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University Begins Work on Two New Buildings

By Katherine Reid
Guest Writer

It was hard to miss the preparations taking place on Hand Hall Lawn Thursday for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new University Center.

Hand Hall Lawn had a stage set up in one corner and was covered in chairs and tables. No one had been able to use the lawn for a week before the ceremony, to make sure the remained pristine.

The actual ceremony was brief and took place during Pacific Hour so students and faculty could participate.

Student Body President Adam Ellison described the future University Center as “humongous.” He also tactfully thanked the Board of Regents and President DeRosa for listening to students and hoped the University Center would be a place for students and professors to come together.

Dr. Dianne Philibosian, Chairman of the Board of Regents, spoke on how the spirit embodied by the University Center is greater than the building itself.

President DeRosa emphasized how the University Center would literally be at the center of campus, coincidentally next to the Calaveras River. He also made a point to say that the University would be working on cleaning up the river and replacing some of the plants with more of its indigenous plants.

Both the University Center and the Biology Science Center are part of a $200 million fund-raising campaign for all three Pacific campuses.

The goal of the campaign according to the University press release is “to renovate classrooms and laboratories and increase the size of endowments and scholarship funds on all three of Pacific’s campuses.”

The University Center, when opened, will include a new dining hall, student café, bookstore, and mail center. The café will replace the Summit. Students will eventually be given one mailing address for their entire time here. All mailboxes will be located in the new mail center.

Toward the end of his speech, President DeRosa quoted a friend, who said “Whatever you do, get it right the first time.” The new University Center is expected to be completed on time in August 2008.

After the speeches and formalities, it was time for the actual groundbreaking. ASuop President Adam Ellison, Regent Pat Cavanaugh, Dr. Dianne Philibosian, and President Donald DeRosa participate in the groundbreaking.

From left to right: Patrick Cavanaugh, Dr. Dianne Philibosian, Regent Doug Eberhardt, Regent, ASuop President Adam Ellison, and President Donald DeRosa participate in the groundbreaking.

The actual groundbreaking, ASuop President Adam Ellison, President DeRosa, Chairman of the Board of Regents Dr. Dianne Philibosian, Vice President for Business and Finance Pat Cavanaugh, and Regent Doug Eberhardt took five golden shovels and ceremoniously moved the first small pile of dirt.

This University Center will be built in conjunction with a new Biological Sciences building, being built on the South Campus Lawn.

Respected Journalist To Speak At Pacific

By Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

A former giant of broadcast news will be speaking at Pacific next month. Walter Cronkite, who anchored the CBS Evening News from 1962 to 1981, will visit the university November 6.

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Cronkite’s on-air evaluation of the Vietnam War is believed to be a major factor in President Lyndon Johnson’s decision not to run for reelection in 1968. Cronkite’s simple statement changed the nation’s mood on the war.

“It seems now more certain than ever that the bloody experience of Vietnam is a stalemate,” he said during a broadcast.

Cronkite was an avid sup

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October 9-13
ARREST
GRACE COVELL
10-01-06
Suspect was visiting his cousin who has a room in Grace Covell. The suspect found a student's room open and unattended so he took the victim's laptop. A witness confronted the suspect who returned the laptop and fled out of the building. Officers were notified and located the suspect hiding by the dumpster. The officers took the suspect into custody and found him in possession of a knife and a handgun. Suspect was booked into jail on three felony charges.

ASSAULT
GRACE COVELL
10-01-06
Officers responded to a report of two subjects firing "Air Soft" guns at passersby. Officers located the suspects and confiscated the weapons. Reports were filed and submitted to the District Attorney for review.

VANDALISM
ANDERSON HALL
10-02-06
Officers responded to an Anderson Hall computer lab on a report of a possible burglary. Officers found the inside door was kicked in causing damage to the "One Card "access. Officers were able to identify those responsible who apparently kicked the door in out of frustration after their card did not allow them access to the room. Report filed for Judicial Affairs.

ARREST
MONAGAN PARKING LOT
10-04-06
Officers received a report of someone throwing bottles and an object out of the third story window. Officers located the room that was responsible but the occupants would not open the door. Report submitted to Judicial Affairs.

ACCIDENT
PACIFIC & CASTLE
10-03-06
Officers were returning to campus from Stockton PD when they observed an injury accident. Officers assisted the drivers and initiated a report when Stockton PD stated they had no one to respond.

THEFT
CHAPEL LN.
10-04-06
Victim reports the theft of their "B" permit from their unlocked vehicle.

ARREST
MONAGAN PARKING LOT
10-04-06
Officers received a call from Health Sciences of a subject near the dumpster. Officers responded and the suspect ran. Officers caught the subject between Monagan Hall and Brookside Hall. A subsequent check showed the subject had a no-bail warrant for sexual assault and domestic violence. Subject booked into the jail.

ARREST
ANDERSON HALL LAWN
10-07-06
Officers were told of a subject asking high school students attending "Expanding your Horizons" if they had any marijuana. Officers located the subject and arrested him on a $20,000 warrant outstanding for his arrest.

CASUALTY
SOUTHWEST HALL
10-07-06
Officers located a female who was partially clothed, vomiting on herself and incoherent. Medical assistance arrived and had her transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for public intoxication unable to care for herself.
Sigma Chi's Aerospike: A Huge Success

Erin Birmingham
Editor-in-Chief

On Sunday, September 30th, Sigma Chi hosted their first Aerospike volleyball tournament. Twelve teams competed in four on four sand volleyball games on Sigma Chi's newly renovated volleyball court. It may have been a cloudy afternoon, but spirits were bright. More than 200 people came out to support Sigma Chi's sport for a cause. The event raised around $800 for their national philanthropy organization, Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City.

Paul Kim, a member of Sigma Chi, said, "It was refreshing to see a charity event that was held by a fraternity. Not all events related to a fraternity have to be a 'raging party.' There were no disputes, hostilities or tense situations all day. Everyone just came out to hang out, play some volleyball, and raise some money for a good cause."

Sigma Chi's Philanthropy chair, Dan Hammer, organized and participated in the event. When asked how they decided to have a volleyball tournament, he explained, "We worked with our resources. With the help of Physical Plant we were able to restore our court to good shape. At Pacific there are many volleyball fans," Hammer said. "This is demonstrated by the number of students at men and women's volleyball games and the high participation in volleyball intramurals. By having the two divisions, all skill levels could participate ranging from beginners to NCAA D1 athletes."

Three teams won, each member taking home a commemorative championship t-shirt. In the Men's A division, The Jimmy Chongers took first. For Women's A first went to Kappa Alpha Theta and for Rec B the win went to The Crew.

The cheering and music at the event could be heard from a good distance away. Even late into the day there was still great energy coming from the event. Paul was excited to see that, "not all events related to a fraternity have to be a 'raging party.' There were no disputes, hostilities or tense situations all day. Everyone just came out to hang out, play some volleyball, and raise some money for a good cause."

It was a successful event and students can look forward to seeing it again next year. Due to its success, Sigma Chi plans to make it one of their annual events.
The Tiger Dancers put on a car wash last weekend behind The Music Box. Alexia Case, above, advertises for the wash.

Tiger Dancers Raise Money for New Uniforms

Nick Hansan
Columnist

On Saturday, September 30th, the Tiger Dancers donned bikinis behind The Music Box and washed cars to raise money for new uniforms. For three hours these eight Pacific students got their hands wet and cleaned about 40 cars.

