Rwandan President Paul Kagame to Present

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(Stockton, Calif.) - His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, will make a rare public appearance in the United States when he visits University of the Pacific in Stockton, California on Thursday, April 14.

President Kagame will speak at 6 p.m. on April 14 at Pacific's Alex G. Spanos Center. It will be his only major public address during a brief trip to the United States. The event is free and open to the public, and it is sponsored by Pacific's School of International Studies Gerber Lecture Series. Tickets are required and can be obtained at the door or in advance.

On July 4, 1994, under Kagame's leadership, military forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Front put an end to the genocide that had claimed 1 million lives in the central African nation. Since then, Kagame has focused on rebuilding the country. He was elected president last August.

In recognition of these accomplishments, University of the Pacific President Donald DeRosa will present Kagame with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. It will be the first time an American university has conferred an honorary degree on Kagame.

Kagame will then give an address titled "Rwanda: Hope from Despair," during which he will describe Rwanda's recovery from genocide. He will also talk about his recent visit to Sudan, where the international community is once again faced with the problem of mass violence.

"Paul Kagame is widely regarded as the leader of a new generation of African presidents dedicated to poverty reduction, human development and female empowerment," said Dr. Margee Ensign, Dean of University of the Pacific's School of International Studies and an advisor to many development efforts in central Africa. Ensign invited Kagame to Pacific after she met him in Rwanda last year.

"Many Americans have formed their impression of Rwanda from the new movie, Hotel Rwanda," Ensign said. "But what they don't know is how much progress has been made in Rwanda over the last 11 years. I'm hoping that President Kagame's visit will help inform the public about what's really happening there."

Rwandan Ministry of Education Signs with Pacific

University of the Pacific Provost Philip Gilbertson will join Rwandan Minister of Education Romain Murenzi to sign a landmark accord that will establish the first-ever student exchange program between Rwandan and American Universities. The signing of the accord took place at Pacific's Bechtel International Center at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

First Lady of Rwanda to Join Local Students at AIDS Fundraiser

Rwanda's first lady, Madame Jeannette Kagame, will be accompanying her husband. She will appear at a reception to raise funds to assist AIDS widows and orphans in Rwanda. The fundraiser has been organized by students at Pacific's School of International Studies and St. Mary's High School in Stockton. Tickets are $25 for students and $75 for the general public. The event will be held in Pacific's Grace Covell Hall.

Groundbreaking Week at Pacific

(Stockton, Calif.) - The week of April 11 will be a landmark one for University of the Pacific. Throughout the week, Pacific will become the first university in the nation to establish a student exchange program with the country of Rwanda, it will host Rwandan President Paul Kagame for a rare public appearance, and it will help First Lady of Rwanda Jeanette Kagame raise funds for AIDS widows and orphans in her home country.

Rwanda has written a constitution, established free universal education, created a system to mete out justice to those responsible for the genocide, and elected more women to national office than any other nation. He has organized their impression of Rwanda from the new movie, Hotel Rwanda," Ensign said. "But what they don't know is how much progress has been made in Rwanda over the last 11 years. I'm hoping that President Kagame's visit will help inform the public about what's really happening there."
When I entered Pacific with an undecided major, it never occurred to me that I could study abroad. I used to hear stories of abroad experiences from students who studied abroad in high school and college and returned home with many wonderful experiences. I was definitely intrigued by the idea of getting educated in another country, but making it a reality seemed too difficult to attain.

Once I declared my International Studies major, I found out that studying abroad was much easier than I thought it was. After one year at Pacific, I was off to Morocco to study abroad, unaware that the priceless and unforgettable experiences I was about to encounter would bring new meaning into my life.

