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We will never forget
Gas prices are at all-time high

By Amber Prochaska
Editor-in-Chief

Gas prices are at all-time high. Late last month, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante—a leading candidate to replace Gov. Gray Davis in the Oct. 7 recall election—purposely to regulate gas prices in California, just as they did in the ‘70s.

“These horrific gas prices have enabled my ability to go home and visit my family in Merced,” junior, Kristen Rocha said. Rocha drives a 2001 Teco-ma to Merced—a hour drive—frequently to visit friends and family.

“I now drive a lot less due to gas prices,” Rocha said. California prices are usually 20 cents above the U.S. average; however, as of late, it has been double.

Last month, the Energy Information Administration reported the average retail price for regular unleaded gas increased 12 cents a gallon. This was the biggest mark up ever.

“I now wait longer to fill up my gas tank, which I know isn’t very good for my car,” senior, Sarah Schuppisser said. “I only fill up my tank half way, because I’ve been waiting for prices to go down—but that hasn’t proved to be very effective.”

Women in politics

By Norris Cooper
Staff Writer

Although there has been many gains, women still have not reached political or economic parity in our society.

Pacific’s Jacoby Center, in conjunction with the Commission of the Status of Women and League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County, present a leadership conference to encourage more female participation in governmental affairs. A workshop of this magnitude provides an invaluable service to women leaders of the next generation.

Executive Director of the Jacoby Center, Robert Benedetti said, “This is a great opportunity for the community at large and students on campus to learn more about leadership, and to begin to effect change.”

Barbara Matthews, Tracy; California State Assembly member, 17th District; Helen Thomson, Yolo County Supervisor; Former Assembly member, 8th District; Eileen Hernandez, NOW’s Second National President; and Deborah Hench, SJC Registrar of Voters will be the premier speakers engaging in political dialogue.

“The personally believe that this conference is a great resource for developing civic leadership skills,” Roy Childs of the Jacoby Center said.

The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at three locations Buck Hall, the Recital Hall and Carlson Hall on Saturday, Sept. 27. Men are also encouraged to attend.

“Real leadership is important in our society, especially with all of the corporate scandals. This workshop may very well be my entrance into leadership so that I may help fight political corruption,” junior, Cherie Randolph said.

The purpose of this leadership workshop is to present women who are interested in running for public office or women who want to apply for appointed positions with information on the basics steps they need to take.

The cost of admission is $40 for the day, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch or $25 for lunch with speakers.

For more information, contact Margarita Noyola at (209) 946-7444.

Pacific ranking

By Brittany LaMay
Staff Writer

Last week, Pacific reached great heights. Pacific was ranked among the top half of the nation’s doctoral universities, placing 107 out of 248. The ranking was put together by U.S. News and World, though about and composed very carefully.

To be chosen in the year to year, Pacific remains focused on a model of education in which teacher-scholars work closely with students to ensure personalized learning so that our graduates will be well prepared for personal and professional success in the world.” -Pacific President, Donald DeRosa.

“Please are pleased to see continued recognition of Pacific’s quality. Although rankings will vary from year to year, Pacific remains focused on a model of education in which teacher-scholars work closely with students to ensure personalized learning so that our graduates will be well prepared for personal and professional success in the world.” -Pacific President, Donald DeRosa.
CIP class takes vacation
Three day event full of fun peer interaction

By Elizabeth Carranza
News Editor

Every year the Community Involvement Program—a program dedicated to providing Stockton with community service—has the opportunity to add a new and exciting class into the program.

One of the greatest things about being in the incoming CIP class is that they have the chance to get to know one another on a three-day retreat. This is the second year that CIP held their retreat at Pacific’s Feather River. This year, 36 new CIP students were admitted into the well knit CIP family.

“The activities were designed for great interaction with one another and I got to meet and make new friend,” Wilson Leung said.

The retreat was held last month. Students cheered as they began their four-hour drive to Feather River: “Who are we? CIP! Where are we from? Pacific!” When the group arrived at Feather Riv-
er the immediately checked into their rooms. After dinner, students broke up into small groups to try to get to know one another better.

“I love the fact that everyone is so friendly [CIP students] and great. It really makes us feel like a family,” said Adriana Martinez.

Later, students played games in order for the whole group to begin to feel more comfortable among their peers.

“As the group worked together we all started to let our guards down and become very comfortable with each other,” said freshman Sountha Key.

At first, the new students had a hard time opening up to one another, however all the activities were designed to break that barrier and have the students become more confident.

On their second day at Feather River, CIP director, Ines Ruiz-Huston felt that the students needed to move a little more, therefore she and the rest of the group leaders taught the students popular CIP dances.

Next, students were placed in small groups and assigned to create a group name, poster, a definition of community service and a team cheer.

On the last night of the retreat, most students stayed up and sang karaoke or played card games.

“Being a group leader was really inspiring to me because not only did I help the new CIP students, but I learned several things from them,” CIP member, Kongsy Phommachly said.

In the midst of horror and vulnerability on this day two years ago, my strongest memory is community. It was my first semester at a new job. It became clear that I chose a university that literally is a community. Pacificans came together. Pacificans supported each other. We didn’t want to go anywhere but here.

