Campus Master Plan

Pacific will be getting a new University Center, biology building, and south campus gym. Other improvements are also anticipated.

By Laura Cutler
Guest Writer

Recently, a meeting was held with various members of the Pacific community to view and discuss the Campus Master Plan. Our campus is reviewed every three years to discuss potential improvements and renovations that should occur. Pat Cavagnnaugh, the Vice President of Finance and the person in charge of leading the Campus Master Plan, explained what the master plan is. He showed charts that presented how the Pacific campus will ideally look in 2014, 2024 and in the long term.

They have great plans to improve the campus by 2014. Improvement to the roads and entrances around the school to make the campus safer and more accessible is a priority. One of their ways that they plan on doing this is through changing the places where we have stop lights around campus, and add more crosswalks, and signs heading towards the school. They also have ideas for the future to have more on-camp-

pus housing across the levy, near the town houses. These would be some additional quad-like living, except with some of the dorms being built possibly for upperclassmen housing, with kitchen facilities in them.

So what can current Pacific students look forward to in the near future? Well, the biggest plans for the changes at Pacific are the University Center, and new Biology building, and a new gym on the south side of campus.

The University center is to be located right next to the levy on the main side of campus. It is going to have many things to bring the student community together, including a new dining facility. This new dining hall will have a larger capacity to help reduce some of the waits at the busiest times of day. There will be a great lawn in front of the center, which will be right near the fitness center creating a ‘social hub’ on campus. We will also be able to regain land and use some of the property along the Calaveras River. Cindy Spiro said, “By building on the river we will be able to help keep non-campus people away. More activity on the river will also provide a decrease in crime.” So those of you afraid of walking over the levy during the day or especially at night can feel safer and less worried on the daunting walk to the other side of campus.

Students are more than welcome to participate and give ideas on what changes they believe need to be made to the campus, because these changes are being made for us and for our fellow students in the future. Input can be given to the vice-president of ASUOP Matt Nerrie who is the student representative on the Campus Master Plan committee.
Music Therapy Association hosts drum circle

Every first and third Monday of every month, from five o’clock to six o’clock you can find a group of people making some “sweet beats” in Colliver Hall. All students and staff are welcome to listen to, and participate in the Music Therapy Association’s monthly drum circles. Anyone can join the group and hit some drums to a rhythmic, soothing beat.

This group was put together by the Pacific’s Music Therapy Association and by the Chaplain’s Office.

Many different people attend these drum circles.Montserrat Gimeno, is working on his Doctorate in Psychotherapy, and attended to help make some noise with the others. Grad student Justine Thorpe, who says she comes in for the “therapeutic value,” and Terisa Jackson who is getting her B.A., were all in attendance to relax and have a good time.

Most of the group members were students at Pacific who were going to school to get their degree in Music Therapy. Music Therapy can be used in many settings and for many reasons.

When you think about it, we use music all the time as a kind of sanctuary. Anyone can turn on the radio, find their favorite kind of music and just relax to it.
Tuition Increase
Pacific Will Raise Undergraduate Tuition and Fees 5.4% Next Fall

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(Stockton, Calif.) — University of the Pacific has informed parents and students that it will raise full-time undergraduate tuition and fees by 5.4 percent next fall to $26,088.

The increase will help support the University's strategic investments in facilities, safety and security, and in technologies that support student learning. It will also help to ensure that salaries and benefits for Pacific's faculty and staff remain competitive.

To help offset the increase, the University will increase student financial aid by nearly $2 million, bringing the total amount of aid provided with institutional funds to more than $30 million annually.

Pacific is recognized for having a strong financial aid program. More than 75 percent of students receive aid, and the average financial aid package awarded to students who have financial need is more than $20,000.

Over the last decade, Pacific's annual average tuition and fee increase has been well below that of comparable institutions. Since 1997, Pacific's increases have averaged 3.9 percent, or $900 a year, compared to 6 percent - or $1,207 per year - among a peer group of eight other independent universities in California.

That commitment to affordability is being noticed nationally. For the fourth year in a row, U.S. News and World Report has named Pacific one of the nation's 50 "Best Values" in higher education, a select group of schools that provide high quality at an affordable price.

"We will continue to work hard to keep our tuition affordable while providing a superior, student-centered learning experience," said President Donald DeRosa.

Athletics Expanding: new facilities in progress

By Allison March
Staff Writer

In the next few years there are going to be three new athletic oriented facilities on our campus. There is going to be a Klein Family Field for baseball, Janssen-Lagorio Gymnasium and a Tennis Clubhouse.

