Regents O.K. tuition raise
Rates for room and board will also climb for 2007-2008

By Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

Tuition, room, and board rates at Pacific will again rise for the next academic year. The tuition increase will be 5.9%, bringing the typical tuition rate for a full-time undergraduate student to $28,480. Last year’s increase was 4.9%.

The decision was approved last week at the Board of Regents meeting in San Francisco. ASUOP President Adam Ellison attended the meeting to provide a student voice in the proceedings.

Ellison said he supports the increase with the stipulation that financial aid also be boosted.

“I expected the increase to be significantly higher than it was,” Ellison said, a hint of surprise in his voice. “I’m happy and pleased with the administration. It’s important to keep it [the tuition rate] as low as possible. I did thank President DeRosa for being on the side of students.”

The problem for the university, according to Ellison, is few options for revenue. Since Pacific exists as a private institution, the state does not fund the school, like the case is with the UCs and CSUs. As a result, Pacific must continually plan for funding.

“There’s no state money that comes to the university directly,” said Pat Cavanaugh, Vice-President of Business and Finance. He said the closest thing to state aid is through the Cal Grants program.

Pacific is dependent on revenues generated from tuition, said Ellison. The only other major source of revenue comes from endowments or gifts to the university.

Cavanaugh said that Pacific invests the money in the short term and see the interest grow. The McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento and the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco pay administrative fees to the Stockton campus.

“While none of us will be thrilled with the idea of a tuition increase, we have to be long-term thinkers,” Ellison said. He added that this would be a long-term benefit.

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Speaker informs students about Iraq, Afghanistan

By Jennifer Hite-Smith
Managing Editor

Juan Cole is an Islam and Middle East specialist from the University of Michigan. His current research is working to make connections and bridge our understanding of the Shiite sect of Islam in Iran and Iraq, as well as jihadist (sacred war) groups such as the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Cole lectured at Pacific on January 19th in George Wilson Hall. He discussed two very important current events – both of America’s wars: Afghanistan and Iraq.

He explained that the coverage of the war in Afghanistan has been minimized in the shadows of the war in Iraq. However, the violence is still prevalent and actually getting worse. Cole's lecture outlined the basics of U.S. involvement in these two countries in order to explain the reasons they are failing.

“United States foreign policy in both Afghanistan and Iraq has had initial military success, then profound political failures,” he said.

“The Bush administration set up a zero-sum game,” explained Cole, where the winners were joyous and the losers had nothing. “Politics doesn’t have to be a zero sum game.”

His primary focus was the ethnic division of both countries. With such strong ethnic division among groups, civil fighting is difficult to apprehend without fully understanding each group needs and working together. In both Afghanistan and Iraq, U.S. strategy has removed the group in power.

Afghanistan has variety of ethnic groups. The largest groups are the Pashtuns followed by the Tajik, Hazara, and Uzbeks. The alleged terrorist group, the Taliban, had grown into power as a counterforce to Soviet occupiers after the Cold War. When U.S. forces invaded Afghanistan in 2001, the Pashtuns, the primary members of the Taliban, were in power. They were removed in an attempt to promote democracy.

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School insurance changes hands
Cowbell teams with local hospital

Erin Birmingham
Editor-in-Chief

Pacific's on-campus health center, the Wellness Center, has undergone a major face lift. Two major changes took place this semester: one, the school's insurance provider was changed from Mega Life to Chickering; and two, the Wellness Center teamed up with local St. Joseph's Hospital. Both of these changes should greatly improve services.

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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!
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proves the quality of health care on campus. The new insurance covers more and is much more user friendly. It includes many online options that increase efficiency and decrease unnecessary waits.

The new partnership with St. Joseph’s Hospital will increase the number of physicians on hand at the Wellness Center as well as allow Wellness Center physicians
to go with a student to St. Joseph’s if needed and be a part of their follow up care. A pod of four physicians will spend six hours a week at the Wellness Center.

Kathy Hunter, CRNP, FNP, and director of health services for the University of the Pacific, said “if students need to go to the operating room, I can go with them. If they need to go to the ER, I can go with them instead of sending them over blindly. This should be a comfort to students who will need off campus treatment in the future. Previously, if a student needed off campus treatment, the student was out of the Wellness Center’s hands. This could leave them confused or without the help that they needed during recovery.

