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Panic on the 2nd Floor: underage drinking, privacy laws, Grace Covell Hall

By Marcel Gibson

His first legit attempt at newspapering

Tiger student are once again pitted against Pacific’s Administration, this time fighting for the cherished Right to Privacy.

Last week, over forty students living in Grace Covell came back from break with a surprising letter awaiting, notifying them of their involvement in violating the University Student Conduct Code on December 17, 2005. The charges varied, but most students were tagged with Underage Possession and Consumption of Alcohol in their dorm rooms.

Strangely, however, none of the students were there, but instead, had left to enjoy winter break. During the first days of break, the Area Coordinator, Nikki, allegedly performed safety checks of various rooms in Grace, and wrote up students where violations were found.

Justin Thomas, a Tiger living in Grace who was cited for possession of alcohol, shares the concerns of many of these Pacific students. “I think it’s just an invasion of privacy. My stuff was in the freezer, meaning they had to open up the fridge just to see if anything was there.”

Justin’s roommate, Bryan Schultz explains, “They told us that they went around Grace to check for proper checkout. They saw alcohol and other stuff in plain sight so they wrote us up. Our alcohol wasn’t in plain sight. I understand they’re doing their job, but it’s kinda messed up.”

Amongst the residents there are serious questions about the validity of searches of dorm rooms, affirming there constitutional right to privacy.

But were the Actions Taken by Administration Legal?

“...is the question on many of the alleged violators’ minds who are proclaiming that the room entries were direct violations of their right to privacy. However, as the director of Judicial Affairs, Kerry Krueger-Devine, explains, there are limits to where these rights apply. “The Constitution applies to federal actors and state actors. I think that’s confusing to people, myself included, because I think I have constitutional rights, and I do, but they are free from interference from government action.”

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The Peac and Justice Coalition Simply Warming Up!

By Joyce Huh

Guest Writer

Have you ever walked down the little steps that lead toward the McCaffrey Center only to notice a massive peace sign of fluorescent flyers bedazzling your eager eyes? Or have you ever dropped by the Summit for a snack on a random Tuesday night (say, the second Tuesday of the month) only to find a movie blasting away behind the espresso machine?

The Pacifican Online STRIKES BACK

By Erin Birmingham

News Editor

It’s a New Year and with it comes a new face for The Pacifican. Thanks to Nick Hansen, Junior Communications major from Danville, California The Pacifican has found a new home on www.ThePacificanOnline.com. The former domain, ThePacifican.com has been sold but that is old news and unimportant because the new domain hosts a variety of new and improved features.

The new site has an entirely new style, ditching the old yellow color scheme it now follows the official orange and black Pacific color scheme. The site now has school spirit and a collection of new components to benefit our campus.

Nick Hansen originally got the idea to re-do the site when he wanted to send a letter he wrote in The Pacifican to a friend. He had no easy way of doing this because The Pacifican’s site, to his dismay, had not been updated in two years. But now, thanks to him, if you read an article and you want to share it, all you have to do is send the link to a friend and they can instantly access any article, whether it is News, Perspectives, Lifestyles or Sports. Each section of the paper has its own sub-domain, for example, sports.thepacificanonline.com.

The site also has a newsletter system to keep people off of campus up to date with campus life. The newsletter system will benefit parents, alumni, and anyone who cannot make it to the Stockton campus to pick up a hard copy of any issue. Old issues will be accessible on the site through the archival pages. You can also download the entire front page to your desktop, and, just like the weekly
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On the other hand, private 'actors' have much more latitude and do not necessarily have to uphold constitutional rights at the level of government. The right to privacy and other rights can also be curtailed, but University of the Pacific does explicitly state the rights of students in the General Catalogue and Tiger Lore.

"For my area, Judicial Affairs, we don't need to provide notice and opportunity to be heard for judicial hearings. We could just make those decisions on our own. But we promise students notice and opportunity, and we provide that in writing."

Tigers' rights to privacy in terms of being free from unreasonable searches and intrusions is, to a certain extent, upheld by the University both in the Tiger Lore, pages 15 and 16, and in the 2005-2006 Student Housing Contract under section 9. However, that same section also allows university authorities to enter dorm rooms under certain circumstances. It reads as follows:

"The university, however, reserves the right to enter any area to inspect the premises by designated personnel for purposes of management, health and safety standards..."