Bill Stevens, the manager of The Music Box told the dance team they were welcome to use the lot any time. The dance team said Mr. Stevens was very helpful and a really nice guy.

Jordan Sumodobilia, the captain of the Tiger Dance Team set up the event on Facebook and over 35 people agreed to show up, but fewer than that actually did.

Jordan said, “Most of the cars that came were from Stockton residents, not Pacific students.”

Last year, the dancers held their car wash at Brandenburgs and made more money there. Jordan believes that because they were not directly visible on Pacific Avenue they didn’t make as much as they could have. The weather was also not in their favor.

Junior Stephanie Heminger, freshman Alexia Case and Sumodobilia stood on Pacific Ave and heard remarks from passer-by’s regarding their attire.

“This middle-aged guy yelled out his window telling us to put some clothes on; a few people did that actually. It was kind of embarrassing.”

After the car wash, the dancers spent four hours at the Women’s Volleyball game. On Sunday they had a ‘dance camp’ taught by a coach from the United Spirit Association.

The dance team has been using the same uniforms since before many of them were students at Pacific. The money they raised will be put towards new uniforms. The old uniforms, or “hand-me-downs” are falling apart and need to be replaced.

The Tiger Dancers will be present on October 13th for Midnight Mania, to help jump start the basketball season at Pacific. They will be performing new routines and hope to see many students there.

Cronkite from Page 1:

ASUOP Co-sponsoring Free Event

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Students Protest Bush’s Visit

By Erin Birmingham
Editor-in-Chief

On the morning of Tuesday, October 3, 2006 nearly 100 people met across the street from the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium where President Bush attended a $250-a-plate breakfast event. They were there to protest the re-election of Tracy Rep. Richard Pombo and the Bush Administration.

There were over 30 Pacific students in attendance at the protest. A few were there to support Bush, but the majority was there to represent their disapproval of Bush and Pombo.

Attendants of the breakfast stared from across the street as the crowd chanted messages like, “No More War,” “Bring the Troops Home,” and “Dump Pombo” while waving signs. People distributed ‘McNerney for Congress’ signs. Democrat Jerry McNerney is running against Pombo in the election November 7.

Protesters were kept across the street behind a waist-high fence. Riot police sternly faced the protesters while a few policemen on horses patrolled back and forth. They allowed the protest to proceed without much intervention.

However, one student had his sign confiscated for profanity. It read, “With a Dick and Bush in the White House everyone gets F***ed”. One man with a flag on a flagpole was required to remove the flag from the pole and the pole was confiscated. Sticks and poles were not allowed for safety purposes.

Many news stations were in attendance such as Fox News and NBC. They interviewed students and other attendees. However the Fox News correspondent was verbally harassed and, clearly upset by the situation, left abruptly.

Most of the students were there for the same reasons: Sophomore Megan Mullen said, “I’m here to protest Bush and Pombo. I don’t think they are right. I disapprove of Bush’s hatred, bigotry and intolerance. I think the war in Iraq is unjust and that we have not accomplished any of our goals there. We had no reason to go in the first place.”

Sophomore Micaela Klaus said, “I’m here to protest the lies and censorship and the transition from a democracy to a tyrannical empire.”

Senior Brenda Insurriaga said, “I feel like we need to show our disapproval of how our government is being run by the president and Pombo. They are violating our civil rights and I want to see it stop.”

Senior Selene Trujillo said, “I am here because there are a lot of people not here; the members of the Latino Community couldn’t make it and I am here to represent them.”

Sophomore Megan Mullen, and Andrea Palley pose with their protest signs.

LUNAFEST: Films
By, For and About Women
6th Annual National Film Festival in Stockton

LUNAFEST, the fundraising film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women’s issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, is holding its premiere event in the Pacific Theatre at University of the Pacific on October 22, 2006 at 6pm.

This unique film festival will highlight women as leaders in society, illustrated through nine films by women filmmakers. The films range from animated shorts to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women’s health, body image, spirituality, relationships, cultural diversity, and breaking barriers.

All proceeds from the LUNAFEST premiere will go to the Women’s Leadership Conference and the Breast Cancer Fund. Thus far, LUNAFEST, which is sponsored by LUNA, the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, has raised over $100,000 for Breast Cancer Fund and over $250,000 for other women’s nonprofits.

For more information on Pacific’s LUNAFEST, call 209.946.2177. More information is also available at www.lunabar.com/lunafest.

Pacific Speech and Debate Sees More Success

By Erin Birmingham
Editor-in-Chief

Within the past few years, the Pacific Speech and Debate team has risen to greatness and the forecast for the future is bright. So far this year they have attended two tournaments, one in Wyoming and the other in Berkeley. They did exceptionally well at both.

Branigan Robertson made it to the finals in two speech events and, with his partner Kathleen Bruce, advanced to the final round in debate to be held later this month.

Branigan and Kathleen were undefeated at the Berkeley tournament, taking first place. Ariana Grova took an impressive six awards home in various oral interpretation events.

Once again, the Pacific Speech and Debate Team is gaining national recognition. Philip Krueger and Steven Farias’ team is ranked in the top 10% nationally. Kathleen and Branigan’s team is ranked number eight in the nation out of over 600 teams.

If you are interested in being a member of this outstanding team it is not too late. Contact Director Marlin Bates for more information:

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Tales from the Library

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Sometimes I feel as if I am incapable of drinking water correctly. Not out of a Nalgene bottle, not out of a water bottle, but embarrassingly, out of a cup.

Now before you laugh, allow me to explain myself. Have you ever been drinking water out of a cup, and then you get to the last bit of water and you have to tip the cup back to drink it? And then the ice shifts to the front of the cup causing water to spill uncontrollably everywhere. Great. Now it looks like you’ve just drooled all over yourself. This doesn’t really compare to what happens when you try to wash your hands and the water sprays everywhere. Now, you’re going to have to spend the next forty minutes explaining to people that you didn’t actually just piss your pants, and that it’s just water. You know what doesn’t spill on your shirt? Books.

Anyways, as I sat in the library the other day attempting to dig through my brain to find something funny to talk about, I smacked myself in the head for not realizing it earlier. The library itself is really a funny place.

As I looked around the room from the safety of my little computer cubicle, I realized that there are many different types of people in the library. First, we have the typers. These are the people that actually came to the library for the right reason: to get work done. You can usually find them nose deep in a book, or more commonly on a computer feverishly typing away on keyboard.

Next, we have the wanderers. I’m sure you know who these people are. You’ve seen them walking the halls, coming and going, with an air of mystery about them. They’re always pacing around with a backpack on, rarely stopping at one spot for too long. Often times, they have a very confused look on their face as if they are looking for something but they themselves aren’t even quite sure what. In that respect, they’re kind of like that crazy bag lady you always see at S-Mart, minus the whole toothless and hurling obscenities aspect.

Let us not forget about the people in the study rooms that constantly forget that the rooms are sound-proofed. This leads to more hilarity than anything else in the library.

I can’t even tell you how many times while doing my work that I’ve overheard people talking about “that rash” that they got from a questionable hook-up the week before. It’s not eavesdropping if you’re yelling it out for the entire library to hear.

