Students Get Say in Safety Walk

By Sandy Goldberg

Are you guilty of making a complaint about this campus but then not feeling like you could do anything about it? This exact feeling is what prompted students and ASuop to start doing the 8th annual Safety Walk. Both students and administrators will be joining together to survey Pacific’s campus to see what can be done to improve the safety of the students. This is a chance to point out any physical imperfection on the campus that you think could be fixed to make you feel safer.

“In the past, lighting has been added or repaired and new blue phones have been added. I hope that this year’s walk will continue to improve the safety on the Pacific campus and that students will actively participate by bringing their concerns to ASuop,” said organizer Ryan Hundley. If you are interested in going on the walk it will start at 7 p.m. on February 7 from Burns Tower.

The Safety Walk is one program on this campus that gives students a place to voice concerns and be sure that they are heard by the administration. Safety is a big issue on this campus and something that is always on the minds of students.

“I feel safe on campus as long as I’m walking with other people, but because the campus tends to be quiet at night and there aren’t always other students around, I try not to walk alone at night,” noted student Laura Jordan. That sentiment is shared by many students and is one of the reasons the Safety Walk was started by ASuop.

There are a few changes that could be made that are already on the minds of students. “While I generally feel safe on this campus, walking over the levee at night often makes me nervous since it is so separated from the rest of campus, has no blue lights, and has dimming, and an intense week from January 18 - 22 led to a very successful homecoming for many young Pacific women. Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta each enthusiastically welcomed around fifteen girls into their chapters on Bid Day, January 22.

Sixteen Sigma Rho Chit (or Sorority Recruitment Counselors) from the four chapters on campus helped guide the young women through the recruitment process. These Rho Chits must maintain disaffiliation

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Formal Sorority Recruitment

“Whatever Your Destination, It Was Worth the Trip!”

By Suzanne Shenk

January 2006: Maybe you were still recovering from sleep deprivation circa last semester, playing video games, or scarfing junk food in front of mindless television shows, but the approximately 200 sorority women at Pacific were busy preparing for their most important event of the season, sorority recruitment. Not to say that months of preparation and planning went unnoticed, but it was “go time!” Nerves, hard work, lots of

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Photograph by Dan Cammarano
Public Relations Student Society of America turns 25 with a BANG

Heather Drummond
Guest Writer

The year 2006 marks the 25th anniversary for University of the Pacific’s Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). The Chapter was first established on campus in 1981, and since then has had over 400 active members, making it one of the most prominent organizations on campus. In honor of this event, the current members are hosting a dinner for all the PRSSA alumni on Feb. 4.

The theme of the dinner is Mardi Gras: “A Silver Masquerade on the French Quarter” in honor of their 25th anniversary.

To attend the event or for more information, please e-mail h_drummond@pacific.edu.

REPORTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY
WEEKLY REPORT
January 22 to 28, 2006

1...DISTURBANCE 012206
Officers dispatched to a call of a subject needing medical assistance. Subject was transported to St. Joseph’s Hospital.

2...BATTERY PUBLIC SAFETY 012306
Subject reports being the victim of a battery. Report filed.

3...VANDALISM BROOKSIDE HOUSE LOT 012306
Victim reports someone broke the window to their vehicle.

4...BURGLARY CLASS-ROOM BUILDING
Someone pried open a storage door in the basement and removed several hundred padlocks and white lab coats.

5...THEFT LIBRARY
Subject checked out a laptop computer from the desk and left it unattended while doing research. When they returned, the computer was gone.

6...VEHICLE THEFT LOT #3 012406
Contractor left his vehicle in the parking lot and when he returned, his dark blue 1989 Ford Ranger king cab was stolen.

7...VEHICLE STOLEN
Officers took a report of a stolen 1987 Honda Accord.

8...SUSPICIOUS PERSON BURNS TOWER
Officers took a report of a suspicious person in the area. Officers made contact with the subject and found he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

9...THEFT ANDERSON HALL 012506
Victim reports that someone took something from her purse while it was unattended.

10...BURGLARY CLASS-ROOM BLDG. 012606
Victim left his office for a short period and when he returned, he discovered someone had entered his office. Officers arrived and searched the office and observed someone hiding. He was taken into custody and charged with burglary and possession of stolen property.

11...ATTEMPT THEFT LIBRARY 012706
Custodian discovered someone attempted to steal a laptop by hiding in a trash bin in a possessive attempt to retrieve it later and returned it to its rightful owner.

