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By Erin Birmingham
Editor and Chief

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BFC Promotes Social Environment

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Managing Editor

If you have been keeping up with your new year’s resolution to go to the fitness center this semester, you would have seen new faces, new equipment, and new programs.

Ryan Fetzer is the new interim director of operations for Pacific Recreation and can be found zooming about the fitness center making sure everything is in order.

Last year he was the intramural coordinator. Fetzer was asked to take the position at the fitness center last June. “I love working in this environment,” said Fetzer. The student staff is fun to work with and doing well with our new “Team Pacific” staffing motto.

Baun Fitness Center has new cardio machines, including new treadmills, ellipticals, and bikes. There are also all-new barbells and rubber free weights that have replaced older weights.

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The Pacifican staff meets every Thursday at noon. Meetings are in the Spruce Room in the McCaffrey Center. Everyone is invited. We want to hear from you!
A New Beginning
For Freshmen
Welcome Back Everyone!!!

why I want to be in college, but sometimes I just want to give up. Sometimes it is so hard to act like an adult and be responsible. It was so much easier when the most important thing in the world was having fun. Now I’m lucky if I can fit fun into my schedule.

Now, of course, not every aspect of college is terrible, in fact, it is not terrible at all. I just hate being tired and stressed out all the time. Most of all, I absolutely hate writing to-do-lists. I liked it so much better when I was able to live life day to day rather than planning every move for the future. I like feeling like I have time to be flexible rather than scheduling things to the minute. They all look like they’re under pressure.

At this moment, I am sitting in the library, typing this article at one of the computers. I look up from what I am doing, and look around at all the other students sitting around. They all look stressed out like me, they all look tired, and they all look like they’re under pressure. The only thing that I can think is, “I’m not alone”.

Now that I was able to complain and let everything out, I feel a little bit better, also I can cross writing this article off of my to-do-list. Now there are only 999,999 things to do today.

Well, there is some good news; there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I am very

Nick Hansen
Columnist

When a new year rolls around, humans like to create goals for themselves that they try to follow to make their lives better. Upon the start of the spring semester I walked around campus asking students what New Year’s resolution they would give Pacific. I took their responses and went to the heads of the departments responsible for the respective fields. I figured it would be better to have a serious response to questions than my made up answers.

Keri Olsen, a Resident Assistant in Manor Hall said she would likely see Pacific “provide students with entertainment so they stay on campus during the weekend,” to create a more of a sense of community.

“The new University Center is expected to provide students a third place,” said Dan Shipp, who is an Assistant VP of Student Life. “All the food services on campus will be in there.” In the morning students will go to the UC for breakfast. Go to class, come back and get a coffee while studying in Pacific Commons (dining hall) or sitting outside on one of the exterior decks. Also, there will be a Pub, called ‘The Lair’, a student chosen name, as the University Center is being designed with Pacific student preferences and expectations in mind.”

Mr. Shipp also included towards the end of our conversation that there will be a ‘green room,’ where two 42” TVs and one big 50” TV will provide host to video gaming and TV watching. It is expected that you can bring your friends over to play the latest game on the same kind of equipment you would see at Magnolia Hi-Fi in Best Buy.

The University Center will also become Pacific’s first ‘Green Building’. Meaning, “the architects designed it while keeping in mind efficient building systems (heating and air conditioning), selecting finishes like wood from well managed forests, and using less energy by natural and artificial lighting than buildings of similar size and function.”

Recently back from Cop-Ops, Jason Marks, who is a fifth year Engineering student, was surprised to see the sport court gone from Hand Hall. Mr. Shipp said there are proposals in thought to remove Bannister Hall (where Housing and Greek Life currently resides) and put in the sport court there. This will provide the ability for students to exit Baun Fitness Center and walk right onto the sport court.

Class registration in years past has been tainted with long lines, closed courses and angry students. This year, lines were short to non-existent but yet Senior Brett Fiske was still baffled. “Registration for this spring was all screwed up..Half the professors knew it was online whereas others said we had to fill out paperwork.”

Cecilia Rodriguez, who is responsible for the Registrar’s office, sat me down with Ann Perkins, associate registrar, to discuss the new implementation of the online registration system. She said of the nearly 3200 students who registered for classes that a couple hundred students couldn’t figure out the system and still showed up with paperwork and professor signatures.