Last but definitely not least is perhaps the strangest of those who dwell in the library. Although it could be argued that these people are a subcategory of “the wanderers” or “the typers”, let me assure you, if you’ve seen them in action they are the sneakiest of them all. These are of course “the prowlers.” While other students are typing away on the Dell piece-of-crap keyboards, “the prowlers” are staking out the entire computer section of the library wondering to themselves, “Where da’ ladies at?”

Then they wait for the opportune moment when that cubicle next to the hot girl opens up. Next, they sit down and try their best to put on their game face. “So...what’s up? Uh... I see you like typing... I too enjoy typing, wanna make out?”

I’m sorry, but this is the library, not Blind Date. If it were, there would be text bubbles popping up everywhere, and then a picture of a clip art therapist would appear next to the guy with a thought bubble that says something like, “What she doesn’t know is that he is a registered sex offender!”

As I said, the library can be a fun and amusing place if you know where to look.

Scoot and Big Tone’s

The Graduate

Want a taste of a little Stockton culture? Try The Graduate. The Grad is one of Stockton’s most classic restaurants. It is about the closest thing to a sports bar in Stockton. With two huge projection TVs, a big screen TV, 5 regular TVs and a variety of video games it is the perfect place to catch some football or just hang out.

As Tony would say, “The food at The Graduate is pretty damn good.” Tony tried the Grad’s signature sandwich, the Glendale. The Glendale is smoked turkey, 2 pieces of bacon, and melted jack cheese served on a French bread with your choice of sides. I had the BBQ beef sandwich which was smothered in tangy BBQ sauce and served on a bun with fries. Also look for the Grad’s special of the day which is always a good deal on a good meal. For those of you who are 21 and over, the Grad has over 20 beers on tap and a full bar.

What is the best part of the Grad? Besides its good food and great drink selection, the Graduate takes Pacificash. That’s right, so if you want a good meal and don’t want to pay cash, just charge some Pacificash to your account and let your parents pay for it. And heck, have a beer on your parents. Tony and I give the Graduate 9/10 “Fingerlicks.”

The Graduate is very simple to get to: just head south on Pershing Ave and make a right going north on Country Club Blvd. And the Graduate is on your right hand side about a mile down. So for good food, good drink, and a fun, entertaining environment hit up the Grad and spend a little of your parents’ money.

Remember: any questions, comments, concerns, feelings or anything else, we can be contacted at pacificanreview@yahoo.com.

The Female Orgasm

Join us to laugh and learn about the “big O,” the most popular topic sex educators Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot teach about! Orgasm aficionados and beginners of all genders are welcome to come learn about everything from multiple orgasms to that mysterious G-spot. Whether you want to learn how to have your first orgasm, how to have better ones, or how to help your girlfriend, Dorian and Marshall cover it all with lots of humor, plenty of honesty, and an underlying message of sexual health and women’s empowerment. Are you coming?

October 16th, 7:00 pm in the Faye–Spanos Theater.
The Top 3 Actors of Our Generation

By Will Eilond
Guest Writer

There will always be archetypal names we will associate with great acting. Olivier, Bogart, Cagney, Brando. These will resound in our heads 'til time stops. In my mind there are three actors who will, if not replace, at least add to the glorious cache of stage and screen. The first name that comes to mind is Johnny Depp.

From classics like "Blow" and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" to "Edward Scissorhands" and both "Pirates of the Caribbean" films, he has even catapulted his career with many memetic movies such as the recent adaptation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Some of the most quotable quotes have spewed from his mouth. My favorite of all time would have to be from "Fear and Loathing" in regards to Depp's character's constantly altered attorney.

"There He goes. One of God's own prototypes. A strange kind of mutant never even considered for mass production. Too Strange To Live. Too Rare To Die." Pure. Freakin'. Amazingness.

This could also be said about my next favorite actor.

Two Words.


Whether he's taking vengeance for his father's death as Bruce Wayne or lecturing a potential murder victim on the greatness of the Rock and Roll band "Huey Lewis And The News," he takes every exceedingly strange role with fire and excitement no matter what he has in front of him. The most ridiculous role of all would be the futuristic 1984-esque action film "Equilibrium." In one amazing action sequence Bale's character doesn't kill a squad of soldiers with his two pistols, but with two small blades that protrude from the guns' handles and uses the long lost art of "GUN FU." Though neither of these brilliant performers could hold a candle to the greatest screen actor of the Y2K generation:

Edward Norton.

I have a challenge. Name one bad role Edward Norton hasn't made gold, or one good role he has made fodder. If you can't best this challenge I urge you to mail me one hundred dollars at once! All I have to say is "American History X." Of course there was phenomenal writing on the script but Norton made that character come alive. I think the only person who deserves more praise than Norton is the casting director. Although this may be my favorite movie starring Norton, I'd have to say his best role was in "Fight Club." I know, I know. It was a mediocre movie, but if you can successfully kick the ever-loving crap out of yourself (in multiple takes no less), you deserve a medal of honor.

Ah yes. The greatest actors of our generation. The next generation. The Pepsi generation. Thanks for reading my writing. Or Not. Question mark. Until next time, I'm Will and you don't know who I am.

The Expatriate Pt. II

So much the better but don't expose your pants

By Jeff Morgan
Collumnist

I made it to Bristol. It was raining when I arrived and I got lost for an hour in the rain because Bristol doesn't believe in proper road signs. I somehow found my way drenched to The Student Union Building where I found a group of very charitable visually impaired men who had recently finished a protest that day and were headed in the direction of my new boarding house on Frogmore Street with their taxi.

I immediately got along with my roommates when I arrived. They are from California, one from Thailand, one from London, and one from South Ireland. These past few days have been a process of discovering the cheapest way to get the things that I need (i.e. find the British equivalent to a Wal-Mart). Life is different here. The rain is random as if the God's waiting eagerly for the moment when you have put down your umbrella to unleash the mightiest rains they can.

I don't know why, but every time I have a conversation with the Southern Irishman from the West coast of Ireland, I can't help but picture the Lucky Charms commercial and smile. He makes any experience in the flat that much more fun to do because of the accent. The professors are on a pedestal here. I think they deserve it, but still in the back of my mind their looms an uncertainty. Did I make the right decision? People are so polite here but do they mean it? And everything is sooooo expensive!

The ironies piling up like flakjacks plop down one after another. I can drink here but can't even logically afford a pint. The cars see you crossing but they just speed up. The proper English behavior and the sloppy English drunkenness. But in the midst of fear, excitement, and so much to lose, I still find myself thankful to be here and to have this opportunity.

Pacific, Bristol, the future, and they tell me this soon will all be a distant fond memory. Cheers.

Kappa Alpha Theta
Theta Inferno!

