Kids In A Box: Homeless awareness at Pacific

On Friday, September 16, South Campus hosted the Gospel Center Rescue Mission’s ‘Kids-In-A-Box’ charity event.

The event lodges the community volunteers in cardboard boxes in order to raise awareness concerning homelessness. It began the evening of the 16th, and concluded the following morning.

The teams and families decorated and created their box fortresses in hopes of winning the ‘most creative’ prize. Some of the boxes were painted and shaped into dwellings that resembled actual houses, churches, and castles. Others were cut into simple, large cubbyholes with just enough room to lie down and sleep.

The energy at the fundraiser was high-spirited and fun. There were kids running around playing tag and families cuddled up playing card games. Attendants were provided with complimentary refreshments and snacks throughout the night.

Many different organizations were represented. Among these was Pacific’s Kappa Alpha Theta. The girls raised one hundred and fifty dollars for the Gospel Rescue Mission, and enjoyed participating in the event. Ashley Christensen, a junior, said, “Not only are we raising money for the homeless, but we are also being reminded to appreciate what we have.”

Haven of Peace and Stockton Homeless Shelter were also in attendance.

Families who lived in or had recently moved out of the shelter inhabited some of the hosted boxes. Those families, along with the community and student volunteers were able to share in the hope of moving past a rough time and into a better future. The feelings of despair and hopelessness seemed to be overcome by the smiles evinced by the community.

Music fundraiser a success

Pacific performs to help Katrina victims

Pacific Christian Fellowship raised funds for the Katrina Relief last Friday with a music marathon in the McCaffrey Center. They raised nearly one thousand dollars through their efforts.

This past Friday students came together to support the people of New Orleans, in a benefit concert for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Organized by the Pacific Christian Fellowship, the McCaffrey Center was transformed from a simple student “hang-out” into a place of support, compassion, and prayer. Students could listen to music, read articles or look at the horrific pictures of the turmoil left behind by Hurricane Katrina, say a prayer at the prayer table, post art or poetry on the response wall, make donations to the red cross, or simply walk around and talk to other students.

See BOX page 3
See MUSIC page 2
about the calamity hundreds of miles away.

"We are doing this to give the Pacific community an opportunity to do our part and help the people of New Orleans." Said Kristie Hoyt, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Staff Member. The concert certainly did give students a chance to get involved either by volunteering their time, or money to the relief efforts of the American Red Cross.

Articles were posted on the walls, along with heart-breaking photographs of New Orleans. Specific words from multiple headlines were bracketed in red: such as "Killer", "Economic Toil," "Frustration," and "Loss".

Said Jon Kaku, said, "I think the articles engage students to be more informed of this situation."

The Art Response Wall was extremely touching. Students were given the opportunity to paint, draw, write poems, or put up quotes or phrases along another wall. One student quoted Bob Marley with "Every little thing is gonna be alright." Another student created a collage of newspaper articles and painted over them in blue. "Tonight I cried and my hope went with it."

Pacific Christian Fellowship has been incredibly involved with the Hurricane Relief Effort. Two students involved with the group are even leaving behind classes, and their college lives, and heading to New Orleans with the American Red Cross.

But whether or not students are a part of this organization, the empathy and efforts made this past Friday serve as a constant reminder that unity is the key to making a difference and bringing relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Pacific Christian Fellowship's hope of raising awareness was definitely made a reality.

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**UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**September 11 through 17, 2005**

1...VANDALISM BROOKSIDE HOUSE
Received a report the house had been egged. One egg entered an open window which caused damage.

2...VANDALISM MONAGHAN HALL
Someone had placed a trash can full of water against the door of the room. When the occupant opened the door, the water spilled into the room causing damage.

3...THEFT MONAGHAN HALL
Victim reports someone had stolen their bicycle from the bike rack.

4...VANDALISM LOT #7
Victim reports someone threw orange paint on their vehicle.

5...DAMAGED VEHICLE MONAGHAN PARKING
Owner reports vehicle's windshield was shattered possibly by a soccer ball from the field.

