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For more information, contact Brian Domnigo at commsymposium

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sold by the end of the show.

On Tuesday, the Pride Center hosted a film night and showed episodes of the mini-series 'Angels in America.' The show, adapted by playwright Tony Kushner for television, details the trials of several gay men during the 1980s.

Wednesday the Pride Center held an art gallery in the Redwood Room.

Interested students could create posters, murals, or paintings with an overall theme of defied gender roles.

Tonight, the Pride Center is putting on Safe Zone Training in the Pacific Theater from 4:00 to 5:30. The Safe Zone Training essentially sensitivity training, works to give students a greater understanding of people who are conflicted about their sexuality.

Also tonight, the Pride Center is co-sponsoring the Battle of the Bands, which runs from 6:00 until midnight. The event, expected to draw many people, will promote awareness of the AIDS epidemic.

The Pride Center holds Pride Week annually in the spring semester and the accompanying Coming Out Week during the fall semester.

The Pride resource center, which opened in 2003, is in the basement of John Ballantyne hall. It works to create a supportive environment for all Pacificans and community members. It is a safe place for people to go if they are having problems with gender identity or sexuality. It also welcomes family members, students, and other straight allies.

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We are certain that our students will learn about relevant communication trends from their peers, professionals, and professors.

"I'm looking forward to learning from the panelists about strategy I'll need to succeed in a communication field," said communication graduate student Jacqueline Montelongo.

Throughout the day, the event will showcase novel, scholarly research conducted during the semester. Students from the communication research methods course will present posters detailing their research projects' objectives, design and results. Graduate students from the communication department will also display research posters outlining their thesis projects.

"The Symposium will be a great opportunity to show off the communication department's accomplishments, and at the same time, it will be a great learning experience," said Robin Terry, a possible marijuana in the men's restroom. Officers were unable to identify the source of the smell and generated a consolidated report on the activity.

5. LOST/STOLEN CENTRAL CAMPUS 4/3/06

Officer took a report on a lost cell phone.

6. TRESPASSING PACIFIC HOUSE 4/5/06

Officers located a subject in the makeshift campus, which opened in 2003, in the basement of John Ballantyne hall. It works to create a supportive environment for all Pacificans and community members. It is a safe place for people to go if they are having problems with gender identity or sexuality. It also welcomes family members, students, and other straight allies.

7. CASUALTY CENTRAL CAMPUS 4/5/06

Officers assisted a subject in need of medical assistance who wasn't feeling well. Subject was transported to St. Josephs Medical Facility.

8. VANDALISM PHYSICAL PLANT 4/6/06

Physical Plant reports someone broke out one of their windows.

9. VANDALISM N. SERVICE RD. 4/6/06

Victim reports someone placed a large piece of concrete on the hood of their vehicle, which caused a dent.

10. ARREST TOWERVIEW APARTMENTS 4/6/06

Officers received a call of a theft. Victim reports someone broke into their vehicle near the stadium lot and made a traffic stop. Subject was under the influence and CHP arrived to process the driver.

11. VANDALISM PHYSICAL PLANT 4/6/06

Staff reports someone broke out a window in their building.

12. Noise McCaffrey Center 4/7/06

Officers responded to a call of noise from a party. Officers responded and the party was shut down.

13. Casualty McCaffrey Center 4/7/06

Officers responded to a call of a medical emergency. Subject was transported to the hospital.

14. Noise Townhouses 4/7/06

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15. Arrest Central Campus 4/8/06

Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Suspect in vehicle approached officer and refused to back away. Suspect was arrested and a report filed.

16. Aided North Campus 4/8/06

Officers responded to a call from a student and filed a report for a vehicle theft that occurred off campus.
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Language from General Education will damage Pacific’s reputation and status as an institution of higher learning.

Second, this move will drastically reduce enrollment in the foreign language department, resulting in funding cuts and reduction of languages offered. It will also make it more difficult for many students to study foreign languages at all. Pacific has a renowned international studies program which relies on the foreign language department to attract and educate its students.

A shrinking foreign language department will have detrimental effects on one of Pacific’s best and most recognized programs.