Professors weren’t entirely to blame, however, as some never received the training required to use the system and thus thought that the old way still worked. The registrar’s office is looking forward to the early fall registration (for continuing students) as they expect very few students in their office, as everything is now online. However, if you feel there is anything they can do to make your experience less stressful, please let them know. They’re always open to feedback. (registrar@pacific.edu)

Students coming back from a semester abroad experienced some difficulties with Housing and room assignments. Julie Vandaveer came back from England to spend her final semester back in Stockton. Her story leads us to her apartment in Monangan where she and another girl were placed in the same room at the same time. At the last minute, the other girl was moved out of the space and into another open one.

Steve Jacobson, the Assistant VP of Residential Life & Dining Services, said people change their minds on housing so often that it is difficult to keep lists updated. As it currently stands there are three people in charge of placing 2200 students into their respective rooms.

Banner is the “over-riding system that runs many of the operations on campus. The new software [housing is purchasing] will interact with the University system and will provide a seamless flow of information between us that will be able to offer live and up-to-date information.” The system will be fully rolled out for the Fall ’07 and Spring ’08 housing sign-ups. All room registrations will be online and will contain live data. Issues with sign-ups, roommate requests and other variables will all be met to the best of their abilities. “Is the system perfect? No. Are we working on making it better? Yes!”

William Zuehrbig, Pacific’s slackline enthusiast, said he would like to have “Pacific allow more parties on campus to keep students from going off campus thus raising DUT’s.” This seemed to raise a chord with several
students. The older generation remembers when parties were rampant on campus and in the past two years they've really taken a hit. Fraternities aren't holding off campus parties that students are bussed to; the 'Black & White Ball was reminiscent of this, but imagine that kind of party 3-4 times a semester.

Jason Velo, who is a part of Student Leadership and Involvement, offered some points which many students may find of interest in regards to why most parties are off campus. He said "the freshman and sophomore classes have higher incoming GPA's and SAT scores which leads them to be more likely to go for professional degrees," which leads to more studying and less partying.

Others who stand in authoritative positions have said that the Party Registration forms' enforcement has forced students to plan parties in advance, which appears to be something we don't like to do. However, students have pointed out that this leads to RA's shutting down parties at 1 AM regardless of what is going on. Unregistered parties will be shut down on a moment's notice.

Perhaps the older generation is learning that partying 24/7 is not what we want to do all the time. Pacific claims to not have changed their policies in regards to parties on campus, but students seem to feel otherwise.

On February 2, 2007 the Pacific Baseball Team will continue play at Klein Family Field, even though it is not complete yet. My personal resolution for Pacific was to complete the baseball diamond. Who better to talk to about the diamond than Lynn King, Director of Athletics.

Lynn King doesn't particularly care for New Year's resolutions, as birthdays are better times to look back on what has been done and what can be changed to make the next year better. However, he did say that the baseball stadium is not complete due to funding issues. King said the "stadium is being built in stages, we are raising money to be able to start the next phase."

The grass was put in last week for the areas around the field, and "the piles of dirt will be moved to the site of the new University Center in two months." It Lynn King were to have a New Year's Resolution for Pacific he said it would be to "have greater student involvement in student produced productions - theater, musicals, choir and student sporting events."

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proud to report, and I hear this at least once a day from upper classmen, that it does get easier. I actually believe them now; this semester is a little easier than last semester. I think the main thing we can do is to tackle college one semester at a time. This will definitely help to stay focused.

So just some last minute tips make sure you all stay close to your friends, it is so much easier to figure things out when you have someone to vent to. I hope most of you have already figured things out, but for the rest of you, hang in there. Remember, it gets easier.

Until Next Time

"Oh, it is just a banana in your pocket."
Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

What is love?

By Mikey Yu
Lifestyles Editor

Baby don’t hurt me. Now that I’ve gotten that throwaway joke out of the way, it’s time to realize that it’s about that time when everyone’s favorite Hallmark holiday quietly approaches, looming around the corner like a veteran Stockton carjacker. When the color red starts becoming more and more prominent in store displays, and when what basically equates to a flying baby assassin with a crossbow that epitomizes the symbol of love can be found readily hanging from pretty much anywhere. That’s right ladies and gentlemen, prepare yourselves, V-day is approaching.

But really, what is Valentine’s Day? Besides being another consumer holiday, it either serves as a reminder of the bitterness from failed romances of years past, a day where you can make it up to your sweetie after “that one night you got really drunk and made out with so and so”, or for the rest of us, a painful reminder that yes, you are single, so deal with it. The strange thing about February 14th, Singles’ Awareness Day, is the fact that it is so polarizing among the young folk. Either you revel in the glory of roses and chocolates (because nothing says “I love you” like gifts that die or go bad after a week) and cuddle up alongside next to your partner whispering sweet nothings, or instead, you end up by yourself eating chalk flavored candy hearts with little sayings on them like, “I like you!”, “Be mine!”, or the seldom seen “You gave me VD!” and end up cuddling with a bottle of Jack, watching Amelie or some John Cusack movie on repeat.

