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Graduation ceremonies to undergo BIG changes for 2006

Andrew Mitchell
Staff Writer

The signature event put on by the International Programs and Services department is arguably International Education Week which runs through Friday. International Education Week, started by the Clinton Administration in 2000 and now celebrated by over a hundred countries, seeks to recognize the importance of culture.

"The world is global now," said Doctor David Schmidt, the director of International Programs and Services. "It's great to learn about different cultures."

This year's weeklong recognition of internationalism includes a West African Music & Dance Performance, a Hmong fashion show, a salsa dance party, and a Barrio festival.

The mood is one of celebration as the organizers aim for a more of a festival feel. Many student organizations are helping to put on events and many sponsors have come forward to help make these events possible.

Internationalism is evident at Pacific everyday. There is a large number of international students at Pacific. Last semester, students came from Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Hungary, and the United Kingdom. On last year's boy's basketball team, four of the five starters were international students.

Stockton was founded by Filipinos and fifteen percent of the city's population is Filipino. The prominence of

Avian "Bird" Flu: Horror or Hoax

Turkey still on the menu for Americans this Thanksgiving

Caiti Weiser
Staff Writer

Washington D.C. has been abuzz with talk of avian flu over the past month. Although avian flu, also called bird flu, rarely infects humans, the Department of Health and Human Services cautions that the virus could mutate into something that is more readily transmissible between humans.

Understanding how this could happen requires a general understanding of how an influenza virus works. According to Dr. Lisa Wrischk, professor of biology at the University of the Pacific, virologists have found that viruses have spikes projecting from their surfaces. Each spike contains an enzyme, either hemagglutinin (H) or neuraminidase (N).

"Hemagglutinin helps the virus attach to the host cell and neuraminidase helps the virus enter and exit the cell," Wrischk said. "Viruses are classified based on what kind of H and N proteins they carry."

Different strains of H and N are better at infecting dif-
Students listened and participated in drum circles at the Bechtel International Center on Monday evening. This was the first event in International Education Week.

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University-wide event and the separate ceremonies for each school, which had been spread over three days, they explained.

Starting this spring, there will be no Friday celebration. All commencement activities will be on the single Saturday; this year falling on Saturday May 20, 2006. There will still be a larger, all encompassing ceremony in the morning at 8:30 in the Alex G. Spanos Center. In previous years this piece of commencement took place on Knoles Lawn on Friday evenings. This is the event in which students will have their diplomas officially bestowed.

Starting at noon there will be the individual school's ceremonies located in various areas around campus. The Conservatory of Music will be the only ceremony held at 3:30 in conjunction with their final concert. The smaller ceremonies allows for the more personal recognition of students and their individual accomplishments, as well as their connection to the college in which they participated throughout their time at Pacific. President Derosa agrees, "The new schedule will allow Pacific to continue [these] two important traditions."

The Pacific campus is changing rapidly with the intention of better suiting the student's wants and needs; now commencement under transformation. Pacific has taken yet another means to the chalk board, sketched out a new play, and will play out this with the 2006 grading class.

For more details, please visit www.pacific.edu commencement

1. CASUALTY MAIN GYM
Officers responded to a call of a subject who was injured playing basketball. Subject refused medical assistance and would seek their own medical assistance.

2. PROPERTY DAMAGE SOUTH CAMPUS
Report of a tree limb that fell onto a parked vehicle.

3. VANDALISM TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS
Resident reports that the window to the 2nd floor bedroom was broken.

4. HIT & RUN PACIFIC HOUSE
Victim reports that someone struck his vehicle and left the scene without reporting it.

5. DISTURBANCE HAND HALL LAWN
Officers responded to a call of an intoxicated subject who had damaged some of the University property. Officers made contact with subject who was detained for the vandalism.

6. DISTURBANCE TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS

7. ARREST SCHOOL CAMPUS
Officers stopped a transient who was in the dumpster. Officers learned subject had an outstanding warrant. Subject was arrested for the warrant and booked into the jail.

8. AUTO BURGLARY TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS
Victim reports someone entered his vehicle and to a GPS and 150 compact disc. It is not known how the suspect got into the vehicle but no force was used.

