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The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

Erin Birmingham
News Editor

As many as 10,000 people have died due to breaches in three places of the levee system on the Lake Ponchartrain side of New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane Katrina left 80 percent of New Orleans below sea level and 5 million people without power. In other words, everyone who did not escape before the flooding, became trapped, either in their homes or the temporary shelter within the Superdome. None of these places, including the Superdome, had electricity.

In the first days after Hurricane Katrina hit New Or-leans people were allegedly raping, rioting and looting to an extent that not even martial law could contain. Over 100 police officers turned in their badges and 2 were driven to take their own lives. Only 400 to 500 members of the 1,600 member force have been accounted for.

According to a news article written on September 2, 2005 by Doug Simpson Associated Press writer, "the first significant convoy of food, water and medicine didn't arrive in New Orleans until four full days after the hurricane, and the mayor and others said some survivors died awaiting relief."

Professor Richmond leaves a legacy

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Editor-In-Chief

Pacific is suffering a loss in the Biological Sciences Department. Two weeks ago, about a week after heart surgery, Professor Paul Richmond passed away. He was the chair of the Biological Sciences Department, a professor of biology, and a mentor to many.

An email was sent out to the Pacific community through "inside pacific" email service written by Gary Miller, Dean of College of the Pacific, informing the Pacific community. In his address, Miller described Richmond as "an extraordinary man of great kindness and intellect."

Senior Wilson Leung of the Biology Club, Beta-Beta-Beta, and the Pre-med Club worked with Dr. Richmond on various projects for the clubs. Dr. Richmond would do his best to make it to meetings and events, but his priority was to always be home by six o'clock to have dinner with his wife.

Right now, Beta-Beta-Beta is raising money for the new Biology building that was one of the projects spearheaded by Dr. Richmond. They are handing out green ribbons for the fundraiser. They chose green to represent life, to celebrate Richmond’s life. You can pick up ribbons and make donations in the biology department

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WOMEN'S SOCCER GETS PUMPED UP
and biology labs. The family of Dr. Richmond also asked the Pacific community to express their gratitude for his life in the form of donations to the biology department.

First year graduate student, Ben Yount had classes such as Cell Biology and Bio-Medical Research with Dr. Richmond. "He always did cutting edge stuff," said Yount. Classes with Dr. Richmond were always fair, too. "If he saw you were a hard worker he would do everything in his power to help you."

His passion to help others was not felt by students alone. He had "a gift for encouraging others - students and faculty alike," said Miller.

"He was a likeable guy," said Leung. "I'd run into him in the hallway and we could talk forever."

"And not just about science," added Yount, "he was really laid back."

The death of Dr. Richmond came as a shock to those who knew him. He was an active man, "always flying around the building," explained Leung. "We all thought he was going to make it," said Yount. He even called from the hospital to give instructions to people. "It is my hope that we never forget the magnificent accomplishments of this dedicated member of the Pacific faculty," expressed Miller. Dr. Richmond has left a legacy behind at Pacific.
In the aftermath of such a disaster the survivors are now facing dehydration, food poisoning, and heat exhaustion, not to mention more deadly threats like the West Nile Virus if proper help does not arrive. Hundreds of survivors continue to be fished out of the water daily by volunteers from across the country.

Jean Gleason, Executive Director of the San Joaquin County American Red Cross, stated that Katrina is one of the largest disasters that the American Red Cross has ever had to deal with. The Red Cross had a relief table set up at Pacific’s Women’s volleyball game last weekend where you could either make a donation or sign up to volunteer. You can also make donations online at https://give.redcross.org/. They are not accepting actual goods at this point because of various distribution issues.

If you have no money to spare then you can also go to the Delta Blood Bank on March Lane where you can donate 10 dollars from the sale of your blood to help red cross’s effort in New Orleans.

Hurricane Katrina is also going to have a temporary effect on our economy. Gas prices have risen because a large portion of US oil came from refineries in Louisiana. In addition coastal trade has been disturbed, which may lead to price inflation on such products as grain.

However, economists predict that this will only be a temporary inflation, and will not affect our overall economic improvement. Still, some initial predictions on the price to repair damages exceed $100 billion.