That’s the beauty of Valentines Day, isn’t it? Of course I’m just making generalizations, there are the auspicious few who will solidly claim that they don’t really care, about such a pointless day like Valentines, those who will also in the same breath say they don’t need a man or woman to be happy. While this may be true, they are also the same ones that wish that someone would take them out to a nice dinner, or shower them with frivalities like the flowers and chocolates that they denounced two minutes earlier. It’s ok, everyone deserves companionship. I’m just giving you a warning to be on the lookout for the happy couples who will outwardly flaunt it by walking around wearing matching Christmas sweaters adored with bears, with the words “I WUV YOU BEARRY MUCH!” cross stitched into the front.

By now, you must surely think that I’m just another jaded fellow, when in all honesty I just want to point out the various ways people react to Valentines. Really, if you have someone special, do something romantic for them, cook their favorite dish, paint a picture for them, hell, go out and take them ballroom dancing.

If you’re going to do something, do it well, and make it sweet, and just so you know that I’m not a completely sarcastic journalist who can remain behind a hard exterior thanks to a keyboard, I’ll share something nice that I’ve done. There once was this girl I liked a long time ago, but the problem was that she was dating this complete douche bag, we’re talking cheated on her on an almost hourly basis, completely disrespectful, you know, an all around winner. So I decided that I would send her flowers (yes I know, they die, get over it) on Valentine’s day with a note attached that read, “I don’t mean to step on any toes, but every girl deserves a rose.” Go ahead and laugh, ha ha ha, but it’s the only thing that seemed right to me at the time.

In any case, as an open invitation to everyone, when that Wednesday, February 14th rolls around, and you find yourself alone, bored, and possibly seduced, I’ll be right here with a bottle of Jack, a copy of High Fidelity, and a CD loaded with 80’s tunes, ready to rock the hell out. You know where to find me.

Scoot and Big Tone’s Restaurant Review

Sonic “American’s Drive In”

By Tony Madrigal & Scooter Bloom
Columnists

Tony and I and a few friends were driving around on Saturday trying to find some place to eat. We didn’t feel like fast food but we didn’t feel like getting out of the car to spend a lot of money. So, we compromised and ended up at Sonic, “America’s Drive In.”

For those who are not familiar with Sonic, you pull your car right up, press a button, order and a lovely girl on roller skates brings you your meal. There is only one problem... What to order? Sonic has a very diverse menu and is also known as your drive stop because of their extensive variety of drinks.

Tony and I opted to have the same thing, a double cheese burger value meal. The great thing about Sonic is their side options- fries, onion rings, or everyone’s favorite tater tots. For those who are very picky about which condiments they receive on their burger, the waitress asks you specifically if you want mayonnaise, mustard and/or ketchup so there is no confusion. You get the burger that you want. I went for the onion rings which I must say I was a little disappointed with but Tony made the wise choice, as he always does, and opted for tater tots. Sonic tater tots were amazing.

Now, Tony and I did have one problem with Sonic’s drinks that come with your meal. We noticed the overload of ice they give you. Over half of the cup was filled with ice and it seemed like three sips later and the drink was gone. We recommend, since there are no refills, to ask for no ice or as little ice as possible. Tony and I felt a little cheated on our sodas.

On the other hand, Sonic specializes in desserts such as shakes, malts and iced drinks. Tony and I were both intrigued by the Chocolate Cream Pie milk shake. It was simply amazing. It tasted just like chocolate cream pie but in a cup. It was topped with whipped cream and some nuts for the perfect pie in-a-glass. Sonic also has special add-ins so you can get almost any drink you want.

Sonic was a fun and tasty experience. For those of you who are lazy like us and don’t want to get out of your car, Sonic is perfect. Tony and I give Sonic 9 “Fingerlicks”

North towards Sacramento head take the 8-Mile exit (not where Eminem lives) and Sonic is on the west side of the freeway in the new shopping center closest to Lowes. Go to Sonic for a little flash of the past with a drive in dinner.
**LIFESTYLES**

**HOROSCOPES**

1/20-2/18 Aquarius
There is a collision of powerful energies that spill into your life in unpredictable ways. The decisions and actions of today will have long-lasting effects. This is a time you will enjoy rewarding experiences with loved ones.

2/19-3/20 Pisces
This is an excellent time to sway others to your cause through speeches or clever arguments—your thinking is most lucid. Your energy is high and you are inspired, ready to apply your ideas to whatever you set in front of you.

