Pacific searching for new university chaplain

Three candidates to visit campus for interviewing

By Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

In the day-to-day work at Pacific, an integral member of the student life staff will be noticeably absent. A mainstay at Pacific for seven years, Chaplain Joy Preisser retired from Pacific in January, leaving one of her co-workers, Peggy Rosson, to head the search committee to replace the commiserative chaplain. Though plenty of notice was given, it still presented a challenge.

"We'll never find anyone like her," Rosson said candidly. Rosson, the Assistant Dean of Students and member of the Academic and Outreach Support Services, has a delicate and contemplative task before her.

As the Dean of Students, Joanna Royce-Davis, put it, Pacific's ideal candidate would share the same basic beliefs as those of Chaplain Preisser, but who would also build on what was started, taking the position to the next place.

"Royce-Davis does not simply wish to find an "exact clone" of Chaplain Preisser. She would warm up to someone who has the same appreciation for diversity and multi-faith programs.

It is clear that Chaplain Preisser will be missed all around campus.

"When she was working with a student or a group of students, they were the only things that mattered at that moment," Rosson said. "She was very respectful. You felt cared for when you were with her."

Royce-Davis seconded those sentiments.

"How many hours do you have?" she joked during an interview before listing the things she will miss about Chaplain Preisser.

"I think what I'll miss most is her generous care for the campus community," Royce-Davis said. "She continually took the stance of a learner."

Chaplain Preisser helped cultivate connections between students, faculty, and the administration.

"No one else is going to have the combination of talents that she had," said Rosson.

The job of Chaplain on campus is multi-faceted. On the one hand, the chaplain oversees the business of the chapel including events like weddings. Managerial duties go hand-in-hand with other services, like crisis counseling and social justice. The chaplain advises the social justice community and Interfaith Council, while acting as Pacific's liaison to local and regional interfaith communities.

"You also need to be comforting to people who are questioning their faith," Rosson said. This is an extremely fragile time in a person's life, Rosson added. The chaplain provides a safe place for those individuals.

"It's a very emotionally draining kind of work she does," Rosson explained.

Royce-Davis reflected on how often Preisser was involved in school tragedies over the years.

"The amount of crisis the individual is present for and responds to" is part of what makes the job one of complete... cont. on pg 3

Boondocks creator rocks Pacific

By Arosh-Scott Behnam
Sports Editor

I learned this the hard way as I tried for a month to get an interview with McGruder. I was told by numerous people not to mention who I was to McGruder. As if I was any more value to McGruder as one of those tasty little treats Bon Appetit so generously used as décor. Except he could eat one of those yummy treats. The picture McGruder paints of the media is by no means false nor is it by any means all true.

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The Pacific 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!

The Pacifican

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
Department Of Public Safety
Weekly Report
January 28-February 3, 2006

Please report any suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety at 62537 (Non-Emergency) and 63911 (Emergency).

ARREST
LARRY HELLER
1-28-07
Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned the driver had an outstanding $5000 warrant for her arrest. Subject was transported and booked for the outstanding warrant.

THEFT
OWEN HALL
1-28-07
Faculty member reported the theft of a nameplate from the exterior wall of his office. Officer responded and initiated a theft report.

THEFT
GRACE COVELL
1-28-07
Student reports someone entered her room between 1-25-07 at 5:30 PM and 1-28-07 at 6:30 PM and took her iPod and digital camera. Several subjects who had access to the room during that time were interviewed but the items were not recovered.

THEFT
LOT 7 (behind fraternity row)
1-29-07
Student reports the theft of music CDs, CD changer and parking permit from his unlocked vehicle. Officer responded and initiated a report.

THEFT
BROOKSIDE FIELD
1-29-07
Two students report they left their gym bags at Brookside Field at 6:00PM and when they returned at 7:30 PM, the bags were gone. One bag was a Inshape City bag containing Nike shoes; 7 University of the Pacific keys and keys to her vehicle. The other student’s bag was a Leage brand bag containing Adidas brand soccer cleats and a key ring with BMW logo.