Today, maybe you want to talk. Maybe you don’t. As so many of us did two years ago, maybe you want to call everyone you care about and make sure they are ok. Think about those who no longer have people to call. Perhaps it is a day to call. Perhaps it is a day to remember the beauty of belonging to a community and the power within us to be good to others.

There are two, among many places to be together today. ASUOP and the Chaplain’s Office has a service planned for 8:30 a.m., McCaffrey Center. SIS has a panel discussion at 6 p.m., George Wilson Hall.
City unites for 9/11

On Thursday, the Stockton community will come together for the second annual memorial to remember all the people who died on Sept. 11, 2001. The event will be lead by Stockton Mayor Gary Podesto. The memorial is scheduled to take place on the North steps of City Hall and will begin at Noon.

"This is a city event. We want to make sure people can respond to whatever they feel on that day. For some people it is still a tough day for them," City Public Information Officer, Matt Robinson said.

Everybody in the Stockton community is encouraged to attend this event and join veterans, civic and religious leaders. At exactly 11:55 a.m., houses of worship will ring bells or chimes as a call out to the Stockton community to come together for the ceremony. The event will contain prayers from different religious leaders, songs of peace and the police and fire honor guards will be paying tribute to their fallen New York City comrades.

In last year’s memorial, the Stockton community planted an olive tree, in conjunction with letters written by people who attended, in memory of those who passed on 9/11. The tree and the letters were placed in Martin Luther King Plaza.

American Legion Karl Ross Post, 16, will present a flag this year, to the city of Stockton. The flag once belonged to Congress and now it will be placed on display at City Hall.

During the event, Fremond, San Joaquin and El Dorado and Center Streets will be closed off for the public to come together in front of City Hall.

All the Stockton community is encouraged to attend this community event to remember everybody who was killed on 9/11.

Speech & Debate starts the year off right

By Tara Cuslidge
Staff Writer

Two members of Pacific’s award-winning Speech and Debate team started the 2003-2004 season on a winning note. The tandem team of junior, Cynthia Parrish and sophomore, Jacki Evans placed third at the Wyoming Debate Cooperative in Laramie, WY. The event, held Aug. 3-9, featured workshops, discussions and research to prepare for the upcoming year. Parrish was also ranked eighth in a 32-person field of competitors. Parrish said the event was a positive experience. "We were there to learn, but the nature of the activity creates a higher level of intensity no matter the setting," Parrish said. "I was pleased at my placing in the competition. Jacki and I tried out new tactics to secure our 3rd place position and me being 8th out of 32 is a good showing when I consider the expertise of my colleagues."

It wasn't all business though, Parrish said. Despite Laramie being a small town, there was a lot to do in terms of enjoyment. The "friendly, but intense" competitors even celebrated birthdays and took in the "beautful" University of Wyoming campus. "It was a fun group that completely believed in working hard in lectures, labs, and practicing debates," Parrish said. The Pacific Speech and Debate team held its first business meeting on Aug. 27. The speech team is open to all those who are interested. The team is always looking for new members. In June, Director of Forensics, Shawn Batt sent out a letter to incoming freshman regarding joining the team. In it he said "speech and debate can help you tremendously in developing the skills needed for reaching your goals. The thinking and self-confidence benefits alone are immense, as you may already know if you have participated before."

"We will probably do pretty well in the region, and if recruiting goes well, then we can also do well nationally," said Batt, who expects 10 to 15 students to compete this year. The group will participate in about six tournaments this year on top of the weekly - or biweekly- events already planned. "Joining the team is a good way to develop better communication skills," Parrish said. Speaking from experience, Parrish has been involved with speech at Pacific for three years, but has participated in programs for six. "I attribute my ability to present and speak in front of people to being involved in speech and debate," Parrish said. "It's a great opportunity to learn life skills if you are interested in anything that involves communication- which is practically everything." The team's next planned event is the "Top of the Rockies Tournament" that will also take place in Wyoming Sept. 19-21. Parrish said the pre-school year event was definitely a positive beginning for the entire team. "I think it sets a nice tone for the upcoming year," she said. For more information regarding Pacific’s Speech and Debate Team, contact Shawn Batt in the communication department or e-mail sbatt@uop.edu.

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No Offense

Inaction Figure

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Every now and then, I come across a news article that leaves me surprised at how easily affronted many people seem to be. It is one thing to take offense from a product that is patently in poor taste, such as the Italian-made Nazi-themed wine (whose labels bear images of Hitler, Goering and Himmler) that is currently causing much controversy in Europe. It is another thing entirely to be offended by a product whose very silliness would seem to negate any possibility of offense. I refer to the latest offering from the Archie McPhee toy company: the Librarian Action Figure.

The Librarian Action Figure is modeled after award-winning Washington State Library Director, Nancy Pearl, who is understandably surprised by the backlash that her miniature plastic likeness has inspired among other librarians. One anonymous e-mailer wrote so as to accuse Pearl of setting the profession back 30 years. What is especially puzzling about this antagonism is the fact that the figure in itself is not particularly exceptional; it comes with no objections to its aesthetic appeal or to the fact that it is modeled after someone who is widely respected. Perhaps part of the reason that this action figure has caused such a stir is an overreaction to the marketing campaign that accompanied it. Though this is by no means an unprecedented tactic, the fact that this company intended to make public a product whose very silliness would seem to negate any possibility of offense makes it an interesting story in itself.