Lastly, the proposed changes contradict the university’s plan to gain a more “global orientation.” Pacific has stated that it wishes to achieve a more international perspective by the year 2015. Foreign languages are one of the most essential parts of a global orientation and in gaining an international perspective. Making changes that will cause cuts to the foreign language department is the worst thing that Pacific can do if it really cares about attaining its stated goals.

Students at Pacific are not letting these changes go through without a fight. They have organized a protest that will take place outside of the meeting where the proposed change will be voted on. Immediately following the protest the student government of the School of International Studies will host a literature and poetry reading featuring literature and poetry from all the languages offered at Pacific, including English.

The students believe that they can make a difference and appreciate any support they can get. They are greatly concerned about the national reputation of Pacific falling and the effect that will have on the credibility of their education.

If you would like to support their cause in maintaining the academic integrity of University of the Pacific, please call Provost Phil Gilbertson, who has the final say in the matter (946-2551 or pgilbertson@pacific.edu) or Lou Matz, the Associate Dean of COP (946-3093 or lmatz@pacific.edu).

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Pacific takes KUOP off the market

Plans to sell station later

Joe Brennon
Pacific Media Relations

University of the Pacific announced that it has decided to defer the sale of KUOP-FM 91.3, a non-commercial/educational radio station serving Stockton and Modesto. Pacific will retain ownership of the license, and it plans to continue its agreement with Capital Public Radio, Inc., to provide management, programming and operations services. Sacramento-based CPR has operated KUOP for Pacific since 2000.

The University will put the station back on the market within a year, said Patrick Cavanaugh, vice president for business and finance.

“The Stockton and Modesto radio markets were recently ranked among the top 10 fastest-growing markets in the nation in terms of radio advertising expenditures,” Cavanaugh said. “The strong population and economic growth in KUOP’s service area will cause the station’s value to continue to increase.”

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Hollénomium Music Reviews

By Richmond Hollen
Staff Writer

Indie rock has transformed itself from a physical characteristic of a band's management team to a music genre. Where years ago, in order to be “indie rock” you couldn’t be signed by a major label, bands today, such as Death Cab For Cutie and The Killers still hold onto their “indie” title.

The indie genre seems to encompass bands that might sign with the major labels on one condition: creative independence. These bands can’t be described by any other genre, so they are lumped into this completely and utterly diverse genre that values the creative process and experimentation above all else. Today we will look at artists who fit into this genre, but play completely different types of music.

Andrew Bird
Skin Is, My “Andrew Bird and the Mysterious Production of Eggs”

Something will always bother me about Andrew Bird, until of course it happens. Why isn’t the man more popular? He has all of the key ingredients, including being a diverse and talented musician and a dreamboat. His talents stretch from being a “professional whistler” to an excellent vocalist, not to mention an accomplished violinist.

His music can be characterized by mixing early John Mayer with Thelonious Monk. “Skin Is, My,” off his newest release, The Mysterious Production of Eggs, is a rollercoaster of lyrical puzzles and a dizzying array of tempos and loops. Deep drums accompanied by the plucking of a violin transitions to jazz drums laced with two electric guitars while still escorting the violin. Overall, Andrew Bird creates an eclectic brand of jazz-pop that is accessible to all music lovers.

Originality: 8.4 Catchiness: 7.1 Personal: 8.7

Airport Cathedral
Righteous “Jetlag”

There are certain cities in the United States that seem to breed musicians so fast the rest of the nation can’t keep up. Seattle is one of these cities. It’s probably the rain that keeps these musicians inside working on their music throughout the year. Airport Cathedral is one of these Seattle bands. They are quite new, releasing their first album this year, and are still working out some of the kinks.

There are some things I like about them musically and things that I really don’t like about them. While their instrumentation is on the right track, they still need to develop their experimentation.