6...THEFT WPC
Staff reports someone entered one of the rooms between 4:00 PM on 09-09-05 and 8:00 AM on 09-12-05 and removed a Dell computer valued at $950. The room was left unlocked during that time.

7...AUTO BURGLARY MONAGHAN PARKING
091205s she secured her vehicle at 8:30 PM on 09-11-05 and when she returned at 9:39 AM, she discovered someone had broken the side window of their 95 Chevrolet and took the face plate to her stereo and battery cables.

8...ARREST ROSEMARIE & PRECESSI
Officers attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violations. Driver finally pulled over at above location and officers learned the driver had outstanding warrants from San Bernardino. Subject arrested and booked on the warrants.

9...ANNOYING CALL PUBLIC SAFETY
Victim reports receiving several annoying calls from an x-boyfriend.

10...TRAFFIC STOP DAVE BRUBECK
Officer stops the theft of a vehicle for traffic violations. The driver did not have a license so he was cited and the vehicle was towed.

11...THEFT WPC
Staff reports the theft of a DVD player from an unlocked room.

12...DAMAGE MONAGHAN PARKING
Owner of a Toyota reports the window was broken out by an errant La Crosse ball.

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**Reports from occupied Haiti**

*A country long in need of peace and human rights*

By Andrew Mitchell

On September 13, students at Pacific had the opportunity to attend an informative session on a current societal problem in Haiti. Few people in the United States know of the situation in this blighted country in the Caribbean. To help reverse this statistic, the Peace and Justice Coalition put on a special event with human-rights activist Leisa Faulkner as a keynote speaker.

Faulkner, a prominent human rights activist in northern California, detailed her experiences in Haiti and her efforts there to restore democracy. The presentation included a video that explained Haiti’s often tumultuous past.

Paul Burke, a part-time sociology professor at Pacific and advisor for the Peace and Justice Coalition, introduced Faulkner.

The current conflict in Haiti is between members of the Lavalas political party and the United State’s-backed government which is presently in control. Lavalas, which means ‘the flood’ in Haitian Creole, was swept into power in the early 1990’s with its candidate Jean-Bertrand Aristide now as president.

Aristide promoted democracy, something rare in Haitian government, and began to implement his reforms. The United States, however, took him out of power.

In 2000, another election was held. Aristide ran again and received 92 percent of the popular vote. The United States did not like this result and decided in 2004 to put Aristide into exile in Africa.

Faulkner described in depth the state of affairs in Haiti. The Haitian government in place today, backed by the US, Canada, and France, has ‘Death Squads’ hunting down suspected supporters of Lavalas. Slaughters are frequent.

One of Faulkner’s roles in visiting Haiti is to act as a human shield. The Death Squad members are less inclined to shoot when an American is in the way. Faulkner, in a very emotional presentation, described everyday life in Haiti. She usually stayed in Cap Haitian and Milo, where power and water are scarce.

However, Faulkner sees a hope in the people there. The children she saw were cheerful and most of the people were excited to see her.

“She showed an amazing power point presentation on her most recent trip there which was just a few weeks ago,” said Joyce Huh, the president of the Peace and Justice Coalition.

Faulkner has been active in the US and internationally on human rights issues. She took part in a protest of the School of Americas in Georgia and fasted for two weeks outside the United Nations protesting the Iran war.

Leisa Faulkner’s wish for Haiti is that countries like France and the US stay out of Haitian business. She wishes also to see Aristide reinstated as president.

She is the co-chair of the Progressive Democrats of America, Sacramento chapter, along with Professor Burke and is the founder of the Coalition 4 Democracy in Haiti.

Persons interested in joining the Peace and Justice Coalition are encouraged to attend meetings held Monday nights at 9 in the Redwood Room at the McCaffrey Center.
Ten new students from Gulf Coast at Pacific

Eriin Birmingham
News Editor

The University of the Pacific liberally admitted ten new displaced Gulf Coast students for the fall semester. The University agreed to take care of their tuition, room and board in an attempt to assist them in getting back on their feet.