9. HIT & RUN STADIUM LOT 111205
Victim reports that her vehicle was struck by a Honda and the driver failed to stop and exchange names. Victim was able to get the license plate number of the responsible party. Report forwarded to Stockton PD for follow up.

A Theater Play from Chicago
THE DORTHY DAY
STORY "Haunted by God"
Saturday Nov. 19, 12:00 PM, Monroe Chapel at UOP
Donation for ticket, students $4, adults $6
(Proceeds will go to Catholic Charities)

PLAY FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION, REFRESHMENTS, AND SOCIALIZING
A LADY'S WINTER PLAY
"A Lady's Winter Escape, and More..."
Sponsored by the Norman House, the Catholic Center at Pacific and Delta College. For tickets and info please call Norman House.

STUDENTS: Tickets are going fast! Rush to get yours!

Photograph courtesy of Chandra Kroll
The immune system’s slower response time can give the virus a head start at taking over cells in the body. This is why avian flu could be so dangerous to the human population. “This is a version of the virus that humans haven’t seen, so we haven’t developed immunity to it,” Wrischnik said. According to the CDC, avian flu was isolated back in 1961. But only recently have governments begun to take action toward preventing the spread of avian flu. “We shouldn’t panic, but it is wise to monitor the situation,” said Wrischnik.

The government insists that it is taking the threat of avian flu very seriously. In an Oct. 4th press conference, President Bush said, “We’re trying to put plans in place, and one of the plans was, if we need to take some significant action, how best to do so.” Bush’s plan includes surveillance, developing vaccines, and using the military to quarantine affected areas of the country if there is an outbreak.

Some doubt that the response from Washington will last. In an interview with National Public Radio’s Julie Rovner, former Dean of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Alfred Sommer said, “It’s a social phenomenon, why people suddenly get very excited and then they forget about it again, and then everybody runs around like a chicken without a head, speaking of chickens.”

So how likely is it that avian flu will jump to humans? It is hard to say. But the possibility has urged governments into action.

The World Health Organization reports that “Although a vaccine against [avian flu] is under development in several countries, no vaccine is ready for commercial production and no vaccines are expected to be widely available until several months after the start of a pandemic.”

The CDC advises that the risk to people in the United States is very low at this time since the virus mainly infects birds, and infected birds have only been found in Asia and Europe. In addition, almost all of the human cases that have been reported have been in people who have had contact with infected poultry.

To prevent becoming infected with avian flu, the CDC recommends “that travelers to countries with known outbreaks of [avian flu] avoid poultry farms, contact with animals in live food markets, and any surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces from poultry or other animals.”

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**Freshman tests deliver large rewards**

**Courtnee Coburn**  
**Staff Writer**

"During these past few months of school, the freshmen of Pacific have been participating in the Collegiate Learning Assessment. While some may classify the CLA as a test, it is actually an evaluation of our institution as a whole.

Freshman students received letters and emails informing them of the opportunity to participate in this appraisal. An estimated 275 students decided to take the CLA. Along with the chance to take part in an assessment that truly reflects the University, students receive $50, not to mention the five lucky students chosen to win a free i-pod, and the one student who wins a free meal plan. The winners included Jose Vargas, Janine Baer, Andrew Gorham, Emma Coffey, and Melissa Melton. The prizes were a great hit.

"I wasn't really sure what to expect as far as the test went, but my main incentive of taking the test was for the money, and the possibility of winning a prize. It was a great way to get students interested in taking the test." Said Freshman Kelleher Winship.

Interestingly enough, many students were pleasantly surprised to find that the assessment was much more interesting than expected. “Assessing a school is not just about the GPA’s their students have. It is about what is happening in each student’s life.” Said Mike Rogers of the Office of Planning and Research.

The Collegiate Learning Assessment is a national evaluation. Universities have to apply for the chance to take part in the CLA. Some 125 schools applied, but only 50 were selected. Established in 2003, the CLA focuses on critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and written communication—areas most essential to a college education.

"I am really happy with the outcome of Pacific’s participation in the CLA. I want to thank everyone from the faculty to the students for their cooperation," said Rogers. Some students feel it is the enthusiasm of faculty like Mike Rogers, not to mention the students themselves, that make Pacific the unique school that it is today."
Consequences of a D.U.I.