ARREST
PACIFIC HOUSE
1-30-07
Officers observed a 55 year old transient at 5:00AM in the rear lot of Pacific House. Upon contact, officers learned he had been revoked for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned the subject was a pasteur for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned the subject was a pasteur for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned he had been revoked for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned the subject was a pasteur for a traffic violation at 2:30 AM. Officers learned she was leaving and would not be returning.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
BAUN FITNESS
1-31-07
Student reports feeling dizzy and fainted. Medics responded and the student was transported to St. Joseph’s for evaluation.

SHOTS FIRED
GARDEMEYER FIELDS
1-31-07
Operators received a call that a male subject was leaving and would not be returning.

DISTURBANCE
PACIFIC & BROOKSIDE
2-2-07
Operators contacted a female who went up to the 3rd floor after being advised there is nothing on the 3rd floor. Officers contacted and the subject advised that she was leaving and would not be returning.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
BURNS TOWER
2-2-07
Officers received a report of a male subject who was acting suspiciously on the 3rd floor. Officers located the subject and conducted an interview on the subject. The subject explained that he was having a party on Dave Brubeck and was discussing an argument they were having with each other. The subject was interviewed in the field and no charges were filed.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS
OT & HR
2-2-07
Staff reported two male subjects loitering at 3:30 AM. Officers located subjects and conducted an interview on the subject. The subject explained that they were attending a party on Dave Brubeck and were discussing an argument they were having with each other. The subject was interviewed in the field and released.

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Administrations chooses to enforce poster rules

By Jennifer Hite-Smith
Managing Editor

Although many students did not notice, it was a shock to some when all of the posters in the McCaffrey Center were taken down for no apparent reason about two weeks ago. Yes, all posters must receive an approval stamp from housing prior to being displayed around campus, but had all of these posters violated the rules? No.

Considering the changes and upgrades Pacific takes to maintain an attractive and professional setting, could it have been another attempt to de-clutter campus? Again, no.

ASUOP President Adam Ellison and ASUOP Senator-at-Large Frankie Griffin were able to point The Pacifican in the right direction to solve this mystery.

The truth is the removal of these posters did not violate the rights of the clubs and/or student organizations that put them there. Pacific’s policy about posting on “brick surfaces,” is a “one-day policy.” More specifically, posters are not to be on the brick walls of the McCaffrey Center for more than one day, “generally the day of the event or when the organization is hosting an information table.”

These and other posting policies can be found online by choosing the “Activities and Leadership” link, and then “The Office of Student Leadership & Involvement” subdivision of Pacific’s website or in the Tiger Lore under Pacific Student Honor Code’s General University Policies, number 25.

The reason this issue was brought to the attention of the Pacifican was because it was seemingly a new policy. The removal of posters from the McCaffrey Center does not always happen on a daily basis. Usually, posters will remain a longer duration than the one-day policy declares. Thus, when all posters were removed about two weeks ago, a violation of rights was in question when in fact no violation occurred.

A few other important and useful tips to know about posting flyers, banners, or other promotional material on campus are recorded below; but a full list of rules can be found in the Tiger Lore, number 25.

• Banners must be affixed with masking tape only.
• Flyers are permitted on Kiosks and should not cover existing, timely material.

Administrations chooses to enforce poster rules

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dedication and compassion, according to Royce-Davis.

Using past experiences and the direction Pacific wants to chart in the future, the search committee will locate a suitable candidate for the position.

“We’ve been looking for someone who wants to work with people of other faith traditions but who has a strong faith tradition of her own,” Rosson said. “It is hard to find that.”

Three finalists have been chosen to come to campus for open forum interviews. Royce-Davis and Rosson encourage students to attend and get to know the potential chaplains.

“The three candidates share some similar things but are also quite different,” said Royce-Davis. All have had past experience with college students and young adults, but each has a distinct style.

One candidate is currently an assistant chaplain at Yale University. He is a campus minister. The third is on the district staff for the United Methodist Church.

The candidates were told to write a response on what they thought of interfaith diversity. The responses they give will be closely scrutinized and will weigh heavily in the final decision.

“I’m really interested in the responses we’ll get,” Royce-Davis said.

The void that Chaplain Preisser leaves at Pacific will be difficult to fill.

“For Joy, she was a wonderful colleague,” Rosson said, her eyes beginning to water. “She had incredible empathy with people and a wonderful sense of humor.”