12...BIKE THEFT BRARY 012706
Victim reports someone took their mountain bike valued at $500 while it was secured outside the library. Suspect cut the chain lock and got access to the bike.

13...ASSAULT DELTA ISLAND 012806
Subject was attacked by a dog in the house and refused. It then assaulted the victim who had to be transported to St. Joseph’s Hospital for treatment.

14...VANDALISM DAY BRUBECK WAY 012806
Victim reports someone shot his vehicle several times with paint balls. Officers located several other cars along the street that were shot.

15...ARREST MENDOCINO & MANCHESTER 012806
Officers checked out a suspicious subject at 10:30 Pm and found him to have 5 outstanding warrants totaling $100,000. Subject was arrested and booked.
Pacific’s Speech and Debate Team Wins AGAIN!

By Dr. Martin Bates, IV
Director of Forensics, Department of Communication

On January 27, Pacific Speech and Debate traveled to Pleasant Hill (CA) for the Kevin Twoby Invitational. Out of 22 schools including San Francisco State, UC Davis, and other schools from the West Coast, Pacific finished First Overall.

In addition to being First in terms of the entire squad, Kathleen Bruce and Jeffrey Toney won the entire debate portion of the tournament! Kat & Jeff won every round except 1 in the entire tournament! Pacific definitely dominated in terms of competition. Each and every member of the team contributed to the overall win. In fact, Phillip Krueger, Steve Farias, Raman Deol, and Sandeep Vishwa advanced to elimination rounds at their first tournament together.

Here is how they did it:

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Fist Place: Kathleen Bruce & Jeff Toney
Quarter-Finalists: Raman Deol & Sandeep Vishwa
Octofinalists: Jacki Evans & Branigan Robertson

Krueger & Steve Farias
debate Top

Speaker Awards
First Place: (Out of 70+ speakers) Jacki Evans
Third Place: Branigan Robertson
Sixth Place: Kathleen Bruce
Eighth Place: Phillip Krueger
Ninth Place: Jeff Toney
14th Place: Raman Deol
17th Place: Steve Farias

This marks the first time, in recent years, that a) All Pacific Debate teams have all advanced at the same tournament and b) all debaters have been in the top twenty speakers of the tournament.

Individual Events

Impromptu Speaking
First: Jeff Toney (Jeff also received $500.00 for this placing)
Second: Jacki Evans
Third: Phillip Krueger

Duo Interpretation
Fourth: Jacki Evans & Branigan Robertson

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First: Jeff Toney
Fourth: Kathleen Bruce

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You learned about the Peace and Justice Coalition last week, now find them on campus! Keep your senses peeled for these upcoming events:

2nd Tuesday of every month: The Peace and Justice film series in the Summit
3/6/3/8: Did you know that young women and men are currently being kidnapped or ruthlessly tricked into becoming sex workers? The Peace and Justice Coalition is collaborating with Pacific Women’s Message to bring the campus 3 informative days about this abominable situation.
4/6/26: The genocide in Sudan is an uneasy topic, but something that all people should know about. The Peace and Justice Coalition will host the documentary Invisible Children in the Pacific Theater, as part of the Invisible Children National Tour. If you would like more information on it, now, check out www.invisiblechildren.com.

The club also has tentative plans of hosting a Buddhist monk to come to the campus and talk about cultivating peace in the world. There are also tentative plans to host a peace concert here on campus.

Please be on the lookout for flyers, or better yet, GET INVOLVED! The club absolutely cannot function without YOUR activism! Meetings are every Monday at 8 pm by the Summit stage. Help bring some life back into this campus and make your college experience at Pacific more meaningful by making a difference.

If you would like to be on the Peace and Justice Coalition mailing list, please contact Joyce at popsicletoes@gmail.com.

from their respective chapters during the fall semester, and during a high-energy "revealing" on the morning of Bid Day, the Rho Chis returned to their houses as elated as the new members.

For more information on Greek life at Pacific, visit the Housing and Greek Life Office in Bannister Hall.

Recruitment from page 1
Superbowl 2006: Jerusalem

...The first half

By Benjamin Dunphy
Staff Writer

INTRO (guy who does movie trailers for thrillers voices over): It seems like everyone is out to get the Jews. Why can’t they just be left alone? According to the Iranian president, they do not deserve a country and should be wiped from the face of the earth. The recently elected militant group Hamas to the Palestinian Legislative is by no means diplomatic—they will not stop short of the destruction of the Israeli state. The Jews claim the Israeli state as their home. Palestinians claim the Jews stole their land. Both claim Jerusalem to be a holy site for their proper religion. We explore the consequences of historical developments as we go on to:

SUPERBOWL 2006: JERUSALEM!

