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University of the Pacific
Baby, Be Ernest For Me?
Pacific's Theatre Arts Department presents,
The Importance of Being Ernest

By Erin Birmingham
News Editor

Opening April 22 and running through to the 30th, Pacific's Theatre Arts department presents The Importance of Being Ernest by Oscar Wilde. Directed by William Wolak, the university's theater arts department has done an impressive job of closing the 2004-2005 season.

The cast was much smaller than the premier play of the season, Heart's Desire. The small cast of 11 was led by Calab Draper as Algernon-Ernest, and Zachory Kovall as John-Ernest. Both characters share the name Ernest for reasons which I will not expose in this article, but as a hint, in the words of the famous rock-ballad dinner entree, Meatloaf, "I would do anything for love!"

"The Importance of Being Ernest is a play whose elevated dialogue might be hard to follow at first, but if audiences take the time to get into the story then they will find that it's comical satire is unparalleled", sophomore Will Stevenson. Will makes his acting debut at Pacific as Mr. Grisby, the grumpy bill collector with a very believable bum-leg.

Oscar Wilde was born in Ireland and became one of the world's greatest writers to date. This play, being one of his greatest achievements, is well worth going to see not only because of the amazing cast, but because of the hilariously witty story. Wilde does a great job of poking fun at shallow and controlling parents, free-loading smart aleck friends and crazy females who like men for all the wrong reasons. And lucky for us, the cast does a great job of bringing them all to you. For more information call the box office at 946-2867.
Come and learn about an international scholarship opportunity and study abroad today, Thursday, April 28 from 8 to 10 p.m. in Pacific's Bechtel International Center. The event is free and open to the public.

By Kohloud Rashed
Guest Writer

Today, Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 12 pm in Bechtel International Center.

If you decide to step out of our U.S. boundary, increase your ability to enjoy your foreign destination by preparing yourself. About a year ago, I left the U.S. and stepped onto foreign soil to study abroad in Morocco, a developing country. If you have never visited a developing country, like I had not one, the societal and cultural differences are evident the minute you step off the plane. The people may look and act differently than Americans. They interpret actions of people according to their cultural rules and their ideology is consistent with their country's religious and political foundation.

You may think that this is all okay because we expect people to be different given that they come from a different land than we do. But believe it or not, whether you visit a "first world" or a "third world" country and intend to stay longer than a vacationing period, difficulty in dealing with the differences of that culture and society-the result is culture shock.

So if you really want to enjoy and understand the foreign land and people, do your homework on that country.

The importance of research on the culture and land you will travel to is one of the most essential pre-departure steps to learn about a new culture. It is the first step in cultural learning that can help you become international.

It paves the way for the learning process that follows research application. You will realize that being in another culture means surviving in it physically, cognitively, and emotionally. As for me, once I engulfed myself into the Moroccan culture, I realized it was a true learning experience.

I was unable to escape the Moroccan culture and when I realized this, I immediately learned to be an observer, listener, and a human sponge in order to connect the dots on what I learned prior to arriving, and what was revealing itself as each day passed in Morocco. I had the task of manipulating any and all of my people skills tools in my attempt to be a Moroccan for a semester and truly understand the differences between them and us.

I survived in another culture and so can you. You need to be willing to be a student and be able to learn things on day-to-day basis. The essential skills to live in another land can be taught to you on-campus through Pacific's Cross-Cultural Training course. This course is required for students who are studying abroad while enrolled at Pacific.

Join me today in Bechtel Center as I introduce how to get your cultural finding on track.

59th Annual Music Camp

Steve Perdigors
Director/ Pacific Music Camps

The 59th Annual Pacific Music Camps will take place at the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music. Over 550 junior and senior high school musicians are expected to attend from throughout the western United States. Students will have the opportunity to work with 60 faculty and staff including leading music educators, professional musicians and faculty.

The Brubeck Institute Jazz Camp (grades 8-12) will be held June 26-July 2. "Interest in the Brubeck Institute Jazz Camp has been extremely high," stated Steve Perdigors, director of the Conservatory's summer music camps. "We are expecting the Jazz Camp to be at capacity by the end of April."

The Junior Band & Orchestra Camp (grades 5-8) will be held July 10-16 and the Senior Band, Orchestra & Chorus Camp (grades 8-12) will be held July 17-23. The Pacific Piano Camp (grades 8-12) will also be held July 17-23.

Total cost per session is $475 - $550 for residents and $350 - $375 for commuters.

For more information, please call: 209/946-2416 or e-mail: Register online at: /psummer.html

Local Students to Present Science Research Findings

Saturday, April 30, San Joaquin County students in grades 6 through 12 will present their scientific research findings after months of hard work. The findings will be presented at the second annual Teaching Experiementing and Mentoring (TEAM) Science Symposium on Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of Pacific's Health Sciences Learning Center (Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy). Later, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., students will share their research posters and answer questions about their findings. The event is free and open to the public.