The University of the Pacific is forever improving and being modified. The athletic sector of our campus is making big strides in the future. Here at Pacific students are very active. We have our classes, social lives, clubs and especially our athletic enthusiasm. Our sports teams work very hard every year and as a student body we support them.

As a whole, our campus is very much an athletic community. The students spend much of their time at sporting events, in the gym and playing intramural sports. We love our sports and with these new facilities we will be able to expand.

A $1 million gift was given to the multipurpose gym by Kathleen Janssen, who is co-chair of the Athletics Campaign Committee and a member of the University's Board of Regents and her husband, Dean who is a member of the Pacific Tigers Athletics Association.

This gym is going to be the most well-equipped multipurpose gym on campus. It will include a practice field, a playing field and stands. This project is estimated to be completed during the 2005 season.

The new baseball field will allow the students to become more involved.

This baseball field will give the student population a convenient place to go and watch the baseball team.

The Klein Family Field will be located on the most southwest side of campus behind the Alex G. Spanos Center. The field will include a practice field, a playing field and stands. This project is estimated to be completed during the 2005 season.

The tennis clubhouse is going to be constructed adjacent to the tennis courts found across the levy from the main part of campus. This project is needed for obvious reasons. The courts have no real bathrooms near by, but the clubhouse will provide such necessities. This will not only be useful to the tennis teams and their fans, but also to the members of the many sports that are played in the field next to the tennis courts.

These projects are on the way, and the Athletics Campaign is currently looking to make these facilities a reality.
The Pacifican

Spring Career Faire

March 3, 2005

Grace Covell Hall

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

The “Art” to Getting a Job Through Participating in a Career Faire

By: Shannon MacGregor
Career Resource Center

A career faire is an excellent place to find jobs, network with industry professionals, get leads on full-time, co-op and internship positions, and best of all, learn more about specific industries and career paths offered in those fields. To an employer, a career faire is an opportunity to meet the most candidates in the least amount of time. To you, a career faire is an excellent opportunity to ignite your job search campaign. To make the most out of the event, you must develop a strategic approach to the career faire.

Take the event seriously. During the career faire, you are making that all-important first impression with a company representative. Only a small percentage of the students an employer meets will stand out at the end of the day. Make sure you are one of them by dressing professionally, having a firm handshake, doing your research, and having a dynamic 30-second commercial.

* Prepare! Before the event, view a list of employers planning to attend the faire and conduct preliminary research on each company. Determine:
  - Industry
  - Company size
  - Location
  - Products and services
  - Organization and departments
  - Types and titles of jobs
  - Possible interest in you based on your major and experience

* Possible interest to you

Make sure that you are prepared to communicate to the company representative at the faire why you would like working for that particular company and what value you would add to the organization.

* Identify your career goals and objectives for the career faire. Are you attending the career faire to gather information about multiple companies, begin building your networks within a particular industry, or are you focused on obtaining interviews?

* Develop a brief 30-second commercial. This will help you succinctly convey your skills, education, experience and interest to employers. You might provide evidence of your knowledge about the company and industry and also discuss the relationship between your background and the needs of the organization.

* Create the ideal resume and bring several copies with you. It should be concise and digestible in one minute’s reading by an employer. The company representatives are generally screeners who not only collect resumes, but also weed out candidates who do not fit their hiring criteria. Their focus and intent are to find suitable interview candidates for the hiring managers. They will make notes on your resume and then put your resume in either “yes”, “no”, or “maybe” piles. Therefore, you want a resume that clearly communicates your competencies, stresses contributions, indicates your career direction and your potential value to the company. Avoid:
  - Pictures
  - Graphics
  - Colored paper
  - Funky print styles
  - Dress Professionally

Women should wear:

Men should wear:

- Business suit or tailored dress
- Business suit
- Panty hose Polished shoes
- Polished close-toed shoes
- Clean, trimmed fingernails
- Conservative jewelry
- Dark socks
- Clean, trimmed fingernails with clear or natural polish
- Limited candle
- Limited perfume

* Go early, if you can, when the company representatives are fresh. When you arrive at the event, pick up a map of the layout. Survey the entire faire and make your plan. Intend to talk with a wide variety of employers; you may discover opportunities you had not expected.

* If there is a line, approach from the side and take company literature to read while you wait to talk to an employer. This allows you time to gather information about the company which will enable you to make cogent conversation and ask intelligent questions making you a much more interesting candidate.