Jews vs. Muslim Arabs

MICHAELS: Hello and welcome to the first ever Superbowl in Jerusalem. I’m Al Michaels alongside John Madden. This broadcast is brought to you in part by the Sykes-Picot Agreement and the Oslo Accords. Today, we have arguably the two greatest and longest running rivalries in history in a head-to-head match that is sure to please even the non-avid sports history fan. This matchup has been a long time coming and is sure to make you forget about that incredible USC/Texas game altogether. And without further ado, here come both teams to the center of the field where the one and only referee awaits to toss the coin.

MADDEN (drawing lines all over the screen): Now, each team is wearing a headset because of the language barrier here. They each received a deck of rules to follow, but each one was written by a different interpreter. (Takes a swig of his Jack ‘n Coke) And they both believe that their interpreter is correct. The validity of each interpretation is not disputed. The Jews will refer to the referee as God, and the Muslims will refer to him as Allah.

REFEREE (as heard by the Muslims): Now I want a fair game to be played. We did not create the heavens and the earth and everything in between them as a game. We did not create them except with truth but most of them do not know it.

(And as heard by the Jews): Now I want a fair game to be played. Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.

MICHAELS: And the Jews win the toss! Lets see if they can get off to a good start and make the Muslims uneasy. And here we go! The Muslim Arabs kick off to the Jews. Moses receives the kick on the Egyptian yard line, breaks a few tackles and takes it across the Red Sea and into Mesopotamia! He could-go-all-the-way-to the Promised Land! Touchdown! What a start to a game that is sure to take this offensive character we have just witnessed. Here comes King David with the extra point. And it is—good! Jerusalem has been conquered and established as the center of Jewish worship!

MADDEN (taking another swig of his Jack ‘n Coke): Wow, right from the start the Jews show their strength and determination to win this game. (Drawing more lines all over the screen) As you can see, Moses took this path here, dodged a few tackles, and for a moment right here (circles a few players) it looks as if his own teammates tried to tackle him! He dodges them as well and makes it to Israel. Now let’s see how the Muslims respond (tips the cup down-side up and finishes the rest of his drink. Immediately pours mother). MADDEN: Wait a minute, we’re getting a note from the review booth. Apparently the Romans have taken away Israel from the JewsAnd just when they were off to such a fantastic start.

MADDEN: You know, Al, that’s the thing about this unconventional game. You score against the opponent you’re playing, and a third party comes in and takes the points off the board. Looks... to wonder why the Indian students are not participating. Furthermore, working in the multicultural center to collaborate with student organizations on organizing upcoming events, I see a lack of participation from the Indian students. While there is a lack of participation from Indian populations themselves, the rest of American society seems to be intrigued by the culture. With everything from Bhangra and Hip-Hop remixes to frozen Samosa’s in the grocery store, the Indian culture is being publicized. Whether it’s Pier One selling cushions with Indian print and beads or Madonnas walking around in a sari or langa (Indian clothing), with mendhi (henna) tattoos, the...
Politically correct at Pacific

PC = stupidity, ignorance and apathy

Political correctness is inherently prejudiced as it relies on popular notions to define, in very generalized terms, every situation absent rational thought. In other words, we need not look at anything because political correctness has prejudged everything for us. And as a result, we cannot fully follow the rules of pc, we should be in the clear.

So, if white male students walked into the ASuop office and kindly asked to form a White Student Union, undoubtedly red flags would be raised. White males can't do that, because of the stench of the klu klux klan and other atrocities of the past, and thus, it's not PC. Yet, any other group, no matter how radical, can do so. And so we have wonderful groups like the Mexican, Asian, and Black Fraternities "need to preserve their own identity," and thus are politically correct.

A Professor telling a Tiger that their work is sub-par, or a director firing a staff member because of lousy work it is also not pc. In both cases, these actions would explode into waves of resentment and possible lawsuits, because it's not okay to be up front and say "Hey, you suck as a student/employee." Instead, we are told to baby each other and say "Nice try, better luck next time."

On the other hand, a student is not allowed to say that a professor sucks, nor can employees speak out against the university, not only because of the possible financial repercussions, but because it's just not nice.