ByAnonymous
Guest Writer

It cost me respect, my ego, my parents' trust, my license, my independence, my clean record and $2,800. It could cost you your life, the life of your best friends, or the life of an innocent bystander. I will have a conviction of driving under the influence on my record until I'm 31 years old.

What makes my situation unique, is that I am your everyday over-achiever. I have a 3.8 G.P.A. I volunteer my time to community service. I take part in school clubs and have traveled abroad. I have a close family and a strong social life. Suddenly, after a split second decision, none of this can set me apart from Joe Smith, inmate #224 at the San Joaquin County Jail.

At this point, I as the reader would step back and say, "Well then Ms. Over-Achiever, you shouldn't be drunk driving!" Now, I will not accuse you of ever having driven home from a bar, a friend's house, or a diner with two or three drinks down, but I will warn you that when the day comes that you do (and likely it will), it's not worth the cost. I was not "wasted" when I got pulled over by the UOP police on the first day back to school. In fact, I passed my field sobriety test after successfully getting my four somewhat intoxicated friends home safely. What gave me away was a typical roll through the five stop signs clouding my route home through Pacific's campus. What sent me to jail was an illegal blood alcohol content (BAC). Come to find out, my body can only handle 2 drinks before I reach an illegal BAC. Do you know what yours can handle? I was handcuffed 20 feet from my front door. I was escorted to the San Joaquin County Jail where I spent the night "sobering up." The fear first set in when the police man told me to "find a distant chair, you don't fit in here." It was at most 50 degrees and I was dressed in a tank top and heels, surrounded by drunk men. We watched infomercials for six hours. The guards yelled at me when I shifted in my chair. I gave them fingerprints and a mug shot; one picture that likely will never be hung on my parent's refrigerator. I cannot express to you the feelings of guilt, pain, fear and worthlessness that I felt that night. As I was escorted from the building I felt that all I had proved myself to be in my last 21 years was dumped to the curb. I was just another criminal.

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Universal ethnocentrism: A response to an article published last week regarding the Paris riots

By Benjamin Dunphy
Staff Writer

Thank you for your response [see left]. Criticism and especially corrections are always appreciated in response to statements that I have made.

Your response essentially pointed out the problems that the Algerian immigrants are having in assimilating to the French society. They have been placed in these "banlieus," as you stated, and have little opportunity to prosper in this secular state.

Speaking of the "banlieus," I inferred from your response that you thought I was too vague in describing the communities where these immigrants lived.

If you recall in the very first line of my article, I pointed out the poor conditions of these communities in saying: "the suburbs of Paris, which resemble the inner city ghettos of the United States" I do, however, appreciate you informing me of the true name and meaning of these areas. And, for the record, Algeria is ranked 81st in the GDP per capita based on purchasing power parity and not 81st, according to the CIA World Factbook.

As to my statements that the possible brainwashing of these Muslim youths is racist, allow me to clear your misunderstanding by elaborating on my statements. It is a known fact that radical Islamic call to martyrdom by recruiting impoverished, unemployed, and desperate Muslims to kill innocent people for their political motives. The French government realized this fact and looked into the possibility. Thankfully, as I stated in my article, the most influential Islamic group in France issued a fatwa, or a call to action, which means that I have clarified my statements and that your assertions of ethnocentrism and racism can be repealed, as I have my ignorant statements of the "welcoming society" of France. If not, I always welcome your letters and comments.

The riots have now burned over 7,000 vehicles as of November 11, which is over 5,700 vehicles burned since last week. The police have intercepted messages on the internet, cellphones, and other forms of communication calling for the spreading of violence. What started as random rioting in frustration of the death of two boys has become an organized network of violence. Equality and justice are not the products of violent revolt: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s non-violent movement was more effective than all of his predecessors who called for violence such as the Black Panthers.

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among us maintain that they should appreciate what little we have "given" them.

I have lived in France, including a stay in Paris, and the cultural dynamic there is such that these riots make perfect sense to an ethnic group that feels marginalized, beaten down, and profiled. There is an amazing amount of inherent racism in France that people casually toss around with subtle seriousness e.g. "Attention aux Arabes en marchant dans les rues!" which means "watch out for Arabs when you walk down dark alleys!" This has as much validity as a statement that whenever a car is stolen in California, it must have been stolen by an illegal Mexican.