Hurricane Katrina has left thousands of people without shelter, food or the employment necessary to regain either. 300 refugees have been flown in to San Francisco where they will be provided with medical aid, shelter, food and social services at Saint Mary’s Cathedral. In addition to San Francisco hundreds of refugees have sought haven in Connecticut and Texas.

Jan Wammack of the University of the Pacific Chaplain’s office has encountered Hurricane Katrina’s destruction first hand. Her brother and his family were evacuated to a shelter in Gulfport Mississippi after their house was flooded. Over the weekend they got the opportunity to go home and observe the damages, and found some glimmers of hope.

According to Ms. Wammack, “my brother talked to our mother on Sunday and says that they lost one boat, but were lucky to find their truck and additional boat intact, wet and damaged, but still there.” “They’re going through their home and fixing what they can. The people in the area are pretty well devastated about trying to get back into their homes, but they’re doing their best” she explained with as much optimism as this situation would allow.

To Donate to the relief efforts, go to https://give.redcross.org

To Our Readers:

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Editor-In-Chief

It is my pleasure and honor to be your Editor-In-Chief and work hard to inform you, the students, faculty and staff of Pacific.

We will be working hard to deliver (although not always to your door steps!) a quality newspaper that represents and covers all aspects of our campus.

We invite you to pick up an issue EVERY THURSDAY in the black boxes all over campus.
The new freshman experience at Pacific

By Claire Thompson
and Courtnee Coburn
Staff Writers

"Excuse me, can you tell me where WPC 103 is?" This question, uttered by a timid voice, was frequently heard throughout the campus on Tuesday, August 23rd, when classes commenced at Pacific. Up and down corridors, students were attempting to make new acquaintances and hopefully forge life-long friendships. It was a scary sight to see confused freshman scattered among the upperclassmen. Once again, the new class of students fell to the bottom of the chain, and began their climb up the ladder we call college. You're about to take on the freshmen experience as we know it.

Life up the ladder starts with a simple step onto campus. You join the hundreds of new students just like yourself. Each new freshman has a mixture of a puzzled, slightly terrified look on their face. The look that says, "Why am I doing this?" As if they really had a choice. By the time classes start, summer is officially over, and dread begins to set in. A new school year ahead and you have already lost your class schedule, not to mention the Pacific Card office says you owe them twenty-five dollars for a new ID because you lost that too.

Off to a great start and it is only the first day.

"My first day I was so disorganized. By the time I made it to the bookstore, most of the books I needed had run out. I felt so unprepared for my first day of classes," said freshman Preetesh Ranchhod. Ranchhod's misfortune is one every student can sympathize with. But the first day is always the worst, and tomorrow is bound to be better.

You wake up late for your second day of class, and by the time you get there the sign on the door says the class has been moved to another building. Walking in late only gets you the spot in the back corner by yourself. The professor knows your name as 'the late freshman that couldn't find their class.' You get caught up in social events and forget to finish reading that first chapter in your Mentor book. You got in a fight with the kid across the hall because he thought you were yelling all night. And on top of everything, there's a nagging cold approaching.

Not to mention all you're thinking about in class is the social event you attended the night before.

Nighttime arrives and you get the knock on the door. The girls arrive and everyone primp. "It is always a good time getting ready with the girls. We put on music and dance around," said Kelleher Winship, freshman. The boys show up looking prepared and ready to let the good times roll. Meeting new people never sounded so good. "After a hard day of classes, I like to just hang out with my friends, or meet new people," said freshman John Orofino. You realize in the midst of all this confusion that you truly are having the time of your life. The freedom of college—work hard all day and enjoy music and conversation at night. College is all about balancing your social life with the studious parts. We learn things about ourselves that will take us into adulthood with a sense of confidence.

The challenge is maintaining the seemingly simple balance of moderation. There are so many opportunities, so many things to do now, that it is completely overwhelming. Even the smallest choices seem difficult. Should you go out with your friends or study? Should you watch a movie, or get an early start on that history project? Should you get involved in intramurals, try out for cheer, join the Hawaii club?