DodgeBall

October 21, 2006
Hosted by: Kappa Alpha Theta
All Betsits Go To CASA Foundation
Location: Gardenswayer Field and WPC Field

 Theta Inferno Proudly Presents
Mr. CASAnova

Where: WPC FIELD
Come Cheer On The Hunky contestants
Change Wars at McCaffrey Center October 12-20

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Aquarius 1/20-2/18
Never said you were a mistake at all, you got it all wrong, you’re misunderstanding. You traveled far for a lover, who she was she was not. But honesty it don’t matter - Alien Ant Farm

Pisces 2/19-3/20
Your skin is like a map, where your heart has been. You can’t hide the marks, but it’s not a negative thing. Lay down your guard, drop your defenses, down by your clothes - Natasha Bedingfield “I Brusie Easily”

Aries 3/21-4/19
Oh no, here it comes again. That funny feeling. One was never serious, and one was confused. One was just vicious, and one was like you. You sat on the porch. Listened to the rain, smoked another cigarette- Camper Van Beethoven “Oh No”

Taurus 4/20-5/20
It’s wearing off and it’s leaving you with such a heavy heart and a head to match. The bottle is waiting the cap is twisted begging to be used and so are you. - Dashboard Confessional “This Bitter Pill”

Gemini 5/21-6/2
Who can say, why your heart sighs as your love flies only time. And who can say why your heart cries, when your love lies, only time - Enya “Only Time”

Cancer 6/22-7/22
Coughing up feeling. To find something real to hold to. But there is a hole inside your heart. Where all of your love comes pouring out - Garbage “Nobody Loves You”

Leo 7/23-8/22
You know, it’s a hard pill to swallow. When they tell you you’re strange. You ain’t hot. Then in the blink of an eye, they got on what you got - Kelis “Bossy”

Virgo 8/23-9/22
Breaking down from every insult that you’ve taken from one sided conversations. Burning out from all the minor misconceptions that just play on your frustrations, your self doubt has your head so turned around. There’s not a catch phrase that can save you and it’s not that hard to figure out disappointment - Less Than Jake “Bigger Picture”

Libra 9/23-10/22
It’s amazing how you make your face just like a wall, how you take your heart and turn it off. You turn your head and lose it all. - Matchbox 20 “Leaving”

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
Making out with people you hardly know or like. You can’t believe what you want to keep at night. You wanna know what it’s like on the inside of love. You’re standing at the gates, you see the beauty above. - Nada Surf “Inside Of Love”

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
In the land of star crossed lovers and barren hearted wanderers, forever lost in forsaken missives and satan’s pull you seek the unseekable and you speak the unspeakable. - The Smashing Pumpkins “Cupid de Locke”

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
When you smile, all of the subatomic pieces come together and unfold themselves in a second, every single molecule is right, when all of the subatomic pieces come together and unfold themselves in a second. - The Flaming Lips “When You Smile”

Sudoku

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Answers to this week’s Sudoku:
What’s The Point of College?

By: Nicole Van de Star " Silva
Columnist

One of the biggest decisions we ever had to make was what university we would attend. Well, for the people who are reading this article, it was Pacific. Before we arrived here, most of us had decided what our majors would be, but did we ever stop and think why we decided to go to college in the first place? Was the main purpose to get a high paying job? I think the biggest misconception that college gives us is that we need to go to college to pursue a good career, but wasn’t the intended role of college to give us a good education?

If you ask any one of your classmates why they chose the major they did, nine out of ten students will say, for example, “I chose to major in Pre Pharm because Pharmacists make good money.” It seems as though people go to college in order to educate themselves in an area that makes good money. Less people are learning because they want to, but because they have to.

Now don’t get me wrong; I am not all high-and-mighty, coming to Pacific to educate myself on every subject in order to become a genius and answer the question, “What is the meaning of life.” I too am here because I want a good career. I want to make all my dreams come true and in order to do that, I need money.

The problem with education nowadays is that it is focused around money. You can’t go to college without paying for it and our majors are focused around high paying careers. Every year, the price for things goes up, which means we must pay more for things that are a necessity. Remember back to when you had to buy your books--$100 for the Pacific Seminar book, it’s ridiculous. When we were finished buying everything, it averaged around $600. I know we need the books, but we’re college students, and money doesn’t grow-on trees. It is made from them, but if we went about it that way, we would be in prison and there would be no point to this article.

If you think of things in those terms, how can we focus just on learning—and not making money—if we have to pay to learn? If we don’t pick careers that make good money, we will end up living on the street. I know this is a little extreme, but in this modern age, it is becoming true. Look at society today; you have the rich and then you have the poor. There isn’t hardly any middle ground any more.

You could be the number one student in your high school, be class president, and become valedictorian, but if you don’t have the dough, you have nowhere to go.

Even though living a good life revolves around money, I am happy with the choices I have made. Even though I partly chose my major because it will let me have a career that pays well, I still know that I will be able to make a difference.

We have all heard the saying, “Money doesn’t buy happiness.” Now even though it buys everything else, I think you need to be happy with your decisions and most importantly yourself. So as long, as the things you do make you happy, keep doing them.

Pacifics’ Stiffler

By: Nick Hansen
Columnist

Through the past three weeks I’ve analyzed partying, and the ins and outs of what we do. But no one has come to me asking to do an article about the most bad-ass partier of them all. This man shows up at parties with a belt of beers. This man can out drink anyone under the table. This man is Pacific Stiffler.

For those of you who are behind on your times, check out American Pie and all their sequel films to learn more about the real Stiffler. For he is the man whose mom was a part of the ‘M.I.L.F. movement’ he hosted parties at his house every weekend; and most of all, his ego and personality drove him to either be liked or hated by others.

This man is a genius in his own right. A business major who became known as “Stiffler” after his freshman year. His roommates the previous two years have referred to him as Stiffler. But where does the name come from? His peers decided that he looked like Stiffler from American Pie. The doofus look on his face, his fit body and his ego to make him the party animal at any event. Ask the Prepharms, they warmed them up to shots one night.

Few students remember their freshman year, and those who do, didn’t party it up enough. Of course, I am sure Pacific’s administration will attempt to cover this up since we are “not” a party school and the Stiffmeister will down play that accusation. Stiffmeister, Stiffler, Stiffy, and Stiff are just a few of the names people call him. Few people call him by his real name, and for you, that’s unimportant. This twenty year old party animal is keeping Pacific’s past alive, back when you could walk across campus with an open container and no one would care. Back when Fraternities could host parties with kegs in their basement and no one would get in trouble. Back when Pacific wasn’t worried about their image (sigh).

So where does Pacific’s best kept asset live? Not in the townhouses as in, “if I lived in the townies I’d never go to class.” And this is true, as a 15 minute walk to the business school is too far and too long versus his roll-out-bed experience from past couple years in Grace.

So if he’s not in the Townies and he is too “old” to live in the dorms then that leaves him the UC’s playing Beirut and XBOX to his hearts content. He has said in the past that he “pawns off DVD’s and XBOX games” to pay for a nights worth of booz.” I think it has something to do with Pacific students’ lack of wanting to pay for their own booze, something I have yet to figure out.

So as a junior now what does he do? After “dominating Grace’s party scene” he got tired of that. Usually his place is the place to be on campus when the campus is dead (like last Saturday for instance). ASUOP can hold “Tiger Nights” but people usually end up at his place to dance and try their hand against him and his room mate in a game of Beirut.

As far as global warming is concerned, he recycles the cans of beer he buys. Since he is dropping $100 bones a week on booz he may as well recycle the aluminum. When you buy anything in a can, you pay CRV which you get back when you recycle. Stiffler is a proud supporter of recycling and his room mates are as well. I mean, they put up with the stench of old beer in their hallway.
My room is pimped out with a bunch of toys and decorated junk. Things have been accumulating for several years into very enjoyable, livable, and just a nice place to hang out and have fun. My room is filled with the best things that I could find on sale, making nothing match, such as the pink/red/green/blue/yellow rug that was only $20. I gave up on making my room look normal, so I have plenty of weird things, like newspaper articles and ads that I enjoy on my walls, such as the ad about Rachael Ray, and Bambi with a $7 dragon from Ikea on my couch.