Oddly enough, some have taken umbrage at the action figure’s “push-button shushing action.” When a button is pressed, the figure raises a finger to its lips in the classic hushing motion. Diane DuBois, a library director from Maine, has described the shushing action as “being so stereotypical [she] could scream” (although not in the library, presumably). Apparently, those who are offended by the figure resent the notion that librarians are stuffy and uptight. With all due respect, I am hard-pressed to think of a better example of stuffiness than someone who takes offense at an innocuous toy that was clearly manufactured in good fun.

This is not to say that the company intended to make fun of librarians. McPhee offers a wide variety of other novelties, and it seems apparent that it is a well-established company with little interest in any negative publicity that an intentionally offensive product might generate. In its description of the action figure, the McPhee company Web site respectfully lists Nancy Pearl’s accomplishments, educational background, and favorite books. Not surprisingly, in wake of all the criticism McPhee Owner, Mark Pahlow has said that his company admires librarians and that they (librarians) are heroes for encouraging literacy.

It seems to me that the critics are missing the point; the McPhee company is known as a purveyor of kitschy, off-beat products that are intended only to amuse, rather than offend. I have to admit that my first impulse was to dismiss this offering out of hand as another in a string of inane toys. However, after researching this article I found myself spending an inordinate amount of time browsing their enjoyable Web site. Some of its other action figures include historical characters such as Freud, Ben Franklin and Jesus Christ—which undoubtedly also caused some amount of controversy— as well as unexpected characters like Rosie the Riveter (from the famous WWII-era poster) and Pope Innocent III (coming soon).

Perhaps part of the reason for the controversy lies in the fact that the Librarian Action Figure was not presented in the context of being part of a motley assortment of humorously random characters. With so much in the world in which we call “home” at Pacific, I want us all to ask ourselves if our rooms and living spaces are in the right order. Did the emptiness that you first walked into when you arrived to school turn into a room with good energy flow, or has it become a cluttered place where negative energy generates and keeps you from achieving your best results? Either way, you can clean your new area, help your study habits and your sex life, if you follow a few simple steps that are part of a Chinese architectural style called Feng Shui.

Feng Shui is centuries old. In the olden days, a Feng Shui master was brought in after a family had chosen a region where they wanted to start building their new home. The master would bring his precious instrument, the luo pan (diviner’s compass), and would pick a site in between streams and mountain ranges, near an ancestral ground to help bring good spirits to the family upon that particular piece of land. Throughout the centuries, this idea of finding the earth’s vibrations and sound places for families to live on, has become more.
A New Trend in Environmental Economics

By Angela Richards
Environmental Columnist

In a recently implemented practice known as Community-Based Forestry (CBF), people living in forest communities help forest-based industries keep the land healthy. It is finally catching on in the United States, albeit belatedly.

The movement was started by local forest practitioners such as loggers, small mill owners, and private landowners, all of whom collaborated with the U.S. Forest Service. Their common goal was to protect the land and keep it fertile, while still respecting the rural economy.

While the U.S. was slow in adopting this movement, CBF has been practiced in other nations for quite some time. In fact, a quarter of the world’s forests are owned by communities. Now that the U.S. has finally employed it, the practice of community-based forestry has effected some dramatic changes over the last decade. Many rural communities have seen huge decreases in their economies and looked to CBF for help. The new approaches have brought some local economies back up again.

So why is it so successful? Well, the community based forestry system appeals to all interested groups. Everyone from environmentalists to loggers are content because CBF does not create opposing sides; it simply provides an alternative route. This way, groups are not fighting with each other; instead, they are joining together and getting work done.

There will always be disagreement among different groups as far as decision-making is concerned, but everything cools off once they “go out in the forest together and regain focus,” as one spokesperson for the movement told Grist Magazine.

So far, this focus has been helping the economy greatly while protecting endangered lands; so, two thumbs up for CBF! The Bush administration took an “environmental tour” last month in Oregon and Washington. There, the president discussed such issues as the Clear Skies Plan, healthy forests, and salmon preservation. Right now, the White House has a big concern over public opinion on Bush’s conservation record (which isn’t very good with most environmentalists). There is no word yet on how successful the tour was.

I leave you with this quote from our President himself: “We must fulfill our promise to the next generation, that’s what we must do, and leave behind a world as blessed and beautiful as the one our parents left us.”
An unforgettable semester in Ghana
Living as an outsider; feeling like an adventurer in West Africa

By Paige Elisha
Staff Writer

I would like to believe that I live in the "here and now," and that I hold stock in the future. However, given its proper credit, my past would be a lush tropical beach, a sun drenched haven, where soft coconut flesh is gently scraped from its young husk and the deep blue wash crashes harmlessly against deserted sand dunes. This is no metaphor for moments gone by. Rather, it is vivid memory of an unforgettable spring semester I spent in Ghana, West Africa.

Unable to tell if I spent a day or a lifetime nestled in Africa's warm underbelly, I simply reflect upon my dreamlike experiences and hope that I can relate one tenth of what I experienced there to others. Of course, the Ghana experience was aggregate, compiled over the four months of my stay. One of the best ways to express it to others is simply through short narrative, by giving a glimpse of a day in the not-so-ordinary life, much in the way stories are still passed from generation to generation in an extraordinary land that struggles through war, famine, disease and manipulation by almost every hand.