The change from Mega Life to Chickering Insurance, a part of Etna, will provide a few positive changes and a price increase. The price will go up from $380 a year to $498, or $289 a semester. However, Kathy Hunter explained that, “Mega Life would have gone up anyway at the new year so the difference isn’t that huge.”

However, this price increase comes with perks. One example is the highly discussed new Human Papillona Virus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil, will be completely covered by this new insurance. Kathy Hunter encourages “students to check with their insurance to see if this is covered. It is quickly becoming a standard but not all insurance cover it yet.”

Student athletes will be now covered when they travel, something they were not with Mega Life.

Students will now have their own insurance ID. In the past if students went to an off campus pharmacy they paid full price for their pharmaceuticals and then put in a claim to get their money back. Now students will be able to go to the pharmacy and show their ID card and only have to pay their 10 or 15 dollar co-pay. Etna will process the claim for the rest.

Both of these changes should serve as positive additions to students’ on campus health care.

Chickering’s online benefits will offer students a clear format to compare their own current insurance with the school’s. This will help them decide which has the better coverage and which is right for them. If you decide to stick with your own health care provider then you can waive the campus insurance online, or if the opposite is true you can sign up for Chickering right there and then. With this new waiver system the Wellness Center hopes to avoid the registration holds that agitated many students last fall.

While you had to give proof of insurance in the past by going to the Wellness Center, you are now able to do this online.

Chickering also offers the addition of easy and reliable referrals. Dr. Hunter explained that “you are in San Francisco and you need to go to the doctor you can call and the Wellness Center can do a referral right online, and then when Etna looks at your logs they will see that there was a referral and make the charges accordingly. It will be a lot faster and more efficient.”

Trees for landmines
By Benjamin Dunphy
Columnist
An old adage says that you don’t truly understand someone until you walk a mile in their shoes. These particular shoes are hard to fill.

Heidi Kuhn has been removing landmines from war-ravaged countries since 1997. Donned with a blast vest and a shatterproof facemask, she searches for landmines, painstakingly removes them, and plants crops in their wake to replenish the land and with it, the people.

It is not every day that you are greeted with the presence of someone with so much courage.

“Landmines are a cancer to the earth,” she stated in her speech at George Wilson
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for the future, Cavanaugh does see more increases but hopes “to keep them at a minimum.”

“The increases will continue to be less than average,” Cavanaugh said. “I think our tuition fees will continue to be competitive.”

Recently, the magazine U.S. News and World Report listed Pacific in several lists of its ‘America’s Best Colleges’ coverage. In best overall universities, Pacific tied at 98th place, seven places ahead of the University of San Diego and ten places behind UC Riverside. Pacific ranked 38th on the national ‘Best Values’ list, ahead of UC Berkeley.

Cavanaugh predicts that the value Pacific offers will attract potential students with higher quality applica-

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*For a typical, full-time undergraduate student at the Stockton campus
A New Beginning
For Freshmen
Welcome Back Everyone!!!

By Nicole Van de Star - Silvo
Columnist

Hello everyone, and welcome back to a brand new semester filled with work, and more work. I'm sure I am speaking for everyone when I say that our break was just a little too short. Even though it lasted a month, it felt like only a week, but I do have to admit it was really nice. Although we all wish we had had another month of vacation to go, I am sure, in some form or another, you are all happy to be back.

Now first and foremost, the main thing on everybody's mind is the start of boring and not so boring classes. For those of you that were able to enroll for your classes early, you are very, very lucky. See, I got stuck with all new classes, we are also applicants for the Dr. Wrischnik. Thank goodness for her pep, otherwise I don't think I would be awake.

Along with starting new classes, we are also appointed with the dilemma of purchasing books and study material, what a fun time this is. There is nothing better than walking into a store, just to find that the books you need are all sold out, and the books that you can get cost an arm and a leg. I also love staring at the back of someone's head for an hour waiting to pay for the book I could get. The upside to this is that you meet many people in the process, you could say we are working for a common goal, buy the books and get out of there.

Now if you read my column often, then you would know that I don't live on campus, so this moving into the dorm room thingy is not a first hand experience, but I'll share what I know. So what I have heard is that at the end of last semester you had to move out of your rooms completely, and when then you came back, you had to move back in again. Now, if I were in your position, I think I would be annoyed. It's not as if you were all leaving forever, you were coming back. Well, good luck to all of you with that and I hope really hope you all get good roommates. Not only is school hard, but also to also get a jerk as a roommate doesn't make things much better.