The statements in the article regarding the possibility of brainwashing Islamic youth are tantamount to racism. France has one of the largest Muslim populations in all of Europe, about 3 million in total. That is a large group of people that may feel downtrodden by the French system, especially with recent national support for known xenophobes and racists (see Jean-Marie Le Pen, Head of the Le Front National).

The claim that the "rioters were welcomed to France as political refugees from countries with terrible living conditions" is nothing short of sheer ignorance. One should recall the bloody war for independence that Algeria fought against France that ended only in 1962. Since then, the immigration policy in France has been influenced by racism, and the current law only allows children of foreign nationals to eventually become citizens. Conditions in Algeria are far from "terrible," being ranked 81st for GDP per capita based on purchasing power parity. What can be considered terrible are the housing developments banlieus, meaning banned from the city/or suburbs as you called them, outside of Paris. These housing projects are rundown and cheap, and are used to simply keep Arabs out of sight and out of mind.

All these facts taken into account, it is clear that a cultural perspective must be included when attempting to analyze events from abroad. Because of the history of racism in France and the tenuous relationship France has with Northern Africa, violent outbursts should almost be expected. From the current strife in France, we might even learn a lesson to respect all people; even those who our government deems are not "worthy" to become citizens.

-Jonathan Betts
Student, School of International Studies

as political refugees and that their actions are blasphemous because of their own lack of qualifications and historical precedents, I now repeal. I uncharacteristically made unwarranted assumptions of the immigration policies of France and especially how it has dealt with the African Muslims. After reading your response and conducting a little research, I have come to the conclusion that they are essentially the pariahs of French society, and we are now seeing years of frustration unfold on national television.

This does not change the fact that I believe the violent actions taken by these people are wrong. I am a firm believer of peace and nonviolent movements to accomplish goals. Human intelligence and our ability to resolve disputes without violence truly sets us apart from our ancestral primates. The violent actions taken by these people will only be met with a much stronger opposition and further damage their image within the country.

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The next time you are in the situation I was in, the next time you are looking around at your friends, nominating the most sober one to drive home, weigh your options. I owe the state of California $2,800. Depending on the outcome of my hearing, I will either serve another day in jail or work a day of community service. I will soon be enrolled in classes for alcohol abuse and I have lost a huge part of my independence, as I can no longer drive. I have lost my parents' trust and I constantly fear the loss of respect from those who ask me why I cannot drive. At the same time, I consider myself lucky because I did not kill my best friends, or myself.

I used to think I would NEVER get a DUI because I am strongly against drunk driving but nobody ever enforced the importance of not "tipsy driving." When asked what can be done to prevent other "unlikely candidates" from being in this situation, I shrugged and said that I honestly do not know. I was the last person I would ever expect to get a DUI, which means that you may get one too. I learn from experience; I had to spend a night in jail to realize that I am as vulnerable as Joe Smith and Jane Doe to the horror stories of the 6 o'clock news. I hope YOU can learn from my experience.

Calling a cab is easy. Put these numbers in your cell phone and you won't have the excuse I had, and if you think you can't afford it, then cut yourself off one six-dollar drink early. Your life, your independence, your respect and your money are all far more worth it than the light buzz and the possibility of a lifetime of regret.
An open letter to Delta Sigma Pi from three students

Dear Delta Sigma Pi Pledge Class President,

It has come to our attention that you and your pledge class created a "recycling event" for your fraternity to get Pacific students to recycle. You ran a campaign where members from your organization would come around on Nov. 5th 2005 before 12 pm and pick up aluminum cans that were to be placed in front of students' doors. These cans would then be smashed in front of Grace Covell and the proceeds from these cans would be given to Delta Sigma Pi, the business fraternity. This is a great idea, except it had one flaw.

On Nov. 5th 2005, I had two large 55-gallon trash bags full of empty aluminum cans stolen from behind my townhouse. My neighbors had boxes of aluminum cans they were planning on taking to get recycled, stolen as well. My collection alone usually nets about $20, both of my neighbors' collections would have netted them $15 each. As avid partiers, our efforts to save these aluminum cans would have allowed us to purchase another 30 pack of beer, and thus kept our local liquor outlets in business and also help save the earth by recycling.