My room is filled with blue. My desk area has blue circle wall adornments. I also managed to raise my bed to the highest notch. Not to mention I have a couch which I got from good will by the way. My room is definitely pimpin. The door says it all.

His is in Grace Covell. I live in a double so the room's pretty small. I made it my own, brought a little So Cal beach into it, and maximized the space. We also added wallpaper and carpet to keep it more "at home". Minimalist design. Very Zen. Perfect for yoga or just hangin out. A must see!
Room competition to see who has the de Irish photos of their ‘pimp’ rooms on prints went on ThePacifian.com to vote Strizes include a $150 first place prize, p$50 third place prize. We have a Tivo, huge TV, and DVD player with all the DVDs you could ever want (including a subscription to Netflix). We have a huge clean comfy carpet since you have to take off your shoes to enter. We have cool IKEA bedspreads and a border around our ceiling made of ads from magazines.

Casa Werner Room 115

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Casa Werner Room 313

My Room is a double that I have all to my self. There is room to lounge on my love sac and watch movies on my 19” flat screen. There is even room to house my two pirate ships for battles out on the townhouse pool.
Every now and then, if you keep your ears pierced back listening to the sounds of the Pacific community you're bound to stumble unto something worthwhile. Hip-hop grew up with generation X, becoming mainstream and a multibillion-dollar industry. When Generation X was old enough to become consumers, Generation Y now reaps the benefits of the seeds Generation X planted, giving the world a loud voice through hip-hop. Hip-hop is and always has been a culture. This culture at times has been misconstrued because of a lack of knowledge to what hip-hop really is. Here at Pacific there is a movement happening in the name of hip-hop.

The name of this organization is TUPAHHC in honor of the late great poet Tupac Shakur. "The purpose of TUPAHHC is increasing the value of hip-hop. We try to do that by building a bridge between the hip-hop community and the campus and also by fostering the type of environment that encourages the type of expression found in hip-hop culture", said cofounder and president Prince White. White and fellow Pacific students Vanessa Philyaw and Amman Chann came up with the idea of using hip-hop as a tool to reach outside the community and open a pipeline of understanding. "People need to understand that hip-hop is not just bass beats and a bunch of gangsters talking about nothing. It is an eclectic forum of expression that allows for all types of lifestyles to become involved", said Vanessa Philyaw.

TUPAHHC's ultimate goal is to bring hip-hop into mainstream Iraq. "It is important to exchange culture with the people of Iraq. Hip-hop culture is so diverse for example, artists like Nelly will do collaborations with country singers like Garth Brooks. So many different types of music are mixed with hip-hop and essentially that means cultures are mixed together. Maybe hip-hop can help mediate the gap between the two cultures, even between the Shiites and Sunnis. With all the violence and bloodshed in Iraq you really have nothing to lose," said White. Even with the club being only a month old, TUPAHHC has been very active on campus.

TUPAHHC had its first event, a barbecue and candlelight vigil in the McCaffrey center in honor of the late Tupac Shakur who was a catalyst in bringing hip-hop into mainstream suburbia. TUPAHHC has also helped sponsor a hip-hop night showcasing local breakdancers, DJs, and MCs. These events have been successful for TUPAHHC, as they have opened the door in helping educate the general public about what hip-hop really is. "Hip-hop is a platform for a wide variety of people to express themselves about a myriad of issues. Hip hop is a culture which is not limited to rapping or emceeing, it includes breakdancing, graph writing, DJing, fashion and even philosophy", said White.

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It goes to show that there are some in the Pacific community who want to give back to the world through the art that gives them an identity. The mission here at Pacific is to raise great minds to help make the world a better place by giving back. TUPAHHC, with the help of the University of the Pacific, is pioneering this bridge through hip-hop. "When you think about all the industries you can get involved in and become successful quickly hip-hop is at the forefront. When you think about all, almost every major the UOP supplies in one way or another can be incorporated into the hip-hop career field but there are no bridges between our school and the industry. We as an organization are trying to build that bridge in the way of bringing understanding to culture of hip-hop and its influence on the generations before us and those that come after us," said Philyaw.

Ultimately it is nice to know that there are Pacific students who see the importance of educating others on the influences of understanding culture. "It's important to spread hip-hop culture to different places. Other elements of hip-hop need to be highlighted and we need to help people realize the power of hip-hop. To some people hip-hop is a religion," said Amman Chann.

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A Closer Look at Coach Erik Korem

By Tyrelle Harris
Columnist

Coach K started his coaching career at University of Arkansas, which he left to take a head strength-coaching job at Fort Valley State. After Fort Valley State, Coach K took the job at Texas A&M. I got a chance to ask Coach K how he compares Pacific to other programs that he was a part of in the past? Korem said, “I like Pacific a lot because the athletes here feel they have something to prove everyday. In big time conferences I get a lot of self-motivated athletes. At Pacific I get a chance to work with athletes who have an exceptional work ethic, I don’t have to force them to work hard, and they are easy to coach.”

One of the sports teams that Coach K is responsible for here at Pacific is our men’s basketball team. Our men’s basketball team has made it to the NCAA tournament for the last few years and upset big time teams. We recently lost to Boston College in a double overtime last year. I asked Coach K if he feels any pressure coaching a basketball team with a reputation like Pacific’s. Coach K said, “Yes, it’s a little extra pressure, but I invite it. I like that I am able to help out in their success. I put a lot of pressure on myself because I understand their reputation. I feel a lot more pressure coaching the baseball, volleyball, and soccer teams because they are teams without that reputation, and I feel that it is time to get them that reputation.”

This year it’s very different in the weight room. I got a chance to talk with Anthony Carruesco, one of the athletes that Coach K coaches. Anthony Carruesco is a sophomore this year on the baseball team. I asked Anthony how the weight room is different this year. Carruesco replied, “It’s better atmosphere this year, the players enjoy working hard for Coach K. The mood is different; it’s a lot more upbeat. He turned the weight room atmosphere into a place where you want to compete instead of a place where you have to be.” I got a chance to talk with Coach K on the new emphasis in the weight room. Korem replied, “This year we’re more focused on speed. We should not do anything in the weight room that does not require speed. Remember that speed kills, and strength punishes.” I asked Coach K how this method differs from most weight programs in other schools, and he replied, “Most programs spend 80 percent of their time in the weight room; here we spend equal time inside and outside. Why should we bench press a lot of weight? We don’t run on our hands. It’s good to be strong, but we also need to be able to move fast.” To get a closer look at how much the coaches around Pacific really respect Coach K I got a chance to interview three teams in which Coach K is now a part of their staff.

I talked with assistant coach Steve Perse from the baseball team and assistant coach Melissa Montgomery from the soccer team. I asked coach Perse how he thinks Coach K will make his team better. Coach Perse replied, “He will definitely enhance our athletic ability.” I asked Coach Perse if it will cause him to change the way he approaches the game? Coach Perse responded, “Yeah, if we are faster then we will have the advantage. We will be able to take more pressure on the defense.” Just for the record Coach K set a quota stolen bases this year with 80 as a team. Coach Perse also added, “From working them work for the last few weeks, I can tell it will be a lot more mental.”

I also got a chance to talk with the assistant coach Melissa Montgomery and I asked her how she feels Coach K will impact her team. Montgomery said, “His personality is great, he is really upbeat, positive, and he is really enthusiastic about all teams. He has made a lot of changes toward the way we train; it’s going to enhance our performance.” I asked her if Coach K’s focus on speed will change the way she coaches. Montgomery replied, “We have not had the opportunity to work a lot with Coach K. Since we are in season we don’t do much as when we are out of season. I think once the season starts, we will see to see the results.”