To begin, I offer an overview. Ghana lies tightly packed between the Ivory Coast to the West (a land that was very much struggling for its own peace this spring) and Togo in the East. On the Northern border, Ghana scrapes across the vast and barren Burkina Faso. As far as many African nations go, Ghana is a story of great success. Independent of British rule since 1957, it has been able to maintain stability and peace unknown to many of its neighbors. Ghanaians are wonderful people, open and friendly but naturally, accustomed to a different kind of life than is enjoyed in the wealthier countries of the world. Like any developing country, Ghana struggles with infrastructure and organization issues and as I learned personally, things just work differently over there. The following was one of my first opportunities to learn exactly how it was.

The first weekend of school, I took off with a group of what I would call my closest girlfriends. We were a crowd of six—large, I know, but manageable. We left the dorm around 9:45 a.m. on a Friday. After arriving at the bus station, we learned that the next and only bus for that day headed towards our destination had been assigned to the last seats on the bus. These seats consisted of the ones in the very back and what we call the jump seats, seats that fold down into the aisle so that every bus can be loaded to the corner of my eye. Something on my seat had moved. I tried to brush it off, but with great agility it evaded my hand. "What was that?" I asked my friend Julie who was sitting to my right. "Paige," she said, with a tremor in her soft voice, "look at the wall."

There have been a few times in my life when I have come to the sudden realization that I was in over my head, that there would be no way that I could continue with what I had set out to do. In the eighth grade, I had been on a school backpacking trip when, 45 minutes into the trek up a steep mountain pass, I stopped under a tree to catch my breath. My legs were trembling under a pack that weighed one fourth of my body weight. "There is no way that I can make it," I had thought to myself. This feeling of panic and defeat had also come over me during my first night in Ghana while I was lying in my hotel room under a ceiling fan that never moved fast enough to provide relief from the heat. Even at nine o'clock at night, the heat and humidity were so bad that it felt like heavy weights were placed on my shoulders and chest. My lungs could not fill. I could not breathe. "There is no way I will make it to June," I had thought to myself.

Sensing Julie's nervous and excited energy, I looked to the wall of the bus. There, only a foot or so from where I sat, dozens of cockroaches swarmed on the uneven and rusty wall of the rotting bus. It was like a scene from an Indiana Jones film. They were literally coming out of the woodwork. My stomach rolled, and I felt goose bumps quickly rise all over my body and scalp despite the hundred-degree heat. That was what had been on my seat. Those were the dark specks crawling on the leg of the strange man next to me. There I was, sandwiched in the back of the bus, with even the aisles filled and no way to get out. "There is no way that I can do this!"

Julie and I looked at each other. We began to laugh nervously. The laughter grew and grew inside me, pouring out of my mouth and vibrating from my almost convulsing body. I laughed so hard that tears were streaming down my cheeks, making paths down the film of dirt that covered my skin. It was the first, but certainly not the last time that I cried in Ghana. I cried because of the absurdity of the situation, I cried because I was grossed out. I cried because with my eyes full of tears, I wouldn't have to look at the living wall of the bus. It was a moment of panic followed by one of absolute relaxation. There was nothing that could be done. I would have to accept the situation and deal with it. Julie and I talked for a bit to take the edge off. Then, I put on my headphones and tried to ignore the feeling of small cockroaches crawling all over my body for the four-hour bus ride that lasted long into the dark African night.

And that was just the ride out of the capital!
A&F promotes racism

By Robert Christianson
Staff Writer

Abercrombie and Fitch is facing a lawsuit that accuses them of discriminating against Asians, Blacks, and Hispanics in their hiring practices.

In order to promote the "A&F look," a number of Asian and Hispanic plaintiffs said they were advised to apply for stockroom jobs in order to be kept off of the sales floor.

These allegations should come as no surprise to those who have picked up an Abercrombie catalog, which is completely dominated by white models.

Nor should it come as a surprise to those who are familiar with the American outcry against a pair of offensive T-shirts, depicting Asian Americans in a stereotypical way.

Abercrombie's discrimination against those who do not fit their "look" is appalling, even outside of racist implications. Could one possibly come up with a better tool for encouraging girls to become bulimic and boys to use steroids?

They reinforce the false assumption that there is a definite criterion for physical attraction. Further, their criterion is not very foreign to the leaders of the eugenic movement and others who praised Aryanism. Obviously, such examples sound extreme, but it is not the overt racism and prejudice that now plague our society; it is a discreet drip of covert prejudice that saps the self-esteem of those who do not fit arbitrary, and often racist, standards.

Playing to adolescent insecurities and the desire to fit in, Abercrombie shapes opinion. It distorts it in a way that leaves many feeling inadequate, yet completely willing to dish out 30 bucks for a T-shirt.

It promotes the objectification of human beings. That alone is deplorable. Combined with the racist elements of their "look," they represent much of what is wrong with American culture.

They are racist. They teach kids to treat people like art. They promote materialism and consumerism, not that this is rare among corporations. They flaunt human sexuality. They promote alcohol usage. They promote all of these things, and above all else, they promote conformity.