My neighbors and I are not affiliated with any fraternal organization on campus and we are not business majors either. But as students of the University I feel that you and your organization have stolen our property and by recycling these aluminum cans, have in essence, turned around and sold our property.

The University has a policy regarding theft which I have outlined below. You may refer to page 63 of the Tiger Lore under Section 37 titled Theft Policy, "Theft of personal or University property violates the Honor Code and state law. Theft includes but is not limited to, the following: a) Unauthorized removal of any property, from any room in a residential unit, University office, or service building or grounds, and/or from individuals."

Your organization has broken this policy and we would like to see you fix it. We will not go to the University if your organization fixes this problem. We are asking that we get reimbursed for our cans from which your organization has profited.

As I said before, none of my neighbors nor I support your organization and we feel that our own peers have stolen from us and turned around and sold our hard work. The flyers that you put up (which I read in Grace to find out what happened), didn't come to my attention until after your "recycling event" had occurred. Your flyers also read that members of your organization would pick cans up from the front of students doors, not from the back which is the ONLY way for our cans to have disappeared. We would like to each be reimbursed for our cans, $20 for me and $15 for each of my neighbors. And next time, if you and your organization choose to do this again, we ask that you ask the owners of the property if you can take their hard work (drinking, gathering, storing) and sell it for money to be given back to your organization which we DO NOT support.

-Signed,

Nick Hansen, Brett Fikse, Jake Soares

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could be avoided with comprehensive and accurate sex education that should be pushed by this university. Tigers should know the cold hard facts about sex, and also not be afraid to be more open about it.

Sadly, Tiger sexuality, if investigated at thru Pacific, is investigated through pornography. Why? Where else is there to turn when, for example, the course on Human Sexuality is offered only once every two years and reaches only roughly sixty students?

In a survey conducted by the Pacifican, of the 213igers polled, 72% of males and 17% of female reported to watch pornography on a regular basis. Though all respondents might not call their porn watching, “investigation,” it is still a medium from which people might ‘learn’ about sex.

Porn, however, is not a good way to investigate sexuality because it is entirely rehearsed and does not accurately depict good quality, Marvin Gaye or Frank Sinatra love making. Take what you will from it, but it ain’t much.

Nicole Disilvesto, a Tiger, further claims that porn isn’t good for any type of relationship. “It makes the girl [or guy] feel inadequate, especially if you’re giving it 3 times day.”

Porn also doesn’t accurately portray the reality of sex. Though Jenna might be able to get it on with Peter and Jeremy, in the context of the real world, that’s not right. As Dr. Bishop of San Joaquin Health Services describes, “There’s an increase in the number of chlamydia and gonorrhea cases in Northern California. In the bay area, the infection was 73%.”

Admittedly, there’s accurate data as to the number of STD cases or sexual current opinions on sexuality, yet after conducting a survey it was clear that Tigers were embarrassed to admit the true nature of porn viewing, and ultimately, their sexuality.

When it comes to Tigers should not be embarrassed by it, but embarrassed to admit the true nature of it. Sexuality need not be hard to say or hard to say, in order to enrich students’ sex lives, and also to inform students about safe sex.

So, Pacific, let’s have classes offered, condoms offered, and the lights down. Help Tigers practice safe sex and explore sexuality.

Let’s get it on....]

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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus
Harry Potter to star in upcoming chick flics

By Mikey Yu
Lifestyles Editor

By the time this newspaper hits the stands, the phenomenon that is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire will be bustling into movie theatres everywhere. Undoubtedly, many of you will see the PG-13 branding it received. But imagine a city, torn apart by drug wars, four gangs struggling to control the trade of a deadly narcotic known as Bertie Botts, or “Jelly Bellys” as they’re called on the streets. The Slytherins and their leader Draco Malfeezzy, who represent in dark green and silver, have long since been at war with the Gryffindors, a rival gang known to wear scarlet red and gold. Alliances were made between these two warring factions and smaller local gangs such as Ravenclaw and the fear-inspiring Hufflepuffs, a vicious gang whose colors were canary yellow. For years the Slytherins and Gryffindors fought over territory; at any given moment an innocent joyride on a broomstick could turn into a bloody fly-by shooting. “Gryffindors represent Red and Yellow, ride or die, if you roll with Slytherins you get blown to smithereens.” Dialogue like this was common among the echoes of gunshots in the dangerous streets of Hogwarts City.