TEAM Science is a collaboration of the San Joaquin County Office of Education and University of the Pacific, and it aims to improve science curriculum in San Joaquin County classrooms, grades six through 12, as well as increase students' interest in the subject. TEAM Science is funded by a three-year, $1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation.
By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Editor

The Washington Post reported on Saturday that no high-ranking U.S. Army officers will be charged with any wrongdoing in the systematic abuse of Iraqi detainees at the now-infamous Abu Ghraib prison, a scandal that was damningly documented in a series of digital photographs. A report issued by an Army inspector general had cleared all senior officers of blame, but recommended administrative punishment for brigadier general Janis Karpinski, the commander of the military police in charge of U.S. prison facilities in Iraq. Several of the soldiers involved in the abuses have been tried in military court, with two of the so-called ring leaders, Charles Graner and Lynndie England drawing 10-year sentences.

This is appropriate enough, as the two quite clearly seemed to relish the abuse they were inflicting. In one photo, Graner kneels on a pile of naked Iraqis with his fist cocked back, as if about to deliver a punch. England was the female soldier in some of the more widely circulated photos, including an image which she holds a dog leash tied around the neck of a naked prisoner who is lying on the floor. Sick.

Although the two got what they deserved, it is not surprising that only the lowly privates will be facing hard time, despite evidence that commanding officers encouraged (or allowed) the abuse. Karpinski will possibly face a reprimand for dereliction of duty, a punishment that may effectively end her military career but carries with it no risk of jail time.

As far as blame goes, the buck stops there. A shame, considering journalist Seymour Hersch’s articles in the New Yorker which documented a chain of command leading all the way up to the White House. In a saner world, Charles Graner would be sharing a prison cell with Donald Rumsfeld.

By Israel Swanner
Guest Writer

As I look back from my fourth year at the University of the Pacific, I remember with fondness some of the time I have spent on this campus. Perhaps I have a different perspective, living off campus, but I’ve come to appreciate and enjoy the free time I have spent here. I’d just like to let everyone, new and old, in on some of my favorite on-campus spots.

Places I go to spend my downtime (and occasional money).

Whether it’s catching some Z’s in the second floor, in that little corner with the cushions, checking my email or favorite websites or typing up an assignment between classes, the library is a very accessible, very nice place to spend some time. Oh yeah, and there’s books, too. No kidding! In all seriousness, check out the selection. Look back over some of those books you were forced to read in high school, like 1984 or Lord of the Flies. You might find your perspective has changed with age and maturity. All of these benefits are accessible for longer than you’re probably fully aware of. It’s usually open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. on Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Friday, from noon to 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Another place on campus you need to spend some time at is The Summit. Go there for breakfast. Eat the breakfast burrito. At least get a side of potatoes. They’re grrrrreat. Or maybe you prefer ramen from your closet. Either way, you can also catch events and shows at The Summit, usually every other Wednesday night at 7-ish. These range from the annual series of Karaoke contests to concerts by local and on-campus bands, to more infrequent things such as the poetry slam that happened on Monday night. Go to these things. This is a valuable part of the campus experience.

Something else you can do if you have a moment of free time. Go sit on the lawn. There’s plenty of it, well-manicured and quite springy. Just lay out in the sun and listen to some music, read a book, strum a guitar, or snooze. It’s very relaxing, it’s a breath of fresh air, and it doesn’t cost a dime. Or maybe organize a game of football or Ultimate Frisbee. Really, do it sometime. Take in the scenery that the University takes such great care of. Stop and smell the roses that are out by Burns’ Tower, or the Eberhardt School of Business. Stand in the middle of the pillars over by the library and check out the awesome acoustics. Enjoy what part of your tuition is going towards.

And please, go to the games! Our University has a number of sports teams that compete in the upper divisions of collegiate play, and they need your support. Our Men’s Basketball team made it to the top of the Big West conference this year, and made it into The Associated Press men’s college basketball Top 25 for the very first time. They made it to the second round of the Albuquerque Regionals. Get out there and watch some of our sports teams. You might watch history being made.

I know that with my past, I certainly don’t have a lot of room to be talking, but here it is. You’re paying for this experience at the University of the Pacific. Don’t waste it away by locking yourself up in your room and watching TV or playing Vice City 24-7. Make the most of your university experience.
Strengthening your personal skills is not the only benefit of joining the Army. You can also receive cash bonuses and money for college. If you qualify, you can receive a $20,000 Enlistment Bonus, $65,000 College Loan Repayment or $70,000 from the Army College Fund. Find out more at GOARMY.COM or 1-800-USA-ARMY.