I was introduced to an array of new things during my stay in the different, yet welcoming Moroccan culture. I ate very tasty Moroccan food, danced and sang to Moroccan music, traveled to mountainous and desert lands, and was able to study topics from a different perspective with Moroccan native and other international students. I gained a world of experience with "no added costs". I got to study abroad and I did not have to worry about other program fees or expenses. The study abroad program was paid by my Pacific tuition and academic scholarships and grants. The additional costs to cover my living and miscellaneous expenses were paid for by the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship that I had received to study abroad. I qualified for the scholarship after submitting a statement of purpose essay explaining why I was interested in studying abroad and why I chose Morocco. I literally stumbled upon the Gilman scholarship and feel very privileged to have received it. The process to apply was very simple and "user friendly". Anyone who is interested in the opportunity to study abroad, like I was, should consider applying if they are a U.S. citizen and receive federal aid.

Angela Graybill, a graduating senior of the School of International Studies got to study abroad in Freiburg, Germany as part of the IES European Union Program. She immersed herself into the European culture and she simultaneously learned to complete her daily tasks just as smoothly as the natives did. She grocery shopped on a day-by-day basis, managed to order food from restaurants even when the menus were not translated, and she often had to evaluate and balance her budget due to the reality in the differences of costs and currency between the U.S. and Germany. Whenever she needed the reassurance of friends and family, internet access was available and her phone calls home were priceless. She too was given the opportunity to study abroad and explore Europe as part of her program.

Angela, like myself and many of the hundreds of students who have studied abroad while attending Pacific, will always look back on the abroad experiences and think about how studying abroad has helped mold who we are today. As for me, without the Gilman scholarship I would not have been able to study abroad. This may be the case for many other students and for those that this does apply to, the Gilman scholarship may help you be abroad too. For more information on the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship visit www.iie.org/gilman and for an informational session on the Gilman scholarship and studying abroad on April 28, 2005 at the Bechtel International Center.
Letter To the Editor:

March 17, 2005

Hello Pacifican-

This Saturday the ladies of Delta Delta Delta are having our first annual Miracle Miles 5k walk/run. Our 5K walk/run is benefiting children’s cancer research and St. Jude’s children’s hospital. Registration for the event will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday April 16th. There will be food, raffles and lots of fun. If you have any questions please contact Christine Chavez at DDD_miraclemiles@yahoo.com or her cell @ 559-901-4583. Thank you so much in advance,

The ladies of Delta Delta Delta

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Florida politicians pass self-defense law
“Stand Your Ground” bill is expected to be signed by Governor Jeb Bush

By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Editor

Under a new law passed by state politicians, Florida citizens who are physically threatened or assaulted in a public place will now be able to use deadly force, including firearms, as a primary means of self-defense. The law is an expansion of the so-called “Castle Doctrine,” which states that a person has the right to use deadly force to protect life and property against a home intruder. This doctrine (which I assume derives from the expression “A man’s home is his castle”), did not apply to public places. Previously, a person who felt significantly threatened in a public place had to make an attempt to escape the potential danger before resorting to deadly force. With the bill expected to be signed into law by Florida governor Jeb Bush, the gun-toting citizens of the Sunshine State will, in effect, be given free reign to “shoot first and ask questions later.”

Call me pessimistic, but this seems like a really bad idea. Using a gun to defend against an intruder or burglar is one thing, but allowing people to publicly fire guns at their own discretion is something else entirely. Now, I’m not saying that guns haven’t saved people from serious harm; for example, there are surely women who have used handguns to fend off potential rapists. Although there are justifiable instances of resorting to firearms (whether it’s used as a visual deterrent or actually fired), the new Florida law seems ripe for abuse. An article in Reuters notes that “critics say the measure could lead to racially motivated killings and promote deadly escalations of arguments.” The second part of the statement seems fairly self-evident. If two armed individuals are having a heated argument, it only takes one hothead to flash a gun and turn the argument into a deadly exchange of bullets.

