Slight Stoopid, Expendables Perform Concert for CCI’s Reach Out ‘N Rock

By Jesekc Snider
Design Editor

A high energy crowd, perfect spring weather, a smell of cannabis in the air and two awesome bands made up a fabulous concert on the greens of the Spanos Stadium. The Expendables and Slightly Stoopid performed at 7 pm on Friday, May 27 to a crowd of 2,000 at University of the Pacific.

“What did I think of this concert?” said Ryan Moran, drummer of Slightly Stoopid. “It was Ping insane. It was great. The kids were super stoked which made us play better and the sound system was super nice.”

Miles Doughty, who performs vocals, bass, and guitar for Slightly Stoopid also agreed that the show was great. As one of the two original members of Slightly Stoopid (Kyle McDonald is the other), Miles has 14 pure years of experience under his belt along with playing 201 shows a year. The band has basically been recruited by every major record label but instead of "selling out" they decided to make their own label. Other members of the band include Ocon (congas, percussion, harp, and vocals), DeLa (saxophone), and C-Money (trumpet, keyboard).

“We don’t care about the radio, it’s a joke,” said Doughty. “We draw more people than bands that get on the radio Top 40. We play for our fans, we don’t play for corporate America, but we play for corporate gigs.”

Slightly Stoopid is fresh off their Jaeger tour and speak fondly of the company. “[Jaeger] treated us great,” said Doughty. “They just gave me a huge...”

"Stockton has Spear-it!"

By Linda Lopez
Staff Writer

It seems as if there was an excuse to tolerate the valley heat this past weekend: Stockton’s 22nd Annual Asparagus Festival (April 27th-29th). A three day agricultural affair of food, fun, and entertainment occurs every year in Downtown Stockton because of San Joaquin’s number one product: the asparagus.

Regarded as one of the best food festivals in the West, the Asparagus Fest is best known for its deep fried asparagus. This mouth-watering dish would make anyone risk a slight third degree burn from biting into a spear too quickly after receiving a fresh batch. But that’s not the only delicious asparagus dish available; there was also Asparagus Pasta and the amazing As..."
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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
Department Of Public Safety
Weekly Report (abridged)
April 22-28, 2007

Please report any suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety at 62537 (Non-Emergency) and 63911 (Emergency).

VANDALISM
SOUTHWEST HALL CONSTRUCTION AREA
4-22-07
Staff reported the light was broken off the front of golf cart, unit 703 while it was parked in front of the drama building. Officer initiated a report.

WELFARE CHECK
DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
4-22-07
Officer responded to a report of a male subject after friends reported some concerns. Officer met with the subject at his residence and subject was doing well. Subject was advised to speak to counselors in the morning.

AIDED STOCKTON PD
CONSTRUCTION AREA
4-22-07
CHP and SPD chased a stolen vehicle from Manteca onto campus. The suspect drove the vehicle north on Stagg and discovered the new construction. He attempted to escape by driving down the McCaffrey walkway but lost control and struck a tree. The suspect attempted to run from officers but was taken into custody. Stockton police transported the suspect at 5:42 AM.

PETTY THEFT
SOUTHWEST HALL COURTYARD
4-23-07
Victim reported his bicycle stolen from the courtyard area. The victim secured the bike several days earlier with a chain lock. Officer initiated a report of the incident.

THEFT
McCONCHIE HALL
4-24-07
Victim left his room at 2:00 PM and returned at 7:00 PM. His room was secured. When he returned, he discovered his flat panel TV was taken. There were no signs of a forced entry into the room. Officer responded and initiated a report.

AUTO BURGLARY
LOT 9
4-24-07
Victim reported her 1992 Toyota Camry side window was broken and the current registration was missing. Officer initiated a report of the incident.

THEFT
CLASSROOM BLDG
4-26-07
Staff reported the project from an unsecured classroom. Officer responded and initiated a report.

ARREST
BURNS TOWER
4-27-07
Officer received a report of a two suspicious male subjects on the northeast side of Covell. Officer made contact with both subjects and learned one subject had an outstanding felony parole warrant out of Arizona. Subject was arrested at 10:16 AM and transported to the county jail.

VANDALISM
LOT 7
4-27-07
Victim reported her vehicle was vandalized. Officer responded and initiated a report.

THEFT
STAGG MEMORIAL BUILDING
4-27-07
Officers responded to a report of a fight at the Stag Memorial event involving 4 females. Officers responded and interviewed all parties involved. A report was initiated and forwarded to the District Attorney’s Office.

BATTERY
BURNS TOWER
4-27-07
Officers reported to a report of a broken window on the building. Upon arrival officer learned the suspect entered the editing room which had a malfunctioning door lock. Once inside, they broke the window to the storage area which contained several tripods and cameras. Officers were unable to determine how the suspects entered the Communication Building as there was no forced entry. Officers initiated a report.