On a lighter note, I am sure you all agree when I say that the best part of being back is seeing all of your friends again and talking about the fun you had over break, or for the unfortunate, the not so much fun you had. It's really weird how this school year is now almost over, but put it this way: next year we get to make fun of the incoming Freshmen who don't know their way around campus, and for those of you that have a little meander side, you can direct them in the wrong direction and have a little fun.

Just a little word of advice to all of you, don't forget to date your papers. Trust me, it's not cool when your professor thinks you're handing in work from last semester.

Until Next Time

An Unfortunate Ending

For Freshmen
Welcome Back Everyone!!!

By Nicole Van de Star - Silvo
Columnist

Note: The views expressed in this article are the author's opinion, not a statement of fact.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 was not a good day for one Pacific student. For on this night his career as a Pacific Baseball Pitcher came to an abrupt end as soon as he was jumped at an off campus party.

Ty'Relle Harris, a twenty-year-old sophomore from Fairfield attended a party put on by an eighteen year old girl who attends Delta College. While at the party, Ty'Relle was accused of taking an iPod from the girl's house.

Ty'Relle, being an honest young man had not but was still confronted and thus patted down by this young woman's friends. One of Ty'Relle's friends was also punched down and a shot glass was found in his pockets. This started a pushing fest, which resulted in Ty'Relle and the host of the party having a verbal argument.

"As soon as she made contact with my face, her guy friends were already jumping me and choking me," Harris said.

His coach called 32 AM and said he was just at a house on Stockton, smash and flashing a gun at the couple. Ty'Relle, in shock replied, "This is me, I am sitting in Fairfield."

His coach went on to say that the police and the witnesses were everyone on the baseball team. Since the university got it just made things worse.

The girl called at 4:30 AM, five Mr. Harris said he took place, saying Ty'Relle assaulted her at her home at 4:30 AM during a party. Ty'Relle pumped a window "there are no cuts on my fist, only cuts on my thumb, finger tips, thumb and middle fingers."

There was no commercial or any alcohol being involved. As per an article written on January 18, 2007 that appeared in The Record the "Five Pacific baseball players kicked off team."

"Witnesses told police that they were at a party on January 17, 2007 when they heard a commotion and ran out to see what was going on. They saw Ty'Relle Harris being choked."
PERSPECTIVES

Public Safety’s Preeminence

Benjamin Dunphy
Staff Writer

your body tenses. All of a sudden, your peripheral becomes inept and everything in your field of vision becomes black and white. You don’t know why it’s happening to you, but it’s happening. All that you can see is consumed by black and white, and possibly blue strobe lights. You are being specially investigated by Pacific’s finest.

Only this isn’t an official investigation. Rather, it’s kind of like watching Judge Dredd step into the streets, confident that the law is fully behind each and every one of his decisions while he single-handedly prosecutes, hears, and judges those defendants in his wake.

The UOP police have gotten way out of hand. While gangs continue to shoot at each other (and occasionally at a Pacific student) right outside our boundaries, we are being persecuted by the same people that have sworn to protect us. In their eyes, we are the bad guys, and we are guilty until proven innocent.

For example, this past weekend the police stopped me as I was coming back from a party. Now here’s the backstory: when I showed up to this party, lots of people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were not up for staying. But as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as the alcohol ran dry and most people were leaving, as

Ty'Relle Harris left the premises following an altercation with the woman at about 4:30 a.m. A short time later, two unidentified males arrived at the home, one with a handgun. A number of partygoers retreated inside the house as the men approached the front door. The two men allegedly smashed more of the broken glass at the front of the home before fleeing.

Ty'Relle Harris could face charges of assault and vandalism. He has since been kicked out of Pacific and has enrolled in a junior college in Sacramento. The police said they would look into both sides of the story and let him know what they come up with.

The program engages the locals how to maintain and harvest these crops, and helps to rebuild roads, schools, and play grounds.

This is no modest task. Landmines take only $3 to put in the ground and $1,000 to remove them, according to Ms. Kuhn. Despite these tremendous financial obstacles and the danger involved, her organization removed more than 100,000 landmines north of Kabul, Afghanistan, where the fields are now filled with fresh crops cultivated by local peoples – replacing “mines with vines.” Roots of Peace has also worked in Angola, Cambodia, Croatia, and Iraq.

Ms. Kuhn received the Skoll Foundation’s Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2006 and the Peace and Security Award by the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations in 2005.