The Director of Housing, Steve Jacobson, explains the reason for the section 9. "One of the important reasons why we do this is because of the Grace fire. Fortunately no one was injured, but that's why we have to do this. This past winter break, after students had left, we found a lit candle and that's very scary for all of us. We don't want people to randomly enter rooms; we do it to make sure the building is safe and secure."

For the Health and Safety inspections in questions, the Housing Staff also sent out notification about the inspections to be carried out in the form of newsletters and floor meetings, though many students neglected to read the newsletters and attend the floor meetings.

Kerry Krueger-Divine comments, "If a student gets a letter from the IRS, and you choose not to open it, it doesn't mean you're not responsible for it. So if a student gets notification that health and safety inspections are going to occur, if you don't read it or the Tiger Lore, it doesn't mean that either won't apply to you."

Thus, the University maintains that because of the housing contract, the necessity of inspections for safety, and the ample notification of such inspections, the actions taken place and the consequential write-ups were well within the rights of the Housing Staff.

Yet according to a former RA in Grace who wishes to remain anonymous, these inspections rarely resulted in any documentation, let alone write ups. "We didn't document. I don't see how it's for housing to enter rooms, go through students refrigerators and other things to find violations and then write them up. That's exactly what happened to my buddy."

Housing contends that inspections into personal belongings did not take place. The Area Coordinator and RA's who did the inspections declined to comment.

Judicial Nights: the end of the Story is Near

This week the alleged Tiger violators had hearings in Grace Covell over the allegations. The hearings were in house, between the area coordinator and the alleged violators. According to those who attended the hearings, no punishments were yet handed out.

The punch line to this whole story, as Justin puts it, "They let all the alcohol in here and they tell us to get rid of it. There's only really one way to do that."
Faculty members of the University of the Pacific will showcase their creative use of technology on the Pacific campus at the Annual Technology Fair on Tuesday, February 28 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Grace Covell Dining Hall.

The Technology and Learning Committee, Educational Technology Services (ETS), and the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) have partnered to sponsor this event. The 2006 Technology in Teaching and Learning (TTL) event provides a special opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to gather and celebrate innovative uses of technology. The opportunity to meet other faculty was valuable in establishing connections for potential collaborations. If that’s not reason enough to attend, the door prizes are fantastic!

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Professor Doherty, Associate Professor of Computer Science, was a faculty presenter at the 2005 TTL, and he also won the grand prize - a laptop computer. Professor Doherty commented about last year’s event: “Last year’s Technology Fair was a terrific event. With the increasing importance of technology in teaching, and the cross-disciplinary nature of the use of technology, it’s tremendously useful to have a forum to meet faculty from across the campus and learn how they are incorporating technology into their courses. The demonstrations and discussions introduced me to many new and innovative uses of technology. The opportunity to meet other faculty was valuable in establishing connections for potential collaborations. If that’s not reason enough to attend, the door prizes are fantastic!”

The Pacifican has a new domain on the web thanks to Nick Hansen. It features every article from every department of the paper and will be updated weekly.

Mike Doherty, Associate Professor of Computer Science, expressed that “it is the future, and he’d like to see it updated daily to keep the student body accessing it often, possibly even more than the actual newspaper.”

Don’t miss this new site, it is a great source for students, staff, alumni and family all over the world.
PERSPECTIVES

Pacific’s personalization
Provide as Advertised

By Marcel Gibson
Columnist

Sit back and let us imagine a wonderful college off in the netherworld, where a student walks into the first day of class, sits at a desk amongst a circle of other eager minds, awaiting the arrival of the esteemed professor. They have no books, no notes, nothing because it’s the first day of class and who wants to carry all that crap!

As the bells chime from the university tower, the professor strolls in, saying hello to all while serving fresh, witty remarks about the day’s happenings. The prof sits to say, “Welcome to such-and-such class. I am so-and-so, and I would like to know what you want to learn in this class and how do you want to do it?" Fantasy? Not really because I’ve had a couple of classes just like that, here at wonderful UOP. Like Blue Moons shining down on infinite Keystones, these esteemed classes were completely tailored to the five or so Tigers eager to explore the depth of obscure religious text and whatnot. To continue the analogy, the great majority of classes I’ve taken here at Pacific are just that, Keystones.

Yet everywhere, from the University of the Pacific website to the brochures; and everyone one, from the President to Joe-Shmoe in Admissions, proclaims that Pacific is the pinnacle of personalized learning. Just go to our home Individual centered education,” as heralded in all its brochures, is tantamount to the personalization one receives at our local Jack n’ the Crack at the end of a heavy night. We wait in line, order off a menu, add 4 tacos (in my case 10), and eat. We can’t make our own value meal, or a special burger ‘cause we have to stick to the guidelines: order and eat.