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"The Expendables are the greatest thing since hair spray," said Doughty of Slightly Stoopid, referring to The Expendable music style of hair-metal Reggae. The Expendables started in Santa Cruz seven years ago with the original members Adam Patterson (drums and vocals) and Raul Bianchi (guitar). The name was created by Geoff Weers (vocals and guitar) because he referred to the old bass player as "the expendable." The guys also claim they kept the name "because we all sucked."

All the boys grew up together in Santa Cruz and say that after playing together for seven years they are a "little" more mature and have all gained weight. Their music reflects a lot of their upbringing in Santa Cruz where everyone "smokes, sells, or grows."

The Expendables joke around that they have already "sold out" and then say on a serious note that they get zero radio play and do not try to get any. Weers was enthusiastic and said "we'd love to come back" to Pacific and they really enjoy putting on concerts at our campus. Their first concert here was in the fall of 2005.

This concert was part of the Center of Community Involvement's Reach Out and Rock Concert. Students who received 10 community service hours from organizations such as Big Brother/Big Sisters of San Joaquin County, Delta Blood Bank, The Haggin Museum, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving were awarded free VIP tickets to the concert.

When Timmy Fama, Pacific senior, told Weers, "Every time I see your hair gets longer and longer," Weers make the quick comeback, "I wish that's the way my penis worked."

The Expendables started seriously looking at music as a career in 2000 and are about to come out with their fourth CD in mid-August on the same day Slightly Stoopid comes out with their new album. Both are currently untitled but names are being tossed around (Slightly Stoopid is thinking about "Chronic" for their LP). The Expendables describe their new CD as "a little bit harder." Slightly Stoopid also is very enthusiastic about their CD and say they are trying a lot of new things. A few of the producers on this album are Mario C. of the Beastie Boys, Paul Leary of the Butthole Surfers, Miguel from Sublime, and Chris D. from G-Love. Guests on the album include G-Love, Angela Moore of Fishbone, and Guru of Gangstarr.

On the road both bands said they receive their fair share of free weed, which could easily just be the second hand smoke from the crowd. Another benefit is "the girls" say Miles Dough­ty of Slightly Stoopid, "But I'm not one to kiss and tell." The Expendables said the art form of "the groupie" went out in the 80s. Girls now are more likely to just want to hang out with them instead of showing up at their hotel in extremely promiscuous clothing.

The favorite drink of Slightly Stoopid (and also of the band Pepper) is the Threeve. The name was inspired by a Saturday Night Live DVD: Best of Will Farrell. The concoction is created by mixing Grey Goose and Red Bull with a dash of Blue Gatorade.

Even Pacific Alumni Brian Zodrow showed up for the event and said "The concert was dope! Everyone that I talked to who went concurred."

76th annual Strawberry Breakfast: A flavorful fundraiser

Press Release

It's rapidly approaching. Don't let it pass you by! Make this year's Mother's Day a memorable one. Show her how much you care and treat your mother to the Center for Community Involvement's (CCI) -76th annual Strawberry Breakfast. On Sunday May 13th in the University of the Pacific's Regents Dining Room, breakfast will be served from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Guests will be able to enjoy freshly-baked scones, homemade jam, scrambled eggs, hot beverages, and delicious vine-ripened strawberries!

For only $10 a person, $7 for children and students, you can relax with your mother over a lovely meal. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the CCI or at the door. All the proceeds will go directly to the CCI's wide-spread tu
Afghan educator to receive honorary doctorate

Press Release

University of the Pacific will award Sakena Yacoobi an honorary doctorate during the Commencement ceremony on May 19. Yacoobi, a Pacific alumna, ‘77, has gained international recognition and numerous awards for establishing and running underground schools for women and children in Afghanistan during the Taliban rule through her Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL).

While in the area, she will make several appearances to discuss the current situation in Afghanistan and raise awareness of human rights abuses against women in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A student-organized fundraiser for AIL will be held at Pacific May 16.

“Sakena Yacoobi has been recognized by leaders around the world as a true humanitarian who put her own life at risk to improve the quality of life for women and children,” said Pacific President Don DeRosa. “She serves as a guiding example for all our students, alumni and for people around the world of what knowledge and determination can accomplish.”

Yacoobi founded AIL while working in the Afghan refugee camps of Pakistan, then operating clandestine home schools for girls within Afghanistan under the Taliban regime. Staffed and run by Afghan women, AIL has expanded to include a network of centers and mobile clinics that focus on maternal and child health, providing hundreds of thousands of people in remote villages with their only source of health care.

Yacoobi developed and implemented the health and education programs of the Institute and oversees all of the organization’s operations. Under her leadership, AIL has grown since the fall of the Taliban and now serves 350,000 women and children annually.