The newly enrolled students were invited to a welcome reception last Sunday, September 18th 2005 where they could become further acquainted with each other and campus hospitality.

The decision to admit the ten new students only took President De La Rosa, the four vice presidents and the provost twenty minutes.

According to President De La Rosa, “the faculty is helping people to catch up and they have embraced the situation quickly.”

Several of the admitted students are Stockton natives; Rodrigo Cortes has joined Pacific as a junior. “Everybody is awesome,” said Rodrigo, “it’s been nice to know someone is helping me.”

Sophomore, Michael Bell from Xavier University in New Orleans shared a similar opinion in saying that, “everyone has been very helpful in facilitating my transition into Pacific, and so far everything has been really cool.”

His future plans at Pacific are simple, as he explained it, “I’m going to hit the books, and finish college. I’ll make it.”

Junior, Frerika Thomas also joins Pacific from Xavier University where she left behind an apartment flooded with three to five feet of water. She’s now living in the townhouses and taking Pre-Law classes.

Freshman Danielle Brant did not evacuate before the hurricane hit and as a result experienced every aspect of the disaster before rapidly relocating to Pacific. Amazed and a little confused, like most of the new students, Danielle explained that “last night was the first time I saw the campus, and I started classes today.”

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UK agents provocateurs arrested in Iraq

By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Editor

In the shadowy world of international intrigue, an 'agent provocateur' is a person who instigates dissent, violence or illegal acts either within or on the part of a targeted group of people. The agent provocateur is different from a conventional spy, in that they are not so much concerned with gathering intelligence as they are with disrupting the targeted group's activities from within. As supposed members of a group, they commit illegal acts so that the group will be scrutinized, demonized and punished.

On Monday in the city of Basra in southern Iraq, two undercover British soldiers were arrested after a shootout with Iraqi police. The soldiers, who were dressed in civilian, Arab-style clothing, were caught driving a car packed with a small arsenal, including explosives and anti-tank missiles. When stopped at a checkpoint, the soldiers opened fire on Iraqi police, resulting in a firefight that killed at least two Iraqi civilians. The soldiers were arrested, and when interrogated refused to cooperate with Iraqi authorities. On Tuesday, British forces used an armored vehicle to smash into the jail where the soldiers were believed to have been held, securing their release later that day.

Think about this. British soldiers, disguised as Arab civilians, brazenly fired on the Coalition-trained Iraqi police and are freed the very next day. The only reason we know about this incident is because the soldiers were captured (and kudos to the Iraqi police for being able to take them alive—this after hearing for months how Iraqi forces can't defend themselves). If the two British soldiers had not been captured, how would this shootout have been reported in the media?

That's right: "Iraqi insurgents clash with police, two dead." If the soldiers had not been captured, the incident would have been written off as another brutal, anarchic attack by the 'terrorists.'

Is anybody else disturbed by this? For the last few months, there hasn't been a single day I haven't read about multiple Iraqi insurgent attacks on Coalition troops. Now we have this extremely suspicious circumstance.

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Reflections on a year spent studying abroad

By Jeff Swartz
Guest Writer

I studied in China for a year. It was different and amazing and all that, but more so than anything it was pure fun. I spent a month by myself once traveling through Manchuria, a region of China that foreigners rarely visit. It was cold, industrial and very polluted. It still looks like the old Communist China, instead of other more important Chinese cities that look like the rest of the modernized world.

Of the cities I visited I liked Changchun the most. I ended up at a big smoky, dining hall filled with families celebrating the Chinese New Year. I let the waiter order for me. He brought me cold beef fat and a roasted pig's hand. I smiled and acted like it was always this way. I took three bites, put down my chopsticks, left some money and ran out into the slushy streets covered in dark gray heaps of snow.