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That’s exactly Pacific. Pick and choose your classes, but you still have all these rules. You have to have certain GE’s from certain fields, a minimum amount of classes, and everything else. Sit down in class; you’re just another sheep about to “baaaaaah” your way through boring homework, lectures, and whatever fun creative junk the professor-shepard can think of. In most cases, I doubt anyone has any say, but the teacher knows your name so you’re not just a number...great.

Admissions and those orange polo-wearing freaks love to throw out terms like, “Pacific has a faculty to student ratio of 1:14” or “the average class size is 22.” But we Tigers can now see through their abominable treachery! The class size thing might be right, but unless they’re...
by Satinder Gill  
Stall Writer

I recently decided to treat myself with retail therapy, in attempt to recuperate from the LSAT. Instead of the few expected hours of peaceful shopping and mindless spending I had planned for, I was greeted with loud ears on holiday shoppers! Along with these shoppers came huge strollers, screaming kids and hopeless men dragging behind their girlfriends with bags of discounted merchandise too good to pass up.

I had my usual plan of attack in mind but was interrupted by long lines, over-enthusiastic sales clerks and messy racks of clothing. It’s as if stores purposefully transform their merchandise during the holidays making it impossible to find anything worthwhile without slogging over people.

Along with overcrowded stores, comes the “winter” music and organizations looking for charitable donors to help those less fortunate. Whether it’s Santa Claus jingling bells for spare change outside the entrance to the store, or his little helpers collecting toys for underprivileged children, the holidays brings a glimmer or sparkle into the eyes of many individuals. Even though these are the holidays, it doesn’t solve the larger issues at hand.

Being at an institution of higher education, students at Pacific should not only want to engage in helping the community, but doing so should also be easily accessible and manageable. While I can’t speak for the random shoppers, I can say that our education should incorporate service learning courses in effort to understand civic responsibility and increase engagement within the community.

The simple number of individuals at a university, who can contribute, makes it the ideal way to reach out and help on a broader scale. Many of today’s leading institutions already have strong service learning programs. The service learning programs benefit both the community and the students. Best of all, the service is free. Students are donating their time and their service, which in itself can make the biggest change. However, in order to incorporate service learning courses, the program must receive institutional support. Surprisingly, Pacific claims to lack the resources necessary to implement a true service learning program. However, I find it difficult to imagine school teachers knew all of our names too, yet I dare anyone to call their high school education personalized learning. It was more like prison-style babysitting.

"In Pacific's defense, there are certainly many opportunities for a Tiger to forge his/her own path in the pursuit of higher learning." counting the Physical Plant staff as faculty, I don’t see the 1:14 ratio reflected in the class rooms.

The other thing that certain individuals love to rave about is how teachers know your name here at Pacific. That's awesome. In high school teachers knew all of our names too, yet I dare anyone to call their high school education personalized learning. It was more like prison-style babysitting. But Marcel, did you know you can design major here at Pacific? For those luck few who actually went this route, hat's off to you. But it's not unique, as many schools offer similar programs where students can design their own major. Whether they can get a job after they design their major, is a different question. I'd venture to say they have the same chance as me, if not better, which makes me feel like an idiot for not taking that road less traveled.

I really feel how personalized my education is when I have to meet a teacher so she can sign a blue slip allowing me into her class (which is already packed with 50+ heads). That, or when I'm standing against the wall with a bunch of oafs, because all the chairs are taken—these are times when I really know that my needs are being met personally.

Admittedly, the class sizes at Pacific are far smaller than most other institutions, and though it good be considered a fantastic highlight, in some respects it sucks. Because of small class size, Tigers can't skip class without a teacher breathing down their throat and dropping their grade because of participation and attendance.

In Pacific's defense, there are certainly many opportunities for a Tiger to forge his/her own path in the pursuit of higher learning. From Co-ops to Study Abroad Programs, there's a wide range of programs that put students in nearly full control of their learning experience. My personal favorite is Independent Study, which every Tiger should try just for a throwback to the old.