Katrina aftermath reveals the ugly American

By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Editor

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's devastation of New Orleans revealed some of human nature's uglier aspects, both in the actions of certain sociopaths who used the disaster as an opportunity to plunge the stricken city into a nightmarish orgy of violence, as well as in the peripheral reaction to the catastrophe by outsiders.

Some of the more intolerant reactions to the disaster confirm my conviction that the irrational belief in religion—and the resultant prejudice inculcated by religious fundamentalists—is a major obstacle to achieving a more humane world. On Sept. 2, a Christian Web site called Agape Press (agapepress.org) published an article which quoted a New Orleans pastor named Bill Shanks. Reverend Shanks explained that "God's mercy" was clearly evident in the disaster, based partly on the assumption that more people could have died (a pointless statement as the death toll is still unknown).

What disgusted me was his subsequent claim that the hurricane was God's way of purging wickedness from the city—I kid you not. As a city, New Orleans has always had a carnal, hedonistic appeal, from its 'sinfully' rich cuisine to its near-epic street parties—most notably Mardi Gras, as well as a six-day gay pride celebration known as Southern Decadence. Pastor Shanks apparently sees the devastation of New Orleans as being the 21st-century parallel to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Shanks is quoted claiming that "New Orleans now is abortion free. New Orleans now is Mardi Gras free. New Orleans now is free of Southern Decadence and the sodomites, the witchcraft workers, false religion—it's free of all of those things now."

Well, thank God for that—literally. Obviously, Shanks' god is the terminally pissed-off and vengeful Jehovah of the Old Testament who likes to throw a flood or plague at us human sinners now and then. Somebody had better start building an Ark for when god wipes the whole sinful state of California off the map (I'd build it myself but I'm all thumbs).

NEW ORLEANS residents trapped by floodwaters desperately signal to be rescued.
The plight of the R.A.s

By Marcel Gibson
Columnist

I was sitting outside my apartment, soaking up the sun with a beer in me right and the cell phone in me left, when a chick Resident Advisor rolls up on me and tells me to pour out my beer.

"Are you joking?" I asked, because that damn well was a fresh one, and to pour it out would be insane. To no one's surprise, she wasn't kidding; she wanted me to feed the cold one to the plants.

What's this power trip about? I'm 21, and it was only a beer. Normally I would be angry at this point, but I realized something: it sucks to be a Resident Advisor, for an RA is the rope in an epic tug-of-war between students and the administration.

Then I had an epiphany: What if I was an RA? Would I have made this savage man pour out and waste a fresh one?

Being a Resident Advisor is a mindset thing, and it starts when I would have been lured to this RA nonsense by the promise of free meals, housing and a laundry card. I'd begin, and the fantasy off would be crushed. I'd realize something: it sucks to be a Resident Advisor, for an RA is the rope in an epic tug-of-war between students and the administration.

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It’s alarming that these religious fanatics have as much governmental and social influence as they do. Incidentally, I wonder why Shanks is so certain the disaster did not happen on purpose in order to attack President Bush (he’s referring to you, Kanye West!). I don’t know the logistics involved in evacuating a city, but it is undeniable that the evacuation was inadequate and emergency help was not sent into the city for at least four agonizing days, during which time you could not turn on the television without hearing stories of looting, as well as rape and murder between the refugees at the Superdome shelter. Why would it take so long for the National Guard helicopters to arrive? Could it have anything to do with the fact that the government has massive amounts of personnel, vehicles and medical supplies (not to mention billions of dollars) tied up in the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan?

Well of course it does, although I guess that to point it out would also make one guilty of ‘distorting’ the disaster for political reasons. Never mind that the government had cut funding from the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project (SELA, for short) directly due to the financial strain of the war on Iraq. Also pay no attention to the words of Walter Maestri, an emergency-management officer from Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, who said in June 2004, over a year before the disastrous flood: “It appears that the government had cut funding associated with the Urban Flood Control Project in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, which is astronomic in comparison, when Hurricane Ivan slammed into Cuba in 2004, the government evacuated about 2 million people with no fatalities, and had emergency shelters and medical care available for the sick and elderly. Now this is embarrassing—stinging proof that an impoverished, quasi-socialist third-world government can (or is willing to) take better care of its citizens during an emergency than the world’s only remaining superpower.