Yacoobi will receive her honorary degree along with Cisco CEO John Chambers and former Pacific professor Jerry Gaff, senior scholar with the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

A fundraiser organized by a Pacific first year School of International Studies student whose parents are from Afghanistan will be held at 6 p.m. May 16 in the Raymond Common Room. A donation of $50 is suggested. All proceeds will go to benefit the Afghan Institute of Learning. To reserve a seat please call Rufaro Gwarada at 209.946.2650.
Let's Reach Out to People

by Deena Sadel

Columnist

The recent Virginia Tech incident, as we all know, was very disturbing. As many people in America and all around the world send their condolences and utmost empathy to those suffering from the incident, have you ever thought about how the incident itself could have happened? Or have you ever thought about how it might have been possible to prevent a young college student from committing such an act? Let us take a brief moment to take a look at what BBC News website happened or have you ever ridiculing, or the infamy of such an act? Let us take a look about how exactly the BBC News website happened? Or have you ever thought about the mind of the killer.

“It appears that the 23-year-old’s actions and intentions fell into a pattern of previous school and college shootings,” mentioned Kathryn Westcott, a BBC News reporter, in her news article ‘Cho fits pattern of campus killers.’ There appeared to be similar patterns that connected Cho to other killers. “Teasing, bullying or other kinds of rejection were common elements in school shootings,” said Robin Kowalski, a psychologist at Clemson University in South Carolina, in the same article. Just like some other killers, Cho also sent a message filled with rage. Fellow UOP students, what can this say about us? Social rejection, as the words imply, is a form of rejecting someone socially that the person may not mentally isolated as the result of bullying, teasing, ridiculing, or the infamous ‘silent treatment’ or ignoring. Certainly I would like to believe, even more strongly now than ever, that social rejection is something that we all are able to stop from happening, especially because it is not something that happens naturally; it is something that some of us purposefully do and cause. However, what can be the real point of insulting your fellow classmate only because he is a little nerdy, so to speak? What good can discouraging someone do? It does no good in the long run, if I may say. If anything, social rejection can create hatred in someone, or it can significantly develop someone’s existing hatred, to the point where it may no longer be under someone’s conscious control, as what might have been one of the contributing factors of the Virginia Tech incident. Do we really want this to happen?

I would like to leave one important message. Let’s reach out to people. Something like the Virginia Tech incident might have sounded too far-fetched before it happened, but it is a fact that it did happen; and once it happened, it would not be reversible. However, I do believe that we do not need an incident like Virginia Tech shooting to make us realize that we need more smiling faces around us and our community. Believe it or not, a sincere single word of kindness will make not only the other person happy, but it will also make you happy for saying it. Smile at, hug, and be kind to others; do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you. Generally, UOP is a good community, but let’s make it an even better community by the littlest of our everyday actions.

Last but not least, I send my prayers and condolences to the victims of the Virginia Tech incident and to those suffering from it.

In the Year 2057

A look into the technological future

By Nick Hansen

Columnist

After receiving one of the outstanding senior awards from the Communications department for my role in putting The Pacifican in its own place on the web, and for taking control of the camera crew in the Spanos Center, life now looks on beyond what we have done in the past. We look onto the future and what it holds for us.

I received an e-mail from my dad who used to work for AT&T. The e-mail included a video clip dating back to the early 1960’s when telephone lines were being moved over from the “Garfield9-9126 to 429-9126” numbering scheme. This was called “direct dialing calls.” Now as we look at the past 50 years and the technological advantages that have occurred we look to our future and attempt to decipher what will be coming.

In the immediate future we have graduation, and the iPhone. After that we have congress pushing all television sets in the United States to be capable of receiving digital signals, all while the cable companies aren’t pushing through a true and clear signal. (I know because while running my Tivo like machine I can see signal strength and it is rarely at or above 60%).

For those of you who visited ThetPacifican.com in the past week you will have noticed the poll on the right side asking the question “Where do you think the world will be in 50 years?” Of the 16 people who voted, 43.8% believe that our oil reserves will be used up. 18.8% believe that global warming will have raised our seas 200 feet. No one believed that we will be bionic humans.

From this limited group who voted, none of them believe that we will ‘plug-in’ just like in the movie The Matrix. However, science and technology are working on ways for computers to be as powerful, or more powerful than the human brain. It is projected that in 50 years, we will be able to buy laptops for $1,000 that are more powerful than the thinking capacity of the human brain.

What will power these machines? As the numbers on the online poll suggest our oil resources will be used up, William Zurbrick, a 5th year studying Mechanical Engineering, and my room mate, said “if any new economically feasible source of energy is developed it will undoubtedly be owned by the oil companies.”

Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Governor of California, called for “One million solar energy systems in California homes” on August 20, 2004. This plan, to be applied to new and existing homes in the next 13 years is projected to “save California 2,700 megawatts of peaking power, and offset more than 50 million tons of CO2.”