Yet I am still hard-pressed to say these programs give credit to Pacific's claim of Personalized Learning, because every other school offers at least some of these programs. It's better to call Pacific's "personalized learning" just "Small Class Sizes" that Professors, not TA's, generally instruct who always know your name. Granted it's not as catchy but it's probably more accurate. You know what grinds my gears? False Advertising. If the damn restaurant says 'all you can eat,' then damn it, give Albert all the crab he wants. Similarly, if it says Personalized Education, then I don't want to take GE's and instead take classes where the teachers ask me 'what I want from the class.'

Personalized learning at Pacific isn't a sham, but it's also not all it's pent up to be. While administration works on it, I'll take some personal time with my socks off and a little Jenna Jameson.

P.S. Stick it to ME or the Man, whichever, but let your voice be heard. Write back or Take the poll on Pacific's Personalized Learning at thepacificanonline.com. It's quick, easy, and always SUPER-SWEET! Results Appear next week.

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A more rewarding program than one that helps both students and the community; therefore resources should not be of continued concern. If the campus genuinely wanted to incorporate such a program, "resources" could have been found by now.

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A service learning program could help mend the disconnected relationship Pacific currently has with the Stockton community. In a city of over 200,000 people, very few local vendors acknowledge students and even less community members attend athletic events or special performances on campus. Pacific should be aiming to better connect with its community partners. Perhaps the community is reluctant to engage in supporting the campus, because the campus does very little to help the community.

Through supporting a service learning program, Pacific would be able to help in the community on a daily basis. Aside from quoting countless statistics regarding the benefits of service learning programs, the main reason to incorporate a service learning program is for the benefits it has for the community and the students.

It's wonderful to help those less fortunate during the holiday season, but it's even better to help year around in attempt to minimize larger scaled problems. If everyone supported at least one cause imagine the change that could occur. While institutional support for a service learning program would be expected and ideal, it seems to be hindered by other priorities. So take it upon yourself to find a way to help. Whether it is helping at a children's hospital, a women's advocacy program, wildlife restoration or preserving artwork, find something intriguing and support it year around until it is self-sufficient.

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ness owner. The ever critical Democratic Party has said that Mr. Bush's speech is a desperate move by a weakening politician to increase his approval ratings. Let's make an analogy, shall we? Let's say that Mr. Bush represents the entire motorcade in the preceding paragraph. They seem to be heading somewhere, but no one really knows where they are heading besides the President (lack of timetable in Iraq; false or old intelligence to justify war; denying the use of torture but rather using "harsh interrogation tactics"; many politicians outlandishly denying being the source of the leak of covert CIA operative Valerie Wilson, whose husband undermined Dick Cheney—who was the backbone of support for the Iraq war; and other forms of denial/deception).

The speech represents the ambulance because the speech is, as described by the democrats, used in this emergency situation to rectify the Administration's course of action throughout its time in office. Now, that ambulance which represents the speed crashes. And the motorcade which represents President Bush, continues on. No undoubtedly Mr. Bush will acquire a new ambulance—new strategy to increase his approval ratings during the emergency. Whether or not that ambulance will crash up to the actual actions taken by Mr. Bush and how the American people respond.

Finally, a Georgian man who tried to assassinate President Bush and Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili has begun his trial. In May the two presidents were addressing a rally of thousands in the Georgian Capital of Tbilisi from behind bullet-proof glass when Vladimir Arutyunian, 27, threw a grenade that landed about 30 meters away from the presidents. The grenade, however, apparently malfunctioned and did not explode. Mr. Arutyunian admitted to the fact that he had thrown the grenade and said he would try to kill Mr. Bush again if he had the chance. Pardon the non-humorous ending.

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

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"They seem to be heading somewhere, but no one really knows where they are heading..."

"...had the president been exposed to serious danger (such as a pretzel) the EMTs would not have been there to save him."

Pretzels: the President's weakness?
Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Sex, Fries, and Videotape

By Mikey

Before I start getting onto the good stuff, I must make a public apology to the gardeners who somehow offended in one of my previous articles regarding the trees around campus that smell like bad sex. Apparently, when I stated that, "Dear Mr. Gardener Man, if you planted these sex trees around campus, I hate you and I hate your ass face," it was taken rather personally. Allow me to explain. First, the "I hate you and I hate your ass face" is a line taken verbatim from a movie called "Waiting for Guffman" by Christopher Guest, a recommended rental. Second, it wasn't a personal attack, because the last time I checked, "Mr. Gardener Man" is pretty non-specific. Third, the "hate" from that statement was not a personal attack, it was in regards to the fact that there are trees around campus that smell like, well ass. Finally, I was not taking away from your job in any way; the work that you do around campus is much appreciated by the student body. I think that next time I should offer a warning with my article that states, "Caution: This Humor Article May Perhaps Contain Some Humor. Stop Taking It So Seriously."