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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Simon and Garfunkel set to have a Dance Off

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Ah, there's nothing quite like writing that first sarcastically biting article to usher in a whole year's worth of celebrity idiocy, pop culture criticisms, and the joy that is the dining hall. Whether it be about the dining hall's iron fist "one fruit or die" campaign, or P. Diddy's dramatic return to the spotlight after the highly publicized falling out between himself and his highly esteemed colleague known to the public only as "P," I will be reporting everything back to you with a smile on my face and a smirk in my heart.

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It's a sad day for fans of Simon and Garfunkel as they announced they were having a Dance Off. But fear not, dear reader, for I shall be reporting on this story with a smile on my face and a smirk in my heart.

Colleague Survival Tip:
The Benefits of Used Textbooks

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Pacific Radio 89.7

Schedule of shows and music

Monday
8-10pm - Alex and Jonathan (Angry Pirate Radio)
10-Midnight - Katie Fixsen and Brittney Holmquist (Bunifa and Jeffrey the Butler)

Tuesday
8-9pm - Chris Baum (Name TBA)
9-11pm - Will Stevenson (Sounds of the Underground)
11pm - Midnight - Tosh Hudson (TBA)

Wednesday
8-9pm - Natalie Krebs (Ram Jam)
9-10pm - John Giesler and Jason Korres (Hammerin' Hank and Jammin' Jeremiah)
10 - 11pm - Mark Hawbaker (Baketown)

Thursday
8-10pm - Tim Satori (Speed with Tim "the Ripper")

Friday
4-7pm - John Pinney

Radio Schedule
7-9am - Morning Drive / Popular Radio Rock
9-11am - Various Artists / Genres
11am - 3pm - Classic Rock Rotation
3-5pm - Country / Pop
5-6pm - Heavy Metal
6pm-8pm - Rap Rotation
8pm - Midnight - Live DJ's (Rock/Metal Oriented - with the varied genre fill-in here/there)
Midnight - 8am - Replayed DJ's/regular rock/metal broadcast

Staff Meeting on September 8th at 9pm

TV Schedule: As Broadcasted on PAC TV Channel 2

Sunday - Thursday
8am - Noon - Live KPAC Radio Show Replays until 8am (8-9am a school news update with student anchors, on the weekends we will run Adult Cartoons.)
Noon - 1pm - Student in-class TV assignments and Student imagined and run special programs, as well as university participatory programs and guest interviews, followed by selected professors mini lessons from varying departments. (On the weekends we will run KPAC Radio.)
1pm - 4pm - Live university news updates from 1-2pm then, from 2-4pm popular Japanese Anime from university club and student designed programs. On the weekends we hope to have themed movie afternoons.
4pm - 7pm - From 4-5:30 random daily facts will be posted along with weekly weather forecasts followed by live student DJ's radio shows. (On the weekend we will show independent 'Weekend Warrior' films.)
7pm-8pm - Metal Injection TV segue.
8pm - Midnight (or later) - Live DJ's of KPAC Radio.
Midnight (or later) - 8am - Replayed DJ's along with music videos or corresponding visual animation.
The days grow shorter much like your patience with the OIT department. Try to remember that techies work as fast as they can without rest or leisure time to work on their D&D character. Tonight, relax with a little smooth jazz and a cupcake.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Being the most attractive group of people in the astrological calendar a heavy burden of putting up with the "ugly people" can sometimes get you down. Just remember that without the "ugly people" you wouldn't be as gorgeous.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The repetitive motions of your daily life mimics the repetitive moments in your mother's life. While the simple person may feel they are becoming their mother, they should not think of it like that, but rather think of it like a new twist on a bad song. Tonight talk on AIM way too much.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Looking at Orion's Belt you may be reminded of a leather belt, leather like the texture of the food at the dinning hall or selected menu items at the Summit. It is times like this that many hot sauces or petroleum products may take the taste away.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

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Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

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Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

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Aries (Mar. 19 - April 19)

