 17-25 overall and 3-6 in the Big West.

Songer kept the Tigers bats at bay for the entire afternoon, holding Pacific down while her own offense rallied for the win. Throughout the day, the Tigers posted just five hits with two belonging to both sophomore Brittany Hendrickson and junior Casey Goldsand at the top of Pacific’s lineup. Sophomore Nicole Gradwohl tallied the only other hit for the Tigers as Pacific’s designated player, singling up the middle with one out in the seventh in an attempt to start a late rally.

With the Tigers’ bats struggling throughout the day, the Highlanders made good use of nine hits against junior Chelsea Engle to post four runs en route to their third conference win of the year.

UC Riverside got out front of the Tigers in the bottom of the third inning, manufacturing a single run on a pair of hits by the Hebenton sisters. In the fourth, UC Riverside posted another single run, using a leadoff single by Katie Curtis to start the inning Pacific was fortunate not to give up more runs in the inning when the Engle was able to pitch out of a bases loaded jam with help from an outfield assist by Hendrickson, who gunned down Milana Johnson at the plate, trying to score the second run of the inning.

Down two, the Tigers saw their comeback chances diminish further in the bottom of the sixth inning when Krystal Marquez lifted a two-run homerun down the leftfield line to put the score at 4-0. The homerun was Marquez’s first career homerun.