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Over Winter Break, Facebook implemented a whole new feature to its ever-growing repertoire. Now instead of just having random people as your friends on Facebook, you can now label each friend so everyone can see how you know each other. Now instead of hilarity such as listing that you are "married" to your roommate, you can now turn Facebook into a game of madlibs! Just pick random adjectives from the dictionary and plug them in. Imagine the possibilities! You can say that you "hooked up" with "Dave Pratt" and it was "post modern" or you hooked up with "Bob Saget" and it was "colorful." You know, I knew from the first moment that this was going to be more annoying and as useless the poke feature. I mean what the hell is the poke feature even used for? All it ends up being is a repetitive poke war. I swear if Facebook was a little bit more like real life, then it should have come equipped with a punch feature. I hate the internet. The Peace and Justice Coalition was created to support social justice and to raise awareness and activism for human rights across the globe. The club is very versatile when it comes to the variety of issues they bring to the campus. For example, they've headlined a special night where a human rights activist spoke about her experiences in Haiti and the violent turbulence the country is currently undergoing. The club also participated in a landmark week where...
**LIFESTYLES**

**HOROSCOPES**

The Horoscopes are not completed by a certified Astrologer, they are a humorous addition to this college publication. The Pacifican does not intend to offend or insult anyone.

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<td>When you retired for your long winter nap, you had assumed that all was well with your classes. The stark spring reality is that the Registrar is out to get you. Seek out the leader of the listings and demand satisfaction. Tonight, eat Kosher.</td>
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<td>Pisces 2/19-3/20</td>
<td>Few think of January as a time to be thankful; however there is one group with which you must be satisfied. Your professors may seem less than intelligent at times, but go to a crapper university and see how they have it. Sometimes genius comes with insanity. Tonight, consider dropping a class.</td>
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<td>Aries 3/21-4/19</td>
<td>After a long hiatus, the mailroom is back up and running for our resident mail. Few know the beautiful people contained in the building that is married with physical plant. Take time out of your day to say hello and give them a little kiss. Tonight, brush your teeth twice.</td>
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<td>Taurus 4/20-5/20</td>
<td>From time to time the mighty bull may call bull on their resident assistants. What you all must understand is the RA's get their orders form higher-ups. So next time you're told to fill out an emergency card for the fifth time, go knock on Mayor Chavez's door: it's his fault. Tonight, attend a will reading.</td>
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<td>Gemini 5/21-6/21</td>
<td>While the lure of the pizza may call to you, beware of the sweet and sour chicken! Tomorrow you will be called to by the Clam Chowder—go to it, Hungry One, for it is a special treat for all tigers to enjoy. Tonight, eat out for heaven's sake!</td>
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<td>Cancer 6/22-7/22</td>
<td>This week I will speak to my Cancer friends in Grace. This past Sunday, your sleep was cut short by the shrill screams of the residents of your neighboring sororities. While anger has set in, relax—it's one, maybe two days a year. Have a Twinkie and get over it. Tonight, make a rock garden.</td>
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<td>Leo 7/23-8/22</td>
<td>The harsh valley winds blow cold on Pacific this week. This is an Omen for the Leo. Whether you choose to slaughter a Townhouse rat to appease the weather gods is up to you. I suggest buying a warmer coat. Tonight, wash your hands.</td>
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<td>Virgo 8/23-9/22</td>
<td>It is time once again to think about who you will put your Super Bowl wager on. On one hand, you have a talent-less group of hacks, the Steelers. On the other hand, there is your alternative, the amazing Seahawks. My unbiased opinion is to put your cash on the Hawks; it the only rational idea. Tonight, thank your roommate for something.</td>
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<td>Libra 9/23-10/22</td>
<td>Oh Libra, your job security is waning, much like the former women's volleyball coach. You need to refocus your efforts of butt-kissing and get off AIM long enough to do your job. Tonight, offer someone punch and pie.</td>
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<td>Scorpio 10/23-11/21</td>
<td>Scorpio, it's been a long week after such a relaxing break. Take time out of your busy homework schedule to cut loose and knock a few back. Just claim it's someone's birthday and watch the party goers flock. Tonight, put away things that break easily.</td>
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<td>Sagittarius 11/22-12/21</td>
<td>Welcome back to school, Sagittarius. Last night the stars (well, one star at least) told me you're going to have a great semester. Watch out for people who spell their names in odd ways and all will be well. Tonight, speak French.</td>
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<td>Capricorn 12/22-1/19</td>
<td>Last year things did not always go your way with the cosmos. In order to have a better year, find a Sagittarius and offer them something nice, like a back rub or swimming lessons. Tonight, play a little bluegrass.</td>
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The Hollencomium Music Reviews