Final examples of PC: women-only time at Baun Fitness Center is okay, but a 'Power Hour' featuring hard rock-n-roll is not kosher. Why, because hard rock would be too ostracizing to women? Being a subdued, pacificist person is okay, while being a hard-edged and opinionated person is not pc. Why, because such a person would more readily tell other people they suck. Celebrating gay pride with bright colors is okay, but celebrating gay pride with militaristic banners is a no-no, because gays are flamboyant and peaceful.

A close friend once said the following: "Basically, it's politically incorrect to be a man..." Though I don't think that men are any better at rationalization than woman, the fact of the matter is that it's often politically incorrect to voice opinions, and worst of all, to think. God gave us an ability to have free will, and thus intelligence, yet most of us don't use it. I guarantee that if we thought about a lot of these rules for political correctness, we'd realize how completely idiotic and insulting they are to our intelligence.

For example, in many ways, these Asian, Black, and Mexican groups are promoting separatism and marginalization. By having such facts, they're promoting the idea that there are differences between these races, that only their own could ever understand. In other words, it re-instills the notions that there are races. Moreover, while staying within their own groups, their attempts to put issues concerning these "races" is curtailed as they have even less influence on the mainstream.

Not telling sub-par people they suck is essentially lying to them, and reinforcing a notion that they can make it, and thus, giving them no reason to improve. Further, it detracts from the overall performance of the university staff, and takes away from the education of every Tiger, either because there are unqualified professors teaching classes, or because the class expectations must be lowered to accommodate those who can't cut it.

Here's something non-pc: A women's only time at Baun Fitness center is sexism, and it stereotypes women as not being able to handle hard rock, and roll while lifting; being subdued and pacificist is great because as it increases ignorance and allows those in power a free reign; and gay pride normalizes "gays" to act a certain way.

Here's some more non-pc: First, instead of the feminist out there getting offended by the use of the phrase "rule of thumb," maybe he or she should speak out against the fact that there hasn't been a female president of this institution to date, and of a campus population that is more than 50% female, only a handful of women are on the Board of Regents and in the president's cabinet.

Second, instead of hating on the cops for busting parties, and doing nothing because maybe we should focus our hate on whoever keeps raising tuition despite the fact that 75% of our students are receiving financial aid and are accruing vast amounts of debt. Oh, and instead of complaining about how boring this campus is all the time, maybe we should organize and demand ASuop to spend our Activities fee to get concerts and other cool gigs on this campus.

George MacDonald once said that "The two pillars of 'political correctness' are a) willful ignorance b) a steadfast refusal to face the truth." I would like to add a third pillar. c) a denial to effect change in the status quo. Thank you, have a nice day.

SUPERBOWL, from page 4
The Pacifican would like to pay tribute to Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr., who passed away on Tuesday at the age of seventy-eight. Known as the “First Lady of the Civil Rights movement,” Coretta Scott King founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta in 1969, the year after Dr. King was assassinated. In addition to raising four children and continuing her husband’s legacy of social change, she tirelessly lobbied for Dr. King’s birthday to be observed as a national holiday, finally achieving this recognition in 1986.

She stepped down at the King Center in 1994, passing the job to her son Dexter. In 2004, Dexter passed the job to his brother Martin III, continuing the King family’s commitment to social justice.

**PERSPECTIVES**

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SUPERBOWL from page 5

YELE: Yea baby! This is what it’s all about! This right here is where Muhammad ascended to Heaven! Woo hoo! Praise Allah! Praise Allah!

MICHAELS: What a deserved celebration! Tough luck for the Jews. Let’s see how they respond to this setback.

MADDEN: Well Al, it looks to me as if this is a serious blow to the Jews. They seem broken as a team, especially since their points were taken off the board by the Romans, and now the land they once thought was the Promised Land has been taken over by a very strong Muslim force. I wonder if they can even...

MICHAELS: Sorry to cut you off, John, but it appears that someone is-someone is definitely rushing the field! *Madden too busy finishing his coke to respond* It appears to be the Seljuk Turks! They’re on the Palestine yard line and appear to have stolen the ball! *Wait! Someone else is rushing the field! It’s the Fatimids!* I guess Superbowl Jerusalem was so tempting that these teams had to break the rules to be a part of it! This is insane! And it appears as though the Referee is just standing back and watching! Wow what a mess we have on our hands, we are getting word from the review booth that the Christian Crusaders have entered the field*and it appears as though they have their own rule book as well! They seem to be attempting to impose their rules on the other team! What a game!