Originality: 4.8 Catchiness: 7.2 Personal: 6.2

The Epicurean Restaurant Review

La Cabana

By Jeffrey Morgan
Staff Writer

I think that good Mexican food is one of the great qualities that defines California. Having traveled to the northern east coast and tasting what seems to be a sad imitation of Californian Mexican food, La Cabana is a fine example of the charm of Mexican restaurants in California. The restaurant itself looks like a strange seventies style structure with what seem to be Mexican decorations inside. The building is like a diner yet filled with Mexican restaurant decorations. I ordered the chicken fajitas and felt that it was very clean and well flavored. The service was quick and the staff polite. There is nothing especially fantastic about it and I think that this is part of its appeal. It is a simple restaurant with quick and reliable service. I felt the food was overpriced at times, yet all in all I was satisfied with the meal. I give this restaurant four tummy rubs and suggest everyone who likes simple good Mexican food try this restaurant and as Scooter said, “If you wanna blast from the past and a good meal come to this restaurant.”

La Cabana
4641 Pacific Ave.
Stockton, CA 95207
HOROSCOPES

By Dan Cammarano
Astrological analyst

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
Stars that I have spoken to have told me that you have enjoyed PRIDE week so far. Just remember that PRIDE week can be for all of us. Think of something that you’re proud of and yet the world knows, unless it has something to do with Banana Bread, that’s just weird. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Pisces 2/19-3/20
This is an odd time in the semester for you to be suffering from home sickness, but it could still happen. According to the relative position of Uranus, you’ll need to try to focus on things you hate about home, that should help. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Aries 3/21-4/19
Too many times has a Pacific student gone hungry in search of intellectual enlightenment; after all the body cannot live on MLA writing alone. Search out the famed Summito, that legendary Burrito from the summit that is both tasty, filling the body and mind. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Taurus 4/20-5/20
We have been blessed with rough rain to start construction of a new Ark, so this is our mission, Taurus. Seek out a engineering student who is also an Aries, and work with them to make prototypes on the levee. Just remember, after the flood you’ll be responsible for repopulating Pacific. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Gemini 5/21-6/21
How many blonds does it take to screw in a light bulb? Who cares? Blond jokes are mean and immature. Your mission for this week Gemini, is to find a blonde (cannot be yourself) and pay them three compliments that have nothing to do with looks, smell or how good they are in bed. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Cancer 6/22-7/22
You may be feeling that the weeks are racing by faster than a Trekkie who just saw Michael Dorn. Slow it down a little, put in a little Barry White and enjoy life one reading assignment at a time. After all, you only get to enjoy college like this once; employers look down on sleeping in the office and weekend parties in the copy room. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Leo 7/23-8/22
I watched a fish in the water jump the other day, and according to ancient UOP texts this means that you will have a wonderful week, filled with all kinds of fun, and if you play your cards right your love life should spark a few fires, too. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Virgo 8/23-9/22
It’s tough being one of the “hot ones” on campus, but Virgo you earned it with those great looks. Look for fellow hot people, you may have to go all the way to Paris to find them, just watch out for the hot people there who do not bathe or shave. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Libra 9/23-10/22
Being a bad influence is dependent on who you are influencing and how many of them actually follow your path to destruction. If you must be a bad influence, try influencing members of society who are already beyond help, like vegetarians. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
From time to time someone will keep something from you for your own damn good. Do not retaliate, this will only make the stars upset. Simply wait out the other person, and if they do not seem to budge, then make a move, but be honest, no one likes an Ass Hat. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Today is a day to check your phone over and over again for text messages from your secret admirer. This may not make any sense, since all cell phones have caller ID, but you know, this is how secret admirers get what they want or get a restraining order. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Life is full of all kinds of deceptions, and many times those deceptions are caused by your own mind. Take a second to reevaluate your beliefs and come to new conclusions, you may find that there is something you’ve been missing, like a special discount at a store you don’t like. Tonight, go see Battle of the Bands on Brookside Field.

The Horoscopes are not completed by a certified Astrologer; they are a humorous addition to this college publication. The Pacifican does not intend to offend or insult anyone.
A Pacific junior wished to remain anonymous pointed out a few things that would happen if the levee were to run over the top of its banks. “If the river floods on the south side of campus, the Greek houses, Theta Chi, Phi Mu Ag, Physical Plant, Monagan and Brooks Hall would be screwed.”