3/21-4/19 Aries
This is a very lucky day for making plans or decisions and finding your way through just about any problem you may discover. You feel successful and able to handle difficult situations. Good advice from a guide or older person may be forthcoming.

4/20-5/20 Taurus
It is a good day for planning, writing or expanding your intellectual horizons. Sign up for a class or begin taking notes for your book. Getting out into the countryside should be fun too.

5/21-6/21 Gemini
Nothing seems to ruffle your feathers today. This evening however, there is time for soft lights and romantic reveries. Today your obsessive need for romance may give way to your dreams of a fantasy story prince or princess. Perhaps you could try your talents at writing.

6/22-7/22 Cancer
You are apt to spend a great deal of time communicating with co-workers and people apart from work. It is also a good time to think seriously about your career up to now. Take stock of it—it is best to be prepared for any sort of changes.

7/23-8/12 Leo
This could be a time for original thinking, or perhaps for seeking new or more daring associations. There are many possibilities available for you to move or make a change in your lifestyle or work program.

8/23-9/22 Virgo
Any undertaking professionally today will have good results. There could be some indecision now between various parts of your life that normally should be in balance.

9/23-10/22 Libra
You love being around people today, chiefly those to whom you are emotionally attached and better yet, older friends with whom you can reminisce.

10/23-11/21 Scorpio
You have an increased influence over others now. There is the need for exciting experiences, preferably when communing with nature. Balance and moderation are keywords now.

11/22-12/21 Sagittarius
You may find yourself being put to good use by your friends this afternoon. After you help your friends, there may be an opportunity to enjoy the movies or partake in some restaurant affair.

12/22-1/19 Capricorn
People are your best friends today. You have an interest in the motivations and desires of friends and family. This is an excellent time to get to know someone better, including someone you think you know.
In the Wake of the Week

By Arash Behnam
Sports Editor

Super Bowl Prediction

Rex Grossman is the worst Super Bowl quarterback ever at this point. But after Super Bowl XLI the critics will have to give credit to the most fluke performance of modern day history as Grossman will lead the Bears over the Colts 28-24. The Chicago defense will keep the Indy out of control offense at bay. The Bears will use the run to catch the Colts' D with big play action passes all game. Or the game will be a little realistic and the Colts will dominate the Bears all game long. I like my first prediction though. "I went from goat to Super Bowl hero back to goat, the Rex Grossman story."

A Kirilenko for Richardson trade is what the Warriors need to not only get into the playoffs but past the first round. The Utah Jazz are not happy with Kirilenko and a change of scenery can only help the Russian import even though he says he is happy in Utah. Golden State will not have enough minutes when JRICH gets back from injury and is the best trade bait for the Warriors. Another name on the blocks is Pau Gasol. The Warriors need another big man who can fit into coach Nellie's system. Kirilenko would be perfect for Don Nelson.

Sorry Kings fans the glory days are long gone. You can thank Robert Horry and bad luck. Add insult to injury- Sac is years away from getting back into the playoff picture.

You beat Cal Poly by 23 and trail UC Santa Barbara by 20 points in the second half. Well at least against Cal Poly we saw glimpses of what the boy's basketball team could do when you hit open shots and play with a "balls out", "thug" type of attitude.

The Pacific lady ballers are doing a whole lot better than they did last year and although that is not saying much, coach Lynne Roberts has them headed in the right direction. With 10 returnees the Tiger program will start to get its credibility back next year. Next year will be the start of the legend of Lynne Roberts.

The Tigers women's tennis team went 2-1 in the UNLV tourney posting a 7-0 wins over New Mexico State and Webber State. Arguably the best field hockey player to come out of Pacific, Vianney Campos has been invited to tryout out for the U.S. National Field Hockey Squad at the Olympic Training Center.

The class of 2006-2007 were introduced into the Pacific Hall of Fame. For the class of 2006-07 Melanie Beckenhauer (Women's Volleyball), Dick Cullenward (Swimming/Water Polo), John Dunning (Coach), Troy Kopp (Football), Marge Larsen (Contributor), Aaron Turner (Football) will be honored and the 1978-79 Men's Basketball Team. With the 2006-07 class, the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame will have honored 204 individuals and 19 teams in its 25-year history.

I will never understand how a horse gets so much love and considered an athlete but Barbaro got more headline love than Serena Williams who upset that really hot chick and won some shiny dish.