MADDEN: (Again drawing lines all over the screen, this time more erotic than usual) And here come the Mamelukes and the Ottomans. This is turning out to be one hell of a game. (Manager comes up to Madden, whispers to him that he can’t say “hell” on the air. Madden frowns and pours another drink)

MICHAELS: And who is this short guy rushing the field? It couldn’t be...yes it is! It’s Napoleon!

MADDEN: You know, although these teams wanted to get a piece of the action, it appears that they have been relatively unsuccessful. Looks as if the Arabs still have relative control of the land as the upper hand in this game.

MICHAELS: And just as the game clock strikes 30 meaning the end of the first half. What a first half has been here in Jerusalem. Let’s turn it over to Chris Burns for a brief halftime report, Chris?

BURMAN: Thanks Al. Well it’s been more than 2 centuries in the making, but the first half of Superbowl Jerusalem has come and gone. And what a first half was. Next to me is my special guest commentator, President Harry Truman. Glad you could be here, Harry.

TRUMAN: It’s my pleasure.

BURMAN: Well as John stated, it looks as if the Muslim Arabs have an upper hand going into the half. They have around five hundred thousand in the Palestinian Red Zone, and the Jews only have what appears to be seventy-eight thousand, but we have conflicting reports on both of those numbers. These teams have gone head to head for over thirteen centuries, and it appears as though neither team is willing to give up an inch of their holy land. It appears to me, however, that when the Muslim Arabs were facing the Ottomans towards the end of the half, it instilled a sense of Palestinian nationalism in them that gave them unity and strength. Mr. Truman, what is your take on the events of the first half?

TRUMAN: It’s my pleasure.

BURMAN: Well Chris, no two historians ever agree on what happened, and the damn thing is they both think they’re telling the truth.

BURMAN: Well, I guess that uncertainty is the only truth in this game, which seems to be going back and forth more than a ship on the high seas. Well, enough analyzing and let’s get to the halftime show: the pyrotechnically praised World War I, followed by an even more explosive World War II. Enjoy the show!

**“To fully understand all of the references to the teams, visit this site www.mideastweb.org/briefhistory.htm # Geography %20and%20Early%20History**
Fear and Loathing on a College Campus
Superman Gets Drunk While Watching Pearl Harbor

On the topic of movies, while watching superhero movies such as Spiderman, The Hulk, and Superman, I was thinking about how awesome it would be to have superpowers like them. I mean who hasn’t wished they had some sort of superpower? Then it dawned on me. There is one substance in the world that when consumed, gives its user a vast array of powers, and before you get too antsy, no, it isn’t radioactive waste.

It’s alcohol. Think about it, when you’re drinking heavily, you are blessed with such gifts as teleportation. Have you ever had this conversation? “Hey dude, I’m sooooo wasted, let’s go to the townhouses!” “But it’s so far!” All of a sudden, BAM! You’re in the B-section of the townhouses. Lord knows how you got there, but all you know is that all you had to do was think about where you wanted to go, then all of a sudden you’re there.

What about time travel? The moment you let that alcoholic nectar touch your lips, time decides to stop and go at its whim. Seconds can either seem like hours, hours seem like seconds, or if you’re really “gifted” then time may even seem to go backwards. The possibilities are really endless, just don’t try to emulate your favorite superhero. We all know someone who thought he was The Hulk, running around the dorm punching holes in the walls while screaming “HULK SMASH!” Although usually they’ll replace the Hulk part with their own name which probably is either Chris, Bill, or Ted. They seem like the wall breaking type.

The Epicurean Restaurant Reviews
Sushi2Me

By Erin Birmingham & Jeff Morgan
Guest Writers

It is the maiden voyage of the good ship Epicurean, Pacific’s new restaurant review. The first stop on The Epicurean’s adventure through the finest of Stockton’s local restaurants is one of the most enjoyable eating establishments in this school’s local area. “Sushi 2 Me” is everything a student-friendly sushi venue should be: simple, clean, friendly, and most importantly well-priced. I came for lunch with a serious case of “The Mondays” with my good friend Erin. Upon entering this cleverly named eatery I enjoyed a smile from the manager and part owner Kimchi (in my experience you can always trust a chef named after food). She graciously told us to sit anywhere we wished. The meal began with green jasmine tea mix, a perfect cure for the utter lack of tranquility that comes with the everyday toils of being a Pacific student. As Kimchi began to prepare the food we asked her about how she came to know the art of sushi. She said that she had learned from a friend of hers who owns a Japanese restaurant in Sacramento. We were astonished to discover that her friend taught her as a joke because in Japan sushi is generally considered a masculine art form. The true irony is that Kimchi seemed to be a more than competent chef. Upon later discussion with Kimchi we found out that “some sushi restaurant owners...don’t like sushi” Kimchi said stating proudly that in her case “the sushi owner loves the sushi.”