I talked with assistant coach Melissa Montgomery if has any predictions on the upcoming season and she said, “Not necessarily, look forward to work out with Coach K more, we can’t wait to see what he can do once we have a lot more time with him. I think this year is the year for Pacific sports. You already see a drastic change in the attitudes of the athletes that work with Coach Korem. Your Pacific soccer team is off to one of the best starts in school history, and I’m hearing great things about basketball and baseball. I can just about guarantee there will be another Coach Korem at the University of Pacific.” THANKS A LOT COACH K.
## WEEK 3 POWER RANKINGS

### FLAG FOOTBALL

#### Men's A

A small slip-up to Pike has the Blazers steaming...I wouldn't want to play them next. Hemberger and the team are on a roll, but the Blazers won't play that poorly again. Put-up or shut-up time for Sigma Chi...Games against Pike and Blazers this week.

Come on Metelak and Nelson...It's time to prove your All-Star material.

#### Men's B

Team is stoked for new long-sleeved champ shirts...except Baltazar who has his own sleeves. Is it just me or are these guys getting better looking each week?

Yet to play a team with a pulse. Not the flashiest team, but Phi Delt continues its move up the board with sound fundamentals.

The brush boys from Polo await the showdown with Juice. Wow has Pac-X nosedived. Team is desperately hanging on toe the final playoff spot.

The Murphs just can't seem to put it all together. Sigma Chi has 3 games this week...It will make or break their season.

Southwest Hall has definitely seen brighter days.

Just lurching in the shadows waiting for someone to take them lightly.

#### Men's C

Zanini's Bulldogs just better not have a collapse like their softball team.

Last game of the season...Bulldogs vs. Big Red. The Pacifican media will be out in full force. Time to make a move guys...You can't play Y God Y every week.

Beaten 32-0 by the 2nd worst team in the division...so much for improvement.

#### Co-Rec

Girls need to step up in heavyweight clash against Rice Staff.

Rice Staff has outscored opponents 142-0...That's pretty legit. Border Patrol has shown great improvement and is clicking at the right time.

Team is on a slide but only needs to beat Pham Bam to lock up playoff spot.

Still looking for that elusive first touchdown of the year.

#### Women's

Hardcore is easily the most complete team in the league. Escaped with victory over LSE but will be lucky to escape with dignity after playing Hardcore. Gave short-handed Fockers a run for their money but came up one point short.

### SAND VOLLEYBALL

#### Men's

Sigma Chi's volleyball team is making up for the football team's shortcomings. Big Green needs a big-time performance in order to stop the Murphs. One win just isn’t going to cut it.

Maybe they’re rejuvenated after Fall Break.

#### Co-Rec

Left J & Co. battered and bloodied...literally. Still using The Crew as their punching bag.

At least you are going to make the playoffs.

#### Women's

Has disposed of last 3 opponents in only 6 games...quite impressive. 15-1, 15-5 loss to Theta...we hope your lip-synch performance is a lot better. A defeat of DG may be in the forecast.

### SOFTBALL

#### Men's A

Hawaii has only 1 game left this year...the Championship. Sigma Chi never gets tired of beating up on Pike.

At least you have 2 more shots at beating Sigma Chi...this week and 1st round of playoffs.

#### Men's B

The idle Go Team finds itself on top after the Bulldogs self-destruct. You lost to the Mighty Moobs...somebody pinch me.

The Moobs won their first real game. These Moobs are sure a lot mightier than years past. And the slide continues...Stop the bleeding!

#### Co-Rec

Hawaii has to dispose of Rec Staff before it can claim supremacy. The Nimrods have impressed and long for a rematch with the Hawaii clan. Rec Staff doesn’t have enough offense to stay with the top teams. Their future is already locked up...The #4 seed in the playoffs.

#### Women's

The Fockers win the division and find themselves in the Championship game. The rubber match between DG and Theta will speak for itself.

Prediction: El Guapo looks to be the real deal while Juice still has a lot to prove. It will be a closely contested game, but the experience that Pike brings to the table just can’t be ignored. Expect El Guapo to prevail in a defensive battle.

**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**El Guapo vs. Juice**

*Brookside Field 11:00PM*

**Notes:** A battle of two undefeated teams pegs Pike (El Guapo) against Juice (Grace-Covell). There is a lot more then bragging rights on the line as a Division Championship hangs in the balance. El Guapo is more then confident that they can ride the arm of Milbrandt to a perfect season. On the other side, there are whispers from opposing teams that Juice is overrated and has merely capitalized on a very easy schedule. On Thursday night, the action will speak for itself.

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**El Guapo: 14 Juice: 12**
NFL Guru
Adam Nofflett
Overall Record: 13-4

Carolina Panthers at Baltimore Ravens

The Ravens had previously looked like they were a well-balanced team that could compete for the AFC title. After a sloppy Monday night game against the Broncos, it looks like the Ravens are finally cooling off. Quarterback Steve McNair did not play well at all against Denver, throwing three interceptions. Now that star wide receiver Steve Smith is back and healthy, the Panthers are looking more like the team that writers had going to the Super Bowl. Running back DeShaun Foster is having a huge season so far and Keyshawn Johnson is making some big plays. This is a solid match-up between two of the top defenses in the league.

Panthers 17 Ravens 9

New York Giants at Atlanta Falcons

The Giants picked things up last week with a win over division rival Redskins. Eli Manning threw for 250 yards and one touchdown, while running back Tiki Barber ran for 123 yards. The Falcons are coming off their bye week, and are undefeated so far playing at home. The trio of Michael Vick, Warrick Dunn, and Jerrius Norwood are helping the Falcons lead the league in rushing yards. Michael Vick only has a 70% passer rating this year, and if he does not step up against a strong Giants defense, the Falcons will no longer be undefeated at home.

Giants 24 Falcons 17

Cincinnati Bengals at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

At the beginning of this season, very few people would imagine Tampa Bay being 0-4. After starting quarterback Chris Simms went down with an injury, rookie Bruce Gradkowski filled in nicely, having a solid game with 225 yards passing, and two touchdowns. Carnell "Cadillac" Williams had his first big game of this season, but Tampa Bay still could not control the Saints. The Bengals are coming off a bye week and want to come out strong after their lackluster performance at home against the Patriots two weeks ago. It is going to be a lot to ask of rookie Gradkowski to have another great game, and Tampa Bay fans desperately need to see their team win. Unfortunately, the Bengals are too strong on both ends of the field and will take this one on the road.

Bengals 35 Buccaneers 10

Philadelphia Eagles at New Orleans Saints

The Eagles are coming off a huge victory over division rival Cowboys, and of course, Terrell Owens. Quarterback Donovan McNabb is leading the league in passing, and is a front-runner for MVP this season. The Saints enter this game coming off a close win over the Buccaneers, thanks in part to Reggie Bush's fourth quarter punt return touchdown. The Saints are looking like they are serious playoff contenders, and having another home game will really fire up the Eagles. The Eagles secondary might be too tough for Saints quarterback Brees though, and this game might be the first loss in New Orleans this season.