I ended up in a 24-hour teahouse. There was no one in there but the owner and his friends. I told them I was Swedish, and very lost. I often tell the Chinese I am Swedish; I don't know why. I'm not ashamed of being American, but pretending to be Swedish is always more of an adventure. I was glad none of the Chinese people spoke Swedish. I played table soccer with the guys and drank some jasmine tea. I'm the first Swede they'd ever met.

The owner was my age and owned his own 24-hour teahouse. He told me no one comes in at night except for his friends and his grandma bringing him supplies for the next day. He was married at 20 and now has his own business. I promised I would come back the next evening. Strolled back to my hotel, and the streets were empty for a change. They love their cars here.

The temperature was well below freezing. Late at night I returned to my hotel, the Paradise. I fell asleep to the sounds of teenagers smoking cigarettes, against the statue of Mao Zedong, opposite my hotel room. I woke up to another sunny day in northern China. I ran downstairs to the restaurant for a typical Chinese breakfast: broccoli and fried noodles with some mantou, the typical staple bread source.

I visited the Forbidden City, the palace where the puppet emperor Pu-yi lived. His life was glorified in the movie The Last Emperor. An internet bar I bought some cake and watched a Chinese psychic thriller about dogs who could predict your future (wish American dogs could do that). The next day I left and went to another random city full of other old buildings and crowded streets filled with restaurants offering me roast pig hand and other delicacies. It's just another day in China. I'm being stared at and everyone can't help shouting "Hello!" at me, smile and tell them I'm from Sweden.
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by Don Slomin
Guest Writer

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By Marcel Gibson
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So...what has Dubya been up to lately?

By Benjomin Dunphy
Guest Writer

George W. Bush has vowed to rebuild New Orleans. This adds to his list of impossible, debt ridden tasks to be completed, which include, but are not limited to: the war on terrorism, the war on Iraq, the war on the insurgents in Iraq, finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the war on science, the war on hurricanes, Mars explorations, tax cuts, no child left behind, halting stem cell research, and his relentless war on the English language. These tasks, of which not one has the potential to be completed with Bush's three years left in office, will likely be dumped on the next president like Texas oil onto a bird. I agree—it's not a pretty sight at all.

The relief received by the affected population has been as adequate as anyone could have predicted—wait, I mean as adequate as the federal government could have predicted, since if the government had followed what everyone else had predicted before the storm hit, the national guard might be picking up debris rather than bodies. So who is to blame? Bush, in an act completely disparate to his character, has taken personal responsibility for the delayed reaction. This seems to be a recurring episode with this administration: finding out what went wrong instead of preventing it. Of course, the word—preemption—is only used when it's not needed!

Mr. Bush has also taken to amend ties with the United Nations by pleading with the Security Council which, if you remember, he defined two years ago by invading Iraq, as well as against the support of every other nation in the world except tea-drinking Britain (well, at least tea-drinking Tony Blair, since his approval ratings have plummeted with his support of the war and who else, Australia and Poland? That's what they consider a coalition these days? Anyways, he pleaded for the UN Security Council to support a global initiative on terrorism, adding, courtesy of whitehouse.gov, "The United States also reaffirms its commitment to support the prevention of future armed conflict." Irony, isn't it?

Till next time, that's what Dubya's been up to.

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The US and Israel are strangers to deception, and it follows that Britain is equally capable of dirty double dealings. But if true, why wouldn't be the point of such an operation? Well, public support for the war has been steadily sliding and many people are angry about being lied to regarding the Bush administration's pre-war rationale of "weapons of mass destructions," which were never found. In addition to the growing anti-war sentiment, many Americans feel that the US should disengage once Iraq is capable of protecting and policing itself.

There's the rub. If the Iraqi security forces are constantly beset by insurgent attack, the US military is presumably needed to maintain order, justifying an indefinite length of occupation with no end in sight. However, some of those attacks are in fact covertly instigated by Coalition forces, the foreign presence in Iraq becomes a self-perpetuating cycle. If this incident, had the soldiers not been caught, the shooting would have been "just another day in Iraq," and served as a representative incident justifying the continued, illegal occupation of the country.
Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Hurricane Rita to put up a personal ad

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

In current news, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the group in charge of naming hurricanes has apparently started to run out of names.