ASUOP: Let’s get together and feel alright

By Giovanni Arieta
Guest Writer

This Thursday, February 8th, ASUOP will be hosting a Town Hall meeting from 12 noon to 1pm at The Thomas J. Long Health Sciences Building. (For those of us non-pharmacy folk, that’s the big round building near the Brookside apartments). Why would one want to walk all the way to that far part of campus, you might ask? Well, at this meeting you’ll learn about what ASUOP has accomplished so far this year, what we are working on for the future and become clear on exactly how your ASUOP fee is spent. And that’s not all – you get to ask us all the questions you want! So come on by, we’d love to hear from you!

Pacific shows national excellence

Individual Events:
Impromptu Speaking
Open Division (Sunset Cliffs)
Finalist: Raman Deol
Finalist: Steven Farias
Novice Division (Sunset Cliffs)
Second Place: Brandon Schwartz
Finalist: Michael Biddle
Novice Division (Southwestern College)
CHAMPION: Brandon Schwartz

Persuasive Speaking
(Open Division Sunset Cliffs)
Third Place: Kathleen Bruce
Finalist: Kristin Pace

After Dinner Speaking
(Novice Division Sunset Cliffs)
CHAMPION: Brandon Schwartz
Second Place: Ariana Grova

Informative Speaking
(Novice Division Sunset Cliffs)
Third Place: Anne Eastlick
Fourth Place: Michael Biddle

Extemporaneous Speaking
Novice Division Southwestern College
CHAMPION: Brandon Schwartz
Second Place: David Zhang

Finalist: Moises Vargas
Open Division Sunset Cliffs
Second Place: Kathleen Bruce
Semi-Finalist: Steven Farias
Semi-Finalist: Branigan Robertson

Open Division Southwestern College
Fourth Place: Raman Deol

Parliamentary Debate
Junior Division
Seventeen Speaker (out of 110!): Anne Eastlick
Double-Octofinalist Pacific BZ Michael Biddle & David Zhang
A New Beginning
For Freshmen

Exams

By Nicole Von de Star - Silvy

It has come to that time in the semester where you must reserve your seat in the library and find the most comfortable book to stick your head in, because for most of you, exams are right around the corner. It is the perfect moment to buy the strongest coffee you can find and forget about sleeping because it’s time for the infamous “First Exam”.

Whoever said that testing is the only way of measuring intelligence was surely on crack.

You have heard over and over again, probably starting sometime in elementary school, that testing is important for learning. It is said that tests/exams measure knowledge and improvement, and also illustrate a student’s class rank. At this point in my career as a student, I can classify myself as a test taking expert. I am exceptionally fluent in the all-time favorite “multiple choice” test, fill in the blank, and matching testing styles. And of course, we all know the dreaded essay questions. Being an expert in classifying every testing method known to man (and of course I am exaggerating), I can clearly state that testing is complete and utter bull $%&!! Whoever said that testing is the only way of measuring intelligence was surely on crack.

It really blows when your most important classes are graded solely from testing. Now, I am the sort of person that does exceptionally well on homework assignments, class participation, and presentations, but I really suck at test-taking. It is so much harder to pass an exam when the entire time your thinking, “OH MY GOSH, if I fail this exam I fail this class.” These aren’t words of encouragement and they won’t really help me pass, but seriously, when I have stayed up the entire night studying and then I can’t remember what I read, what else I supposed to think?

I find it very amusing when you’re sitting in your seat waiting for the test to start and your professor hands you the test, then all of a sudden he/she blurts out, “Don’t stress out, it’s only a test.” The funny thing is that right after he/she says that, everyone else is thinking, “Yeah, a test that either makes or breaks my grade.”

The worst thing is when you’re reading a set of questions and you have no idea what the hell is going on, for one of three reasons: a) you blacked out and couldn’t remember, b) you didn’t study at all, or (my personal favorite) c) you read the wrong section. For those of you that chose c) as your answer, don’t worry, you’ll get them next time.

In conclusion, exams suck @$$, but what can we do? Just study hard, try your best, and keep a positive attitude. And remember, “It’s just a test.”

Until Next Time

Tiger...What?