“Collecting Pennies for Peace,” a fundraiser by the organization, is a penny campaign designed to raise awareness among students around the country of the struggle for a mine-free world.

“The program engages students to look beyond their own borders with compassion to other nations who struggle to achieve peace and empowers students to take positive action for those less fortunate,” the organization’s pamphlet said.
The Skinny on Sorority Recruitment

By Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

Nearly everyone on Pacific’s campus has, at least, heard rumors about the intense (insane, some may say) week designated for Sorority Recruitment. An incessant buzz hangs over the campus for those six days where any given conversation about it may include words such as “ridiculous”, “stereotypical”, and of course “artificial”. Besides being the first week back from Winter Break, as well as the start of a new semester, all the women involved have plenty to be stressed about; however, none of their worries have anything more to do with the typical heresy than the effort it takes to ignore it.

In actuality—coming from a girl who has now been on both sides of the process—recruitment at Pacific is hardly what the movies and rumors have made it out to be. It is just a very organized set of parties that are designed to give each potential new member the absolute best opportunity to experience each sorority and figure out where she feels most at home.

Any woman interested in going through recruitment has from the first day of school in August until the day before the process starts to sign up. By far, the most overwhelming night of recruitment, most would agree, is Open House night, where the women attend every sorority house and receive a house tour.

It is the first night, the nerves are on overdrive, each house presents about fifty girls singing in your face, and who can really remember what name goes with whose face after shaking hands with that many women in a matter of hours? At the end of the night, both the girls and the houses decide their top choice houses and top choice girls, respectively.

Through this mutual selection process, the following night, the girls return to two or three houses to learn more about the philanthropies of the sororities. Each house puts on a different event for the girls, relating to their philanthropy. This year, the events spanned from indoor miniature golf to creating a brail book for the Stockton Blind Center.

The night ends with the same sort of selection process to prepare the women for the final, deciding night. Each girl generally attends two houses on Preference night to help make her final decision. Every house approaches Preference differently—some are quiet and intimate, where others are brightly lit and energetic. From my experience, the personal touches that the sororities put on their own Preference night makes all the difference in the world and truly helps a girl figure out where she feels most at home.

Now, when I was a potential new member, I could hardly imagine anything being more intense. Then I came back from break a week early for recruitment and within an hour or two, my opinion had changed. It is a week and a half of giving house tours to each other in mock open houses, singing songs over and over to perfection, and spending every spare minute cleaning. But when, after all that, you only feel closer to your house and you couldn’t possibly be happier about the house’s new member class, you realize how worth it all the preparation really is.

Bid Day, the final day, is what every girl waits for, gets excited for, and expects to make the entire process worthwhile. And I have yet to find a girl go home disappointed from Bid Day. The new members are presented with their bids in Grace Covell and soon find the entirety of their new house eagerly waiting to take them home. The pictures taken are innumerable and unforgettable.

The music is practical competing for volume between the houses in sorority circle and there isn’t a single girl not dancing. Now, don’t think that since Alpha Phi isn’t in the circle that they miss out. They treat their girls with style: white limousines are waiting for the new girls just outside of Grace.

For any woman interested in going through recruitment, the best advice I have heard over the past week about how to decide where to go was said by one of my sisters, “If, when you look around any particular room, you can see yourself living there, being with these girls, acting like these girls, and being happy about it—that’s when you know where you are supposed to be.”
National Black History Month is celebrated each year in February, just a few weeks after the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. This year, King would have been celebrating his 78th birthday. Last year Americans celebrated the life his wife, Loretta Scott King, when she passed away. These two people greatly impacted the life of African-American citizens in this country. Black History Month celebrates not only the King family, but the many other people and efforts that have contributed to the history of blacks in America.

Black History Month was first celebrated in 1926 with Negro History Week created by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a scholar who spent much of his life working to integrate African-Americans into American history. Later on, one week became the entire month of February for exploring and celebrating African American history. At Pacific, Black History Month is celebrated with events, speakers, and cultural learning. "It always been celebrated at Pacific since February was first coined as Black History Month," explains Marcus Perrot, chairman of the Black History Month committee at Pacific.