This is especially the case when booze is involved. Many people know at least one “bad drunk” who becomes belligerent and abrasive after having a few too many drinks. I know people who have gotten into bar fights with such characters—by which I mean fist-fights, not gunfights. Under the new Florida law, drunken barflies who like to pick

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Anti-Japan protests in many China cities

This morning I was issued a warning by the U.S. Embassy here in Beijing to avoid the streets around my university, as there would be a large anti-Japanese rally that would also target foreigners. Along the streets of Beijing University, there was a 51,000 person anti-Japanese march. You probably already know of the pertinent information but the protest included many chants and signs that highlighted the fervor of anti-Japanese sentiment amongst the participants. Most protesters seemed to highlight the issue of not purchasing Japanese products, although many included signs and were yelling for Japan to “get out” of China. I watched the march pass by from my hallway window but decided later to get a closer look. Me and my friends ran to the west gate of campus and when we approached, a group of 10 or 20 Chinese men started yelling at us not to use our Canon cameras (we were taking pictures), as they were Japanese products.

I don’t know the entire intensity of the rally, but it was shown on Japanese television. All of the Japanese foreign students hid inside their rooms this morning as they were too afraid to go outside. I did see a couple of Japanese students standing near me as I watched the rally pass by, but they didn’t seem to be hassled very much because they were hiding towards the back of the crowd.

There was also a man with a loudspeaker who was denouncing Junichiro Koizumi (the prime minister of Japan, pictured at top), and

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fights would essentially be inviting some wannabe-vigilante to shoot them. Even while sober, people don't think clearly when they're angry and seriously arguing with someone. I hate to think of what could happen in a bar, with a combination of alcohol-fueled argument, concealed handguns, and a crowded room full of people.

Regarding the possibility of racially motivated killings, what strikes me is how easy it would be to turn an outright murder into a supposed case of "self-defense." This would be especially problematic in cities with gang violence, as many (though not all) gangs are delineated by race or ethnicity. Theoretically, a gang member could kill a rival from another gang, plant a weapon on the corpse, and claim a self-defense shooting if he is arrested for the murder. This scenario is not especially farfetched, as it has been done in the past by certain (crooked) cops after shooting an unarmed suspect. And of course, racially motivated killings are not limited to gang activity; there are plenty of individuals with violent tendencies, some of whom will be virulent racists.

For the record, I am not against firearm ownership per se. As a kid, I really liked toy guns: water pistols, cap guns, dart guns—I had a veritable arsenal of plastic weapons to play with. (Perhaps it was inevitable, seeing as how I'm named for a fictional cowboy, a reluctant gunslinger who is the title character in a novel by Jack Schafer). As I grew older, I moved on to air rifles and BB guns as a casual interest and developed my marksmanship skills. About a year ago, I finally had the opportunity to handle a real firearm when I went with a friend to a gun range in Stockton. My friend brought along his .40-caliber Smith and Wesson automatic, and we took turns shooting at the target downrange.

Squeezing the trigger for the first time, I remember being surprised at how loud the gun was, even while wearing ear protectors. Even more surprising was the odd feeling of holding an instrument of extreme power in one's hand—a power to cripple. A power to kill. It's a grave responsibility to have that kind of power, and I felt it even while shooting at a paper bull's-eye. The new Florida law that would allow people to wield this power in cavalier, wild-West fashion is extremely reckless, and will almost certainly result in more mayhem than it is intended to prevent.

CHINESE GUARDS keep watch as child students and parents leave a Japanese school in Beijing.

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saying in Chinese such as "get out Japan" and "love our country, don't buy Japanese goods." I even saw signs with a big red X slashed across Mr. Koizumi's face. I have never been witness to a political rally outside of the United States, and it is to my understanding that this one was organized by the government. It is unfortunate that most Chinese citizens can only form an opinion and a hatred based on one single news source. This was a very scary and unfortunate experience. It is hard for these two countries to improve relations when events like these occur. I wouldn't have written about it if I didn't feel this was very important.

CORRECTION

Two recent articles by Erin Tinney, including last week's student profile, were mistakenly attributed to a different author. The Perspectives section regrets the error.
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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Pokemon, Britney engage in Mortal Kombat

Mansluts, Colin Farred. Britney baby, after Justin Timberlake you became the Pokemon equivalent of STD's, “Gotta catch em' All!” Not going to lie, that would be an awesome TV show wouldn't it? “GO Pikacherpes! Go!” Who would the legendary<br><br>“ACTUAL TISSUE USED BY BRITNEY!! NO RESERVE A+++++++!!!!!!”