On Saturday, January 27, 2007, Tonja Swank, a freshman said, “I was headed to the game but then I was told that we were being raped and not to bother. Her friends also said they were leaving because we were down by twenty. Had she come and her friends stayed to cheer the Tigers on, they would have seen a magnificent game. A higher quality entertainment than they could have gotten in their dorm.

The point being, our Tigers need support from Pacific students.

Chris Tredennick, a senior majoring in computer engineering said, “When we played UCSB we were down by twenty at the half, but we came back to within three I felt that the fan support in the second half really helped that comeback rally.”

I go to every Pacific basketball game, due to work reasons, but at least I am there and that’s better than most can say. Every game, I see the student section nearly empty and the Tiger Pit with only a few Orange Army folk.

Let me educate you with a bit of history. Earlier this century, the Orange Army was just that, an army of students showing school pride by wearing their orange shirts. They came to every game, they were the loudest and usually ran the gamut as far as cheers go in the Spanos Center. But they were there, cheering on their peers and having fun.

Orange Army general Thomas McDonald said “Due to the low turnout of students in the Tiger Pit, Ath
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Sports Editor Arash-Scott Behnam with Aaron McGruder after his visit to Pacific on Feb. 1, 2007 at Faye Spanos Auditorium.

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But when he needed to be serious in defending his use of the word, McGruder spit truth. “I don’t look at the word as being toxic. I look at the white man in the 1800s as being toxic. The word is a distraction. The evil is in the hatred of man”. McGruder continued,”language evolves, like it or not that’s how people talk, the debate over the word is pointless and stupid. The conversation never goes anywhere, lets just agree to disagree. McGruder went on to speak on many other topics, he firmly refused to answer questions he did not like and stayed around to take pictures and do book signings.

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LIFESTYLES

Letter to the Editor:

This is a letter responding to Mikey Vu’s humor column Fear and Loathing on a College Campus entitled, “Scientology and the Crucification of Top Gun star.”

Statement from the Church of Scientology International

This article is completely, totally and utterly a lie and a total fabrication and has no basis in the theology of Scientology in the slightest. There is no scriptural background for anyone inside or outside of the Church to come up with such a concept. As well, Mr. Miscavige has never and would never characterize any church member or anyone related to Scientology in such terms nor has or would Mr. Cruise characterize himself as such.

As well Scientology is a world wide religious organization made up of over 7500 churches, missions and groups, in 163 countries and over ten million members and while the Scientology religion was founded by one man, L. Ron Hubbard, he himself insisted that he was just a man. He was the founder and there will only ever be one founder. He was not a prophet, nor is he defied in any way, nor would anyone else be.

The Church has the largest non-governmental anti-drug program in the world, the world’s largest human rights education campaign, the largest private tutoring and literacy network in the world, the largest global emergency response force with over 95,000 strong and has grown more in the last five years than the previous 50 combined.

Mr. Cruise’s support of such humanitarian endeavors is widely known as well as the support given to such programs by millions of Scientologists and non Scientologists alike from all walks of life and diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

However, despite all this when an utterly fabricated story can be propagated in an effort to marginalize Scientology or make Scientology, its leaders or its members seem strange, then you know how low the press has gotten to in order to come up with a story.

Again this story has no basis in reality whatsoever.

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Culture in your Backyard: Lodi’s Wine and Chocolate Festival

By Lisa Lam
Guest Writer

College students inevitably get bored on weekends, regardless of the school they go to or city that is located in. The complaint across the board at Pacific is: There is nothing to do here. The question that should be asked is, are these students going out and looking for things to engage themselves in? Stockton may not have the most attractive track record for entertainment options. San Francisco and Sacramento are the most advertised getaways to attract potential students. But even then, those often traveled destinations can become dull. What most students don’t realize is that there is an unexplored cultured spot located right under their noses. And this is Lodi, California.

Known for its wines, Lodi has begun to attract wine connoisseurs from all over the world. Owner of Pilgrim Vineyard and Eberhardt School of Business Professor Joel Herche knows a thing or two about growing award winning grapes for a world class wine. His grapes have won him four gold medals and his most recent win was at the California State Fair in the Best of Class Lodi Appellations category. “Lodi has world class production for making zinfandel wine,” he says.