If you look up at the night sky you might see all the stars together like a young man's birthday party. Like the stars you might begin to see your friend's family and your friends mixed together. Remember to differentiate between the two and exclude family in a very offensive way. Tonight ask someone what they like about themselves.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Responsibilities may seem overwhelming at times yet the entrance of darkness at dusk, a feeling of mystery and danger fill the air and in the case of responsibilities your head. Try finding a distraction so as to avoid your responsibilities until the last moment, you'll work better that way. Tonight do your laundry you dirty person.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Soon there will be a new moon, and with it new problems for you to confront. Try not to treat your problems like a bad car accident by just watching your problems with a glazed look over your face because you're bound to find a new problem to slam into.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept 22)

Sleep is very important to both the tiny butterfly and the overworked student. Naps may be the sweet ambrosia that will help you bloom into a great student or a total failure.

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School has just begun and you're ready to pack up for home. If you're looking for an out in this horoscope, I'm sorry you have over estimated the power of astrology. Watch some lifetime and get over it. Tonight, eat some ice cream.

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Man of Memories Retires

By Ryan Mathews
Columnist

The most prolific pro football player in this past century has announced his official retirement from the game. This is no Michael Jordan story where you might see him back in a year, or even playing a different sport; this is the real deal. This past Labor Day weekend, 42 year old Jerry Rice hung up the number “80” for good. His announcement came with strong emotions, choking him back in a year, or even retirement from the game.

Rice has announced his official time to do this; after recentably getting worse in one solitary game. In Rice’s mind it was time to call it quits.

Rice played most of his career in San Francisco as a 49er, starting there as Rookie of the Year in 1985. Stockton has a personal affiliation with him because the team used the University of the Pacific and Zuckerman Field as their stomping grounds for training camp in preseason.

Jerry Rice’s joy for the game will never be forgotten.

Fall preview: GO TIGERS!!

Mike Millerick
Athletic Media Relations

2005-06 Pacific Athletics Fall Preview

Women’s Volleyball
High expectations are the always in place for the Pacific women’s volleyball team and 2005 is no exception. Senior Sidney Bennett (Louisville, Ky.) was an All-American last season and the Tigers were picked to finish third in the Big West Coaches pre-season poll.

Men’s Basketball
Coming off back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament, the Pacific men’s basketball team will be the target of every opponent they face in 2005. Senior Christian Maraker (Varberg, Sweden), an All-Big West Conference First Team selection leads the returners.

Women’s Basketball
The Pacific women’s basketball team’s top returner is senior Tina Sanerivi (Waipahu, Hawaii), who earned All-Big West Honorable Mention last season as she finished the season with an average of 11.1 points per game.

Women’s Cross Country
The 2005 Pacific Tigers cross country team boasts one of the best returning squads in school history as juniors Jessica Daley (Antioch, Calif.), Jill Himlan (Santa Cruz, Calif.) and sophomore Ainsley Cray (Rhinelander, Wisc.) all broke the school record in the 5k last season.

Field Hockey
Coming off a school record 11 wins and the first NCAA post-season appearance since 1989, the Pacific field hockey team is looking to repeat as the NorPac Champions in 2005. Senior Vianney Campos (Guadalajara, Mexico) returns for her third season after rewriting the Pacific offensive records last season with 14 goals.

Women’s Soccer
The 2005 Pacific Tigers return 10 starters from the 2004 season, led by junior Carmen Padilla (San Jose, Calif.), who was an All-Big West First Team member last year. Padilla spent the summer playing for the Mexican National Team.

Men’s Water Polo
The men’s water polo team returns 13 players from the 2004 season, including eight of the top nine goal scorers. This group is led by All-American sophomore Dragan Bakic (Split, Croatia), who notched 31 goals in just 18 matches a year ago.
NFL Guru
Week one predictions

By Chase Tapella
Football Analyst

The Pacifican

Oakland at New England

The Raiders have revamped their offense with the additions of Randy Moss and Lamont Jordan. Kerry Collins will be heavily relied on to lead the Raiders' potent offense. The Patriots still have Tom Brady and have one of the best running backs in the game, Corey Dillon. They say defense wins championships and it will win this game. Although I don't like them, I believe that the Patriots' defense will be too much.