All year I have thought about creating a study of Pacific’s electrical use at its Stockton campus and determining the cost of purchasing and installing solar panels so that Pacific can be more than just an academic institution, but a University run on Green energy. The cost savings could be tremendous as Stockton is sunny a good portion of the year. Perhaps Pacific will see a solar push in its future, either through alumni grants and donations, or its own push to go green.

I spoke with Professor Sharp, the German language teacher on campus and asked him how he saw foreign language being taught in 50 years. Besides his remark that he wouldn’t be around then, he did say “when a student learns a foreign language, one-on-one interaction with his/her peers is a must.” The classroom won’t go away, unless technological breakthroughs enable students to stay at home and work over a video conferencing system or are able to learn a language like Neo learns Kung-Fu.

Of course, take this next part with a grain of salt as I am no religious guru, but it has to be said, as nearly 60% of the US believes it. Judgment Day will come and those who have sinned and are not repentant will go to hell. Of course many religious people throughout time have said this day will occur and it passes and nothing has happened. Jack Van Impe (as per what Wikipedia says) thinks that 2012 is the possible date when Jesus shall descend onto earth. I will bet this will blow over like the Y2k Bug, and computers at the turn of the century.

I will admit that I did not go as in depth as I could have, but at least this is a start for the generation of college students graduating this year to make something of the future. When we come back for our 50 year college reunion in 2057, we can look back on the technological breakthroughs that we have created in our time in the working world.
LIFESTYLES

The end of a year, the beginnings of a new team

By Cristy Yodon
Guest Writer

Over the past two years, the Pacific Tiger Dancers have steadily become a more professional, cohesive team. The talent level has risen and the program, as a whole, is much cleaner. The change? A professional coach. It looks as though next year will be no different.

On Sunday, April 22nd, dancers at Pacific were invited to audition for the Pacific Tiger Dancers. The intensive try out began with registration at 10:30. Tiger Dancers

Coach Jenise Fitzpatrick and head of the Spirit Squads Georgia Kovich-Lee were there to greet each dancer with a smile. Both highly anticipated the day. "Last year, I had a 'dream team' and I expect and hope to continually see the team get better and better," says Fitzpatrick.

The audition was lead by the coach of the San Jose Saber Kittens, Teri Schafer. The dancers warmed up and were led, by Schafer, in technique practice across the floor, working on turns and kicks. Then, Schafer taught the dancers a typical half-time routine to Ciara's, "Get Up". After a significant amount of time to rehearse, the dancers performed in groups of two for Jenise, Georgia, and Teri and were given the chance to show off a little with their most impressive tricks. Finally, the dancers were asked to perform the routine in groups of five to get a feel for what being on the team might be like.

"We currently have ten dancers for the 2007-2008 team and I'm expecting to review a few more candidates," says Fitzpatrick.

For anyone still interested in being a part of the team, it isn't too late. Simply send a video of yourself to Georgia Kovich-Lee. Notify her ahead of time by emailing her at gkovich@pacific.edu or call her at 209-946-3108.

The video must include an across the floor segment with turns, kicks, and leaps, two routines to showcase your style preference, and an interview section where you address why you want to be a Tiger Dancer and what attributes you would bring to the team. Also, you must submit the audition forms along with the tape, which can be found—along with further details—at www.pacifictigers.com in the Tiger Dancers section.

A Heart Felt Game

Phi Ball

By Lisa Lam
Guest Writer

Rain or shine, Alpha Phi knows how to put on a great show! Bringing back high school memories of powder puff football and turning it into an annual philanthropy event, Alpha Phi has matched the love competition with fundraising for a great cause. This is the third year Alpha Phi has had Phi Ball as one of its philanthropy events.

This year, there was fear that the event would be rained out. But on Sunday, April 22, the skies cleared up and the games went on! Sorority powder puff football participants included Delta Delta Delta and Delta Gamma. The Fraternities were responsible for putting on the half-time show and participants included Delta Upsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi.

The winner of the powder puff game was Delta Gamma and the winner of the half-time show was Sigma Chi.

Each year, Alpha Phi has two major philanthropy events, the Red Dress Gala in the fall and Phi Ball in the spring. The Red Dress Gala, usually held in November, is banquet matched with the silent auction. When asked about how much money was raised for charity with Phi Ball this year, Vice President of Marketing Rachel Dilly said, "Alpha Phi raised over $1000 for the Alpha Phi Foundation which supports cardiac care."

According to the American Heart Association, "Cardiovascular diseases kill more women than all forms of cancer, chronic lung disease, pneumonia, diabetes, accidents and AIDS combined." A great prevention tool for this disease is education. The website, www.americanheart.org, also stated that "a mere 13 percent of women in America believe that heart disease and stroke are the greatest health threat to women. This reveals the lack of knowledge and understanding a majority of women have for their most serious health threat."