Besides growing grapes worthy of being bottled into award winning wines, he offers a few wise words for those who have a budding interest in the world of wine tasting. “A common mistake with wine is to think of it as a dark beer; to drink a lot of it. But getting drunk while wine tasting is an embarrassment; Willa Wonka in Lodi. It shows naivety and immaturity,” he states.

So what do you do instead? Herche recommends those who wish to take part in wine tasting to take your time, slow down, look at the wine, smell its aroma and enjoy the product. He adds, “More mature wine drinkers focus on the story behind the wine.”

Herche works closely with V. Sattui Winery located in St. Helena, in the heart of wine country. Here his grapes get turned into a zinfandel that can compete with the best. And if he were to pour you a class of his zinfandel, Herche would gladly share the story behind his vineyard, family and his love for this art.

And when it comes to picking a couple of favorite Lodi wineries, Herche doesn’t hesitate to mention Lucas Winery, Spenker, and Jessie’s Grove.

This weekend, February 9-10, Lodi is bringing together wine and chocolate lovers together for a festival too delectable for words. A ticket can be purchased in advance or at the door. Included in the ticket price is a wristband, valid for both days, a commemorative wine glass, and event program/map of the participating wineries. A commemorative chocolate bar is also included. In a select few bars will be a golden ticket, an opportunity to win a Lodi Wine Country Getaway or over 100 additional prizes. I guess you could say this is a taste of Willa Wonka in Lodi.

With over 28 wineries participating and portions of the proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research, this is a great opportunity for budding wine drinkers to sample a bit of culture locally while contributing to a great cause. And for those who don’t wish to participate in the drinking activities, there are still chocolate samples and appetizers to try. Plus, designated drivers get in for free! The only catch, you have to be 21 years of age to attend the event.

Perhaps you’ll pick up a great bottle of wine, hear the story behind it, and be able to share it with your company when you serve this wine for a special occasion.

For more information about how to purchase tickets or participating wineries, please refer to the event’s website: www.lodiwineandchocolate.com.

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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Roses are red, Violets are blue

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Well, it looks like I was right about something since apparently Cupid has come early this year in the form of a crazy, diaper-wearing, astronaut assassin. Honestly, I can’t say I would have ever envisioned those words appearing next to one another, outside the context of “words that should never appear next to one another.” In case you’re a little in the dark about this strange situation, astronaut Lisa Nowak was accused of attempted murder on Air Force Captain Colleen Shipman, who was also in a relationship with Bill Oefelein, another fellow astronaut. Miss Nowak, wearing diapers to avoid bathroom breaks during her drive from Houston, Texas to Orlando, Florida, to confront Colleen, was equipped with detailed maps of Colleen’s residence, the layout of the airport, and an escape route of sorts. Ah, young love. ‘Tis the season, isn’t it? After arriving in Orlando, Nowak, wearing a wig, trench coat, and sunglasses, approached Colleen as she entered her car and proceeded to pepper spray her as she cracked open the window. Police soon responded after Colleen quickly drove away, finding Miss Nowak carrying the following items inside a bag: a 4-inch blade, 3 to 4 feet of rubber tubing, several large plastic garbage bags, and about $600 in cash. Some people may find this strange, but the times they are a changin’, and Cupid has got to keep up, right? I mean, bows and arrows are sooo 800 B.C.

When questioned about why Miss Nowak pepper sprayed Colleen, her response was, “I just wanted to talk.” Really? When I want to talk with someone, usually the conversation begins with a “hey, what’s up?” or a “what’s going on?” but maybe she’s on to something here. You know, it probably would have been much easier on her if she could have Facebook-stalked Colleen Shipman, constantly using that goddamned poke function to flirt with Bill only to discover through the news feed that he was now “in a relationship.” Then she could have angrily posted on his wall, posted a bitter note, and then in a sign of defiance, listed herself as “engaged to” one of her good female friends.

Checkin’ out “Grey’s Anatomy”

By Linda Lopez
Staff Writer

Operations, temptations, and frustrations; this is the perfect replacement for “Boston Legal”, it has surpassed the expectations of the writers and creators of the show. What’s has people hooked to “Grey’s Anatomy”?