Rumor has it by the time this hits print Bonds has signed his new contract with the Giants.
Men's Basketball drops the ball

Adam Nofflett
Sports Guru

The men's basketball team is realizing just how balanced the Big West conference is this year. Entering the game against Cal Poly, Pacific was only 2 games behind Big West leading Cal State Fullerton. The Tigers were looking for back to back wins at home versus Poly and then UC Santa Barbara. Unfortunately they split the games and now are in fifth place in the Big West. Against Cal Poly, the Tigers used a 14-6 run to open up the game but then slowly watched their lead slip away after Cal Poly went on their own 10-1 run. By halftime the Tigers had held Poly to only 39 points thanks to their lockdown defense. The second half was all about the Tigers as they pulled out the victory, winning by 23 points which is their largest defeat of the season. The game showed Pacific playing arguably their best basketball of the season. Not only was the offense flowing, but the individual defense is what really won the game. Two of Cal Poly's top 3 leading scorers were held scoreless thanks to Anthony Esparza and Reggie Vezia, and their overall leading scorer was held to only 6 points. After the big home win the Tigers were looking forward to taking on UCSB. From the start of the game Pacific continued its tough defense but UCSB was finding a way to make tough shots. Trailng in the game, during the first timeout coach Bob Thomason told his players that he liked what he was seeing on the court and to keep playing hard on both ends of the floor. While UCSB was making tough shots, Pacific started to struggle on the offensive end and trailed at halftime by 9. The second half was all UCSB as they kept shooting the ball well and increased their lead to 20 points. The UCSB Gauchos played a matchup zone against Pacific, and double teamed forward Anthony Brown every time he touched the ball. Their zone made it difficult for Brown to be productive in the offense and also made Pacific shoot long jump shots which they did not start making until late in the second half. Guards Solomon HorseChief and Steffan Johnson hit crucial three pointers late and Reggie Vezia came up with some big plays on the defensive end to put the Tigers only down by 3. Their run came a bit too late and UCSB clinched the win after some clutch free throws. Having a .500 record in the Big West is not fazing the Tigers. When asked about the up and down play in league, center Deangelo Garrett stated, "We just have to do a better job with our offensive execution. Our defense is looking pretty good and Reggie is really stepping it up as a one-on-one defender." Freshman Casey Neimeyer made it clear that there are still a lot of games left and a lot of time to keep improving. "This year reminds me of when I was on my JV High School team. We ended up winning our league and if I hadn't got a bloody nose in the championship we would have taken state," These encouraging words make it clear that the Tigers are confident that things will take care of themselves over time. They are only behind Long Beach State by one game in the loss column and this weekend will mark the first showdown between the two teams. Their southern California road trip will also match them up against UC Irvine, a team that came in to the Spanos Center and beat the Tigers by 25. "We're looking forward to playing Irvine again because we need to make sure they know they're not on our level," C.J. Morgan explained. "They see it.”

Transgression art show

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award-winning poet Marilyn Chin will read her work in WPC 140. She works with material that melds the East and the West and has helped to define Asian American Poetry.

To conclude the Transgression series on April 19th at 7:00pm Lauren Gallow, Harrison W. Inefuku, Amy Langford, and Lyna Nguyen will present their papers from the fall semester in room 109 in the Jeanette Powell Art Center.

Suzanne Long’s sculpture of Bob’s Big Boy with her statue entitled Bulldyke in the background.

New Housing

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On Tuesday, January 30th students and staff met with Assistant President for Residential Living and Dining Services Steve Jacobson, Sasaki architect Vitas Viskanta and Sasaki professional staff to discuss the future of on campus housing. Students were asked to vote for what they liked and disliked on large post it boards with different colors. They judged elements of the residence halls like heating and lighting among other things.

writing down their likes, dislikes and desires in regards to current housing.

Viskanta and Farret were very concerned with the sense of community in on-campus residences. Topics of discussion revolved around what students feel contributes to community, for example, recreational spaces and interactive lounges, and what detracts- for example a shortage of lounge areas and outdoor meeting areas.

These are all things that Sasaki wants to keep in mind when designing new residences and possibly redoing residences such as SouthWest. In planning these changes the designers are trying to figure out what will keep students on campus and give them more to do while they are here.

Another topic of discussion was whether or not single rooms, doubles, suites or apartments are best and for what ages. The conclusion was that students enjoy, or at least do not mind, sharing a room their freshman or even their sophomore year but by the year after they are juniors they are ready to have their own room. At this point students would prefer suites or rooms with single beds. The students believe accommodations come first with community the next.

Housing positioning one of the largest characteristics students look for- picking out where students prefer to live. Students prefer to be close to the core of campus, in areas such as the sororities and fraternities along Grace Covel, South Quad and the MCCA Center Apartments.

All of this data will be used in making the future regarding buildings and the remolding of the older buildings. More concrete information about the changes are coming soon.