Eagles 20 Saints 10

San Diego Chargers at San Francisco 49ers

The Niners proved last week that there is only one additional football team in the Bay Area. Running back Frank Gore, who has been struggling with fumbling the ball as of late, came back with a solid performance and had 135 rushing yards. While beating the Raiders was a good win for them, the Chargers are a much better team and have one of the top records in the league. They proved last week that even if LaDainian Tomlinson has a sub-par game, they can still beat some of the top teams in the league. Charger quarterback Phillip Rivers is proving that he was worth letting Drew Brees go, and the Chargers should put up a lot of points over a weak Niners secondary.

Chargers 27 49ers 13

Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos

It has to be really tough to be a Raiders fan this year. Running back Lamont Jordan is too inconsistent, and coach Art Shell cannot figure out what quarterback is the right fit. In a recent interview, wide receiver Randy Moss admitted that he does not care much about this season. With that kind of attitude coming from a so-called "leader", Raider fans should probably skip watching the game against Denver. While the Broncos looked average on Monday night, their defense stepped up when they needed to and ended up beating the previously undefeated Ravens. Denver is one of the toughest stadiums to play in and the Raiders better hope kicker Sebastian Janikowski is not bothered by the high altitude.

Broncos 20 Raiders 3

Chicago Bears at Arizona Cardinals

The Bears are one of the two teams that are still undefeated. While everyone talks about their defense, it was their offense that came alive last week as they smashed the Bills 40-7. The Cardinals played tough last week, but ended losing to the Kansas City Chiefs. In his first professional start, quarterback Matt Leinart looked pretty sharp, but it was not enough. The Cardinals spent big money to acquire running back Edgerrin James in the off-season, but so far he has not lived up to the organization's expectations. Leinart will have his first real taste of the NFL, after he experiences being sacked several times by the intimidating Bears defense.

Bears 21 Cardinals 10

Sports

Pacific Women’s Soccer VS.
UC Riverside

By Megan McCarty
Guest Writer

The Women’s Soccer Team came to play UC Riverside on Sunday, October 8, 2006. Freshman Lydia Jackson scored the game winning goal—her first goal as a Tiger, in an intense physical double over-time game.

“Lydia really stepped up her game, and made the most out of the time she had on the field to make that goal happen”, said Jerry Pumber about her teammate.

Both teams played very physical and four yellow cards were given in all, due to the aggressive play. This win marked the first for the Tigers (1-2 Big West, 9-3-1 overall) in conference play, while UC Riverside has yet to win a conference game.

The first half was back and forth, with both teams playing strong and bodying up. The Tiger’s had some nice attempts at the goal, but couldn’t find the net by the end of the first half. Both teams went into half time scoreless.

“We had a great defensive game, and did not allow the ball to get to the keeper very often”, said Denise Estrella.

Soon after starting the second half, the Highlander’s scored their only goal of the game, by Amber Plumbee. The Lady Tiger’s answered soon after with a nicely chipped-in goal, by Junior Mandy Van Dorn, her sixth on the season. The ensuing game proceeded with disputable calls by the referees and some physical action between University of the Pacific’s Alisha Bledsoe and UC Riverside’sletty Villalpando.

The Tiger’s had some great shots at the goal, but most failed above the box. At the end of regulation the Tiger’s were tied at one apiece. The game went into the first overtime, which produced no additional goals for either team. However, the second over-time proved to be different when Lydia Jackson stepped up to the field.

After 42:22 into the second over-time, Lydia Jackson hit the freshman from El Cajon, California, really used her head when she received a nice ball from Carmen Pedilla, and flew in the goal knocking the ball in with her head. The goal ended the over-time and the Highlander’s walked away this inning a 1-0 victory.

The Tiger’s out shot the Highlander’s 23-11. Junior Sarah Souza had a great game for the keeper, for the Tigers with five saves. Kelsi Nagel, Chelsea Gomes and Crystal Hickel had great defensive games for the Tiger’s, while Carmen Pedilla, Bunny Dickson, Mandy Van Dorn and Suzy Petersen had great offensive games.

“We played a very intense and physical game, keeping our heads in the game”, said Nikki Raley.

Indeed the Tigers showed they can catch up physically and mentally with anyone in conference play and come out with a come up on top.
The Super Bowl of Two Lost Seasons

Aresh Scott Behnam
Sports Editor

Raider fans are watching story unfold right before their own eyes. 49ers have no reason to gloat the pain and sorrow of Raider Nation but should ok at the Raiders to heal their own wounds. The worst part is the Raiders so bad; hating them and their fans is just inhuman and pathetic. The jokes are corny but it shows the fall of the infamous "just in baby", to "just end the season already". The Raiders are so bad, that you see thugs in Raider logos and colors you just stare, point and laugh without fear of getting stabbed anymore. The 2006 Oakland Raiders will go down as the worst Raider team in history if not all of the NFL. This team will be lucky to win 2 games this year; yes the Raiders are pathetic. All Raider Nation can hope for is a win against the San Francisco 49ers and their snobby, wine drinking fans. The 49ers are in no better position this year and hoping the same against the low life, Curtain beer drinking criminals. will be a glimpse of what might be the future. This weekend is going to be a super bowl for both bay area teams. Even in darkimes, for one week one bay area team is going to live its own glory days and the winning fans will have much celebrating. It has time to this for Northern California fans. This is all that is left of a wasted season and it is only week 4.

The San Francisco 49ers are not going to be much better this season than the Raiders but they have a game plan to success. The catalyst for the emergence of the 49ers back to its glory days of playoffs and champagne parties is Coach Mike Nolan. Nolan was under fire for his conservative decisions last week against the Kansas City Chiefs but in reality can you truly blame the coach. The psyche of his young players is Nolan's biggest concern. Although it is too early to see the fruits of Nolan's draft picks, there are glimpses of ripening in important positions. These players are more than adequate and the upside could produce many pro bowls. Nolan's job is to prepare his youth for the lime light this year so in theory it is not a total waste of a season.

There was a small group of scouts that weren't quite sold on Alex Smith. The knock on Smith is that his numbers were a product of Utah's system in college. A shotgun formation gave Smith the advantage in college and scouts questioned his decision making under center. The 49ers fell in love with Smith and had no problem taking him with the first round pick. Smith still has problem throwing the deep ball, and reading defenses but part of the problem could be blamed on the talent surrounding Smith. This year's first round back Vernon Davis was the biggest benefit to Smith. Davis is a freak of nature and part of the new generation movement. After San Diego Chargers Antonio Gates performance and the success of the Chargers last year, there is a new belief system regarding the tight end position. Tight Ends have become diamonds in the ruff and integrate part of the new age west coast offense. Davis will no doubt become one of the best in his position, opening up the vertical pass game for Smith. What the 49ers need is receivers who can get downfield and create separation. Finding receivers is easier than finding a tight end with the upside Davis has. San Francisco is in the right direction and the same can not be said about the Raiders.

The fall of the Raider Empire is solely the fault of man. The man who made the Raiders, the god father himself is the catalyst of a dead organization. As long as Al Davis is on the helm, Raider Nation will be the laughing stock of the NFL. Davis is over the hill. His philosophy worked in the seventies but like the evolution of life thing changes. Davis has not adapted and just win baby has turned to into a complete joke with Davis being the punch line. The NFL can not help but chuckle at Davis as karma exists even in the National Football League. The demise of Oakland started with the trade of John Gruden. None of the four picks the Raiders got for Gruden has worked out thus far. Gruden stood up to Davis four years later is their secondary. Doug Buchanon was supposed to be the next Dave Casper and Robert Gallery the next Gene Upshaw. The list goes on with first round busts like Derrick Gibson leading the way. Oakland's draft picks have been awful with the exception of few.