As my order of edemame (delicious cooked soybeans) and Erin’s “Brookside Roll” (A mix of shrimp tempura, tuna, and avocado all rolled in rice) arrived, I salivated. The edemame tasted like nectar as it touched your lips, time seemed to stop, then all of a sudden you were in the restaurant. Then it dawned on me. There is one substance in the world that when consumed, gives its user a vast array of powers, and before you get too antsy, no, it isn’t radioactive waste.

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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.

By Dan Cammerone
Astrological Analyst

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

With the winter rains and cold weather winding down, thought it wouldn't seem like it, it's time for reflection. Think about studying abroad in a strange place, like the geology department. Tonight read a cook book.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Do you ever feel like you're fat? Well if you do, then chances are you are in fact fat. Stop blaming the dining hall and put the damn doughnut down and go to the fitness center. Tonight, make pasta with chicken.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Though you may not live in an apartment, young Aries, chances are you have a refrigerator. If you ever forget to close the fridge and all your tasty drinks get warm, you must fast for 40 days. It's not that bad, maybe Pisces should leave the fridge open.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

There are many places in this small world you can buy an ice cream sandwich. The best place to get the nirvana-inducing sandwich is Tigers Grocery. If you can't make it to the TG, you could always have Easy Mac. Tonight watch lots of TV.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

There is a strong feeling among women that blondes have more fun. There is a great reason for this: blondes are easily amused and really don't know the difference between fun and other things like lettuce. Try being a blond tomorrow. But tonight ready the dressing.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Ever had cottage cheese with pineapples? Neither have I but a star told me that you should, so go eat one and if you don't like it you're just lying to yourself. Be true to yourself and the IRS. Tonight think about your hair in a purple hew.

Leo 7/23-8/22

You may have noticed you can buy an ice cream sandwich. If you read the New York Times Monday sports section you know the mighty Seahawks get no damn love. Take to the streets and declare that you're Seattle's 12th (wo)man. Screw the Steelers. Tonight get ready for the game.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

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Libra 9/23-10/22

Unless you're an engineering student, you must wonder, what's in there? Take charge, the engineering lab is Polish and you're a German director. Or maybe just go do something else. Tonight be assertive.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You might feel that not all touching is wanted. You need to learn to relax and embrace the hand that feels. I suggest along with many a star that you should go around and touch yourself in public. Tonight, go car shopping.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Damn Sagittarius, you're a sign of the good looking people. You remember during Thanksgiving? Yeah, everyone wanted to be as hot as you. Maybe let the people of the lesser signs have a little fun, let them stand next to you. Tonight get your shoes repaired.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Ever wonder what a good noun would be? Maybe a wing-sprouting cloud-surfing Rhinoceros. Well if you know anything about the English language you know that that example is more than a noun. Maybe invest in a bit more education if you think that's a good example. Tonight, read a good book.

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The Skateboarding Diaries: One Girb Guide to Skateboarding Nirvana

Lacey Peterson
Guest Writer

-Pacific hosts a diverse population of students hailing from here in Stockton to the far reaches of the planet, each young scholar bringing their unique backgrounds and interests, creating an environment especially conducive to pursuing a myriad of educational and recreational avenues. In the five minute walk across campus one recurring feature stands out—skateboards. Skateboards on college campuses have become as common as backpacks. Board sports know no age, gender, or ethnic boundaries, as Pacific’s campus so clearly illustrates.

Besides providing quick transportation to class, skateboarding is highly enjoyable as well. Cement stairwells, hand rails, incline walkways, and large parking lots make Pacific’s campus a street skater’s paradise (while in Stockton) dream save the possibility of Public Safety shutting you down. Stockton itself is home to two boarding retreats, one in North Stockton and another on El Dorado near campus. For students with transportation besides their boards, skate parks are all around, with especially good riding in Ripon, Ceres, and Lodi. Unfortunately for Pacific’s vert riders, ventures to local skate parks are not without risk. Some parks can be hampered by “The Man.” In order to understand the plight of today’s skating sojourners here is the “411” on current skate park controversy:

