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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF PEPPERDINE

PEPPERDINE ATHLETES DONATE THEIR TIME TO HELP THE DISABLED



For the past three years, many of Pepperdine's Division I athletes from basketball, baseball, soccer, diving and cross country have served as personal coaches to help local disabled persons. Volunteering their Friday mornings to assist the visitors, the athletes work out in Pepperdine's

Olympic sized Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool in Malibu -- venue of the 1984 Olympic water polo games. The disabled adults are from the Esperance Center in Malibu and Santa Monica and their disabilities range from autism and Down Syndrome to Cerebral Palsy and mental retardation.

Pepperdine student coaches and their partners engage in a variety of swimming activities, some play water polo and others time swim laps. Some play catch and still others simply stand with their coaches, who encourage them to dunk their heads under water.

One particular participant, Dara, who is unable to speak and lives with severe epilepsy, works out regularly with Pepperdine men's basketball player Derick Grubb. Grubb will always put a floatation belt around Dara's waist and fit her with a protective helmet because of the frequency of the seizures Dara suffers. In the last three years Dara has swam in the pool, she has never once had an episode. Dara's mother calls this "amazing."

The volunteer athletes have found that they are reaping the rewards. Joey Parker, a junior on Pepperdine's baseball team remarks, "It's funny that when I first began volunteering in this program two years ago... some of the goals were to help the adults swim, teach them to play catch, or to not be afraid of the water. In reality, we aren't teaching these adults anything. They are the ones teaching us what it's like to have friendships and to appreciate the things we have."

GRAZIADIO SCHOOL PRESENTS J.D. POWER III

The Graziadio School of Business and Management Dean's Executive Leadership Series hosts Dave Power, Wednesday, Mar. 15, 2006, on the Drescher Graduate Campus. A reception is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. with Mr. Power's presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Power has spent more than 40 years as a pioneer in advancing customer satisfaction, of which more than three decades has been dedicated to leading one of the most prestigious marketing information firms in the world -- J.D. Power and Associates. The firm numbers among its clients virtually every automotive manufacturer and importer, serving the U.S. market, in addition to clients in many other industries around the world.

Learn the power of customer satisfaction from today's leading expert. There is no cost to attend.

Call (310) 568-5639 for more information. Reservations are required.

SONGFEST 2006 SET FOR MAR. 14 - 18 AT SMOTHERS

Approximately 300 student performers have been practicing relentlessly from 10 p.m. to midnight for this year's Songfest, themed "Across the Board." Performances have been set for Mar. 14-18, at 8 p.m., with an additional matinee on Saturday, the 18th at 2 p.m.

Pepperdine's Songfest tradition started in 1973. The first show on the Los Angeles campus was originally called "Spring Sing" with performances in the school cafeteria.

Songfest has since evolved to five sell-out performances in the newly renovated Smothers Theatre. Tickets are on sale through the Smothers Box Office.



Robert Turner returns to Pepperdine to tip-off the Gonzaga vs Pepperdine half-time festivities.

UNIVERSITY HAPPENINGS

March 2006 Calendar

March 3

MEN'S WCC BASKETBALL
 TOURNAMENT BEGINS
 TBA, Spokane, WA

March 11

GSEP 35th Anniversary Celebration
 10 a.m., Santa Monica

March 16

Songfest through March 18
 8 p.m., Smothers Theatre

March 23

Pepperdine Orchestra
 7:30 p.m., Smothers Theatre

March 26

Art Exhibition Closing
 Lita Albuquerque
 5 p.m., Weisman Museum

March 30

Crest Mixed Doubles Tennis Brunch
 9 a.m., Crest Tennis Courts

March 31

Student Film Festival
 8 p.m., Elkins Auditorium

Athletics Ticket Info (310) 506-4935
Smothers Theatre (310) 506-4522

Center for the Family (310) 506-4771
Weisman Museum (310) 506-4851

Crest Associates (310) 506-4745
Wellness Center (310) 506-7592

For a complete listing of University calendar events, visit www.pepperdine.edu/pr and click on "Calendars."

Read Neighbors Online at <http://www.pepperdine.edu/pr/publications.htm>

School of Public Policy to Explore Worth of US-Taiwan Relations

The Worth of US-Taiwan Relations will be the topic of a panel discussion to be held Mar. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in Malibu at the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy, Room LC 140. In recent years, China has made increasingly strong claims to sovereignty over Taiwan, which has become one of the most liberated and prosperous countries in the world. The United States generally supports democracies and Taiwan, but as China flexes its economic and military muscles, it calls into question, among other issues, the US commitment to Taiwan. We have four outstanding panelists to discuss US-Taiwan relations. They are:

Richard Baum—Professor of Political Science at UCLA; Director of the UCLA Center for Chinese Studies; the author or editor of 8 books on Chinese politics; held a variety of visiting professors ships in different Asian countries; Ph. D from UC Berkeley.

Bruce Herschensohn—Adjunct Professor of Public Policy at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy; editor of *Democracy: The Bridge between Mainland China and Taiwan and Hong Kong at the Handover*; former Assistant to President Nixon.

Robert Kaufman— Professor of Public Policy at the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy; author of *Henry M. Jackson: A Life in Politics*; Ph.D. in international relations from Columbia University and J. D. from Georgetown University.

Stanley Rosen—Professor of Political Science at USC; author or editor of a variety of books on China, including *Red Guard Factionalism and the Cultural Revolution in Guangzhou*; Editor of the journal, *Chinese Education Graduate and Society*; Ph.D., UCLA. Drescher Graduate Campus Room LC 140. There is no charge to attend the discussion, but attendees do need to RSVP to Jaimi Garcia as seating is limited. Her number is (310) 506-6643.