It works for the rest of the crazies, why not her?

According to reports, Nowak told police that her relationship with fellow astronaut Bill Oefelein was “more than a working relationship and less than a romantic relationship.” What does this even mean? The only assumption I can make is that perhaps they engaged in some sort of crazy zero gravity space coitus, and he ignored her afterwards. Space friends with benefits maybe? It must be a downer when the only time you can get some ass is when you are orbiting in space, and even then you have to be confident that you are only winning by default. I can only imagine Bill Oefelein’s thought process: “Hmmm… well I guess I’m in space. I can either enjoy my own private sexy time with the exotic images of… Earth. Great, way to forget to bring the Maxim’s. Oh… I could hook up the crazy chick over there that’s looking at me pretty well. It’s okay Bill. I forgive you. Remember, in space, you can hear your sweaty heart, too. Oh those crazy kids, their over-romantic notions. What happened, old days when kids bought flowers and took them out to dinner? They have these newfangled murder schemes with inch blades and such. Miss Nowak should have just given Bill a card, said, “Roses are red, We are blue, We’ll be together because I love you…” because I’m going to flirt with your girlfriend.” I think it in a Hallmark store and listed under “Scorner’s.” Anyways, remember that Valentine’s Day is not a week away, and offer from last week’s still stands. So, who was my Valentine?
Baskin Robins.

So, if you enjoy a good sports bar or attracted to a place where famous people have eaten (not including Stockton Thunder players) try The Valley Brew.

In the end, Tony and I decided to agree that The Valley Brew was indeed a sports bar. We give The Valley Brew 9 "finger licks" only because we can’t drink and could not try these specialty beers. The food was great and we loved the atmosphere.

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For those who are 21 and over, The Valley Brew is the closest thing to it. It has a “Sport’s Bar” atmosphere and I found it a perfect place to hang out with a couple of guys. I ordered the BBQ chicken sandwich, which was impressive. The beef was stacked high and the sauce was dripping everywhere. I came with french fries which Tony described as, "deep fried to perfection."

We were just starting to enjoy the atmosphere when some local hockey players from the Stockton Thunder walked in. This was a big deal for some locals. Apparently they are like local celebrities or something but we just kept on eating. For those who are 21 and over, The Valley Brew is also a full bar but is mainly known for their hand-crafted beers. One of their most famous beers, Hitman Gold, is named after famous wrestler Bret Hitman Hart who is a regular at the Valley Brew when he is in town. For wrestling fans you can actually see the WWF Championship belt hanging on the wall along with other famous jerseys of local athletes.

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**HOROSCOPES**

1/20- 2/18 Aquarius
Socializing and love interests are favored this evening. So is overindulgence, but be smart and avoid the smorgasbord table—watch the calories.

2/19- 3/20 Pisces
Your relationship with your loved one could be on thin ice. One or both of you could be prone to negative mind games or power trips, revealing a bit of what may be inside each psyche.

3/21- 4/19 Aries
This may be a time of sudden personal growth that corresponds to changes in your romantic life. On the positive side, it is a good day to just reflect or help others.

4/20- 5/20 Taurus
Your creative intellect and communication skills are enhanced. You may feel renewed interest in art, literature and nature. Difficulties from the past have vanished and now you can take some time to help others.

5/21- 6/21 Gemini
Today is a natural for self-expression. Smart as a fox, you solve problems and sail through the day. If you deal with groups, you will probably be advocating sweeping changes.

6/22- 7/22 Cancer
Expect a sense of support and good will from those around you. Try to see people for who they truly are—your intuition will guide you. For some reason, the family scene this afternoon is a busy one.

7/23- 8/22 Leo
This is a feel-good day. Friendships are a source of great pleasure and you, in turn, you should be quite popular, especially after work. In addition, this is an excellent time for taking part in social activities with friends.

8/23- 9/22 Virgo
Do not keep someone waiting this evening—good surprises are coming. Warm memories and familiar laughter is heard as you visit with old friends.

9/23- 10/22 Libra
You have a greater appreciation for things of value and the idea of value itself is in order. Finances are not great but not bad either. Try comparison-shopping. You will enjoy communicating, witticisms, writing letters, mental games and puzzle solving.