"Black history is American history and so is integral to the American experience," explains Caroline Cox, Associate Professor in Pacific's Department of History. All Americans, regardless of skin color or heritage, can be involved in the celebration of Black History. "I'm involved because it is an opportunity for me to share what the African American population has been permitted to Black History Month and supporting cultural events for both the University and the Stockton community. Pacific is 'however, unique, explains Perrot, "in the sense that we have been fortunate enough to be able to bring in some very influential speakers that have been widely known in our current society and therefore appeal to all populations." Pacific, like many other academic institutions, has been committed to Black History Month and supporting cultural events for both the University and the Stockton community. Pacific is "however, unique, explains Perrot, "in the sense that we have been fortunate enough to be able to bring in some very influential speakers that have been widely known in our current society and therefore appeal to all populations."

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African American Firsts:

- The first black female Secretary of State was Condoleezza Rice (2005–)
- Oprah Winfrey became the first black woman television host in 1986
- Gen. Colin Powell was the first African American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1989–1993 and U.S. Secretary of State 2001–2004
- There have only been a total of five black senators in U.S. history: Barack Obama (2005– )
- Golf champion: Tiger Woods, 1997, won the Masters golf tournament
- Oscar, Best Actress: Halle Berry, 2001, Monster's Ball
- Oscar, Best Actor: Sidney Poitier, 1963, Lilies of the Field

Black History Month at Pacific:

Date and Time | Event | Location | Cost
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February 1 7pm | Speaker: "The Boondocks" comic strip creator Aaron McGruder | Faye Spanos Concert Hall on Stockton campus | Free, open to public
February 9 7pm | Former Drug Czar Lee Brown, Speaking/engagement/dinner | Raymond Great Hall | $50/person. To purchase tickets contact Robin Moore at 209.468.9986.
February 19 7pm | Le (African) Ballet | Bob Hope Theatre (downtown Stockton) | Tickets are available at Bob Hope Theatre: costs $48, $39, $29, to youth 16 and under $25 any seat, ID required.
February 24 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | First ever Black Family Heritage Day, vendors, talent show | Raymond Great Lodge on campus | Free and open to the public
Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Welcome back everyone, right around this time of year following break, most students are probably experiencing a number of mixed emotions. Don’t worry, it’s completely natural. See everyone with their fancy new longboards riding around campus? Yeah, that’s envy. Been waiting in long lines for registration? Yeah, that’s envy. Getting a 5'o'clock shadow, and prison tattoo, then... I don’t know, you probably really suck at Where’s Waldo.

It’s not as cold as it should be. That’s the first thing that I noticed when I arrived in Bristol. Everyone said winter was so terrible here but we have not gone below freezing. After a four week holiday with my girlfriend I noticed when I arrived in Bristol. Everyone said winter was so terrible here but we have not gone below freezing.

During the conversation her mother put my girlfriend on the phone with Lilou, her new kitten. Benjamin looked confused and wondered if I was seriously walking around on a hare floor in his undies, so am I.

“Lilou”. To begin the story you must know that after New Year’s my girlfriend and I ventured to Spain spending time in Valencia mostly but spending one night in Madrid.

My girlfriend’s uncle works and lives in Madrid and so he put us up for the night and invited us to have “tapas” at his favorite restaurant for having such foods. He works in finance for a very large and successful hotel company that has hotels all over Europe. He told us to go near the Puerta del Sol where he would meet us with his French friend Benjamin who is from Lyon, a city in the northeast of France.

This is where my story begins. While walking to the restaurant I began to speak to Benjamin while my girlfriend caught up with her uncle. Benjamin was a kind and friendly man who did not speak perfect English but offered a perfect opportunity for me to speak French when I could and English when I couldn’t.

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I went for one of The Creamery's featured attractions, their soups. Everyday The Creamery makes a wide variety of soups and chili that are amazing. I chose to have the broccoli and cheese soup which comes with a side of garlic bread or corn bread. I went for the two huge pieces of corn bread. A little advice, make sure to put some butter and honey on your corn bread for maximum enjoyment. All soups are made fresh daily and are absolutely delicious.

The best part of the Creamery is the desserts. They have a whole page of the menu devoted to desserts. Tony went for the classic chocolate milk shake. They give you so much milk shake that it doesn't all fit in the glass and so like the old time ice cream parlors; they bring you the rest in the aluminum mixing cup. I, on the other hand, went for one of their specialty desserts known as Scout's Delight. Scout's Delight is basically an amazing brownie sundae. You can't go wrong with either selection.