Pokémon Pikacherpes fight though? Maybe he would battle it out with Syphilypuff? Squirrlte? Ok, that was kind of gross, probably wouldn't get made into a real show, but you never know, this all from the same country that made Yu-Gi-Oh a household name.

As a brief interlude in my though proving column, I need to mention my favorite person in the dining hall. We honor you Jose, the only person who could make a decision between “CURLEEZZZ” and “straight” fun filled and exciting. No really, I'm being totally serious, next time you're in the dining hall, you're in for a treat besides a coronary.

You know, talking about video games and Pokemon has gotten me pretty nostalgic. I'm sure here all the gamers reading remember the days when Street Fighter ruled the arcades, people came to play for tickets and prizes instead of working on their latest DDR “dance” routine, and Mortal Kombat was the bee's knees. Yes, I read right, I just said bee's knees, deal with it.

Mortal Kombat was a sight to behold, and the prospect of blood in a video game drove kids crazy. Only in the nineties could a videogame convince the entire country that spelling things with a K instead of a C was the cool thing to do.

That was a time of innocence wasn’t it? That was ten years ago, and what a fast ten years it has been. Before most of us had to worry about our majors, graduate schools, or even getting into college, most of you reading this paper were more than likely carefree middle school students. Back when California Love by Tupac was fresh, back when the YMCA was still cool, back when hand drawn Disney movies were the best things your virgin eyes had ever seen. This was way before you embraced sarcasm, way before you became jaded by politics/religion/tv/music, and ages before you engaged in drama that involved unrequited loves, breakups, emotional confusion, boys, girls, deaths, blah blah blah blah blah.

Ten years ago, and that time has flown by at breakneck speeds, so next time you get to caught up in the tars pits of life, take a little word of advice from Mikey Vu, enjoy where you are and enjoy what you’re doing, otherwise ten years from now you’ll be wondering where the hell time went. Trust me, it’s what all the “kool” kids are doing.

Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

I would just like everyone reading to know that as I write this sentence I am listening to Michelle Branch. That is all.

Onwards to news that really matters however, Ms. (excuse me, Mrs.) Britney Spears has officially announced that she is “gasp” pregnant. Although this is Britney’s first foray into motherhood, her husband Kevin “I bet I know you in the Biblical sense” Federline, is an experienced gold digger baby maker with two kids from some actress or other.

In case you haven’t noticed or seen the pictures, in the past few months Britney has gracefully fallen from grace, from multimillion selling pop diva super star to white trash. Really, the transformation was quite seamless, and now she intends to fulfill the role of worlds hottest MILF. Well, next to Martha Stewart. What really goes through her little mind.

Britney has always been an interesting topic for me, not in the same way as the pimply faced drones that squeal in the same way as the pimply faced drones that squeal when they see Pokemon, Britney engage in Mortal Kombat...
**Fashion File**

**What to wear and when**

**Erin Hover**

**Columnist**

Ever wonder why the girl on the treadmill chose to wear the pink velour jumpsuit with matching pink tennis shoes? Or have you noticed the girl in the movie theatre who wore a mini skirt and tube top on a first date, probably after meeting her date’s parents?

Many times women think too much or too little when deciding on an outfit for a particular event or occasion. Sometimes it is as easy as pulling sweat pants out of drawer, but when first impressions are at stake, throw on the dirty top and jeans you forgot to wash last week might lead others to doubt your fashion expertise.

To dress appropriately for the gym is one of the simplest situations girls have to deal with when choosing an outfit. Matching attire is not necessary when you are sweating on the elliptical trainer next to two other people. T-shirts from old sporting events or clubs from high school never go out of style when you are working out at the gym.

A first date on the other hand takes more consideration than a jog through the park. Regardless if you are meeting family members or not, simple and respectful clothing is always a good choice. There is no need to impress him with tight tank tops or short skirts, but rather entice him with your wit and charm. Jeans and a sensible top paired with minimal accessories are always classic choices.