As a seasoned veteran of listening — with an illustrious twenty-one year career of doing exactly that — it is now my turn to do the talking and yours to do the nodding and smiling. This is not however, your morning Alpha-Bits notifying you of a covert operation to stop all milk production, but a concerned peer wanting to share his musical collection and wisdom with your budding taste. Over the course of the semester I will introduce you to songs that aren’t usually played on the radio and not in the typical music library.

With this in mind, I will say that your opinions and suggestions do matter, and it is your responsibility to bring to my attention the new or old bands that you would like reviewed. However, I will be much happier with you if you suggest interesting lesser-known bands, or bands that do not receive enough popular attention as it is. Though, I will not feel obligated to publish all of your suggestions and opinions.

Regarding my reviews, there will be a rating system in place. This system will rate catchiness and originality, as well as my personal opinion of the overall quality of the song. All of these will be on a 1-10 scale. To contact me with any opinions or suggestions, please email hollencomium@gmail.com.

1) So DJ Danger Mouse was almost sued for making this album. It’s an amalgamation of the vocals from Jay-Z’s The Black Album and sampled songs from The Beatles White Album, hence The Grey Album. Danger Mouse did not have permission to sample The Beatles’ music. He initially got sued, the lawsuit was dropped, and now it is. Though, I will not feel obligated to publish all of it is.

2) Next, another big 60’s band, The Beach Boys, recently modernized. The artists from the record label Hippocamp successfully “ruined” the greatest album ever (according to MOJO Magazine). Every song on the Beach Boys Album, Pet Sounds, was remixed by Hippocamp, who started with the a cappella versions, just as Danger Mouse did with his Grey Album. The main difference between Hippocamp and Danger Mouse is that while Hippocamp remixed existing songs, Danger Mouse “mashed” two sets of existing songs together. There is no middle ground regarding what the Hippocamp artists have done, you’ll either love it or hate it.

3) We are going to keep with the old meets new theme, but this time with a band that has been able to combine the sound from bands of extremely different genres and time periods in order to create their own sound, rather than directly sampling music that had already been produced. The sound is a fusion of Motown and new age, and as a result, entirely unique. The British quartet does an excellent job of mixing these two distinctive genres seamlessly.

4) Breaking away from the pattern with this one. LCD Soundsystem put together a great double disc album. An electronic pop onslaught that is just weird enough to keep them off the radar. This song in particular sounds like an electronic version of The Killers, but with more originality and less eye make-up. Other songs you may want to look up are “Never as Tired When I’m Waking Up” and “Thrills”. Both of these branch out a bit from the familiar pop sound on “Tribulations” and show the diversity of songs on their self-titled double-disc album.

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Pacific Baseball: 12 Games at local Ballpark

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STOCKTON, Calif. The University has come to an agreement with the City of Stockton for the Pacific baseball team to play its first 12 home games at Stockton Ballpark.

Construction on Pacific's Klein Family Field has been delayed due to inclement weather, which will postpone the Tiger's home opener until April 5 against Stanford.

We have some tremendous opponents in the package we are moving there including UCLA, BYU, California and 2005 College World Series participant Oregon State."

"When I received a call from Lynn King about the Pacific field delay, we were happy to assist," said Mayor Ed Chavez. "This is a good use of the Ballpark - just exactly how we envisioned. It is exciting for everyone and cements the relationship between Pacific and the community."

“We’re excited to play the first part of our season at Stockton Ballpark,” said third year Pacific Baseball Head Coach Ed Sprague. “This is a great chance for us to play in one of the top minor league parks in the country."

The ballpark is located in downtown Stockton on a Delta waterfront setting. The Stockton Ports (Class A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics) play their 70 game home schedule at Stockton Ballpark. A natural grass facility, the grass is a hybrid blue grass on a combination sand and clay soil. The playing field is approximately eight feet below street level with a unique asymmetrical outfield wall. A small foul territory down the lines, a short porch to left field and a radial arc fence protruding in right field makes the park a hitter’s field.