Alpha Phi believes in educating women on how important cardiac care prevention can be and express it through its philanthropies annually. For more ways to get involved with Alpha Phi's philanthropy, or women's cardiac care, please visit the website at: http://www.alphaphi.org/foundation.

As for Phi Ball, Dilly encourages all to "Look forward to it next year in the spring!"
What do cup pyramids, Play-Doh sculptures of ducks, pictionary, and a 90s Nickelodeon game show have in common? The third annual Trivia Night themed "Legends of the Haggin Temple!" held on Friday night, April 20 at the Haggin Museum.

The majority of the 100 participants at the 3rd annual trivia night were students from University of the Pacific. The first year was themed as a "Game Night" and had the attendance of around 25 people and the second year had the theme of "Egyptian Culture" to which 70 people showed up. This year’s event focused on Pre-Columbian Art.

An employee at Haggin Museum said that “We like games and there's a youthful atmosphere here at the museum. We like to put on events we would enjoy. Games and trivia being one of those things.”

The trivia game went on for around two hours with free appetizers such as chips, salsa, guacamole, and taquitos included in the five dollar entrance fee. Alcohol such as beer, wine, and mixed drinks were also available for purchase.

Since the Museum staff teamed up with members of the University of the Pacific Historical Society there was a bit of a target to get Pacific students to attend and participate.

Pacific students John Hurley and Callyan Y volunteer regularly at the museum for around ten hours a week each. Senior Hurley came up with the theme and says the idea, "spread like wildfire."

There were quite a few members of the Theta Chi fraternity in attendance to support fellow member John Hurley and also to help volunteer at the event. The winning team consisted of freshmen students from the School of International Studies.

Don’t Be Left Out
COMMENCEMENT 2007

Saturday May 19th, 9:30 am in Alex G. Spanos Center

This is where your degree is conferred. So pick-up your tickets NOW at the Box-Office!!!
Bring your student I.D.!!!
I see some athletes looking around the room. Slowly, panning from left to right, observing what all these little busy bodies are doing in the library. I see some fraternity brothers hitting on other girls, some people are passed out on their desks, and some are frantically typing away at their keyboard. But something else I noticed is that a large percentage of people who are actually awake, who look like they’re actually trying to do work on their computers, are actually on Facebook. Everyone knows Facebook, the large networking program initially created to help connect with other students, to help you find out what work for what class is due when. But somewhere along the line, Facebook pulled an MTV on us. Instead of its original intended use, it is now a completely different breed of beast. When was the last time you actually updated what courses you’re taking on Facebook? One? Two? Three semesters ago? Now think about when the last time you updated your movies and music categories, or when you last commented on someone’s photo. Probably within the last ten minutes, right?

Let’s face it (hal), Facebook has become a full fledged addiction among the majority of college students. Now, if you are reading this I’m thinking, “No way am I addicted to Facebook,” but it’s OK, the first step to fighting an addiction is admitting that you are indeed, addicted to Poking people. Why do you think this is? Perhaps it’s the sheer convenience of the website that gets people to fall into its trap. Facebook appeals to the voyeur in each and every one of you. I am sure that countless of Pacific’s students have found themselves at some point or another going through someone’s photo album, reading their wall, and looking at what they’ve been up to. This is voyeurism folks. When you can basically chart out someone’s week through their photos while shrouded under the veil of anonymity, you are getting a first hand view of what spying is like. I know that I’ve had people try to start arguments with me based purely on comments they viewed under tagged photos.

People commonly ask, “My god, what’s wrong with us? Are we addicted to Facebook?” I actually remember what college was like before Facebook since it only came to Pacific 3/4ths of the way through my Freshman year. What we did was we went outside more, we were less self conscious about what we did, and probably had more fun. It’s hard to do things nowadays when you have the potential to be put under the scrutiny of a world wide internet audience when someone with a camera can capture a moment forever.

Because of Facebook, everyone has the perfect chance to sculpt out how they are perceived by others. You want to look like an intellectual? Add some books that you’ve probably never read into your books category. Want to look edgy? Join the 4/20 group, or make a group about beating up little kids or something. Truth is, a lot of people pretend to be a lot of things that they aren’t. Don’t add a band because you have one song by them, and don’t list a book if you don’t read. Actually, do whatever you want, Facebook is merely a tool, and if someone engages you in conversation about something you were apparently interested in and turn out having no idea what they are talking about, you are the one that looks silly. Actually get to know people for who they are instead of through a bulleted list on some website you check every half hour. “Michael is done rating about Facebook. 6:43pm”

Diversity Retreat This Friday

Community and Professional Development

All are welcome to attend any and all segments of the second annual University Diversity Retreat scheduled for Friday, May 4th from 8:30am to 6:00pm in Grace Covell Hall. The intent of this retreat will be to actively examine how all segments of the Pacific community can more fully develop a campus climate that is more inclusive in ways that promote excellence, growth and healing.