* Be prepared to ask the employers questions. Questions to ask employers:
  - What major/skill are you seeking at this time?
  - What is the work environment like at your company?
  - What are the specific needs of your company at this time?
  - What are typical assignments of your new college graduates?
  - What are the company’s plans for future growth?
  - Can you explain a typical career path in your organization?
  - What kind of training can a new college graduate expect?
  - What personal qualities do you consider critical to being successful in a job at your company?
  - What are the core values of your company?
  - What is the short and long-term strategic direction of the organization?
  - What do you like most about your company?
  - How do I apply for a position at your company?
  - Inquire about the hiring process

* Follow up after the event. Send a thank you letter within a day or two of the event to the company representatives that you met during the career faire. State appreciation for specific information you gathered at the faire. Let the company representative know you value the time they spent with you.

Career fairs are one of the most potent tools in your job search toolbox. Do not be afraid to use them. If you still have questions or concerns about making the most out of the upcoming career faire, visit the Career Resource Center during Career Faire Prep Week. We will be conducting walk in hours daily from 9:00 am-4:00 pm the week of February 22nd. We can assist you with: creating your 30-second commercial, putting together a resume, and strategic networking.

The Career Resource Center is located on the first floor of Hand Hall. Stop by or call 946-2361.
Priorities are evident in budget proposal

By Seth Wilson
Staff Writer

Early this week President Bush delivered his 2006 budget proposal to Congress, giving the first detailed glimpse of the Administration’s fiscal priorities since the commencement of the President’s second term. The proposal comes at a crucial time. The President is expected to comply with campaign promises and respond to the record federal deficit in the face of the war on terror, a promised social security overhaul and substantial tax cuts.

The $2.5 trillion proposal, a miniscule 2.5 percent budget increase from last year’s spending plan, has been described as “much needed fiscal responsibility” from the GOP to “draconian tax cuts” from the scathing left.

This comes as little surprise from an administration that has been visibly at odds with the environment since it has assumed control of the White House four years ago. The most troubling aspect of this budget cut is that it is met with very little protest from the EPA’s Acting Administrator Steve Johnson who empathizes with the cuts and claims that the EPA will still “keep pace in protecting public health and the environment.”

Another victim of the chopping block cuts is the Bureau of Indian Affairs which may experience a 4 percent budget reduction, adjusted for expected inflation. This number will rise to 6 percent over the next two years, a plan that is deemed as reckless by tribal leaders. The programs under the Bureau of Indian Affairs that are expected to bear the most shock are those concerned with building and maintaining tribal colleges and schools.

Admittedly, the budget does not fall strictly along ideological lines. The biggest surprise in President Bush’s fiscal plan is a $5.7 billion reduction in farm subsidies through imposing a $250,000 cap on individual farmers with some exceptions. This move is a sharp shift in the Administration’s protectionist policies. It is proposed at the alienation of the rural farmers, the very voting base that propelled him to a second election victory. Less than a week later the proposal to expose the U.S. agriculture industry to market whims is being lauded by many trading partners who fall short themselves of our current level of subsidies.

Administration blocks POW compensation

By Shone Cipris
Perspectives Editor

The United States is a nation whose citizens are divided along many ideological lines, dictated by various religious, political and sociocultural differences. During wartime, such as the one we are in now (though we do not experience the bombs), one of the divisive social issues is whether to support or to oppose the war.

No matter what your perspective may be on the morality of war, it seems fair to say that once the soldiers have completed their tour of duty, provided they haven’t committed major atrocities (and what is an atrocity in war, really?), they should be compensated for the hardship they had to endure in their service. This would especially be true for the thousands of soldiers who return wounded, who need specialized medical care that could be prohibitively expensive if not subsidized by the government.

I am trying to be somewhat objective here in my support of war veterans. Although many of these soldiers would have killed enemy soldiers, they themselves were in the position of being killed by their enemies.

Well, it’s a hell of a thing to ask a man or woman to risk their life fighting in a war, and people do it for different reasons—practical or ideological. Whatever the reason, it seems self-evident that the government should ensure that those who have risked their lives, and injured their health doing so, would maintain a decent and humane standard of living.

This brings me to the present day. A February 15 article in the LA Times describes the ordeal suffered by a group of 17 U.S. soldiers who were taken captive as prisoners of war (POWs) during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, including Marine Corps Lt. Col. Clifford Acree who was captured on the 1991 Persian Gulf War, including Marine Corps Lt. Col. Clifford Acree who was captured.
POW from page

on the first day of hostilities.