In the last ten years skateboarding has become a staple of popular culture. According to American Sports Data, Inc. there were 12.5 million skateboarders in 2001, a 73% increase since 1999. The trend is clear—board sports have taken over America’s youth culture and are not letting go any time soon. Of the 1800 skate parks nationwide, California is home to 200 of them. However, despite these impressive statistics skateboarding has not received the legal recognition that it deserves. In 2003 Assembly Bill 1296 was renewed and Senate Bill 994 was passed through the California Legislature. These laws require skateboarders to wear helmets and safety pads while riding in public or private skate parks, and if cited violators can be subject to fines SB 994 is set to expire in

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Pacific to Host Bracket Buster

Athletic Media Relations

Stockton, Calif. – Pacific men’s basketball will face New Mexico State on Feb. 18 as a part of ESPN’s Bracket Busters Saturday. The game was not selected for television by ESPN. The Tigers will host the Aggies in the Spanos Center, with a tipoff time at a later time.

Pacific is 14-6 overall, 4-2 in the Big West Conference. New Mexico State, a former member of the Big West Conference, is 8-10 overall, 4-3 in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Aggies hold a 27-2 edge in the all-time series, although the Tigers have a 14-6 series edge in Stockton. The last meeting was a 48-47 New Mexico State victory in Las Cruces on Jan. 22, 2000. Following the 1999-2000 season the Aggies left for the WAC. The Tigers will play New Mexico State in Las Cruces during November or December of the 2006-07 season.

All eight members of the Big West are a part of the 2006 Bracket Busters pool that comprises the 2006 Bracket Busters presented by eBay.

From Pauper to Prince: Is Artest the next King of Sacramento?

Ryan Matthews
Columnist

So the Central Valley got a little hotter as the NBA’s bad boy finnaly approved the trade to warm California. The Sacramento Kings just acquired Ronald Artest, who was victorious in his home debut as the Kings won on Tuesday night against the Denver Nuggets at home 89-81. People thought that the trade for Artest was a risky one. The Kings traded their outside threat, Peja “oh defense is part of the game” Stojakovic for Artest. Peja is considered to be one of the best outside shooters in the game with an incredible stroke that drops through the net oh-so-clean. When Artest would play back on the Indiana Pacers, he shows himself as a player who is more dedicated to the all-around game and has continually been his style. Tuesday showed the Kings are willing to use Artest more proactively in the game. The Kings controlled the tempo of the game, partly because Ron was able to post-up and get around players in any area while breaking the defense down. Artest has been slow to adapt to King basketball as Artest has been with the team for the last ten days.

Right now, the Kings are last place in the Western Conference standings, but, at the same time, are only 3.5 games back from first place.

Ron Artest woke up the sports world when a Detroit Pistons fan provoked him to create mass chaos; the fan threw a beer on him as he lay on a table after an incident involving him and Pistons player Ben Wallace on the court. Instantly after being soaked in beer, Artest leaped up and charged after the fan.

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Sports Wrap

Women's Basketball
UC Santa Barbara left Stockton knowing Lady Luck had just given them a present. Kelsey Lavender's 12 footer circled the rim but sprung out as time expired, giving powerhouse Santa Barbara a narrow victory. Carolina Ruiz kept her sizzling numbers up with a double-double. Ruiz had 17 points and 15 rebounds. Wyvonne Jones was Jason Kidd-like with 9 assists, opening up shots for her teammates all game long. Jerise Freeman kept her hands hot scoring in double digit in her record straight game with 11 points. Lavender led the Tigers in scoring with 19 points, but that was not enough, as the Tigers fell 74-62. Tina Sanerivi had seven points off the bench for Pacific. The Tigers will face UC Davis today for the start of a basketball doubleheader. Tip off is at 5:00 p.m.

Men's Volleyball
Cal State Northridge handed the Tigers another loss in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The Tigers dropped to 1-5 in conference and Northridge is 2-2. Pekka Seppanen, Brian Adamson and Andreas Baboulidis did however hold their own, combining for 57 kills. Garrett Morales set up Pacific hitters all night connecting 68 assists out of 126. Pacific hosts Stanford Friday at 7 p.m.

Swimming
The Tigers where victorious in the Big West Conference dual meet defeating both Cal Poly and UC Davis. Tiger swimmers put on a show, flying gracefully through the waters of Davis. Laura McDonald did not lose an event winning both the 500 and 1000. Kellyn Loehr also went undefeated winning both the 100 and 200 Breast events. Jenny Lewis showed her youth was not a factor winning the 50 free. Kristin Obazaki won the 200 fly. Pacific was led by Ja-Neil Bragg who paced the Tigers by winning the 200 Free, 100 Free, and 200 IM. The Tigers are now preparing for the Big West Conference championships that start on the 15th.