The guest speaker, Dr. Damon Williams, Assistant Vice Provost for Multicultural and International Affairs at the University of Connecticut, is nationally known for his outstanding work in the field of organizational development and has written numerous articles on “Inclusive Excellence”. Dr. Williams will introduce the model as well as guide participants through the refinement of our work space definition and mission statement on diversity.

We will also hear from panels of Pacific students, staff and faculty on topics ranging from perceptions of our campus climate to curriculum best practices. The day will culminate with Dr. Williams sharing his thoughts and ideas on possible next steps and future outcomes for Pacific.

Please contact John P. Carvano, Assistant Vice President for Community and Professional Development, by Friday, April 27, for more information or to confirm your attendance.

California Gas

Corin Imai
Guest Writer

Gas prices are expected to reach four dollars by this summer. Will this increase in cost force people to find alternative modes of transportation?

The lowest gas price in California is located in Sacramento at $2 per gallon. The highest gas price is located in Bridgeport at $3.79 per gallon. A year ago the gas price in California was an average of $2.68. Now the average is $3.17.

The price in California is typically $.20 more expensive than any other state. This could be due to our higher cost of living.

“If gas reaches four dollars...”

Guest Writer

I probably won’t be making very many road trips this summer,” said Kristen Barden.

Stockton now has lower emissions and hybrid buses that are working to help the environment. These buses are also helping to keep bus fares down even with the current rise in gas prices.

Marissa Avina, a current freshman at Pacific, says “My roommate and I have started to walk to Starbucks, S-Mart, Target and sometimes even Jamba Juice because driving has become more expensive.”

Here is a website that will help you find the cheapest gas in your area. It will give you the highest and lowest prices in your city. Gasprices: mapquest.com
POC Outdoor Concert

Elaine Campion
Guest Writer

Maybe you saw the fliers all over campus. Maybe you read the message on your classroom whiteboard. Or maybe you were just going to the gym and saw the crowd of people. At any rate, if you were in the vicinity of the fitness center at all last Thursday, you probably stopped by the Pacific Outdoor Connection to check out what all the noise was about.

Last week, the POC threw a concert behind Baun Fitness – live music, free food, and good times all around. Why? Just to let the students here have a good time and check out what the POC is all about. With bands including UOP’s own Price House Band and the headliners Aftershock from UC Davis, students were able to stop by and rock out for a while, enjoying hamburgers, veggie burgers, pizza, and hot dogs – all for free.

Luckily, this concert won’t be the last of its kind, as the event turned out to be a great success. It was a way to get the word out about the POC, and hopefully get more people interested in events and trips they sponsor.

Sophomore Ross Freeden says, “Their trips are a perfect way to escape from the routine of school and the mundane atmosphere of Stockton.” Ross started working for the POC this past year, and has been an avid participant in trips and events. “It’s a great way to explore some beautiful places with friends that you wouldn’t get to experience otherwise.”

Trips at the POC are for anyone interested – no experience is necessary! They also provide food and gear you could need for any of the trips. Don’t have a lot of cash for an organized trip, but still want to get outside? The POC has tons of gear you can rent over the weekends for really affordable prices.

So stop complaining about how bored you are in Stockton and get out! Go camping, take a hike, or jump in a kayak – just get outside and live it up!

Press Release

Shirin Ebadi, the first Iranian and first Muslim woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize, will speak at University of the Pacific at 7 p.m. May 3 at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall. She was awarded the prize in 2003 for her significant efforts in spreading democracy and human rights and fighting for the rights of women and children in her country and around the world.

Ebadi is an attorney and founder of the Children’s Rights Support Association in Iran. Her speech at Pacific is her only appearance on the West Coast. Ebadi’s speech, titled “Iran Awakening: A Story of Revolution and Hope,” is one of many lectures and events dealing with the Middle East at Pacific this year.

“With the precarious state of relations with Iran, Shirin Ebadi’s comments and viewpoints are more important than ever before,” said Margee Ensign, associate provost of international initiatives and dean of the School of International Studies at Pacific. “We are proud that she is coming to Pacific and look forward to hearing her comments about Iran as well as gender issues in the Middle East.”

Ebadi was born in Hamadan, Iran, but her family moved to Tehran in 1948. She was admitted to the law department at University of Tehran in 1965 and passed the qualification exams to become a judge in 1969. She started her career as a judge in 1970, earned a master’s degree in law in 1971, and became the first woman in Iran to preside over a legislative court in 1975.

After the Iranian revolution in 1979, she was forced to resign her post after conservative clerics insisted that women were prohibited to be judges under the rules of Islam. She was not allowed to practice law until 1993. During that time, she wrote many articles and books on Iranian law and child abuse cases. After she was given a law license again, she took on a large number of social cases, many of which received widespread press attention, including several child abuse cases. She also represented the relatives of several journalists who were jailed or killed for doing their jobs. As a consequence, Ebadi has been imprisoned on numerous occasions.