The treatment of American POWs in Iraq is a subject that is perhaps not very widely known, although the scenario was a plot point in the film Three Kings, set during the Gulf War. Several of the real-life POWs, many of whom were pilots forced to eject from damaged jets, were beaten and abused by their captors. In a bit of dark irony, some of these abuses occurred at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison where several U.S. Army personnel were found guilty of abusing their Iraqi captives some 15 months ago.

In 2002, the 17 POWs and their family members filed suit against the Hussein regime in the legal case Acree vs. Republic of Iraq, which sought to compensate the POWs for “acts of torture committed against them and for pain, suffering and severe mental distress of their families.”

Although a federal judge awarded the group nearly one billion dollars in compensatory and punitive damages to be awarded from frozen Iraqi assets, in July 2003 the Bush administration sought to throw the case out of court.

The reason? The judgment had been made against the former Hussein regime, which was no longer in power; more to the point, Iraq needed the money for its reconstruction.

The case has its other ironies. As the LA Times article notes, the case “pits the U.S. government squarely against its own war heroes and the Geneva Convention.”

Speaking to reporters about the case in November 2003, White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan stated, “No amount of money can truly compensate these brave men and women for the suffering that they went through at the hands of this very brutal regime and at the hands of Saddam Hussein.” Appropriately enough, the administration was determined that literally no money would compensate the POWs. Such an attitude is difficult to comprehend, especially considering the staggering vast amounts of money that is spent on the military, including such arguably impractical and wasteful programs such as the proposed ballistic missile shield.

Last month, attorneys representing the POWs appealed their case to the Supreme Court. Justice Department lawyers are expected to file a brief this week urging the court to turn away the appeal. In response to the unwillingness of the U.S. government to redress the grievances of the POWs, the lawsuit has been renamed significantly, as Achee vs. Iraq and the United States.

Arthur Miller passes on

By Israel Swanner
Guest Writer

During the night of Thursday, February 10th, famed playwright Arthur Miller died of heart failure. I have to admit that I am not a big fan, or a big student of Miller, but for my time spent in the Theatre Department, I did find an appreciation for the playwright’s insight into the American Dream; standard fare in Professor Wollack’s Theatre Heritage course includes Miller’s phenomenal play “Death of a Salesman.” Miller’s enquiry into the American social psyche is an engaging probe into the decaying lives of Willy, Biff, and Happy Loman.

Without going into too much detail, I will simply say that Miller shows us the ramifications of living the American dream, how the desire to “make it” can break those who don’t make the grade and who can’t accept life the way it is. Our own Theatre department has staged three of Arthur Miller’s plays over the years. In the 1955/1956 season, just a scant six years after the writing of “Death of a Salesman,” Pacific put on its own production of the play. Four years later, Pacific featured Miller’s “The Crucible,” a scathing attack against McCarthyism set in the time of the Salem witch trials.

It was over forty years later that Pacific once again had the fortune to put on one of Miller’s masterpieces. In the 2002/2003 season, the Theatre department produced “A View from the Bridge,” a play, like “Death of a Salesman,” about improper channels of desire.

The literary world has lost a significant figure with the death of Arthur Miller, but I refuse to say we have lost his contribution. While Miller will obviously no longer write any more plays, we are left with the brilliant legacy he has left behind, more than twenty plays and other works to enlighten us with his unique genius. God rest Arthur Miller.

AMERICAN POWs are interviewed on the AlJazeera TV network.

FAMED PLAYWRIGHT Arthur Miller passed away on Feb. 10, leaving behind the rich legacy of his contribution to modern American theater.
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Brother Lunch at the Summit

There are a lot of great feelings in the world, like finding money in your clothes, a new pair of comfy socks, a long shower after a hard day, but is there really a greater feeling than being pleasantly surprised after going into something with no expectations? Well, last Wednesday, I heard from a couple of friends that a band called Brother Lunch was playing at the Summit, and I decided to drop by and check it out.

I wasn't greeted by a bad metal band, a sloppily constructed local band, or even local townies rapping over looped beats (I've actually seen all three before), I was greeted by a rather polished, indie act band playing a rather good set.

As I scanned the sparse audience, I was rather disappointed by the low turn out, since many other undeserving acts have garnered larger crowds.