10/23- 11/21 Scorpio
This is a rewarding day. If you are forced into decision making today, make sure it is for the good of the whole. Study your motives in order to make non-prejudiced choices. Events could conspire to make it difficult for you to act

11/22- 12/21 Sagittarius
Your good cheer enhances your social life and may intensify romance. A new love interest is available today. Avoid excessive spending just now. This is a good time to use the home as a vehicle for entertaining.

12/22- 1/19 Capricorn
Something electric is in the air this evening and your charisma shines! It is time for fun date, a new friend or some creative plans for a future party. You need a break from your general routine. They in turn will be attracted to you.

**Answers to this week's Sudoku:**

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.
Rec Sports Week 1
Power Rankings

FLAG FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS
PRE-SEASON
Men’s A
1. Kappa Psi- Metelak is back with his golden arm and a roster loaded with speed
2. Not Approved By Housing – Sigma Chi looks to avenge its championship loss
in Fall season
3. Pike $$$ All-Star$ – P.S. is back with a few interesting roster additions
4. The Blazers- Defending champs won’t be able to overcome the graduation of
its leader, Holt.

Men’s B
1. Balla’s- The only question mark is the QB...I don’t think DeMagistris is the answer
2. Juice- Tagg’s squad looks to rebound from its disappointing finish last season
3. Kind’ve a Big Deal- The Polo team has size and strength but may lack
football savvy
4. Suck My Ditka- Manriquez & Sigma Chi shouldn’t be intimidated by anyone
5. Hands Across America- The heart and soul of the team, Baltazar, has decided
to hang up the cleats
6. Young Guns- No one knows who these guys are so the element of surprise
could be valuable
7. Be Legit 2- What will Heidorn’s RecSports legacy be?
8. It goes to Eleven- Fisher is a legitimate deep threat with sub 4.4 speed.....OK,
not really
9. Snack Attack- Ochuko plays like a man possessed
10. We Love Will!- Not to bruise your egos, Pike, but the Theatre Dept.’s team
will come here
11. Dragons- Underrated but unproven
12. The Fallen- Leon’s leadership may be the X-factor
13. Beyond the Hype- BJ Pataria is a game changer
14. Pike $$$ All Star$- Brett Favre is back for his 17th season...so is P.S.
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16. The Free Agents- Redfern is going to have to carry this team on his right arm

Men’s C
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2. Is this Soccer?- Theta Chi is catching up to Sigma Chi & Pike in terms of athletes
3. Dragons- Their speed will kill
4. Cookie Crisp- WER is looking for some respect
5. The Untouchables- Yam has assembled a championship-caliber roster
6. The Murrfs- Hawaii will have a decent year, but most of the athletes are on
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7. Big Trouble in Little China- Muong is overdue for a championship....It won’t
come here
8. Captain Kunch- These cereal junkies lack the speed to be legitimate contenders
9. Y God Y- they just keep coming back for more
10. S-Dub- They’ll star the new season right where they ended the last....at the bottom
Co-Rec
1. Elite - With the Rec Staff team disassembled the league is wide open
2. Super Smash- Player/ Coach, Townzen, is Bill Belichick like
3. Who Gives a Shitake- Ajifu is arguably the best female player in the league
4. Alpha Phi- The newly converted Co-Rec team has girls that can match up
with anyone
5. Wow Lau Lau- A Hawaii vs. Hawaii final isn’t out of the question
6. It’s Official- Southwest Hall’s football program is on life support
7. The Murfs- Hawaii will have a decent year, but most of the athletes are on
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5v5 BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS
PRE-SEASON
Men’s A
1. Fundamentally Sound - These guys dominated 3v3 so don’t expect anything less this
time around
2. Pelotas Viejas - Lineup isn’t overly intimidating but should have a strong season nonetheless
3. Blazers - One thing is for sure...the Blazers are going to put up a fight
4. Million Dollar Dream - Quickest team in the league but they are highly vulnerable in the lane