When purchasing items from a corporation, you are choosing to support them and support the message that they convey. So, the next time you think about picking up a sixty-dollar Abercrombie sweatshirt on your way to a party to get drunk and hook up with a hottie, you can thank Abercrombie for showing you the nature of true happiness. And when our society suffers from continued decay and dissatisfaction from the youth, go ahead and thank them again.
FROM EAST TO WEST
Wisdom for Today

"Some may have husbands, children, retainers, estates, gold, silver, or other treasures according to their status. Others have nothing at all. Yet, whether one has wealth or not, life is still the most precious treasure.

~Nichter

Alex's angle

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Revenge is sweet, but Democracy is Sweeter

The sign of a great nation is one that can remain hinged through a hurricane of adversity. After every fiercest storm has crippled its buildings and damaged its spirit, a strong country is able to rebuild its structures so that they stand higher and sturdier than ever before. There is no doubt that on September 11th, the United States was hurled the most trying tempest it has ever seen. The might of our perseverance, however, is still in question.

With the wound from the attacks still fresh and stinging, Americans grieved and demanded retaliation. Rightfully, we invaded Afghanistan and disabled the machine that inflicted pain within our country. But, that was not enough. Those who had lost loved ones and those whose lives and been upended wanted security and the promise that they would never have to experience another cyclone of tragedy; they wanted revenge.

President Bush promised he would relieve our country of that fear. He believed that by pursuing a foreign policy full of force and void of compromise, America would never again have to live through another 9/11. He promised us something he could never guarantee, but as he embarked on a crusade to end terrorism and remodel the nations that harvested villains, he forgot to rebuild America.

More than just our buildings fell when the planes hit the Twin Towers. The institutions and the ideals fundamental to our democracy were toppled too. The events of September 11th challenged our way of life, and instead of standing in defense of the system that guarantees our freedom, the government passed the USA Patriot Act and poured billions of dollars into military operations abroad. Terrorists may have dismantled the World Trade Center, but it was our government who stripped us of liberty.

It has been two years since disaster struck. How long will it take for Americans to realize how much lasting damage has been done in the name of revenge? The Bush Administration is spending four billion dollars a month so that Iraq can grow into a democracy, meanwhile schools across this country are being closed due to insufficient funds, Americans are steadily losing their jobs, and 40 million people still live without adequate healthcare.

On the anniversary of September 11th, we should take time to remember all of those who died on the day of the horrific attacks as well as those who died while fighting to end terrorism. We should also, however, take the time to ask ourselves if we are truly safer today, and exactly what have we learned. The damage to our infrastructure may have been repaired, but how have we progressed intellectually or culturally? It's high time that we take a time-out from building democracies abroad and focus on the health of our own.
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The "G" Spot

Clothing sends a message

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A lot has been said about clothing and how it can reflect one's personality. One way generalizations about one's choice in attire and the relation to their character have been established in our minds through the media. For example, if women wear short, fitted skirts, it means that they are promiscuous. How about males who choose to wear baggy clothing; that's an instant detection for a hoodlum, right?

While these stereotypes are often a false representation of one's character, the latest trend of clothing really does "spell out" a clear message—right on the clothing. While walking through a department store last week, I couldn't help but notice the abundance of tees that had phrases printed on them ranging from "Love & Peace" to "Boys lie." Many of the phrases on these shirts send out a positive, satirical or funny message. Unfortunately, the majority of the tees had phrases on them that may not send out the right message about one's self. "Tease," "Promiscuous," and "Bootylicious" were just a few of the risky titles that appeared on shirts. Ladies! When you decide to wear such shirts you cannot blame anyone for passing judgment on you by your clothing. I do believe we each have the personal responsibility to present ourselves in a respectful fashion.

Note: I guess that makes me hypocritical because I wear the Pacifican's infamous "We put out on Thursdays" tee and my column's title coincidently is not only the first initial of my name, but also has a sexual connotation. Oh, well.

(Right top) This Pacific student exemplifies the exact type of shirt that I would suggest burning. Her shirt states "Objects under this shirt are larger than they appear." This is a tee you might consider wearing for P.J.'s when you are home alone.

(Right center) Another Pacific student makes a strong impression with a stylish top that can easily be rocked at any occasion.

(Right bottom) An anonymous Pacific staff member wears the Pacifican's "We put out on Thursdays" T-shirt.

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Pacific students reflect 9/11

What was your initial reaction to the 9/11 attack?

Compiled by Lindsay Kennedy
Staff Writer

“I don’t really think it hit me until I visited Ground Zero. Seeing the devastation allowed me to realize what had really happened and how it really did affect our entire country. I think what affected me most was the letters to those that were dead from wives, children and parents.”

– Sophomore, Jenn Pawson

“I still feel really remorseful for all the people affected. At the time, I was in school and when I found out what had happened, I remembered thinking how this was going to impact our nation greatly.”

– Freshman, Alex Youngblod

“I remember when I first heard about the attacks. I first went and told my brother about it, but it was still so early I was half still asleep and I didn’t know what to think.”

– Freshman, Nick Dunham

“I didn’t understand what it meant when someone said that the planes had crashed into our buildings. It was only after watching the news reports on the television that I began to understand what was really going on and how much of an affect it had on America.”