Brother Lunch consists of four members: Clay Henry on vocals and guitar, Trevor Grubaugh on drums, Daniel Edmiston on bass, and Pacific's very own Dan Guerra on electric guitar. Upon first listen, it's easy to see where the band draws its indie influences from. The lead singer Clay Henry's wailing voice that sounds like Ben Gibbard and Thom Yorke's bastard baby, to Dan's plucking which is reminiscent of Chris Walla of Death Cab for Cutie. Their entire set ranged from sole acoustic ballads to keyboard laden rock tunes, and at one point even had a Pacific student come play cello on stage with them.

One thing I was curious about was where they got their rather strange name from. I was hoping for an answer like, "Oh I got it from an obscure Smith's song," or something else like, "It's from a funny story about how we all met." But no. The answer I got was that the name was a play on words of a rather bad rapper by the name of Brother Lynch. Well, to each his own.

To describe their sound to anyone who wasn't there, Brother Lunch sounds distinctly similar to an early incarnation of Death Cab for Cutie, almost down to the song composition themselves. With lead singer Clay's acoustic strumming backed up by Dan's electric finger picking accompaniment and a floaty keyboard to boot they showed a lot of raw potential as their live show was superior to their recorded efforts (I shelled out $5 for their EP, but at least I got to party with them.) The similarities aside, Brother Lunch was a nice breath of fresh air to The Summit stage as it was good to see a promising indie act instead of bad karaoke versions of "I Will Survive."
Acceptance at The Boardwalk

Erin Birmingham
News Editor

(ORANGEVALE, CA) On Tuesday, February 15th, Seattle based band the Acceptance played their northern California date at The Boardwalk. The opening acts were Over It, Kill Radio, Self Against City, and Veda. Veda, lead by Kristen May on vocals and guitar, was backed by Brian Little on guitar, Jason Douglas on bass, and Drew Little on drums. Kristen was a cute little girl with an adorable smile and a shocking set of lungs. When she opened her mouth to wail every tendon in her next bulged and she looked that her jaw was on the verge of hyper extending- if chins are capable of such things. However, during their set I was not on my feet. Instead, I sat in the back eating the best garden burger ever made. Nearly the best thing I have consumed in my entire life. It was made special, for me, by John Love in 15 minutes. He even threw in a free bottle of water. This act of kindness was also an attempt to get me to attend his show on the upcoming Saturday. I do not know about the show, but I have to say they were pure punk rock. On stage, lead singer Brandon Jordan was the Sex Pistols' Johnny Rotten. He spit, he turned red, his eyes bulged and crossed and he danced about like the demon of music was stuck in his chest and only spastic chest jutting could get it out. Clad in a Boy Scout uniform, Brandon Jordan had to be one of the most magnetic lead vocalists I have ever seen. Guitarist Jasten King, drummer Duke and bassist...
Down Town Café

By Allison March
Staff Writer

How many cafes are in Stockton? So many we could not possibly name them all. However, there is a new café in downtown Stockton that deserves recognition.

Stockton has so much to offer making the task of finding things to do an interesting one.

Being college students we love to go out to eat, to get off campus and find refuge in eating something without having to slide a plastic card.

Mario Lerma is the proud owner of the Down Town Café found at 15 N. California Street. The restaurant has been open for five months. There are probably many students and faculty at Pacific that remember Mario.

Mario was once a well known and loved employee at Pacific. He worked in the Summit and the quads for many years. He also served as the lead supervisor for Physical Plant.

Mario made a very big impression on while at Pacific. He was recognized by his peers by getting the Most Valuable Pacifican. This award is given every year to two employees at Pacific. These individuals can be from anywhere on campus from deans to cooks in the Summit, which Mario was.

In the last year Mario left our campus. After leaving University of the Pacific Mario saw this as an opportunity to make one of his dreams become a reality. He could open his own restaurant.

Mario has been in the cooking industry for twenty years. He has worked in numerous places from Lodi to the Bay area. He has had experience working at big restaurants like the Sports City Café, which is owned by former 49er player Joe Montana.

Mario’s Down Town Café is a great place for students and staff to go. It has a warm atmosphere and a delicious menu. Mario says, there is an “affordable menu for the students, and drinks are free for students and faculty.”

Mario commented, “in the end the rest will give me many satisfaction.” The café is open 7 to 4 Monday thru Friday and 7 to 3 on Saturday. The restaurant is very convenient being very easy to find, free parking right next door and anyone can call in an order.

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Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
Change is on the horizon. Change of the most major kind.

Pisces 2/19-3/20
Have you examined your every crevice? There’s a clue you are missing here.