Ebadi continues to be in the news with her campaign for equality. She recently issued a joint statement with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan calling for an end to all discrimination against women in Iran. “We know there is a direct relationship between peace, justice, and respect for human rights. As long as women are denied human rights, anywhere in the world, there can be no justice and no peace,” Ebadi and Khan stated. “Recognizing women's equal rights, therefore, is an essential requirement for the creation of strong, sustainable, and stable societies and ensuring that women enjoy equality with men in all areas of life is a key step to making human rights a universal reality.”

Ebadi is not the only woman from the Middle East who will speak at Pacific in May. On May 16, Afghanist activist and Pacific alumna Sakina Yacoobi will host a benefit with students and community members about her work in her native country to educate women and children. She also will receive an honorary doctorate during Pacific’s Commencement on May 19.

Ebadi’s speech at Pacific will be podcast live on May 3 at 7 p.m. Bloggers are invited to submit questions for Ebadi or request the Web address of the podcast by sending an email to DeanSIS@pacific.edu by noon on the day of her speech.

For more information about Ebadi’s visit, call the School of International Studies at 209.946.2650.
**HOROSCOPES**

**2/19- 3/20 Pisces**

You have a strong desire for beauty and harmony, stimulating your creativity.

**3/21- 4/19 Aries**

Others value you for your independence and unique qualities. Take some time this evening to relax and enjoy your loved ones in some fun activity.

**4/20-5/20 Taurus**

Doing just about anything with friends or relatives can bring a lot of fun this afternoon. You can take this opportunity to show others how much they mean to you.

**5/21- 6/21 Gemini**

You have an increased positive influence with others and you can share in helping or working with your friends whenever help is needed.

**6/22- 7/22 Cancer**

Some sort of temporary obstacle may appear today, causing you to feel frustrated. The best reaction to this dilemma is non-action; for today.

**7/23- 8/22 Leo**

You are predisposed to cozy, instructive conversations with friends and loved ones. You will have a heightened desire to be out in nature, perhaps photographing those spring flowers.

**8/23- 9/22 Virgo**

Drastic changes will not be acceptable to you now. Structure or routine is a good thing and you might volunteer to help others that want more organization.

**9/23- 10/22 Libra**

Be aware of the controlling urges and remember that the main idea for you now is your personal expression. This could also be a very profitable time.

**10/23- 11/21 Scorpio**

Getting away from a tense situation for a while will help you to see the picture as a whole and create a new perspective. Getting outside for some physical exercise or, if possible, attending a gym will certainly aid in your physical and mental dexterity.

**11/22- 12/21 Sagittarius**

You will find yourself working with—rather than against—the flow of energies today. There are many energies as well as the drive to accomplish your goals and the timing is right for starting something new or just taking care of business.

**12/22- 1/19 Capricorn**

There is a collision of powerful energies spilling into your life now—in unpredictable ways. The decisions and actions of today will have long-lasting effects.

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**COMICS**

**What Are You Picking Up To?**

**Tears a Glance Warning:**

Protest goes on at the student union.

**We're Sending a Message to Your High School's Groups:**

High school's groups tell us not to hurt the generation's future, just so they can have an easy ride.

**Professor's About This Exam?**

Yes, Mr. Pristillo Park.

**Sudoko**

Intermediate Sudoku #8

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Answers to this week's Sudoku:
### Rec Sports Power Rankings by Bryan Lenz

#### OUTDOOR SOCCER POWER RANKINGS

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<td>#3 The Fuglies – Pike must be too busy highlighting their hair to focus on soccer</td>
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<td>#3 Freedom – Pike will be playing with a heavy heart this week as they lost one of their own</td>
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<td>#4 Jackson – Team finished the season with 3 straight losses to miss out on the playoffs</td>
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<td>#6 Yayoers – It will be an off-season full of change for the Yayoers</td>
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<td>#1 Y God Y – Balati has made a case for league MVP... Does anyone have more heart?</td>
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<td>#5 Bulldogs – Missing playoffs in the Recreational Division...Someone will be held accountable at Delta Upsilon</td>
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<td>#2 Thetas – Team has shown great improvement over the past 3 weeks</td>
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<td>#2 No Brakes – If team can keep its composure it should win it all</td>
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<td>#3 Kappa Psi – Scrappy team that will not go down easy</td>
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<td>#5 Brad Delp 4 Era – 0-4 and never within sniffing distance of a victory</td>
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#### INDOOR VOLLEYBALL POWER RANKINGS