– Freshman, Howie Leung

Music Events

Shows range from Rock/Pop, Alternative, Rap/Hi-Hop, Hard Rock/Metal, and Dance/Electronic. The shows are in order by dates. For ticket information, go to your nearest ticket master or band web sites. If you're unsure of a band and want to check them out, visit your Web sites. For directions, log on to the theater or venue Web sites or just visit yahoo.com under maps.

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Palo Alto, CA

The B-52's
Thu, 09/11/03
7:30 pm, Mountain Winery
Saratoga, CA

3 Doors Down
Sat, 09/13/03
8:00 pm, Warfield
San Francisco, CA

The White Stripes
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Kiss at VMA’s sets an unorthodox trend

By Brittany LaMay
Staff Writer

At MTV’s Music Video Awards which aired late last month, Madonna and Britney Spears may have not been sitting in a tree, but they were definitely kissing.

The two locked lips during their performance with Christina Aguilera.

Many people agree that the kissing frenzy was the highlight of the night.

Spears, shortly after the VMA’s on CNN declared, “I’ve never kissed a woman before.”

When asked if she would ever kiss a woman again she stated, “No, I would not do it,” but then added, “Maybe with Madonna.”

Later in the interview when asked how her mother felt about the kiss, Spears said her mother did not mind and knew it was all part of the show, knowing it was just to “entertain” the audience.

All over the internet and television there are polls regarding “the kiss.”

This brings up a great point; will youth now see other forms of outrageous behavior as okay, because they will receive public approval for it and maybe feel it’s popular?

“I think it was tacky and a bad influence to children. That outrageous behavior is [not] okay.”

-Junior, Lindsay Feldmann

What everyone’s feeling is on this situation, I am sure we will see a trend in this behavior.

Already there has been cat kissing, as on “The View.”

On the Carlson interview Spears also said, “she just performing and pressing [herself].”

She also believes that fulfilling her own dream and having fun doing it is inspiring her fans to do the same.

“Five Minute Fashion

Flowers are blooming

By Georgette Rodarakis
Lifestyles Editor

Remember the days before college when the “popular” girls would color coordinate the ribbon in their ponytail with their outfit? Well, I hate to break the news to those who have upheld that look, but it is—quite frankly—childish and tacky.

If you’re looking to dress-up your hair, take a lesson from the ladies of the Polynesian islands or the Spaniards. Flowers in girl’s hair are flourishing. This hip look can freshen up anyone’s appearance. This week, look to plant one in your hair!
By Sally Nichols
Staff Writer

GEMINIS
Okay, travelers, go for the gold and make sure you turn in your study abroad application on time. Even though all your classes may not work in your favor, you will learn more in the months to come than you have in your whole entire life.

CANCER
Cancer's sweet demeanor and compassion for the human race will soon be appreciated. The stars are showing that good omens will come to those who help and support their friends and family. It is those who smile that make a bigger difference than those who frown.

LEO
Our days of youth are to remember and cherish. As you grow up, do not forget those innocent happenings that keep the world young. Spend time with a young star and try to recall those lovely, afternoon moments to keep your innocence fresh in your mind.

VIRGO
There are moments in people's lives when they really don't know what to do or what is going on. Focus on yourself by taking up a new hobby. Try something active; health is very important as it increases the libido.

LIBRA
Someone get out the ice cream sundae toppings, because it is time for a party! Special occasions call for special events. The new things happening in Libra's love are something to party about! Put on your party hat and swing at the piranhas!

SCORPIO
Make sure you keep your dorm room clean, it seems as if bug problems may be coming your way! Don't worry, call housing and if it is not ants, it might be your neighbors; tell them to get a room!

SAGITTARIUS
Get out the cash, it's time to either hit up the great outdoors or Moviez, you are getting a raise! Your boss sees how hard you have been working since school started and he appreciates all of your efforts. Say goodbye to 80 hot pink teddy warmers and fishing rods!

CAPRICORN
From the light that Mars has been producing, it seems that good energy is coming your way. A new and old friend and an overall feeling of happiness is about to overcome you. Keep your eyes open, presents may sometimes come in small packages.

AQUARIUS
All right, get out the blue and pink hair dye boxes and piece some something crazy! The old, conservative you needs to be reborn! Not that you don't have your parks, you just need to get out of your shell! Take a long weekend and go somewhere really fun!

PISCES
The water lovers are at it once again. Rejuvenate over a day trip to Tahoe or Yosemite. Make sure that you keep natural objects near you. Natural objects will not only help you sleep better, they will help calm you throughout the day!
Field Hockey team clawed by CAL Bears

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Second week of NFL action kicks off

By Jebr Alfareh
Staff Writer

Week one in the NFL yielded some expected results and some surprising finishes. The Buffalo Bills, my super bowl pick for the AFC, blew out the New England Patriots 31-0. Signing Lawyer Milloy last week was a great pickup, and their defense has gone from one of the worst to possibly one of the league's best.

San Francisco dominated their game against Chicago with a 49-7 rout. I'm gonna guess that's the beauty of the game. As the class of the NFC until possibly one of the league's best.

If the Raiders lose, I'll get naked and go streaking in the McCaffrey Center.