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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Cookie Monster announced New Pope

Friends is on the television right now, and it really hits me how painfully overrated this show is. Thank god they got rid of it and made room for quality programming like more Michael Jackson cover-ages.

I was watching The O.C. last week and it dawned on me that this show has just gotten ridiculous. I hate The O.C. now, and before you oiks jump on my back about how low it's still so totally rad and tubular, I watched and loved the first season so shut up. Outside of mainstream indie bands that I love, the show has really gotten hard. First of all, a band held closely to my heart, Death Cab for Cutie appeared on the show to play a quick set, and although I have no problem with a band using their name out there, I always bothered me that the kid was the new punk. In the way that a few years back, every girl and their mother used to wear a tie. Thank you, besides this oh so bold statement I would like to thank you for making AOL talk mainstream (hurr hurr he was a sk8r boi, she said she ya 80s boi.)

I think the most absurd thing about last week's episode was the fact that we was Ecstasy being sold during the Death Cab for Cutie concert. Now, I don't know if any of you have ever been to a Death Cab show but I promise you that no one would ever be selling drugs must less doing them at something so non threatening as a Death Cab show. The question you need to ask is, "Why?" First, this isn't some high energy rave with crazy cool lights, this is Ben Gibbard singing sensitive songs about girls, and second if you don't have enough energy to "dance" to the music (which at indie shows equates to "slightly sway and bob your head") then you're probably borderline dead anyway and shouldn't be doing drugs in the first place.

Which reminds me, a new Pope was elected last week, Pope Benedict XVI, or as those who know his mild mannered alter ego call him, Joseph Ratzinger. What a cool name, I couldn't even begin to fathom how awesome the puns would be. Like he could tell his favorite joke at a papal meeting if the cardinals laughed he could say, "Oh! Zinger!" Or if the joke horribly failed he could say, "Oh, rats!" Ok, upon reevaluating the funny factor of those jokes, I pretty sure I scored somewhere in the negative range and I'm sorry you had to read that. But really how nice would it be if you could just change your name and everyone in the world had to call you by whatever you chose? I'm well aware that you can legally change your name smartass, but if I walked around saying my name was Ezekial Vu, I hardly believe that people would take me any less seriously than they already do.

"C is for Cookie, that's good enough for me," as my personal favorite monster used to sing as he gobbled away on his various assortment of baked goods, but not anymore. Today he sings a different song ladies and gentlemen, as marked by the beginning of Sesame Streets 35th season, a character called "Hoot the Owl" helped explain to Cookie Monster about the benefits of eating healthy food and the wrongs of pigging out on delicious cookies. And just like that, in one fell swoop (oh the puns), Cookie Monster's days of eating were over. What? Excuse Me? You don't just walk up to a heroin addict, point at him like a dog who has just soiled himself and say, "NO. That's bad for you" and expect a response like, "Oh well I've never thought of it that way before," as he puts his needle away. It just doesn't happen like that. Let's face it folks, Cookie Monster sold out. He gave in to the man. They showed him the green to stop making kids fat, and he took the money just to feed his growing cookie habit. It's just a matter of time before we see him on the street with a grizzled blue beard singing to the passerbys, "C is for Change..."
By Erin Hover
Collumnist

Gone are the days of wind and rain. Summer is fast approaching and so are a whole new plethora of trends. Stores are filling their racks with a variety of fashionable items suitable for any woman looking to add a little color and liveliness to her wardrobe.

The patterns and colors this season are vivacious yet childlike with floral prints, islet cutouts, and soft stripe adorning t-shirts, tank tops, and skirts. Minty greens, sky blues, bright corals, and yellows are striking colors that catch the eye from miles away. These charming colors not only make for chic tanks and tops, but for skirts, Bermuda shorts, and capris.

Designers have not limited themselves to these solid color sensations. Islet dresses, tube tops, and tank skirts are popular choices of the Juicy Couture Line. Along with these innocent designs, crotched items such as terry cloth jackets, capris, and skirts can also be found from Juicy. The always popular trend of stripes never fails to make an appearance during the summer. Splendid, Michael Star’s, and C&C’s, have a variety of tops with stripes of all sizes and colors. Linen or cotton peasant skirts are one item that are able to go with any top no matter if is striped, solid, or covered with flowers. These peasant skirts come in every color imaginable and can be found anywhere from Forever 21 to Nordstrom’s. As always a jean skirt, cute shoes, and appropriate bag are all staple items necessary to look ones best at barbecues, pool parties, and get togethers.
Men's Tennis Sweeps Top Big West Honors for Second Straight Season

Mike Dolgetty
Associate Director of Athletic Media Relations

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