The Creamery is a classic Stockton restaurant. Along the walls it has pictures in the mirrors of some of Stockton's heritage including, The Klamath Fairy, Delta College and of course The University of the Pacific. The Creamery is a great place to get a good, fast meal or perfect if you just want to go out for some dessert. Tony and I give The Creamery, "10 finger licks" for it's all around meal quality. To get to The Creamery go north on Pacific Ave and it is located on the corner of Pacific Ave and Robinhood Dr. behind Chili's. For a complete meal and a Stockton like atmosphere, try The Creamery.

5. Have a gut feeling that you could show Tiger Woods a thing or two? Well check out the Swenson Public Golf Course. It's open to the public and a great place to practice your putting skills.

6. Need to stay on campus for a good time? No problem! February 1st, the creator of the Boondocks, Aaron McGruder, will be giving a talk on his famous comic strip and the jump from newspapers to the small screen with Adult Swim.

7. Love everything about women? Love being a woman? Well show some support by going to Pacific's annual Vagina Monologues. It's happening March 2-4, so go out and show your support!

8. Ever miss the beach so much you stare at your sunscreen with sadness? Well get off your butt April 14-15 because the POC is having a Beach House Surfing trip. This POC event takes you out of Stockton and gets you into the surf. Hang ten dudes!

9. If you like doing community service and want to meet others who do, check out the Reach Out N' Rock Show on April 27th. The musical artist is a surprise, but you will have a chance to get a ticket when you show proof of your community service at the Community Involvement Center.

10. Finally, come out and join the Orange Army and sport your Pacific Spirit! Tigers events are happening every week and it's never too late to sport the orange and black. Don't think that the Orange Army is stationed here in Stockton, though! The Orange Army even travels to away games to show their fighting Tiger spirit! So stand up and cheer for your Pacific Tigers!
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1/20-2/18 Aquarius
You could help someone that will help you move magically be created opportunities seem to emerge from obscurity, offering you more freedom and stability. Health improves as tensions ease and therapies can have a beneficial effect. Your intuitive powers are stimulated.

2/19-3/20 Pisces
This is a favorable time for investment in technological industries. Changes can emerge from obscurity, offering you more freedom and stability. Health improves as tensions ease and therapies can have a beneficial effect. Your intuitive powers are stimulated.

3/21-4/19 Aries
There is a lot of energy available for disciplined work today—do not push too hard. Time is of the essence and you may find yourself more concerned with staying prompt with appointments today. You can have problems when you do not keep appointments on time and you may want to create a new system to change these old habits.

4/20-5/20 Taurus
Everything seems to be moving too fast. This can result in a frustrating and stressful day, but you have the knowledge and the skill to turn the situation into a most positive event. Many difficulties cause us to make changes or present opportunities to stretch and learn. There is a sense of testing the limits.

5/21-6/21 Gemini
Your imagination is focused on how things ought to be today. You may not be able to make all the changes you might want just now. Know your mind with a few possible ways to make some of the changes you want later. In communicating with others, you will most likely find greater clarity through using your intuition as well as rational thought.

6/22-7/22 Cancer
In-depth discussions and probing conversations find you at your mental best. Conferences and business meetings prove successful. You are smart and may find people look to you for answers. Keep arrogance to a minimum today. Some sort of discussion with friends after work may encourage you to express your opinion.

7/23-8/22 Leo
There is some emotional seriousness this afternoon as you concentrate on what needs accomplishing before the end of the year. Do not panic when negative emotions occur—they can give you a focus on the things that need to be changed. Give some thought into the things that drain your energy and work to eliminate them from your life.

8/23-9/22 Virgo
Most areas of your life reflect a positive, healthy outlook. Duties that nobody but you can perform will need your personal touch now. Take care that you do not become too strict with yourself—perfection may not be the idea here. There could be a new job direction, change or a step up the ladder, if that is what you desire.

9/23-10/22 Libra
This is a good day to get things done. Your emotions may take on seriousness as you work to beat the clock on a special project today. Take care you may hurry too much and end up with more problems than you wanted. Difficulties are very present but within control.

10/23-11/21 Scorpio
This is a good day to talk with the idea of being smart, and the idea of being smart as a fox is the special appeal and importance just now. You and a friend may get quite a lot of shopping done this afternoon. Wonderful conversations with a loved one this evening will bring you closer together.

11/22-12/21 Sagittarius
Do some writing on a story that would be good for a sitcom on television. You have the ideas, as well as the sense of humor. It is OK to have fun and participate in activities that do not contribute to your security. The extra curricular activities that you become involved with now will give you insight into your personal self.