“However, if it flooded the south side of campus, the Greek Houses, Religious House, Chico and all the other houses with basements would flood. Life on this campus would be in shambles,” Greg Mateo, a Pacific senior, said, “if the river floods campus, I am not going to sit back and watch the partying hard.”

A jet skier enjoys the excessive water on Wednesday.

A River Runs Through... PACIFIC

Dan Ammarano

dim would have been forced to release more water than the channel could hold.

Jeremy Hilgert, a junior at Pacific, pointed to a tuft of branches poking out of the fast moving water and said “There was an island there last week.”

One of the main concerns for the San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services is that when water levels rise, people are increasingly interested. Water can be swift moving and hazardous if you get too close.

So far, with all this rain, nearly $14 million in Public Assistance Damages are affecting the San Joaquin County. Emergency Protective Measures account for 98 percent of these numbers.

In the coming weeks as smaller sections of levees are expected to fail, this number will rise.

Should Pacific students be concerned?

The quick answer is no, but it should remain in the back of your mind. The Calaveras River isn’t expected to peak and the Army Core of Engineers will make try to keep levels down.

The river is currently running at 73 percent capacity. After watching the weather report on KCRA 3, Mark Finan believes the central valley should be ok in the coming days.

Over what seems like the past few weeks, Pacific has been pounded by heavy rain and now our river shows it. On Wednesday afternoon, a group of engineering students walked out to the bridge and discussed how much more water it would take for the river to go over its banks and flood the school. This prompted a poll on ThePacificanOnline which still has some pretty surprising numbers.

The question was “Do you want the levee to break and/or flood campus?” 56.3 percent of the respondents said they would like the levee to break and flood campus while the rest either disliked the poll question entirely or did not want the levee to break at all.

But what do the students of this University really know about the Calaveras River? What is causing the high flows and when will it end?

The Calaveras River which splits Pacific in two is fed by the New Hogan Reservoir. Located thirty miles east of Stockton is a dam which holds back water and is the feeding tube for the Calaveras River.

Starting on April 5th, 2006, the New Hogan Dam, which is run by the Army Core of Engineers tripled their release of water from the dam. Enough water flowed out of the continuously to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool in every 5 seconds.

Historically, the Calaveras River has caused floods in Linden and downtown Stockton. The problem was solved when the Stockton Diverting Canal was built. This canal and the Old Calaveras River are what feed our river through campus.

As reported in the Stockton Record, Ron Baldwin, San Joaquin County’s emergency services director, said the water released from New Hogan has put added pressure on levees along Mormon Slough and the Stockton Diverting Canal.

“It’s well within channel capacity, but it’s a lot more than what people are used to seeing,” Baldwin said. “If there had been another day of rain, I’m sure we’d be talking about a much more serious situation.”

If we didn’t have the dry spell this past weekend, the

Levee holding up as water runs by

By: Nick Hansen

Online Editor

The Pacifican
Are you worried about all the water in the levies?

By Tina Brehmer
Photographer

Photos by Tina Brehmer

Ralph Black - Resident of Stockton and Uncle of John and Richard Black. They are graduates of UOP and are now both in the Marine Corps. John is a captain and Richard is security at an airport. They are both in Iraq right now. John was also the homecoming king during the last football season that UOP had.

Black has lived in the same house for 45 years and the last time he saw the river this high was about ten years ago. He said it was higher then so he is not worried about it now. Black even brought a measuring tape and explained that from where you stand on the foot bridge there are only nine feet, and nine inches to the waters surface. Last time the water was this high, Black jumped into the water and tried to save someone who was drowning. He said, “I have seen a lot, and that the river is not a fear of mine.”

Camilla Savez - Resident of Stockton and University of the Pacific Professor of Civil Engineering: “I am not worried about it. The levies are designed to carry a much greater flow rate than now.” (No Photo)

“I trust the strength of the levies but what does worry me is that the Hogan Dam which is located in Calaveras, CA, is currently at a 96% capacity.”