Men’s basketball in Gray area

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In the world of athletics, success and notoriety can bring forth an array of different tribulations and obstacles. The Pacific basketball team is experiencing this hands-on. After two successful seasons, the bar has been set and anything but advancing to the field of 32 in the biggest college tournament will be just short of disappointing for the Pacific community. Success has a tendency of being an Achilles’ heel to mid major programs like Pacific. The element of surprise and luck are shown out the window. Pacific has become a household name and getting used to watching the Tigers in the tournament yearly is what Pacific fans desire.

Pacific now wears a bullseye and every team Pacific plays will try to use the Tigers as a statement game. Yet Pacific fans must remember this is not the same team of years past. “This year we have a completely different team so we don’t really compare ourselves to teams from the past. But of course we want to make it to the Big Dance and not making it would be a disappointment, but at the end of the season, if we can look back and say we did the best we could, then that is all we could ask for and we will keep our heads up high,” said senior guard Johnny Gray.

The Tigers lost four starters from last year’s conference championship team to graduation but it is the consistency, depth and bench play of the 2004-2005 Tiger team that has been hard to replace. Also, one of those four senior starters was the league MVP in David Doublé and replacing an MVP is not easy, but coach Bob Thomason has found the solution. Replace one MVP with another. Dubl© followed in the footsteps of his good friend and 2004 Big West conference MVP Miah Davis. Johnny Gray has become a quick learner in the scheme of success here at Pacific. The success of the Tigers relies heavily on their MVP guard play. Gray has accepted the challenge, keeping the tradition alive. This is not to take anything away from the great post players, but the heart of the recent success of the program belongs to its guards. There is no doubt Christian Marakar is the face of Pacific basketball and the best player to come out of the Tiger program since Michael Olowokandi. But it takes more than just one superstar to carry a team to the field of 32.

Pacific should have learned a very valuable lesson in its first conference game. At the time, the lowly one win and eleven losses UC Riverside program entered Stockton, knowing that beating Pacific could give life to there otherwise horrific season. Riverside, like every other team Pacific faces, knows about the success of the Tigers in recent years. Every team Pacific plays is envious and will come motivated to upset the dynasty that is formulating here in Stockton. It was a game to forget for the Tigers and a game that gave meaning to yet another unsuccessful season for Riverside. The irony is the Tigers were coming off their most impressive win of the season, handing undefeated Texas A&M their first loss, thanks in large part to Johnny Gray and his 28 points.

What made Miah Davis and David Doubl© special can be seen in Johnny Gray. Both Davis and Doubl© carried themselves with a swagger on the court, giving Pacific an identity with their gritty play. Davis and Dubl© took games over late and not just with their scoring. Both guards had a tendency of getting their teammates involved and feeding the post with accurate passing. Both where floor generals who did the little things to control the game and keep the intensity up. Gray possesses all these but what puts him in the same category as Doubl© and Davis is Gray’s shot selection. Davis and Doubl© knew precisely when to pass it and when to throw up a three. The greatness that Davis and Doubl© possess was decision making. Doubl© and Davis completely understood the offense and could find or create a mismatch with the game on the line. Gray is starting to understand, as it is evident in his game and Gray knows why. “Those two guys are like my mentors in a way. They helped me from day one, since I got to Pacific. I didn’t begin construction on a new baseball complex at the University to be known as Klein Family Field. It is located at the Pershing/Alpine Avenue corner of campus. Klein Family Field will hold a capacity of 2,500 spectators. The field dimensions are 317 feet to left field, 380 feet to straightaway center field, 367 feet at the right field power alley and 325 feet down the right field line.

Klein Family Field was made possible by a generous donation from the Klein family. The Klein Family donation allowed the Tigers to
**Bonds’ Right Decision**

By Evan Mathews

Columnist

On Monday morning of this week, Barry Bonds decided not to play in the World Baseball Classic this year due to personal reasons. The WBC is a new event in its first year, and it is being hosted by Major League Baseball. Sixteen countries are invited to play in the event. The announcement comes just days after a private conversation between Felipe Alou and Bonds, where Bonds plainly told Alou that he did not want to bat in the second spot because he was content with batting fourth, as the “clean-up” hitter.