Men’s B
1. Kappa Psi- High expectations for a team loaded with speed and shooters
2. Iron Lungs- This team proves that looks can be deceiving
3. Swat Team- Singh headlines the Men’s B team with arguably the most talent in the league
4. A-League Dropouts- The team goes as Lendman goes
5. Polo- Team can go toe-to-toe with anyone but lacks standout perimeter players
6. Juice- The talent is there, but the team chemistry is questionable
7. Beyond the Hype- BJ Pataria is a game changer
8. Hit ‘Em Up- These Pharm boys could surprise some people
9. Pike $$$ All Star$- Brett Favre is back for his 17th season...so is P.S.
10. What?- FYF- This isn’t Men’s C 3v3 basketball. Team quickness is a big question mark.
11. Be Legit?- Pike’s basketball talent just isn’t what it used to be
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Men’s C
1. Chuck Norris & Round House Kicks- Parr’s squad is the heavy favorite to top the 20-team field
2. Block Party- Nico, Numi, Gooon...Sigma Chi has assembled itself a contender
3. Sonomas Guns- These sharp shooters could snipe their way to a title
4. Hayward- It seems like Harris and his teams always find their way into the championship game
5. Bulldogs- Delta Upsilon will be riding the shoulders of Zanini and Navarro
6. Kind’ve a Big Deal- Confidence obviously isn’t an issue with this team but shooting is
7. Hands Across America- Expect big things from Brinkman’s squad after a disappointing 3v3 year
8. No Name- Good team depth makes them a contender in the wide open C division
9. Unknown- Au & Dhyne feel like they can compete with anyone
10. Kappa Psi- Lack of size will lead to their demise
11. Dragons- Underrated but unproven
12. The Fallen- Leon’s leadership may be the X-factor
13. Cinnamon Toast Krunch- This veteran squad may be too old to keep up with the younger legs
14. Jackson- The starters have been officially dubbed “The Jackson 5”...Who’s Michael?
15. Off Constantly- Townzen’s squad could be a sleeping giant
16. Cincinnati Bowties- The energy is there, but the talent is another story
17. Hoops- It could be a long, embarrassing season for Pike
18. No Make Li’dat- The Hawaii club may find itself in an unfamiliar setting...out of contention
19. Giggity- A 1-win season may exceed expectations
20. Free Love- What they lack in talent they make up for in style...Always a fan favorite

Women’s
1. Mystics- Rea’s team hasn’t lost a game in a year and a half
2. X-Treme- 2 ex-Pacific players and a field hockey player...and those are their scrubs
3. Alpha Phi- Dolezel will be a tough match up for the smaller teams
4. Delta Gamma- Peterson, Holmquist, Dalton...Athleticism but no height
5. Theta- Costello’s squad will struggle to win a game...Expect a 0-4 finish
6. Rec Staff- The least talented bunch but not by very much

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Pacific Basketball Wins One, Loses One

Adam Nofflett
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GAME ONE
The last time we checked in with the Tigers they were coming off a two game split at home with Cal Poly and UCSB. After a week of intense practices and preparation, the Tigers went off to Southern California for a pair of two rematches. The first rematch involved UC Irvine, who had previously embarrassed the Tigers at home by 25 points.

Pacific, despite having had problems shooting the ball as of late, started the game hot, hitting their first 8 out of 11 shots. The Tigers also controlled the game on the defensive end holding the Anteaters to 1-9 shooting to start the game.

The lead for the Tigers extended to as many as 14 in the first half, but UC Irvine used a late run and only trail by 6 in the first half. What UC Irvine did in the first half was very similar to what Cal Poly did when they played at the Spanos Center. In both games the Tigers had a great start to the half, but saw themselves give up the early lead just before halftime.

UC Irvine’s momentum continued in the second half where they used an 18-11 run to give them their first lead of the game. When it came down to crunch time, the Tigers showed their poise on the road, and thanks to an 11-0 run the Tigers were able to get revenge on the Anteaters winning 89-82. Senior Anthony Espana scored a career high 23 points, and for the first time all year every player in the starting lineup scored in double figures.

GAME TWO

The second rematch involved Long Beach State which lost to the Tigers in last year’s Big West Tournament Championship. Before the season, Long Beach and Pacific received the same number of first place votes from the coach’s poll. The 49ers were the last team in the Big West that Pacific has not faced and received some bad news even before tip-off. Unfortunately Pacific was receiving a first round selection in the tournament.

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