-Sigrid Eilers, Stockton Resident

Sigrid Eilers - “I have never seen it this high in the 38 years that I have lived in Stockton.” Eilers lives just a few blocks away from campus and frequently walks through campus to stroll the levee. She sees the waters all the time. She says she “trusts the strength of the levee’s but what does worry me is that the Hogan Dam which is located in Calaveras, CA, and is currently at a 96% capacity.” The Hogan Dam is where our rivers water comes from. She is involved in many environmental groups and she has never known the Hogan Dam to exceed more than about 85% capacity.

Erik Mikusky - Second year pharmacy student: “No I’m not worried, the rivers back home in Ventura are a lot worse.” (No Photo)

Mike Hitchcock - Freshman student of Engineering Management and Stripe Employee: “I am not scared, I read about another dam that busted up the way. That sucks for them, but thats good for us.”

Nick Gillett - Freshman student of Mechanical Engineering. “I am waiting for ASUOP to organize a river tubing trip.”
A media medley

An odd-news compendium

By Don Slomin
Guest Writer

Well, it’s official: the former R&B artist Ernie K-Doe has been announced as a mayoral candidate for the city of New Orleans. While we’ve all seen entertainers get into politics, like former president Reagan, governor Schwarzenegger and wrestler-turned-gov Jesse Ventura, to name a few—Ernie K-Doe’s candidacy is notable in one major respect: K-Doe had passed away almost five years ago. His widow, Annette K-Doe announced his candidacy at a rally on Saturday, saying “He gets the job done. The guy has soul.” It’s probably not the first time a dead guy’s been on a ballot, but remember, it’s only fun and games until someone actually gets elected—then we the public have to deal with whoever we’ve put into office.

Ah, politics. In the recent Italian election, contestants in that country’s version of the TV show Big Brother were allowed out of their 24-hour a day monitored studio/house in order to vote for the next Italian Prime Minister. I’m impressed that contestants on Big Brother would actually want to vote, when in this country people are typically too busy watching Big Brother to go out and vote. Early reports are saying that the incumbent Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, had lost his bid for re-election. Berlusconi happens to be a billionaire media mogul who owns three TV stations in Italy, including the one that broadcasts the Italian version of Big Brother. Is there some irony in that? I can’t tell. Irony always eludes me somehow.

Silvio Berlusconi

For all those SIS students and others who may be planning trips to Indonesia: mind those Public Displays of Affection that we take for granted in the States. The Indonesian city of Tangerang recently enacted a law banning unmarried people from kissing on the lips for more than five minutes in public places. The local government described the measure as an effort to help curb street prostitution, though it was unclear how authorities would determine whether two people were married or not. Neither was it mentioned if the kiss had to be a continuous, five-minute long one, or if officials would carry stopwatches to determine the length of the kiss. As a freedom-loving American, I say...great idea! I hate having to look at PDA (of course, it’s okay when I do it).

“I hate having to look at public displays of affection.”

Ernie K-Doe

Seven little known facts about Pacific: DHMO

By Kilgore Trout
Staff Writer

If there was any one thing you learned from Mentor Seminar I, it should be to question everything. If there was any one thing I learned from Stockton, it’s the water tastes bad, the housing is cheap, and Pacific is a great place to be if you want a great one-on-one education. Other than that, every now and then you need a little bit of sarcasm in your life to make it more interesting and humorous.

This list is compiled in no particular order.

1. Dihydrogen monoxide is a cancerous chemical which has been known to lead to severe tissue damage if exposed to this chemical for a long period of time. Secondly, Dihydrogen monoxide, commonly referred to as DHMO, has "often been associated with the killer cyclones in the U.S. Midwest and elsewhere" says the Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division. Lastly, DHMO is one of the leading causes of soil erosion and most importantly, levee failure.

2. Pacific keeps its lawns so green because it waters a majority of its grounds with Dihydrogen monoxide it extracts from the Calaveras River. The University has control over a pumping station on the north side of Knoles Field near the electrical substation which feeds the campus irrigation system everywhere but central campus.

3. The human body can last three to five days without dihydrogen monoxide. Approximately two-thirds of a persons weight is dihydrogen monoxide with our blood being 82 percent DHMO and both our brain and muscles being 75 percent DHMO.