12/22-1/19 Capricorn
Power struggles are possible this week, although, not beneficial to anyone. Pace yourself and insert some BIG Chuckles into your day. This is a time of ambition, responsibility and learning new techniques. Working hard is smart, but working smart is better. You may be coming to the aid of a friend or a stranger this afternoon.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to this week's Sudoku:
Many Pacific Tiger fans are in distress something they have not been familiar with the past: a streaky team looking for their identity. Fans in the past have been used to seeing their Tigers absolutely dominate in Big West play but this year is little different. After a tough pre-season schedule which included road games against Wisconsin (ranked 6 in the nation) and Texas K&M (#7 in the nation), the Tigers bounced back opening up the Big West conference play with wins against Cal State Northridge and UC Riverside. Even though they started 2-0 in league play, Pacific fans also were treating with seeing the return of sophomore forward Joe Ford. In the win against Northridge, Ford came off the bench to score 10 points and 2 rebounds. The next two league games the Tigers looked anything but an undefeated Big West team. After a rough road loss to UC Davis, the Tigers returned home but were embarrassed by UC Irvine, losing 67-42. It marked the worst Big West loss for the Tigers since 1990, and the worst home loss since 1988.

Redshirt freshman Casey Neimeyer commented about the lackluster performance. "We didn't show up to play that game. We shot the ball very poorly and even though we had some late runs in the first and second half, we dug ourselves too deep a hole to get out of."

After the home loss to UC Irvine, the Tigers were dealt more bad news. Junior center Dangelo Garrett, who has been battling injuries all year, could be out for the rest of the season as the result of his knee problems worsening. Joe Ford, who returned to play in four games for the Tigers, also found out that his shins were getting worse and had to have season ending surgery last Friday. "Injuries have been a problem for us all year," Garrett explained. "It seems like when one of us is healthy again, another player ends up with an injury. It's been hard to get everyone in the rotation since there have been so many injuries lately." Garrett has a point. The Tigers have not had a game this season where all 12 players were healthy and ready to play. The loss of Ford and Garrett for the season is a huge disappointment considering the immediate contributions they could have made for the rest of the season. Garrett would have been another big body to come off the bench and provide rebounding on both ends of the court. Joe Ford is arguably the team's best defender and brings enthusiasm and leadership to the floor. Even though losing both men for the season is a big loss for the team, Neimeyer is encouraged about the future. "There is really nothing we can do when those guys went out for the season. Joe and Deangelo are both great players and we can't wait to have them both back at full strength next season."

Losing two valuable players and coming off a blowout loss, the Tigers had everything going against them when they entered their match up at UC Davis. Davis was coming off two big league wins against UCSB and Cal State Northridge. The Tigers also learned that starting point guard Steffan Johnson is questionable for the season as the result of his knee injury, so junior Solomon HorseChief would have to fill his shoes and become the floor leader that the Tigers would need in order to win.

From the very start of the game, the Davis crowd was into it. Unlike Pacific fans that would rather watch Youtube videos of World of Warcraft or sit at their Drake apartments than support their basketball team, Davis's fans came out and had a roaring student section that controlled the momentum early in the game. After starting the game down 11-2, the Tigers gained their composure and took a 20 point lead in the second half and ended up finishing the Aggies off thanks to a clutch three pointer by Reggie Veizia. "Once Reggie hit that three I knew that was the dagger," Garrett stated. "He's been hitting big shots in practice so we all have confidence in him taking those shots." Solomon HorseChief was the ex-factor in the win over Davis. Many wondered if he could step up with Johnson out, and HorseChief did just that. He scored a career high of 18 points and also dished out 6 assists in a nice road win for the Tigers. What was also impressive about HorseChief's performance was how clutch he was from the free throw line down the stretch, shooting 9-10 from the line.

The Tigers have two very important home games coming up on Thursday and Saturday. Thursday night's match up is against Cal Poly who is a young team like Pacific, and has many solid players. Steffen Johnson is questionable for the game on Thursday night but hopes to be fully ready by Saturday. If he is still not able to play against Cal Poly, look for HorseChief to have another strong performance. Cal Poly is also a guard oriented team and does not have the low post presence to guard either Mike White or Anthony Brown. Both big men should be able to have big games scoring- and rebounding-wise. This is the point in the season where the Tigers need their fans support the most. They are two and a half games back of the first place team and can easily gain ground with two victories at home this weekend. Youtube's not going to stop here...
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