While feminists have started to argue that the WMO wouldn’t seem so bad.

You smile, then maybe they have a better solution that should start adding men’s names to the potential list, I probably would only make me happy. If they only they name to the potential list, I would probably move into the baseme...wait what? It’s called what? Oh forget that, I’m going back to sleep. The problems would be endless.

What about the flipside? If it’s a really bad storm, that instill fear deep into the heart of man? If you’re telling me that Hurricane Carrot Top doesn’t terrify you, then good friend you have no soul.

There has been something else that has really been bothering me, and although I have complained about it before, this year it has come back with a vengeance due to the surge of incoming freshmen. I’m talking about the dining hall. Specifically, about the room to the left as you walk in through the front doors.

“If you’re telling me that Hurricane Carrot Top doesn’t terrify you, then good friend you have no soul.”

For some inexplicable reason, the doorway that leads into the side eating area is a hot spot for all the cool kids to hang out at. Every single time I’m in there, there’s just an amorphous blob of people blocking the doorway holding their trays of precarious...ing their own personal ad.

What about personal ads? That’s a much more appealing thought to me, but what would it look like? “Single White Female looking for a man who thinks Angelina Jolie is not attractive.” What if we could apply this to people on campus? I mean really now, it’s kind of silly to think that some editor would take time out of their day to write a personal ad for themselves in hopes that someone would...no seriously, call me. Be my Aphrodite.

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Scorpio
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Sagittarius
Watching the latest US Army commercial you feel empowered to wage war with your roommate. Instead of placing landmines outside their dresser, try to plant a flower. Tonight wash the windows.

Capricorn
My Sponge Bob movie told me that you will be experiencing a happy yet moist event in your future. Make sure you are prepared with a mop and a good joke! Tonight dream about your celebrity crush.

Aquarius
This week you are feeling like there is something on your mind that won't get off. Identify the problem and bury it as deep in your drawers as you can. Tonight listen to a little bluegrass.

Pisces
Five fish told a rabbit that Central Receiving stole a love letter addressed to you. Enter the office and seduce one of the attractive employees and find your letter. Tonight wash, wash, rinse and repeat.

Aries
After a long night of thinking, you realize that maybe the government is controlling what you find attractive in the opposite sex and gaze at the beautiful bums! Real hotties got dunks. Tonight listen to old school rap.

Leo
Summer is gone and fall is upon you with a force of 12 cows! Invest in warmer flip flops and pray for deliverance. You may also warm up with soup. Tonight look for a solar eclipse, it's out there somewhere.

Virgo
Someone was watching you in the library. The rocks in my shoes told me that you have no need to fear, you have an admirer. Return to the library and wait for them to make their move. Tonight memorize a poem.

Libra
Thirteen blind sailors have predicted that the relative positions of the planets mean you are in a bad mood. Eat some tuna salad and relax, there is no conspiracy. Tonight wonder if the government has psychics on the payroll.

Taurus
Feeling overwhelmed? Want to turn to drugs and the Sauce? Listen to a little Ted Nugent and realize what happens when you kill brain cells like that. Tonight make out with your hand.

Gemini
One night of laundry is all it takes to understand the unearthly force of static cling! Try to keep yourself grounded, and rub yourself with a balloon. Tonight build a better mouse trap.

Cancer
No need to fear, you have an admirer. The rocks in my shoes told me that you have an admirer. Return to the library and wait for them to make their move. Tonight memorize a poem.

Leo
Summer is gone and fall is upon you with a force of 12 cows! Invest in warmer flip flops and pray for deliverance. You may also warm up with soup. Tonight look for a solar eclipse, it's out there somewhere.

Virgo
Someone was watching you in the library. The rocks in my shoes told me that you have no need to fear, you have an admirer. Return to the library and wait for them to make their move. Tonight memorize a poem.