Center For The Arts

Lita Albuquerque

Closing Mar. 26, 2006

Time is running out to see Los Angeles artist Lita Albuquerque's poetic art that explores the deeper mysteries of our universe. Using gentle and humble materials--air, wood, water, powdered pigment--she creates images based on links between the heavens and the earth. By exploring parallels between the movement of celestial objects and the patterns in our lives, she invites us to reflect on our place in infinite space and eternity. See the Lita Albuquerque exhibit at the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art before the exhibit closes on Mar. 26. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there is no admission charge. Closed on Mondays and major holidays.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT TONY W. CASON

Orchestra to Perform Mar. 23

Pepperdine's orchestra is conducted by a man whose significant accomplishments are known and admired nationally. The Pepperdine orchestra, presented by the Fine Arts Division, is scheduled to perform under Cason's direction at Smothers Theatre on Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10. To order tickets for this Mary Pickford-Stotsenberg Performance please call (310) 506-4522.



Tony W. Cason is the former Deputy Commander of the United States Army Band ("Pershing's Own"), the premier ensemble of the Senior Armed Service in Washington, D.C. He has led the U.S. Army Band in Edinburgh, Scotland; Strangnas, Sweden; Oslo, Norway; and Brisbane, Australia.

He also was the musical director of the U.S. Army Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra, the U.S. Army Strings, and the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets.

An accomplished horn player and conductor known for exploring commercial and traditional musical idioms. Cason has utilized his versatility as a performer and teacher throughout the country.

Previously on the faculty of Arkansas State University, he also has appeared with musical organizations such as the Boston Esplanade Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. A Capitol Fourth, and other special events.

He has performed with some of America's best-known artists, including Jessye Norman, John Williams, James McCracken, Louie Bellson, Doc Severinsen, and Duke Ellington.

Prior to his career as an officer, he served as section leader and French horn soloist with the Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band in Washington, D.C.

STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Friday, Mar. 31, 2006 8 p.m.

Elkins Auditorium

Cost: free

Visit Elkins on this fine evening to experience the talents of Pepperdine students. The winners of the Pepperdine Student Film Festival will be announced, and their videos will be shown. For more information call Susan Salas (310) 506-7422.

Crest and Waves Volleyball Night

The Waves Club and Crest Associates invite you to join us on Thursday, Mar. 9th for a Pepperdine Men's Volleyball pre-game dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Jones Trophy Room in Heritage Hall. Game to follow in the Firestone Fieldhouse on the Malibu Campus. Men's Volleyball vs. Long Beach State at 7 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call the Crest Associates at (310) 506-4745 by Mar. 3rd or E-mail Catherine. Mason@pepperdine.edu.

MARCH FACILITY CLOSURES

The men's locker room will be closed:

Thu. Mar. 9th @ 3pm MVB

Sat. Mar. 11th @ 3pm MVB

Thu. Mar. 16th @ 3pm MVB

The lower tennis courts will be closed: Wednesday, Mar. 8th & 22nd at 3 p.m. The upper tennis courts will be closed for washing on Wednesday, March 1st & 15th at 4 p.m.

The Mixed Doubles Tennis League will be using 4 courts every Thursday from 9 -10:30 a.m. Westside Tennis League will be using courts on Tuesday, March 7th and 14th and Wednesday, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The track is officially closed during soccer training times 2-4:30 pm Tuesday and Thursdays. On Wednesdays, the track is closed from 8-9:30 a.m., 11-1 p.m., and 2-4 p.m.

The track and field are also officially closed 1 hour prior to the start of any scheduled match as well as during the match. You can see the schedule online at www.pepperdinesports.com.

See athletic facility hours insert for additional closures.



Helicopters scooped water from the pond at Pepperdine to help put out local wildfire at Corral Canyon on Wednesday, February 8th.

Parking Spot Discounts



Pepperdine Crest and Alumni enjoy a 20% discount at LAX.

The Parking Spot is Pepperdine University's preferred airport parking provider at LAX airport. Show your Pepperdine Crest or Alumni membership card or the discount coupon on our website. Please visit the Crest Office or click on: <http://www.pepperdine.edu/alumni/benefits/theparkingspot/default.htm> for more information.



Crest Associates Dana Eurich, Gary Carroll, Bob Sutton and Don Shelley enjoy a round of tennis at the Crest courts.

Raise the Waves Tennis Day

Be part of the spirit on Saturday, Apr. 1st. Crest Associates are invited to Pepperdine Men's and Women's Tennis double-header match and lunch reception at Ralphs-Straus Tennis Pavilion on the Malibu Campus. Lunch will be served at noon. Waves Women's tennis vs. Harvard 11 a.m., Waves Men's tennis vs. Harvard 1 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call the Crest Associates at (310) 506-4745 by Mar. 24th or E-mail Catherine.Mason@pepperdine.edu.

Doubles Tennis Mixer

End of Winter Mixed Doubles Brunch at the Crest tennis courts on Thursday, Mar. 30th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. (check-in at 8:45 a.m.) with brunch to follow at the courts. The Cost for the next three months is \$15 per person and includes tennis balls. Players of all levels are invited. Sign up with a partner or we will pair you with someone. Call the Crest Associates office to sign up at (310) 506-4745.

Men's Tennis Night

Crest men (3.5 plus) are invited to come out and play doubles and singles on Thursday nights from 4-5:30 p.m. Call the Crest office at (310) 506-4745 for more information.

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