Aries 3/21-4/19
You may not know what to do until the time comes. That is no reason to worry.

Taurus 4/20-5/20
What’s the point of rehashing a mistake? How is that going to make anything better?

Gemini 5/21-6/21
Today, declare your independence from a bad habit. All you need is a little willpower.

Cancer 6/22-7/22
It is fine to shop around, but don’t put it off forever, the sale may soon be over.

Leo 7/23-8/22
Courage is your greatest asset. Show them what you got Lion!

Virgo 8/23-9/22
You don’t have to lower your standards. Just give others a chance to meet them.

Libra 9/23-10/22
No one is going to force you to take some time off. Pencil in some relaxation.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
The winds are going to shift, so don’t get too accustomed to your current course.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Sometimes you lose the ones you love. It is never too late to show you still care.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Cultivate a quality of openness, especially where relationships are concerned.
Move over Forever 21, H&M has made its way to the west coast. For all who have been kept in the dark about this fashion phenomenon, H&M provides fashion and quality at affordable prices. The ultra-trendy clothing chain is opening a store on Powell Street in downtown San Francisco in late 2005.

At a time where it is now considered stylish to wear low-priced clothes with your most treasured pieces, H&M caters to young women who hope to find the current trends they see in Glamour and Vogue. Pacific students who are limited to shopping at Dillard’s and Macy’s can now look forward to an hour drive into the bay area where they can find clothes that suit their style without burning a hole through their checkbook.

The store made its debut throughout various parts of Europe, and then made its way to New York five years ago, has been an unstoppable force in the fashion industry. Celebrities have been known to shop there for accessories to complement their designer outfits, but for those who want a top for a Saturday night out, H&M is the perfect solution to spice up one’s wardrobe. They seem to have found the key to success; they have combined a number of concepts that reaches a wide range of people with different fashion choices. The designers realize people are still into the updated classics, but have an ongoing interest in the trends that are spreading internationally. Part of their design team derives their inspiration by taking trips around the world, attending exhibitions and street fairs, paying attention to films and magazines, and watching the street trends for the latest ideas on what is chic and hip.

Not only have they developed lines for the working woman, the sporty woman, and the pregnant mom, but also for men, teens, and children as well. Within the women’s various collections they have been savvy enough to build a cosmetics and accessories line. H&M seems to have nailed every aspect of fashion head on. The store accommodates to any individual looking to fulfill his or her dream of an eye-catching outfit. Simply put, this store contains fashion for everyone, and now it is just a short road trip away.

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H & M: A new store is opening to satisfy your fashion needs!

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Valentines Lines from your Lovers

To all who I met...Happy Valentine's Day. Kaori

Good friends are hard to find. Happy Valentine's! Jackson Crew

Happy Valentine's to everyone from the Jackson Crew! Malte

To my hetero life mate, oh the fun we have had this year! Love you! -Natasha Tomich

To Rebecca, Can you be my cup of tea?

To Mimi-Lee, Can you be the sun shine me up?

Just be friends. -Jackson

To Jane, from John Dinner is expensive, I better get f**ked tonight!

To John, from Jane Lunch at Downtown Cafe or Dinner at 856. Deal.

To TCSU, Life is a struggle, but we walk together. - Alex

To Amal Thakarsey: Roses are good, violets are fine, I'll be the six if you'll be the nine.

-Anonymous

Juliet, will you be my Valentine? -Romeo

Romeo....NO! -Juliet

To my Oriental Flavored Ramen-

You are the only one who makes me smile

And I'm happiest when we're in the same bowl

Will you be my Valentine? -Tempura Udon

Tempura Udon-

You are one of the most sweet, caring, thoughtful, kind-hearted, gentle, funny, warm, selfless, intelligent, ambitious, talented, and tasty bowl of noodles I have ever met. You make me smile and I'm glad I make you happy.

-Anonymous

Yes, I will be your Valentine. -Your Oriental Flavored Ramen

For My Geo:

Thinking of you, I happily sigh

You are the star in my evening sky

You are the light that brightens my day

When I feel lost, you show me the way

When we're apart I am distressed

And when I'm with you I feel so blessed

I have the love of the most amazing man

And just think, we met because of “BAND”!

I'm making up lines that somewhat rhyme

To let you know you're my Valentine

You rock my world in every way

So let's go play some video games today! :)

I'm going to finish this V-Day poem

Because I really want to go home

Roses are red, violets are blue

Happy Valentine's Day! I love you.