Sports
So what are skateboarders supposed to do? The solution is in amending existing California Government Code 831.7. This code lists Hazardous Recreational Activities (HRA) which have been deemed risky enough that public entities are exempt from any liability for injuries sustained while participating in them. The HRA list, which has not been updated since the late 1960's, includes bicycling, surfing, boating, skiing, trapshooting, contact sports, rock climbing, and a plethora of other activities. Being on the HRA list would release skate parks from being held responsible for skateboarding accidents and would thus diminish the legal relevance of wearing pads if not totally remove the need for a law requiring helmets and pads.

California has been the cornerstone in the evolution of skateboarding, so why should skating be the only sport in California with police-enforceable equipment requirements? Actions create results.

By Arash-Scott Belnom
Sports Editor

The Pacifican

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Skateboarding risks are high but responsibility lies in the rider. To support IASC's efforts check out their website www.skateboardiasc.org or www.thepetitionsite.com.

Personally, I would like to inspire fellow students to take a stand and tell the world (and all uptight adults) that Skateboarding is NOT a crime, and to encourage all curious non-skaters to go out and start grinding. Skate lessons are available in Stockton during the spring (starting in April) and summer. Offered in four-week sessions, anyone can learn basic maneuvering and safety tips from Eric Torres of Slip Skate Shop. Classes fill quickly so register early at the Parks and Recreation Department. Per California code, skateboarding classes require a helmet, knee and elbow pads. For more information, call (209) 937-8923 or write Aileen.Yopp@ci.stockton.ca.us.

NFL Guru's Last Hoorah

Chase Tapalla
NFL Guru

This is the prediction that everyone has thought about. The Steelers or the Seahawks? To tell you the truth I am still debating who I think will win while writing this article. I am a fan of both teams and would not be disgruntled if either team was the victor of Super Bowl XL. I must put this aside in order to make an accurate selection.

First, the Seattle Seahawks. They are led by the great running back Shaun Alexander and much improved Matt Hasselbeck. The Q-Line is one of the best in the business and Mack Strong is an unbelievable blocking fullback. The defense has Lofa Tatupu, who has become the leader in his rookie season. They lead the NFL in sacks during the regular season and Bryce Fisher was the team leader with 9. This means that the rush can come from any player on the D. I need to also mention that Seattle has a very good kicker in Josh Brown. The game should be close and it can come down to an Adam Vinatieri like situation at the end of the game.

The Steelers have overcome the three road games against the #1, #2, and #3 teams in the league. Averaging 12 points better than the opposition, they are a feeding frenzy. They are led by the veteran quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, who has been throwing the best ball of his career despite wearing a glove on his throwing hand. Hines Ward has been himself while surprisingly Cedric Wilson has been around 100 yards and a TD in each of the last two games. The running game is led by Willie Parker and big Jerome Bettis. The Bus is back in his home town of Detroit and is automatic in short-yard situations. The defense speaks for itself. The blitzing packages are very effective, especially when Joey Porter and Troy Polamalu are part of the action. Oh yea, Jeff Reed is a better-than-average kicker too.

The team that wins will have a quick start to the game because that is the way each has been winning in the playoffs. People are talking about a blowout either way, but I don't see it. I feel the teams are even all around, but I will pick the Steel Crew because they have been playing much tougher teams and winning.

Steelers 27, Seahawks 24
The guru finished the season with a 52 and 32 record giving him enough faith to put all his hard earned Pacifican cash on the Steelers, even with the spread.

From ARTEST page 10 which soon resulted in the biggest brawl in NBA history. This started a chain of new rules and a code of conduct enforced by the league and commissioner of the NBA. Artest was suspended for the rest of the season and during that period he was only allowed to join practice out in Indiana.

The 2005-2006 season started and Artest began with the Pacers. Not much time went buy until he felt that it would be better for him and the Pacer clubhouse that they part ways, he looks to be traded to another team. He was awarded his wish and this brings us up to date with the situation. Artest feels that he will be a good addition to the team.

Time will be the only thing that will prove if the trade was a good, or horrible, call. Time will also tell if Artest will be the new King of Sacramento. After all if the terminator can make it in the Capital City who is to say Artest can not turn around the Kings miserable season.
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