4. DHMO freezes at thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit. This is the perfect time to be in Lake Tahoe to ski on frozen DHMO. Another small fact is what your parents usually tell you when you’re a kid: “never eat off-color snow.”

5. A student a few years ago wrote a mentor essay about where Stockton gets their water from. This student was told to read his three-page essay aloud to the class. To their amazement, this student had spent the previous summer working at a sewage water treatment plant and figured out that the water that Stockton pulls out of the ground to use for drinking water may be mixed with raw sewage, which can lead to the water in the city of Stockton tasting horrible. The water isn’t as bad as third-world countries, but it could be better.

6. DHMO is also referred to as water, and if you haven’t realized this yet, perhaps you need to retake Mentor. As the student mentioned in my previous point said to me, “I loved Mentor; one of the things I learned was to question everything, and I thank UoP for that.”

7. If you have been living in a box or haven’t stepped foot towards the north side of campus, the Calaveras river is awfully high and will remain high till later this week. Nick Hansen has written a superb article regarding the reasons for these high flows and maybe will provide you with some insight into the DHMO flows around you. Have an awesome week and stay dry!

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Science vs. faith
A difference in approach

By Marcel Gibson
Columnist

So my editor attended the Science vs. Faith lecture and came over for some pizza, a brew or two, and a little scolding from the Black Bear from over yonder. The lecture was held in Olson hall, and sponsored by Newman House, but the great debate took place where the debacle and debauchery shattered my dreams.

It started with a tasteless joke by me, about god of course, for who better to be rude and crude about. For god is a comedian playing

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tuality, the personal quest to understand the timeless questions. “Why am I here?” “What is the universe?” “Is there a god?” and “Why is there only one decent taco truck in all of Stockton?”

The Science and Faith deals are both human affairs, part of our natural instinct to consummate our relationship with the universe around us. So the scientist and the guru are two human beings doing the same thing, observing the universe, and searching for answers. In other words, like the scientist and guru, Science and Faith are complementary, if not best of bestest friends.

Sure, one discipline uses numbers, lab coats, and math using letters, while the other is more about paradoxes and meditating on the energies of the universe or god, but it’s really just a matter or operation, how answers are searched out.

Take medicine, for example. Pharmaceutical companies regularly send their scientist to deep jungles to meet with real tribal witch doctors and shamans in order to try to find new and amazing ingredients to cure cancer and the like. And then there’s the placebo effect, where just the thought of being healthy makes the sick healthy, though the spiritual would say it has something to do with evil and the cleansing the soul.

I imagine that in fifty years from now, a lot of what we consider to be science will be considered complete and utter worthless politicized bull. We’ve seen it with the eugenics phenomena when some of the top scientists declared there was empirical proof to determine race and whatnot. We’re just now putting this whole global warming scare on the chopping block. And I imagine the fossil fuel

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thing will be debunked, because no one has been able to explain to me why fish 100 million years ago sunk to the bottom of the ocean when my goldfish died just yesterday and is still floating in my fish tank.

Faith can also go awry, especially when exploited by churches and indoctrination institutions of religion. Was it really necessary for Galileo to be condemned for his discoveries? The condemnation of interracial dating, let alone marriage, is being taught in some of America's churches. And I will predict that the whole "gay issue" as an unnatural act in the faiths of the East and an affront in the faiths of the West will be taken in our classrooms that, "It's a theory. It's the best explanation that we have now."

The fact of the matter is, as human we have a very limited, if not completely absent, understanding of the universe. So while scientists throw sub-atomic particles at each other in mile long supercolliders, and all of a sudden discovering photons defying the laws of physics, maybe faith's belief of the hand of god is correct? And when science finally loudly proclaims that human beings are sex-feinds, maybe this whole chastity and puritan show will be canceled for church sanctioned orgies.