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Movie Review

Four Brothers gets thumbs up

It's a Friday night and you and that special someone are thinking about what to do. You want to go to the movies but you can't seem to agree on a movie. The girls want to watch a chick flick and the boys want to watch the exact opposite. But don't worry, you are in luck: Four Brothers will satisfy both of you.

Four Brothers is an action packed drama filled with violence and the need for revenge. The 1 hour and 49 minute movie is set in the streets of inner-city Detroit. The movie follows the lives of the four Mercer brothers, who were adopted by Evelyn Mercer (Fionnula Flanagan) after no other families wanted them because of all the trouble they caused.

After their mother was murdered in what appeared to be a random grocery store hold-up, the brothers reunite to bury their mother. Their hunt to find their mother's killers brings them to realize that Evelyn's death was no accident: she was set up.

Leading the pack of brothers is the oldest, Bobby Mercer (Mark Wahlberg). He was once known around town as "The Michigan Mauler" and gives off the impression that he acts first and thinks later.

The middle brothers are Angel Mercer (Tyrese Gibson) and Jeremiah Mercer (Andre Benjamin). Angel is an ex-Marine who deals with his loud-mouth girlfriend and tries to find a balance between finding his mother's killers and pleasing his girl. Jeremiah is a former union activist who settled in Detroit with his wife and kids and unfortunately has run into some financial business problems.

The youngest brother is Jack Mercer (Garrett Hedlund), a young man that shows the world that he is tough but is truly vulnerable inside. Even though his brothers ridicule him and question his sexuality, they are always looking out for his best interest.

As the brothers begin their quest to find their mothers killers, they find out that all signs lead to gangster Victor Sweet (Chiwetel Ejofor), who has dirty cops, government workers and a gang of followers to do whatever he wants them to.

Four Brothers has a series of car chases down Detroit streets during a snow storm, as well as street battles, murders and an attempt to gun down the Mercer family home. Director John Singleton keeps the tempo of Four Brothers at a fast pace and there is never a dull moment.

Singleton lightens the mood by not making a big deal that two of the brothers are Caucasian (Bobby and Jack) and two are African-American (Angel and Jeremiah) and instead shows that love for a family is thicker than blood.

Each actor did a fantastic job getting the viewers to feel their character. Wahlberg portrayed a tough guy with a bad-ass attitude, Gibson nailed the role of the smooth-guy, Benjamin delivers as the family guy with a secret and Hedlund has a breakout performance as a troubled rocker who is scared now that he has lost his mother.

This movie is great for a first date! Both males and females will like this movie. There are enough car chases and fights to keep the boys interested and the girls are going to love watching the four brothers work to honor their mother! And there are a few scenes that will make your date want to grab onto your arm, boys!

Four Brothers is definitely worth the money to go see in the theater. It will make you laugh, cry and appreciate that you are not living the life that the Mercer brothers did.
Sports Science

Athletic Training at Pacific

Lindsey Kennedy
Reporter

Behind the scenes at every sports practice or game, whether home or away, lies not only a health care specialist, but an educated and certified Athletic Trainer who has committed their time and effort towards providing our athletes with health care. Not many people are aware of the extensive job these trainers hold on our campus, or of their important role with the athletic department.

As of now, there are thirteen Pacific students involved in the Athletic Training Program who work side by side with six certified trainers (head, program director, two assistants, two graduate assistants, as well as one intern). Part of the role that comes with the program ranges from taking care of athletes in every area of their health; from having a cold or an injury on the field, to something non-athletic off the field.

University of the Pacific is special in a sense that they offer this program, giving these students a better chance later on down the road. Jennifer Pawson, who is a senior this year, responded with, "We help with treatments before and after practices and games, things such as stretching, heating and icing modalities, as well as making sure the players are well hydrated and ready to play." In order for a student to be involved, they would need to apply, and have a minimum GPA of 2.65. Courses such as Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Biology, Sports Nutrition, along with an additional athletic training program are some of the basic classes needed.