-Forever Your Betherz
ATHLETE PROFILE

Arnar Suddgison
Tennis
Junior

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Sports Editor

Junior Arnar Sugurdson of Pacific's Men's Tennis team has already been named the Big West Conference Player of the Week twice this season.

This award is voted on considering the records for each week of play in the Conference. His dedication to the sport and his hard efforts each day at practice - he often stays afterwards too - have been key factors in his success.

Sugurdson's homeland is Iceland, where he began his tennis career at the age of nine. Since then he has been extremely involved in the sport. He was a member of a competitive international traveling team before he came to Pacific three years ago.

Now 23 and a Biology Major at Pacific, he can most definitely say he has "experienced a lot through tennis." He is considering medical school in either Scandinavia or remaining in the states upon graduation.

"There's always this stigma, someone who gives 110 percent - that would be him," said Baumann.

Sugurdson's favorite part of the game is "competing," he said. "Normally, tennis is a sport of individuals; it's a lot more fun as a team sport having people around."

Since he began his training with Pacific, Coach Guido Baumann has seen improvements and excelled achievement, but it was all expected. There's "always this stigma, someone who gives 110 percent - that would be him," said Baumann.

Last year the Men's Tennis team won the Big West championship title as well as standings as an Academic All-American team which requires a 3.2 GPA from each player. Both Baumann and Sugurdson are looking forward to fighting for the title again this season. The whole team is motivated as well pointed out Baumann, "I don't have to tell them, everyone does extra."

Sugurdson's goal is to do his best by winning as many matches as he can. Even after losing some of their best player from last year, Sugurdson is staying positive, "I am confident we can do well," he said.

Women's tennis takes USF 5-2

By Allison March
Staff Writer

The girls Tennis team brought it together on Sunday defeating USF 5-2. This match gave the girls tennis team a 5-1 record thus far this season.

Kathariana Heil and Vana Marzovic slammed their opponents in their doubles match with a score of 8-1. Natalia Kostenko and Szendrei also won with a score of 8-2. Schneider and Kenfield were the pair left out losing 8-4.

With doubles out of the way the girls moved on to singles. The singles games were going smoothly until the matches were interrupted by rain. With this the two teams had to make their way to the indoor courts on West Lane.

Singles number one on the team Vana Mrzovic had a hard loss of 7-5, 5-7, 1-0(8) to her USF opponent. Helen Schneider also had a rough match also losing a disappointing match with a score of 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.

On the other hand Pacific won the other four singles matches. Kathariana Heil won 6-4, 7-6(4), Natalia Kostenko 6-2, 60 sweeping her victory, Katharina Tumpf won 6-4, 7-5 and Anja Herrmann defeated with a score of 7-6(5), 6-2.

This was a great win for the girls. Kostenko again is left with a perfect game record this season. Freshment Trumpf also has a perfect record for the season.

So far the girls are off to a great start and are looking ahead to a great year.
Taking Utah seriously
Men’s Basketball ranks 19 in the nation

Ryan Tedards
Copy Editor
When Nate Harris sunk two free throws to put the Utah State Aggies up seven points with 22 seconds left Saturday night, I thought the game was over. The 15 game winning streak gone. Oh, and the top 25 ranking in the polls, goodbye as well.

The 10,000 plus Utah State fans who were chanting ‘overrated’ was loud and clear over the airwaves of College Sports Television Network. It was painful to be a Tiger basketball fan at that moment. With a blink of an eye though, things changed. Junior guard Mike Webb sank a three-pointer to cut the lead to four. Then, Christian Maraker stole the inbound pass, passed the ball to Webb, who hit another three to cut the lead to one point 63-62!

Pacific then fouled David Pak, a 28 year old senior for the Aggies. Pak missed both free throws and Pacific had the ball with 11 seconds and a chance to win! Senior Tyler Newton drove baseline toward the basket and passed to Maraker who was standing wide open at the free throw line. With two seconds left, Maraker calmly drains the winning basket!

How I wished the 10,000 shocked fans in Logan, Utah could have heard me go absolutely crazy when the final seconds ticked off. I know my neighbors at my apartment complex must have thought I won the lottery. The Tigers are the ones who have hit the jackpot though.

Currently ranked number 19 in the country, the men’s team has the fewest losses of ANY team since January 1, 2004. That is no typo, it reads 2004. They also own the second longest winning streak in the country at 16 games and counting. If that isn’t enough, the team will be featured on ESPN in their last two home games.