Buffalo at Jacksonville-As I said earlier, the Bills destroyed the Patriots last week, 31-0. Jacksonville lost a nail-biter to Carolina, but Mark Brunell looks like he still has some gas left in his tank. He threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns, but he faces a Bills defense that has new life and is high off of last week’s shutout. 24-10, Bills.

Detroit at Green Bay-Joey Harrington threw for a career high four touchdowns last week, and the Lions pulled out a win for head coach Steve Mariucci’s debut in Motown. Green Bay had a rare loss at home last week, thoroughly beaten by the Minnesota Vikings. Brett Favre threw four interceptions and never looked like he was on the same page as his receivers. But look for him to bounce back against a weak Detroit secondary.

Miami at NY Jets-Both of these teams were beat by last second field goals last week, respectively. Miami was absolutely stuffed last week, losing their home opener to the Houston Texans. The Jets were beaten by a last second field goal by former Jet John Hall. The Dolphins need a win after an upset like that, and the Jets dearly miss starting quarterback Chad Pennington, who is out 12 weeks with a broken wrist. 20-13, Dolphins.

San Francisco at St. Louis-San Francisco came flying out of the gates last week, and ran over a hapless Chicago Bears team. Kurt Warner looked lost at times last week against the Giants, fumbling six times and suffering a concussion. Marc Bulger should take the start for the Rams, since Warner is 0-7 in his last seven starts for the Rams. 28-14, ’Niners.

Washington at Atlanta-Doug Johnson got a good last week filling in for the injured Mike Vick, and lead the Falcons to 27-13 win over Dallas. Patrick Ramsey played well enough to pull out a win against the Jets last week, but he is still a rookie quarterback and will have his ups and downs. 23-13, Falcons.

Bears quarterback. He threw for a total of 95 yards and three interceptions. I hope Rex Grossman is warming up his throwing arm, and learning from Stewart’s mistakes. Minnesota looked good last week, taking one in Green Bay. Culpepper had a stellar game and the Randy Ratio was in effect, as Randy Moss caught seven passes for 150 yards and one touchdown. 30-10, Vikings.

Cleveland at Baltimore-Rookie quarterback Kyle Boller was not ready for the Pittsburgh steel curtain last week and looked like a rookie making his first start. Cleveland lost to the Colts in a field goal battle 6-9, and are hoping to rebound by blitzing the hell out of the rookie quarterback. 21-20, Browns.

Houston at New Orleans- David Carr and the Texans pulled off the biggest upset of the week by beating the Dolphins last week and are hoping to do the same to New Orleans. The Saints won't let that happen though, still reeling from a loss to Seattle looking to take out some frustration on the Texans at home. 35-10, Saints.

Pittsburgh at Kansas City-Priest Holmes had a big game against the Chargers but will have a tougher time against the Steelers. Tommy Maddox should have a big day against the Chief’s defense, even though they were able to contain Drew Brees. 27-21, Steelers.

Tennessee at Indianapolis- Tennessee looked strong in beating the Raiders last week, and have emerged as a contender in the AFC. The Colts, meanwhile, won't go anywhere if they can't score a touchdown which was the case last week. 26-16, Titans.

Cincinnati at Oakland-Ahh, the Bengals. Now, there is a team you can count on to help you get back in the win column. It couldn't come at a better time for the Raiders, who need to get back on track after last week's setback. If the Raiders lose, I'll get naked and go streaking in the McCaffrey Center (unless it actually happens). 42-10, Raiders.

Denver at San Diego-San Diego came out flat against the Chiefs last week, and their star runningback Ladainian Tomlinson (my 1st round fantasy pick) had only 34 yards rushing. Denver got the week off; that is, they played the Bengals. Jake Plummer didn't play well, but the Bengals played terrible. I don't see the Broncos making the playoffs. 28-20, Chargers.

Chicago at Minnesota-Kordell Stewart sucked it up big time in his debut as the

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THE PACIFICAN

SPORTS
The Pacific Cross Country team came out to their opening meets and started their season with a bang.

At the Bronco Invitational in Santa Clara, the Tigers took 10th place. Place individually in the event was freshman, Jessica Dale, finishing 40th with a time of 20:28.6. Placing 58th with a time of 22:11.7 was senior Marissa Taylor. Finishing 63rd, 64th, and 66th in the event was Franziska Frey, Robin Errecart, and Louise Dunn.

At the Stanislaus Invitational, the team completed its best finish since 1999 by taking third place. Dale once again led the Tigers in the 6k race, finishing with a time of 24:09.1 to place 10th overall. The 21st, 22nd, and 24th finishers of the race were Pacific's own Jill Himlan, Errecart, and Frey respectively. Junior, Maria Kerr rounded out the Tigers with a time of 30:19.7 to take 31st place.

The Tigers will be taking on the competition at the Aggie Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Pacific Outdoor Connection

The Pacific Outdoor Trips program has five great trips lined up for the fall. The trips are a great way to enjoy the outdoor or experience a new adventure for the first time. Trips fill up fast, so reserve your spot today! For more information, call (209) 946-7300.