In order to meet the requirements of the National Athletic Training Association put forth, these athletic trainers must work along side a sports team here at Pacific each semester for two years. Once they have finished their training and course work they will sit for their certification exam. If they pass, each will go on to be a certified athletic trainer. While talking to Soccer player Felicia Weiss, she commented, "they're helpful, knowledgeable, and there when you need them." She also went on to say, "It's obvious they are trying hard because they are committed and always willing to learn."

The Academic Program Director, Sharon West, who teaches the Athletic Training classes, as well as advises these concentration majors, is one of the two major people involved in this organization here at Pacific. The other is Chris Pond, who is the Head Athletic Trainer in which these Athletic Training Students obtain the majority of their hands on knowledge and experience from.

Each Athletic Training Student here at Pacific is assigned to one sports team each semester, for two years. Having this kind of training, while working next to a more experienced and certified Athletic Trainer, has made it easy for these Athletic Training Students to accomplish a successful career afterward.

While interviewing one of these students involved in the program, Jennifer Pawson stated, "I feel that after I finish the program up here at Pacific, I will be confident in my ability as an athletic trainer enough to carry me into the future." For more information about this program, check out the website www.NATA.org.

NFL Guru

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Overall Record: 8-6

Oakland at Philadelphia

The Raiders have played two of the best teams in the NFL, the first two weeks and this week is the same. The Eagles are coming off a 42-3 debacle of the niners last week where Donovan McNabb shook off his injury and threw 5 TDs. The Raiders haven't played badly the last two weeks and they should keep this one relatively close, but the Eagles seem to have finally found some chemistry. Collins and Moss will not be able to overcome McNabb and Owens.

Eagles 27, Raiders 17

Dallas at San Francisco

Dallas had an unexpected heartbreaking loss to the Redskins on Monday night. The 49ers didn't have a chance last week against the powerhouse Eagles. If the niners can play solid defense and not turn the ball over often, this could be a good game. The Cowboys have an excellent defense and an offense good enough to handle the 49ers. Dallas' D will win this game hands down.

Cowboys 21, 49ers 10

New England at Pittsburgh

The Steelers haven't faced a good team yet and this is their chance to show how good they really are. Willie Parker has had back-to-back 100 yard games on the ground and Ben Roethlisberger has been phenomenal. Their defense has only given up 14 total points in the first two weeks. New England lost to the Panthers last week and Tom Brady looked confused. Corey Dillon still hasn't surpassed 100 total rushing yards and he needs to have a big game for the Patriots to win. The teams are evenly matched, but I will give it to the Steelers because they are at home.

Steelers 24, Patriots 20

Jacksonville at New York Jets

The Jets looked a little better after getting blown away by the Chiefs in week one with a 17-7 win over the Dolphins. Chad Pennington was efficient and the D stepped up. Jacksonville had the most impressive loss last week if that is possible. They only surrendered 10 points to the lethal Colts offense. Byron Leftwich got battered all game and still had a chance to win the game. The Jaguars are an improving team and will take this game in the Meadowlands.

Jaguars 23, Jets 14

Cincinnati at Chicago

Chicago dominated the Lions last week and Thomas Jones is looking better every week. Their defense seems like they will keep them in the game every week. Cincinnati embarrassed the Vikings and forced Daunte Culpepper to throw 5 interceptions. Carson Palmer proved he is becoming a star with three touchdowns. Although Chicago has looked good I think the Bengals will win this one.

Bengals 24, Bears 13

Atlanta at Buffalo

Both teams are coming in off 1-1 after losses in week 2. This game will come down to one thing, defense. These are two of the top 5 defenses in the NFL and the offenses will figure that out pretty quickly. This game is going to come down to who can score a touchdown or two without too many turnovers. This game is going to be close, but I think Takeo Spikes is going to shadow Vick all game.