Weddings can be tricky events where many issues can arise. First of all, it is not necessary to wear every wedding cliché. Skip the wedding hats with oversized brims and floral arrangements for a straw hat. A guest at a wedding should also avoid being draped in head to toe in a white dress or pantsuit. Avoid blacks, and settle for darker browns or navy colors. If it is spring time, pastels and softer colors would be more suitable especially for an outdoor wedding.

Lastly, if you are attending a barbecue or event outside with friends, family, or a date you will most likely want to feel comfortable. Avoid painful stilettos that will probably leave you sinking in the grass anyway. Pair a skirt or chinos with a cardigan and wedge heels for a comfortable yet stylish look. If it is sunny add a cowboy or floppy straw hat to your attire.

Choosing an outfit for an event doesn’t have to be a painful experience. Allow some time before hand to view all your options. It is always smart to try on two or three outfits prior to going out so you can see what best suits you, unless you are planning on going to the gym.

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New Asian-American Sorority at Pacific

First members of new Asian-American Sorority pose to commemorate Pacific history.

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Mickey Yu
Lifestyles Editor

How many of you have heard about Rho Delta Chi? Mmmhmm, a handful of hands. This up and coming sorority has yet to establish itself as an official chapter on the diverse Pacific Campus, but this Asian American Sorority Interest group is looking for members that are interested in joining and becoming a part of a strong sisterhood. As Pacific student and member of the interest group, Charlene Obille states, "We felt like there was a need for it on campus. With 30% of the population Asian we wondered why there wasn't a Greek organization for us." Those interested however should not feel as if there is any bias due to race, much like the Kilusan Pilipino club, this group welcomes one and all. Dr. Julie Sina, Vice President of Student Life, said that, "The University is very supportive and we hope to issue a formal letter of recognition by the end of the semester." With the support of the school behind them, and the incoming of more and more interested students, soon Rho Delta Chi, Delta Colony will be realization for the ever growing diverse Pacific students.
Softball Wins Again
Mike Dalqety
Associate Director of Athletic Media Relations

STOCKTON, Calif. - The Pacific softball team concluded a three-game Big West Conference series against Long Beach State with an 11-3 loss to the 49ers on Sunday, Apr. 10, at Bill Simoni Field. Long Beach State won the series two games to one. With the loss, the Tigers fell to 19-19 overall and 3-3 in Big West Conference action. Long Beach State improved to 25-13 overall (5-1 Big West).

Marcel Torres gave the 49ers a 2-0 lead in the top of the first with two-out two-run home run, her fifth of the season. Lacy Tyler added a three-run shot in the third to push the 49ers' cushion to 5-0. The blast was Tyler's third of the series and the third of her intercollegiate career.

Pacific cut its deficit to 5-3 with two runs in the third and one in the fourth. Senior Brandi Gordon (Redmond, Wash.) had a run-scoring single for the Tigers in the third inning, while senior Michelle Anunciation (Chino Hills, Calif.) came through with an RBI double in the fourth.

Long Beach State put the game away with five runs in the fifth and one more of the 49ers' five fifth inning runs came on bases loaded walks, while another scored on a hit batter with the bases full.

Meredith Cervenka went the distance in the circle for Long Beach State, improving to 16-7 on the season.

Senior Natalie King (Huntington Beach, Calif.) went the first 2.1 innings for Pacific, yielding three runs on two hits and four walks to fall to 11-7.

Anunciation and sophomore Gina Carbonatto (Lake Stevens, Wash.) each had two hits in the game for the Tigers.

Pacific is next in action with a three-game Big West Conference series next weekend at Cal Poly. The Tigers and Mustangs open the series with a doubleheader at noon on Saturday, Apr. 16. The series concludes with a single game at noon on Sunday, Apr. 17.

Men’s Tennis Beats UC Santa Barbra
Mike Dalqety
Associate Director of Athletic Media Relations

Stockton, Calif. - Powered by a top singles lineup, the Pacific men’s tennis team moved back to .500 on the season with a 4-3 conference win over No. 66 UC Santa Barbara on Saturday, April 9.

With the win the Tigers improved to 9-9 overall and 3-1 in Big West play.