“The timing is just not right,” Bonds mentioned when talking by phone to MLB.com. “I have too many other responsibilities, too many things I have to take care of that are important to me. I owe it to the city [of San Francisco], my knee, my team, the fans and my family. I have to put my greatest effort right now into all of that.”

It is clear that Bonds is really concerned about his knee after coming out of three surgeries in 2005. Last season, Bonds only played 14 games, all in September, and had only 36 appearances on the plate. Between being walked 9 times, he was able to produce 5 home runs, making him just 6 shy of equaling Babe “Bambino” Ruth’s record of 714 home runs. All of this was impressive for such a short time played, but it was not enough to chase down the San Diego Padres, who won the NL West title in 2005 with a .500 overall record.

Even though some may criticize Bonds for not honoring his invitation to the WBC, it makes perfect sense that he should sit it out. Rumors are nothing new to Bonds and the media has noted that Bonds’ decision was based on the tough drug test policy by major league baseball. Barry is going to turn 42 halfway through the season and his aging is a sign that he only has a few seasons left in him. It is important to him that he focuses on what is most important to him. Giants GM Brian Sabean wishes for Bonds to play around 120 games this season, and hopes that he will be a commanding force in 2006. Bonds will be sharing the outfield with Randy Winn, Moises Alou and Steve Finley.

“Steve plans to rotate Finley with Bonds in left field to ensure that he (Bonds) gets enough rest throughout the season. That is why he will play around 120 games instead of the complete 162 game season.”

Team USA has a roster filled with 52 players, which includes all-stars such as Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Rodger Clemens. Bonds feels that he would be “taking up space,” as he continued to mention in his conversation with the MLB.com.

When it comes to the question of where Bonds will be batting, Giants clubhouse rumors say that Ray Durham wishes to appear in the No. 1 spot; No. 2 should be reserved for Omar Visquel because of his command over the direction of the ball and his high on-base-percentage. Alou understands the importance of the No. 4 spot and after re-evaluation, it mentioned that he should be reserved for Bonds; it eliminates any pressure a younger player would have in that spot (No. 4 is traditionally reserved for the big hitters and fan-getters). There has been no word on where new teammate Steve Finley will appear in the lineup.

Bonds stated that he will be at batting practice well before Spring Training, and that his health right now is number one. The 2006 season starts in April and should bring more excitement to the plate with Barry Bonds in perfect health, rather than going home over a possible career-ending injury in the World Baseball Classic.

“My knee is the way my knee is and the way it’s always going to be,” Bonds said. “The less stress on it the better it is. That’s what I’m going to start finding out now: how much stress I can put on to see what the aches and pains are going to be.”

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Gray takes accurate shots, not missing nearly as many as those who are perceived as all-conference players in his position. This is a tribute to both Davis and Douable, as all three should take much pride in this specific statistic. All three guards took half the shots but scored just as many points as any other guard in conference.

Gray gives Maraker another valuable option and add Mike Webb and Mike White to the bunch and you have a solid inside outside presence. The Webb factor has not fully been displayed this season as it was in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year against Pittsburgh, but it is only a matter of time before Webb blows up. Webb is also shooting a solid .417 from the three-point field. White follows in the footsteps of Tyler Matthew and Matt Kemper. A hard working motor, who plays bigger than he is.

Still, inconsistency has plagued this team and Pacific has looked lost at times. The pressure has mounted for the Tigers, as winning conference championships has become the norm at Pacific. “As a team, I expect us to play at a championship level every night. So far this season we have been somewhat inconsistent. We have shown signs of playing at that level from time to time, but we have also shown signs of not playing at that level,” said Gray. The inconsistency of the Tigers can be attributed to many things, but the talent is there.

With Irvine building a three game lead and being undefeated, three-peats look dim but not yet out of the question. Still, a conference championship only gets you to the tournament. What you do in the tournament is what truly matters and winning the tournament is Pacific’s ultimate goal. With Gray looking more like Miah Davis and David Douable and with Christian Maraker, this year’s Tigers have their superstars in place. But getting to the round of 32 highly depends on athletic role players like Anthony Brown, Steffan Johnson and Anthony Esparza to be consistent and play up to their potential, as all three have shown glimpses of superstardom.

The pieces are there for a three-peat and with the pressure mounting the true character of this Tiger team is about to start showing its face. If Johnny Gray follows in the footsteps of his mentors and brings out the best in his teammates, the legacy will continue and a dynasty will be born in Stockton.

Johnny Gray’s perfect form has made his mid range game lethal. Photograph by Dan Cammarano

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