Despite all the recent accolades, the Tigers have plenty of unfinished business. There is no guarantee that they will be playing in the NCAA tournament, without first winning the Big West Tournament, March 9-12 in Anaheim. In fact, any loss before the B.W.T. may knock them out of the top 25 polls.

With so much on the line for the Tigers, I cannot think of too many good reasons not to be in the Alex G. Spanos Center for the remaining two games.

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Sports Editor
The Pacific Outdoor Connection traveled to Moaning Cavers last weekend with eight Pacific students. Trip Coordinator and leader, Casey Newlin, described the trip as follows.

The group started in a room that seemed more normal than expected with a “gift shop, a little fence - and then a big hole in the ground,” explained Newlin. “Jack had us crawl on our backs and inch along.” The group then proceeded to crawl into a number of holes guessing the best directions to follow. Often however, their chosen route would be a dead end!

After making their way through the cave, the group exited covered in mud and with smiles on their faces. The Pacific Outdoor Connection is planning many more trips this semester, check them out annexed to Baun Fitness Center or at (209) 946-0670

Photograph courtesy of Edward Lee

Post adventure the group poses covered in mud outside the cave they just explored.
the hostile crowd in Utah. This was a huge game for the Tigers and none will be bigger than this Saturday’s Bracket Buster game against UTEP here at the Spanos Center at 9pm. This is a big game and it will be nationally televised on ESPN. Everyone needs to be there so we can show our Pacific pride to the nation and show UTEP that their not coming here and leaving with a win, instead they’ll leave with another L and Pacific cracking the Top 15.

It’s just about that time of the year when everyone begins to pack the house that Ruth built; fans sit patiently in the bay awaiting another Bonds juiced up home run and the long lines for beer and garlic fries...ahhhh Baseball season is just around the corner.

What a way to kick off baseball’s spring training this year with Giambi saying “I’m sorry but not saying what he’s sorry for, Canseco releasing his book as well as the names of future Hall of Famers he’s stuck with a needle and Barry Bonds mistress of 8 years saying she has knowledge of Bonds steroid use. As one of my friends said “looks like the Giants PR team has their work cut out for them”.

I went out and bought Canseco’s book and I’m pretty impressed with some of the stuff he talks about and it also makes a lot of sense. In one portion of the book he goes into how the players union for years did not want steroid testing on players and it happened to be in the years after the 1994 MLB strike. Coincidence, I think not. If you a baseball fan or grew up a Bash Brothers fan you should go and check it out or buy it, read it and return. Whatever you do, it’s on you.

NFL news, could it be true? Could a new moon be arriving in Oakland? Possibly. Rumors are that the Vikings are shopping around Randy Moss and in return they want a starter, preferably a defensive player and 1-2 draft picks. Looks like the Raiders have some draft picks and un-happy cornerstone named Phillip Buchanan who wants out. Imagine this Raiders fans, Kerry Collins launching bombs to Randy Moss, because that’s all Collins can pretty much do and Moss doing whatever type of touchdown celebration he chooses because Raiders fans won’t be offended, I think they hardly ever are. Also imagine the Raiders getting Shaun Alexander, that’s a dream, kind of like dreaming of having 24’s on a Mini Cooper. Someone the Raiders can possibly get is Travis Henry from Buffalo. Raider’s fans cross your fingers, skulls and silver & black face paint because you can never count out Al Davis and the acquisition of NFL trouble makers.

"Get the ball," yells Pacific’s Women’s Lacrosse goalie to her teammates playing defense against Sonoma State last Friday night.

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Sports Editor

Pacific’s Women’s Lacrosse club team took on Sonoma State last Friday night in a home game despite the rainy weather. The lady Tigers lost in an upset 7-14.

Both teams were aggressive on defense, including Pacific’s goalie who continued to yell “get the ball” across the field at her teammates to upkeep moral.

Fan, Peter Gonzales, for the Tigers said of the evening, “there’s something about athletic women in skirts letting out aggression to make for a great sporting event.”

Coach Ben Burton, a senior at Pacific who had played on the Men’s Lacrosse team prior to an injury is pleased to see improvement in the teams play. This season they started of with a young team and many new players. Friday night was their third game of the season.

“A lot of the players are still learning,” said Burton, “they played hard and that’s all you can really ask.”

Pacific’s number one player, Jennifer Plasemyer scored several of the team’s goals against Sonoma and was able to walk away from the field happy after “giving a high-five to the goalie I scored twice on and she gave me a genuine smile,” said Plasemyer.

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