Patriots 27, Raiders 24

New York Jets at Kansas City

The Jets have a certain question marks coming into the season, especially Chad Pennington. On the defensive side they have the best young linebacker, Jonathan Vilma, and picked up All-Pro Ty Law in the off-season. The Chiefs have a great game to keep them a victory in this one.

Chiefs 31, Jets 17

Indianapolis at Baltimore

This game has the excellent offense of the Colts and the very impressive Ravens defense. Kyle Boller is very inconsistent and Dwight Freeney will put pressure on him all day. Jamal Lewis will not be enough to beat the Colts in a close game.

Colts 24, Ravens 17

Philadelphia at Atlanta

This should be one of the best games of the week, especially because of the Monday Night Football stage. McNabb and TO have their problems off the field, but on the field they are dynamite together. Brian Westbrook is also one of the best all-purpose RBs in the NFL. Atlanta has a good D, but Michael Vick still looks to run before he passes. The experience of the Eagles take this game.

Eagles 24, Falcons 17

St. Louis at San Francisco

The 49ers have fallen far from their championship form of the 80s and 90s. The Rams still have their great offense with a good enough defense to take care of SF. The 49ers' offense really needs to have a great game to keep the game close. The Rams are a better team than the 49ers, plain and simple. I like the Niners but it's tough to give them a victory in this one.

Rams 31, 49ers 14

Green Bay at Detroit

The Lions have the best young receivers in the game and Kevin Jones at RB. Can Joey Harrington step it up and have the year people have been waiting for? The Packers still have Brett Favre who is always good for a 30 TD season. This game will be very interesting and very exciting. I'm going to pick the upset and go with the Lions.

Lions 24, Packers 20

Dallas at San Diego

The Chargers are coming off a very surprising 12-4 campaign because of LT, Drew Brees and the breakout star Antonio Gates. Dallas has Bill Parcells, who loves his RB and TE. Dallas' defense is very solid. If Dallas can slow down the Chargers offense they have a great chance of winning. Antonio Gates cannot play this game and I think Julius Jones will be the difference.

Cowboys 24, Chargers 17

Fantasy Player of the Week

RB Willis McGahee, Buffalo:
Playing at home against the less than spectacular Houston Texans defense.

Rams 31, 49ers 14

Women's soccer
Up to challenge

By Arash Scott Behnam
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The Lady Tigers came into the season knowing the difficulty of this past weekend. "It was a good test to see where we're at and if anything, we could walk away with confidence that will fuel us for the rest of the season," said junior Felicia Weiss. On the road against two nationally-ranked opponents (in one weekend) could have been disastrous so early in the season for the young Lady Tigers.

Someone should have let the lady Tigers know a team as young as Pacific has no business hanging with two powerhouse programs. What could have turned into a bad weekend for the Lady Tigers has instead given them confidence.

"Although it was a challenging weekend it showed that we could keep up with anybody," commented sophomore sensation Bunny Dickson. No doubt Pacific could keep up, as 20th-ranked Washington found out. Pacific came out blazing, scoring their first goal with two minutes into the game, but Washington returned the favor two minutes later. From the 4th minute on, the game tightened up but the Lady Tiger offense still kept firing away. Pacific outshot Washington 21-14. The defense put on a clinic, frustrating the Washington attack for 86 minutes.

In the second game of the road trip, the Lady Tigers faced perennial powerhouse Portland. The Pilots showed why they are considered the fourth best team in the country with their speed and ball control. Although the end result was 2-0, the score did not do Pacific justice. The Lady Tigers settled down in the second half and at times looked themselves like the nationally 4th ranked team. A call by the referee in the 70th minute gave Portland a penalty kick and their second goal. Goalkeeper Jamie Souza turned many heads with her in goal throughout the tournament.

With no seniors on the team, the junior leadership has been essential to the quick growth of this team. Last weekend the Lady Tigers showed the potential they posses, but the season is grueling and there are many other obstacles including rivals Fresno State this Friday at home, 7pm. Sometimes ignorance is bliss, and as long as the Lady Tigers don't realize their age, they might soon be nationally ranked.
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