Until one day, the leader of the Gryffindors, Harry “Masta Killa” Potter, decided to put an end to the violence. He had bigger fish to fry. He had to find the man who killed his parents. A man shrouded in mystery, a man only known as “He who must not be named.”

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An interview with:
Soleil Moon Frye got into acting when she was only two years old. Over the years, she has acted in 28 different movies and TV shows, the biggest being the star character in the TV show “Punky Brewster” in the mid-eighties. Fry has stayed very busy since “Punky Brewster” aired from 1989 to 2003. More recently, she completed a voice-over role in the animated TV show "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." From 2000 to 2003. More recently, she completed a voice-over role in the animated TV show "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." You know, whenever I’ve gone to big movies like Harry Potter, Star Wars, X-Men, or even Pirates of the Caribbean, I always see people camping outside and, more importantly, dressed up in costume. Sure everyone can do that, but what about the smaller movies? When’s the last time you saw someone camping outside for a chick flick? “Oh hell yeah! I’ve been waiting outside this theater for almost 2 weeks in the rain just to see Miss Congeniality! I’m even wearing my official Miss Congeniality tiara I bought on eBay! Yeah!” I think half the fun would be confusing people. Personally, I really wanted to stand outside dressed as a fighter jet for Stealth. It would have been glorious.

How did you get into acting?
I grew up watching my brother act. As a child I was very shy and used to hide behind my mom when we used to take my brother to his auditions. When I was five years old I told my mother that I wanted to try to act and I had to literally beg her since she could never imagine that such a shy child would really want to go out and audition. Once I got in

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Guest Writer

Margot Durand

What: Jane Austen Night

When: November 30th, 6:30 PM

Even if you haven’t heard much about Jane Austen, or you think her books are absolutely long and way too boring... it would definitely be in your best interest to attend the 2005 Jane Austen Presentation on Wednesday the 30th. Not only will you learn a lot of culture and interesting information on Miss Austen and the time period, but you will also be presented with amazing and original works by your fellow Pacific students.

I find it hard to believe that you intelligent, witty and sarcastic students of Pacific out there are not intrigued by Austen’s work. She employs humorous and complex plot twists in her novels, and embeds hilarious jokes and silly puns inside her stories constantly. I’m more than positive that mostly every student on this campus has seen the movie Clueless, and probably even enjoyed it. It is a completely stripped down and simplified version of Austen’s novel, Emma. Austen’s themes relate easily to our modern day problems and concerns, and yet she seems to be forgotten so easily.

If you’re bored when Wednesday rolls around, come to the President’s Room. If only to hang out with your friends and find something relaxing do, you will at the very least be entertained. If Jane Austen weren’t such a big deal, I’m sure there wouldn’t be a whole class dedicated to studying her work. Then again, we English majors are kind of weird.
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front of a camera, I really lit up and I believe the camera helped me out of my shell.

What was your most embarrassing moment while acting?

When I was 6 years old I was attending an awards dinner and some photographer thought that it would be nice to get a picture with me and Muhammad Ali. I actually knew who Muhammad Ali was because at the time my father was a boxer and followed boxing. As the photographer picked me up, my cherry coke went flying all over Muhammad Ali. As a 6 year old I was devastated and so embarrassed. His tuxedo was covered in cherry coke.

What has been your most memorable moment while acting?

One of the best moments for me was once I moved to New York and attended the New School. I had always respected that school and I was so proud to be among other young actors and to be studying from some of the best. Performing in a play in front of a live audience was invigorating and very memorable.

"As the photographer picked me up, my cherry coke went flying all over Mohammed Ali."

-Soleil Moon Frye

What role did you enjoy playing the most? Which was the most challenging?