It comes down to this. Claiming there's a great difference between the goals of science and faith is a very uncool negation of the infinite amount of questions that remain in our known universe. There's way too much more to discover out there, and so far, humanity doesn't have a clue. Hell, we don't even know what's going on in our own brains. There are too many questions, too many things to learn from both disciplines, too many things for both disciplines to learn from each other, so the next panel discussion should be titled 'What the hell is going on?' And it will feature the top minds from all over, meat-lovers pizza, and a brew or two.

I was offended to read an article in the April 6th issue titled "Townie Love." As a native Stocktonian I had never heard of the term "Townie" until I came to this campus last semester. My friends explained to me that "Townie" is a derogatory term for Stocktonians. I don't think it was appropriate to perpetuate the stereotype that all Stocktonians "...are on the well kind of on the ghetto side". I don't classify myself as ghetto, nor does my local friends and family, who enjoy walks on the Calaveras. Stocktonians are not animals and don't need special treatment or pity from the Pacific community with a half Cocked smile, just a common respect for one another.

If the author of this article ventured out with more than just one or a few volunteer activities, then the same closed minded perspective that was portrayed in this article might not have existed. I would of liked to see an article about how one of the Pacificans writes actually found out what it is like to be a Stocktonian with an open mind and change the perspective of themselves and the Pacific community.

Their are no three-eyed fish in the Calaveras.
Proud Stocktonian

Galileo Galilei

Faith and science move forward with each other, because progress in one certainly means progress in another. This discovery of the immensity of the universe alone has changed the spiritual landscape. On the other hand, studying the effects of negative and positive thoughts which has long been "practiced" in monasteries is now being tested by wacky quantum physicists.

And really, who the hell understands how the universe began, or why something can fix someone while kill another, and why my toilet flushes in one direction but it flushes a different direction in Australia? Perhaps the latter has been discovered, but intuition starts sounding a lot like faith, especially when the scientists press upon us...
The Durham Debacle

at Duke University

Ryan Mathews
Columnist

The turmoil that has enveloped the Duke University campus in Durham, North Carolina has taken a dramatic turn. On March 13, the Men's Lacrosse team held an off-campus party that included underage drinking and the hiring of an exotic dancer. This women was paid $400 to attend the party and later called 911, reporting that she was raped, sodomized, beaten, and choked. This became a racial issue as the victim was of African American descent and the accused males are Caucasian.

The lacrosse team consists of 47 players and DNA samples were taken from 46 of them by means of rubbing a cotton swab inside the cheek. The DNA results were inconclusive.

The refusal to drop the case will continue to keep tensions high within the already tense community. Protesters have gathered at the house where the incident occurred and hundreds have also gathered within the Duke community to demonstrate their point of view on the situation. The defense attorney for the players has asked the accuser to come forward with the whole truth.

The results of the DNA tests brought a sigh of relief for the Duke community because the results could not link a single player to the alleged victim. District Attorney Mike Nifong wants to continue the investigation. Nifong has been very critical and biased of the situation without conclusive evidence with his portrayal of the lacrosse team. "It doesn't mean nothing happened, it just means nothing was left behind," said Nifong.

Nifong feels that it is important that this trial continues to be pushed, even as he disregards the code "Innocent until proven guilty." It almost seems that he is deliberately attacking the players at Duke. The team has written a four paragraph statement about the incident, and other than that, they have chosen to remain secretive about the subject.

Lacrosse coach Mike Pressler resigned, ending a 16-year tenure marked by three Atlantic Coast Conference championships and a trip to last year's national final. The nationally-ranked lacrosse team was forced to forfeit the rest of their season and no member of the team is eligible for any athletic awards this season.

Injuries were found around the accuser's pelvic area when she showed up to the hospital, yet she never mentioned who hurt her, nor did she mention anything about athletes and Duke University. Players in their statement mentioned time-stamped photos of the alleged victim re-entering the house with a smile on her face.

This subject has been a topic not just in the sports community, but in the national community as well. It has been noted to be an academic sanctuary and a place where athletics and academics are held at the highest prestige. This university is perceived as holding the highest standards in what they do, but this accusation has smothered any inclinations that they uphold such standards.