Buffalo 17, Falcons 13

Kansas City at Denver

Kansas City has looked good in both victories this season. The Broncos scraped and clawed for a victory over San Diego last week. The Chiefs has a dominant offensive line and two pow erhouse running backs. Their defense has been very good as well. Denver has to have a 100-yard game from Mike Anderson to have a chance. The days of Denver dominance is coming to an end.

Chiefs 31, Broncos 17
Outdoor Connection tackles Half-Dome

Arash Scott Behnam
Sports Editor

The University of the Pacific has a little secret that needs to come out. Pacific, which we all know is famously located in the central valley is more than just a pretty little ivy school in the middle of blue collar Stockton. Did you know Pacific is a few hours away from some of California’s most breath taking landmarks? Well the secret is out about the Pacific Outdoor Connection. Part of the recreation program provided by the Division of Student Life, the Pacific Outdoor Connection gives our community a chance to appreciate many aspects of California. Last weekend six students and three staff went to beautiful Yosemite.

“I think the half dome trip shows what the POC is all about. Students coming together to enjoy the outdoors and do something different. Something they can look back on as one of their best times in college said Kuehl who helps lead trips.

Climbing and hiking the majestic half dome was a big part of the agenda program in the two day adventure to Yosemite.

The Pacific Outdoor Connection does more than just take you on amazing adventures, the qualified staff also teach classes like rock climbing. Besides teaching Pacific Outdoor Connection provides equipment like stoves, tents and sleeping bags for dirt cheap prices. With equipment comes maps, advice and help in planning an outdoor journey. But if you do not have the time or resources to plan your trip do not panic the Pacific Outdoor Connection has your back. In fact that is the job of POC, “bringing people together, in such a beautiful place and way,” said Marisa Earll, also a trip leader. It creates a unique experience and bond between everyone involved.

It is that easy and in a matter of hours the experience sinks in. The friendly staff is warm, helpful and have passion for the outdoors. The Pacific Outdoor Connection is a great way to meet others and see what else California has to offer. “All of my experiences in the outdoors have led to instant friendships and great times I will always remember,” said Earll. The Pacific Outdoor Connection has many exciting trips planned including surfing in Santa Cruz on October 1st. First timers or old timers this trip is open to all levels and skills. Although we all do have busy lives, thanks to the Pacific Outdoor Connection, we can get away and relax these college years with California nature. The Pacific Outdoor Connection is located on the North side of the Bauta Fitness Center across the street from the bridge. For further information see http://courses.edu/studentlife/recreation/outdoor.asp

Sports Week Wrap-up

Women’s Soccer

The Lady Tigers are starting to receive national recognition with an 18th place ranking in the west by Soccer Buzz magazine. The Lady Tigers are down south this weekend with matches against San Diego State on Friday and San Diego on Sunday.

Men’s Golf

Led by Thomas Petersson the Tigers opened their season at the Northwest Collegiate Classic in Oregon. Petersson shot a 223 to finish in 44th place. Chris Rosenau was eight spots behind the team lead with a 224. The Tigers do not see play again until October 14th in Fresno.

Men’s Water polo

Do not let the 9th place finish in the SoCal tournament fool you, the Tigers played well. With four games in two days the Tigers won three against ranked opponents. With tuff wins over 19th ranked Redlands, 13th ranked U.C Davis and 9th ranked Loyola Marymount Pacific is starting to move up the ranking charts. Pacific’s only loss was to 6th ranked Long Beach State 9-7. Matt Turnbull had three goals and Will McLaughlin added two in the loss. Turnbull and McLaughlin were impressive the whole tournament. Will McLaughlin was not the only McLaughlin to get in the act of scoring, as brother Clint also had three goals in the win against U.C Davis. Goalie Marko Popovic had an impressive tournament including an 11 save day against Redlands.

Women’s Volleyball

Tigers lost to USF for the first time in 19 matches. Sidney Bennett led the lady tigers with 15 kills.

Sophomore Jamie Souza puts all her foot into the ball at the home game last Friday night. The Tigers won 1-0 in double overtime against Brown University.
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