Upcoming trips include:
- Whitewater Rafting Oct. 20 - $90
- Sierra Backpacking Oct. 9-11 - $50
- Sky Diving Oct. 19-27 - $75
- Backpacking Point Reyes Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 - $80
- Moaning Caverns Caving Nov. 15 - $65 with rappel; $50 without rappel.
VB in Hawaii
By Tanya Silva
Staff Writer

After defeating Baylor on Thursday and Wichita State on Friday, Pacific fell against No. 2 Hawaii 3-1 in the Aston Imua Wahine Volleyball Challenge in Honolulu. The Tigers took an early lead in the match by winning game one with a kill from sophomore, Ashley Groothuis to end the first game (30-27). Hawaii took them on in game two and pushed the Tigers to end it with a score of 24-30. Game three and four followed giving the Tigers a tough challenge. Hawaii eventually took the championship (27-30, 30-24, 30-18, 30-21). Senior, Jennifer Joines dominated the floor with 16 kills, 13 digs, and 4 blocks. Rentz had 13 digs. Joines and Anderson also received honors and were named to the all-tournament team. Pacific will host the annual Nike Invitational on Friday and Saturday at Spanos Center. The Tigers will open the tournament against Pennsylvania on the 12th.

Men’s H2O polo preview
By Tanya Silva
Staff Writer

Pacific’s men’s water polo team has named Mike Maroney as their new head coach. Maroney is not a new name to the Pacific family. He not only started for the men’s water polo and swim team, Maroney was also an assistant coach for the national junior team. Mike Maroney. The men will be back in action this Saturday/Tuesday classes start 11/1 Saturday/Thursday classes start 1/3

Quick Rules for Volleyball

Scoring
-The consequence of a fault is a loss of rally. The opponent of the team committing the fault wins the rally and scores a point.
-If the serving team wins the rally, it scores a point and continues to serve. If the receiving team wins the rally, it scores a point and gains the right to serve; its players must rotate one position clockwise before serving.

Serving Faults
-The serving team loses the rally when one of the following serving faults occurs:
1. The ball does not cross the net;
2. The ball passes under the net;
3. The ball touches an antenna or does not pass over the net completely between the antennas or their indefinite extensions;
4. The ball touches a player on the serving team or any object before entering the opponent’s team court;
5. The ball lands outside the limits of the opponent’s team court; or
6. The ball passes over an individual or collective screen.

Name: Vianney Campos
Year: Freshman
Sport: Field Hockey

While only a Freshman, Vianney Campos is making an instant impact on the field hockey team. Campos lead the field hockey team in shots on goal with 5 against Cal. She is also the team leader in shots with 11, as well as having 2 points and 1 goal.
Athletes gain experience
Summer treats Pacific Athletes well.

By Krystine Ongbongan
Sports Editor

While most students were relaxing, working their usual summer jobs, athletes were training hard for the upcoming fall season, some lucky athletes had a summer of a lifetime.

Senior, Shannon Catalano and alum, Chris Tamas both spent time this summer competing for the U.S. at the World University Games held in South Korea.

Catalano competed in several swimming events. She took home a gold medal in the women's 50 meter butterfly with a blistering time of 27.56 seconds and a silver medal with the 4 by 100 meter medley relay team.

Chris Tamas, an alum and all-american, spent his time in South Korea serving as the Captain of the United States men's volleyball team. Under his leadership, the team defeated France in five sets.

Senior Gabby Oliveras weaves around Fresno's defense.

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Coach Profile
Name: Veronica Torrez
Field Hockey Assistant Coach

Prior to Pacific: 5 years coaching high school

Why did you choose Field Hockey?
The love of the sport. Field hockey has opened many doors for me through education and professionally. I coach now to help and make known the opportunities for others. Also, life lessons can be taught through sport.

Field Hockey

How did you get started in Field Hockey?
My neighbor Carmen Villegas, we called her "V", was the high school field hockey coach. One morning she knocked on my door and asked me to

Soccer has yet to win
Soccer ties Fresno State 2-2 in the end.

By Mercy Au-Young
Staff Writer

Pacific soccer had a tough week in their battle to catch a win. Their game against Santa Clara resulted in a 6-1 defeat last Thursday. The Broncos overpowered the Tigers with their speed and athleticism, the Broncos are a perennial powerhouse that ranks in the top ten every year. The Broncos scored three goals in each half to remain undefeated in the early season. The Tigers were outshot 31 to 6. Senior Gabby Olivaes put in the Tigers only goal with an assist by junior Regina McGee.

The Nevada Wolfpack took one from the Tigers with a score of 2-1 last Sunday. Pacific had the early lead on the Wolfpack in the 39th minute of play with a score from freshman Car-men Padilla. The out-shot the Wolfpack, but could not finish through and that effort wasn't enough to stop the Wolfpack retaliation. Freshman Goalie, Eryn Kishimoto recorded six saves to bring her season total to 28.

Next attempt for the Tigers was on Tuesday September 9th at 7:00 pm at Stagg Memorial Stadium where they will take on the Fresno State Bulldogs.

INTRAMURALS

There are a lot of outstanding intramural leagues and tournaments coming up. Grab your friends and put a team together or sign-up as a free agent. Any way you do it, no experience is necessary. Just come out and play! Sign-up in the Main Gym, Room 114 call 946-2738 for more info.

One Day Tournaments
Racquetball September 13
Innertube Waterpolo September 14
Golf September 19 Entries close September 16
Wallyball September 20 Entries close September 20

Leagues
Flag Football Play begins September 14
Indoor Soccer Play begins September 14

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