People in the media and other activists protesters see this whole situation as a racial problem. Because the town of Durham is rich in African American culture, the media has made it clear to the information-hungry public that Duke University is placed in a town with a community that is low in its average income. The media exemplifies the idea of what the attackers were white and the alleged victim was black. What should be considered in this situation is that race has nothing to do with the situation. Although this situation and its implications might have never come to this realization, the real problem is a term called "group mentality." People act differently in packs and in thinking that all of the tension was fueled by the alcohol and a bunch of guys getting out of control, and that is where the focus should be.

Too many people are saying "what if she was white?" and "what if the boys were black?" It all comes down to the mob mentality because it is human nature to act in packs.

What this situation should ultimately accomplish is that the administration at any university should be more aware of the activities in or about the university and the athletic programs in the universities. This trial is far from over because DNA results are not enough in the mind of the District Attorney in North Carolina. The trial will continue to haunt the players and their families until they are exonerated from any allegations.

It has been a month since the confrontation between the players and the alleged victim and no charges have been filed, just a continuing investigation by the DA. A second set of DNA tests are to be released, but there is no determination on how important they will be to the case.
On Sunday, Oliveira added their second victory over hitting .250 with six RBI and innings. The Tigers claimed sending the game to extra an RBI bases loaded walk five RBI and two runs base hit on the season with Oliveira drove in the Tigers' inning wins. On Saturday, in Pacific's four-run ninth, a lone run in regulation with scored, doing all of his dam­ a three-run triple to lead UC Davis in the 11th with a an RBI single in the fourth. Later in the 10th inning, does best against UC Santa Jenna, going 3-for-6 with an RBI went 4-for-11 (.364) with 47 five RBI and two runs and a .507 on-base per­ Carbonatto drove in one run and scored four times. For the weekend, Carbonatto sits in 10th place overall with 185 hits in 1982-85), who finished her outstanding career with leading to her .769 on-base and scored four times. For the weekend, Punta San Francisco Giants over UC Davis over winning the world but motivate. The signing of Steve Finley helps solidify the oldest out­ field in the majors. Matt Morris's career is far from over and if the Giants age and health does not play a factor, representing the National League might not be far fetched. Bonds will have the last laugh and will retire after this season as the home run champ and World Series ring, 2006 will be known as the year of the anti-heros.

**Sports**

Continued from page 1 will dominate for years in Prince Fielder and Rickie Wests. Pittsburgh Pirates

Why do they even play baseball in Pittsburgh? Does anyone outside of Canada even care?

West

The San Francisco Giants All the steroid contro­ versy around Barry Bonds will not stop Bonds or the Giants in winning the west but motivate. The signing of Steve Finley helps solidify the oldest out­ field in the majors. Matt Morris's career is far from over and if the Giants age and health does not play a factor, representing the National League might not be far fetched. Bonds will have the last laugh and will retire after this season as the home run champ and World Series ring, 2006 will be known as the year of the anti-heros.

Los Angels Dodgers

Injuries to Jeff Kent, and Raphael Furcal are not seri­ ous but the same cannot be said for Eric Gagne and Nomar Gareciaparla. If healthy Brad Penny is the 2nd best starting pitcher in the west.

San Diego Padres

Jake Peavy is becoming the best in the business and the San Diego offense is potent at times but last year western division championship was more a fluke in a weak injury filled division.

With that said if the Giants and Dodgers cannot stay healthy, the Padres will re­ peat.

Arizona Diamondbacks

The Dbacks have three nice young bats waiting in the minors in Stephen Drew, Carlos Quentin and Justin Up­ ton. Add in another two young bats already in the lineup in Chad Tracy and Connor Jack­ son and you have yourself a fine hitting nucleotis for years to come. Brandon Webb is un­ derated.

Colorado Rockies

The Rockie Mountain high of championships is long gone and this year will be like last year. Pitching in Coors is like trying to work on your tan in hell but Jason Jennings has had success. Todd Helton continues to find the alley and the only big name in a Rocky uniform.

Playoffs

St. Louis Cardinals over New York Mets

San Francisco Giants over Houston Astros

Giants over Cardinals

World Series

Giants over White Sox