Well, I must say, Punky Brewster. Looking back, that show was a first of its kind. It was a comedy that dealt with some pretty heavy issues. Here you watched a little girl who had lost both of her parents and yet was able to rise to the challenges life brought her through her foster father and dog. It was truly an inspiring show that made a difference and taught healing through laughter. My most challenging role was that of Electra in Orestes. I played Electra during an on-stage production and it was challenging to be a part of such a big and classic play.

Who do you miss working with?

Wow. I have worked with so many very influential and amazing people throughout the years that it is near impossible to just pick one that I miss working with. I was in awe when I worked with Ann Margaret, George C. Scott and Ron Howard. I was so lucky to have these opportunities but that is just to name a few that I truly miss working with.

Do you have any current or future plans?

Right now I am finishing a documentary that I did about my father who is in his early stages of Alzheimer's. I took him, myself and an entire camera crew on a cross country road trip in order to try to get to know my father before his mind continues to deteriorate. This was a way for him to relive and trace his history, while affording me the opportunity to get to know him and some of his past.

Soleil is married and recently had her first child named Poet Sierra Rose. She lives in Los Angeles, California. Visit www.geocities.com/soleilmoonfrye2000 for more information on Soleil and her acting career.

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Pacific Sports Wrap: Tigers take on Big West

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Men's Water Polo
The Men's water polo team had a very successful weekend winning three of four games. The only loss came to the number one ranked team in the nation, in USC. The first day of the tournament the Tigers faced conference rival, eighth-ranked Long Beach State. The Tigers dominated the first half until back-to-back goals tied the game 4-4, right before halftime. The Tiger defense allowed Long Beach one lone goal during the second half but it pulled the 49ers within one. That was as close as Long Beach could get. Led by Senior Adam Zobler and Junior Matt Turnbull with three goals apiece and Dragan Bakic getting into the action with a goal, Pacific won the game 7-5.

Santa Clara was next for Pacific and the Tigers again were victorious with the same score of 7-5. Matt Turnbull had three goals, giving him two hat tricks and six goals for the day. Led by Senior Adam Zobler and Junior Matt Turnbull with three goals apiece and Dragan Bakic getting into the action with a goal, Pacific won the game 7-5.

Pacific opened the new day of water polo facing its stiffest competition all season in number one ranked USC. The Tigers made a fierce comeback in the last period to pull the score 9-5 but that is as close as the Tigers got. USC brought their A game and showed why they are the best team in the nation. Adam Zobler kept his impressive tournament performance from day one going with two goals. Dragan Bakic also scored two goals and Will McLaughlin added a goal in the 11-5 loss.

The Tigers ended their home season with a spanking of the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs. Senior day was a complete success as the three seniors on the team played huge roles in the success of the Tigers this weekend. Pacific was in control from the start of the whistle as UC Santa Cruz was under heavy attack by the Tiger offense all game long. Dragan Bakic and Will McLaughlin each led Pacific with three goals each and Adam Zobler added two. Marko Popovic had nine saves.

Strokes invade the Bay Area for first race

By Bonnie Lucero
Guest Writer

On Sunday, November 13, 2005, the Pacific Strokes rowed their first races at the Foster City Regatta in the Bay Area. Making their appearance at the regatta before the sun, the dedicated team of 18 rowers accompanied by their coach Ashley Lee entered three boats, kicking off their competitive season for the Fall Semester. The first race took place at approximately 9:40 a.m. at which time the women's four shell excelled in the Novice 5K race.

Immediately following this race was the women's 8K, which after technical difficulties finished strongly. Racing next was the mixed 8 shell which they consisted of four men and four women, two of whom had rowed a previous race. All of the boats finished strongly, within the top five in their events. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for a crew team that has been training for two months at the most, and consists of an entirely novice crew.
NFL Week 11 Predictions

Chase Topellio
NFL Guru
Overall Record: 44-26

Seattle at San Francisco
The 49ers found themselves playing in 40 MPH winds in Chicago last week, which was a recipe for offensive disaster. They had to rely on the running game, which was not too bad. Cody Pickett was only 1-13 and the Bears took all the momentum on a 108-yard missed FG return at the end of the first half. Seattle is tied with Carolina for the best record in the NFC. Shaun Alexander is unstoppable this season and the Seahawks look like they might actually be able to reach the Super Bowl. This game should not be too close, especially with Tony Parrish out for the season.
Seahawks 27, 49ers 13