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<td>#2 Flying Ace – Team just doesn’t have enough leapers</td>
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<td>#3 Kappa Psi – Team could make some noise in the playoffs</td>
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<td>#2 Flight of the Phoenix – Team is still shell-shocked from Hawaii’s throttling</td>
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<td>#3 Costello &amp; Co. – Winthrop Head was a solid pickup but the division is just too loaded</td>
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<td>#3 Fireball – Not championship material but a quality team nonetheless</td>
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<td>#4 Comrades of Chairman Wang – Mitch Tom brings an unmatched enthusiasm to each contest</td>
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<td>#5 Alpha Chi Sigma – 2 wins just wasn’t enough to advance to the playoffs</td>
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<td>#7 If We Win, U Suck – The results of thinking positive</td>
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### KPAC’s day at the Pacific ballpark is a success

By: Steffon Johnson

Guest Writer

It was that time of the year again as Dr. Alan Ray invited Special Olympic athletes onto campus to view a college sporting event. A very caring man, Dr. Ray lends his hand to those that are less fortunate than the rest of us. The things that we take for granted get put into perspective for at least one day. This prolific event has been taking place for the past 5 years. This year these special athletes were treated to a Pacific Baseball game on April 28 at 1 p.m. It was held at Klein family field where the UOP baseball team took on Long Beach State in conference play.

It was sponsored by our very own KPAC radio, 89.7 fm, and also channel 2 on the campus cable. The guests of the baseball team got to walk out onto the field with the players for the national anthem and also received a souvenir from Pacific athletics. This is a great event that gives back to the Stockton community every year. To see the smiles on the kids’ faces when they walk onto the field was priceless. Those in attendance at the game were not forgotten. KPAC held a raffle to benefit these Special Olympic athletes. Prizes were donated from around the community. Such prizes consisted of but were not limited to gift cards, gift baskets, dinner certificates, tickets to other events such as the Stockton Thunder and also electronic gifts like iPods and Play Stations. Prizes were raffled off and the proceeds went directly to the Recreational Sports League of San Joaquin County which is an affiliate of the national Special Olympics association. Over the past years KPAC has managed to raise $500 for these athletes. It was a great way to get the community and the school involved in something that can benefit those in need.
Certifi with Special Guests
SPORTS
In the wake of the week
By Arash-Scott Benhom
Sports Editor

The Mavs mocked the Warriors down the stretch by not playing their starters in a must win game for the Warriors to reach the playoffs. The Warriors have now come to play and Dallas is now wishing it was the Los Angeles Clippers and not Golden State who took home the last playoff spot on the last day of the regular season.

Baron Davis is out of his mind.

MVP who? Someone should tell Dirk the story of David Robinson.

The Warriors are in the heads of Dallas, and Don Nelson has done his best coaching, bringing Golden State one game away from the greatest upset in NBA history.

No joke the Warriors can end up in the western conference finals.

The Miami Heat got swept by Chicago making the Heat the first champion to be swept out of the playoffs in the first round. Congratulations!

The San Francisco 49ers deserve the gold followed closely by the Cleveland Browns, and the New England Patriots deserve the bronze. Both the Browns and Niners led a short list of organizations who had great drafts.

The Raiders, like most other teams, had a mediocre draft with a few steals that canceled out bonehead picks.

Steals of the draft.
1. Houston Texans. Amobi Okoye. Sure the Texans did not have a good draft but Okoye will help ease some of the pain Houston fans will endure for years to come.
2. Cleveland Browns. Brady Quinn. The native son returns home, which should not be a surprise. Dropping to the 22nd pick in the draft however should be eye catching. The Browns made a bold move trading next year’s first for Quinn. Only time will tell but Cleveland might have just gotten its franchise quarterback and the best lineman in the bunch.
3. San Francisco 49ers. Joe Staley. How does Staley drop to the 49ers at pick 28th in the first round is mind-boggling. Staley is not far behind Joe Thomas or Levi Brown who both went in the top five picks. It would not be surprising to look back at this draft in five years and come to the conclusion Staley was the best lineman out of the bunch.
4. Cincinnati Bengals. Leon Hall. Projected to go as high as 10th Hall fell to the Bengals at 18. The Bengals grabbed the best corner in a very weak draft when it comes to cornerbacks.
5. Oakland Raiders. Michael Bush. The other Bush fell to the fourth round due to breaking his leg in the first game of the season. The Raiders do have depth at running back but Bush is too good to pass up so late in the draft. If Bush returns to form the Raiders will have the steal of the draft.

The Miami faithful took a dagger to the heart with a move that will set them back years. By not drafting Brady Quinn the Dolphins lose a chance to bring back memories of Dan Marino.

San Francisco goes from an eight game win streak and sweeping the dreaded Dodgers to losing three to Arizona. Typical Giants get the hopes up to bring them back down.

Being a Giants fan is like being in a dysfunctional relationship.

The Raiders should have gotten more for Randy Moss but in the end moving him was the best move for the team.

Receiving Big West All-Conference First Team for his golfing skills, senior Thomas Petersen leaves Pacific with a distinguished career leading the Tigers to a third place finish.