After dropping the doubles point to the Gauchos, dropping both the No. 1 and No. 3 matches, the Tigers needed to take four of the six singles matches in order to take the match. Wasting no time, No. 1-4 came through for the 49ers, propelling Pacific to the one point win.

Junior Arnar Sigurdsson (Kopavogur, Iceland) picked up his 16th victory of the season in just 18 matches with a 6-2, 6-1, win over Alex Anselme at No. 1 singles.

Junior Jorgen Vestli (Hamar, Norway) and senior Niclas Otte (Hannover, Germany) each helped power Pacific to victory as they were the only two Tigers to take both of their matches on the day, teaming up for the 8-2 win at No. 2 doubles and wins at both No. 2 and No. 3 singles.

As a doubles team, Vestli and Otte are a combined 14-4 on the season.

The Tigers will next be in action on Saturday, April 16 as they play host to Montana at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts. Match time is scheduled for 1:00 pm.
Pacific explodes for 10 runs in the eighth to take down Nevada, 15-5

Trailing 5-4, Senior Jesse Kovacs delivers a grand slam to ignite the Tiger's offense

Glen Sisk
Athletic Media Relations

RENO, Nev. - The Pacific Tigers exploded for 10 runs in the eighth inning to defeat the Nevada Wolf Pack, 15-5, Tuesday, Apr. 12. With the win the Tigers moved to 17-18 on the season, while Nevada fell to 17-13. Trailing 5-3 in the top of the eighth inning, Pacific junior Jerin Harper (Spokane, Wash.) and senior Brandon Gottier (Bellingham, Wash.) led off the inning with back-to-back singles to put runners on first and second. With the game on the line, Pacific head coach Ed Sprague sent up freshman Justin Baum (La Mesa, Calif.) as a pinch hitter, despite Baum having a sprained left ankle. Baum delivered a single through the left side to load the bases. Fellow freshman John Joinnes (Milpitas, Calif.) came on to run for Baum, then junior Will Brindza (Sherwood, Ore.) lifted a sacrifice fly to right field to bring home Harper, pulling Pacific within a run at 5-4.

After junior Ryan Wilmer (San Mateo, Calif.) reached on an error to load the bases for the second time in the inning, senior Jesse Kovacs (Carmel, Calif.) gave Pacific its first lead with his first career grand slam over the left field wall. Leading 8-5, the Tigers were far from done as Pacific scored five more runs in the inning, including three on a three-run home run over the left-center field wall by Harper and RBI singles from Wilmer and junior Matt Berezay (Manteca, Calif.).

The Tigers added two more runs in the ninth on a two-run blast by pinch hitter, junior Ramon Glasgow (Stockton, Calif.). The home run was Glasgow's first with Pacific. Despite the lopsided final score, the Wolf Pack held an early 3-0 lead into the fifth inning. The Tigers first runs of the game came off the bat of freshman Adam Ching (Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.) as Ching belted a two-triple to drive home Wilmer and junior Dale Hall (Wenatchee, Wash.). Ching came in to tie the game at 3-3, when Berezay reached on a Nevada error.

Pacific junior Gregg Reynolds (Arcata, Calif.) picked up the win (3-0) as he allowed one run on one hit with six strikeouts in three innings of relief. Nevada's Jim McCarthy (0-1) suffered the loss as he gave up a hit to the only batter he faced, Baum.

Pacific will be back in action on Friday, Apr. 15 as the Tigers begin a three-game Big West Conference series with No. 2 Cal State Fullerton in Fullerton, Calif. at 7 p.m.

Curtier breaks Home Run Record

STOCKTON, Calif. - Sophomore first baseman Jennifer Curtier (Lancaster, Calif.) matched Pacific's single season program record with her 12th home run of the year as the Tigers earned a split of a Big West Conference doubleheader against Long Beach State with a 4-3 game two victory on Saturday, Apr. 9, at Bill Simoni Field.

Lacy Tyler powered the 49ers offensively in game one, as she went 2-for-3 with two home runs, her first home runs of the season, and five RBI.

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