Oakland at Washington
It really seems that the Raiders have a huge problem winning close games this season. Randy Moss has not been his usual self since coming back from his injuries and Kerry Collins looked like garbage last week. The only constant in their offense is LaMont Jordan, but he is not enough to win games against good foes. Washington lost 36-35 on a very risky 2-point conversion by the Bucs last week. Clinton Portis is starting to look a lot better after the dismal 9 yard performance against the Giants a few weeks back. The defense didn’t give up 36, but they are much better than that. This should be a pretty close game with the Redskins defense causing a 4th quarter turnaround to clinch the victory.
Redskins 27, Raiders 20

Tampa Bay at Atlanta
The Bucs offense looked very good last week and Chris Simms had 3 TDs in a winning effort. Cadillac looks awful since coming off his injury, which is not a good sign for the running game. Joey Galloway is having the season of his long career and is on pace for around 1,500 yards. Atlanta’s defense allowed the undermanned Packers to win easily last week in surprise fashion. Packers’ QB Samkon Gado had 3 TDs in his first career start and made the Falcons’ D look bad. Vick had a good game, but a fumble he lost lead to a Packers touchdown. I really think Atlanta will make up for their bad play last week and win with defense.
Falcons 21, Bucs 17

Carolina at Chicago
At the beginning of the year I would have never believed that this game would have so much meaning. The Bears have won 5 games in a row and the Panthers have won 6. The Bears are winning by having a stingy defense and an offense that does enough to get by. The Panthers have won lately with very impressive defense and very solid offense, as well. Carolina has Jake Delhomme, Steve Smith, and Stephen Davis. The Bears have Kyle Orton, Mushin Muhammad, and Adrian Peterson. For this reason I will pick the Panthers because they have a better offense and the defenses are pretty even.
Panthers 20, Bears 13

Philadelphia at NY Giants
I really thought I was going to go 6-1 last week when I came back from class Monday night with the Eagles winning 20-7 with 300 left in the 4th quarter. Man, I was wrong. The Eagles gave up an easy score to Terry Glenn and McNabb then threw a pick to Roy Williams for a TD. McNabb was hurt on the play and his status is uncertain. They ran for 181 yards in the game, which was their highest all season. The Giants have not given up an offensive TD for three weeks, but lost to Minnesota 24-21 last week by giving up a punt return, kickoff return, and interception return for TDs. If Eli gets his head out straight the Giants should be victorious and will sink the Eagles’ chance at the playoffs.
Giants 28, Eagles 17

Buffalo at San Diego
The Bills had their best game, I believe, last week with a 17-3 victory over the offensive-minded Chiefs. JP Losman came in and threw 2 TDs to seal the win. The defense looked very good, especially against the pass. They were able to pick off Trent Green 3 times. San Diego is coming off a bye week and are playing at home where they have good success. The offense should be able to put up at least 3 TDs, one of which will be from LT. The defense needs to stop McCarthe and force the Bills to pass. Chargers should win because of their potent offense.
Chargers 27, Bills 14

Minnesota at Green Bay
I am not sure what to think of this Monday night game. Both teams were involved in the two biggest upsets last week, but I am not sure who is the better team. Samkon Gado has looked good as the RB for the Packers and Favre has looked better since his 5 INT game two weeks ago. Minnesota looked awful on offense last week and only won because of their defense and special teams. Brad Johnson should be giving up plenty of yards. Brett Favre, was a monster for big games.
Packers 24, Vikings 20

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Membership, none of whom had ever rowed before this year. Additionally, making a solid appearance at the invitational regatta has undoubtedly left an impression on other university level crew teams.

The Novice Division races, in which the Strokes competed, are limited to first year rowers. After a rower’s first year in competition, they compete with collegiate teams, which include UC Berkeley and Stanford.

This is the first time in two years that the University of the Pacific has had a crew team, and this time it is here to stay. With strong leadership significant commitment from the rowers, who show up to practice on the delta at 5 a.m., and the team is looking to have a lasting presence on campus. There is a tentative second regatta which will occur in Long Beach, California on December 4, 2005. The Strokes are hoping to enter at least one, if not two 8 shells in the regatta.
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