The karma kept coming with the career ending injury to Rich Gunnion, which took away the greatest offensive mind the Raiders had with Gruden being traded. Than came the trade for Randy Moss. At the time the trade looked like a steal but the critiques were loud and now we see that they were correct. Moss was a missing peace for a team that was talented enough to compete for a super bowl. Oakland was nowhere close to a Super bowl and needed to rebuilt not add another ego no matter the talent. No one questions Moss talent except the Raiders. Moss is lucky to have 5 balls thrown to him in a game. You give up your best young talent on defense and the seventh pick for a guy that is mostly used as a decoy. This was the case with Norv Turner and this is the case with Art Shell. The most talented receiver on a pitiful team does not even see the ball makes about as much sense as Al Davis not realizing it is 2006 and not 1984. The Raiders play calling also makes no sense. Signing Aaron Brooks makes no sense. Nothing Al Davis touches makes no sense. Drafting five secondary players in six seasons in the first round makes no sense. Signing Aaron Brooks makes no sense. The only thing that makes sense is no coach in their right mind would want to take the helm as Al Davis's yes man. Raider Nation should be calling for Davis's head but if there is one thing Raider fans are, they are loyal and ignorant.

The 49ers however make sense and come Sunday San Francisco will show why they make sense. This is not to say the Raiders will lose even if it is wishful thinking. In fact the Raiders have more to play for. Northern California for one football night will have reason to enjoy football. Northern California should be taking Sunday as their super bowl. For one day, one side of the Bay Bridge will be partying like it is 1995. The other should start preparing for the 2007 NFL draft and saving Raider Nation the pain of going through eleven more games and just forfeiting the season.
The Aftermath of the Steroid Scandal

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I grew up in the Bay Area idolizing Barry Bonds. To this day I refuse to believe Bonds used steroids and if he did he only did it because he had to. Yes, I try to justify in my own head the realities into fiction. This year’s San Francisco Giants broke my heart. Bonds was in the middle of that break up. Baseball will never be the same.

With the National League being so awful the Giants had their chances. Like a crack attack I kept going back, believing the Giants would get within striking distance of the division or Wild Card and blow all their work, go on a big losing streak. Hope would start to arise when the Giants came so close and watching baseball did not hurt, then the Giants would just self-destruct. This happened many times this season. It would have been better if the Giants just stayed in the cellar all year. As painful as this was the scrutiny around Bonds sucked all that was joy out of baseball.

The chase for the record became watered down and the idea of the asterisk took center stage. I waited my whole life to watch the record be broken. No longer is what Bonds accomplished impressive; the greatest athlete I have ever seen with my own eyes became a sham. My idol was the joke of all baseball, the big cheat. His numbers this year backed this notion. I will always love Barry Bonds; my baseball number was 25 in honor of Bonds. I will go down telling my children about Barry Bonds but what will I say when they ask about the asterisk? What will I say when they bring the facts and remind me of the year baseball got serious about performance enhancing drugs and Bonds’ numbers became average? The idea of what the asterisk represents will forever follow Bonds and his statistics.

I have not been able to watch baseball since all signs pointed to the Giants being eliminated from playoff contention. Baseball has become painful. Seeing the dreaded Dodgers in the driver’s seat of the Wild Card became too unbearable. And in the end with a lost season the Giants had a chance to ruin the enemies’ season. San Francisco miserably failed and Los Angeles made the playoffs. I did not even have the heart to see who won the West. I just figured with the Dodgers’ humiliation of the Giants in the end of the regular season that the Dodgers would win the West and would face St.-Louis but luckily got the New York Mets and were swept.

The steroid scandal ruined baseball for me as did this year’s Giants. Maybe if my favorite player was not in the middle it would be different. This will leave a black mark worse than the strike. When the strike happened I was a little kid with no understanding of it. Now I have a full understanding of the steroid area. Baseball was a beautiful game, a true sport with no time. Now baseball is just painful memories like an ex girlfriend, with lots of maybes, should of and could haves, but did. Maybe if the Giants did not even have the heart to come in the playoffs, fighting their way through all the trials and tribulations it would be different. But in the end it is the hated Dodgers and Diego Padres. Maybe baseball would be completely different if I grew up an A’s fan but now baseball is just something that is in my past.

Pacific Athletics
STOCKTON, CALIF.—University of the Pacific’s men’s and women’s basketball teams will start the 2006-07 season with two annual events. On October 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Alex G. Spanos center, Pacific will host the 12th Annual Tigers in Tennis, and on October 13th at 10 p.m., in the Alex G. Spanos Center, Pacific will launch the 2006-07 basketball season with Midnight Mania.

Tigers in Tennis gives kids the chance to play with the Tigers! Come out and meet the men’s and women’s basketball teams and learn some new basketball skills! Admission is FREE for all kids 12 and under! Includes dinner courtesy of Alpine Meats. Enjoy an evening full of basketball and excitement!

Midnight Mania is students’ and Stockton community’s first chance to be with the Pacific Tigers in action. Complete with a scrimmage by the men’s and women’s teams, a slam dunk contest, and performances by the Pacific Spirit Squad. The Pacific Pep Band and Stockton hit music station KWIN and 98.3 provide the music. For more information, call the Athletic Marketing Office at 209.946.2702.
The Pacific Rowing team started out the year with a surprise, finding out they had a new coach! Previously, the club team had been supported by strong student leadership and a community program by the name of, The Stockton Rowing Club. After a huge success and a year without an official coach, the team was ready to make big changes. "Competing at the collegiate level is very competitive" said Ashley Lee the President of the club. "It's tough to get out there and work your butt off for your team and not being able to compete." This year the team is moving up with an exceptional coach from Sacramento State University. Eric Weir, from the Sacramento State Aquatic Center was hired to coach for Stockton Rowing Club as well as the Pacific Rowing team. Coach Weir has been guest coaching for the past year, but is now a full time coach. He was a former oarsman for Sacramento State and started his coaching career there in 1988 and has led junior, collegiate, and masters to National Championships in rowing. This news has caused the crew team to more than double in size and they are ready to row! Community members, rowers, and Pacific Administration welcomed him officially last Thursday at the Brookside Country Club where the Mayor of Stockton welcomed him. This weekend marked Pacific’s first Regatta. The Head of the San Joaquin is a competition for high school, collegiate and adult rowers in the Western United States. Pacific entered five eight-person boats to top off at 45 Pacific athletes racing to the finish on Sunday October 1. The men’s novice eight and the mixed novice eight took home first place medals, while the pacific women’s novice eights took first, second, and third to sweep the category. “This is amazing!” said Lee “We surprised everyone to how large we really are. I cannot wait to see the faces on Cal, Davis, Stanford, San Diego and UCLA when we come rolling up with 45 strong. This is what real teams are all about, finding people with common interests working towards a common goal, winning!” Pacific’s racing schedule is jammed packed with regattas and events this season. The next race will be in Sacramento on October 14th. Also, the team is planning the Second Annual Row-a-Thon to raise money for new equipment, which will be on campus sometime in November. The Pacific Rowing Team is still recruiting and no experience is required. Contact Brandee Annis for more information at bannis@gmail.com and visit our website at www.pacificstrokes.com.
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